

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.

Several Liberal members manifested strong opposition to the proposal of Sir Robert Borden to commit the investigation to a Royal Commission.

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.

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 fuse 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.

Another Attack Fails The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt since their occupation of the village.

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.

CARE OF THE BLIND

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

Statistics tell us that 80 or 90 per cent. of the blind of every civilized country are adults over 20 years of age; 60 per cent. of the blind of Canada are over the age of 15.

Where God builds a church, there the devil has his chapel. If you go to war, pray; if you go on a sea journey, pray twice; but pray three times when you are going to be married.

After the racing season closed at New Orleans one season a colored roustabout asked where the next meeting was to be held.



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SOME RUSSIAN PROVERBS.

The cynical humor of the Russians is admirably illustrated by their proverbs, a selection of which we give from the "National Proverbs of Russia," published by Frank Palmer.

You cannot sew buttons on your neighbor's mouth. When money speaks, truth keeps silence. The German may be a good fellow, but it is better to hang him.

HER CHOICE. When I am big, mamma, I'm going to marry a doctor or a minister. Why, my dear? Because, if I marry a doctor I

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, featuring the text 'You Can' and 'ZAMBUK' with an illustration of a person.

Advertisement for International Poultry Tonic, featuring the text 'MAKES THEM LAY' and 'INTERNATIONAL POULTRY TONIC' with an illustration of a chicken.

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Home-seekers Excursions, featuring the text 'Home-seekers Excursions' and 'Every Tuesday, March to October' with an illustration of a train.

Advertisement for The Rob Roy Cereal Mills Co. featuring the text 'Special Prices on Feed' and 'We have a stock of Yellow Corn on hand' with a decorative border.