

# BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1916

PROBS: Thursday, fair and cool.

ONE CENT

## Another Naval Engagement Off Belgian Coast Asquith to Belong to the Irish Privy Council Casement and Bailey are Committed For Trial

### SIR ROGER CASEMENT AND DANIEL J. BAILEY COMMITTED TO TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

Decision Reached To-day Upon Conclusion of Preliminary Trial—Date of Trial and Court Not Yet Announced.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 17, 4.32.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey were committed for trial to-day for high treason.

This decision was reached at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing of these men on the charge of participation in the Irish rebellion, which has been in progress since Monday. The date of the trial and the court before which it will be held have not yet been announced.

London, May 17.—The decision as to whether Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey must stand trial for their lives in the High Court of Justice on a charge of high treason is expected to be handed down late to-day by Sir John Dickinson, sitting as a committing magistrate in the Bow St. police court.

The prosecution has very little more evidence to introduce against the head of the Sinn Fein revolt, and the former British soldier, whom his accusers have accused of having seduced from his allegiance. It is generally believed the prisoners will reserve their defense for the highest court, although their lawyers have consistently refused to make any statement as to their intentions.

When the case was re-opened to-day, Constable Carter, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, was recalled for cross-examination at the request of the defense. The trend of the questions indicated that at the time of his

arrest, Bailey attempted unsuccessfully to give information to the police in regard to the projected uprising.

Carter was asked whether he had heard Bailey say after his arrest that he had a statement for the authorities and that an officer should be sent for. The constable responded that he did not hear this, but that at another time he did hear Bailey say:

"I have important information which will give you police something to do."

A Russian colonel, Nicholas Belavie, who is in this country on special work for his government, identified the rifle produced in court yesterday, which was taken by a diver from the wreck of the German steamship Aud, as one made in the Russian Poulavka works in 1915. The cartridges, however, were not of Russian make. The inference drawn by those in court was that part of the war materials shipped from Germany consisted of captured Russian rifles, ammunition, for which was made in Germany.

The prosecution then called Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, who testified that the map which Casement and his companions brought from Germany and buried in the sand, was similar to those made by the German war staff. It evidently had been reproduced, the witness said, from British survey maps. There were certain spots of color about the garrisons in Ireland, which were not shown on English maps. The colonel did not know what these markings on Casement's map meant.

### PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO 125TH BATT. TO-MORROW

Lt. Governor Sir John Hendrie, Lady Hendrie, Miss Hendrie and two aides, will arrive in Brantford on Thursday morning by the 9.30 G.T.R. train, for the presentation of the colors to the 125th Brant County Battalion. The inspection of the Regiment, march past, consecration and presentation of the colors will take place at 10 o'clock in the morning in Agricultural Park. General Logie has also promised to be present. It will be a most picturesque and memorable event and the general public are cordially invited to attend.

### COULD NOT GET SKILLED HELP

International Arms Co. Delayed on That Account in Delivering Fuses.

Ottawa, Ont., May 17.—Evidence as to the manner in which the two United States firms which fuse contracts were given, had carried out their contracts, was given by Mr. C. B. Gordon, a member of the Imperial Munitions Board at this morning's session of the Meredith-Duff Commission. By November 19 last the International Arms and Fuse Company should have been delivering fuses at the rate of 5,000 fuses per day and had been delivering none. It did not seem to have enough skilled help at that time.

Mr. Gordon said the International company was unfortunate in some of its sub-contractors; he had no complaint to make in regard to it except that it had over-estimated its capacity. It was always willing to accept suggestions. It had a good force now and he was in hopes that it would live up to its new extended contract and deliver 20,000 fuses per day. It had a potential capacity of 30,000 per day.

Mr. Gordon said a new agreement with the International firm had now been made, under which they would not have any part of their order cancelled, but be allowed to deliver the whole 2,500,000 fuses within an extended period, at the original price, \$4.50 per time fuse.

As for the American Ammunition Company, its plant was more complete than that of the other. One of its sub-contractors, the American Steam Gauge Company had however fallen down badly in the delivery of component parts.

### Coalitionists Win Victory at the Polls

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 17.—The coalition government won a sweeping victory in a bye-election to-day, W. F. Hicks Beach, a Unionist, who was supported by the Liberals, was elected from Tewkesbury, by a majority of 5,689 over William Boosey, Independent.

The vote was: Hicks Beach 7,127; Boosey 1,438.

The government's victory is regarded as significant as Mr. Boosey was supported by the critics of the coalition.

The vacancy was caused by the death of Viscount Quenington, who was killed in action.

### ATTACKS WERE DRIVEN BACK

German Grenade Assault Near Dead Man Hill Checked.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Paris, May 17, 12.01 p.m.—German troops made an attack with grenades last night on French positions in the vicinity of Dead Man's Hill. The effort failed, the official report of to-day says.

To the east of the Meuse, along the Verdun front, there was continuous cannonading on both sides, particularly at Haudremont wood and Vaux Pond.

French aeroplanes made several raids during the night. Bombs were thrown on the German camp at Dammvillers and on the railway stations at Metz.

### Conscription Bill Passed Third Reading

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 17 (cable to The New York Sun).—The conscription bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 250 to 45.

The conscription bill was introduced by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons, on May 30 last. It becomes effective a month after its passage. The government is authorized by the measure to call to the colors all males, whether married or single, between the ages of 18 and 41. The bill also provides for the establishment of an army reserve for industrial work to which the government may assign as many men as industrial conditions demand.

## SMALL NAVAL BATTLE: NO BRITISH CASUALTIES

Encounter Took Place Yesterday Afternoon Off the Belgian Coast of British and Hun Destroyers—the Germans Withdrew.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 17.—A naval engagement occurred yesterday off the Belgian coast between small German and British warships. There were no British casualties.

Official announcement of the fight was made as follows:

"An encounter took place yesterday afternoon off the Belgian coast between a force composed of British destroyers and monitors and some German destroyers.

"After a short engagement the enemy withdrew to their ports. Our force sustained no casualties."

## Vermont Slaps Roosevelt; Goes For Hughes by 2 to 1

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Burlington, Vt., May 17.—In the first actual test at the polls in a preferential primary in any state between supporters of Charles Evans Hughes and those of Theodore Roosevelt, Vermont yesterday declared its preference for Hughes over Roosevelt by a vote of about two to one.

Under the new direct primary law tried out in Vermont for the first time yesterday, there was no party enrollment, any voter belonging to any party could vote for anyone he pleased on any ticket.

### LONG EVADED DESTINY CLOSING IN ON GERMANS

Only Curtain of Hun Troops Left in the East Facing Russia.

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London, May 17.—(Cable to The New York Times).—The Daily Chronicle correspondent in Paris sends the following despatch:

"Although the German commanders dare not confess failure in their Verdun enterprise by closing it down and cutting off the losses, the stress of public interest here, now altogether relieved of anxiety, is passing to other fields, where events of a different character are preparing.

"Now that 800,000 of the best German soldiers have been lost on the hill sides of Meuse, a very grave and daily aggravated situation faces the Kaiser and his grand staff. The tide has definitely turned. From west and east their long evaded destiny is closing in upon them. At no moment in the battle of Verdun have they dared to bring thither any unit from before the British front. Other parts of the German front have been stripped of all the superfluous strength and the force in Russia is similarly crippled to feed this adventure. Since the September at least twenty-two divisions have been transferred from the east to the west front, fifteen of these coming from Russia direct and five or six others by way of Serbia or other indirect way.

"There is thus left in Russia a mere curtain of German troops, while Bulgaria and Turkey are being gradually left to shift for themselves.

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"Where are such reinforcements to come from? It is very doubtful whether the depots in Germany contain the necessary numbers, and the quality of German infantry has certainly much deteriorated. Nor would the wreckage of the battle of Verdun provide a striking force, even if the crown prince could now disengage himself in that region.

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### ASQUITH IS TO BE SWORN IN AS A MEMBER OF THE IRISH COUNCIL, IS REPORT

Efforts Being Made in England in His Absence to Bring Together Carson and Redmond so That Opposing Factions May be Reconciled.

London, May 17, 2.25 p.m.—The Dublin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says he understands on good authority that Premier Asquith is to be sworn in as a member of the Irish Privy Council, becoming by this act a member of the Irish executive. This is possibly the first step, the correspondent adds, towards re-establishment of civil administration in Ireland.

While Premier Asquith remains in Ireland seeking a solution of the Irish problem, efforts are being made on this side of the Irish sea to bring together Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, and John Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, in the hope that a reconciliation of the opposing factions might be effected.

As far as can be learned there have been no negotiations thus far, but it is considered a favorable sign that Unionists and Home Rule supporters are working together and making suggestions for a compromise.

The Manchester Guardian says that David Lloyd-George is about to take an active part in the effort for a settlement. It is said that he has already met Sir Edward Carson and Joseph Devlin, Irish Nationalist member for Belfast, and that he has an engagement to meet Mr. Redmond.

The Guardian adds that Mr. Lloyd-George's scheme for a complete settlement on Home Rule lines would have powerful support in the Unionist press, and that this section of the Unionist press would not support any bitter irreconcilability on the part of the Ulster Unionists.

The Unionist press of London, with the exception of The Morning Post, which is strongly pro-Ulster, is urging a settlement.

## PRESIDENT WILSON HAS SENT REPLY TO POPE REGARDING HIS SUGGESTION FOR PEACE

Officials Refuse to Discuss His Answer But it is Thought it Had Little to do With Question of European Peace—President Anxious to Keep United States Out of the War.

Washington, May 17.—President Wilson has replied to the message sent to him recently by the Pope Benedict, in which the Pope expressed the earnest hope that war between the United States and Germany would not be precipitated by the submarine issue and conveyed the impression that he hoped the United States might be of assistance ultimately in restoring peace to Europe.

The reply of the President was conveyed through Monsignor Bonzano, the apostolic delegate here, who delivered the Pope's message at the White House.

White House officials refused today to discuss the Pope's message or reply of the President, but in other quarters it was indicated definitely that the exchange of messages had only recently to do with the question of peace in Europe.

The President is understood to have informed the Pope that he was very eager to keep the United States out of the war and would do everything possible, consistent with maintaining the honor and rights of the United States. Neither message will be made public.

At the White House to-day it was stated that nothing was known of the mission to this country of Secretary Grew, of the American embassy in Berlin, who is now on his way to the United States. It has been suggested that possibly he might be bringing a message from Emperor William to President Wilson.

## Dublin Residents to be Compensated For Losses

Reimbursement Will be on an Insurance Scale—Suggestion is Made That Overseas Premiers be a Commission to Settle Irish Problem.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 17.—The government will compensate losses of Dublin residents from fire and looting on an ordinary insurance scale, according to an official statement issued last night. It will not compensate rebels.

One suggestion for dealing with the Irish problem which has gained many supporters in the past few days is for the appointment of a commission to arrange a settlement, the members of which will include Premier Borden of Canada, Premier Hughes of Australia and Premier Botha of South Africa.

Discussing this proposal The Chronicle says editorially to-day:

"The settlement of the Irish question is not only a matter of great moment, but also a condition precedent to any scheme of imperial federation. There is thus a double reason for the co-operation of the Dominion premiers."

London, May 17.—Eight members of the national committee of the No Conscription Fellowship were arraigned in the Mansion House Police Court to-day under the Defence of the Realm act in connection with the publication of a pamphlet demanding the repeal of the compulsory military service act. This pamphlet affirmed the determination of the committee to resist the act, saying:

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### ASKED REPEAL OF CONSCRIPTION

Eight People in England Connected With Extraordinary Pamphlet.

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### Rescued Storekeeper.

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Matson, Texas, May 17.—United States soldiers have rescued James Deemer, the American storekeeper captured by Mexican raiders on Glenn Spring and Boquillas, Texas, according to a man named Terry, who arrived here to-day.

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## COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



(Captured documents show that the German Government had schemed to stamp out Mohammedanism in East Africa both by force and by the encouragement of pig-breeding.)—Punch, London, England.