was because "the order had been already placed."

Mr. Hellmuth wanted to know just when the order had been placed. In reply to Mr. Hellmuth, Mr. Carnegie said that on May 24 the shell committee had definitely decided to place an order with Dr. Harris for the remaining 2,500,000 fuses.

Mr. Hellmuth: "In regard to Basick, you had, on the 21st, given hin an order, and on the 25th Gen. Bertram telephoned and amended that order to 2,500,000. Can you say whether, when you were telephoned and when you seat that order—whether at that time you had received the telegram from Russell."

Dealing with the coincident of the detailed Russell proposition arriving the same day that the order was placed in New York, Mr. Hellmuth asked if the shell committee had any stamp to show the time when the lotter was received.

"No," said the witness.

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The committee, on June 9, wrote to the Russell-Harris Companies, holding out their prospect of a small order. It read: "Since writing you we have the opportunity of meeting the Minister of Militia, who is quite willing that an order for two hundred thousand fuses be placed in Canada. If you are able to undertake the work we are quite willing to place an order with you. The 80 fuse would be required."

Mr. Hellmuth—"You say, 'the Minister of Militia' would be quite willing that an order for two hundred thousand fuses be placed in Canada?"

"Yes."

"Placed from whom?"

"The British government."

"Had you at any time any order from the British government?"

"No, sir."

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The letter evidently was not satisfactory.

The Russell-Harris interests wrote back, on June 19, stating that the letter of Gen. Bertram, which was referred to in the letter of June 9, had never been received. It added: "We regret that you are only considering an order for two hundred thousand. The plant would involve an outlay of \$150,000, which would not be justified by such an order." The writer went on to say that he "would be ready to submit a proposal on the 100 fuses."

Mr. Hellmuth also read a minute of a meeting of the board of directors of the American Ammunition Company, held in New York on June 9, 1915, which authorized the president and secretary together into a contract with the Canadian government.

This brought the witness down to the meeting of the shell committee on Saurday, June 19, when the agreed and international Fuse Companies were ratified. The minute book which

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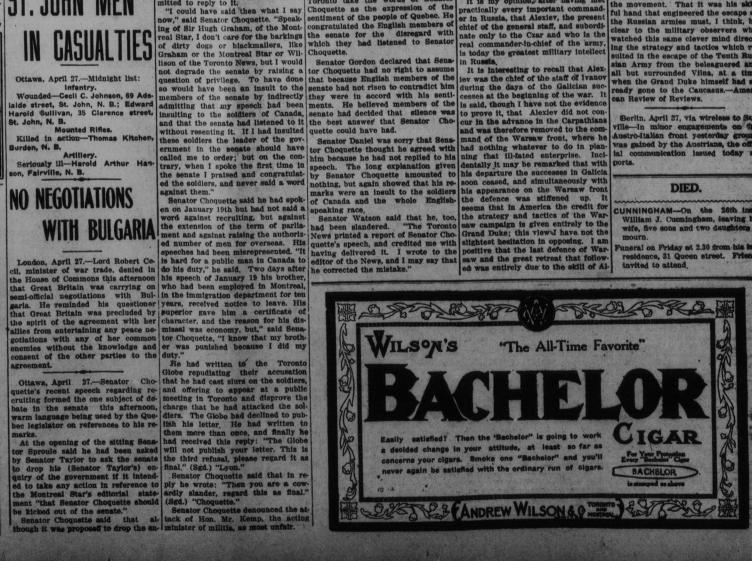
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