

French Launch Counter-Offensive at Verdun Centre of Dublin City Now a Smoking Ruin Asquith Says Conscription Bill To-morrow

IS QUIET IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN

A Few Snipers are Active But Troops are Hunting Them Out.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Dublin, May 2, 12.02 p.m. via London 10.45 a.m.—Soldiers are completing a very thorough search of the city, and it is hoped that within a few hours they will account for the last of the snipers and small bands of rebels, who have been creating a diversion in the neighborhood of Ball's Bridge.

A few of the rebels are holding out. Train communication is still interrupted.

QUIETNESS REIGNS.

Dublin, May 1, via London, May 2, 10 a.m.—Quiet reigned in the streets of Dublin to-day. There was little traffic and the thoroughfares were still strongly held by the military forces of the government. Only a few sniping shots were heard Sunday night. It is assumed that the Sinn Féiners still at liberty have hidden their arms after using all their ammunition and rejoined the ranks of peaceable citizens.

PERMIT REQUIRED.

It is still impossible to get from one part of Dublin to another without a military permit. No one is allowed to pass the bridges and merchants residing in the suburbs are in most cases quite ignorant of what has happened to their shops, factories and warehouses, in the city. Business men who are unable to get money from their banks in the city which are closed, have scraped together all the funds they can borrow from suburban banks to pay their employees.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

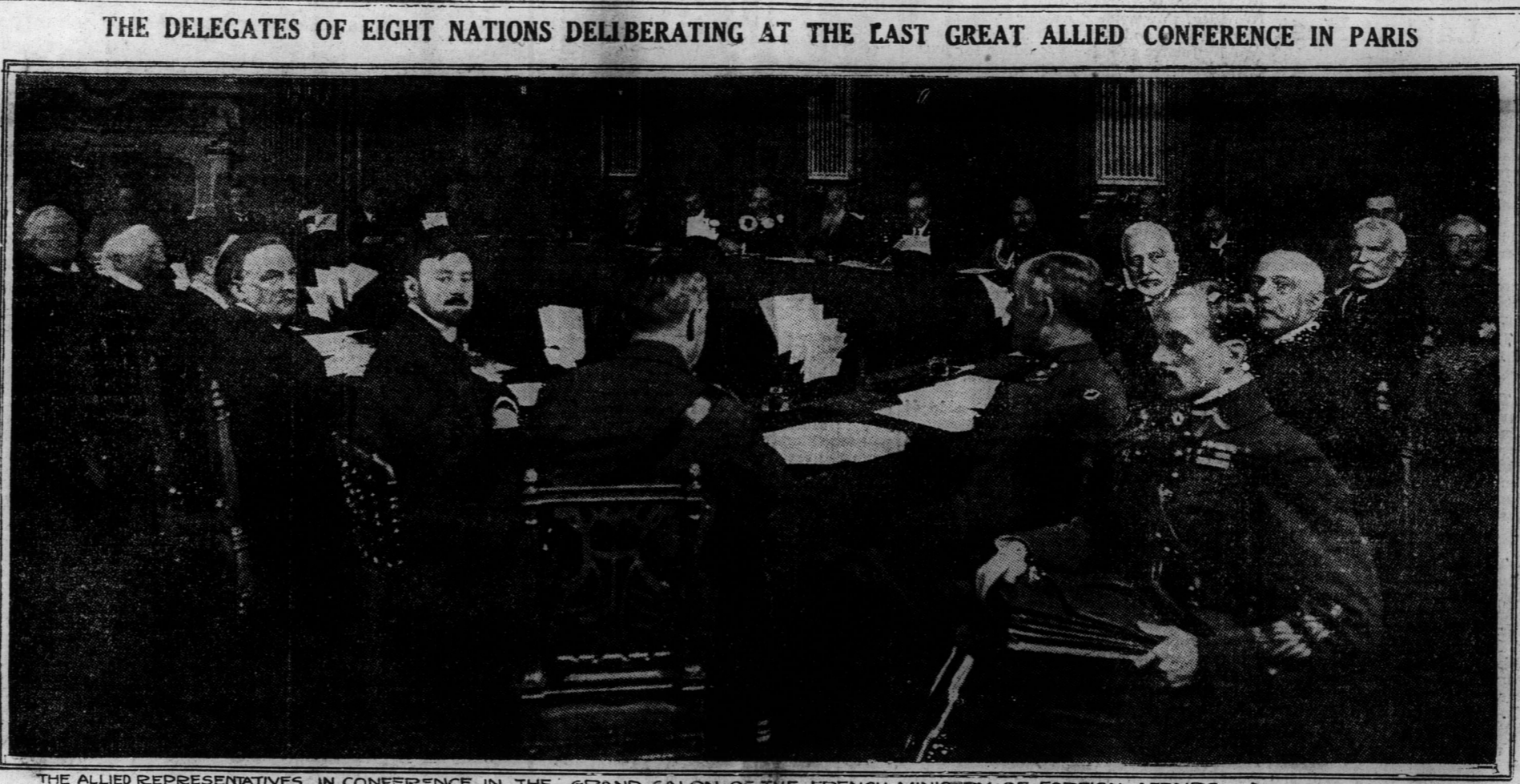
The communications heard by the Township Council at yesterday morning's session were disposed of in the afternoon. Upon the motion of Councillors Greenwood and Henry, the communications from the G. T. R., the L. E. and N., the Pedlar Co., the Waterloo Mutual Insurance Co., Mr. George Sutton, the Bellview Improvement Association, and Mr. T. H. Johnson, were received and filed. The clerk was instructed to order four road drags. The matter of roads in the township being in a bad state of repair, will be dealt with by the council in a few days, as they intend to inspect the roads in question. At the close of the meeting yesterday, the council conferred with the board of works of the city council in the matter of the building of a new storm sewer in West Brantford.

The City Commissioners of Pas-saic, N. J., have passed an ordinance prohibiting the serving of free lunch in a saloon.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



The dog to serve his private ends went mad and bit the man. —Westminster Gazette.



THE DELEGATES OF EIGHT NATIONS DELIBERATING AT THE LAST GREAT ALLIED CONFERENCE IN PARIS. THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES IN CONFERENCE IN THE GRAND SALON OF THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FROM THE FRENCH WAR OFFICE.

CENTRE OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN IS HEAP OF SMOKING RUINS

Gaunt Walls Remain of What Had Been Once Hotels and Shops - Sackville Street Full of Women Thirsting For News of Men Who Revolted.

and destruction which cuts deep. When I stood on O'Connell bridge and saw the gaunt walls of what had been hotels and shops and the tottering masonry of the great post office building, it was with feelings of profound sorrow for the country and its capital. Sackville street was full of women, who had come from the slums at the back of Marlborough St. and Tyrone street. Their object was to get news of the misguided men who had worked this ruin. As we came up the street, ambulance men were bringing bodies of rebels out of the ruins of the fallen buildings. Now and again a heart-rending scream of grief would tell the despair of some distracted creature whose husband or son had been lured to his death by the emissaries of the Kaiser. Round the Doris Gresham Hotel another crowd was clamoring for any broken meats available.

"Suddenly a detachment of troops came from the direction of Rutland Square. A sharp word of command and it extended across the wide street, sweeping before it the straggling mass of humanity.

NOT LED BADLY BUT MIS-LED

Irish Were Told Before Revolting Foreign Troops Would Aid May 2d.

Dublin, Monday, May 1.—Via London, May 2.—10.05 a.m.—"We were not led badly, we were misled," said a captured rebel officer last night. His remark uttered almost in a tone of remorse at having participated in the Sinn Féin revolt, was made as he was stepping aboard a steamer at North

DR. MICHAEL CLARK WILL SUPPORT BORDEN

Staunch Western Liberal Scores Men of His Party Who Attack Government in These Times.

Ottawa, May 2.—Dr. Michael Clark, the stalwart Liberal member for Red Deer, whose son is one of the original Princess Patricia's still in the firing line, definitely announced in the House last night that he intended to support Sir Robert Borden until the end of the war.

Compulsion Bill Coming in To-morrow. LONDON, May 2, 2.41 p.m.—Premier Asquith declared in the House of Commons this afternoon that a bill to be introduced to-morrow would be one of general and immediate compulsion.

EARLY OPPORTUNITY. LONDON, May 2.—Speaking in the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith said he hoped to give an early opportunity for discussion of the motion calling for the resignation of Augustine Birrell.

French Take First Line Trench at Fort Douaumont. Paris, May 2.—12.15 p.m.—A strong attack was made by French troops last night on German positions southeast of Fort Douaumont on the Verdun front. The French captured a first line German trench 800 metres long, the war office announced this afternoon and took 100 men prisoner. West of the River Meuse activity

NO MONEY PAID TO THE VALVE CO.

Col. Carnegie Begins His Fifth Day on the Stand in Fuse Contract.

Ottawa, May 2.—Reasons why the price for shell cases, the Edwards Valve Company was to make for the Shell Committee, was increased from \$2.39 to \$2.43 each, which change formed the basis of the charge in parliament of an attempt to secure a "take-off" by Col. J. Wesley Allison, who was instrumental in bringing the Shell Committee into contact with the Edwards Company, were given by Col. David Carnegie to the Meredith-Duff fuse commission this morning.

NO MONEY WAS PAID

Col. Carnegie, shell committee ordnance expert, on the stand for the fifth day, said Col. J. W. Allison had offered "out of friendship for General Hughes," to place orders for 300,000 shell cases, which were very badly wanted. The company to take the contract was the Edwards concern. When Col. Carnegie and General Pease, a British ammunition expert, investigated, they decided that it was doubtful if the Valve Company could live up to a contract at that time, so a letter merely agreeing to take all cases up to 500,000 manufactured during the next eighteen weeks, was given by them. The original contract price for the order was to have been \$2.39 a case and a cash advance, but when the Edwards Company pointed out that without a cash advance it would have difficulty in financing the deal, it was agreed to raise the price per case to \$2.43. The offer of Col. Carnegie and Gen. Pease was not taken up and no money was paid to the Edwards Valve Company by the Shell Committee, though the Imperial Munitions Board later gave this company a contract.

EFFECT OF GERMAN ELEMENT

Mr. Hellmuth asked why the figure \$2.43 was still retained and Col. Carnegie said a Mr. Wright, a Chicago lawyer, appeared to have been quite a "heart melter."

HAD SLIDING SCALE. Invited to compare the prices allowed the Valve company and the price of cases made by Canadian firms Col. Carnegie said the committee had a sliding scale, governed by the price of contracts. In most cases the shell committee had bought copper itself and supplied it to manufacturers. Thus the price of labor only had to be considered.

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