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MOST TERRIFIC BATTLE THE

SEA FIGHT FROM AUSTRIANS IN ADRIATIC END, SAYS SOON TO IRELAND

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

IS LITTLE KNOWN THERE UTILITIES CHAIRMAN

Before War Casement Had No Influence in Irish Politics.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 25-12:40 p.m.-The grand jury today eturned 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 sum moned 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 devision 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 treason should be proved by overt acts. In the indictment against Casement a it stood, he said, six overt acts were

mentioned. The court nominated Alexander Sullivan of Dublin, and Artemus Jones, who appeared for the defence at the preliminary hearing as counsel for Casement. Professor Morgan, who took part in the defence at the preliminary hearing, also will appear, but under the statute only two attorneys

can be nominated. Holman Gregory and W. T. Snell were named to defend Bailey. Thomas canlon, member of Parliament and one of the secretaries of the Irish party also will appear for Bailey.

LITTLE INTEREST IN DUBLIN.

[Canadian Press.] Dublin, May 25 .- Astonishingly little Interest is displayed here in the trial of Sir Roger Casement, both in political leaders of the recent rebellion.

As an element in Irish politics, Case-growth of that organization. ment had no existence. The importance attached to his connection with the Sinn Fein revolt, both in England and came into existence in 1905. At first pedoing of that boat, and had been ill sinn rein revolt, doth in England this abroad, is not quite understood in this obtained, control. Permissis till the following August. He had Expulsion for All Engaged in

CHAIRMAN OF UTILITIES **COMMISSION IS VERY ILL**

Condition Reported as Being Serious, But Doctors Not Alarmed.

Philip Pocock, chairman of the utiliand Dr. H. A. McCallum was immedi-

The illness was diagnosed as acute infligestion and Mr. Pocock ordered to remain in bed for some time at least. patient was in much better condition,

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-

London, May 25 .- It was announced today in the British Commons that at the request of the Govern-

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.

[Canadlan Press.]

Dublin, May 25 .- Via London .- The royal commission appointed to investiand general circles. Casement was algate the Irish rebellion which recently most entirely unknown here before the war. Since then vague reports of his sumed its inquiry in Dublin today. Neville Chamberlain gave evidence in Col. J. Wesley Allison tonight. have reached the Irish public in spite of regard to the methods which the police the fact that he was in touch with the adopted to obtain information respect- heard anything of the purchase of aming the Sinn Fein movement and the munition from the militia department

Sinn Fein's Growth. Witness said the Sinn Fein Society Pamphlets were circulated for the purpose of turning vickers, Limited, in England about sentiment against the English and the matter. Neither Vickers, Limited, combatting recruiting. The Sinn Fein said, to make a display at the time of the coronation of King George. Then came the excitement over home rule and the Ulster volunteer movement suggested the establishment of the Irish National Volunteers.

Police Handicapped. Col. Johnson, commissioner of the ties commission, is seriously ill at his bome on Queen's avenue, as a result of being committed, he could not act on bare on Queen's avenue, as a result of being committed, he could not act on being committed. that developed yesterday. Mr. Pocock had been out motoring and on his return port. He depied that there had been from Mr. Dewart at this point to the a sudden attack of acute indigestion his own initiative, replied that if an to the house became faint. He fell on the way from the street to his home, during 1915 or that tunnels had been that there had been beinging out the evidence, but they house obligation became law at hounced that the entire squad would and men.

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The 110th will be the first duty battering out the vidence, but they had been bringing out the evidence, but they had been bringing out the evidence. establish from house to house.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Dr. McCallum declared today that his the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Nighest, 69; lowest, 57-

ITALIANS DEFENT AUSTRANS IN BATTLE WITH GUNBOATS

Rome, Via Paris, May 24 .- An Ausrian aeroplane and an Austrian gunwhich was driven off by the coast bat- Ferrajo

Adriatic. The crew of the Austrian pletely circumnavigated Italy to reach Charley, aged thirteen, Joseph, aged Montreal raft were taken prisoner. A building its objective. The villa occupied by six, and a Anges McCoy, an adopted n the outskirts of Porto Ferrajo was Napoleon during his exile to Elba daughter, thirteen. The youngest child A few showers have occurred in the combarded by an Austrian submarine stands on a height overlooking Porto is thought the fire started from an wise the weather has been everywhere

tions and Martial Law Withdrawn.

ment Mr. Lloyd George would confer with Irish leaders.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 25-4:01 p.m.-A large, expectant crowd of members and the general public had assembled in the ouse of Commons when shortly be fore 3 o'clock this afternoon Premie Asquith rose to make his statement of Irish affairs. Although it was generall; understood that the prime minister would not go into the conversations which were taking place between the embers of the Government and th rish leaders, as they had not advanced er enough to be made public, he started expressing the hope that the disay earance of martial law would be

Restore Order First Duty. en had made in behalf of the British Empire during the present war, Mr. Asquith said: "Could we, who repre-sent Great Britain, or could those who epresent Ireland, tolerate the prospect hat when this war was over, and when fices, as we had hoped and believed we should, achieved our end, that here at home Irishmen should be arrayed against one another in the most tragic and most debasing of all conflictsinternecine domestic strife?" The premier said the primary duty of the Government was to restore order and prevent recurrence of disturbances rejoicing in the overwhelming evidence that the great bulk of the Irish nation had no sympathy with the rebellion. Martial law was being continued as a precautionary measure, and Mr. As-

ALLISON DEALT WITH BRITISH ADMIRALTY THROUGH ORR LEWIS

ouith hoped its disappearance would

President of Vickers, Limited, a Witness at Davidson Inquiry.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, May 25 .- The Davidson comalssion this morning decided to adjourn tomorrow for ten days after hearing the evidence of Mr. F. Orr

Mr Lewis said that he had not until July or August of 1915. He had sailed from New York April 30, on the Lusitania, had been injured in the torheard from one of the directors of nor Canadian Vickers, Limited, has anything of interest in the transaction. One of the directors of Vickers, Limited, Sir Trevor Dawson, had, however, come to Canada in March 1915. and had bought the ammunition in question, acting as representative of the British admiralty in the matter.

from Mr. Dewart at this point to the manner in which Mr. Hutchinson was this morning's session of the 135th anwere not upheld by Sir Charles David-

Canadian Government had been paid Following were the highest and lowest about \$60,000 in full discharge of its emperatures recorded in London during account for the ammunition. No other payments were to be made to any person. Col. Allison had never received anything, had not been end of the war. Any who have already promised anything, and would not reeive anything, though he had originally put forward the proposal for the sale of the ammunition, and had sent the bills of lading for its shipment to Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis added also that neither Vickers, Limited, himself,

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Porto Ferrajo is the capital of the Island of Elba, and if the Austrian were lost in a fire early today which Victoria.... submarine started from the Austrian destroyed the home of Joseph Charley, base at Pola it must have almost com- an Indian of the Mission reserve. The Toronto81 dead are Mrs. Joseph Charley, Andrew Ottawa . overheated stove.

MAKING A MAN OF HIM



ADVANCE PARTIES PREPARING CAMP FOR COMING UNITS

Those From 161st and 168th Aldermen Had Chance to Note on the Ground.

Balance of London's Army Possibilities of More Deterto Arrive Here by

Monday. Advance parties from the 160th, heir various camping grounds.

All Getting Ready. rive on Monday.

7th Is Busy. No. 7 Field Company, Canadian Engineers has already done considerable ready for occupation.

Young Britons Bar Members in Liquor Trade

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. Their opposition takes the form of Mr. Lewis had nothing to do with sylaw which provides that any memfixing the price, but it had been paid mer of the order who is found engagbylaw which provides that any memmer of the order who is found engaged in the sale or manufacture of intexticating liquors will be expelled from his lodge and will not be readmitted for membership until he disengages matter through the Bank of Mon- his lodge and will not be readmitted

matter has been given considerable attention in the individual lodges during Mr. Lewis continued that the the last twelve months. The grand lodge also introduced a new regulation, which provides that all mem-

No bers of the order who have enlisted for overseas service since 1914 will be lieved from paying lodge dues until the paid since that date will have the mone; THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW-GENERALLY FAIR. Toronto, May 25-8 a.m. Forecasts. Today-Moderate winds, fair and

Friday-Generally fair, not much hange in temperature. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: High.68 Clear

Weather Notes. fine and for the most part warm.

STREET CAR SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY GAVE GROUNDS FOR FEAR

Coming Conditions.

OTHERS DUE DURING DAY MAY BENEFIT THE CITY

mined Stand Now on People's Behalf.

Holiday traffic on the London street 161st and 168 Battalions reached the railway on the 24th gave members of ity this morning and went direct to the city council, who were using the The parties from the 153rd and 186th cars at all, some idea of the conges-Battalions will arrive this afternoon, tion that is likely to follow in the The 149th Battalion sent in its party on wake of the arrival of the full 15,000 ing instituted under the auspices of the overseas troops that will be quartered Each party consists of one officer, one here this summer. At the same time the overcrowding of the cars and the ing the tents and getting the service that was interrupted, and to a ground ready for their respective units, certain extent disorganized by the rush which will meet in Montreal. all of which have been ordered to ar- to Springbank, indicated the lack of first meetings have been called for are demanding that the street railway National. increase the number of cars at once. "We need more cars and need them work on the camps, and it is expected badly, but we do not want to put up part: that when the balance of London's with second-hand cars such as the army arrives it will find its camps company is going to try and foist on the council." declared one of the members of that august body. This senti- anything, neither the natural law nor ment is echoed by others. Developments of the past few days have altered conditions somewhat, and

it is believed that in spite of the split in the board of control and the council a more determined front than was excted will be presented when the reet railway questions come up on

Members of the board of control and he finance committee will deal with the proposals, demands and suggestions of the case first, and will, it is expected, be in a position to present report to a session of the council that will be summoned on Monday next to deal with the various angles of the

KITCHENER SENDS WORD TO CANUCK AIRMEN

[Canadlan Press.] dian aviator students. It was an- ants, two buglers and 200 N. C. O.'s

HUGE FRENCH RESERVES

BEHIND THE FIRE ZONES

Joffre Has Great Army of Fre sh Men for Any Purpose He

Requires-Germans Exhausting Themselves To

Point of Extermination, Says Times Man.

[Canadian Press.]

tary correspondent says this morn-

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 re-

serve in plenty for any purpose which may enter Joffre's mind.

Immense French Reserves.

he found the whole countryside

outside the fire zone filled with

French reserves, and although the

'When the writer visited Verdun

London, May 25 .- The Times' mili-

"The Germans continue to exhaust

IS NOW BATTLE OF MADMEN: HALF MILLION IN SLAUGHTER Quebec Roofs Between Saturday and Tuesday Germany Used Up 100,000 Tossed About

COMBAT FOR FRENCH FORTRESS

By Great Gale Thousands of Dollars Damage

[Canadlan Press.]

Done by Tornado.

Quebec, May 25 .- Quebec was swept resterday evening between 5 and 5:30 by the worst tornado registered here or years. One man, Evangeliste Belnager, 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.

Scores of roofs were torn from houses, and the trees that were felled are counted by hundreds. The hotouses of the Sacred Heart Hospital were damaged to the extent of over ,000. The official records at the Queec observatory show the wind blew at relocity of 48 miles an hour, but the suddenness of the tornado and its sweeping force seemed to be fanned by a much higher wind. The property oss reaches many thousands of dollars.

CONGRESS CALLED TO ASSIST THE FRENCH

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

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, May 25 .- A congress is be 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 to send delegates to the congress, sufficient rolling stock, say those who June 23 and 24, at the Monument

The aims of the congress are set forth in circular letter which state in "Our race is traversing difficult times, and is assailed on all sides in its language and faith. Its enemies blinded by hatred, no longer respect the treaties which bear their signatures; they sacrifice everything to the realization of their anti-French aims. This fight which is being made against us, no matter how violent or perfidious it may be, should not frighten or discourage us; we have seen many

Question Blanks sent out calls for information in regard to the French and Catholic populations, whether or not the French Catholics are discrim nated against, or if there is any unfavorable attitude shown towards them, and whether or not they en joy their rights in the schools, etc.

BATTALIONS WILL TAKE PICKETING BY TURNS 110th to Furnish Necessary Men for

Next Week.

battle was raging with all the fury

which had been its distinguishing characteristic, French permission-

aires were going off to their homes

them back again into the fight."

have ample reserves.

Commencing Sunday next, the duty of picketting the downtown streets

A TERRIBLE PRICE. bourrus 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

OUTSIDE OF QUEBEC NIGHT ASSAULT GIVES GERMANS FRENCH TRENCH

Enemy Secured a Slight Footing at Haudremont Quarry.

AT USUAL STIFF PRICE

No Infantry Fighting During Night at Douaumont.

SHELLING IS TERRIFIC

No Cessation of Bombard ments Day or Night on Verdun Front.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, May 25.-12:30 p.m.-In-

spection 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 300 metres. The line eastward from the river is substantially the same as it was a month ago.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, May 25 .- 11:30 a.m. - The Ger nan troops made an attack last night on French positions on the ront, west of the Meuse, near the Haudremont quarry, and obtained 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 The 110th will be the first duty bat- 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 304, and in the sector from Dead Man Hill to Cumieres.

> FRENCH STATEMENT. The text of the statement follows: 'On the left bank of the River Meuse there has been an artillery duel of con-304 as well as on the front between Dead Man Hill and Cumieres. night we made progress with

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63rd Battery Draws Well-Detective's Son Enrolls.

on furlough as if nothing was hapfar this week by the 63rd Battery. "The French practice has been to Sergt. Vincent is remaining in town pointed. give the divisions a rest after seriand will look after recruiting entirely. ous fighting in order to prevent their quality from deteriorating, and they can afford to do so, because they "The Germans are not in this fortunate position, and so they have to draw their shattered divisions out of the line, fill them up from the field depots as best they may and hurry son J. F. Martin, J. A. McLaren.

Men, According to French Report — Entire Regiments Wiped Out in Few Minutes' Fighting-Appalling Scenes in the Fighting Around Douaumont.

[Canadlan 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

"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:

"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 valley separating 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

Fighting in Tunnels.

"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 with the lust of butchery, deafened by shells and grenades, stifled by smoke. Even the wounded refuse to abandon the struggle. As though possessed h devils, they fight on until they fall senseless from loss of blood. A surgeon in a front-line post told me that in a redoubt at the south part of the fort of 200 French dead, fully half had more than two wounds. Those he was able to treat seemed utterly insane. They kept houting war cries and their eyes blazed, different to pain. At one moment anesthetics ran out owing to the impossibility of bringing forward fresh suplies through the bombardment, Arms, ven legs, were amputated without a groan. They asked for a cigarette or nquired how the battle was going.

Hours of Hell Storm. "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 rush was preceded by two or three hours f hell storm, and then wave after wave of attack in numbers that seemed un ceasing. Again and again the defend-

Greatest of All Battles. "Never have attacks been pushed ome so continuously. The fight for Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg was no hild's play, nor for Hougoumont at Waterloo, but here men have been flung 000 at a time at brief intervals for he last 48 hours. Practically the whole ector has been covered by a cannonade, ompared to which Gettysburg was a hailstorm and Waterloo mere fireworks, Some shell holes were 30 feet across, the explosion killing fifty men simultane-

ers' ranks were renewed.

Long Rows of Dead.

"Before our lines the German dead lie heaped in long rows. I am told one observer calculated there were 7,000 in a distance of 700 yards. Besides they cannot succor their wounded, whereas of ours one at least in three is removed safely to the rear. Despite the bombardment, supplies keep coming. Even the chloroform I spoke of arrived after an hour's delay when two sets of hearers had been killed.

"The dogged tenacity needed to continue the resistance far surpasses the furious elan of the attack. We know, too, the Germans cannot long maintain r present sacrifices. Since Saturday the enemy has lost two if not three for each one of us. Every bombardment withstood, every rush checked brings nearer the moment of inevitable exhaus-Then will come our recompense for these days of horror.

ONLY FIFTEEN NEEDED IN

Recruiting So Good Eighty Have Signed -No Campaign Used.

So rapidly have recruits for the Western "U" Hospital, now organizing iderable intensity in the sector of Hill in London, signed up that the unit now only requires about fifteen men Last to complete it. The total number so grenades in the groves immediately to far obtained is 80. No recruiting campaign has been used, but the men have been coming in steadily ever since the opening of the recruiting office on May 11. No difficulty is expected by the officers in getting the few remaining recruits. and it is thought that many who wish Five recruits have been signed up so to go with the unit but have not yet made arrangements to leave their which is mobilizing at Guelph. Farrier present employment, will be disap-

Those signed up since the 19th are: as it is necessary for the commander, M. L. Chicerton, Edward Rose, James

Major Keith Cameron of London, to McLaughlin, R. B. Robertson, C. R. spend much of his time in Guelph. O'Rourke, B. O. Laur, J. O. Reynolds. Among the latest to be sworn in is Alexander Swan, P. H. Mulvey, F. R. Frank Nickle, a well-known young Bowel, L. G. Saunders, R. McIntyre, Londoner and the son of Detective T. J. S. Near, W. W. Davis, Arthur J. H. Nickle of the city police force. Other recruits are Gordon Ansell, R. W. Dybald Oliver, William A. Parish, Chester L. Fysh.