

SHOCKING DETAILS OF FUSE BARTERING

Three Honorary Colonels to Divide \$237,000 Among Them--Miss Edwards, Mystery Associate of Allison, to Get Share.

Ottawa, May 13.—Three of General Sir Sam Hughes' Honorary Colonels are to divide \$237,000 among them in commissions out of the fuse contract between the Canadian Shell Committee and the Bassick-Yoakum-Cadwell trinity, otherwise known as the American Ammunition Company.

Honorary Colonel George Washington Stephens of Montreal gets \$10,000.

Honorary Colonel William McBain gets \$30,000.

Honorary Colonel John Wesley Allison gets \$197,000.

So swore Benjamin F. Yoakum of Frisco railway fame, one of the men who figured in the now notorious million-dollar spoils division, before the Meredith-Duff Royal Commission.

The American railway magnate's version of how General Hughes' "guide, philosopher and friend" has been "saving millions for the Empire" provided the most startling evidence yet unearthed by the investigation, agreeing with the vindictive story of patriotism at a price and subterranean finance told to Parliament on March 28th last by George W. Kite.

Over and above the startling revelations of the Stephens-McBain-Allison commissions, three other sinister facts stood out in Mr. Yoakum's story:

(1) That Eugene Lignanti, New York orchestra leader, figured in the million-dollar division over the American Ammunition Company's fuse contract.

(2) That a mysterious gentleman named Craven who "was interesting himself in war contracts," was paid \$30,000 by Yoakum upon orders from Allison.

(3) That before the American Ammunition Co. secured its contract Allison and Yoakum agreed to divide whatever commission might be received as the result of contracts entered into with the Canadian Shell Committee, or upon any other war business.

Allison's Assigned Money Allison, in turn, had people to whom he assigned part of his interest.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG INSPECTED 21ST.

The 21st Battalion was inspected by General Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British army in France, on April 27th, was the information contained in letters received in the city on Saturday. One of the letters stated that it took the company to which he belonged two days to get cleaned up for the inspection.

MAULED OPPONENTS OF CONSCRIPTION.

George Lansbury, Labor M. P., and Mrs. Despard Are Hissed.

London, May 15.—Police were called out Saturday afternoon to protect George Lansbury, Labor Member of Parliament, Mrs. Despard and other anti-conscriptionists, who were addressing a meeting in the Edith Society building. Crowds gathered round the place, hissing all persons who came to the meeting and shouting threats of violence.

Many of the anti-conscriptionists were badly mauled. The crowd closed in on them, waving sticks and umbrellas. All members of the party attacked were out and bruised. Several women were knocked down. Police, fighting their way through the crowd, finally rescued them.

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WITH CONSCRIPTION ASSURED LLOYD-GEORGE GOES A-FISHING.



HUGHES SOLD IT ILLEGALLY

Government Refuses to Approve of Action.

LIBERALS HAVE ASKED

THAT MEREDITH COMMISSION MAKE INQUIRY

Into the Disposal Through Hughes To Allison of the Defective Ammunition To the British Admiralty.

Ottawa, May 15.—D. D. McKenzie, M. P. for North Cape Breton, took up in the Commons Saturday afternoon the question of the sale of 5,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition through Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison for the Vickers Company by the Militia Department since the war broke out. The ammunition was sold at \$20 per thousand, and was characterized as condemned or defective in the Canadian arsenal at Quebec. This has been admitted in evidence by Sir Sam Hughes and Col. Allison before the Davidson Commission Saturday morning.

Mr. McKenzie laid down the principle that no such acts should be made without order-in-Council and without consent of the Governor-General. He read a letter from the auditor-general to the Finance Minister in April last in which the former declared that by the sale at \$20 per thousand the country had lost \$45,000, since they were now paying over \$30 per thousand for ammunition. He had also reason to believe that the ammunition had not gone to Vickers, but had been re-sold at a profit of 25 per cent.

He moved, seconded by E. M. MacDonald, that the scope of the Meredith-Duff Commission should be extended to include the question of the sale of the ammunition in question.

Sir Robert Borden declared that the motion should be rejected because the question was now under inquiry. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that the Prime Minister could not complain of lack of notice, because for months the Government had been asked to bring down the correspondence.

Hughes Had No Warrant. Sir Wilfrid declared the Minister of Militia had taken upon himself to sell ammunition with absolutely no warrant. "What he sold," he said, "was not the property of General Sir Sam Hughes, but of the Government and people of Canada. He sold it illegally and without warrant."

The strangest part of the affair was that the Governor-in-Council had declined to sanction the sales or approve of further sales and the order-in-Council had never been passed despite the request of the Minister of Militia.

To this day the Government has not legalized the sale of Government property by its Minister of Militia. Is this parliamentary government? What is the meaning of this? This ammunition was sold illegally and the Government refuses to approve of the action of its colleague in selling it to Col. J. Wesley Allison."

Sir Sam Hughes declared that an order-in-Council had not been required and that the Militia Department could have flung the ammunition into the sea if it had wanted to.

F. B. Carvell declared that the Minister's speech reminded him of the biblical quotation: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth." "I'd like to know who asked him to send our boys to the front with defective ammunition. The question is, why was the defective ammunition sold to J. W. Allison at a big rake-off?" The motion was lost.

WAR BULLETINS.

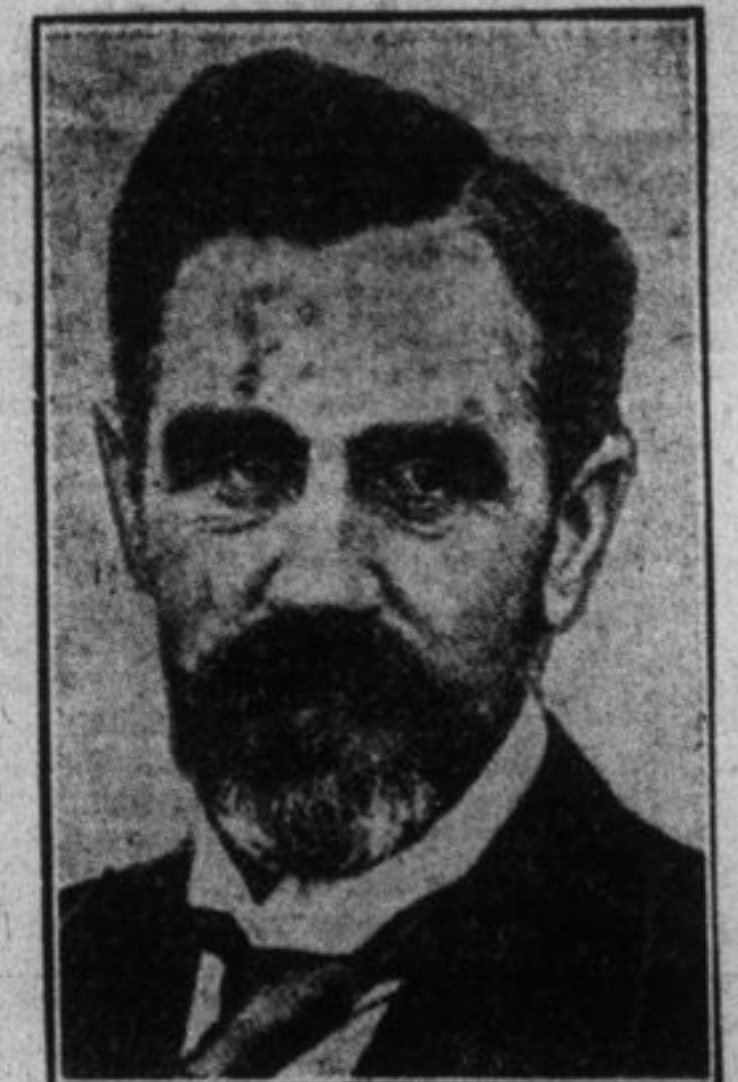
The Germans continue heavy attacks on the British front, but all have been repulsed.

A German Zeppelin was destroyed by a British warship near the coast of Norway.

The French have regained now nearly all ground lost since the Germans began their Verdun attacks.

The Germans sunk a British ship in mid-ocean, leaving the crew in boats to perish.

Compulsory service in England had its most forceful advocate in the Rt. Hon. David Lloyd-George, regarded by some as the most powerful man in the British Government. After the passage of the second reading of the Bill he went home for a short holiday and can be observed enjoying his favorite sport of fishing on the River Dwyffer, at Crichthill. In one picture he is showing his two young daughters how to bait a hook. The report says he did not hook a single fish but enjoyed the day's recreation immensely.



SIR ROGER CASEMENT

NAPANEE PRIVATE DIES

OF WOUNDS RECEIVED WITH MONTREAL BATTALION.

Deserter From 146th Battalion Arrested—Pte. Claude Leggett, Yorker, Reported Wounded.

Napanee, May 13.—Word has been received here that Pte. Ray MacConachie had died of his wounds. He enlisted here about a year ago in the 39th Battalion and was later transferred to the 13th Royal Highlanders, Montreal. He has two brothers in khaki: George, who is in France with the 21st Battalion, and Frank, in England with the 59th Battalion.

Rev. T. Selley, pastor of Grace Church, has received a call from the Cobourg Methodist Church. Chief Barrett and Lieut. J. J. Graham, 146th Battalion, went to Perth Friday to look for a deserter from the 146th Battalion and succeeded in locating him about a mile and a half west of the railroad crossing. He was arrested in a small bush near the railroad, and was brought back to Napanee and placed in the police cells to await trial.

Lieut.-Col. Gillespie of Kingston was here Friday afternoon and inspected Napanee Collegiate Institute teacher L. O. D. E. furnished light refreshments. In the evening in the Town Hall an extensive programme of musical and vocal selections, tab-leaux and dialogues were given by the pupils of the Collegiate Institute, in aid of the "Prisoners-of-War Fund." A crowded house turned out to hear their efforts, and a very fair sum is expected to hand over for the Fund.

Pte. Claude Leggett, who enlisted here with the 39th Battalion, is reported wounded, in the latest list of casualties. Pte. Leggett came from Yarker.

Berlin reports said the Allies would force Greece to allow Serb troops to be transported across her territory.

There was a heavy loss of life in the South African forces.

CASEMENT ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

Irish Prisoner in German Interment Camp Testifies Casement Offered Each Man \$50 to Desert the British Colors.

(Special to the Whig).

London, May 15.—Clad in a seedy dark suit, with frayed sleeves, Sir Roger Casement, once a favorite in the British consular service, went on trial to-day in the Bow Street Police Court on the charge of high treason, punishable by hanging, in his case, with a silken cord.

Sir Roger entered the court room smiling and nodding to some of the men who knew him before he was knighted. His face was covered with a stubby, greenish gray beard that gave his best smiles a ghastly look. He wore a pair of shoes requisitioned from the stocks of the British army.

Bow Street was packed. Casement was accompanied to the prisoner's dock by Daniel Bailey, a soldier arrested in Ireland.

The Formal Charge.

Sir Roger was calm when Attorney-General F. F. Smith began reading the formal charge against him and reviewing his life history. In his opening statement Attorney-General Smith declared the Crown would prove that Sir Roger plotted not only the Irish rebellion, but planned to land expeditions in Ireland at several other places on the British coast. Several exchanged English prisoners will testify to this effect, he said. Smith said that the vast majority of the Irish prisoners in Germany treated Casement's overtures with contempt.

"As a result," added the Attorney-General, "they were punished by the Germans, and the quantity of rations given them each day was reduced. A few unfortunately were seduced. Among these was the soldier Daniel Bailey, who occupies the prisoner's dock with Casement to-day."

The German auxiliary cruiser sunk off the Irish coast at the time Sir Roger Casement landed carried 20,000 rifles, a million rounds of ammunition, ten machine guns, and many

concluding business before Parliament.

C. N. R. Loan And Increased Soldiers' Pensions To Be Considered.

(Special to the Whig).

Ottawa, May 15.—There is a general expectation that Parliament will be prorogued on Wednesday, although it may be Thursday before the session is finally concluded.

The chief business before the House yet is the C. N. R. fifteen-million dollar loan and a bill to provide a larger scale of pensions for Canadian soldiers.

GENERAL MAXWELL THANKS

The Roman Catholic Clergy of Dublin, Ireland.

Dublin, May 15.—The behavior of the Roman Catholic clergy during the recent outbreaks was so courageous that General Maxwell, commander of the British forces sent Archbishop Walsh a special letter of thanks requesting him to give the names of the priests who had displayed special gallantry.

Archbishop Walsh replied, expressing appreciation, but declining to give names, as he said, "it would be invidious to particularize the numerous cases."

UNCLE SAM'S NEW ARMY.

U. S. May Have 206,000 Men at Peace Strength

Washington, May 15.—A regular army of 206,000 men at peace strength capable of expansion to 254,000 in time of war, was agreed upon Saturday by House and Senate conference on the army reorganization bill, first of the big national defence measures. The report will be submitted to both branches of Congress for ratification next week.

TEN ARE KILLED

In Explosion in the Dupont Powder Company's Plants.

(Special to the Whig).

Philadelphia, May 15.—Ten were killed and thirty injured in an explosion at the Gibbstown plant of the Dupont Powder Company, according to a telephone message from Woodbury this afternoon. They had big contracts for munitions for the Allies.

Mysterious Fires.

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—Army posts and stations along the border were on their guard against incendiaries yesterday as a result of two fires Saturday night at Fort Bliss, where flames of undetermined origin destroyed a storehouse, three cavalry stables, three horses and some tents.

A German firm has offered a premium on "war babies."

(Special to the Whig).

Witnesses Heard. The first witness for the Crown was Police Inspector Parker, who testified that when Casement was first arrested he made no attempt to save himself, but insisted that Bailey was innocent.

John Robinson, an Irishman, formerly a corporal in the British army, was the next witness. Robinson was a prisoner in one of the German military camps visited by Casement. He testified that Casement visited 300 Irishmen in his camp, offering \$50 to each one who would desert the British colors. Robinson said he refused.

About fifty of the three hundred Irishmen accepted the offer and enlisted in the German army, Robinson said.

His testimony was corroborated by that of John Cronin, another exchanged prisoner. Cronin said they were promised that if Germany emerged from the war defeated, the German Government would pay their transportation to America.

The Crown reserved much of its evidence for the formal trial to be held later. Enough was presented to-day, however, at the preliminary hearing to show that Casement planned with German aid to land not only on the coast of Ireland and elsewhere on the British Isles.

Accompanied Casement.

Attorney-General Smith presented a statement from Bailey, the British prisoner in Germany, who confessed the details of the plot. After deserting the British army, Bailey said he was summoned to Berlin and ordered to accompany Sir Roger aboard a submarine.

The collapsible boat in which they left the submarine on approaching the coast overturned, Bailey said, and he and Casement reached the shore with some difficulty. They went to a shop in Tralee, where Sir Roger was to meet the rebel leader, but learned that he had not arrived. Bailey said he was arrested as he entered a motor car that was to drive them to the rebel meeting place.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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BORN

PRUDHAM—In Toronto, May 2nd, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prudham (nee Olive Wart, formerly of Kingston), 651 Pap Avenue, a daughter.

McDONALD—In Kingston, on May 14th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McDonald, 360 Montreal street, a daughter.

WALSH—At the Hotel Dieu, on May 14th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh, John street, a son.

DIED

FAHEY—In Kingston, on May 14th, 1916, Edward Fahey. Funeral (private), from his late residence, 155 Bagot, on Tuesday, May 16th, morning at 9 o'clock to St. Mary's Cathedral where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul.

Please omit notices. McCAUGHEY—In Watkinson, Monday morning, May 15th, Hester Emma, beloved wife of Hugh McCaughey, notice, later.

ROBERTS—At the Kingston General Hospital on Sunday, May 14th, 1916, Hannah May Newman, wife of W. Charles Roberts. Funeral from her father's home 71 King street west, on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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