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GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT SUNK BY MINE BIG GUNS ACTIVE ON BOTH SIDES

Britain Supreme in Air As Well As on the Seas

Two New Types of Aircraft Faster Than Any of Germany's Fliers, While 2 Other Makes of Craft Are as Speedy as Germany's Boasted Fokker.

London, May 17.—In the course of a debate in the House of Commons today on aerial service, Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for the war office, said Great Britain had two types of aeroplanes faster than any possessed by Germany, and two other types as fast as the Fokker.

Mr. Tennant said arrangements for giving warning of Zeppelin raids were now complete, and that there has been a great improvement in regard to lights and guns.

Mr. Tennant announced that the government had decided to constitute an aerial board to advise the admiralty and the war office in regard to air services and designs of machines.

Major Baird will represent the board in the House of Commons. The other members will be army and navy officers.

Hardinge Back to His Former Post.

London, May 17.—Bacon Hardinge, former secretary of state for India, and from 1906-1910 permanent under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, will temporarily resume the latter post in succession to Sir Arthur Nicholson, who is retiring on account of ill health.

SHOOTING AFFAIR NEAR SUSSEX MAY END IN MURDER

P. A. Chapman, Store Keeper at Newton, Attempts to Kill Young Lady Clerk in Fit of Jealousy—Fires Three Shots, One Entering Victim's Back Near Spine—Chapman Arrested and Victim in Critical Condition.

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, May 17.—P. A. Chapman, general storekeeper at Newton, is in the police cells here tonight charged with shooting Miss Alice Holden, with intent to kill and the victim of the shooting lies in a precarious condition at the residence of B. D. Keith, who lives about a hundred yards from the scene of the alleged crime.

The facts, as far as can be ascertained, are that Chapman returned home from Sussex where he had been on business about six o'clock this afternoon and on entering his store said to Miss Holden, who was employed by him as clerk, "I understand you are going to leave me," and on being asked by her to explain, he replied "I had a dream last night and the Lord told me so."

She replied, "He told you what, I am?" He then said, "You are going to shoot you and then kill yourself." Chapman followed her by his words by walking behind her and drawing a revolver he fired three shots in rapid succession.

One of them grazed the victim, the other causing a slight wound in the shoulder and the third entering the back near the spine. After a desperate struggle Miss Holden escaped out of the shop door only to be dragged back again where a further struggle ensued and finally Miss Holden got away again and ran to the home of B. D. Keith where she collapsed. Dr. D. H. McAllister, who was summoned by phone, made a record run in his auto and furnished the necessary medical aid.

Chief Asbell also arrived shortly on the scene and placed Chapman under arrest and brought him to Sussex. The prisoner was taken before Supt. Magistrate Falkner who remanded him to Hamilton jail for one week to await further developments as to the girl's condition.

Jealousy Reason for Deed.

The bullet which was discharged from a .33 calibre revolver will be produced for tomorrow morning. Miss Holden is in a very critical condition. Chapman purchased the revolver this afternoon in the hardware department of the Sussex Mercantile Co. and evidently had only put three cartridges in it.

Jealousy is thought to be the cause of the attempted crime. Miss Holden, who is a native of Belfast, Ireland, intended to sail for England in the course of a few days to engage in nursing there. The residents of Newton were greatly excited over the affair and if it had not been for the wise counsel of Dr. McAllister and

Chief of Police Asbell it is doubtful if drastic measures would not have been carried out that would have led to serious consequences for the prisoner. J. H. McFadden has been retained by Chapman to defend him and Dr. St. John Freeze will look after the case for the Crown.

ENNISBROOKE STILL AGROUND

Combined Efforts of Seven Steamers Fail to Move Her—Was Not Forced Ashore by Ice.

Sydney, N. S., May 17.—There was strong expectation about midnight that the steamer Ennisbrooke, ashore near Table Head, Glace Bay, would be floated before morning, but at two o'clock she was still hard aground.

There are seven steamers of various sizes at the scene: The Seal, Kyle, Njord, Scotsburn, the coal company tug D. H. Thomas, cruiser Margaret and tug Maggie M. Several hundred tons of cargo have been unloaded. It now appears that the Ennisbrooke was not forced ashore by the ice.

What ice there is, is thin and scattered. There is no ice in Sydney harbor nor has there been for some time. The Ennisbrooke was making Sydney harbor when she went ashore.

COL. INGS OF 6TH C.M.R. WILL COMMAND P.E.I. HIGHLANDER REGT.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 17.—Col. A. E. Ings, appointed to command the 105th Highland Regiment here, arrived tonight from England to take charge. Col. Campbell, who has held charge since last fall, will be second in command. Col. Ings left Canada over a year ago with the Sixth C.M.R. and he has seen service at the front with that corps who fought as infantry.

DR. E. A. SMITH GRIT CHOICE IN WESTMORLAND

Veniot and Carter Unable to Stir Dorchester Convention to Any Degree of Enthusiasm.

Special to The Standard.

Dorchester, May 17.—The weather conditions under which the Liberal convention was held yesterday were perfect, not a cloud was to be seen in the sky, but clouds aptly were in evidence on the faces of the faithful who met to select a lamb for the slaughter.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m., in Hickman's Hall, with Fred Magee of Port Elgin in the chair. The garbages were all represented in the vicinity of one hundred persons being present.

On the platform were E. S. Carter, P. J. Veniot, E. A. Smith, Hon. C. W. Robinson, A. B. Copp, M.P., James Friel and others. Chairman Magee asked the convention to get down to business as speedily as possible, said business being to select a man to oppose Hon. P. G. Mahoney, who had been chosen to fill the office of Minister of Public Works in the provincial government.

James McQueen of Shediac moved that this convention proceed in the usual way to elect a candidate to oppose the return of Hon. P. G. Mahoney, which was carried. The chairman called on the parish delegates to elect three from each parish to act as a nominating committee.

After being notified the committee retired to begin their deliberations which lasted for over an hour, the prospective candidates trying to appear at their ease as the committee left the hall. Several names had been mentioned, among them were the chairman, Fred Magee, James Friel and Dr. E. A. Smith.

While the nominating committee were out a number of addresses were delivered. P. J. Veniot was the first called on and expressed his pleasure over the fact that the convention had decided to contest the election. He hoped that personalities would be left out of the fight.

A. B. Copp, M.P., said he brought the personal greetings of the leader of the federal opposition, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and promised his best assistance to the party.

At this stage of the proceedings the nominating committee entered the hall and made their report announcing that they had selected Dr. E. A. Smith of Shediac. The convention accepted the report of the committee and the chairman called Dr. Smith to the platform and offered him the nomination, which he accepted.

Hon. C. W. Robinson was called on and pledged his support to the party and candidate in the coming campaign.

Morrissey Persona Non Grata.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney was the next speaker and he paid his respects to Mr. John Morrissey in no uncertain terms. He said there was no need of bringing him to the county, stating "we can win this fight without that man's help."

James Friel was called on but asked to be excused. J. Allison Dyart, Liberal candidate for Kent county, spoke briefly.

E. S. Carter was the last speaker and in one of his characteristic addresses referred to the "Robesey lists" and claimed they were padded before he became a resident of that place. He also made a feeble attempt to explain the "Albert county farm" matter, but failed to produce any evidence that the statement of Mr. A. W. Bray was not correct.

The close of the convention was the most enthusiastic of the whole proceedings.

P. E. I. Woman Gets Word that One Son is Killed, Another Wounded

Charlottetown, May 17.—The Stanley left here this morning for Glace Bay to the assistance of the steamer Ennisbrooke, reported stranded.

SPECTACULAR AIR BATTLES CHIEF FEATURES ON THE WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY

Thirty-three Engagements Over French Line Yesterday End Disadvantageously for Enemy—Artillery on Both Sides Active—British Raiding Parties Score Success and Inflict Severe Losses on Germans.

F. B. CARVELL IS BECOMING SENSITIVE

Real Peeved when He is Called an Accuser by Justice Meredith at Fuse Inquiry Yesterday.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 17.—As the enquiry before the Meredith-Duff Commission progresses, the nerves of F. B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., appear to become more sensitive. A remark by Chief Justice Meredith set them jumping again today thereby adding a purple patch to the somewhat drab fabric of evidence.

The disturbance was not of the cataclysmic character that precipitated by Hon. Wallace Nesbitt and Mr. Carvell and was confined to the Chief Justice and Mr. Carvell. The other lawyers were under wraps for the moment.

Mr. Carvell was attacking a statement made by Mr. Cadwell to the effect that his company had expended \$1,200,000 on machinery for the manufacture of steel fuses, and quite plainly intimated that he did not believe it.

"You are charging Mr. Cadwell with having made a false statement," said Chief Justice Meredith.

"I do object to being called an accuser Mr. Commissioner," he retorted. "I am not accusing Mr. Cadwell. I have no objection to Mr. Cadwell coming back."

Mr. William—"I think it is quite unfair to challenge the evidence of a witness without giving him a chance to explain."

Mr. Carvell—"I think it is also unfortunate that I should be called an accuser when I am asking reasonable questions. I object to being called an accuser. I didn't have an opportunity of examining Mr. Cadwell."

Mr. William—"I don't think there should be a quarrel in this matter. You are seeking to prove by this witness that Mr. Cadwell made a false statement, and if that is not an accusation I don't know what it is."

Mr. Carvell—"I have been practicing for some years and I have often found it necessary to make comment upon what witnesses have said."

Mr. William—"That's quite right. Mr. Carvell, but it seems to me you are ultra sensitive about the word accusation."

There has been a noticeable change in the demeanor of the belligerent members of the bar engaged in the case since Mr. Justice Duff threatened to resign upon a repetition of the big disturbance, and they are keeping more within the proper bounds.

SOLDIER'S DEATH DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES

London, May 17.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Death by natural cause was the verdict given at the inquest held at Folkestone today upon the body of Pte. Jos. Laerge, 157, Iverville street, Montreal. Witnesses told a story of a dispute between the deceased and Reuben Hubbard, 417588, Nova Scotia, who is attached to the 23rd Reserve at Shorncliffe, a few weeks ago, and it was stated that Hubbard struck Laerge in the face with his bayonet. In the hospital Laerge developed coughing spasms, which caused his sudden death. Medical evidence showed that his death was not attributable to the blow and the verdict was rendered accordingly.

Bulletin—Copenhagen, via London, May 18, 2.26 a. m.—A German torpedo boat has been sunk by a German mine off Falsterbo, Sweden, according to the Berlingske Tidende's Malmo correspondent. All but one man of the crew were saved.

Paris, May 17.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "In the region of Verdun there was great activity by the artillery of both sides in the sectors of Avocourt, Hill 304 and between Douaumont and Vaux. On the rest of the front there was no important event, except quite lively mine fighting in the Argonne."

"In the course of the day one of our pilots, in an air fight, brought down a German aeroplane, which fell northeast of Rezonville. Another enemy aeroplane, shot down by one of ours, fell in the region of San De Sept. "Today one of our squadrons bombarded the Metz-Sablons station, on which it dropped twenty-five shells of every calibre."

"In the region of Verdun the aerial activity was particularly important. Thirty-three combats took place, and three German aeroplanes were brought down. All our machines returned."

"Belgian communication: "There were intermittent artillery attacks at various points. "Army of the east: In the operations of May 10 to 15, on both banks of the Vardar river, and west of Lake Dolran, the situation has undergone no important modifications. In the course of the first fortnight in May there has been no serious action. The infantry of both sides have continued to organize themselves on the ground. Our artillery, on several occasions, shelled enemy encampments, Hohenzollern redoubt and Ware. "Northeast of Lake Dolran our advanced forces occupied Devetopa. Other forces have pushed on in the direction of Monastir towards Poraj. "The Greeks have taken prisoner Bulgarians, dressed as Germans."

Raid on German Trenches by British. London, May 17, 11.30 p. m.—The British official statement on the campaign in France and Belgium reads: "There have been considerable artillery and trench mortar actions to day about Anconville, Cabaret Rouge, Souchez, Calonne, Cuchy, the Hohenzollern redoubt and Ware. There has been intermittent shelling at other points along the front. "Last night raiding parties of Seaforth Highlanders entered German trenches north of Roellucourt. Five Germans were killed in their trenches. The three dugouts full of Germans were bombed, one being blown up. Our casualties were slight. The whole of the raiding parties got back to our trenches. "Fighting continues among the craters of mines we blew up on the fifteenth on the Vimy ridge. "Yesterday's fine weather favored aerial activity, and twenty-seven combats in the air took place. An Albatross was attacked and driven down, wrecked near Lille. Another was driven down north of Vitry in a damaged condition. A third, attacked by one of our scouts, was seen to turn upside down near the ground. "One of our reconnaissance machines failed to return. It was seen to land under control in hostile territory. One of our scout aeroplanes also is missing. A great deal of successful aerial photographic work was accomplished."

With Russian Armies. Petrograd, May 17, via London, May 18, 12.08 a. m.—The official communication from general headquarters, issued today, reads: "In the region south of Lake Ohole we repulsed a German attempt to assume the offensive. In the region of the Mitau-Kreuzberg railway the enemy launched against our trenches two gas attacks. "In the region of Lake Sventoy our troops drove back enemy advance guards, smashed the entanglements and invaded the trenches, putting the German defenders to the bayonet or flight. "On the night of the sixteenth, in the region of Novosoloki, south of Krevo, we exploded a mine and occupied and consolidated the crater, later repulsing, by our fire, a German attack on the crater."

TEST OF ROSS RIFLE AND THE LEE-ENFIELD

Premier Borden Announces that Sir Douglas Haig has Been Asked to Make a Comparative Test.

Ottawa, May 17.—The announcement that within the past weeks the Canadian government had requested Sir Douglas Haig, the commander-in-chief of the British forces at the front, to make a comparative test of the Ross rifle, the arm of the Canadian troops, and the Lee-Enfield, the British weapon, was made in the House of Commons by Sir Robert Borden today in the course of a discussion based upon and purported to be extracted from a letter written by Gen. Alderson, which was published in the Citizen here. In the article, Gen. Alderson is quoted as stating that he had issued an order to the first Canadian division, forbidding the men to pick up Lee-Enfield rifles and discard their own, but that the experience of the second battle of Ypres had led him to allow the order to lapse; that the men

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attack on the crater and inflicting on the enemy severe losses. "West of Olyka our troops are advancing. In the same region we defeated an enemy searchlight. "East of Ezerna there was a brisk artillery duel, our fire destroying the enemy defense armor. North of Boyana the Austrians attempted an offensive, but were obliged by our fire to retire to their own trenches. "Caucasus front: In the direction of Diarbekr we repulsed a Turkish offensive."

Rome, via London, May 17.—The following official communication was issued this evening: "From the Torale Pass region to Giudicaria there has been an artillery duel. "In the La Garina Valley, after an intense artillery fire, the enemy yesterday launched five violent attacks against our positions on the slopes north of Zegmorta. The attacks were repulsed with enormous losses, which were inflicted on the enemy by the annihilating fire of our artillery and rifles. Numerous enemy bodies were swept away by the Adige river current. "In the zone between the Terracina Valley and the Upper Astico a violent concentration of artillery fire of all calibres induced us yesterday to effect another rectification of our front and to take some advanced positions. "In the Sgarana Valley, the night of the 15th and the following morning, the enemy attacked with great vigor the section of the front between Tete Val Maggio and Monte Collo, but was repulsed by a counter-attack and left in our hands about 300 prisoners, including some officers. "Along the remainder of our front yesterday there was persistent activity by the enemy artillery, and sporadic attacks, which bore the character of diversions in the San Pelleggrino Valley, on the Upper But, on Monte Rosso, at Mrlin in the Tolmino zone, on the slopes north of Monte San Michele, on Selz and on Monfalcone. These were all repulsed with serious enemy losses. We took about one hundred prisoners. "Enemy airmen threw bombs on Castel Tesino, Ospedalepo, Monte Beluna, the station Della Carnia and Gemona. There were some casualties, but no material damage. "One of our air squadrons threw bombs on Dellach and Kotschach, in the Gall Valley, causing fires."

GERMAN TROOPS HALF STARVED, BEG FOOD FROM SWISS SOLDIERS

Geneva, via Paris, May 17.—German soldiers along the Swiss-Alsatian frontier, chiefly elderly men of the Landstrum, have begun to ask food from the Swiss soldiers. The Germans say they have not eaten meat for weeks.

Five German soldiers in uniform, although fired upon, escaped across the Swiss frontier at Rodersdorf, near Basel, yesterday. They were interned at Bern.

The Neue Stuttgarter Zeitung says the food situation in Rhine towns is becoming intolerable. The newspaper advises the government to take drastic measures to change the mode of living of the people. It suggests that cooking in private families be prohibited, and that the population be ordered to eat in common at restaurants, where meat would be served once daily at noon, and only vegetables in the evening.

Eighteen German cattle dealers arrived in Basel yesterday, hoping to buy cattle, which are becoming scarce.

HON. MR. BURRELL BACK IN PLACE IN PARLIAMENT

Able to Take up Work for first Time Since Injuries Received in Parliament Buildings Fire.

Ottawa, May 17.—Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, who was severely burned in the parliament building fire of Feb. 3rd, and who has since been convalescent in the south, after nearly a month's confinement to his room in Ottawa, returned to his parliamentary duties today. Mr. Burrell has completely recovered from the burns he received the night of the fire, when he escaped through the reading room, which was on fire, and also from the nervous shock which he then sustained. His face has completely healed, and remains unscarred. He was vigorously applauded on his appearance in the house today.

Ottawa, May 17.—The revised plans for a restored parliamentary building were on view for the members of parliament in the office of the minister of public works today. The joint committee of both houses after consultation with Architects Darling, of Toronto, and Marchand, of Montreal, have just about decided to alter other story to the building destroyed by fire last Feb., thus giving ample accommodation for many years to come. The plans as drafted carry out the present architectural design, and as a matter of fact are in accord with the original design for the building which contemplated four stories instead of three. No change is made in the plans for the inner grouping of offices, commons and senate chambers, etc., as submitted in the architects' plans of a month or so ago. The new upper story will be devoted to restaurant accommodation and additional rooms for the members. From the architectural standpoint the raising of the height of the building is an improvement according to the architects.

The additional cost is estimated at something over \$1,000,000. The present main tower will have to be taken down entirely and replaced by a larger and higher tower, preserving the same architectural outline as the present. According to the preliminary estimates of the architects, it will cost nearly \$5,000,000 to restore and enlarge the building along the lines now recommended. It will also probably mean nearly a year longer before the work is completed, and parliament will probably have to meet in its present quarters for the next two sessions.

GOVT. RAILWAY OFFICIALS ON ISLAND TO P. E. ISLAND.

Charlottetown, May 17.—Supt. McNeill and other railway officials arrived from Moncton tonight to study traffic conditions, in connection with the steamship service between the island and the mainland. They expect to make definite arrangements where by the Prince Edward Island may make daily return trips.