

# SITUATION IN DUBLIN STILL SERIOUS; ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON VERDUN FRONT

## DUGAL REPUDIATES E. S. CARTER AND OTHERS BEHIND SCANDAL CAMPAIGN OF THE OPPOSITION

On floors of Legislature Frankly Admits He Has No Charges Against Any Member of the House, and Nothing Behind Scandal Campaign but Insinuations and Innuendoes.

**CARTER-VENIOT AND REST OF MACHINE PANIC STRICKEN, TRY TO HAVE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE CONFESSION ALTERED—DUGAL REFUSES TO BECOME A SCAPEGOAT.**

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 28.—The Legislature is to be prorogued tomorrow morning by Lieut. Governor Wood. The House is called to meet at 8.30 o'clock and just as soon as formal proceedings required for the opening of a day's business have been completed the Governor will enter the Assembly Chamber, give his consent to a number of bills and then make his speech proroguing the House.

All the business of the House was concluded this evening, the St. John Valley Railway bill being agreed to and passed the House without a division, after a number of speeches being made enthusiastically praising the government for its efforts which have resulted in the making of an agreement so satisfactory from the standpoint of the province and port of St. John.

There were many interesting features of the closing day of the session, but perhaps most interesting of all was the situation which arose this morning, and which is already known as Dugal's repudiation of Carter. If ever there was anything that entirely upset the apple carts of Carter-Veniot scandal mongering campaign it was Mr. Dugal's frank statement to the House that he had no charges to make against any members of the House, and that he did not charge that anything of dishonorable nature had occurred in connection with the purchase of potato gifts of potatoes.

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## COL. CARNEGIE KNEW NOTHING OF ALLEGED RAKE-OFFS

Kyle's Speech in Commons First he Head of Commission to Probe Motives.

**CARVELL GIVEN ANOTHER JOLT.**

Interesting Incident Yesterday Before Duff-Meredith Commission—Hearing Adjourned Until Monday.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 28.—The proceedings before the Meredith-Duff commission today came close to the main charges. Just before the adjournment until Monday, Mr. Meredith abruptly asked Col. Carnegie, the chief expert-witness, when he first heard of a commission to be paid anyone. Col. Carnegie at once replied that he had never heard of such a thing until he saw it in the speech of E. W. Kyle in the House of Commons. He denied emphatically that there had ever been any mention of commissions or remuneration to any promoters or any one connected with the contract. No one had ever approached him in any way.

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## TROUBLE IN DUBLIN GONE BEYOND LIMITS OF A RIOT

LATE REPORTS FROM SEAT OF DISTURBANCE SAY THAT SITUATION WHILE UNDER CONTROL IS STILL SERIOUS—LIBERTY HALL SHELLED BY GUNBOAT BEFORE OCCUPIED—RIOTERS DIG TRENCHES IN ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN AND ARE DRIVEN OUT WITH BOMBS.

Dublin, Tuesday, April 25, via London, April 28. (10.15 a. m.)—Dublin has now been held up for twenty-four hours by a combination of members of the Sinn Fein Society and followers of James Larkin, head of the "Transport Workers' Union, and will known as a strike leader.

There has been the same violence in the city as marked the big street car strike in 1913, which was headed by Larkin, but supplemented by the use of an armed force with military pretensions, and the seizure of strategic points designed to give the disturbance the aspect of a revolution.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in a proclamation issued in London, described it as "insurrectionary," and declared that it is due to foreign prompting. It is, he says, "small." He adds that "stern measures are being taken to suppress it."

The revolution thus far is considered an imitation, though on a much larger scale, of "Tort Chabreau" in Paris, which was held by political rioters some fifteen years ago and the riots in Sydney street in London, while it is declared not to have the support of the people generally, and even is not considered by some of the authorities a strike, the situation certainly is very serious and far beyond the dimensions of a riot.

The trouble has gone on now for 24 hours and has completely dislocated the life of Dublin. No shops are open and no business is being transacted. Street cars have ceased to run and the gas supply has been cut off. The dislodging and taking prisoner these Sinn Feiners.

During Monday officers and men in khaki and isolated individuals were shot at in the streets. Some of them are reported to have been killed or wounded.

No evening newspapers appeared in Dublin Monday, and no morning papers were published today. The evening Mail office was occupied by members of the Sinn Feiners yesterday.

They still retain their possession of the building.

The military have established themselves opposite the Evening Mail office.

The Royal College of Surgeons, which faces St. Stephen's Green on the west, was seized by the Sinn Feiners and their flag flown from it.

Thus far the rioters have captured nothing by fighting. There was nobody to resist them, and they simply occupied unoccupied buildings.

The authorities express the opinion that the trouble may last a day or two. They say there is ample force at the disposal of the government to quell the entire disturbance with ease. They declare, against the disturbers, that thus far the military authorities have not shown their strength. They are, no doubt, anxious to end the trouble with a minimum of bloodshed and destruction of property.

It is impossible, as yet, to ascertain or even approximate the number of persons killed or injured, but there is no doubt that the aggregate is considerable, as the holiday crowds were large, and the shooting by the Sinn Feiners was very wild and reckless.

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## PROVINCE TO GET 40 P.C. OF GROSS EARNINGS

Hon. Dr. Reid Gives Notice of Resolution Providing for Dominion and Provincial Co-operation in Completing Valley Railway and Operation by Government Railways.

Ottawa, April 28.—Hon. Dr. Reid acting minister of railways has given notice of a resolution in the Commons providing for Dominion and Provincial co-operation in completing the construction of the St. John Valley Railway and the operation of the road by the Intercolonial.

The resolution provides for the usual subsidy by the Dominion of \$6,400 per mile for the following lines: (a) From Andover to Centreville, not exceeding 26 miles; (b) from Centreville to Gasquetown, not exceeding 120 miles; (c) from Gasquetown to a point on the C. P. R. at or near Westfield, not to exceed 45 miles.

The resolution further authorizes the governor-in-council to empower the minister of railways to enter into an agreement with the government of New Brunswick and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company subject to the necessary legislation being passed by New Brunswick, whereby the company shall construct up to a standard for safe operation the railway from Gasquetown to Westfield on or before February 1, 1917, and shall complete the construction and equipment of the line from Centreville to Andover by the end of December, 1918, and upon the making of the said agreement the Dominion shall enter upon an interim lease of the Dominion line from Centreville to Gasquetown and upon the completion of the line from Gasquetown to Westfield the Dominion shall enter into a lease thereof and operate the same pending the completion of the remaining line to Andover, in accordance with terms and conditions to be agreed upon in each case, including the 40 per cent. and 60 per cent. division of gross earnings. The resolution further recites that as soon as the lines referred to have been constructed and equipped to the satisfaction of the minister of railways, the Dominion will enter into a lease of these lines and operate them for a term of 99 years.

40 p. c. of Gross Earnings Go to Province.

The terms of the lease shall provide that the Dominion shall pay semi-annually to the province 40 per cent. of the gross earnings, including earnings received from the operation over from Westfield into the city of St. John, in case such running rights are acquired by the company. Upon failure or neglect on the part of the St. John and Quebec Railway to secure running rights from Westfield into St. John, it is provided that the Dominion may acquire such running rights by lease or leases of its own, or may construct a line from Westfield into St. John. The final provision is that during the currency of the leases, the Dominion shall be recouped out of the 40 per cent. of the gross earnings payable to the company under the agreement or by debentures bearing 4 per cent. interest, at the option of the company, for all its capital expenditures for additional tracks, buildings, grade revisions, etc.

## MILITARY EXPERT PREDICTS HUN DRIVE BY ARMY AND FLEET

Paris, April 28.—That the German military and naval staffs are preparing a great offensive both against the combined Anglo-French army on the continent and the fleet on the coast of Great Britain, in a last desperate bid for victory, is the conclusion arrived at by Major De Civioux, the military critic of the Matin, after a close study of the military factors of the situation.

The simultaneous occurrence, he adds, of Zeppelin raids, the risky North Sea naval expedition, and the unexpected outbreak in Dublin are not mere coincidences. At the same time, he points out, the Swiss frontier has been closed for three weeks, while on the French front in Lorraine and in the Vosges the Germans are renewing partial demonstration in the hope of dividing the attention of the French staff.

There is one principle that the German staff will never abandon, Major Civioux concludes, unless under absolute necessity, and that is the retention of the strategic initiative.

It is aware of the Allies' common designs and is exerting all its energies to forestall them.

## KAISER AND HEAD OF NAVY TO CONFER

Berlin, April 28, by wireless to Sayville.—Vice-Admiral Eduard von Capelle, the naval officer who succeeded Admiral Von Tirpitz last month as minister of the navy, left Berlin on Wednesday to confer with the Emperor at the German army headquarters, or at the German to visit Emperor at Front.

Washington, April 28.—Secretary of State Lansing announced late today that Ambassador Gerard, in a cable despatch telling of his invitation to visit Emperor William at grand headquarters, declared that he did not know the purpose of the conference.

The Emperor, Mr. Lansing added, had invited Mr. Gerard to visit him at the front, without giving him any explanation.

## DROPS DEAD WHILE ORDERING WREATH FOR COFFIN OF DEAD STEPPSON

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 28.—Mrs. James R. Howie dropped dead at her residence on Waterloo Road, this afternoon just after telephoning to a florist in connection with an order for a wreath to be placed on the coffin of her stepson, J. Robert Howie, who died on Thursday. Deceased, who was about 68 years of age, was the widow of James R. Howie and her death is due to heart failure from which she had suffered at times. One son, George E. Howie, of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Foley Parker, who has been residing here with her, survive. The late Mrs. Howie was one of Fredericton's most prominent women. She had taken an active part in church and charitable works and was one of the leading members of Daughters of Empire provincial chapter.

## WOODSTOCK MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN DORCHESTER

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, April 28.—The circuit court, Judge McKeown presiding, which has been in session all week, adjourned this afternoon until May 11. Thomas Carnes, convicted of indecent assault on his step-daughter, was given two years in penitentiary with hard labor and Deputy Sheriff Armstrong leaves tomorrow morning with the prisoner for Dorchester.

Colby Swift convicted of theft, was sentenced to two months in the county jail.

## RELIEF SHIP ON WAY TO KUT-EL-AMARA GROUNDS IN TIGRIS

Only aerial and artillery activities mark the progress of the war on the European fields, but the British have met with reverses both in Egypt and Mesopotamia.

In a battle near Quatia, according to reports from Constantinople, a British force of four cavalry squadrons has been annihilated by the Turks who captured 300 prisoners, besides inflicting heavy losses.

London announces that an attempt to relieve the beleaguered forces of Gen. Townshend at Kut-el-Amara failed when a vessel loaded with supplies grounded in the Tigris river, four miles east of Kut. The affair, the official statement says, was carried out with "the utmost gallantry."

Airmen also have been active in the Asiatic field, Constantinople claims a British aeroplane squadron raided Quatia after the British defeat, and threw bombs on a hospital.

The Turks attacked from an aeroplane an Entente Allied warship at the docks of Port Said, and they also dropped bombs on Entente airdrome grounds on Imbros Island.

There has been some infantry activity along front in France held by British forces, but along rest of front artillery and aerial arms have been means of attack by opposing forces.

Artillery bombardment has been violent both east and west of Meuse in Verdun region. East of Meuse Germans shelled French positions between Cote de Poivre and Doncourt. French airmen have shelled German stations and Germans have retaliated by attacks in Verdun sector. German aeroplanes have dropped bombs on Russian battleship Slava in the Gulf of Riga, and Berlin reports the action had good results. The Teutons also have attacked Russian warehouses at Rzeszow with aliphilips.

Reports of activities on the Austro-Italian line and on the Russian-Turkish front, in Asia Minor, relate no important actions.

London, April 28.—A relief ship sent by the British with supplies for the garrison at Kut-el-Amara grounded in the Tigris four miles to the east of Kut, it was announced in an official statement this evening.

London, April 28, 4.36 a. m.—The Dublin rebels have been driven out of their positions in St. Stephen's Green with bombs after sustaining heavy losses, says the Daily News.

Bulletin—Kingstown, Ireland, April 28, via London, April 29, 4.56 a. m.—Four hundred Irish rebels were made prisoners when he troops captured St. Stephen's Green and drove them out with bombs.

Berlin, April 29 by wireless to Say-

## MAYOR MARTIN MUST PAY \$1000 FINE FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Montreal, April 28.—In the court of King's bench, appeal side, this afternoon, Chief Justice Archibald, who presided, confirmed, in a judgment handed down by him, the fine of \$1,000 imposed upon Mayor Martin by Mr. Justice McLennan for contempt of court in connection with the discussion of a new transportation agreement with the Tramways Company last June.

WAGE INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES OF PAPER MILLS.

New York, April 28.—The International Paper Company, operating mills in New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, has granted a wage increase of approximately 19 per cent. to its employees, effective May 1. It was made known at the company's headquarters here today.

ville—An official report issued today by the German admiralty announces that three German aeroplanes yesterday dropped thirty-one bombs on the Russian battleship Slava. Several of the bombs are said to have taken effect and a fire on the battleship was distinctly observed.

## EIGHT GERMAN PLOTTERS ARE INDICTED

New York, April 28.—The federal grand jury returned an indictment today against the eight Germans recently arrested on the charge of engaging in a conspiracy to place incendiary bombs on ships carrying munitions for the Entente Allies and against Dr. Walter T. Schuele, president of the Agriculture Chemical Company, the alleged leader of the conspiracy, who has not yet been arrested.

## BEYOND CONTROL OF POLICE

The trouble was beyond the power of the police to deal with. Small detachments of lancers appeared on the national Pass Company also sought a time extension from the shell committee, but so far as the record produced is concerned, failed to get it.

Knew Nothing of Alleged Rake-Off.

Col. David Carnegie is still on the stand, and though he has been three days, his main examination is not yet finished.

Col. Carnegie disavowed any knowledge of the alleged agreement for "rake-offs" by Youkum, Baswick, Allister et al, as made by G. W. Kyle, M. P., in the Commons. He said he had never heard of it in any way either directly or indirectly. The commission adjourned until Monday afternoon.

At the close of the morning session Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, K. C., government counsel, revealed an entirely new aspect of the shell committee. From his reading of the papers in the case it would appear that the body was sitting under false colors, and did not all represent the war office, but themselves, and that General Sir Sam Hughes really was the man who represented the secretary of state for war.

The shell committee, not as an administrative body, but as contractors themselves, entered into a contract with General Hughes in his representative capacity.

In the case of the original order it was they who made the shells or sublet the orders. In other words, the papers put in by Mr. Hellmuth establish, in effect, that they awarded the contract to themselves. This is indicated in the form of contract produced by counsel for the government.