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—Mr. Justice Duff at Yesterday's Session of Shell Inquiry

THE WEATHER.
Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest and east winds; generally fair.

The St. John Standard,

NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

OPERA HOUSE
TODAY—Afternoon 2.15 and 2.45. Evening 7.15 and 8.45.
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RUSSIANS SWEEP ENEMY BEFORE THEM IN BIG DRIVE; BRITISH LOSE TRENCHES IN VILLAGE OF HOOGHE

EVIDENCE COMPLETELY VINDICATES GENERAL HUGHES AND THE SHELL COMMITTEE, MR. JUSTICE DUFF SAYS

Absolutely Nothing in it That Points to Corrupt or Dishonest Act on Part of Minister of Militia or the Committee—Mr. Hellmuth, Summing Up Testimony, Shows the Kyte-Carvell Charges Absolutely Unfounded—Carvell Talks for Four Hours, but Fails to Find Point Substantiating the Charges.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, June 7.—"I can find no evidence at all before the commission of a single corrupt or improper act on the part of General Hughes."
"There is not a bit of evidence that General Hughes, corruptly or otherwise, induced the Shell Committee to give these contracts."
"There is not a single bit of evidence that General Hughes was consorting with Allison in regard to these fuse contracts."
"There is no evidence that General Hughes had anything to do with these contracts—except to be called in at the last moment to give them official recognition."
"The evidence shows that the Shell Committee was directed by nothing but a sense of duty of getting these fuses as speedily as possible. There is no suggestion that there was any improper motive influencing any one of them."
"There is no evidence but that Col. Carnegie (Shell Committee adviser) was influenced by anything else but his judgment."
"It is impossible to conceive of anything approaching a greater failure than the suggestion that there were improper motives in high places in regard to these contracts."
"These charges were made to lead the people of this country to believe that their affairs were being dishonestly and incompetently handled. I can find no evidence before this commission to support such a charge."
—Mr. J. F. Hellmuth, summing up evidence before Duff-Meredith Commission.
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—Mr. Justice Duff.

Casualties Among Officers Received To Date Number 240

NAMES OF SIXTY MORE WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY THE MILITIA DEPARTMENT—SOME CORRECTIONS IN LIST PREVIOUSLY SENT OUT

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, June 7.—Today's cable to the Minister of Militia carried another heavy supplemental list of casualties among officers engaged in the Sanctuary Wood fight which opened on June 1st. This morning's list numbers 67 names, making a total of 240 officers' casualties received so far.
Lieutenant A. A. Wanklyn, of the Princess Pats, is reported as killed. He was a son of F. L. Wanklyn, of Pacific Railway, and formerly head of the Dominion Coal Company.
Captain Niven, Princess Pats, London, Ont., wounded, is the last of the

Edmonton; Lieut. F. W. Scott, Edmonton; Lieut. C. A. Wilson, Edmonton; Lieut. N. R. Mackjost, Major A. Young Port Arthur.
Died of Wounds.
Lieut. M. S. DeBay.
Wounded.
Capt. W. H. Hudson, Lieut. M. S. Hunt, Saskatchewan; Capt. E. W. Ward, Montreal; Lieut. F. A. Rayner, Pioneers; Lieut. C. B. Hill, C. F. A.; Lieut. B. Ross, engineers; Lieut. G. R. Turney, at duty; Lieut. W. H. M. Devan, at duty; Lieut. T. F. Morrison, Capt. H. W. Niven, Capt. A. G. Martin, Lieut. W. E. G. Irwin, Lieut. A. G. Pearson.
Wounded.
Lieut. E. S. McDougall, Major C. Y. Weaver, Edmonton; Capt. D. D. MacLeod, Edmonton; Capt. G. Z. Pinder, Edmonton; Capt. R. H. Gregory, Edmonton; Lieut. H. Brabbie, Edmonton; Lieut. R. C. Arthur, Edmonton; Lieut. K. C. Houghton, Edmonton; Lieut. F. S. Winer, Edmonton; Lieut. R. S. Ensor, Capt. F. B. Edwards, Victoria, B. C.; Lieut. D. J. R. Ferguson, Winnipeg, Highlanders; Lieut. Col. A. W. Hay, Port Arthur; Lieut. W. J. Heckey, Port Arthur; Lieut. W. R. Creighton, Montreal; Lieut. B. C. McFarlane, Montreal; Lieut. H. R. Hingston, Montreal.
Wounded and at Duty.
Lieut. W. H. Kippon, Toronto.
Wounded Shell Shock, at Duty.
Capt. R. W. Frost, Montreal.
Missing.
Lieut. W. W. MacDonnell, Major F. Palmer, Brandon; Capt. H. S. Richardson, Brandon; Capt. S. H. Lewis, Brandon; Capt. F. J. Crossman, Brandon; Lieut. N. S. Skead, Brandon; Lieut. C. Lambert, Brandon; Lieut. H. Smith, Brandon; Lieut. C. B. Gadda, Brandon; Lieut. F. A. Wilson, Brandon; Lieut. D. S. Borthwick, Brandon; Capt. G. A. B. Buchan, Lieut. H. H. Cookshutt, Toronto, Lieut. W. W. Wood, Toronto; Lieut. J. Walker, Eastern Townships.
Wounded.
Lieut. B. Downie, Calgary.
Some Corrections.
Casualty of Capt. G. P. Malone, Toronto, in despatches of June 4th is cancelled and the name of Lieut. M. E. Malone, Toronto, is substituted. Initials of Lieut. Ross in despatches of the 4th should read G. A. R.
Lieut. H. H. Ellis is now reported wounded and not missing.
Major E. L. Jones, previously reported wounded, is now reported missing.
Capt. G. Cornish has died of wounds.
Lieut. H. G. Allen has died of wounds.
Lieut. L. B. Butstead previously reported missing is now reported wounded.
Capt. E. L. Coleman is now reported at duty.
Lieut. G. N. Rutter has died of wounds.

SIR GEO. E. FOSTER ARRIVES IN LONDON

London, June 7.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Sir George Foster, Canadian minister of trade and commerce, arrived at Falmouth on the Atlantic today, and reached London this evening.

"BRITANNIA PAYS HER LAST TRIBUTE"



"MOURNING BUT RESOLUTE."

OVER 40,000 OF ENEMY CAPTURED ALREADY IN RUSSIAN DRIVE

Petrograd, June 7, via London, 6.35 p. m.—In their new offensive movement the Russians have captured more than 40,000 men, it was announced officially today.
The statement says that on the line between the Pripet and the Rumanian frontier, over which the campaign is being fought, the Russians thus far have taken 900 officers, 40,000 men, 77 guns, 134 machine guns and 49 bomb throwers.
The text of the official statement follows:
"The successes of our troops in Volhynia, Galicia and Bukovina are developing. The total number of prisoners and troops captured in the fighting, which resulted in the enemy being dislodged from his powerfully fortified positions, continues to increase."
"A number of batteries were captured intact by our infantry, with all their guns and limbers. In the recent fighting the enemy had actual proof of the increase in our war material. The actions have strengthened our confidence that as this material develops, the enemy's fortified lines will be more effectively destroyed."
"Great Valor and Dash."
"The valor and dash of our troops were proved by the results achieved in only three days fighting. His Majesty's superior commander at ten o'clock last night telegraphed from headquarters the following despatch congratulating the troops of Gen. Brusiloff, on the success attained:
"Transmit to my well beloved troops my

FORT VAUX FALLS BEFORE HUN ATTACKS?

Berlin Report Claims that the Garrison has Surrendered.

BRITISH LOSE AT ONE POINT.

Germans Succeed in Taking Front Line Trenches which Run Through Village of Hooghe.

Bulletin—Berlin, June 7, via London—Fort Vaux, one of the Verdun defenses has been captured by the German troops, according to the official statement issued from headquarters today.—What remained of the French garrison finally surrendered and in an attempt to relieve the fort Tuesday resulted in the capture of 700 unwounded prisoners.
London, June 8.—British trenches running through Hooghe have been captured by the Germans, according to the British official statement, issued at midnight, which reads:
"Last night and today there were heavy artillery bombardments on both sides east of Ypres. In the fighting yesterday the enemy succeeded in capturing our front line trenches, running through the ruins of the village of Hooghe."
"Attacks made against other portions of our line failed."
A further small infantry attack delivered early this morning against our trenches west of Hooghe was repulsed.
"During the night our Australian troops entered German trenches east of the Bois Grenier, inflicting loss and bringing back prisoners. Our troops also carried out a successful attack east of Cinehuyl.
"Hostile artillery and trench mortars were active today against our trenches around Oviliers, Hamel, Souchez, Loos and Neuve Chapelle. Our artillery shelled enemy batteries about Levin, east of Souchez, and about Loos. There has been some mining activity by the enemy northeast of Neuville-St. Vaast and Ginchy."
French Line Heavily Bombaraded.
Paris, June 7.—The official communication, issued tonight by the war office, reads:
"On the left bank of the Meuse there has been great artillery activity in the region of Hill 204."
"On the right bank the very violent bombardment continued against our first and second lines from the region of Douaumont to Dambloup."
"The Germans announce today that Fort Vaux fell into their hands on the evening of June 6. On June 7, at 3.50 o'clock in the morning, Fort Vaux was still in our hands. Since that hour, by reason of the violence of the bombardment, it has not been possible to effect any communication with the fort."
"In the Vosges German reconnaissances against our positions south of Collez were repulsed by our fire."
"There was an intermittent cannonading on the rest of the front."
The Belgian communication:
"Quiet prevailed today."
The Turkish Statement.
Constantinople, June 7, via London, (4.55 p. m.)—The Turkish war office today issued the following statement:
"Mesopotamian front: Russian forces, on the night of May 31 advanced in the direction of Kasr-i-Shirin and Khanikin, and in three columns attacked our advanced detachments near Khanikin while their troops tried to get around our detachments on the right and left wings."
"They were, however, attacked by our reserves in the flank and rear. The troops on the wings of two other enemy enveloping columns were dispersed, put to disorderly flight and pursued for some time by our troops,