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NO DESIGNS ON SURPLUS AFTER CONTRACTS LET

Gen. Benson and Col. Lafferty Defend Attitude of Shell Committee.

ITS STATUS DOUBTFUL

Members Grew Somewhat Uneasy Over Threatened Legal Tangle.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, May 15.—The efforts of the royal commission today were mainly directed toward ascertaining what the views of the members of the shell committee were with regard to their status, and also what they intended to do with the millions of profits they piled up on the transactions between the British war office and themselves.

Two ex-members of the committee, Gen. Thomas Benson and Col. Lafferty, were on the stand, and both stoutly maintained that there never was any other idea so far as they knew, but to turn such profits back to the British war office, and concerning the legal position of the committee, both witnesses agreed that in the early stages it was that of trustees for the British Government. Subsequently, the members of the committee, witnesses agreed, became a little alarmed themselves at their legal position.

Both witnesses proved rather hazy on the financial details of the contracts under investigation, and consequently could say little as to the meaning of the second and third contracts between the war office and the shell committee. Colonel Lafferty gave the reason why he thought

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LARGE GERMAN FLEET LEFT KIEL FOR RIGA

Several Battleships of Largest Type Are Included in Squadron.

LONDON, May 15.—(3.06 a.m.)—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Copenhagen says that a large German fleet which has left Kiel for Riga includes the new battleship Hindenburg and several other battleships of the largest type.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE only event of note in the region of Verdun yesterday was the capture of about 220 yards of trenches on the heights of the Meuse from the Germans by the French in a swift and sudden attack, prepared for by bombardment. In the Champagne the Germans showed signs of coming activity. They bombarded the French lines in the region of Le Mesnil-Les Maisons de Champagne, and they then launched several simultaneous attacks with small effectives at various points. These were either stopped short by the French curtains of fire, or repulsed by counter-attacks.

The trying out of a scheme of attacks by a new method, that of a series of small, isolated onslaughts, as inaugurated by the enemy in Champagne yesterday, suggests that the Germans are convinced of the breakdown of their previous tactics, as employed at Ypres, the Dnjac and Verdun, and that they are endeavoring to work out a new plan of clinching victory that does not involve such a tremendous waste of life. The German tactical scheme of attempting to thrust infantry forward to capture positions and to clinch a success was invented by the Kaiser. It was realized that this method of fighting was costly. But the German general staff believed before it began the war that a complete victory would be won by Christmas, 1914, or by spring at the latest, and for a speedy victory it was prepared to sacrifice a great many men.

But never yet has the German system of tactics succeeded. Even when their artillery could open a comparatively narrow gap in the Russian lines last summer, the German infantry could do no more than occupy the "cultivated" ground. Whenever it tried to clinch the decision with the Russian infantry it was given more fighting than it could stand. When the Russians would fall back in good order to a new position, the German infantry had to let them fall back in good order, and the Russians would hold out till the Germans slowly brought up their heavy guns. At Verdun the French were fully prepared for the negating of the German scheme of attack, and the result is that the German war machine is stalled. With men trained to fight shoulder to shoulder, it is well nigh impossible to change an

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CANADIANS WILL CUT TIMBER FOR BRITAIN

Fifteen Hundred Woodmen Will Supply Great Lumber Shortage.

LONDON, May 15.—The president of the board of trade, in the house of commons today, said that 1500 Canadian woodmen had come to Great Britain to cut timber.

"We are so short of timber," he said, "that the work must be done forthwith, the every endeavor is being made to do it economically."

LAURIER IS INTERESTED IN RAINBOW'S EXPLOIT

But Hon. J. D. Hazen Declines to Give Much Light.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., May 15.—On the orders of the day in the house today, Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked for official confirmation of the report that the Rainbow had captured a vessel under German charter carrying sugar, corn and cotton for the use of the enemy.

Hon. J. D. Hazen said the steamer in question was discussed, and, also those present were pledged to secrecy, it is rumored that cold water had been thrown on the proposal. The discussion was very full and frank, but it is asserted that the result was unsatisfactory.

SLASHING ATTACK MADE ON CARVELL

Notorious Pro-German Hired to Trail Hughes, Says Ottawa Journal

CARVELL STRIKES BACK

He Says "Questionable Operations" Will Be Delved Into to Limit.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., May 15.—Commenting upon Frank Carvell, M.P.'s denunciation in parliament Saturday that the Liberal party engaged Wm. Travers Jerome to dig up information in the United States about General Sir Sam Hughes, the Ottawa Journal, in a front page editorial professes to be astonished. The article refers to a "Mr. Carvell's desperate blunder" and hints at his lack of patriotism in employing a notorious pro-German.

Speaking to newspapermen today, in reference to Jerome's appointment, Mr. Carvell said:

"I went to Jerome because he was reputed to be the ablest lawyer in the United States. No man knew the underworld, as Allison knew it, better than Jerome. And Sam Hughes thinks he can draw the attention of the public from the questionable operations of his bosom friends by the references he has made, he has some more thinking coming to him."

Cheered by Thousands. Mr. Asquith, who arrived in the private motor car of Baron Wimborne, former lord lieutenant of Ireland, was tendered a luncheon by the lord mayor and then had a conference with about a dozen leaders of the local commercial community.

During the evening the Ulster Unionist Council received the following telegram from Sir Edward Carson:

"I know nothing whatever of the rumors as to the government of Ireland appearing in the press, nor as to the foundation of them."

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OTTAWA'S BIG FIRE POSSIBLY INCENDIARY

Commissioners Say Proof is Lacking, But Suspicion Remains.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, May 15.—While R. A. Pringle, K.C., and Judge D. B. McFavish, the two commissioners appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the fire which destroyed the parliament buildings, are of the opinion that "there is nothing in the evidence to justify your commissioners in finding that the fire was maliciously set off, yet your commissioners are of opinion that there are many circumstances connected with the fire to lead to a strong suspicion of incendiarism, especially in view of the fact that the evidence is clear that no one was smoking in the reading room for some time previous to the outbreak of the fire, and also to the fact that the fire could not have occurred from defective electric wires."

Your commissioners, says the report, "feel very strongly that it might be possible at a later date to obtain evidence which might establish beyond question whether this fire was incendiary or accidental, and would humbly suggest that this report be treated not as final, but as an interim report, and that the commission be left open."

ALLIES SETTLE WITH GREEKS.

LONDON, May 15.—The allies have settled amicably all disputes with Greece, agreeing not to violate Greek neutrality, and an official statement from the foreign office this afternoon.

ULSTER'S STAFF CHECK TO PLAN FOR DISARMING

Premier Asquith's Visit to Belfast Has Apparently Been Failure.

COMPROMISE REMOTE

Ulstermen Evidently as Hostile to Home Rule as in Past.

BELFAST, May 15.—Stubborn disinclination to accept anything in the way of a government which might imply the (future) subjection of Ulster to home rule was evident today on the occasion of Premier Asquith's visit to Belfast, which lasted only a few hours. So far as can be learned the premier's conference with a large body of representative Ulstermen was disappointing.

It is understood that the question of the general disarmament of forces in Ireland not authorized by the government was discussed, and, also those present were pledged to secrecy, it is rumored that cold water had been thrown on the proposal. The discussion was very full and frank, but it is asserted that the result was unsatisfactory.

Carson Not Conciliatory. Sir Edward Carson's telegram to the Ulster Unionist council, to the effect that he had no knowledge of rumors respecting the government of Ireland, did not bring about an alleviation of the situation. Carson's letter does not show any signs of accepting the compromise, which it is understood Mr. Redmond is ready to offer. Ulster's capital was almost entirely unrepresented by the recent rebellion, and the provisions of martial law have not been enforced.

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CASEMENT PUT ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

He and Suborned Soldier Came Up for Preliminary Hearing.

LED WIDE CONSPIRACY

Ramifications of Plot Extended From Germany to America.

LONDON, May 15, 8.50 p.m.—The writing of a new chapter of the history of the Sinn Fein rebellion was begun today, when Sir Roger Casement, knighted in 1911 for services to the British Government, and Daniel Julian Keefe, an Irish private soldier, one of his companions on the ill-fated submarine trip from Germany to Ireland, were placed in the dock of the Bow Street Police Court for preliminary examination, on the charge of high treason.

While considerable testimony introduced by the crown tended to incriminate Keefe, the main attack of the prosecution was directed against Casement, in an endeavor to enmesh him in a net of evidence which would establish without question the leading part in the plot.

It is claimed, he played a starring role in the conspiracy, the ramifications extended even to America.

No Ordinary Prisoner. Casement himself was the centre of all eyes during the day. It was evident that no ordinary prisoner was before the bar, for, despite the unkept condition of his clothing, he made a striking figure with neatly trimmed beard and hair brushed well back from a high forehead, underneath which were the deep-set eyes of the dreamer.

Casement busied himself taking notes, indicating that he intended to have a hand in the conduct of his defence, as the case wore on, began to display considerable self-assurance. The prosecution devoting its attention to showing how Casement carried on the alleged work of the Irish Brigade in German prison camps. The most dramatic part of the whole proceeding was the address delivered by Sir Frederick Smith, who outlined Sir Roger Casement's former services to his country, and under whose wing he had been a prisoner by his King, and then shifted abruptly to the details of the conspiracy hatched in Germany.

Casement Thanked King. It was during his address that the attorney-general introduced a letter of appreciation of the honor that he has been so graciously pleased to confer on me."

Flag from Germany. The attorney-general introduced another striking feature, when he produced in his speech to produce in court the flag which it is asserted Casement and his companions brought from Germany to Ireland. This was the emblem of the revolt—a green flag with a yellow castle upon it, and under by the motto: "The Antiqua Fuit Studiosque Asperima Belli."

Casement's attorneys made little attempt at cross-examination today, but several times questioned the witnesses as to what Casement wanted them to join the Irish brigade for. The point of the questions seemed to be to show that the freedom of Ireland was the only thing involved, and that the brigade was not to attempt to assist Germany.

Further testimony will be introduced by the crown tomorrow.

The police court hearing is merely a preliminary to the real trial which

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AUSTRALIA WILL SEEK SHACKELTON'S PARTY

Expedition Will Endeavor to Find Antarctic Explorer.

MELBOURNE, Australia, via London, May 15.—Australia will assist in organizing an expedition for the relief of Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, the British Antarctic explorer, by supplying officers and twenty-six men, who will be provisioned for eighteen months. This announcement was made today by George Foster Pearce, minister for defence, in reply to a cable enquiry from the British Government.

FOUR OR FIVE MEN ARE SHOT WHEN INTERNED ALIENS RIOT

Hun Fleet Scurried Away Before British Submarines

German Warships Were Lying Outside Gothenburg in Wait for a British Steamer.

COPENHAGEN, May 15.—A despatch to The Afton Bladet, from Gothenburg, Sweden, says that a large German fleet, which was outside Gothenburg, Saturday, with the object of capturing a British steamer about to sail for England, was forced to retire Sunday by the appearance of British submarines. The British steamer then sailed.

The German warships, however, the despatch adds, captured four Swedish steamers and took them to German harbors.

TWELVE LIVES LOST WHEN BUILDING FELL

Nearly a Score of Others Injured in Akron, Ohio, Disaster.

AKRON, Ohio, May 15.—At least a dozen persons were killed and nearly a score injured this evening when the Old Beacon Journal Building, occupied by the Crystal Restaurant, collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

A tremendous roar, echoing the screams of dying people, brought thousands to the disaster scene, in the heart of Akron's business district. Instantly the entire city rallying under the shock, plunged to the work of rescue.

A great pile of ruins, broken timbers, twisted steel and tons of brick and mortar buried the victims, who a moment before were dining in the restaurant.

A dynamite charge set off fifty feet away from the restaurant a few minutes before the disaster is believed to have been the direct cause. The crash had been the dinner hour, when the restaurant was crowded and when thousands were on the streets during the evening rush.

TO TRY MACNEILL BY COURT-MARTIAL

President of Sinn Fein Volunteers to Be Allowed Counsel.

POSTPONED PARADE

Arrest is One of Most Important Made by Authorities.

DUBLIN, May 16, 12.05 a.m.—A court-martial will shortly be called to try John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers and professor of law in the National University. It is announced that he will be allowed to be represented by counsel.

Prof. MacNeill on the Saturday before the outbreak of the revolt in Dublin sent out a notice postponing indefinitely the parade of volunteers arranged for Easter Sunday. His disappearance on the day of the opening of the disturbances, but later was arrested. His arrest was declared to be considered one of the most important made by the British authorities.

Prof. MacNeill was the organizer and vice-president of the Gaelic League, in addition to being president of the Sinn Fein volunteers. During the fighting in Dublin he was reported to have been wounded.

John Dillon, in his recent notable speech in the house of commons, said that but for the action of John MacNeill, "who broke the back of the rebellion, the military would have been fighting still."

RIVANDOUZA CAPTURED IN RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Turks Flee From Column Marching on Mosul in Mesopotamia.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, May 15.—The Russian column which has just been discovered as marching on Mosul, Mesopotamia, 200 miles north of Baghdad, is losing no time in its advance, for it has just taken the town of Rivandouza and sent Cosmales out in rapid pursuit of the fleeing Turks.

The occupation of Rivandouza marks a considerable advance since yesterday. The Turks are retreating precipitately and have abandoned convoys and quantities of war material.

The Russians also reported a Kurdish offensive launched from the direction of Diarbekr, and they report the gaining of valuable results from reconnaissances in the direction of Hamshah.

RAILWAY LOAN WAS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT

Fifteen Million Dollars Will Be Advanced to Canadian Northern.

SENATE CANNOT BLOCK

Railway Expected to Be Out of Troubles for Year.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, May 15.—The house of commons occupied today with railway legislation in committee of supply. It passed at 6 o'clock the proposed aid by way of loan to the Canadian Northern railway of \$15,000,000. All it wants is the governor-general's sanction to the supply bill, and that will be given at prorogation by the middle of the week. The senate has no say on items in the supply bill. This money will be available under an order-in-council to be drafted later on giving the government control of the accounts of the company to which the money is to be devoted. It is believed that the relief thus afforded the company will put things in fair shape for the next twelve months, allow a number of improvements to be made, contractors accounts to be paid and various services of the line substantially improved.

Bennett in Line. R. B. Bennett (Calgary), who spoke and voted against the government on the forty-five-million-dollar bond guarantee two years ago, fell into line this afternoon. It appeared, however, that in his opinion it would be just as well to let both the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific pass into the receivers' hands.

Some opposition was developed upon the second reading of the government's bill to acquire three small railways near the city of Quebec, one of them being the Quebec and Saguenay projected some years ago by Sir Rodolphe Forget, and partially constructed. Work, however, has been suspended since the fall of 1911. The bill will be in committee stage tomorrow and a sharp contest is anticipated. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who is expected to lead the fight against the bill, was absent from the city today, but will be on hand tomorrow.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier wanted to know what had become of the petition of parliament praying for an amendment of the B. N. A. Act, so as to prolong the lifetime of the present parliament. Sir George Foster said the position was in the hands of the British

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BIG REALTY DEAL

The F. B. Robins Company have sold the northeast corner of Wilson avenue and Victoria street, 104 x 100 feet, for old country clients, at a price of \$175,000. It is understood that a larger deal in that locality will be announced in a few days.

SELECT NEW OFFICERS.

St. John's Tennis Club have re-organized and will commence their summer schedule immediately the court is in condition. The new officers are: Albert Wilson, president; Bertha Fairland, vice-president; Vera Collinson, secretary; Fred Kirkwood, treasurer.

Gen. Logie Goes to Kapuskasing Camp to Investigate Outbreak Among Prisoners—More Troops Sent in to Quell Uprising.

OTTAWA, May 15.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes announced tonight that Gen. Logie, commanding the Toronto military district, had gone to the Kapuskasing internment camp where there had been an outbreak among the prisoners, resulting in four or five men being shot.

The department had no details of the occurrence, beyond that the camp was quiet now, and is awaiting the report of Gen. Logie, in whose district the outbreak occurred.

The chief of police at Cobalt stated over the long distance phone last night that according to the report reaching him, four men had been shot during a riot at Kapuskasing, but it was not known yet whether they were alien prisoners or soldiers. Gen. Logie, he said, went thru Cobalt on his way to Kapuskasing.

The Cobalt Nugget office received word that several alien enemies had been killed and several wounded in an outbreak at the Kapuskasing alien enemy camp. Additional troops had passed thru Cobalt, bound for Kapuskasing, on Sunday night. It is thought these were part of the active service soldiers stationed at North Bay.

NO FURTHER PARTICULARS.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, May 15.—No particulars have been received here of the serious fight with the Austrian prisoners of war at the internment camp at Kapuskasing, on the transcontinental, in Northern Ontario, where four Austrians are reported to have been killed and 15 wounded, while trying to escape.

Gen. Sir William Otter, who has charge of all the internment camps, is out of town, and neither the militia nor justice departments have any information.

There were about 2000 prisoners at this camp, and nearly all were Austrians. There has always been more or less trouble with prisoners trying to escape, and the trouble is always worse in the spring.

FOE TRENCHES TAKEN BY FRENCH ASSAULT

Positions Captured on Heights of Meuse in Brilliant Advance.

FIGHTS IN CHAMPAGNE

Series of Simultaneous German Onsets Completely Repulsed.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, May 15.—German trenches on a front of 200 yards on the heights of the Meuse, in the region of Verdun, were captured by the French in a sudden attack announced after preparation by artillery, the French war office announced tonight. The work was done by French patrols, which cleared the enemy out of the positions and brought back some prisoners. The French first and second lines west of the Meuse were intermittently bombarded.

Other fighting broke out in Champagne, where German attacks were unsuccessful. The enemy first bombarded the region of Le Mesnil-Les Maisons de Champagne and then launched several simultaneous attacks by small effectives. All these onsets were caught in a French curtain of fire or repulsed by counter-attacks of the French.

French artillery also shelled German detachments marching on the road between Essey and Fontenoy. The French cleared the Germans out of a first line trench near Verdunville, south of the Somme.

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