

SINN FEIN-GERMAN REVOLT PLOTS ARE BAKED

C. N. R. ARBITRATORS FIX \$10,800,000 AS THE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR THE ROAD'S STOCK

Act of Parliament Provided Ten Millions For Purpose, But Commission Boosts the Figure \$800,000—Award Brings Chuckles From Sir William Mackenzie.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, May 25.—The award of the C. N. R. arbitration was announced by Chief Justice Sir William Meredith today, fixing the value of 600,000 shares of common stock of the Canadian Northern Railway at \$10,800,000. The award, which is unanimous, stipulates that each of the parties to the arbitration proceedings shall pay their own costs.

HOPED FOR \$50,000,000. "I haven't received the documents yet," said Sir William Mackenzie, former president of the Canadian Northern, when asked his opinion of the award. During the early stages of argument before the commission at Osgoode Hall, Sir William expressed the hope that the arbitrators would find the stock worth between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

HOW IT WAS REACHED. The arbitrators state that they took into consideration the present financial conditions of company and the amount of competition offered by other roads. The best available test of valuing the road, they state, is the reproduction of new valuation, although it is recognized as not altogether accurate. And while the surplus of assets over liabilities was also a factor to be considered, it could not be taken as conclusive evidence of value of the stock. The earning power of road had also to be considered.

FINE FOR DAN AND BILL. "Very favorable to Mackenzie & Mann," commented Strachan Johnston, K. C., who assisted Wm. Tilley, K. C., on behalf of Government in the arbitration proceedings. Sir William Mackenzie chuckled his famous chuckle as he commented on the fact that the award was "over the limit set." He was gratified, too, that the award was a unanimous one.

Toronto, May 25.—Ten million, eight hundred thousand dollars is the amount the Dominion of Canada will pay for the six hundred thousand shares of common stock of the Canadian Northern Railway, which is being taken over by the country, to be operated as a publicly-owned enterprise.

This is the announcement made today by Sir William Meredith, chairman of the arbitration board, which has been considering for some months the price to be paid for the stock. As to the costs of the arbitration, each party to the arbitration will bear its own, with the exception of the cost of taking the evidence and the secretarial work, which will be borne by the Government in any event.

As the act of Parliament taking over the road provided only \$10,000,000 to pay for the stock, the status of the extra \$800,000 awarded by the arbitration commission is not quite understood here. The decision of the commission was unanimous.

HENSALL MAN FOUND DEAD BESIDE BARN. [Special to The Advertiser.] Hensall, May 25.—John Pollock, aged 70 years, was found dead yesterday at the foot of a fence near his home, which he had been engaged shingling. It was at first thought that he had fallen off the barn, but three doctors examined him and they could find no injuries. The belief is held that after reaching the ground from the top of the barn the aged man was struck with heart-failure. He was laid at rest this afternoon.

TWO GERMAN RAIDS REPULSED BY FRENCH. Paris, May 25.—French troops last night repulsed two German raids south of Hangeau. Wood and in the Vosges. The French were offensively today. French detachments penetrated the German lines west of Novion and returned with a number of German prisoners.

THE WEATHER. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 69; lowest, 36. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 59; lowest, 33.

TOMORROW—THUNDERSTORMS. Toronto, May 25—8 a.m. Forecasts. Moderate to fresh east to south and southwest winds; occasional showers or thunderstorms today and on Sunday, with fair intervals.

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Weather Notes. The weather continues unseasonably cold in the West, while snow has fallen in many northern localities, and rain in southern parts. A depression now centred in Nebraska is causing thunderstorms over the Great Lakes.

MEXICO AND CUBA HAVE FALLEN OUT

Diplomatic Relations Severed Because of Island's War Measures.

AFFECTS THE MEXICANS

Garranza Complains That Interests of His Country Are Suffering.

Washington, May 25.—The state department has received information from its own sources that the Mexican diplomatic representative at Havana has been withdrawn by Mexico, but no explanation was given in the dispatches. Further advice was expected during the day.

Mexico City, May 24 (Friday).—Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. This was learned officially late today, after a report that the Mexican charge d'affaires at Havana, and the Cuban minister here had been recalled from their respective posts and were confined at the foreign office.

The Cuban minister to Mexico, Dr. Ezequiel Garcia Echevarria, has not arrived in Mexico City, having been appointed only recently. During the interval Dr. Luis Santamaria Y. Calles has been acting as charge. It was reported recently that he would leave for Cuba on a vacation and would return with the new minister.

The Mexican charge at Havana is Alberto C. Franco. Started by Mexico. The recall of the Mexican representative to Cuba and the suspending for an indefinite time of the sending of a new representative is explained officially as due to the fact that because of the war in which Cuba is involved the Government has been obliged to dictate measures that affect the interests of the Mexican Government in many instances.

For this reason, it is declared, the making of representations that the Mexican representative would be of no use and would restrict the liberty of action of a friendly nation, which is now in an afflicted situation, which is now in an afflicted situation.

STRAINED RELATIONS. Havana, May 25.—The report that Mexico had severed diplomatic relations with Cuba could not be confirmed here. It was stated that there was absolutely no official communication between the two governments since the Mexican charge d'affaires left Havana yesterday for Mexico City.

Several days ago there were rumors that relations between Mexico and Cuba were strained. These rumors were based upon the Pabla incident. The Mexican minister to Mexico City, Dr. Ezequiel Garcia Echevarria, is expected to leave for Cuba on a vacation and will return with the new minister.

WASHINGTON PUZZLED. Washington, May 25.—Washington officials were frankly puzzled today over the circumstances surrounding Mexico's reported break in relations with Cuba. The state department learned, through its own sources, of Mexico's recall of her charge d'affaires at Havana, but had no explanation.

There was little explanation here of the reasons prompting the Mexican move, and it was not clear to officials here what Mexico hoped to accomplish. The first reading of the statement by Foreign Minister Aguilar in Mexico City, Mexican charge to Cuba, conveyed to officials here the distinct impression that in breaking off relations the Mexican Government actually is expressing its displeasure and resentment at the withholding of Cuban sugar and other supplies. The fact that these restrictive measures were adopted by the Cuban Government in conformity with the requests of the American food administration in Flanders, in the neighborhood of Strazeele, the war office of Bethune was subjected to a gas bombardment.

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HOLDERS OFFICE NOW IN PROVINCIAL G. W. V. A. AS WELL AS LOCAL ONE London, May 25.—The newspapers announce that the American steamer Neches was sunk on the night of May 14 off Tart Point, in Orkney Islands, as a result of a collision with another steamer. The crew of the Neches was rescued, but the vessel sank immediately with the loss of all on board.

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THE END OF THEIR PERFECT DAY



Advertiser Illustration. —Passing Show, London.

MILLION AND HALF AMERICANS "OVER THERE" BY END OF YEAR

Paris, Friday, May 24.—The American forces in France will be double the number Secretary Baker recently announced as having been sent here, and by the end of 1918 they will be three times larger, said Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner, in a statement issued to the French people on his arrival from the United States today.

Secretary Baker announced on May 8 that more than 500,000 American soldiers already had been sent to France.

SO LIKE THEM London, May 25.—Major Chas. Fox of the Scots Greys, one of the exchanged British prisoners, tells of his experience in a German prison camp. He says that when he was wounded and a prisoner, he gathered his mouth full of spit, discharged it straight into Fox's face. He says he saw a British sailor bayoneted and killed when climbing out of a trench, and how other prisoners, both officers and privates, were bayoneted by guards for slight offences.

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SINN FEIN PLANNED GERMAN INVASION OF ENGLAND WITH BASES FOR SUBS AND ZEPPELS

British Government Makes Public Statement On Conspiracy Between Sinn Feiners and Germans' Uprising Against Great Britain.

BERNSTORFF, CASEMENT AND AMERICAN PRIEST AMONGST THE CHIEF PLOTTERS

Insurrection of Easter Was Arranged Largely in America Through German Ambassador and Von Papen—Irish Volunteers Hoped To Raise Army of 500,000 To Co-Operate With Germans—Latter Ready At All Times To Furnish Money and Munitions—How the Conspiracy Miscalculated.

Dublin, May 25.—The Westmeath Independent says Prof. De Valera has sent a letter to a prominent bishop, absolutely denying the existence of any German plot.

London, May 25.—Via Reuter's, Limited.—Germany's untiring efforts to foment revolution in Ireland with the aid of the Sinn Fein are laid bare in a statement from the official press bureau, reviewing this phase of the Irish political situation since the beginning of the war.

After the abortive rebellion of Easter week, 1916, plans were made for a revolution in 1917, but this was abandoned because of America's entry into the war and Germany's inability to send troops to Ireland. An uprising, however, was planned for this year after the German offensive in the west had been successful and when Great Britain presumably would be stripped of troops.

Concerning the recent arrests in Ireland, the statement says that the circumstances are such that no other course was open to the Government. "It is useless to say that the Government is not in the position to carry out its duties to the Allies, but to inform the authors and abettors of this criminal intrusion that the British Government will not tolerate any such interference with its public interest to reveal at present."

BISHOP FALLON RIDES TANK AND MAKES BIG HIT Cheeriness Makes Him Popular in Trenches—Praises Commander.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser by F. A. McKenzie, Copyright.] With the Canadian Army in the field, May 25.—Bishop Fallon of London, Ont., who has been on a visit to the front, is having the time of his life. He rode in a tank during maneuvers, feeling as though he were a soldier. He declared afterwards that he felt then as though he commanded a tank. He is very cheerful and is very popular in the trenches. He is very popular in the trenches. He is very popular in the trenches.

SIR CHARLES RETURNS THAT EXPENSE MONEY Ottawa, May 25.—The Journal-Press states that Sir Charles Fitzpatrick has handed back to the Government the sum of \$5,000 which he had advanced to the Government for his expenses. Sir Charles is a member of the House of Commons. He is a member of the House of Commons. He is a member of the House of Commons.

ZEEBRUGGE STILL BLOCKED FOR HUN DESTROYERS; OSTEND IS CLEAR AGAIN London, May 25.—The Germans have succeeded in shifting the concrete laden raider Zeebrugge, sunk in the harbor of Ostend on May 19 by British raiding forces.

The raider, according to the Times, is now lying close alongside the pier, leaving a passage about 30 feet wide. This is enough to allow destroyers to go in and out, but nevertheless the Germans are not using the harbor.

Unsuccessful attempts have been made by the Germans to dredge a passage between the two old cruisers sunk in the harbor of Zeebrugge. A German destroyer, sunk this week by British naval air force, was being towed out of the harbor. The basin at Bruges, which is connected with both Ostend and Zeebrugge, is full of German shipping, but the canal is not being used.

78 SPANISH VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINES Madrid, May 25.—Seventy-eight Spanish merchant vessels have been sunk by German submarines, according to a list printed by the Epoca, in a discussion of what Spain has suffered since the beginning of the submarine campaign. The Tava company of Barcelona has been the heaviest individual loser.

ANOTHER U-BOAT PULLS INTO SPANISH PORT Madrid, May 24.—It is officially announced that the German submarine No. 65, entered the port of Santander at 6 o'clock this morning.

FINN GOVERNMENT RESIGNS. Stockholm, May 25.—The Finnish Government has resigned as a result of the appointment of former Premier Zinoviev as temporary dictator. M. Paasikivi, a member of the old Finnish party and a former senator, has been asked by Dictator Zinoviev to form a cabinet.

MEWBURN TO CONSULT WITH IMPERIAL GOVT. ON EMPIRE'S DEFENCE Montreal, May 25.—The announcement that General Mewburn, commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, was made at a patriotic meeting last night by Hon. C. B. Ballantyne, minister of marine. Mr. Ballantyne said the object of his trip was to consult the imperial authorities on matters connected with the defence of the empire as well as to prepare for what would come after the war. He said it would be a mistake to imagine that the imperial conference in London would in any way reduce the autonomous rights of the Dominions overseas.

SAMMIES BRING DOWN TWO GERMAN PLANES With the American Army in France, May 24.—American aviators shot down two German airplanes last Tuesday, says the official statement from American headquarters tonight.

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