

ROYAL COMMISSION TO SIFT CHARGES

Sir William Meredith and Mr. Justice Duff Will Investigate Fuse Contracts—Sir Sam Will Return

The Dominion Government has decided to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the contracts for fuses, under which, it is alleged, \$3,000,000 was advanced to two "mushroom" companies in the United States and out of which Col. J. Wesley Allison and his associates divided a commission of \$1,000,000.

Liberals Not Satisfied Several Liberal members manifested strong opposition to the proposal of Sir Robert Borden to commit the investigation to a Royal Commission.

Premier's Statement The Premier began by briefly quoting excerpts from his speech delivered in the House of Commons during the early stages of the debate upon the Laurier resolution for an investigation of the Shell Committee.

Scope Not Limited Upon careful enquiry I cannot find that any of the other contracts out of which it is alleged by the Hon. Member for Richmond that J. Wesley Allison obtained profits or commissions, were made either by the Shell Committee or by any department of the Government of Canada.

Dr. A. W. Waite, the New York dentist, has been charged with murder in the first degree.

KYTE CHARGES ALLISON WITH HUGE RAKE-OFF

Alleged Mushroom United States Companies Made Profits Long Before Delivery of Shell Fuses

In the House of Commons, Ottawa, on Tuesday night George W. Kyte (Liberal) of Richmond, preferred an elaborate indictment against the shells committee in connection with the contract for fuses.

Hughes' Formal Approval Mr. Kyte charged that the American Ammunition Company, capital \$1,000,000, having no plant, received five orders on which \$1,565,400 was paid before any delivery was made.

Sir Thomas Defends Hon. W. T. White followed on behalf of the Government. He said that there was nothing unusual in the Government advancing money to contractors before the work was actually done.

GERMAN HORDES STILL DRIVEN TO SLAUGHTER

Verdun Defences Roll Back More Attacks—Aircraft and Artillery Busy Around Crown Prince's Objective

Despatches from London on Sunday said: "The Germans are still carrying on strong offensive operations northeast and northwest of Verdun. About four and one-half miles northeast of the fortress they penetrated the Caillette Wood, just outside Fort Douaumont, after a violent bombardment.

Another Attack Fails The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt since their occupation of the village. The heavy bombardments of preceding days in the region northwest of Verdun have greatly slackened, and there also has been only moderate activity by the big guns to the north and east of the fortress.

Professor Lavell Found? A despatch from Colorado Springs and a message received by Mrs. Lavell herself in Toronto indicate that the three-year mystery of the disappearance of Prof. Cecil F. Lavell, Ph.D., formerly of Queen's University, Kingston, has been solved by his being found in that town.

BABY-KILLERS TAKEN; HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

"It is War," Says Hun—Captors Very Kind—New Zealander the Hero—Three More Raids

With the exception of the big raid of January 31, when the casualties aggregated 67 persons killed and 117 injured, the Zeppelin raids of Friday and Saturday nights caused greater loss of life than any previous aerial attack this year.

Defences Improved It is stated that a number of persons who were injured in the Zeppelin raid were rendered unconscious by asphyxiating bombs.

Hundreds of Casualties Official bulletins dealing with the Zeppelin raids of Sunday, Saturday and Friday nights read as follows: "A Zeppelin raid took place Sunday night, when the coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked.

Crew Were Afraid "None of the men of the L-15 would admit that bombs had been dropped during the raid, probably from the unfounded fear that any such admission would entail punishment.

Hun Captain's Story "I do not think you would find an officer of the German navy or army who would willingly participate in the killing of women and children," said Lieut.-Commander Breithaupt, commander of the Zeppelin L-15.

Villa's Band Scattered Raider's Band Scattered in First Clash With Pursuers Four hundred American cavalrymen under the command of Col. George A. Dodd, have fallen on the main body of Francisco Villa's bandits at the San Geronimo ranch, scattering them in many directions and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled, to seek a hiding place in the mountains.

Nearly 300,000 in Khaki Official Figures of Enlistments in Canada and Cost in Dollars Sir Robert Borden announced in the House of Commons last week that the enlistments in the Canadian army to date were 290,000.

A Serbian Woman The peasant costume of the Serbs is most picturesque, the feature of it being a fringed apron of gaudy colors and beautiful finish. The women are usually healthy and powerful and in many cases beautiful.

CARE OF THE BLIND

According to the last Dominion census there are 3,200 blind people in Canada; of these Ontario claims 1,100.

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After the racing season closed at New Orleans one season a colored roustabout asked where the next meeting was to be held. He was told "Toronto." "Is it far?" "Just a short distance," was the reply, so he jumped in a boat and started to row there.



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can get well for nothing, and if I marry a minister I can be good for nothing.—Woman's Journal.

Advertisement for Zam-Buk ointment. Features the text "You Can" and "ZAM-BUK" in large, stylized fonts. The text describes the ointment's effectiveness for various ailments like eczema, abscesses, and skin injuries.

Advertisement for International Poultry Tonic. Includes the headline "MAKES THEM LAY." and "INTERNATIONAL POULTRY TONIC". It features an illustration of a hen and a box of the product, and describes it as a mixture of roots, herbs, and spices.

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Homeseekers Excursions. Features a scenic illustration of a train and a lake. The text promotes "Every Tuesday, March to October" and "Every Wednesday During Season Navigation 'Great Lakes Route'".

Advertisement for The Rob-Roy Cereal Mills Co. Oatmeal Millers. Features the headline "Special Prices on Feed" and "We have a stock of Yellow Corn on hand that we are selling at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. in ton lots." It lists various feed products and their prices.