

THOUSANDS OF GERMAN SOLDIERS PUT OUT OF ACTION

The Tide Has Turned And the Long Evaded Destiny of the Germans is Closing in Upon Them - Kept Forces on the British Front.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—Three hundred thousand German soldiers have been killed or put out of action at Verdun, the Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reported to-day. The German losses have been so severe, he added, as to preclude any idea of a German offensive against Riga, in which region the German sea and land forces are said to be concentrating. "The tide has definitely turned, and from west to east the long-evaded destiny of the Germans is closing in upon them." The despatch said: "At no moment in the battle of Verdun have they dared to bring thither any unit from before the British front. "Since last September at least twenty-two divisions have been transferred from the east to the west front. "There is thus left in Russia a mere curtain of German troops, while Bulgaria and Turkey are being left to shift for themselves."

THE WAR CENTRE MOVES FROM VERDUN TO ASIA

New York, May 17.—A Petrograd despatch to the Tribune, referring to the further advances by the Russians in the direction of Mosul, says: "Appearances all point to the conclusion that the principal war work of the immediate future will be on the Asiatic front. Verdun seems to have killed German initiative on the western front, but the ominous progress steadily made by the Russians on the Asiatic front compels Germany to reconsider her plans. Attention is called to the council of war recently held by Emperor William, at which those higher commands engaged with the Asiatic part of Germany's strategic schemes were exceptionally largely represented."

"MIKE" JOYCE LOOKS FOR THE WAR TO END Before Christmas—Says the Huns Cannot Hold Out Longer.

Mrs. M. Joyce, 42 Charles street, has received a letter from her son, Driver M. Joyce, a former employee in the Whig office, who is now in Belgium. The letter was written on April 28th, and in it he says in part: "I had an exciting time last night. One officer and twenty-eight of us volunteered to take 200 bombs up to the first line trenches. We had to make two trips in and out under a terrible shell fire. It took us five and one half-hours, and believe me it was thrilling work. Had one bit of shrapnel hit us we would never have been able to tell what happened but we got back safely without a scratch. We were a thankful bunch that arrived at our billets. "Well, here it is summer again, but the Huns won't hold out until Christmas. They are beaten now, but will put up a stand until the fall I think. I feel that we will not have another winter campaign. It certainly doesn't seem possible that I have been here sixteen months."

UTILITIES WANTS FINANCIAL CHANGES. Desires a Separate Office For the Collectors Of Its Rates.

The Utilities Commission and the Civic Finance Committee had a conference on Monday evening with regard to matters affecting the two bodies. The Commission is not satisfied with the present arrangement of its financial departments in the City Treasury, and is anxious to have a re-arrangement made so that the water, gas and electric collectors can be by themselves. It was decided that Chairman T. J. Rigney should with the chairman of City Property as to what portion of the city building would be suitable for a Utilities financial office, and the matter would be considered. The question of street lighting was also discussed, and it was agreed that a conference should take place between the Fire and Light Committee and the Utilities Commission as to what should now be charged.

Another sudden death occurred at the General Methodist Conference at Saratoga, N.Y.

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SOLDIERS IN ACTION IN DUBLIN RIOTS.



This picture, taken during actual fighting in South Dublin during the recent Sinn Fein rebellion, shows soldiers operating a machine gun trained on the Irish rebels.

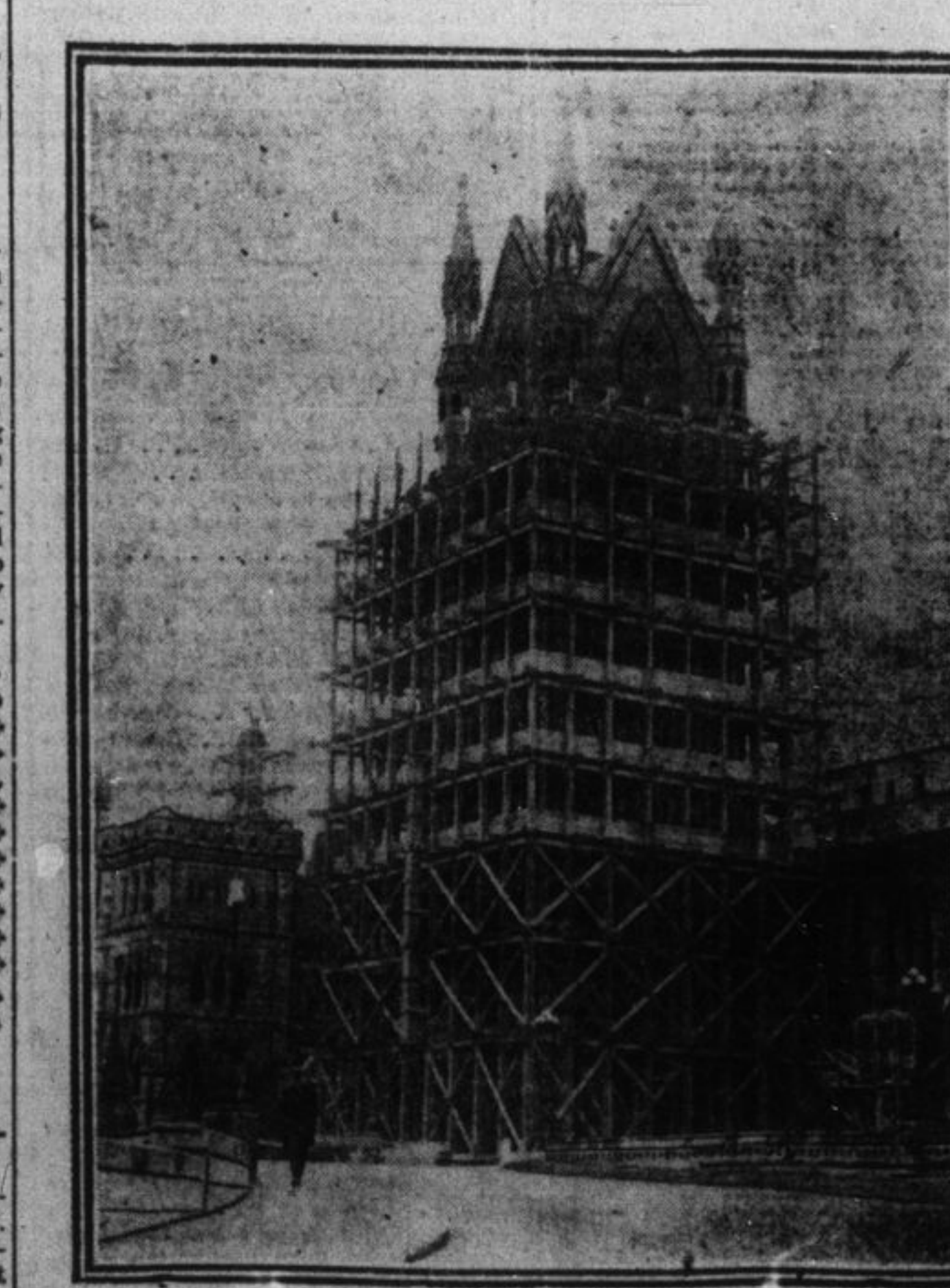
PITH OF THE NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of The News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges. Portland, Ore., is to have a new shipbuilding plant. A \$25,000 fire did damage to the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec. British troops captured 250 yards of enemy trenches on the Vimy Ridge. Medals have been awarded to Canadians for distinguished service at the front. The British Government will defray the damages caused by the recent Dublin uprisings. A Swiss engineer denied the story of coercion to get "torpedo witnesses" in the Sussex case. Archdeacon Wilberforce, Chaplain of the House of Commons, died on Saturday, aged seventy-five. Charles D. Sheldon, who once operated in Montreal, was convicted in Baltimore of conspiracy to defraud. The Government ice-breaker J. D. Hazen, said to be the second largest in the world, was launched at Montreal. On the fortieth anniversary of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nye saw their four children married at Shenandoah, Pa. David B. Francis, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, began his business career as a messenger boy on the floor of the St. Louis Exchange. The Governor-General at Hanou, capital of French Indo-China, has ordered, were refused leaving certificates. They are working in a munitions factory and wanted to transfer to London. dered King Duytan of Annam deposed on charge of complicity in riots. Two Canadians in Liverpool, England, Prof. F. D. Adams, McGill University; Frank Darling, Toronto; Very Rev. Dean Harris, Toronto; Prof. John G. Lawson, Missouri; Justice Riddell, Toronto; Benjamin Sulte, Ottawa; Horatio Walker, St. Petronille, Que., will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Toronto University. ***** MINES WASHED UP. ***** Berlin, May 17.—A despatch from Amsterdam says that during April ninety mines drifted up on the Dutch coast. Fifty were British, three French, thirteen German, and twenty-four of unestablished nationality. ***** Longboat Arrested. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, May 17.—"Tom" Longboat, the Indian-Marathoner who lately enlisted to go overseas, has been arrested on a serious criminal charge. ***** Ontario Artillery Losses. Toronto, May 17.—The Ontario artillery brigade has been in a severe action in France. Major MacDougall, Toronto, commanding the Ninth Battery, is missing, and there have been several other casualties. ***** A Vessel Blown Up. (Special to the Whig.) Great Yarmouth, Eng., May 17.—The Dutch steamer Batavier V., bound from London to Rotterdam, was blown up on Tuesday with the loss of four lives. ***** KILLED AT FRONT. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, May 17.—Major George Vansittart, a R. M. C. graduate, commanding the Thirtieth Battery, was killed at the front. His home was in Toronto and he graduated in 1905. *****



RECONSTRUCTING THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT OTTAWA. Picture shows the main tower which was badly wrecked, and the scaffolding which surrounds it. The work of reconstruction is proving less serious than was at first anticipated.

GERMANS FAIL TO ADVANCE

By a Grenade Assault Near Deadman's Hill.

THE FRENCH DEFEAT

TWO ATTEMPTS BY THE ENEMY ON TUESDAY.

One French Air Squadron Dropped Seventy Shells Over German Lines And Another Squadron 130 Shells At Metz Station. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 17.—German attempts to drive forward their lines northwest of Verdun, near Dead Man's Hill by a grenade assault, failed completely, the War Office reported to-day. A similar attempt by the Germans was defeated on the east bank of the Meuse, northwest of Thisaumont. Artillery on both sides was very active on the right bank of the Meuse last night. During the night two raiding French air squadrons flew over the German lines. One squadron dropped seventy shells on the sheds at the Metz station. Near Viv Sur Aisne, a French flyer brought down a German air man. ***** THREE AMERICANS ABOARD ERETRIA, A Canadian Steamer Which Was Torpedoed By the Germans. Washington, D.C., May 17.—Three Americans were aboard the Canadian steamer Eretria, which has been torpedoed, according to a cablegram from the United States Consul at La Rochelle, France, to-day. The sinking of the Eretria was first reported in press despatches from London Saturday night. No mention was made of the fate of the crew. The Eretria was a 2,464-ton vessel owned at St. John, N.B. ***** CAPT. H.W. FISHER KILLED. Man Had Seen Service Also In South Africa. Brockville, May 15.—The announcement was received here this afternoon that Captain Harry W. Fisher, one of Brockville's South African veterans, had been killed in action recently. His mother received a cable from his wife in England to this effect. Captain Fisher first enlisted in Canada with the 24th Battalion, and left last autumn with a draft of the 59th Battalion. His wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fisher of Brockville, and one brother, B. H., at Quebec, survive. ***** SHORT SEA FIGHT OFF BELGIAN COAST. (Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—British destroyers and monitors engaged German destroyers in a short fight off the Belgian coast yesterday, the Admiralty announced this afternoon. The German main withdrawal, the British suffered no losses. ***** U. S. CRUISER RAN AGROUND During a Gale—Eight Men Are Reported Lost. (Special to the Whig.) Boston, May 17.—Eight men are reported to have lost their lives when the United States cruiser San Francisco ran aground in a gale on the great round shoal in Vineyard Sound early to-day.

THE PLANS ORIGINATED IN GERMAN WAR OFFICE

Maps Found in the Possession of Sir Roger Casement Support the Contention That the Irish Rebellion Was Planned By Germany--Fate of the Aud.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—Maps found in the possession of Sir Roger Casement support the contention that the plans for the Irish rebellion originated in the German War Office, Lieut.-Col. Gordon, of the British War Office Intelligence Department, testified to-day at resumed hearing. Casement, more calm than on the preceding days of the trial, listened intently while the British intelligence officer testified. Officers testified to the previous good record of Bailey, Casement's confederate, while in an Irish regiment before he was captured. The most interesting testimony of yesterday was the story of the fate of the German ship Aud, which was sent out from Kiel with arms and ammunition to fulfill in part promises of assistance said to have been made by the Germans. The Aud was held up on suspicion off the west coast of Ireland, near Tralee, by the British naval patrol ship Bluebell, and was being taken to Queenstown. ***** Committed for Trial. London, May 17.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel Bailey were formally committed for trial on charges of high treason at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing this afternoon. The trial will take place at a special assizes, with Lord Chief Justice Reading presiding. The nature of Casement's defence is still a mystery. Counsel for Bailey will attempt to show that the former Irish soldier knew nothing of the character of the undertaking upon which he embarked, and that he speedily informed the British authorities of the plans to foment a rebellion when he landed on the Irish coast. ***** when she was sunk by her own crew. A diver, who inspected the wreck of the Aud for the purpose of confirming the statement that she had arms and ammunition aboard, it being claimed that she carried 20,000 rifles for the rebels, besides other war material, said that on the bed of the sea he saw a lot of rifles and ammunition.

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GRAHAM'S HOT SHOT FOR RAILWAY DEAL.

The Government Bill To Aid Forget's Road Is Carried.

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DAILY MEMORANDUM Creator's Band, Kingston Rink, 8 p.m. See top page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. BORN GUREY—In Kingston, on May 16th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gurey, 117 Patrick street, a son. DIED BUTLER—In Hotel Dieu, May 16, 1916, Walter Butler, aged twenty-six years. Funeral takes place from his late residence, Fortmouth, Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. GUESTS—At Sydenham, on May 16th, 1916, Second Barnabas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Guess, aged three years and six months. Funeral Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS It is the lifted face that feels the shining of the sun. —Browning.