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RUSSIANS CUT TURKS OFF FROM BAGDAD

Bilingual Issue May Cause Election in Near Future

COURT DECIDES ON CASEMENT HEARING TODAY

Sir 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.

INVALID CANADIANS ARRIVE AT MONTREAL

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.

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 Mosul, altho their official statement, which is two or three days late, only says that their advance on that city continues.

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 government would be allowed to select counsel to continue the enquiry before Sir Charles Davidson respecting the sale of small arms ammunition.

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 state for foreign affairs, who is retiring on account of ill-health.

TO DEFRAY DAMAGE CAUSED BY REVOLT

Britain Will Compensate Innocent Sufferers in Dublin.

ON INSURANCE BASIS

Lord Lieutenant Will Have 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-secretary for Ireland.

OPPOSITION TO RAILWAY DEAL NOT EFFECTIVE

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 Railway after a discussion that was now and then acrimonious, but on the whole rather perfunctory.

LITTLE LIGHT AT DUBLIN INQUEST

Responsibility for Casualties in Fighting Hard to Determine.

'CLASH OF TESTIMONY'

Military Evidence at Odds With That Given by Civilians.

DUBLIN, May 16, 9.28 p.m.—The coroner's inquest into the deaths of two men, named Healy 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 conflict of evidence adduced from military and civil witnesses.

LAURIER INTERESTED IN TERM EXTENSION ISSUE

He Thinks Borden Should Cleave to Authorities in Britain.

CHINESE REBELS ARE AIDED BY JAPANESE

Insurgents in Shantung Are Equipped With Field Guns.

REPORT OF MARCHAND'S DEATH WAS MISTAKEN

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

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 with a foreign vessel in the harbor.

AUSTRIAN AIRMEN TRY TO BOMB ITALY'S QUEEN

ROME, May 16, 10.55 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.

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. Altho 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.

EARLY ELECTION REPORT REVIVED AT THE CAPITAL

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 propagation 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 Conservatives outside of Quebec. They believe that the prospect of a 'Solid Quebec' will help rather than hurt the Conservative candidates in the coming elections.

AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED IN TYROL

Foe Captures First Line Italian Positions in Heavy Attack.

Special Cable to The Toronto 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 Montafalco zone the Italians captured 254 prisoners in repulsing an attack. Italian airmen raided stations in the rear of 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.

'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 now being sent to jail. A score of them left Brixton, 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.

IS PROMOTED TO CHARGE ON BIG HOSPITAL SHIP

Sergt.-Major Debney of Toronto Assumes Important Duties.

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 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.

ASQUITH CONTINUING DUBLIN CONFERENCES

Premier Carefully Gathering Individual Views on Irish Question.

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 board of trade announces that owing to 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 importation of tobacco between June 1 and Jan. 15, 1917, not exceeding one-third the quantity imported in 1915.

UTTERS PLEA FOR STUDY OF FRENCH IN CANADA

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 House of Commons today by the president of the Royal Society of Canada, Dr. Alfred Baker, this evening.

MAJOR VANSITTART KILLED

A message received yesterday by Frank Arnold, K.C., stated that Major Geo. Vansittart, O.C. 13th Battery, had been killed in action.

MUNICIPALITIES CAN TRY DAYLIGHT SAVING

Borden Says Government Will Put No Obstacles in Way.

FRAUDS IN HIGHWAYS ADMITTED BY OFFICIAL

Simpson Issued False Vouchers for Road Work Materials.

DINEEN'S SPECIAL RAINCOATS.

Special imported English raincoats, priced at \$9.75 for men and \$6.50 for women, are now on hand at Dineen's store, 140 Yonge street.

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