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Roger and Companion Accused May Reserve Defence.

ALL EVIDENCE PUT IN

Prisoner Wept Once and at Other Times Was Cheerful.

LONDON, May 16, 8 p.m.-Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey, who for two days past have been undergoing a preliminary examination in the Bow street police court on the charge of high treason in connection with the recent Irish revolt, will probably know tomorrow whether they will be placed on trial for their lives in a higher court.

The attorneys for the crown virtually concluded the introduction of evidence today, and unless the defence has some surprise in store it is Britain Will Compensate Inand the magistrate's decision whether the prisoners shall be held for trial will be given late tomorrow.

Legal experts who are following the case expressed the opinion tonight that there was small doubt that Sir Roger and Bailey would reserve their defence for the higher court. Lord Lieutenant Will Have Thus far counsel for the prisoners has asked very few questions in crossexamination, apparently being satiscourse during the preliminary hearing Neither Casement nor Bailey appeared much worried the case, Sir Roger in

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INVALIDED CANADIANS ARRIVE AT MONTREAL

Capt. Draeske, Vancouver, Fresh From Fighting at St. Eloi.

MONTREAL, May 16 .- The Allan liner Scandinavian arrived in Montreal tonight with a number of Canadian officers who had not left the vessel at Quebec this morning. These included Captain Draeske of Vancouver, the medical officer in charge of the 115 men on the Scandinavian, who came straight from France, where he was connected with No. 1 General Hospital and No. 3 Field Ambulance in the fighting at St. Eloi Captain Mine of Winnipeg, 2nd Field Co. of Engineers, recovering from a recent attack of appendicitis, and Lieut, Hogan, Vancouver, Veterinary Corps, 56th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, 10th Division, invalided home.

"The lord lieutenant will appoint a committee to ascertain what sums are covered by the insurance policies in force and to advise what part of such sums would have been paid by the companies if the destruction had been caused by accidental fire, and to advise further how the claims of uninsured persons can fairly be dealt with. Looting will be deemed similar to other acts of destruction.

"In no case will any grant be made to persons in complicity with the outbreak." Scandinavian arrived in Montreal to-

#### COUNSEL FOR LIBERALS AT DAVIDSON INQUIRY

Government Will Make Provision for Payment, Borden Intimates.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 16.—In reply to a question in the house today, the prime minister intimated that the Liberals would be allowed to select counsel to continue the enquiry before Sir Charles Davidson respecting the sale of small arms ammunition.

Asked if provision would be made for the payment of counsel, Sir Robert smilingly suggested that some member of the opposition might be willing to serve on the same terms as Capt. John Thompson, who declined to accept any remuneration. Some arrangement, however, will be made for payment of counsel as soon as one is selected.

#### BARON HARDINGE TO RESUME OLD POST

He Will Become Under-Secretary of British Foreign Office.

LONDON, May 17, 1.55 a.m.—According to a statement published here Baron Hardinge, former viceroy of India, will shortly succeed Sir Arthur Nicolson, under-secretary of the foreign office, who is retiring on account of ill-health. Lord Hardinge would thus resume the post he occupied before becoming viceroy of India.

# TO DEFRAY DAMAGE

nocent Sufferers in Dublin.

ON INSURANCE BASIS

Committee Appraise

Losses.

DUBLIN, May 17.-The government's scheme of compensation for property damage during the recent outbreak is outlined in a statement by Sir Robert Chalmers, under-secre-

"In connection with the destruction both in Dublin and elsewhere of buildings and their contents," he says, "the state will assume as maximum the same liability as would have fallen on insurance companies if the risk had been covered by ordinary fire insurance policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances.

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## \* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE specific gravity of the war has shifted from Verdun to Mesopotamia and Armenia, where the Russians have been having it pretty much their own way in recent fighting. It is believed in London that the Russians have already cut the Bagdad railway at REPORT OF MARCHAND'S Mosul, altho their official statement, which is two or three days late, only says that their advance on that city continues. Rivandouza, which was recently occupiel, is only two days' cavalry ride distant from Mosul. Petrograd already expects that the entire Turkish army in Mesopotamia will be captured, for the backbone of the Turkish communications between Mosul and Diarbekr has already been

The stand made by General Townshend and his army at Kut-el-Amara, altho it eventually resulted in his surrender, has been of the utmost value to the allies in the campaign against Turkey. His advance on Bagdad drew southward from Armenia a Turkish force of ten or twelve divisions, and the detachment of these troops from the Caucasus left the Turkish army too weak to resist the offensive of the Russians. The enemy made a strategic blunder in keeping such a great army in southern Mesopotamia after the Russian campaign developed, and he is now about to pay the penalty for his shortsightedness.

Turkey, in her extremity, has applied to Germany for help, and the great general staff, without whose orders neither the Turks, Bulgarians nor Austrians dare move, has held several consultations. That staff now has its armies largely in the west and in Russia. The Germans have taken upon themselves the defending of about 900 miles of front, and they require about 3,000,000 men for this task alone, besides garrisons for occupied territory. If they send large forces to assist the Turks they will dangerously weaken their lines in the main theatres of the war, and give a chance for the allies to strike them

( (Continued on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2.)

Debate on Purchase of Quebec and Saguenay Rather Listless.

#### LEMIEUX'S OBJECTIONS

He Thought Hapless French Investors Should Be Given Compensation.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, May 16.—The house of commons today passed the government bill authorizing the purchase of the Quebec and Saguenay Pailway after a discussion that was now and then acrimonious, but on the whole rather perfunctory. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who was expected to lead the fight, declared in favor of the purchase, but complained that the Canadian financiers were to get par for the bonds they had recently bought from the French investors for 30 cents on the dollar. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's criticism of the measure was also tepid, but some of his followers from the maritime provinces and the west charged that the purchase was the result of a deal with the Nationalists.

There was also a discussion on the shipbuilding industry, in which the premier and Sir Thomas White participated. No announcement of policy was forther George and the was intimated. commons today passed the governwas forthcoming, altho it was intimated that Sir George Foster might be heard from on the subject in the near

-Clearing Up Work. The house then went into supply, and at an early hour was engaged in passing the few remaining estimates, in an effort to clear the decks for proroga-

effort to clear the decks for prorogation by Thursday.

The house went into committee of the whole on the bill to purchase the Quebec and Montmorency, the Quebec and Saguenay and the Lotbiniere and Megantic Railways.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux was in his seat, but offered little opposition. He said, however, that the French bondholders had been induced to part

(Continued on Page 2, Column 5). LAURIER INTERESTED IN

TERM EXTENSION ISSUE He Thinks Borden Should Cable

to Authorities in Britain. By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, May 16 .- Sir Wilfrid Laurier

asked again in the house today about the

petition for an extension of parliamentary term.

The prime minister said the joint address of the two houses had been sent to the governor-general's office. Did the leader of the opposition want him to cable England and ascertain what was being done respecting the petition?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: Certainly.

CHINESE REBELS ARE AIDED BY JAPANESE

Insurgents in Shantung Equipped With Field Guns.

PEKIN, May 16.—There was continuous fighting thruout Monday night in the foreign settlement at Tsinanfu, province of Shantung. Forty rebels were killed, included among them being a number of armed Japanese. The rebels have field guns.

French General of Fashoda Fame Still in the Land of the Living.

DEATH WAS MISTAKEN

LONDON. May 17.—The Exchange Telegraph Company's Paris correspondent, who yesterday reported that Brig.-Gen. Marchand of Fashoda fame, had been killed in action, reports that his information was incorrect.

BRITISH SHIP DAMAGED IN COLLISION IN FOG

Kelvinbrae Able to Make Way Back to Port of Queens-

town.

QUEENSTOWN, May 16.—The British steamer Kelvinbrae had a large hole stove in her port side amidships today as the result of a collision during a fog off Corkharbor. The steamer, which was outward bound, was able to make her way back to harbor, where she anchored.

#### MILITARY CROSS GIVEN OFFICER WHO IS DEAD

D. C. M. Also is Awarded to Two Canadians for Gallantry Under Fire.

LONDON, May 16.—The military cross has been awarded Lieut. Wm. Henry Fleet of the Royal Highlanders, who died of wounds received in April, for conspicuous gallantry in a bombing attack. Aitho he had been hit several times, Lieut. Fleet continued to assist and encouraged his men until finally disabled. Lieut. Fleet was transferred from the Canadians last August.

The distinguished conduct medal has been granted to Pte. J. F. Bulger, 18122, of the first Canadian Mounted Rifles, for conspicuous gallantry. He picked up and threw over a parapet a live bomb, which exploded immediately afterwards. Corporal Carlisle, 16411, of the Seventh Battalion also gets the D.S.O. Hearing sounds of fighting near the enemy's wire, he went out at once and assisted in bringing in an officer.

# LITTLE LIGHT AT

Responsibility for Casualties in Fighting Hard to Determine.

**CLASH OF TESTIMONY** 

Military Evidence at Odds With That Given by Civilians.

recent fighting in Dublin owing to the ate.

authorities said he could not believe the testimony given by witnesses. He added that he had been unable to dis-cover any witness who could testify as to the manner in which the men met death. There was much fighting around the saloon, and many officers had been killed or wounded in that vicinity, he said.

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The proprietress of the saloon tes-tified that Bealen and Healy had had no connection with the revolt. She and other witnesses said there had been no firing from the saloon, which was in the hands of the soldiers from Friday midnight until the following Tuesday. The proprietress said that soldiers took Bealen away on Saturday and that she had not seen him

### MUNICIPALITIES CAN TRY DAYLIGHT SAVING

Borden Says Government Will Put No Obstacles in Way.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., May 16 .- In the orders of the day in the house, E. M. Macdonald (Pictou) enquired as to the government's position on daylight-saving. The City of Halifax, he said, had attempted to put it in force, but was handleapped by the fact that all the government offices were keeping the same hours, winter and sum-

mer.
Sir Robert Borden said that the subject was one to be dealt with by the municipalities, and there was no disposition
of the government to throw any obstacles
in the way of any city that desired to try
the experiment.

FRAUDS IN HIGHWAYS ADMITTED BY OFFICIAL

Simpson Issued False Vouchers for Road Work Materials.

AUSTRIAN AIRMEN TRY
TO BOMB ITALY'S QUEEN

ROME, May 16, 10.35 p.m.—It is reported that Austrian air raiders on Monday attempted to attack a train on which were Queen Helena and the children of the royal household. The attack failed and the air raiders were put to flight by Italian airships.

REGINA, Sask. May 16.—Arthur Simpson, assistant to J. P. Brown in the highway department, admitted before the Wetmore commission this afternoon that he had bearing money from the government by means of fraudulent vouchers for road work materials. Simpson made the admissions willingly, and said he had confessed the whole matter to Hon. J. R. Calder last March, after the investigation into the department was ordered. He said he had put thru four fraudulent vouchers, totaling about \$384.

Conservatives Seem Inclined to Strike While Bilingual Iron is Hot.

"SOLID QUEBEC" AN AID

Few Seats West of Ottawa River Conceded to Liberals at Present.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 16,—With prorogation in sight tomorrow or Thursday at the latest the talk now is of dissolution and an early election. The rank and file of the Conservatives are undoubtedly anxious for an appeal to the country and their views are voiced in the cabinet, it is said, by Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. J. D. Reid and nearly all the ministers outside of Quebec. They believe that the prospect of a "Solid Quebec" will help rather than hurt the Conservative candidates in the other provinces at the coming elections.

It would be the height of folly," said a leading Ontario Conservative M.P. today, "for the government to overlook the great opportunity extendate them by the bilingual situation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has shown himself to be a provincial politician and not an imperial statesman. If the elections come off between now and the first of July, the Liberals will not carry six seats west of the Ottawa River.

recent fighting in Dublin owing to the conflict of evidence adduced from military and civil witnesses. No testimony was brought forward at the hearing to show how the men met their deaths or came to be buried in the cellar, but the jury returned a verdict that the men had died from shock and hemorrhage, the result of gunshot wounds inflicted by a soldier or soldiers.

The jury expressed the opinion that the military evidence offered at the hearing was unsatisfactory, and that the officer responsible for the acts of the soldiers about the saloon could have been produced before the jury.

Disbelieved Witnesses.

A lieutenant-colonel who attended the hearing on behalf of the military authorities said he could not believe the administration of the government the salound to continue the administration of the government to his majesty, praying for an extension of the parliament to his majesty, praying for an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidently been pigeonholed, no imperial legislation having been as yet passed. The time is fast approaching when the B. N. A. Act requires the selection of a new parliament. Sir Williament to his majesty, praying for an extension of the parliamentary term be extension of the parliamentary term perial legislation having been as yet passed. The time is fast approaching when the B. N. A. Act requires the selection of a new parliament. Sir Williament to his majesty, praying for an extension of the parliamentary term perial legislation having been as yet passed. The time is fast approaching when the B. N. A. Act requires the selection of a new parliament to his majesty, praying for an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidences of an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidence of a new parliament to his majesty, praying for an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidences of an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidences of an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidences of an extension of the parliamentary term heave vidences of an extension of t

the cabinet. The rumor lacks confirmation, and Conservative members take little stock in the story that dissolution is being blocked by the vice-regal veto; they intimate that the stumbling block is the prime minister, who feels morally bound to continue the administration of the government until the close of the war, unless some extraordinary situation should compe him to appeal for a fresh mandate from

Sergt.-Major Debney of Toronto Assumes Important Duties.

ON BIG HOSPITAL SHIP

anadian Associated Press Cable. Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 16.—Sgt.-Major Debney of the Royal Medical Corps has been placed in charge of the personnel of the largest hospital ship afloat, plying between the Mediterranean and England. Before the war Debney was in charge of a department in the Robert Simpson Co.'s Toronto store. He brought a party of Toronto men to England to join the medical corps, and is now assisted by Staffcorps, and is now assisted by Staff-Sgts. Samuel Jamierson and Albert Keene, and Corps. W. Evans and William Tetley, all of Toronto. Debney has been offered commissions both in the horse artillery and the Shropshires, is which he served for many years prior to his emigrating to Canada.

### ASQUITH CONTINUING **DUBLIN CONFERENCES**

Premier Carefully Gathering In dividual Views on Irish Question.

DUBLIN, May 16 .- Premier Asquith today continued his conferences with prominent persons in every sphere of frish life. The premier, however, did not explain the object of his investiga-tions, confining himself to ascertaining the views of the persons whom he saw. The largest dinner party since the out-break of the European war was held at the viceregal lodge this evening.

DINEEN'S SPECIAL RAINCOATS.

Special imported English raincoats, priced at \$9.75 for men and \$6.50 for \$5.50 for ladies. There is no profit in selling raincoats at these prices, but the offer is seasonable and illustrates the hereix

**AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE** LAUNCHED IN TYROL

Foe Captures First Line Italian

Positions in Heavy Attack.

Special Cable to The Toronte World.

LONDON, May 16.—The Austrians launched an attack with masses of infantry against parts of the Italian front between the Adige Valley and the upper Astico and drove in the Italians from their advanced positions. At other parts of the front attacks were launched as diversions, the Italian war office reported today. In the Monfalcone zone the Italians captured 254 prisoners in repulsing an attack. Italian airmen raided stations in the rear of the Austrians.

The Austrians claim that they took Italian first-line positions in several sectors of the Tyrol after concentrated artillery preparation and that 2500 prisoners were taken, as well as seven cannon and 11 machine guns.

Military observers are inclined to believe that this action herald's a big offensive by the Austrians.

## **DUKE WILL NOT** PROROGUE HOUSE

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick is to Perform Ceremony at Ottawa.

COMMENT IS CAUSED

His Royal Highness to Be in Montreal Instead of the Capital,

DUBLIN, May 16, 9.28 p.m.—The coroner's inquest into the deaths of two men, named Resien and Healy, whose bodies were found buried under the debris of a saloon, seemingly illustrates the difficulty of fixing the responsibility for casualties in the recent fighting in Dublin owing to the liberals will not carry six seats west of the Ottawa River.

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OTTAWA, Ont., May 16,—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught is not going to officiate at the prorogation of parliament. There is considerable comment upon the fact. The power into the hands of the Liberals and the moral effect may be unfortunated to the deaths of the Conservative government in these two provinces upon purely local issues, but the change of government in these two provinces upon purely local issues, but the change of government in the principal function of the governor-power into the hands of the Liberals and the moral effect may be unfortunated to the defeat of the Conservative government in these two provinces upon purely local issues, but the change of government in the principal function of parliament. There is considerable to the conservative government in the principal function of parliament and the principal function of the governor-power into the hands of the Liberals and the moral effect may be unfortunated. erable comment upon the fact. The principal function of the governor-general of Canada is to represent the throne on the important occasions of throne on the important oc the representatives of the people in parliament.

When Farl Grey was governor-general he once gave a fishing trip precedence over prorogation, and his action was criticized in parliament. It is expected that the excuse which is given for the absence of the present governor-general on this occasion is that he desires to be in Montreal at a time when parliament has indicated that it wants to prorogue.
Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, the chief entire historic country lying between the Tigris and the Euphrates, under

### justice of Canada, will perform the function of prorogation on Thursday. **'OBJECTERS"** ARE SENT TO JAIL IN ENGLAND

Refusal to Drill Results in Sentences Being Carried Out.

LONDON. May 16.—Many "conscientious objectors," whose objections to military service have been overruled by the military authorities, are having a hard time of it. A score of them left Rhyl, Wales, today for different prisons to undergo varying degrees of punishment, as a result of their court-martial on charges of refusing to obey military orders.

Several were sentenced to two years at hard labor. Some of them had refused to put on khaki or shave, and all refused to drill.

### U. S. OFFICIALS TO GUARD PANAMA CANAL LOCKS

Rumors of Pending Dynamite Attempt Given Credence.

PANAMA, May 16.—The canal authorities are taking special precautions to safeguard the canal locks, owing to to safeguard the canal locks, owing to rumors that attempts might be made to dynamite them. The American steamer San Ramon, bound from San Francisco and Mazatlan, Mexico, for New York, was subjected to a search prior to passing thru the waterway. All the crew of the San Ramon were Americans, and there were no aliens aboard. The vessel carried a cargo of dyewood. She arrived at Cristobal today.

### **BRITAIN WILL CUT DOWN** IMPORTS OF TOBACCO

One-Third Quantity Brought in Last Year Will Be Allowed.

LONDON, May 16, 11.03 p.m.-The poard of trade announces that owing o the increasing shortage of tonnage, the proposal to grant licenses for the importation of tobacco purchased before Feb. 15 has been withdrawn, but that licenses will be granted for the that licenses will be granted for the importation of tobacco between June 1 and Man 18, 1917, not exceeding one-third the quantity imported in 1915.

MAJOR VANSITTART KILLED.

the offer is seasonable and illustrates the bargain opportunities at Dineen's store, 140 Yonge street.

A message received yesterday by Frank Arnoldi, K.C., stated that Major Society," ne said, "and therefore there should be no hesitation in using it in other Canadian institutions."

## **TURKISH CUT OFF**

Russians Were Two Cavalry Rides Away Several Days Ago.

**BIG NEWS EXPECTED** 

ondon Believes Moslems in Mesopotamia Will Be Captured.

LONDON, May 16.—The Russian official statement on the campaign in Armenia and in Mesopotamia, issued today, says that the Russian advance continues in the direction of Mosul and that in the direction of Diarbekr the Russians repulsed with their fire a Turkish attempt at an offensive.

The Russian official statement announcing that the advance on Mosul continues probably veils important news. The Russian communications are generally a day or two late in announcing the actual attainments and it is considered not unlikely that the Bagdad railway, which runs along the left bank of the Tigris and has been for a couple of days within cavalry ride of

the Russian advance is already cut. The Russian advance in this direction has been swift and silent towards an easy road which leads to Mosul or ancient Nineveh, where the German Bagdad railway joins the Tigris. Germany has hurriedly despatched

forces, it is believed to the Turkish centre at Erzinian, to Russian advance. But apparently these efforts have come too late. A Petrograd despatch says. With the advance of Russian forces couthward from the Uruminh region toward Mosul, in Syria, on the Tigris, which resulted recently in the occupation of Rivandouza, the Russians are now bringing fresh pressure of the most powerful sort upon the rear of the Turkish armies in Mesopotamia. The development of this new line of attack has greatly enhanced the chances of success of the Russian campaign in Mesopotamia, which holds forth the hope now entertained in Petrograd of bringing not only Bagdad. the holy city of the Caliphs, but the

Advance on Ancient City. Of the two groups of Russian armies which are now threatening Mesopotamia overland, the one already, mentioned has crossed the Mesopotamian border and is marching rapidly lowerd Mosul. The only serious ofstacle between it and this goal is the

Russian domination.

stacle between it and this goal is the ancient fortified City of Jezireh-Ihn-Cmar, on an island in the Tigris, 130 miles southeast of Diarbekr. It is reported that this city, with its anti-quated defences, will not be able long to delay the Russian advance.

Turk Armies Separated.

The progress of these forces already has broken the backbone of the Turkish communications between Diarbekr and Mosul and the Turkish armies covering these two points are now separated except for a circuitous road, too far in the rear to be of much service.

Some 200 miles southward the other

group of Russian forces, drawn up on the Persian-Turkish border before Khanikin, is prepared to strike thru to Bagdad. Bagdad.
Turks Put in Jeopardy.
The combined pressure from these two directions upon the Turkish rearhas placed the entire Turkish army in Mesopotamia, estimated at between six and seven divisions, in great jeopardy. According to the latest despatches, the Turks have been forced to relax to a great extent, their resistance to the British expeditionary army ance to the British expeditionary army and rush troops northward. Thus it is thought the successes which have been won by the Russians will soon have an effect on the fortunes of the

#### UTTERS PLEA FOR STUDY OF FRENCH IN CANADA

British campaign.

Dr. Alfred Baker Advises Canadians to Learn the Language.

OTTAWA, May 16.—A plea for more extensive study of the French language in Canada was made in the address of the president of the Royal Society of Canada, Dr. Alfred Baker, this evening.

Dr. Baker contended that as the present Furceau struggle will and

prosent European struggle will end in the setting up of cordial relations between France and the British Em-pire, English-speaking Canadians should make it a point of learning the French language and reading Frnech literature.

literature.
"It is a language used in our Do-