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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1916

PROBS: Thursday: Fair.

ONE CENT

Mr. Lloyd Harris Testifies at Fuse Investigation
Berlin Reports Naval Skirmishes Off Belgium
Activity on Verdun Front Has Now Decreased

GERMANY MAKES MENTION OF A
NAVAL SKIRMISH IN NORTH SEA

Says Two German
Torpedo Boats
Fought Five Brit-
ish Destroyers and
Damaged One of
Them.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, May 10 (by wireless to Sayville)—In an engagement off the Belgian coast on Monday between German and British torpedo craft, a British destroyer was badly damaged by artillery fire, according to official announcement by the German admiralty under date of May 9.
"Two German torpedo boats," says the official statement, "while reconnoitering on the morning of May 8, had a brief engagement north of Ostend with five British torpedo boat destroyers. One destroyer was badly damaged by artillery fire. The German torpedo boats returned to port undamaged."

MARQUIS AND
LADY ABERDEEN
HERE TOMORROW

Will Address Meeting at
Victoria Hall in the
Afternoon.

CIVIC LUNCH
IN THEIR HONOR

The Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, accompanied by Sir John and Lady Gibson, Mrs. Sanford of Hamilton, and Mr. Torrington of Toronto, president of the National Council of Women, will arrive in Brantford tomorrow at 12:30 by private radial car from Hamilton. They will be met by Mayor Bowby, Mrs. Buck, representing the local Council of Women and Mrs. Livingston, representing the Women's Patriotic League, and taken to the Kerby House, where a civic luncheon will be held in their honor at 2 o'clock.

At 3:30 the Marchioness of Aberdeen will address a meeting in Victoria Hall. Lady Aberdeen is president of the International Council of Women and will likely urge upon the audience the necessity of forming circles for the study of a basis of international peace when the time for peace comes. She also makes a plea for liberal help for the blind, particularly soldiers, emphasizing the importance of plenty of reading matter, although it is expensive and takes up much room. The Marquis of Aberdeen will very likely address the meeting also.
After the Victoria Half meeting is over, the guests will be driven about the city and shown, among other sights, the Blind Institute and possibly the Mohawk Institute. They return to Hamilton by radial leaving at 6:50 p.m.

Nationalists are Becoming
Alarmed at Executions
Taking Place in Ireland

Arthur Lynch Issues a Statement Declaring Shooting
Should Cease, Martial Law Revoked, and Matters
Allowed to Revert to Normal Conditions.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, May 10.—The execution of the leaders of the Sinn Fein revolt continues to exercise gravely the minds of the Nationalists. Arthur Lynch, Nationalist member of parliament for the County of Clare, in a statement to-day on behalf of his party, says:
"In the best interests of the allies and the conduct of the war, Englishmen should put aside every other feeling and recognize the harm already done by shootings after the insurrection has been entirely quelled. Not only should the shootings entirely

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



TO CROWN PRINCE: The war will end at Verdun. (Signed) WILHELM II.—N. Y. Herald.

GENERAL FEELING AMONG
THE AMERICANS THAT THEY
SHOULD LEAVE MEXICO NOW

Admiral Winslow States Steamer San
Juan Had Taken 68 United States
Refugees, and Was Proceeding to
California.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Washington, May 10.—Secretary of War Baker informed President Wilson to-day that the conference between General Scott and General Obregon last night was not conclusive and that it would be continued to-day. He indicated that the outlook was more favorable for an agreement being reached. The exact points of discussion were not revealed.
General Scott has advised Secretary Baker that no formal counter-propo-

als have been submitted by Gen. Obregon, but that Obregon arranged to submit a paper containing his views to-day. General Scott did not advise the department what counter-proposals were under consideration.
Secretary Baker to-day received an offer from Governor Pinkham of Hawaii, tendering the services of the Hawaiian national guard.
Admiral Winslow, commanding on the west Mexican coast, reported to the navy department to-day that the steamer San Juan had taken 68 American refugees from Manzanillo and 23 from Mazatlan, and was proceeding with them to San Diego, Cal. The admiral made no reference in his despatch to new disturbances on the coast, but said there was a general feeling among Americans to leave Mexico.

Of Interest Here.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, May 10.—A news agency despatch from Rome to-day says: "The consistorial congregation to-day published a decree confirming the decision of the third plenary council of Baltimore forbidding priests to promote charity balls. The decree particularly directs the attention of American and Canadian bishops to the decision."

Wilson Endorsed.
New Haven, Conn., May 10.—The Democratic state convention to-day adopted resolutions endorsing the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and instructing the Connecticut delegates to the national convention at St. Louis next month to vote for his re-nomination.

SIGNS OF PEACE

London, May 10.—(Cable to the New York Times)—A despatch to the Morning Post from Saloniki says:
"Messages from Constantinople state that a grand council, was held in the Sultan's palace at Dolma bagiche to consider terms of peace.
"Preachers in the principal mosques are urging the people to prepare for liberation."
"A secret committee is forming and grave events are anticipated."

INTERNATIONAL
PLANT WAS
WELL EQUIPPED

Plant Now Turning Out 16,000
Fuses Per
Day.

MAJOR HAWKINS
GIVES EVIDENCE

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Ottawa, Ont., May 10.—Highly technical evidence was given before the Royal Commission inquiring into fuse contracts this morning by Major Hawkins, formerly in the United States at Brantford, and now with the International Arms and Fuse Co. Major Hawkins, who said that with Col. Rogers Burney, also in the company's employ, and one of the best known ordnance experts in the world, he was one of the comparatively few officers in the United States acquainted with fuse making, referred to the International plant as a highly equipped one, being one of the first in the world, for instance, to be equipped for complete control of atmospheric conditions. The plant was now turning out 16,000 fuses a day, and at the end of the month would be producing the full amount of its delivery under its contract, 20,000. The fuses were standing up well to the test. Major Hawkins told of the difficulties encountered by his firm, such as in getting machinery, training its employees, getting powder from the Dupont Company, which had been built up three times, etc.
It took eight or nine months to build up a fuse manufacturing plant without expert employees; it would take over a year without such expert help. The International Company had originally had a nucleus of 38 men with actual experience in fuse-making, and now had 2,000 employees, many of them being women, who were in fact, better adapted for some parts of the work than men.
POOR INSPECTORS.
Major Hawkins also gave evidence as to trouble with the inspectors sent down to the plant by the Canadian inspection bureau and by Woolwich Arsenal, for which the International firm was also manufacturing gauges. "These inspectors were 'preachers, lawyers and other people,' and had to be trained.
Examined by Mr. A. W. Atwater, K. C., for the International Company, Major Hawkins said that "malicious persons" had tried to put the plant out of business; abrasive substances had been mixed with the powder with which the fuses were loaded; hand grenades had been thrown into the plant and threats had been made against the company's officials. As a result the guard had been increased and secret service men in plain clothes scattered throughout the factories, an expensive item. Major Hawkins said he knew no better fuse making plant in the world than the International firm, which would soon reach the maximum of its efficiency. It had furnished information as to fuse manufacture freely to the Shell Committee and to Canadian manufacturers including the Northern Electric Company which was doing the assembling for the Russell Motor Car Company.

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MR. LLOYD HARRIS ON WITNESS
STAND HAS SEVERE GRIELLING

Considered Col. Carnegie an Honest
Man and Yet to Have Been Under
Dishonest Pressure—Justice Meridith
Severely Questions the Witness.

Ottawa, May 10.—Seldom has any prominent Canadian manufacturer been subjected to so grilling a cross-examination as that submitted to by Mr. Lloyd Harris, president of the Russell Motor Car Company, yesterday before the Meredith-Duff Commission. Mr. Harris appeared with extensive memoranda detailing various negotiations he had had with Colonel Carnegie and the Shell Committee in his efforts to secure fuse contracts. For hours he was examined, cross-examined, re-examined, and then examined again, with regard to details on these. For the first time direct statements regarding Colonel Allison as the man to be seen in connection with fuse contracts, were brought in, and Mr. Harris intimated that it was his impression that it was dishonesty and the presence of middlemen which prevented him from getting fuse contracts. At the same time he intimated his belief that Colonel Carnegie was an honest man who had been forced by some one "higher up" to do things against his better judgment, and that he had already been cross-examined by four counsel. Sir William Meredith sharply asked Mr. Harris if it was customary to make notes with regard to all transactions as he had done in this case. Mr. Harris replied that it was his custom.
"I suppose you recognize that Col. Carnegie's duty was not to allow any fuses to be contracted for unless in his judgment they could be properly made at the factory proposing to make them?"
"Can you suggest any possible motive, Col. Carnegie could have for treating you as he did?"
"I should not like to suggest any motive."
Sir Wm. Meredith: It is extremely difficult to imagine any man without personal motive treating you, as you say he did."
"It is the greatest mystery I ever had," replied Mr. Harris. "I always gave Colonel Carnegie credit for being an honorable man."
"Then how in the world can you square your evidence with that?" demanded Sir William. "You evidently believe that you were dishonestly prevented from getting your fuse contracts in Canada. How can you square that?"
"INFLUENCE AT WORK."
"The answer would be the same as I gave the Prime Minister on October 1," said Mr. Harris. "I told Sir Robert I had never had such an experience in all my history, but despite that I thought Colonel Carnegie was an honorable man, and that the only reason I could think of was that influence had been brought to bear to force him to do things that neither he nor the Shell Committee wanted to do."
Sir William Meredith: Force an honorable man to do dishonorable acts is that comprehensible?"
"It don't seem so, but it is the only thing I can explain it by."
Sir William: Wouldn't Col. Carnegie be guilty of criminal conduct if he entrusted you with making time fuses when he honestly believed you could not make them?"
"Yes."
"Then your theory is that he was an honorable man who had been forced by someone else to do something against his better judgment?"
"That is my impression."
"Then," rather warmly proceeded Sir William, "let us call a spade a spade. You considered in your interviews with members of the Shell Committee that events indicated that middlemen were being used in these large transactions. Did not you, as

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Attack on the French Be-
tween Oise and Aisne
Repulsed.

BERLIN SAYS
GAINS MADE

French Detachments South
of Hill 304 Driven
Back.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, May 10.—2:30 p.m.—Activity on the Verdun front has decreased, according to the statement given out by the war office this afternoon. Artillery action west of the Meuse was less pronounced and east of the river was only intermittent. An attack on French trenches between the Oise and the Aisne was repulsed.
The text of the statement follows:
"Between the Oise and the Aisne a coup de main upon one of our trenches southeast of Moutain-Sous-Toutvent was completely checked."
"In the Verdun region the bombardment west of the Meuse noticeably diminished. East of the Meuse and in the Woerwe region there was intermittent cannonading."
"Hand grenade skirmishes were reported during the night in the woods of Avocourt and the region south of Fort Douaumont."
"In Upper Alsace an enemy reconnoitering party which attempted to seize one of four small posts near Hirschbach south of Alstirch, was repulsed with losses."

THE GERMAN CLAIM

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, May 10.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The Germans have made further progress on Hill 304, on the Verdun front, and have driven back French detachments south of the hill, the war office statement of to-day says. The text of the official statement is as follows:
"In the Argonne, the enemy, after a mining operation, attempted to enter our lines, but was repulsed."
"Southwest of Hill 304 advanced detachments of the enemy were driven further back. One detachment was captured. The new German positions on Hill 304 were extended."
"German airmen dropped numerous bombs on factories at Dombast (Argonne) and Raon l'Etape, Vosges."
"Eastern front: A Russian attack south of Garbunovka along a small front was repulsed. The enemy suffered heavy losses."
"Balkan front: There has been no special event."

84TH INQUIRY.

TORONTO, May 10.—By
orders from Ottawa, the
court of inquiry into the ad-
ministration of the 84th Bat-
talion, which began at Ex-
hibition Camp to-day, was held
behind closed doors.

New Aeroplanes.

Copenhagen, via London, May 10.—
The National Committee, which is
collecting funds for the purchase of
fifty aeroplanes has decided that a
majority of them shall be made in
Denmark and the remainder in Swe-
den and America. The types are to
include the latest double-deckers and
swift monoplanes.

GERMAN FLEET
REPORTED AGAIN
IN NORTH SEA

Norwegian Vessels Report
Having Been Stopped
by It.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, May 10.—A London despatch to a news agency here to-day says:
"According to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., Norwegian vessels which have arrived at Copenhagen from England report meeting a large German squadron, as well as submarines, in the North Sea."
"The Steamship Zeeta was stopped and her papers examined three times."
"Because a poisonous insect bit her after she had been put off a train in Texas, a New York woman has sued the railroad for \$10,000 damages."

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