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The executors of the Last Will of he late Sarah Jeanette Kerr offers or sale by tender the following real state.

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Germans are Preparing For a Gigantic Drive
Austrians Claim Further Success Over Italy
Bourassa Speaks Violently Against British

GERMANY IS NERVING HERSELF FOR ONE GREAT SMASHING BLOW AGAINST THE FRENCH

Offensive Tactics Against the Russians are Abandoned, and All Minor Operations are Immaterial to the Unparalleled Concentration of Forces and Men, to Smash at Verdun.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, May 31—(New York Times' cable)—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Rotterdam cables:

"From the information reaching me it may be accepted that the German general army staff has decided on another supreme effort to secure a decision against the French armies. To this end all the existing efforts and energies are being devoted. There is taking place a concentration of forces in leadership and in men and material probably unparalled even in the opening stages of the offensive against Verdun not long ago.

A GREAT BLOW COMING

"Preparations are well in hand for action against the Russians on the Dvina front. These preparations have ceased or at least have taken on a much smaller character than their beginnings suggested. In fact, everything in the nature of minor operations is being carried on an immaterial scale. All else that might dissipate energies has been swept aside. Hit or miss, a great blow is to be struck, and behind that blow will be all the remaining power at the command of the general staff.

VERDUN, THE OBJECTIVE

"Verdun is, of course, the immediate objective. The transfer of troops, already recorded last week, was continuing up to Saturday, the latest date to which my information goes.

"The Russian front is being denuded almost to the last possible man. Vast quantities of munitions are in transit, and in the last few days also a large number of new heavy guns have been sent to supplement the tremendous array which struck the first blow last February.

AUSTRIANS USED.

"It comes from reliable resources that among the troops brought to the Verdun front are several thousand Austrians. It illustrates not merely Austria's complete subordination to the German general staff, but also the degree to which the supreme command of the central powers is prepared to go when it has once taken a decision."

A Rotterdam despatch to the Daily News says:

"According to the lowest estimate the Austrians transferred to the Verdun front number 60,000 men. The highest estimate which comes from Vienna places the number at 120,000."

NO DRIVE ON RUSSIA

A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says:

"There is a good deal of speculation here as to the probable plans of the Germans. The suspected German offensive on the Russian front has not begun and there are no signs of its beginning in the near future.

"On the Riga and Dvinsk fronts, where a German offensive is considered possible, a state of minor warfare prevails.

ARTILLERY FIRE HEAVY.

"There is a continual exchange of artillery fire, in which the Russian artillery, by virtue of its admirable markmanship, more than holds its own. The Germans keep up the bombardment of Illukst bridgehead with varying intensity. Their scouting is now limited to aerial reconnaissance and apparently with a view of economizing men, they have stopped sending out infantry as scouting parties. But they continue to strengthen their

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THE "LEMON RUB" AN ORDEAL FOR ALL TRAVELLERS

Measure Used by Germans to Efface Maps Printed on Person's Skin.

WOMEN ARE WORST OFFENDERS

Germany Seems to be Troubled With Spies Like Other Countries.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Farnemuende, Germany, Tuesday, May 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The last impression of a traveller leaving Germany nowadays is likely to be that of a "lemon rub" a measure intended to bring to light, or efface, as the case may be, such maps and military information as may have been entrusted to the suspect's skin.

According to the German frontier survey officers the practice has been common enough, but recently great vigilance at all border points has discouraged such a method of getting information out of the country.

The purpose of the "lemon rub" is to develope the drawing or writing upon the skin, or remove the chemical which, through the action of another agent would become visible. Lemon juice, or its principal constituent, citric acid, will do this without injuring the skin or causing pain.

127 PEOPLE TREATED

At a certain frontier point, the name of which was not given, 127 persons were detained and treated to the "lemon rub" in March and one of the officers said that a number of long-term imprisonments had resulted. He also explained that while the actual spying was being done by men, the information obtained was in most cases carried out of the country by women, so that for some time it has been very difficult for women to get permission to leave the central empires, and quite recently the order went out that no woman who could not be vouched for by some responsible official was to be given permission to use the Balkan train.

EXAMINATION SEVERE

On the whole, it has become almost impossible now to cross a border of the central group of belligerents. A veritable gauntlet of examinations has to be run by the would-be traveller before the necessary papers are obtained. These permits and vises have now been standardized in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Getting them is equally difficult in all these countries.

THE NUMBER SYSTEM

"The "number" system in use to some extent is of special interest. Usually those people who travel a great deal, or who have been indiscreet in conduct and language are given numbers. The number is known to every frontier post and police and military headquarters of the central power group, and its sticks to the traveller like his shadow. The number shows to what extent, and in what respect, he is obnoxious and fixes his treatment at the border automatically.

FRENCH ADMIT PARTIAL LOSS

First Line Trench Near Caurettes Wood Was Evacuated.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, May 31, 12.15 p.m.—In the course of a violent struggle last night on the Verdun front the Germans compelled the French to evacuate a first line trench near the Caurettes wood, south of Cumieres, the War Office announced today.

After two days of especially severe bombardment the Germans launched infantry attacks repeatedly in great force over a considerable section of the Verdun line. The French resisted stubbornly and, the official statement says repulsed the Germans everywhere except near Caurette's wood. The trench which was evacuated had been leveled by the German shell fire.

Under cover of a fog detachments of German troops made their way to the vicinity of Chattancourt, where they were annihilated by the French fire.

East of the Meuse there were intermittent artillery encounters.

GET BACK NOW WHAT THEY LOST THREE YEARS AGO

Bulgarians Always Were Determined to Recapture Part of Greece.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 31—(New York Times' cable)—The Daily Chronicle says:

"The unopposed Bulgarian invasion of Greece is not the same as a German or Austrian invasion might have been. The regions which King Constantine's government has seen fit to surrender without a blow to the hereditary enemy are the very regions rescued from the Bulgarians in 1913 by the help of the Serbs and at heavy cost to Greek casualties. The Bulgars always professed their intention to recapture them and now they are doing so.

"It would be surprising if in these circumstances the Greek people did not feel and manifest profound emotion, but any real knowledge of what is going on in Greece is unobtainable. We are cut quite off by the Greek censorship, which temporarily has descended on the allied correspondents there with iron severity. It is impossible at present to get any message through unless it depicts the Greek situation in the colors which the Skouloudis cabinet desires. This state of things has only to be appreciated for obvious inferences to be drawn."

Elections in August.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Victoria, B.C., May 31.—There is a belief in many quarters that the provincial elections will be held about the first week in August. Legislation passed during the session includes votes for soldiers, woman suffrage and prohibition.

FEELING MORE HOPEFUL OVER IRISH QUESTION

Agreement Between Factions in Emerald Isle Now Drawn Up.

SHOOK HANDS ACROSS TABLE

Lloyd George May Make Statement to House To-morrow.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 31, 12.30 p.m.—There is a hopeful feeling to-day in political circles regarding the outcome of the Irish negotiations. It is possible that Lloyd-George will make a statement in the House of Commons before adjournment to-morrow to the effect that considerable progress has been made, although the main difficulty the exclusion of Ulster, is not entirely removed. According to published reports, the provincial Irish members of Parliament believe that an agreement is practically certain and that the case of Ulster will be fully provided for.

The parliamentary correspondents of the provincial papers believe that the Irish question is nearer solution than is suggested by the London papers. The Glasgow Herald understands that a settlement already has been reached on a basis of a parliament for Nationalist Ireland with Ulster, or a greater part thereof, excluded.

The leaders of the two parties held a most harmonious meeting yesterday, at which, according to The Herald, the chief point at issue was settled. The Nationalists and the Ulster men shook hands across the table at the conclusion of the meeting. The Manchester Guardian agrees that the lines on which a compromise can be based have been found.

While there is no confirmation at Westminster that an agreement has actually been reached it is believed that an early settlement is possible. Sir Edward Carson has called a meeting of the Ulster members for to-day at which he is expected to make a report on the negotiations.

HENRY BOURASSA ONCE AGAIN RAILS AGAINST ENGLAND

Ireland, He Says, Victim of "Tyrannous and Barbarous" Government.

WHY SHOULD MEN ENLIST?

French-Canadians in Ontario Are Being Walked Upon.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Montreal, May 31.—Ireland was one of the victims of the "tyrannous and barbarous systems" of government that England has in sundry places in the empire, said Henry Bourassa, speaking before the Union Saint Joseph de Saint Henri in St. Henri College last evening. He said that the cause of the French-Canadians of Ontario was the cause of the small nations fighting for their existence in Europe, and that their troubles in Ontario were caused by "dangerous Anglo-Saxon civilization, Anglo-Saxon tyranny and its system of denationalizing conquered peoples."

Mr. Bourassa termed as demagogic the appeals made to the French-Canadians that they should go to the front to help France in the present crisis in view of the treatment that was being given their cousins in Ontario. "Why should we aid France?" said Mr. Bourassa, "when they cannot help us here. Suppose a civil war should break out, which, please God, cannot happen, and the people of Quebec stood bayonet in hand against the people of Ontario, could France declare war against England and come over and render us assistance in our fight for our nationality?"

Mr. Bourassa went on to say that the French-Canadians had defended for 150 years the French language, the French civilization and the Catholic faith against the onset of Protes-

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MR. E. F. JOHNSTON BEGINS HIS CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THE MINISTER OF MILITIA

General Hughes Stated He Had Never Interfered With the Shell Committee in the Matter of Awarding Contracts

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Ottawa, Ont., May 31—General Sir Sam Hughes was again on the stand at this morning's session of the Meredith-Duff Commission, and his examination by Mr. Hellmuth was continued. At the opening, Sir William Meredith ruled as to the relevancy of evidence by General Hughes as to how much Col. J. W. Allison had saved for Canada in his purchases. Sir William said his interpretation of the charge was that General Hughes had corruptly put money into Allison's pocket at the expense either of the British or Canadian governments. He thought such evidence would be largely relevant.

NO PERSONAL INTEREST.

"In your dealings with the British or Canadian governments in which you enlisted Allison's services, did you have any personal interest in the results."

"None whatever."

"Did you provide for Allison's receiving any commission?"

"No commission he may have received came from me, neither in my official or personal capacity," General Hughes explained.

WHY ALLISON WAS CRITICIZED.

He pointed out that much of the criticism of Col. Allison had been due to the fact that at the beginning of the war, to meet the wishes of the British Government, which wanted supplies, he had proposed to appoint a committee consisting of Col. Allison and General Drain to make purchases in the United States. There was then no agreement as to remuneration. When that commission was broken up, Col. Allison had been as free as anybody else to trade on his own account. It was then that New York agents, and brokers in the munitions business, had commenced to get after him.

THE CROSS-EXAMINATION

Mr. E. F. B. Johnston then commenced his cross-examination of the Minister of Militia. After eliciting from him the statement that he had never interfered with the awarding of contracts by the Shell Committee and treated them all in the same general way. Mr Johnston produced letters from General Hughes to General Bertram asking for a small contract of 50,000 shells for his home town of Lindsay, the names of Messrs Wilfrid Perous, M.L.A., and Dr. John McAlpin, Sir Sam's brother-in-law, being mentioned in this connection. Other letters referred to Charles Burgayne of Fenelon Falls, in the minister's riding, for a shell box contract; asked for a report on the Lanson Engine Company; asked General Bertram to oblige Mr. C. J. B. Spratt, manufacturer, who was introduced by Mr. H. H. Stevens, and wanted a shell contract; and asked that the National Manufacturing Company of Brockville, ("that must be Geo. Graham's Company," observed the minister) be recognized by a few more shell orders if possible.

BERLIN REPORTS SMALL ATTACK FROM THE SEA

Lively Firing in Progress Between La Bassee Canal and Arras.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, May 31.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The text of to-day's statement by German army headquarters is as follows:

Western front: "Enemy torpedo boats that appeared off the coast were driven back by our artillery fire. Lively firing is in progress between La Bassee Canal and Arras.

"German patrols were successful in enterprises near Neuve Chapelle and to the northeast of that place. Thirty eight British, among whom was one officer, were taken prisoner and one machine gun was captured.

"On the left bank of the Meuse the bushes and hedges south of the village of Cumieres were cleared of the enemy. Three officers and 88 men were taken prisoners.

"During our attacks on May 29 we captured in Caurettes wood one naval gun, 18 machine guns, a quantity of mine throwers and much other material.

"The artillery activity has been extremely spirited on both banks of the Meuse.

"Eastern and Balkan fronts:—There have been no events of especial importance."

Out of Business.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Winnipeg, May 31.—At seven o'clock the lawful sale of liquor as a beverage ceases in Manitoba. The stock of liquor remaining in this province is small, and several stores and bars have closed already. A majority of the hotels will continue in business, some of them using their bars as lunch counters.

215th Battalion Big Sporting Rally, Brant Theatre, Friday Night, 10.30 p.m. Free.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON

GIVE ME BACK MY LEGIONS!

HINDENBURG: "I lent you some Divisions a month or two ago, your Imperial Highness, and I should be glad to have them again. I've got some pressing engagements to meet."

THE CROWN PRINCE: "Awfully sorry, old chap! I can't manage it just now—my Verdun investments have gone a bit wrong—in fact I was going to ask you to lend me some more."—*Westminster Gazette.*

Austrian Forces Have Forced a Passage Across Posina River, Says Vienna

Capture of the Italian Works of Punta Corden Also Announced.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, May 31 (by wireless to Sayville) — Austro-Hungarian troops operating to the west of Arsiero, in the Trentino District, have forced a passage across the Posina River and have taken the heights on the southern bank, says an official statement issued at the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters under date of May 30. The capture of the fortified Italian works of Punta Cordin also was announced.

The text of the statement says:

"Russian front:

"Artillery duels, especially on the Bessarabian front and Volhynia were livelier.

"Italian front:

"Yesterday the Italian works at Puntac Ordin were conquered by us.

"To the westward of Arsiero our troops forced a passage across the Posina river and took the heights on the southern bank.

"Four violent Italian attacks against our positions south of Bottale were repulsed.

"Balkan front:

"Calm prevailed."

ZEPP DESTROYED

Came in Contact With Some Trees on the Saloniki Front.

London, May 31—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that a German Zeppelin descending near Veles on the Saloniki front, came in contact with some trees and was destroyed.

Don't Forget the 215th Battalion Sporting Rally, Friday Night, 10.30, p.m. Free.

Americans in Tampico protest to President Wilson against persecution by Mexicans in operation of their business

Come to the 215th Battalion Sporting Rally, Friday night, 10.30 p.m. Free.

American Beef Trust Makes Price of Meat High in Great Britain

House of Commons Only Waking Up to Fact That Prices Are Steadily Increasing—Shortage of Cattle, of Tonnage and Demands of Army Are Only Superficial Causes of Scarcity.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, May 31—A special cable to the World from London under yesterday's date says:

The high price of meat, which was admitted in the House of Commons to be a serious mater is stated by The Evening Star to be the result of the manipulations of the American beef trust.

"The subject of the increased prices of meat interests so many thousands of homes that it is not surprising that the House of Commons is waking up to it, if only to extend an observed proposal to put the public on rations.

"The line of action which the country will expect the government to take will be in the direction of discovering whether food supplies are being held up, and if so, by whom. The serious thing about the beef trust is that it controls not only the roast and boiled meat of commerce, but has its hands on all possible substitutes. It is master of canned beef business, is an enormous producer of bacon and hams, and such products, and tongues, etc.

"The shortage of cattle, the shortage of tonnage, the requisitions for the army, are superficial conditions and causes; the real heart of the trouble is the beef trust.

Not only economy of food, but economy of clothes is the watchword in London, "Don't be ashamed to wear old clothes in war time," is the exhortation to be seen on the bulletin boards all over London, and it is having its effect.

Very few new spring costumes are to be seen. All London not in khaki is in navy blue or mourning, and most women appear to be striving for plain effects.