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WRECKING ZEPPELIN SET TO FAILURE OF BIG RAID FRENCH CAPTURE POSITION AT LE MORT HOMME, NORTHWEST OF VERDUN Grand Trunk Calls Upon Government To Take Over G. T. P.

BERTRAM SAYS OUTSIDER DID NOT INFLUENCE

Shell Committee Had Forty-One Million Dollars as Surplus.

HUGHES REAL DYNAMO

He Inspired Committee, But Interfered Not at All Carnegie Avers.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 3.—Colonel David Carnegie finished his testimony before the Meredith-Duff commission this morning and was succeeded on the witness stand by General Sir Alexander Bertram.

General Bertram made an excellent impression. He said that he knew all about the mechanical parts of the shells but had no knowledge respecting the loading and the placing of fuse orders.

General Bertram volunteered the information that he was a large stockholder in the Niles, Bemert & Bond Company, the American company which owns the Bertram factory at Dundas.

He traced, interestingly, the growth of the shells committee. Upon their first contract with the British war office they had a surplus of \$52,000 and thought of turning it over to the Patriotic fund.

By the following time the surplus had grown to \$14,000,000, and by November the net surplus, after paying for all inspection work and defers services, amounted to more than \$41,000,000.

The members of this surplus had taken none of this surplus as personal profit because their work, as he quaintly expressed it, was a "patriotic job."

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NEXT BRITISH MAIL.

The next British and foreign mail via England will close at 6 a.m. today, with a supplementary at 11.30 a.m. the same day.

Another will close on Friday, May 6, at 6 a.m., with supplementary at 9 a.m. the same day.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED

WHILE one set of overwrought critics are preaching to the people of the United Kingdom and France that the war will yet be long, and while other sets of critics with axes to grind and little else to write about, are belaboring and dubbing as incompetent British officers and generals who are giving up their lives that the empire may live, the allies' generals and soldiers are pushing steadily forward their preparations to grind the German war machine to a pulp.

That job may take a month or it may take a year, but if they keep long enough at it, they can do it, for the resources of the grand alliance, the slow in developing, are immensely superior to the resources of Germany. It is also certain that when the British and French resume their offensive in the west it will be not so much to pierce the German lines as to knock the Germans out. It will be in the form of a chain of battles, fought, perhaps, on the same lines that the allies are holding now. The winner of the last battle wins the war. He may lose everyone to the last and then come in strong.

If the German lines are too strong to force this year the allies can continue the arming of hordes of Russians—Russia has a population of 170,000,000, and as she has the best chance to gain her aspirations that she will have in a hundred years, she will be with the allies to the end—and keep hammering away next year at the German lines. Germany's supply of men is not inexhaustible. Signs, indeed, are not wanting that she is nearing the end of her resources. In regard to persons who say that it is preposterous to believe that the allies can dictate peace in Berlin, the answer may be given that it depends upon many factors which are unknown outside of the allied war councils. But the teaching of history is that such a war as this war must be fought to a finish. It was so with Napoleon. The

QUEBEC-ST. JOHN LINE SUBSIDY IS APPROVED

Bill Introduced Provides for Government Operation of the Railway.

OTTAWA, May 3.—The house spent all of today upon the railway estimates and the proposed subsidy to the Quebec and St. John Railway. The resolution providing for the subsidy passed. The bill founded upon the same was introduced.

The Hudson Bay Railway estimates called forth considerable criticism on the selection of Nelson instead of Churchill for the terminus, but they were finally passed without division.

PROMOTIONS GRANTED CANADIAN OFFICERS

Lieut. Roy Ryan is Gazetted A. D. C. to Colonel Steele.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 3.—The following changes in the Canadian contingent are reported: Lieutenant Barry, A.D.C., promoted to staff captain; Lieut. Roy Ryan, artillery, promoted captain and A.D.C. to general Steele; Lieut. Hugh Miller, appointed depot; Lieut. Appleton, appointed officer in charge of the machine gun base; Sergeant Mitchell of the overseas corps, appointed lieutenant in the engineers; Sergeant Blain of headquarters, promoted lieutenant; Corporal Jacques Martin, mounted rifle, appointed lieutenant; Quartermaster-Sergeant Clifford receives a commission in the Royal Flying Corps; James O'Reilly, of the army service corps, joins the field artillery.

BERLIN'S REPLY TO U.S. WILL BE MADE TODAY

German Note is Declared to Be Ready for Presentation.

BERLIN, May 3. via wireless to Sayville.—The German reply to the American note on submarine warfare may be expected momentarily. It now appears, however, that Thursday may be the day on which it will be handed to the American embassy.

GRAND TRUNK ASKED BORDEN TO TAKE OVER G. T. P. SYSTEM

Chairman Smithers in a Letter to Premier Said Railway Found it Impossible to Finance Road, and Urged Government Ownership to Prevent Injury to Canadian Credit.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, May 3.—That the Grand Trunk Railway did not ask for government assistance, but requested the government to take over the Grand Trunk Pacific on Jan. 1st, was the important information contained in a letter from Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. Board, written to Sir Robert Borden on Dec. 10, 1915, and tabled in the house tonight.

The letter, which is exceedingly frank, candidly states that the Grand Trunk at the end of their efforts with regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific financing. "Under present circumstances," writes Mr. Smithers, "it is quite impossible for the Grand Trunk Railway Company to meet the extra liabilities arising from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway."

Bitter Disappointment.

Again Mr. Smithers writes: "It is an inexpressibly bitter disappointment to the board and myself to have to think of giving up the opportunity of assisting the empire. When you can't sign up—pay up. This is Kitchener Day—Give all you can!"

Advances by Company.

A statement from Mr. Frank Scott, treasurer of the Grand Trunk, shows that the company advanced \$91,733 to the G. T. P., \$13,369,000 to the G. T. P. Branch Lines Co., \$24,000,000 to the G. T. P. Development Co., a total to the G. T. P. and its subsidiaries of \$28,179,000.

C. N. R.'s Indebtedness.

An audit of the floating indebtedness of the C.N.R. system shows it to total \$92,450,832. This includes: London bonds of \$20,000,000; Dominion Government bonds of \$10,000,000; C.N.R. two year and one year notes amounting to \$14,000,000; temporary loans covering interest, construction, etc., \$10,000,000; contractors, subcontractors, materials, \$5,921,000; sundry accounts \$13,997,930, less \$10,780,000 cash on hand, accounts received, etc.

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FIRST READING READILY GIVEN ASQUITH'S BILL

Debate Showed No Strong Opposition to New Conscription Measure.

GREETER WITH CHEERS

Passage of Bill Next Week is Expected by Walter Long.

LONDON, May 3.—The government's military bill for immediate general conscription passed its first reading in the house of commons tonight. Its passage was loudly cheered.

The debate revealed no very deadly opposition to the conscription bill. The only interesting point was the suggestion by Col. Craig that Ireland should be included.

Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, who was sponsor for the bill, replied to this suggestion that there was no objection, if the Nationalist members approved the idea and it found an echo in Ireland. Mr. Long hoped that the bill would be passed next week.

Given Month's Grace.

Speaking with reference to the provisions of the bill Premier Asquith said that youths reaching the age of 18 would be given a month's grace to enlist voluntarily. The same exemption would be given as under the original bill.

A special reserve will be formed of men continuing in civil employment who will be immediately available for service in case of emergency. George Nicol Barnes, one of the Labor leaders in the house, expressed approval of the measure. He said that if the country had known the task in front of the allies 18 months ago it would have accepted compulsory service then.

RECOGNIZED HIS SON IN SUNDAY WORLD PICTURE

Group Taken "Somewhere in France" That of Pte. G. E. Foote Rosseau and Chums.

The following was received by The World yesterday:

Editor World: On page 5 of your illustrated part of The Sunday World of April 30 you ask: "Do you know anything of these men? We don't."

I recognize the first one to the left as my son, George E. Foote, Reg. No. 198, 2nd C.E.F. Cyclist. I do not know any of the others, but they are his chums and the picture was taken somewhere in Belgium, near Ypres.

George was in his first year in the University of Toronto, arts course, when he enlisted. He took his high school work in Parry Sound, and taught school at Maple Lake and Turtle Lake in Parry Sound.

The last letter we got from him was thanking the Sunday World for the work.

Yours truly, Samuel A. Foote, Rosseau, Ont., May 1, 1916.

CANADIAN WOUNDED REMOVED TO LONDON

Major Grey Ill of Neurasthenia—Capt. Herchmer is Seriously Injured.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 3.—The following Canadian wounded are in London: Major Grey, neurasthenia; Lieut. Greenhalgh, shell shock, satisfactory; Major McMurry, shell shock, satisfactory; Lieut. Simpson, wound in the hand; Lieut. Torrance, accidental gun wound in left leg.

Lieut. Bailey, with a shell wound in the right hand, and Lieut. Menpes, shell wound in the left hand, the right leg, are at Le Touquet; Lieut. Bales, gun wound in left foot and right hand; Major Hughes, shell shock, satisfactory; Lieut. Thompson, gun wound in the right shoulder, arm amputated, conditions in right foot, condition satisfactory, are at Boulogne.

Lieut. Dunlop, gun wound in the back, and Lieut. Gung, gun wound in the back and face; Captain Herchmer, gun wound in the right hand, are at Etaples.

The following have returned to duty: Lieut. Conroy, Major Mackay and Capt. Thompson.

SITUATION IN IRELAND QUIET

Is Official Assurance Given Collection of Arms and Arrest of Fugitive Rebels Is Progressing in Satisfactory Manner.

LONDON, May 3, 7.53 p.m.—"The situation in Ireland is quiet," says an official statement issued this evening. "The collection of arms and the arrest of fugitive rebels is progressing satisfactorily. A strict cordon is still maintained."

"Galway: The police barracks at Oramore, about 7 miles east of Galway, was attacked by a party of rebels, but held out until relieved. "West Riding of Galway: The situation is well in hand. The rebels have been dispersed."

"The south of Ireland is quiet. Steady progress is being made toward the restoration of normal conditions. "The situation in Ulster is normal."

BOMBS CAUSED 36 CASUALTIES

ONE ZEPPELIN WAS DESTROYED

Raid on English and Scottish Coasts Achieved No Military Results—Daylight Attack on Deal—Raider Wrecked Off Norway's Coast.

LONDON, May 3.—7.50 p.m.—The zeppelin air raid on the northeast coast of England and southeast coast of Scotland last night resulted in 36 casualties. This announcement was made officially today. One hundred bombs were dropped.

Another official announcement states that Deal was visited by a German aeroplane this afternoon. Several houses were damaged and one man injured.

The zeppelin L-20 has been completely destroyed and driven ashore on the western side of Hafsø Firth, Norway, according to advices from Stavanger. Some of the crew were rescued.

The official statements and results of German air raids follow: Fleet of Zeppelins.

"The zeppelin raid last night covered a considerable extent of the eastern coast. At least five or six airships actually crossed the shore."

Reports from reliable observers, made at various points, some as far distant as Ratray Head, Scotland, down to the north coast of Norfolk, would point to the possibility of a greater number of airships having been employed off our coast. The enemy, however, made only two attempts to penetrate inland.

"About one hundred bombs were dropped, scattered over wide areas. The exact number is difficult to give, since a great number fell in uninhabited areas and some into the sea."

"In only a single locality did the raiders cause any casualties or inflict much damage. In this case the bombs amounted to 12 explosive and four incendiary, and 18 houses were damaged. The casualties totaled six men—one of them a soldier—and three women killed and 19 men, including three soldiers and eight women injured—a total of 36."

"The remaining 10 odd bombs occasioned only two casualties, one soldier and one child slightly injured."

"The damage effected—on a storehouse and a few cottages—was mostly broken glass. "The raiders only twice came within range of any anti-aircraft artillery. On both occasions they retreated out of range without delay."

Attack on Deal.

"A hostile aeroplane visited Deal this evening, coming from the direction of Ramsgate. It dropped six bombs on the railway station and several houses were badly damaged. One man badly injured is at present the only casualty known."

"The aeroplanes made off, flying above the clouds. Our aircraft were unable to pursue."

Zeppelin Broke in Two.

The zeppelin L-20 passed north of Sandness about 10 o'clock in the morning, says a Reuter despatch from Stavanger. She was flying at a low altitude and was in a damaged condition. Boats put out to their assistance and the commander and one seaman were rescued and taken to a hospital.

The zeppelin was then driven over the hills and against a hillside. Its afterbody broke in two and part of it fell to the ground. Some of the crew jumped or were hurled out.

The zeppelin then rose a little and was driven westward, but the bag of the dirigible collapsed in the centre and the airship descended rapidly. A torpedo boat which had been following along the coast, went to its assistance and rescued three men still in the cabin. A fourth man had jumped out shortly before.

Of the rescued men, three officers and two non-commissioned officers were brought ashore; the whereabouts of the rest of the crew is not known. The zeppelin was completely destroyed and driven ashore on the western side of the Firth, near its outlet to the sea.

RAILWAY LOANS SEEM ASSURED

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Million and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars Gained in Year.

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Favorable Balance Reported in Excess Over Imports.

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Compared with the preceding year's total, these figures showed an increase of \$460,617,466. Exports jumped from \$441,442,506 to \$776,800,070, and imports from \$497,481,902 to \$530,211,794.

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