

Resumption of the Fuse Inquiry at Ottawa
Further Heavy German Attacks at Verdun
British Win Sweeping Victory in the Sudan

GERMANS AGAIN LAUNCH GREAT ATTACKS AGAINST FRENCH LINES; FRENCH GAVE WAY SOME GROUND

Weak Point of the Defence Seems to be in the Neighborhood of Cumieres - Bulgar Activity Along Macedonian Front.

London.—Fresh troops in large masses are being thrown by the Germans against the French lines north-west of Verdun and twice within the last 24 hours General Nivelle's forces have been compelled to give ground. The weakest point in the French defence appears to be in the neighborhood of Cumieres between that village and Dead Man Hill, to the west. This line was dented by the Germans for a distance of more than 300 yards in the third of a series of violent assaults yesterday afternoon. Last night the Germans returned to the attacks at a fresh division and Paris admits that in the face of this drive the French were forced to retire slightly along the Bethincourt-Cumieres road. The German attacks apparently were equally violent along other sections of the front west of the Meuse, but according to the French war office nowhere else were the Crown Prince's men able to gain ground. East of the river heavy artillery fire in the region of Fort Douaumont is reported. Advances from the Balkans show a continuation of Bulgarian activity along the Macedonian front following the recent occupation by King Ferdinand's troops of forts on Greek territory in the vicinity of Demir-Hissar. The Bulgarians are reported to be concentrating additional forces near the Greek border, at Nevrokop and Xanthi, while along the Vardar River the advance lines of the Entente forces are being bombarded. A Rome despatch through Paris declares that neutral diplomatic circles in the Italian capital have information that the Bulgarian advance into Greek territory came about through a secret agreement between Greece and Bulgaria.

SLIGHT GAIN FOR THE HUNS NEAR VERDUN

French Retired a Little on Bethincourt-Cumieres Road.

Paris, May 30, 12.01 p.m. — A strong attack was made last night with a fresh division of German troops on the Verdun front west of the Meuse between Dead Man's Hill and Cumieres. The War Office statement of to-day says there was a slight French retirement on the Bethincourt-Cumieres road. All attempts of the Germans to gain ground on the remainder of the positions under attack were repulsed. The Germans maintained heavy artillery fire west of Fort Douaumont.

SIMPLICITY TO MARK FUNERAL

Democratic Spirit of J. J. Hill Will Follow Him to the Grave.

MANY MESSAGES TO FAMILY Flags in St. Paul at Half-mast and Banks Will Close.

St. Paul, Minn., May 30.—Simplicity will mark the funeral of James J. Hill, pioneer railroad builder, who died at his home yesterday from blood poisoning. The democratic spirit of the "Empire builder" will follow him to his last resting place. His great home will be opened to the employees of the Great Northern railroad this afternoon, and the fact that to-day is a holiday will make it possible for most of the several thousand of the employees of the company here and in Minneapolis to view the body of their employer. Funeral services will be held from the home Wednesday, 2 p.m. Right Rev. Thomas J. Gibbons, vicar-general, will have charge of the services. The funeral will be public, but only relatives, close friends and persons employed by the Hill interests are expected to attend. All day and through the night messages from all sections of the country were received by members of the family. They came from railroad presidents, financiers, civic and state organizations and political leaders. All expressed grief at the loss of one of the nation's most widely known men and offered condolence. All day long throngs of persons passed the big brown mansion on Summit avenue. Every flag in the city was at half-mast and in the city will be closed at 1.30 p.m.

GERMANY WOULD LIKE TO DICTATE PEACE CONDITIONS

All Huns Hope That It Will Be Able to Do So.

FOOD PROBLEM IS SERIOUS But German Editor Says People Will Bear With It and Win Out.

Berlin, May 30.—(Montreal Gazette)—The question of peace and particularly of possible mediation by President Wilson, continued to be much discussed here, Eugene Zimmermann, editor of The Lokal Anzeiger, says: "The idea of bringing the war to an end through the mediation of a neutral power arose in the first months of the war when it was seen how the conflict continued to spread and what colossal values it must annihilate. The few men who came into discussion as mediators and to whom the neutral powers behind lend the request importance, in addition to their own personalities are regarded with confidence or suspicion, according as they have shown themselves friendly or unfriendly to one side or the other during the course of the war. In this connection, however, the issuance of the mediator in the final outcome of negotiations has undoubtedly been over-estimated."

KAVALA, OBJECT OF BULGARIANS

In Rome it is Thought Greece Secretly in League With Teutons.

Rome, May 30 (New York Times cable)—News from Greece is awaited with great interest, as any advance of the Bulgarians in Greece affects the allies position at Saloniki. It is considered here that converging pressure on the valley of the Struma and Xanthi can only mean the Bulgarians have Kavala as an object, while it is pointed out the Greek Government only protested after the event. Military circles are inclined to believe that Greece has a secret understanding with the Central Powers who naturally promised that the occupation of Greek territory would be only temporary while Germany would support Greek pretensions in Epirus. Otherwise it is asked, how can Greek compliance be explained to her hereditary enemy, Bulgaria, who hitherto has been as a red rag to a bull to every Greek?

COL. J. W. ALLISON SAYS HE DID NOT THINK HE TALKED FUSES WITH LLOYD HARRIS

Again on the Stand This Morning and E.F.B. Johnson Continued His Cross-Examination—Mr. Carvell Also Cross-Examined the Witness.

Ottawa, Ont., May 30.—Col. J. Wesley Allison, was again on the stand at this morning's session of the Meredith-Duff inquiry and his cross-examination by Mr. E. F. B. Johnson, chief opposition counsel, was continued. Col. Allison said he did not think he had discussed fuse contracts with Mr. Lloyd Harris of the Russell Motor Car Company, in New York, as sworn by the latter. Questioned as to the \$25,000 which Mr. B. F. Yoakum had previously testified he had paid Col. Allison at the time they had entered into partnership, the witness explained that this was to cover money he had spent on contracts up to that time for rifles, shrapnel, etc., and was paid as a bonus.

DEATH OF MR. L. WESTBROOK

Son of Late Mr. George Westbrook, Echo Place, Passes Away in Buffalo.

Many residents of Brantford and Brant County will be sincerely sorry to hear of the death in Buffalo of Mr. Lloyd Westbrook, son of the late Mr. George Westbrook of Echo Place. The deceased, who was in his fiftieth year, had suffered for some time with anemia. He went to the Bison City position in financial circles, being at the time in charge of the head of the Lackawanna Bank. He leaves to mourn his loss Mrs. Westbrook and Misses Maud and Minerva Westbrook, of this city, who were at his bedside when the end came, and a brother, Dr. H. Westbrook of Cleveland. His wife, who was Miss McMaster, daughter of the late Mr. McMaster, president of the Union Bank, Buffalo, also survives. There was no funeral.

Mr. Carvell produced a telegram. "Do you recognize this as your handwriting?" he asked. "I sent that telegram."

TELEGRAM TO HUGHES

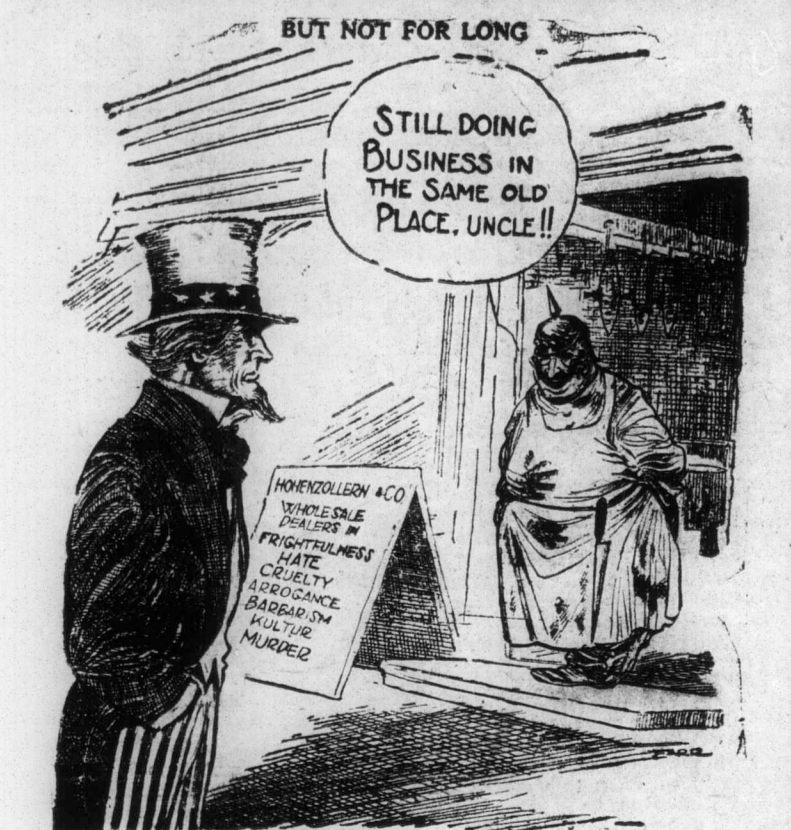
Mr. Carvell then read it. It was dated September, 1914, was addressed to General Hughes at Valcartier and stated that Col. Allison had secured an option on all brass cartridge cases for 18 pounders at \$1.85 each, which could be manufactured in the United States for the next year. It stated that "Griffiths of Montreal is trying to purchase." "Perhaps Mr. Carvell would help the witness by saying where he got the document," said Mr. George F. Henderson, Col. Allison's counsel, sarcastically. "GOT IT FROM PROVIDENCE JOURNAL." "I got it from Mr. John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, the man who has done more to break up the German propaganda in the United States than anyone else. I have a whole bagful of such documents," said Mr. Carvell. Mr. Carvell then asked the witness whether the \$2.50 which was secured by Col. Allison from the Edwards Valve Company as a quotation for cartridge cases for the shell committee there had been added four cents commission for him or anybody else. The witness said it had not. There were several interventions by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Ewart and other counsel at this point, which Mr. Justice Duff pronounced to be on trivial grounds. Col. Allison then stated in reply to a further series of questions that he had never spoken to General Hughes about the Edwards Valve Company. This reply did not seem to satisfy Mr. Carvell, and Mr. Justice Duff observed: "Some people seem to imagine this commission came from the moon last week."

Townshend Held Out Until the Last Gasp

Whole Garrison Would Have Perished Had British Kept Up Their Defence a Few Days Longer.

New York, May 30.—The Evening World to-day publishes the following: "Bombay, India, May 30.—Stories of the terrible suffering of the British and Indian soldiers and the inhabitants of Kut-el-Amara before General Townshend gave up his gallant defense of the place, have been brought here by wounded and diseased prisoners who were exchanged for Turkish prisoners. They were frightfully emaciated. The whole garrison would have perished if Townshend had held out a few days longer. When the capitulation was signed, only six mules were left to feed the army and 20,000 of the civil population. When Townshend tried to send the Turkish civilians out into the Turkish lines, the Turks hanged forty of them as a warning to the remainder to stay and consume the British food. Before the surrender, every cannon, projectile, rifle and cartridge was destroyed. A diary of the siege shows only suffering for food. Before the surrender a dead officer's kit was sold. Eighty dollars was paid for a box of cigars and \$20 for fifty American cigarettes. In February the rations daily consisted of a pound of barley meal bread and a pound and a quarter of mutton or horse flesh. In April it was four ounces of bread and a pound of flesh. In February scurvy appeared, and when British aeroplanes dropped seeds, Townshend turned his army into gardeners. Milestones too were dropped from aeroplanes to grind flour. Stray cats furnished a delicate rabbit supper.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



No Mission to United States

London, May 30.—On being asked in the House of Commons to-day whether any diplomatic visit to the United States on behalf of the British Government, had been determined upon, Foreign Secretary Grey replied in the negative. "Ambassador Spring-Rice possesses the full confidence of the government," he added.

Auto Bus Tragedy.

Wilkes-Barre Pa. May 30.—One man was killed and eight others were injured to-day when a big automobile bus, with eighteen persons on board backed over a ten foot embankment at Bear Creek, near here. Patrick Fagan, of this city, driver and owner of the machine, was pinned under the car and crushed to death.

Famous Raider Dead.

Washington May 30.—Col. John S. Mosby the most famous Confederate raider of the Civil War died here to-day after a long illness. He was a native of Virginia and was 82 years old. Attempt of power oil corporations to seize the navy's oil reserve lands in California is revealed in a rider to the Administration's conservation bill.

WAIT TILL THE FALL

"Only when our foes shall have realized the true situation, that is to say, in the fall at the earliest, will they consider the then most important question, whether they shall fight or conclude peace on the basis of the war situation. "Whether in the latter case they care to send a mediator or themselves come to us, will be a matter of indifference to us, for neither the one nor the other step would alter the situation. Therefore, it could not alter the final result of the war."

New Derby Stakes.

Newmarket, Eng. May 30.—3.05 p.m.—The new derby stakes of 6,800 sovereigns were run here to-day and won by Finella. Kwangsu was second and Nassovian was third. Ten horses started.

Germans Claim Gain.

Berlin, May 3, via London.—The capture of French positions along the entire front between the southern ridge of Dead Man Hill and the village of Cumieres south of the Corbeaux and Cumieres woods was announced to-day by the war office. Thirty officers, including several staff officers and 1,313 un wounded men, were captured by the Germans. Two counter-attacks against Cumieres village by the French were repulsed.

Large Transport Steamer Sunk

Rome, May 30.—Via Paris, 4.05 p.m.—A large transport steamer was torpedoed and sunk by an Italian warship in the Austrian harbor of Trieste on the night of May 28, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Assizes Open.

Winnipeg, Man. May 30.—The summer assizes were formally opened at noon to-day. The trials of Thomas Kelly Dr. Simpson and the ex-ministers are not expected to begin for several days.

Elevator Burned.

Calgary, Alta., May 30.—The North Star Elevator at Kelsy, has been burned with seventeen thousand bushels of oats and ten thousand bushels of wheat.

Rabbits for Soldiers.

Norfolk, Va., May 30.—Five hundred thousand rabbits, which will furnish food for the Allies' armies, commission steamer, Cumberland which arrived here to-day from Wellington, N. Z., to coal. The ship is en route to Liverpool.

Decorated Grave.

Louisville, Ky., May 30.—In commemoration of the death of Harry C. Pulliam, late president of the National League, who died in July, 1909, a floral wreath was placed on his grave in Cave Hill cemetery here to-day by the Baseball Writers Association of America. The Senate has adopted the amendment accepting the electric plant donated by the New York World for the purpose of lighting the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

PREPARATIONS MADE YESTERDAY FOR TAG DAY NEXT SATURDAY

A special meeting of the executive of the Women's Hospital Aid and heads of Districts for Hospital Day, was held yesterday afternoon in the Public Library, with a good attendance, the President, Mrs. Schell, presiding. Reports were received showing that good progress has already been made in organizing for the Rose Day campaign, on Saturday next. Headquarters will be in the unoccupied store of the old Y.M.C.A. building on Colborne Street, kindly loaned for this purpose by the owners, Dr. James and Mr. B. J. Wade. A telephone will be installed in good time, and furniture, etc., to make all comfortable. Volunteer offerings of motors for use on Saturday, to carry supplies, will be gratefully received. The county has not been forgotten and heads have been appointed to manage the collecting in the various districts. The city has been partitioned off with the following ladies in charge: Colborne Street, Mrs. H. R. Yates; Centre of city, Mrs. J. M. Young; Mrs. T. L. Wood; North Ward, Mrs. W. C. Livingston; East Ward, Mrs. W. F. Cocksbutt with Mesdames Ames and McFarland; Eagle Place, Mrs. Julius Waterous; West Brantford, Miss Leinster; Terrace Hill, Mrs. M. F. Muir; Holmedale, Mrs. Davis; Market, Mrs. C. J. Mitchell; Manufacturers, Mrs. Geo. Watt, Mrs. F. D. Reville; Refreshments, Mrs. Chas. Taylor; Transportation, Mrs. W. G. Strong; Miss L. Jones. Paris will be visited by a number of Brantford young ladies in motors, on Friday, June 2nd, with baskets full of roses, and they will assist the Paris contingent in their efforts for Hospital Day.

British Victory in Sudan Greater Than at First Reported, Says London

Ali Dinar, Sultan of Darfur, Had All His Best Troops Present, But They Were Completely Defeated and Most of His Commanders Taken.

London, May 30.—Further reports on the fighting last week in the Sudan, in which Col. Kelley's force defeated some 3,000 troops of Ali Dinar, Sultan of Darfur, show the British victory to have been greater than at first announced, according to an official statement to-day which says: "The completeness of the victory over the Sultan of Darfur on May 22 is confirmed by a further telegram by the Sirdar. All the Sultan's best troops and commanders were present. Most of the latter were accounted for or have since surrendered. The disarmament of the tribesmen is proceeding satisfactorily. Several thousand rifles and a large quantity of ammunition have already been handed in. "On the morning following the battle our airships threw bombs on a large body of men fleeing from El Fasher with Ali Dinar. The latter was last seen at the head of a following of only 300 men. He was faced by a journey of one and a half days across a waterless desert before he could reach Gebel Marra."

THEATRE

John Barrymore In NEARLY A KING Comedy of Romance and Adventure

The Red Circle DOWING Attraction Indian Troops at Toronto and Toronto DYS ON PARADE

TU-NIGHT

AND HIS BAND Brantford Bales Drug Store 75c and \$1.00 After Performance.

Theatre 10c

TUESDAY LONDON'S LEGACY" AND THURSDAY "Almost a Widow," "Patriot and the Way."

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