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# Verdun Fighting Again Rages Furiously Battle There the Bitterest of Whole War Quebec City Was Swept by Great Tornado

## DEADLOCK AT VERDUN HAS CHANGED; NOW TERRIFIC PITCHED BATTLE BEING WAGED

A Battle of Madmen in the Midst of a Volcano Eruption--In Three Days Germans Supposed to Have Used up 100,000 Men--About Douaumont Men Fight in Tunnels.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, May 25.—A cable to the New York Times from Paris, dated yesterday, says:  
"Since Saturday the Verdun deadlock has changed to the most terrific pitched battle in history. Fully half a million men are engaged altogether, without a respite from slaughter. Whole regiments melt in a few minutes, but others take their places, only to perish in the same way.  
"It is a battle of madmen in the midst of a volcano eruption," is the description given by a staff captain who left the fortress on a special mission yesterday afternoon. He continued:

### TERRIFIC LOSSES.

"Between Saturday morning and noon Tuesday the Germans used up 100,000 men on the west Meuse front alone. That is the price they paid for the recapture of our recent gains and seizure of our outlying positions. From brigade to division moved down in a quarter hour's holocaust by our machine guns. Le Mort-Homme itself passed from our possession, but the crescent Bourras position to the south prevents the enemy from utilizing it.

### IN THE HORROR OF DARKNESS

"The scene there is appalling, but is dwarfed in comparison with fighting around Douaumont. West of the Meuse at least, one dies in the open air, but at Douaumont is the horror of darkness, where the men fight in tunnels, screaming with the lust of butchery, deafened by shells and grenades, stifled by smoke.

### THE WOUNDED FIGHT.

"Even the wounded refuse to abandon the struggle. As though possessed by devils they fight on until they fall senseless from loss of blood. A surgeon in a front line post told me that in a redoubt at the south part of the fort, of 200 French dead, fully half had more than two wounds. Those he was able to treat seemed utterly insane. They kept shouting war cries and their eyes blazed, and stranger of all they seemed indifferent to pain. At one moment anaesthetic ran out owing to the impossibility of bringing for-

ward fresh supplies through the bombardment. Arms, even legs, were amputated without a groan, and even afterwards the men seemed not to have felt the shock. They asked for a cigarette or inquired how the battle was going.

### A TERRIBLE TOLL.

"Our losses in re-taking the fort were less heavy than was expected as the enemy was demoralized by the cannonade--by far the most furious I have ever seen from French guns--and also was taken by surprise. But the subsequent action took a terrible toll. Cover was all blown to pieces. Every German rush was preceded by two or three hours of shell storm and these were followed by a wave of attack in numbers that seemed unceasing. Again and again the defenders' ranks were renewed.  
"Never have attacks been pushed home so continuously. The fight for Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg was no child's play, nor for Hougomont at Waterloo, but men have been flung 5,000' at a time at brief intervals for the last forty-eight hours. Practically the whole sector has been covered by a cannonade compared to which Gettysburg was a hailstorm and Waterloo mere fireworks. Some shell holes were thirty feet across, the explosion killing fifty men simultaneously.

### DEAD HEAPED IN ROWS.

"Before our lines the German dead lie heaped in long rows. I am told one observer calculated there were 7,000 in a distance of 700 yards. Besides they cannot succor their wounded, whereas of ours one at least in three is removed safely to the rear. Despite the bombardment, supplies keep coming. Even the chloroform I spoke of, arrived after an hour's delay when two sets of bearers had been killed.

### INEVITABLE EXHAUSTION.

"The dogged tenacity needed to continue the resistance far surpasses the furious clamor of the attack. We know, too, the Germans cannot long maintain their present sacrifices. Since Saturday the enemy has lost two, if not three, for each one of us. Every bombardment without, every rush checked, brings nearer the moment of inevitable exhaustion. Then will come our recompense for these days of horror."

## HOW RUSSIAN ARMIES ARE OPERATING AGAINST TURKS



The map shows the position of the three Russian armies operating against the Turks. It is thought the successes which have been won by the Russians will soon have an effect on the fortunes of the British campaign in Mesopotamia.

## L. E. & N. RY. DEALING FOR A PASSENGER BOAT

Trying to Establish a Line  
Between Port Dover  
and Cleveland.

The Courier to-day had a chat with Mr. Martin Todd, Manager of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway.

In response to queries he stated that they expected to run their cars to Simcoe some time next week and to Port Dover within a month.

### BOAT LINE.

Asked as to the probable use of the Lake, Mr. Todd replied:  
"We are now looking for a passenger boat with a light enough draught to make Port Dover harbor in its present condition. We may not succeed in finding such a vessel, but if we do, a service will be established between that place and Cleveland running three days a week."

"It is our intention as soon as the Dominion government, to establish a ferry car line probably between Port Dover and Port Erie. We want to get at the coal fields by this short route."

### Sub Active Again

S. S. Washington the Latest Victim, According to Lloyds.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 25, 12:50 p.m.—The British steamship Washington, 5,080 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine, according to an announcement made to-day at Lloyds shipping agency.  
On her last eastern trip across the Atlantic the Washington left Newport News, April 12 and Norfolk two days later, bound for Genoa, where she arrived May 8.

Because the government is unable to get a postmaster to serve at Washington Harbor, Wis., the post office there has been discontinued.

## Tide of Battle Flowed Against the French in Last Twenty-Four Hours

Germans Once More Hurlled Their Legions Against Fort Douaumont, and by Lavish Waste of Lives Succeeded in Partially Regaining Ground Lost.

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Paris, May 25.—The tide of battle at Verdun flowed against the French during the last twenty-four hours. The Germans, rallying from the smashing blows which took from them the greater part of Fort Douaumont, hurled their legions once more against the ruins which retain by courtesy the title of fort and, by a lavish expenditure of life succeeded in partially retrieving the ground they had lost on the right bank of the Meuse. They also gained a small advantage on the left side of the river. Military opinion here is not greatly concerned over the result of the day's fighting. Such incidents are re-

garded as inevitable in the strategy of action, and reaction upon which the stubborn defence of Verdun is based. The aim of the defenders is to inflict the greatest possible loss upon the enemy at the least possible cost to themselves. French counter-attacks are expected to restore the situation by to-morrow in favor of the republic.

The occupation of the village of Cumieres gives the Germans a slight advantage as to a certain extent commands the French lateral communications. However, the village is so well covered by the French artillery that the Germans will be unable to profit to any great extent by its possession.

## TORNADO SWEEPS QUEBEC CITY

One Man Killed and Property Loss Amounts to Thousands.

Quebec, May 25.—Quebec was swept yesterday evening between five and five-thirty by the worst tornado registered here for years. One man, Evangeliste Belanger, 62, is dying. He was swept from a roof in St. Malo suburb, and picked up in the street with a dislocated hip, a broken leg and suffering from severe concussion. He is at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Scores of roofs were torn from houses and the trees that were felled are counted by hundreds. The hot-houses of the Sacred Heart Hospital were damaged to the extent of over one thousand dollars.

The official records at the Quebec observatory show the wind blew at a

velocity of 48 miles per hour, but the suddenness of the tornado and its sweeping force seemed to be fanned by a much higher wind. The property loss reaches many thousands of dollars.

## Recruiting Has Started to Hum

No Less Than 43 Men Have  
Joined the 215th Since  
Sunday.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

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After a short deliberation the jury returned true bills. The judge fixed the trial of Sir Roger for June 26.

In explaining the law to the jury the judge stated it was necessary treason should be proved by overt acts. In the indictment against Casement as it stood, he said, six overt acts were mentioned.

The court nominated Alexander Sullivan of Dublin, and Artemus Jones, who appeared for the defence at the preliminary hearing as counsel for Casement. It is understood that Prof. J. H. Morgan, who took part in the defence at the preliminary hearing also will appear but by stat-

ute, only two attorneys can be nominated.

Hanan Gregory and W. T. Snull were named to defend Bailey. Thomas Scanlon, member of parliament and one of the secretaries of Irish party also will appear for Bailey.

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## VERDUN FRONT EAST OF THE MEUSE ATTACKED LAST NIGHT BY HUNS WHO GAINED FOOTING

No Slackening in the German's Efforts to Recover the Ground Lost at Verdun—Position on Dead Man's Hill—Offensive Extended Eastward Towards the Meuse—French Have Many Reserves

Paris, May 25.—11.30 a.m.—German troops made an attack last night on French positions on the Verdun front east of the Meuse near the Mandremont quarry, and obtained a footing in one of the French trenches, the war office announced to-day.

London, May 25.—New York Times cable—A despatch to The Daily Chronicle from Paris says:

"There is no slackening in the frightful conflict on the Meuse heights. Throughout yesterday and last night an alternation of bombardment and assault continued across the Douaumont plateau, the Germans hesitating at no sacrifice, in order to recover the ground lost on Monday."

"The French artillery said to be quite equal in strength to the German batteries replied without cessation and the infantry lines hold firm. Night-fall sees no moderation of the fierceness of the struggle, which has now become a trial of endurance of the most extreme intensity."

### ON DEAD MAN'S HILL.

"The position on the Dead Man's Hill front seems to be as follows: "The French hold the crest of Hill 304 and the western slope, including a redoubt near the cross roads to the southwest of Hill 2067, that is, half way between the crest of Hill 304 and Avocourt wood; the Germans occupy the northwest north and northeast slopes of Hill 304, but not the broad summit. Dead Man's summit proper, Hill 265, is so narrow as to become untenable under the concentrated fire of many batteries. Unfortunately for the Crown Prince's regiments there is a line of hills of almost equal height, one behind another, from north to south. The next is Hill 795, and 300 yards behind this is a hill only 10 yards lower. It is against this latter, Hill 288, that the Germans are now showing their columns of assault. Their successive waves have been broken. A company managed to get into a

### PLENTY OF RESERVES

"When the writer visited Verdun, he found the whole countryside outside the fire zones filled with French reserves, and although the battle was raging with all the fury which had been its distinguishing characteristic, French perennials were going off to their homes on furlough as if nothing was happening.

"The French practice has been to give the divisions a rest after serious fighting, in order to prevent their quality from deteriorating, and they can afford to do so because they have ample reserves.

"The Germans are not in this fortunate position, and so they have to draw their scattered divisions out of the line, fill them up from the field depots as best they may and hurry them back again into the fight."

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## Fatal Accident

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 25.—Cas-

sie and Gladys Casie, daughters of Clinton Casie, a farmer, were killed and Mr. Casie and another daughter, Olive, were mortally injured yesterday when a wagon in which they were riding was struck by a Grand Trunk Railroad train on a crossing near Morrisburg, Ontario. Mr. Casie and Olive were taken to the Brockville hospital.

## 300 METRES AVERAGE

Paris, May 25.—10.30 p.m.—(Verdun)—Inspection made by military authorities of maps of the Verdun region shows that within the last month German gains on the west bank of the Meuse from Cumieres to Avocourt, average a depth of 300 metres. The line eastward from the river is substantially the same as it was a month ago.

## COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON

WOONG THE DOVE



—N. Y. Evening Telegram.