

FUSE SCANDAL EXPOSED, ALLISON'S BIG RAKE-OFF

Of a Million Before Contract Given - Astounding Revelations of Profiteering in Connection With Fuse Orders To Mushroom Companies, Given Through Allison.

Ottawa, March 29.—What was to have been the closing day of the debate on the Laurier resolution demanding an investigation into the operations of Gen. Sir Sam Hughes' "baby," the Shell Committee, provided the greatest sensation so far sprung, and the most damning evidence of profiteering, high finance, secret commission, intrigue and other phases of "get-rich-quick Wallingford" methods yet disclosed.

The trail of munitions profiteering as disclosed by Mr. Kyte and as backed up by circumstantial detail of partnership agreements as to division of profits led straight to Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison, the man whom General Sam Hughes declared was "the soul of honor," his "guide, counselor and advisor," who "refused to take any commission or recompense for his services so far," and who "has saved Canada upwards of \$50,000,000."

Mr. Kyte showed that Col. Allison, in combination with a well-known United States contractor of high finance methods named Benjamin Yoakum, had arranged for profits on fuse orders secured from the Shell Committee and for other war orders amounting to at least \$1,600,000.

A Blood-stained Graft. The fuse contracts, aggregating some \$22,000,000, were let last June to two mushroom companies in the United States, organized just before the contracts were let, with a subscribed capital of only \$4,000, and without plant, machinery or building. The contract price for the fuses was \$4.50 and \$4 each, although these same fuses are to-day being made in Canada for \$3.50 each, with a prospect of a further big cut in price.

Government Forces In Panic. The charges were so serious and so circumstantial, following as they did the long array of serious and unrefuted charges made by Mr. Carvell and Hon. Dr. Pugsley, that the Government forces were obviously thrown into panic. The faces of the Premier and his colleagues were serious and the talk in the corridors among some of the Conservative members was frankly that the Government dare no longer refuse an investigation.

Sir Wilfrid's Charge. And in addition to that there remained still the plea of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that after all the worst feature of the whole case was not the waste of millions of public money to profiteers and middlemen, but the irreparable loss of time in the delivery of the shells.

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GROUND PLAN OF OTTAWA'S NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.



Left to right, the main feature of this plan are: Commons Chamber, court, reading room, entrance hall, and elaborate entrance through to library (and building at rear), committee room, court, and at the extreme right the Senate Chamber.

TO PREVENT THE ENEMY

From Accumulating Forces Against One Ally.

SIMULTANEOUS BLOWS

ARE TO BE MADE AGAINST THE GERMANS.

The Allies Hold a Momentous Conference in Paris — Commanders-in-Chief to Apply Scheme Decided Upon.

Paris, March 29.—The notable conference of the military and civil chiefs of the Governments of the Entente Allies, at which momentous questions regarding the war were taken up for consideration and decision, ended yesterday.

It is pointed out also that the German and Bulgarian demonstration in the Balkans fully justified the idea advocated by Premier Briand of the necessity of sending an allied expedition to Salonika.

The conference adopted the following resolutions just prior to adjournment: "The representatives of the Allied Governments, in conference at Paris, March 27th and 28th, 1916, affirm the complete community of views and solidarity of the Allies."

War Tidings. The main Russian army in Armenia is now within twenty miles of Trebizond, the chief Turkish port of the Black Sea.

The Allied Governments decided to put into practice in the economic domain their solidarity of views and interests. They charge the economic committee, which is to be held shortly at Paris, to propose for them appropriate measures for the realization of this solidarity.

With a view to strengthen, co-ordinate and unify the diplomatic action to be exercised to prevent the re-entraining of the enemy, the conference has decided to establish at Paris a permanent committee, in which all the Allies will be represented.

The conference has decided: First, to continue the organization, already begun at London, of an international Central Bureau of Freight; second, to proceed in common and with the briefest delay, to seek practical means to apportion equitably between the Allied nations the charges for maritime transportation and check the rise in freight rates.

ONTARIO IS EAGER TO GIVE MORE AID.

The Legislature To Enquire Into Helping To Recruit Men.

Toronto, March 29.—The Ontario Legislature yesterday appointed a committee of fourteen members to consider the organization of the agricultural and industrial resources of the Province, and to inquire into and report as to what further assistance Ontario can render in the work of recruiting men for the Canadian expeditionary forces.

Austrian Aviators Attack Venice. Vienna, March 29.—Austrian aviators have attacked Venice for the seventh time, since the beginning of the war, the War Office announced to-day.

CANADIAN MONEY; EXCHANGE IS HIGH.

Watertown Banks and Merchants Affected — Costs Nearly Two Per Cent.

Watertown, N.Y., March 29.—Local banks and merchants are being seriously affected by the advance in the exchange rate on Canadian money. It was said to-day that the large amount of this money handled here is costing the banks a considerable sum, and many of the merchants during the last few days have protested against accepting the money, particularly bank notes.

At the present time it costs the local banks nearly two per cent, as a result of the exchange rate and the express charges upon shipments of the money.

One merchant stated he believes the money should not be accepted here any more than it is in the central and southern part of the state, though this city is near the border.

He says steps should be taken to stop the general circulation of bills. In the past the money has been circulated as readily in this city as United States currency.

HAS A HUGE ARMY OF YOUNG MEN.

Russia Has An Inexhaustible Supply of Trained Troops.

New York, March 29.—A trained army of Russians, composed mostly of young men, is ready at Belograd to go into action at a moment's notice.

This information was brought here by George Fry, a civil engineer, who reached New York yesterday. Fry has just returned from Russia. "I was amazed at the sight of the enormous army," he said, "and the very existence of which apparently is known to but few persons outside of the highest officials," said Fry.

"They are being held in reserve. For what purpose it was, of course, impossible for me to say." "Russia is inexhaustible in men, and at present she is in excellent condition as far as arms and ammunition are concerned. The only respect in which there appears to be any disadvantage is facilities for transportation."

SENDING SULTAN SWORD. Prince Eitel to Carry Gift to Constantinople. London, March 29.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says Emperor William is sending Prince Eitel Frederick to Constantinople to present a sword of honor to the Sultan in commemoration of the bravery of the Turkish army.

The prince is expected to arrive at the end of this week, the despatch adds. "Two hundred special police have left Berlin to take precautionary measures for the safety of the prince, who also will visit the Turkish front in Asia Minor."

KILLED OR INJURED.

And Two German Aeroplanes Were Destroyed.

Paris, March 29.—Twenty persons were killed, between thirty and forty were wounded, and two German aeroplanes were destroyed in an aerial raid over Salonika on Monday, according to official statement.

Call For Lifting the Lid. Toronto, March 29.—The World's correspondent writes: Thirty and forty shortly after midnight, members of parliament lingered about the new parliament buildings discussing the political situation. The general impression seems to be that the government will have to recede from its position in respect to the investigation of the shell committee announced some days ago by the prime minister.

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GERMAN DESTROYER RAMMED AND SUNK.

In North Sea Engagement—British Lost Destroyer in a Collision.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 29.—The cruiser Cleopatra rammed and sank a German destroyer Saturday night in the engagement between the British cruiser squadron and German destroyers' engagement in the North Sea. The destroyer's crew were lost. All British ships in recent operations in North Sea, have returned except the destroyer Medusa lost in a collision. Twenty prisoners were taken from German trawlers sunk.

Confirmed By Admiralty. (Special to the Whig.) London, March 29.—The Admiralty now confirms the reported battle on the North Sea on Saturday in which three German and one British vessels were destroyed.

ISSUE ULTIMATUM.

Traintmen in United States Demand Changes in Conditions. New York, March 29.—The new demands of some 360,000 engine drivers, firemen, conductors and trainmen, it was learned to-day, will be submitted to the railroads of the country on next Thursday. The railroads are to be informed that a reply in writing will be expected by April 29th.

The railroad employees ask for an eight-hour day and a half for overtime. The railroads already have said informally that these demands would not be granted.

THE FRENCH GENERAL WHO HOLDS VERDUN.

Simple and Democratic, He Is Beloved By His Soldiers, Whose Interests He Carefully Guards.

Paris, March 29.—During the war the French have become enthusiastically over a number of suddenly discovered men of military genius, who shortly afterwards have lost battles and fallen into disfavor. The latest "discovery" is General Philippe Petain, commanding the armies around Verdun. Petain, who was born near Calais, entered Saint-Cyr in 1876, serving there in the famous Chasseurs-a-Pied.

By 1890 he was captain, and, after two years in the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, he was given staff manding as professor of infantry tactics. Shortly after the outbreak of the war Petain was made a general of division, and in June of last year was given command of the Thirty-third Army Corps, his first major success in the war was, his management of the first line assault in the Champagne offensive, and it was believed that he would command the French offensive in the Somme, which the German blow at Verdun postponed.

CHURCH PACIFISTS' PROTEST.

"Whittling Down the Gospel For Military Necessity." Bradford, Eng., March 29.—The closing session of the Free Church congress was devoted to consideration of the spiritual basis and ideal of a Free Church.

The Canadian plot miscarried through the delay of one of the agents, said to be a lawyer in Buffalo, who waited until it was too late. The nucleus of the revolution was started successfully, but as there was no further move in the matter by the German agent, it fell through and the Canadian troops sailed for England.

GIANT PIRATE APPEARS.

Biggest and Speediest Yet Held 30 Victims Four Days. Copenhagen, via London, March 29.—A German submarine, says the Christiania correspondent of the Politiken, bigger and speedier than any submarine previously seen, and carrying a crew of eighty, has appeared off Utsire, on the south-west coast of Norway.

The captain sent a wireless message that he had torpedoed the Norwegian barque Lindfield, on March 17th, and had taken the crew of thirty on the submarine, where he kept them for four days and then transferred them to the Norwegian barque Silas.

The sinking of the Lindfield was reported from London March 22d. This report gave the information that the crew of thirty had been put aboard the barque Silas, bound for Queenstown. The Lindfield, which measured 2,276 tons, left Portland, Oregon, on Nov. 7th for British ports.

WAR BULLETINS.

The Germans have launched a new assault at Verdun, in a last effort to destroy the unconquerable city.

Desperate encounters continue on the Russian front with fierce hand-to-hand fighting. The Germans were unable to capture lost positions.

The Russians defeated the Turks in Armenia and captured Hizan.

FAST TRAIN HITS WRECK

Sixteen Dead And Two Score Injured.

TWO TRAINS IN OHIO

COLLIDED DURING A FOG WEST OF CLEVELAND

The Twentieth Century Limited a Few Minutes Later Ploughed Through the Wrecked Trains.

(Special to the Whig.) Cleveland, Ohio, March 29.—The Twentieth Century Limited, the fastest train in the United States, west-bound, and two other Lake Shore trains, eastbound, collided early today at Amherst, Ohio, thirty-seven miles west of Cleveland.

Unofficial reports said that sixteen bodies had been taken from the wreckage and that the injured numbered two score. The wreck occurred in a thick fog. The rear section of train No. 86, eastbound, ran into the first section.

Three cars were totally demolished and all cars thrown from the track. One engine which stayed on the track, managed to clear with one car bearing dead and injured, who were taken to Elyers, five miles away.

The Twentieth Century was derailed but nobody on it was injured.

Toronto People Among Victims. (Special to the Whig.) Cleveland, March 29.—The last statement issued by the New York Central reported twenty-one dead and thirty injured was the total number of victims of the Twentieth Century Limited wreck near Amherst, D. Fulkerson and Miss Dora Roseburg of Toronto, were among the victims.

Prize Money to British Seaman. London, March 29.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the Prize Court, to-day awarded the officers and crew of the British auxiliary cruiser Carmania, £22,115 as prize bounty for the sinking of the German auxiliary cruiser Cap Trafalgar, destroyed by the Carmania in South American waters in September, 1914.

This is the first application ever heard in the Prize Court for prize bounty.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

(Special to the Whig.) Winnipeg, March 29.—True bills were returned by the jury in connection with graft in the construction of the Manitoba Parliament buildings.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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Remember the "Father and Son Banquet" at the Y.M.C.A., Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Carr, Americanville.

BORN. MARTIN—At 47, Pembroke street, on Wednesday, March 29th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Kent Martin, a son.

DIED. FLYNN—In Kingston, on Tuesday, March 29th, 1916, Katie Burke, wife of William Flynn, in her 35th year.

Funeral Friday morning at 10 o'clock for the repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

FITZGERALD—In Kingston, on March 28th, 1916, Thomas Fitzgerald, 26 Clergy street W., Thursday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul. Friends and acquaintances kindly invited to attend.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS

It is cowardice to leave undone what one perceives to be right to do. —Confucius.