

HOW DID MR. ALLISON GET CONNECTED WITH THIS FUSE CONTRACT?

It has been stated over and over again by Major General Sir Sam Hughes that J. Wesley Allison is his "guide, councillor and friend."

On the witness stand on May 12th, 1916, Mr. Yoakum swore that it was Colonel Allison who told him of the possibility of this fuse contract and he also stated that the first time that he, (Mr. Yoakum,) met Sir Sam Hughes, was when the three, Sir Sam Hughes, Col. Allison and himself had lunch together in Ottawa.

The records produced before the Royal Commission showed that Colonel Carnegie of the Shell Committee received from the War Office in England a cablegram on April 28th, 1915, giving them a definite order for these graze fuses. Evidence was also produced to show that General Hughes had asked Colonel Carnegie to see Allison in regard to this fuse contract.

READ THE DATES

April 28, 1915.—Cable ordering fuses received from the British War Office.

April 30, 1915.—Cablegram from British War Office reaffirming and elaborating details of fuse order.

April 29-30, 1915.—Sir Sam Hughes in New York in consultation with Allison.

April 30, 1915.—Mr. Carnegie, of Shell Committee, goes to New York, at request of Sir Sam Hughes.

May 1st, 1915.—Mr. Carnegie in New York in consultation with Allison.

May 2nd, 1915.—Allison arranged for Mr. Carnegie to meet Mr. Yoakum and Mr. Craven.

May 4th, 1915.—Allison brought Mr. Bassick into the deal.

May 5th, 1915.—Yoakum gave Allison his second payment of \$10,000 "for getting into the game."

Sometime between May 1st and 10th (date not definitely fixed.) Mr. Cadwell (the manufacturer) Mr. Bassick, Mr. Yoakum meet in Belmont Hotel, New York, to discuss this fuse order.

May 14th, 1915.—Mr. Yoakum, Mr. Allison, Mr. Bassick, Mr. Cadwell all meet in Manhattan Hotel, New York, and discuss final details of fuse order.

May 21st, 1915.—Shell Committee at Ottawa write letter granting the American Ammunition Company a contract for 2,500,000 fuses, divided as follows: 1,666,666 No. 100 graze fuses at \$4.00 and 833,334 No. 80—time fuses at \$4.50 each.

June 10, 1915.—Agreement drawn and signed whereby Yoakum, Bassick and Cadwell agree to **DIVIDE A MILLION DOLLAR TAKE OFF.**

June 19, 1915.—Official order given American Ammunition Co. (Cadwell's Company) for fuse order.

Careful study of these dates will, it is believed, enable any person to intelligently grasp the whole situation.

HAD THE SHELL COMMITTEE BEEN IN LEAGUE WITH ALLISON MORE FAVOURED TREATMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCORDED HIM.

From the time the Shell Committee considered the awarding of these contracts for fuses, it seemed to have been their evident desire to award them to J. Wesley Allison's nominee and at such prices as would permit an enormous commission.