

SAYS PREMIER MISLED THEM

With Regard to the Shell Committee.

AN EXPLANATION DUE

FROM SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN PARLIAMENT

If He Did Not Know, He Should Have Known—Two Other Conservative Ministers Are Also Blamed.

Ottawa, May 2.—Parliamentarians are speculating as to whether the evidence establishing the Canadian Government, through its Minister of Militia, as the direct agent of the British Government in the purchase of munitions, and disclosing the members of the Shell Committee in a more contractual relationship, will be brought before the Commons this week.

Some of the Government supporters, particularly those who insisted upon some investigation and were primarily responsible for the Government's sudden volte face, now complain somewhat caustically that they were "fooled," and they hold the Premier himself responsible.

What these members are charging against Sir Robert Borden, they charge with equal emphasis against Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, and Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General, the two other members of the Government who gave the House and the country deliberate and definite assurance of the freedom of the Canadian Government, either by itself or through the Minister of Militia, from any direct responsibility for or control of the Shell Committee.

Meantime there are signs that the Government is becoming increasingly eager to see Parliament prorogued and embarrassing predicaments, present and prospective, shelved till the time being.

FOOD FOR BELGIUM TO SHORTEN WAR.

Giving Aid To Starving Folks Purpose Germans Had In Mind.

Montreal, May 2.—"A dollar to save some unfortunate person from starvation, is equal to a dollar's worth of bullets fired from a Canadian gun into the German lines," declared a prominent Montrealer, today.

"Self-preservation is the first law of nature," to quote a trite saying, Belgium has bravely stood her ground, watched the invader kill her people and denude her country, slaughter her innocent, but when starvation faces the people they will eat.

That is why I try everywhere

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to emphasize the importance of the work being done by the Belgian Relief Committee. It's offices at 59 St. Peter street, should receive a donation from every Canadian who is loyal to the cause of the Allies, I have told why. Should we let them reach the point where they must eat German food and work for Germans or shall we give them our support, a support which is justly theirs, and thus end the war more quickly?"

TRINITY STUDENTS SAVE FAMOUS BANK.

Bank of Ireland Successfully Defended Against Rebels—Shoot From Windows.

Liverpool, May 2.—How Trinity College students saved the Bank of Ireland is told by a resident of Liverpool who has just arrived from Dublin.

"It was the intention of the Sinn Feiners," he said, "to take this institution and its valuable contents, and a body of rebels came along with the express purpose of putting this intention into execution.

Opposite the bank stands famous Trinity College, where an officers' training corps of students is stationed and the young officers had a warm reception in readiness.

"The rebels came along in great style, anticipating no trouble and shooting down the half dozen soldiers always on guard at the bank.

"Again came a volley from the windows of Trinity College. More men fell, and the rebels broke in disorder and fled."

GERMANY'S REPLY IS NOW COMPLETED.

Ambassador Gerard To Cable Report on Conference With Kaiser.

Berlin, May 2.—Germany's reply to the American note demanding a change in submarine warfare, under threat of a diplomatic break, has been completed.

FEAR CHINESE LABOR.

Allies Are to Discuss After-the-War Problem.

Paris, May 2.—Labor representatives of France, England, Italy and Belgium will meet here to discuss the possible disturbance of friendly relations between their countries arising from the introduction of large numbers of foreign workmen, laboring at low wages after the war.

CARNEGIE ON STAND.

He is Now Talking About Cartridge Case Contract.

Ottawa, May 2.—Col. David Carnegie was still on the witness stand when the Royal Commission investigating the Kite charges resumed this morning.

REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY

Is Manifesting Itself in Spain—Grave Anxiety.

Lisbon, May 2.—Revolutionary activity in Spain is causing the authorities grave anxiety, according to advices received here to-day.

It was recently announced that large numbers of Chinese coolies were being imported by France.

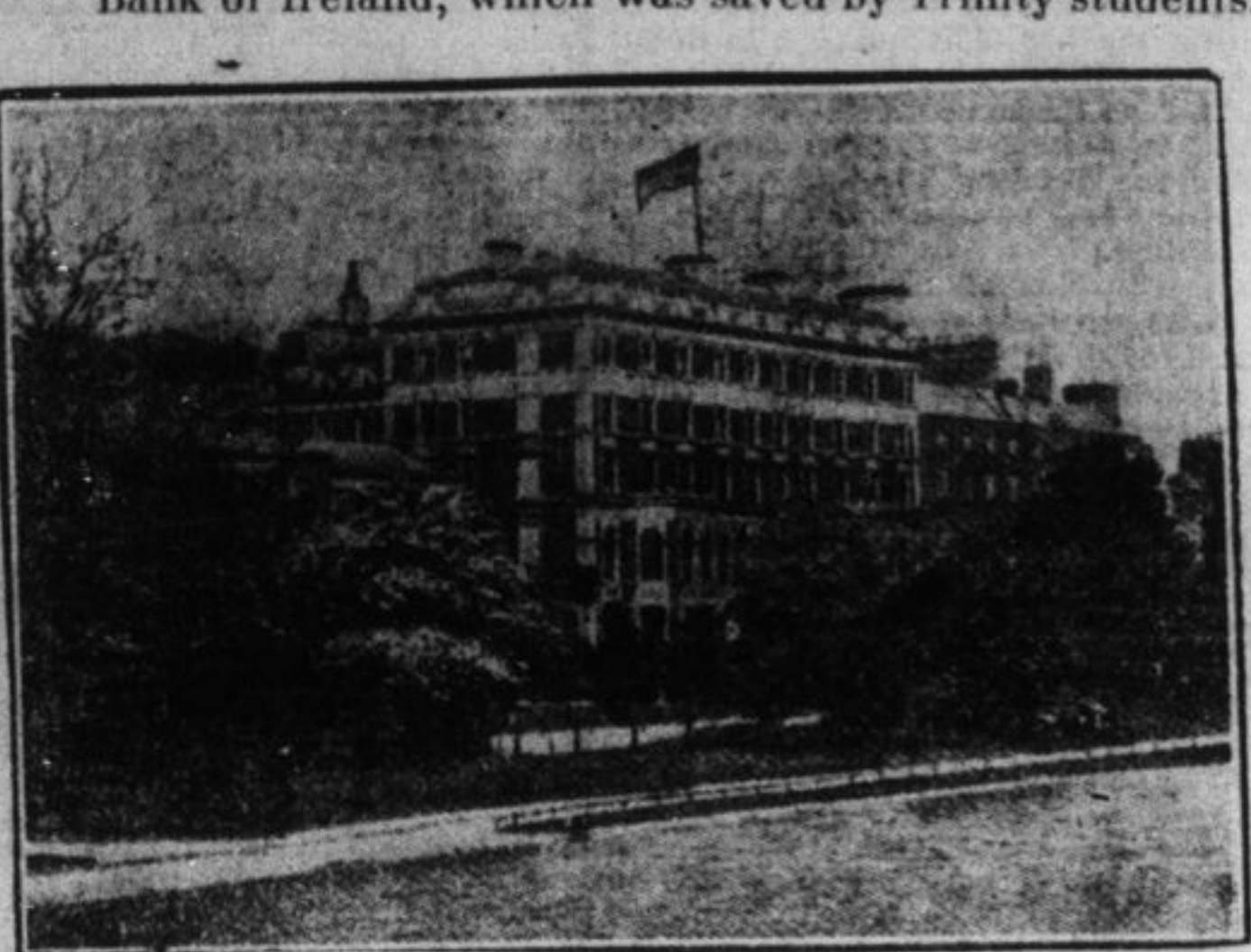


JOHN MACNEILL. The organizer and head of the Irish rebels. He was formerly a college professor, and was killed in the Dublin riots.

BUILDINGS FIGURING IN DUBLIN RIOTS.



Bank of Ireland, which was saved by Trinity students.



Shelburne Hotel, where Dublin rioters fought fiercely.

FRENCH TAKE MORE GROUND

From the Germans Southeast of Douaumont.

DELIVER HEAVY BLOW

AGAINST THE ENEMY'S LINES ABOUT VERDUN.

The French Also Capture German Trenches on Slopes of Deadman's Hill—Gen. Petain Has Launched Successful Offensive.

Paris, May 2.—In the most successful offensive blows delivered by Gen. Petain since the Crown Prince launched the Verdun offensive, French troops late yesterday captured 550 yards of German trenches south-east of Fort Douaumont late yesterday.

The War Office also announced to-day that in the successful attacks against German positions on the slopes of Deadman's Hill during Saturday and Sunday the French captured one thousand yards of German trenches to a depth of from three to six hundred yards.

ENTHUSIASM IN PARIS.

No news from the Verdun front since the beginning of the Crown Prince's offensive has aroused such enthusiasm in Paris as the publication of to-day's communique. The official statement was taken to mean not only that the German drive has been definitely checked, despite repeated German assaults on Sunday, but that the offensive has now passed to the French armies, which are pushing back the German lines.

The French advance last night was made between Fort Douaumont and the village of Vaux, on the northern fringe of LaCaillette Woods, in which much severe fighting has occurred. The positions captured by the French were first line trenches. One hundred German prisoners were taken.

West of the Meuse, artillery on both sides was active throughout the night on the front from Avoucourt to Dead Man's Hill, but there were no important infantry actions.

The French troops contented themselves with improving the positions they captured from the Germans Saturday and Sunday against expected German counter-attacks.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

Died of wounds—Roy Tinkers, Avonmore. Wounded—Pte. W. E. Trumper, Port Hope; Sapper J. A. MacDonald, Cornwall; Pte. R. H. McConachie, Nanawate; Pte. Morley Rutter, Belleville; Lance-Corpl. Arthur C. Abbott, Picton; Major Samuel Morgan Grey, Cornwall.

This makes a list of ten Kingstonsians who have been killed in action or died of wounds in the engagements at St. Eloi.

The following telegrams were received on Tuesday morning from the record office: "Mrs. Lilly Trotman, 226 King street—Sincerely regret to inform you that 59998, Pte. David Trotman, 21st Infantry, officially reported as killed in action April 22nd."

"Mrs. Maria Walker, 39 Princess street—Deeply regret to inform you that 454155, Pte. Alfred Walker, R.C.R., died of wounds in No. 10 Casualty Clearing Station, April 24th."

Late Pte. Alfred Walker. Mrs. Maria Walker, 35 Princess

DECIDES UPON COMPULSION

British Cabinet Decision Announced By Premier.

CONSCRIPTION POLICY

WILL ADD ABOUT HALF MILLION TO ARMY

Asquith's Announcement Came As a Surprise as it Was Thought Voluntary System Was to Be Given Further Trial.

London, May 2.—Premier Asquith this afternoon announced that the Government has decided upon a policy of immediate and general conscription in England. The announcement was made in the House of Commons.

The Premier's announcement came as a complete surprise. It had been understood that the Prime Minister would give the voluntary system of obtaining recruits for army a few weeks more trial before asking the enactment of the law calling to the colours all married men eligible for service as well as single men included in the conscription measure which recently passed Parliament.

Premier Asquith's decision for compulsory service is a complete victory for Minister of Munitions Lloyd George and the Northcliffe papers, which have waged a campaign for general military service for many months.

Adoption of a policy of general conscription will add to the British army a force variously estimated at between three and six hundred thousand men.

RETAINS HIS SWORD

GEN. TOWNSEND ACCORDED THIS HONOR BY TURKS.

Enemy Declares That the British Have Lost 20,000 in Mesopotamia in Two Months.

Berlin, May 2.—The number of British forces in Mesopotamia during March and April is given as 20,000 in a Constantinople despatch to the Overseas News Agency.

"The booty captured at Kut-el-Amara has not yet been reckoned," the despatch says. "Among the prisoners are four generals, 240 British officers, and 270 Indian officers. The Turkish commander-in-chief, Halil Pasha, permitted General Townsend (the British commander) to retain his sword."

A despatch from a Constantinople news agency says the British troops at Kut-el-Amara had more than £1,000,000 in cash.

"General Townsend offered to surrender the town of Kut-el-Amara, with all his artillery and more than £1,000,000 in cash, on condition that he be received with military honors," the despatch says. "The Turks declined, whereupon the British surrendered unconditionally."

"Discussing the military and political consequences of the fall of Kut-el-Amara," the Overseas News Agency says, "Berlin newspapers recall the announcement of Premier Asquith several months ago that Bagdad would soon be in the hands of the British. They compare this with the announcement of Winston Spencer Churchill, when First Lord of the Admiralty, that victory at Gallipoli for the British was near. The newspapers point out that the capture of the British at Kut-el-Amara will make a deep impression, not only on Mesopotamia, but on Arabia and Persia, to the borders of India."

THE GERMAN STATEMENT

Tells of Patrol Surprising British in a Trench.

London, May 2.—The German official statement to-day says: "North of Loos during last night a German patrol entered by surprise a British trench and slaughtered many occupants. Those who escaped death were captured."

"On the east bank, south of Douaumont and Caillette forest, a French attack was repulsed by our troops in a several hours' hand-to-hand struggle. The German positions were completely maintained."

TOWN HALL OF LILLE

Has Been Totally Destroyed By Fire, Berlin Reports.

Berlin, May 2.—The town hall at Lille, France, one of the most famous structures of its kind in Europe, was totally destroyed by fire, according to despatches received here.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF GENERAL HOSPITAL.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Kingston General Hospital held on Monday afternoon, Dr. J. A. Boyd, Guelph, was appointed Medical Superintendent to succeed Dr. M. P. Coglin, whose term of office expires on July 1st.

MAY BE APPOINTED JUDGE.

Ottawa, May 2.—It is reported that C. J. Foy, K.C., Perth, is about to be appointed senior judge of the county of Renfrew which has been vacant for some years.

TURKISH TROOPSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

In Sea of Marmora—Lipton's Former Yacht Erin Sunk.

(Special to the Whig). Athens, May 2.—The auxiliary cruiser Agassiz, which struck a mine and sank yesterday, was formerly Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Erin, but had been renamed.

THE FUSE CONTRACTS

LAMENTABLY FAIL IN REGARD TO DELIVERY.

Notorious Collapse of Order With the International Arms Co.—Another Unfulfilled Contract.

Ottawa, May 2.—Honorary Colonel David Carnegie—the man who assumes "entire responsibility" for most of the operations of the Canadian Shell Committee—funds patriotism profitable. He yesterday told Sir William Meredith and Hon. L. P. Duff, the investigating Royal Commissioners, that he was having a salary of \$25,000 a year forced upon him as ordnance adviser by the Imperial authorities. This in addition to a modest honorarium of 3,000 pounds sterling direct from the Imperial Government.

Mr. Hellmuth ascertained that advances of \$1,697,827.14 to the International Arms & Fuse Co., and of \$1,569,302 to the American Ammunition Co., had been made so far. He also discovered that the International Company was required to deliver 2,500,000 fuses by April 30th, which on April 21st it had delivered only 108,890—not over five per cent. "An extraordinary small proportion," Mr. Hellmuth commented. A statement was put in to show the value of the deliveries of the company, but alert F. B. Johnston, M.P., spotted the fact that the estimate was made at \$4 instead of \$2.72 and after denouncing Col. Carnegie admitted the statement was "probably a mistake."

The contract for half a million cartridge cases to the Edwards Valve Co., another United States concern which figured in the Kite disclosures, was also reviewed by counsel, who diligently sought explanation as to why this order was so placed at \$2.42 each when several responsible Canadian firms were already engaged in the manufacture of similar cases at from \$2 to \$2.40, the bulk of the contracts being for \$2. Mr. Hellmuth pointed out that, as a matter of fact, the Edwards Co. never filled the contract.

REBELS ATTACK POLICE.

Drogheda, Ireland, May 2.—A party of Sinn Fein rebels attacked the police at Garristown, sixteen miles northwest of Dublin, early to-day, wounding four. Eight rebels were captured, the rest escaping. Slight disturbances continue in the suburbs of Dublin and outlying districts.

Allan Purvis, superintendent of the C. P. R. at London, Ont., has been appointed general superintendent of the Eastern Division.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Rummage sale, Thursday and Friday in Island Market. See top page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. Y.M.C.A. complimentary illustrated lecture, "School Days in Olden Times," by Prof. MacPherson, 8 p.m. All welcome.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

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MARRIED

DELINE-PERRY—On Monday, May 1st, 1916, by Rev. J. E. Lidstone, at his residence, 721 Alfred street, Miss Hazel I. Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, Verona, to Hugh Deline of Kingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deline, Harrowmuth.

WELCHING-SMITH—On May 1st, 1916, by Rev. Father Hanley, Minnie Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Murphy, Kingston, to George Bernard Fleming, Newboro.

SMITH-DOHERTY—In the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, on April 24th, 1916, by the Rev. A. M. Stevenson, Miss Lottie Doherty, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doherty, Goyean street, Windsor, Ont., to Mrs. Varnell Smith, eldest son of Pte. Amos C. Smith, 50th Battalion, and Mrs. Smith, Division street, city.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS

Religion provides for the fundamental needs of human life. —D. Lloyd George.

"PRESIDENT" PAT PEARSE

The Irish commandant, who is now a prisoner, is a schoolmaster. He was wounded by a shell in the leg in the Dublin riots. Before being captured he took an active part in the uprising and was looked to as the head of the movement.

Pte. David Trotman And Pte. Robert Charles, of the 21st Battalion, And Pte. Alfred Walker, With the R.C.R., Gave Up Their Lives.

Three more Kingstonsians have made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield in France. On Tuesday morning word was received from the Militia Department to the effect that Pte. Robert Charles, Pte. Alfred Walker and Pte. David Trotman had been killed.

This morning his mother received a letter written on the 15th of April, stating that he was well and happy, and an hour later she received a telegram that he had died of wounds received on the 24th.

The deceased young man has a brother, Frederick T. Walker, in the 146th bugle band.

Pte. Robert S. Charles, Pte. Robert S. Charles was aged nineteen years. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and two years ago came out to Canada, settling in Kingston, where he was employed by T. F. Auld.

He enlisted in November, 1914, with the 21st Battalion, and went to the front with that unit in the middle of September. The deceased is (Continued on Page 3.)