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VERDUN BATTLE THE MOST TERRIFIC OF ALL HISTORY ITALIANS WIN SEA FIGHT FROM AUSTRIANS IN ADRIATIC MARTIAL LAW IN IRELAND SOON TO END, SAYS ASQUITH

JURY DECIDES ON TRUE BILL FOR CASEMENT

With Bailey He Will Be Tried
on High Treason
Charge.
MADE A QUICK DECISION
Trial Arouses Little Interest
Throughout Emerald
Isle.

IS LITTLE KNOWN THERE Before War Casement Had No Influence in Irish Politics.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 25—12:40 p.m.—The grand jury today returned true bills against Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Sinn Fein revolt, and Daniel J. Bailey, the former British soldier, who is held as his accomplice.

The action of the grand jury follows the preliminary hearing before a police magistrate at which Casement and Bailey withheld their defence and were held without bail pending the grand jury deliberations.

Seventy-five grand jurors were summoned before Lord Chief Justice Reading today, and from their number 23 were selected to decide whether or not indictments for high treason should be returned against the two prisoners. Their decision was reached promptly.

Trial on June 26.
After a short deliberation the jury returned true bills. The judge fixed the trial of Sir Roger for June 26. In explaining the law to the jury, the judge stated it was necessary to prove that Casement was an enemy of the crown, and that he was in touch with the leaders of the recent rebellion.

As an element in Irish politics, Casement had no existence. The importance attached to his connection with the Sinn Fein revolt, both in England and abroad, is little understood in this country.

LITTLE INTEREST IN DUBLIN.
Dublin, May 25.—Astonishingly little interest is displayed here in the trial of Sir Roger Casement, both in political and general circles. The importance of the case is almost entirely unknown here before the war. Since then vague reports of his activities in Germany have been all that have reached the Irish public in spite of the fact that he was in touch with the leaders of the recent rebellion.

CHAIRMAN OF UTILITIES COMMISSION IS VERY ILL

Condition Reported as Being Serious,
But Doctors Not Alarmed.
Philip Pocock, chairman of the utilities commission, is seriously ill at his home on Queen's avenue, as a result of a sudden attack of acute indigestion that developed yesterday. Mr. Pocock had been out motoring and on his return to the house became faint. He fell on the way from the street to his home, and Dr. H. A. McCallum was immediately called.

The illness was diagnosed as acute indigestion and Mr. Pocock ordered to remain in bed for some time at least. Dr. McCallum declared today that his patient was in much better condition, and not as alarming as had been reported.

ITALIANS DEFEAT AUSTRIANS IN BATTLE WITH GUNBOATS

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, via Paris, May 24.—An Austrian aeroplane and an Austrian gunboat have been destroyed in a battle with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic. The crew of the Austrian craft were taken prisoner. A building in the outskirts of Porto Ferrajo was bombarded by an Austrian submarine which was driven off by the coast bat-

Lloyd George to Confer With the Irish Leaders; Asquith Makes Statement

British Premier in Commons Today Expressed Hope That
Early Agreement Would Be Reached Between Rival Fac-
tions and Martial Law Withdrawn.

London, May 25.—It was announced today in the British Commons that at the request of the Government Mr. Lloyd George would confer with Irish leaders.

UTILITIES CHAIRMAN WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL AT HIS HOME



PHILIP POCOCK.

EXTREMISTS CONTROL SINN FEIN SOCIETY, SAY DUBLIN POLICE

Moderate at First Faction
Soon Became Active
Against Govt.

[Canadian Press.]
Dublin, May 25.—Via London.—The royal commission appointed to investigate the Irish rebellion which recently held several sittings in London, resumed its inquiry in Dublin today. Neville Chamberlain gave evidence in regard to the methods which the police adopted to obtain information respecting the Sinn Fein movement and the growth of that organization.

Witness said the Sinn Fein Society came into existence in 1905. At first it was rather moderate, but extremists obtained control. Pamphlets were circulated for the purpose of turning sentiment against the English and recruiting. The Sinn Fein party tried ineffectively, the witness said, to make a display at the time of the coronation of King George.

Col. Johnson, commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, the next witness, when asked why, if crime was being committed, he could not act on his own initiative, replied that if an arrest was likely to involve political considerations he had to make a report. He denied that there had been any military attack on Dublin Castle during 1915 or that tunnels had been bored to establish communication from house to house.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 50. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 2 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 57.

FOUR INDIANS PERISH WHEN HOUSE BURNS

[Canadian Press.]
Fort William, May 25.—Four lives were lost in a fire early today which destroyed the home of Joseph Charley, an Indian of the Mission reserve. The dead are Mrs. Joseph Charley, Andrew Charley, aged thirteen, Joseph, aged six, and an Angus McCoy, an adopted daughter, thirteen. The youngest child, a boy of three, was badly burned. It is thought the fire started from an overheated stove.

MAKING A MAN OF HIM



—From the New York World.

ADVANCE PARTIES PREPARING CAMP FOR COMING UNITS

Those From 161st and 168th
on the Ground.

Balance of London's Army
to Arrive Here by
Monday.

Advance parties from the 160th, 161st and 168th Battalions reached the city this morning and went direct to their various camping grounds.

Others Due During Day
Possibility of More Deter-
mined Stand Now on Peo-
ple's Behalf.

Holiday traffic on the London street railway on the 24th gave members of the city council, who were using the cars at all, some idea of the congestion that is likely to follow in the wake of the arrival of the full 15,000 overseas troops that will be quartered here this summer.

Young Britons
Bar Members in
Liquor Trade

Expulsion for All Engaged in
the Business Unless It
Is Dropped.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, May 25.—The Orange Young Britons of British North America have gone on record in opposition to any of their number engaging in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—GENERALLY FAIR.
Toronto, May 25—8 a.m.
Forecasts:
Today—Moderate winds, fair and warm.
Friday—Generally fair, not much change in temperature.

HUGE FRENCH RESERVES BEHIND THE FIRE ZONES

Joffre Has Great Army of Fresh Men for Any Purpose He
Requires—Germans Exhausting Themselves To
Point of Extermination, Says Times Man.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 25.—The Times' military correspondent says this morning:

"The Germans continue to exhaust their army before Verdun to the point of extermination. They bring up divisions in reserve from every quarter where one is to be found. There are ample French guns and there are still French troops in reserve in plenty for any purpose which may enter Joffre's mind. Immense French Reserves.
"When the writer visited Verdun, he found the whole countryside outside the fire zone filled with French reserves, and although the

COMBAT FOR FRENCH FORTRESS IS NOW BATTLE OF MADMEN; HALF MILLION IN SLAUGHTER



—From the New York World.

Quebec Roofs Tossed About By Great Gale

Thousands of Dollars Damage
Done by Tornado.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, May 25.—Quebec was swept yesterday evening between 5 and 6:30 by the worst tornado registered here for years. One man, Evangelista Belanger, 62, is dying. He was swept from a roof in St. Malo suburb, and picked up in the street with a dislocated hip, a broken leg and suffering from severe concussion. He is at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

CONGRESS CALLED TO
ASSIST THE FRENCH
OUTSIDE OF QUEBEC

St. Jean de Baptiste Society
Says Faith and Race Are
Assailed.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, May 25.—A congress is being instituted under the auspices of the St. Jean de Baptiste Society on Montreal with the object of aiding French minorities outside of the Province of Quebec. French-speaking people of the United States and Canada are invited to send delegates to the congress, which will meet in Montreal.

BATTALIONS WILL TAKE PICKETING BY TURNS

110th to Furnish Necessary Men for
Next Week.

[Canadian Press.]
Newport News, May 25.—A telegram from Earl Kitchener, declaring that one aviator is worth an army corps, was read at a celebration here last night of Empire Day by fifteen Canadian aviator students. It was announced that the entire squad would receive their licenses in a few days, and that they would immediately join the British aviation corps.

ONLY FIFTEEN NEEDED IN WESTERN "U." HOSPITAL

Recruiting So Good Eighty Have Signed
—No Campaign Used.

FRENCH STATEMENT

The text of the statement follows: "On the left bank of the River Meuse there has been an artillery duel of considerable intensity in the sector of Hill 204, as well as on the front between Dead Man Hill and Cumieres. Last night we made progress with hand grenades in the groves immediately to

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Between Saturday and Tuesday Germany Used Up 100,000
Men, According to French Report—Entire Regiments
Wiped Out in Few Minutes' Fighting—Appalling Scenes
in the Fighting Around Douaumont.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, May 25.—A cable to the New York Times from Paris, dated yesterday says:

"Since Saturday the Verdun deadlock has changed to the most terrific pitched battle in history. Fully half a million men are engaged altogether without a respite from slaughter. Whole regiments melt in a few minutes, but others take their places, only to perish in the same way.

"It is a battle of madmen in the midst of a volcano eruption," is the description given by a staff captain who left the fortress on a special mission yesterday afternoon. He continued:

A TERRIBLE PRICE.
"Between Saturday morning and noon Tuesday we reckon the Germans used up 100,000 men on the west Meuse front alone. That is the price they paid for the recapture of our recent gains. The vast expense of attacking Le Mort Homme from Hill 287 is choked with bodies. A full brigade was mowed down in a quarter hour's holocaust by our machine guns. Le Mort Homme itself passed from our possession, but the crescent position to the south prevents the enemy from utilizing it.

Fighting in Trenches.
"The scene there is appalling, but is dwarfed in comparison with fighting around Douaumont. West of the Meuse, at least, one dies in the open air, but at Douaumont is the horror of darkness, where the men fight in tunnels, screaming the prose of hell, the very essence of hell itself. A full brigade was mowed down in a quarter hour's holocaust by our machine guns. Le Mort Homme itself passed from our possession, but the crescent position to the south prevents the enemy from utilizing it.

WHO WILL HELP?
An appeal for workers to aid in preparing the 3,000 garments and the 500 cases of supplies needed by the Western University Hospital has been made by Lady Beck, president of the London Health Association. Lady Beck's appeal appears on page four.

NIGHT ASSAULT GIVES GERMANS FRENCH TRENCH

Enemy Secured a Slight Foot-
ing at Haudremont
Quarry.

AT USUAL STIFF PRICE No Infantry Fighting During Night at Douaumont.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, May 25.—12:20 p.m.—Inspection made by military authorities of maps of the Verdun region shows that within the last month German gains on the west bank of the Meuse, from Cumieres to Avocourt, average a depth of 500 metres. The line eastward from the river is substantially the same as it was a month ago.

SHELLING IS TERRIFIC No Cessation of Bombard- ments Day or Night on Verdun Front.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, May 25.—11:30 a.m.—The German troops made an attack last night on French positions on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse, near the Haudremont quarry, and obtained a footing in one of the French trenches, the war office announced today.

East of Cumieres, to the west of the Meuse, the French made some progress in hand grenade fighting. There was no infantry action at Fort Douaumont last night.
Activity on the part of the artillery was particularly severe in the vicinity of Hill 204, and in the sector from Dead Man Hill to Cumieres.

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FIVE RECRUITS SIGN 63rd Battery Draws Well—Detective's Son Enrolls.

Five recruits have been signed up so far this week by the 63rd Battery, which is mobilizing at Guelph. Farrier Sergeant Vincent is remaining in town and will look after recruiting entirely. Major Keith Cameron of London, to spend much of his time in Guelph. Among the latest to be sworn in is Frank Nickle, a well-known young Londoner and the son of Detective T. H. Nickle of the city police force. Other recruits are Gordon Ansell, R. W. Dryson, J. F. Martin, J. A. McLaren.

"Our losses in retaking the fort were less heavy than was expected, as the enemy was demoralized by the cannonade—by far the most furious I have ever seen from French guns—and also was taken by surprise. But the subsequent action took a terrible toll. Cover was all blown to pieces. Every German was preceded by two or three hours of hell storm, and then wave after wave of attack in numbers that seemed unending. Again and again the defenders' ranks were renewed.

"Greatest of All Battles."
"Never before attacks have pushed home so continuously. The fight for Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg was no child's play, nor for Hougoumont at Waterloo, but here men have been slung 5,000 at a time at brief intervals for the last 48 hours. Practically the whole sector has been covered by a cannonade, complete with supplies that seemed unending. They asked for a cigarette or inquired how the battle was going.