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"GLOAT-FEST" INDULGED IN BY GERMANS IN LONDON ENEMY MAKES RAID ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

BRITAIN EXPECTS GERMANY TO REJECT U. S. A. DEMANDS

DERNBURG TO LEAVE STATES VERY SHORTLY

HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE U. S.
WHILE THE GOING IS GOOD

German Takes Advice Given
Him By Friends.

MAY GO TO S. AMERICA

Statements Might Have Men-
aced Domestic Affairs.

SILENT WHEN INTERVIEWED

Refuses To Tell the Reporters
Anything About His Inten-
tions For Future.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, May 15.—Dr. B. Dernburg, often referred to as the unofficial spokesman of Emperor William in the United States, has made plans to leave the country of his own initiative within a short time.

It became known here in official quarters today that, in view of the intimations that President Wilson and the Cabinet were displeased with Dr. Dernburg's speeches justifying the sinking of the Lusitania and some of his other public utterances, which they believed might be calculated to array sentiment of Germans in the United States against the Washington Government, friends of Dr. Dernburg here have persuaded him to leave the United States.

May Go to Cuba.

Just when Dr. Dernburg would leave, or where he would go, was not made known, but it was believed he would sail for Cuba or South America. Dr. Dernburg's activity in the United States since the beginning of the war has been closely observed by the President and other high officials here, who came to believe in the last week that continuation of his speeches and statements might, in the event of a critical turn in relations with Germany, menace the domestic welfare of America. It has been repeatedly denied by the German embassy, as well as by Dr. Dernburg himself, that he was a spokesman for the German Government, or that he had any official status.

They Have Doubts.

In view, however, of the fact that Dr. Dernburg was formerly colonial secretary in the German foreign office, and has become prominently active in behalf of the German cause since the outbreak of the war, officials here have no comment on that, beyond pointing to Dr. Dernburg's utterances in Cleveland and New York recently, seeking to justify the attack on the Lusitania.

No Comments.

New York, May 15.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg declined today to discuss the statement from Washington that he would soon leave the country of his own initiative. Remaining secluded in his apartments here he refused to see newspaper representatives. In an answer to a note inquiring a copy of the Washington dispatch, he returned the reply: "No comments."

HILL GO PROVES STUMBLING BLOCK

Germans Try Desperately to
Gain Possession, Exhaust-
ing Themselves.

BRITISH LINE STRONGER

Infantry Astonishes Its Lead-
ers by Achievements and
Qualities.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 15.—The Times correspondent at Ploeghe, France, in describing the desperate attempts made by the Germans on Ypres during the past week, says that they hurled themselves forward in attack after attack, each more reckless than its predecessor, and continued:

"The German infantry displayed great courage, fighting bitterly. Hill No. 60, indeed, has proved a stumbling-block to the German plans. Throughout the terrible days of the last three weeks on no occasion has the enemy launched a big attack without prefacing it by an attempt to recover this hill. There are signs that these efforts have very considerably exhausted him, but doubtless they will be renewed. The plain before Ypres is a charnel house of German dead. Ypres itself is broken and battered.

"On the other hand, the British line, rest and reinforced, is stronger than before. Each day our infantry astonishes its leaders by its achievement and qualities."



Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, recognized as the Kaiser's unofficial spokesman in the United States, who declares that Germany will continue her crusade against British commerce regardless of American passengers aboard British ships.

GERMAN RAIDERS ATTACK VANCOUVER ISLAND CABLE STATION; ROUTED, MAKE ESCAPE IN FAST LAUNCH

First Deliberate Attempt At Extensive Damage Made By a
Large Party From United States—Guard's Action
Puts Them To Flight.

[Canadian Press.]

Vancouver, B. C., May 15.—The first deliberate attempt at extensive damage in British Columbia, originating apparently from Washington State and evidently attempted by Germans or Austrians, came quite close to succeeding at midnight last night in an attack on the cable station at Bamfield Creek, west coast of Vancouver Island.

LAUNCH FILLED WITH RAIDERS.

A large launch loaded with raiders swooped down on the cable station from the sea. The watchfulness of the sentry caused an alarm to be sounded, and the military guard being roused the visitors beat a retreat. They got away in their launch, but which direction they took and where they now are is a mystery.

The intention of the raiders was evidently to put out of business the Pacific cable connecting England and Canada with Australia.

Cable officials were awakened by a rifle shot fired at the fleeing forms of two men who got away to the beach and boarded a big launch.

IN VICINITY SEVERAL DAYS.

An armed guard of soldiers was out within a few minutes and in small boats searched nearby waters, but nothing more was found. Later, information was obtained that a launch had been in the vicinity for several days and was seen signalling to persons on shore. Officials of the cable station are sending a request to the admiralty authorities at Esquimalt for a patrol boat to guard their station from the sea.

SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM!

Volunteers who will supply homes in which wounded Canadian soldiers, who are returned from the front to convalescence are being called for by the Canadian militia, and Col. L. W. Shannon, commanding officer of this division, asks that London show its patriotism, and offer homes for the boys who are coming home wounded.

Such homes will be needed in every division in Canada, and as London is the headquarters of the first division, homes for soldiers will be needed here. The Red Cross Society has offered to supply all comforts for the wounded men, and the St. John Ambulance Corps will also help the work. The master general of the ordinance of Canadian militia has asked that homes be provided by patriotic Canadians throughout the Dominion. A clearing house for returning Canadians will be established at Quebec, where all homecoming patients will be recorded.

33RD PRIVATE FALLS 15 FEET KILLING SELF

Pte. Chester C. Fitzgerald a
Victim of Accident At Bar-
racks This Morning.

HIS WIFE DOESN'T KNOW
Down Town Shopping and At
2 o'clock This Afternoon
Ignorant of Fatality.

Pte. Chester C. Fitzgerald, 32 years of age, of 532 Dufferin avenue, a cook in the Army Medical Corps, 33rd Battalion, fell downstairs in the hospital quarters at Wolsey Barracks at 11:30 o'clock this morning, and died in less than five minutes from a broken neck and fracture of the skull. His wife was down town shopping, and at 2 o'clock this afternoon had not heard that her husband had been killed.

Pte. Fitzgerald, before the war started, was employed with the Canadian Express Company. For many years before that he was a local letter-carrier. He is a son of E. Fitzgerald, of 532 Dufferin avenue, and has a brother, Percy Fitzgerald with the 7th Mounted Rifles.

Misses His Footing.

Pte. Fitzgerald had spent most of the morning over at the fair grounds, and on getting back to Wolsey Barracks went to his quarters. He had started downstairs to help get dinner, and in hurrying along missed his footing and fell head first about fifteen feet down. Several of his comrades who were standing near at once went to his assistance. He died, however, about three minutes later in the arms of Sgt. Rankin, as he was being carried upstairs.

Pte. Fitzgerald had been at Wolsey Barracks with the A. M. C. ever since the departure of the 18th Battalion. He was very popular with his comrades.

Wife and Children Survive.
Besides his wife, he leaves two children, his father and mother and the following brothers: Percy, with the 18th Mounted Rifles; John, of Princess avenue; Roy, manager of the Dominion Bank at New Hamburg, and one sister, Mrs. Ott, who lives at home.

Both Major Becher and Major H. A. Kingsmill were called. It was decided that as death was purely accidental no inquest is necessary.

It is expected that a military funeral will be held.

SIR EDWARD CASSEL, GERMAN-BORN, SAYS NATION HAS GONE MAD

Methods of Warfare Blot On
Civilization—Words
Cannot Help.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 15.—In an interview today, Sir Edward Cassel, a privy councillor of German birth, said: "Words fail me to express the deep sorrow at the manner in which this war is conducted by Germany. I had looked upon her as one of the most civilized and humane of nations, so it was difficult to believe the first accounts of atrocities in Belgium and France. Alas! they are only too true, and since then the disregard of non-belligerent life has increased, culminating in the sinking of the Lusitania, and methods of warfare have been adopted such as poisoning wells, and the use of poisonous gases, which are a blot on civilization."

"Have you any word for people of German blood in the United States?" he was asked.

"I do not see how they could change the situation. The German nation appears to have gone mad."

"Why should not you and those who agree with you attempt to express your conviction effectively?"

"No words can break Germany's purpose. She intends to subjugate all opposition, if ruthless war can do it. Terrorism is a fundamental principle of her policy."

There is no doubt that Salandra is one of the most popular figures in Italy among the people. He was widely cheered yesterday afternoon while dining in the Chamber of Deputies to confer with Signor Salandra. Soldiers and their officers joined in the demonstration.

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Before his resignation was accepted, Premier Salandra sent to all prefects in the kingdom a circular, reminding them they are authorized, if necessary, to entrust to the military authorities the protection of public order. He especially urged that foreigners be treated with respect, evidently referring to Germans and Austrians.

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WOUNDED SOLDIER WRITES TO PARENTS

Pte. John D. Elliott, 4th Battalion, in
English Hospital.

The anxiety of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Elliott, "Lilac Dale," Westminster, in regard to their son, Pte. John D. Elliott, 4th Battalion, reported wounded a week ago, was much relieved this week by a letter written by him from a base hospital in France. The casualty was not announced for a couple of weeks after the battle of Langemarck, though he was one of the first to drop in the fierce engagement in which his battalion took a prominent part. In a cheery letter he tells how fortunate he was to fall early. He was almost immediately picked up by stretcher-bearers and carried to a dressing station, while those who were wounded later in the day were frequently left some hours, owing to the great number of casualties. His wonder was that any escaped, as the bullets came like water from an immense hose. Hit by a bullet in the left lung he declares, "But that is nothing. I feel fine and could get up and jump around, only they won't let me. They make me lie flat on my back." He expects, with others, to be invalided to England.

Pte. Elliott enlisted with the 9th Battalion, in Edmonton, and was subsequently transferred to the 4th.

MARCONI HAS REFUSED CALL TO LEADERSHIP

Ex-Premier Salandra Likely
To Be Recalled To
Power.

IS PEOPLE'S FAVORITE
Demonstrations in His Favor
Made in Streets of
Rome.

[Canadian Press.]

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After receiving the King's request, he called upon Premier Salandra and former Premier Giolitti. He then waited upon His Majesty and reported progress in his efforts to get together a new ministry which he believed to represent all phases of public opinion.

Support Promised.
He already has assured himself of the support of Signor Mussolini, leader of the Socialists Reformists; Signor Pantano, a Radical leader, and Signor Barzani, one of the foremost Republicans. It is believed he will be sustained also by Signor Salandra, and that Signor Giolitti will assume an attitude of friendly neutrality.

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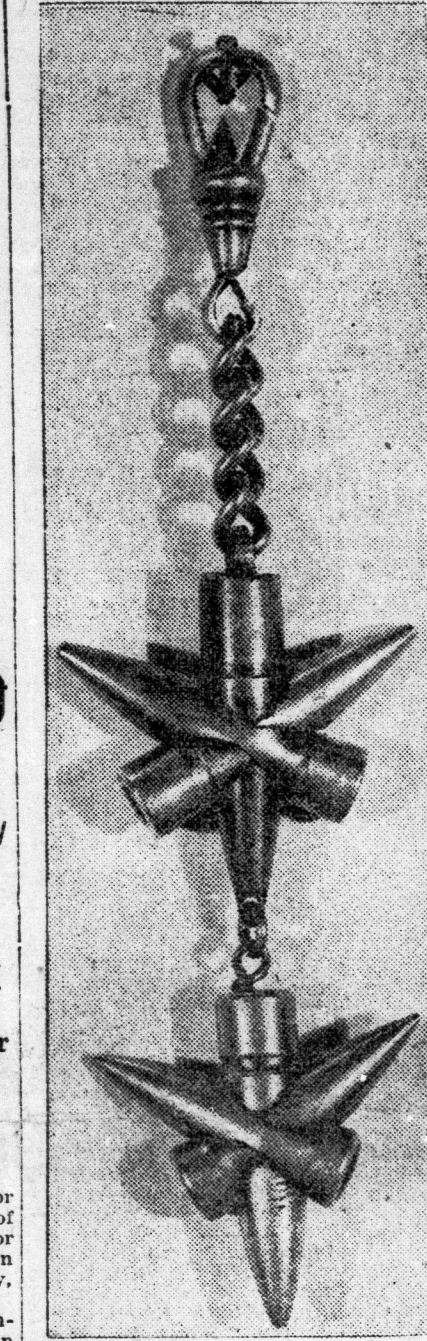
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GRUESOME SOUVENIR
OF THE BATTLEFRONT



These bullet casings, as shown above, have done deadly work. They were picked up at the front by Jim Murray, son of Scott Murray, this city, and made into a watch fob. Mr. Murray received the trophy fob this morning. They are German, French, British, Canadian and Belgian casings.

With the appointment of the commanding officer of the Princess Patricia Regiment of Light Infantry, regarded as Canada's crack regiment, at the front, a signal honor for London and a London man; information reached London today that former Lieut. Hugh Niven, son of Dr. James Niven, of this city, is now the commanding officer of the Pat's.

Col. Niven is very well known in this city. He lived here for many years before going to the West. He enlisted when war broke out in the Princess Pat's from Vancouver, B. C., and was made transport officer. He was wounded in the front line, and was several weeks away, but was able to make his way to the front again after resting for several days at a base hospital on the front line.

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North End House Rang With "Wacht Am Rhine" and Cele- brants Even Danced About Veranda in Glee — Other Disgusted Germans Gave Hints of Unseemly Conduct of Those Who Cleave To Kaiser.

The information which caused The Advertiser to investigate the rumors that revealed the state of affairs described in the following story, came from people of German blood who have renounced the Kaiser, their country and all the German practices of war. They have been literally disgusted with the actions of a certain element of German-blooded citizens of London, who have taken advantage of the fairness of this community, and have acted in such a manner as to place themselves beyond the pale of civility. The Advertiser feels that citizens owe a debt of gratitude to the persons of German descent who denounced the celebration of such "victories" as the sinking of the Lusitania. That there is need for determined action is apparent to all.

The evening edition of the paper came to a small frame house on a short street in the north end of London. The son of the man who lives in the dwelling picked it up from the verandah, and starting at the big, bold type which told of the most recent hellishness of Kaiser Bill, almost dropped the journal. He did not pick it up again. Excitement showed in every lineament of his countenance as he dashed into the house. "Mother, mother," he cried, "the Kaiser has won a great victory. The Lusitania has been sunk."

"Hoeh, der Kaiser," came from two throats, almost simultaneously. Now this may not be the exact happening, but it's near enough to truth to be written.

COL. HUGH NIVEN COMMANDER OF PRINCESS PATS

Son of Dr. James Niven Given
Most Important Post in the
Crack Regiment — Wounded
But Now At Front Again.

Along about 8 o'clock, or perhaps 8:30, other Germans came, sauntering into this household. The chatter of their guttural language, and interposed at intervals a deep-throated "hoeh" could be heard by the neighbors. The enthusiasm grew as all the details of the sinking of the vessel were recounted.

Danced in Glee.
Finally admiration of their Emperor became so deep they could not contain themselves. They came to the front of the dwelling through the open door and into the walk to the street. They cavorted like marionettes. Arms around one another's necks, they sang and danced and generally acted as one would expect soldiers of the German Reich to act after reading of such a "victory."

They returned to the house. One young male member of the party had a happy inspiration. A piano stood in a corner of the front room. Seating himself at it this patriotic youth crashed into the chords of "Wacht am Rhein," and various other songs they sing in Germany when their press announce "victories" in the eastern and western war arenas.

Reporter Sees Neighbors.
The reporter who heard of all this as written above took a walk into the street on which this German stronghold is situated this morning. He had a talk with the neighbors.

Yes, O yes. They all knew Mr. Niven. But they were in the street in common with him. Why? O well, what did the reporter wish to know for? Then his mission was explained. That cleared the atmosphere.

Did they remember any occurrence which struck them as peculiar, knowing, as all did, the nationality of the family which dwelt in the house? Why yes, of course, they did. There were big celebrations held there quite often, and generally following news in which some German victory was reported. Rather peculiar, they thought, that the authorities should allow such actions in a country whose people were so ready to think he was a sneak, but he did see something.

"Yes," he replied slowly, "I know that there are Germans in the city who do make much of German victories when they are told of in the press, but I only know through hearsay now. Nine months ago, when war was declared, I cut myself off from these people in London altogether. I quit going to the German church, and have not been inside its doors since. They have left me alone, and I have done likewise with them. I am living in Canada and making my money here. I like the people and the country, and so I keep to myself at this time. I think they are doing what is wrong in celebrating German victories, but that is not my business. The result is to leave me alone, and that is all I ask."

Don't Want To Be Quoted.
"But don't quote me as saying this," was the inevitable request as the reporter representative took his departure.

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