

TESTS PROVE ROSS RIFLE TO BE FIRST-CLASS WEAPON

Canadian Government Issues a Statement--In the Tests Made the Ross Rifle Showed Up Much Better Than the Lee-Enfield.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, May 22.—In a long statement the Government in reply to General Alderson's letter on the Ross rifle says it was the ammunition that was bad and caused all the trouble. The statement says in part: "Prejudice has been met with and honest criticism has been encountered. It was only to be expected that those accustomed for many years to another rifle, and that the rifle of their own country, should be inclined to view the introduction of the Canadian weapon as an innovation. It was also to be expected that the extreme conditions of active service would put to a severe test the confidence of the best friends of a weapon heretofore untried in actual war. Not unnaturally, then, varying opinions have come both from the trenches and from officers of high rank and low as to the relative merits of the Canadian and British arm.

Men Like Weapon "General J. C. MacDougall, in command of the Canadian training division at Shorncliffe, wrote in January last: 'No cases of jamming of either rifles have occurred here for months, and the confidence of the men in both weapons and ammunition has been established. Both rifles jammed in the past when using B-14 and G-14, and certain marks of D.C. ammunition. The steps then taken were to withdraw the bad ammunition. "A pronounced view is expressed by Lt.-Col. McCormick, who has just returned from France: 'I have seen the Ross rifle in active service for the past year and a half. The general work in active service conditions proves the Ross rifle to be the most popular, the surest and safest rifle used by any of the belligerent armies in the great theatre of war.' "The opinion of Major A. E. Swift, for many years chief inspector of small arms in Canada and now on active service, will carry weight with the Canadian people. He writes from the trenches: 'My experience is that any rifle will jam if it gets clogged with dirt. The Lee-Enfield will do this also. I blame the cause of the jams to the poor make of ammunition. One mark B-14 is very bad, and if this mark of ammunition was gauged, I feel certain that in many instances it would be found high to gauge, in other words, too large for our rifle chamber.'

Ross Rifle Superior "Major-General Steele, writing three weeks ago, expresses the view that as a result of the tests made on the Ross rifle on April 8, it will be seen that the Ross rifle is a superior small-arm to the Lee-Enfield, capable of developing a higher rate of fire, whilst still maintaining its accuracy. "In conclusion the report says that the Prime Minister could not have a proper channel to Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces at the front, virtually placing in his hands, after proper tests, the question as to the further utility of the Ross rifle. Sir Douglas Haig is a British officer, trained and accustomed to another weapon. The reference to him under such circumstances will, it is believed, be accepted as satisfactory by the public on both sides of the Atlantic.

FIRST MRS. SABA GETS A DIVORCE. Wife of Alexandria Bay Man Wins Decision in Celebrated Action.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 22.—After waiting in vain for nearly three months expecting that the attorney for John Saba, the Alexandria Bay Daptina, fur dealer, would offer further evidence concerning the Syrian consular annulment of his marriage, Justice Leonard C. Crouch granted an interlocutory divorce decree to Mrs. Galesiah Habiab Saba. The decree was filed yesterday and gives Mrs. Saba the custody of her two daughters, the Misses Ida and Emily Saba, and alimony of \$5 a week. An additional allowance of \$100 as counsel fees was granted to Attorney William W. Gerber and Harry B. Lewis.

Canadian Casualties. Wounded—Daniel Hand, Cobourg. Seriously ill—J. H. McBain, McDonald's Corners.

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"FAQ" LIGHTING: LATEST FIRST AID TO THE WOUNDED.



One of the latest first aid to injured lessons being taught the nurses is the art of lighting the "Tommies" cigarettes. Photo at Midland station, Leicester, shows an "A. V. A. D." nurse lighting cigarettes for wounded soldiers.

FRENCH DRIVE GERMANS BACK

From Positions on Both Banks of Meuse.

ENEMY UNSUCCESSFUL

IN ATTEMPT TO RETAKE THE HAUDREMONT QUARRIES.

French Region Part of Ground Lost Saturday and Capture a Trench Near the Village of Vaux. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 22.—French counter-attacks have driven the Germans from positions on both banks of the Meuse in a renewal of heavy fighting around Verdun, the War Office announced today. German attacks on both banks of the river have been repulsed. West of Deadman's Hill, each German assault met with an eruption of fire from French guns that threw the enemy back with severe losses. The French, by a successful counter-attack, regained a part of ground lost Saturday in this region. On the east bank of the Meuse the French carried out a successful attack against German positions near Vaux village, capturing a trench. The Germans suffered heavy losses last night in unsuccessful attempts to reconquer the Haudremont quarries captured by the French earlier in the day.

War Tidings. A Greek collier was sunk Thursday by an Austrian submarine. Russian troops have occupied Sakiz in Persia, and have advanced to the village of Ban. Thirteen air combats occurred on the British front Saturday. Two enemy planes were brought down. Dutch reports say three German aeroplanes were lost in the sea after Saturday morning's raid on England. A Reuter despatch says Emperor William returned to Berlin Saturday in order to settle the ministerial crisis. The enemy made a raid south-west of Loos, entering British front trenches, but were immediately driven out. A crater on Vimy ridge was also recaptured. In an engagement between four French aeroplanes and three German fockers over Besancon forest, one fockler was brought down and another forced to descend, and later was destroyed by French batteries.

AUSTRIAN LOSSES 40,000 LAST WEEK. In Tyrol Offensive—Trent Hospitals and Barracks are Overtaxed.

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, May 22.—The Austrians lost 20,000 in killed, wounded and missing in the first three days of their offensive in the Tyrol Alps. Their losses for the last four days are believed to have been almost equally as large. The hospitals at Trent are reported filled with Austrian wounded and the barracks have been transformed into hospitals. "UNTAINED AMERICANISM." Charlotte, N.C., May 22.—"Untainted Americanism" was President Wilson's answering cry to Roosevelt's insistent demand for "Americanism." Speaking to a tremendous crowd gathered here to celebrate the 141st anniversary of the signing of the Macklenburg declaration of independence, he used this phrase amid vociferous cheers.

More McGill Scholarships.

Montreal, May 22.—From 1917 onward the C. P. R. Company will award ten McGill scholarships instead of five as at present, to employees or sons of employees who take the university course, which includes chemical, electrical, mechanical and civil engineering.

THE TURKS AROUSED ARE KILLING GERMANS.

Army Asked to Turn Arms Against the Country's "Internal Enemies."

New York, May 22.—A special cable from Bucharest says a high Turkish official, who has arrived in Bucharest from Constantinople, says: "Anger against Germans, Enver Pasha, Minister of War, and Talaat Bey, Minister of Interior, is growing in the Turkish army and among the people. "Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goitz did not die a natural death, as was reported, but was assassinated in Baghdad by a Turkish staff officer, Hikmet Bey, who was shot by a German officer, Gen. Von Bismen, commander of cavalry, was assassinated by a Turkish officer after the Russians took Trebizond. Several other German officers have been killed in Constantinople. "An attempt to poison Enver Pasha was made recently in the Turkish capital. An extensive anti-German conspiracy was discovered in Constantinople lately. The conspirators had distributed a manifesto throughout the army calling on soldiers to turn their arms against the country's 'internal enemies.' Enver Pasha and Talaat Bey, 'who have sold Turkey to Germans.'

FRENCH SUCCESSES.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 22.—In continued heavy fighting around Mort Homme, the French yesterday occupied two German trenches near Haucourt and shattered Hill 267 occupied by the enemy. The Haudremont quarries were captured with eighty prisoners.

FRENCH CROSS OF WAR Presented By French President To Queen of Belgium.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 22.—President Poincare personally presented a French cross of war to Queen Elizabeth of Belgium on a visit to the Flanders front, it was announced today. The Queen responded that she was proud to wear the same decoration awarded French officers.

A NEW AVIATION RECORD Carlstrom Flies 416 Miles in 4 Hours and 1 Minute

New York, May 22.—Victor Carlstrom, in a 160-horsepower biplane, flew from Newport News, Va., to the Sheepshead Bay Speedway in the city Saturday, a distance of 416 miles, in four hours and one minute. This breaks the American record for this distance, according to an announcement made by the Aero Club of America. Dr. Karl Hallerich, secretary of the Imperial Treasury, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Clemens Delbrueck as Vice-Chancellor.

AND THE GAS CAME BACK. Germans Got What They Prepared For the French.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 22.—The Germans attempted unsuccessfully to attack the French lines in the Champagne, using gas. A shift in the wind rolled the gas back upon the German lines. Food Dearer in Berlin. (Special to the Whig.) Berlin, May 22.—Food prices in Berlin have reached new high levels, while the public await anxiously the naming of a new "food dictator" to administer food supplies.



A Ward in the New Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, England.

MANY CHANGES IN PEMBROKE DIOCESE.

Bishop Ryan Has Given Out a List of Recent Appointments.

Pembroke, May 22.—Announcement has been made of a number of diocesan appointments by Bishop Ryan, involving quite a number of changes in the stationing of the younger priests of Pembroke diocese. The appointments include the removal of Rev. T. J. Sloan, for the past three years parish priest at Whitney, to Astorville, near North Bay; Rev. M. Doyle, for two years assistant priest at Arnprior, goes to Whitney as parish priest, and will be succeeded by Rev. D. Breen, who for the past two years has been assistant at Eganville; the vacancy at Eganville will in turn be filled by Rev. Chas. D. O'Gorman, assistant at Brudenell, while Rev. Jas. Collins, of the cathedral staff, Pembroke, will go to Brudenell. There is a vacancy at Fort Coulonge, caused by the departure of Rev. Wm. Murray for overseas, and this will be filled by Rev. Mich. O'Gorman, at present assistant at Douglas. All the changes will take effect on June 1st.

KING ALFONSO MAY WORK FOR A TRUCE.

The Spanish Monarch to Sound Out the Peace Sentiment First.

(Special to the Whig.) Madrid, May 22.—King Alfonso may initiate peace negotiations in the near future, Madrid papers stated today. The Spanish ruler plans first to sound out the peace sentiment in each of the belligerent countries. If results are satisfactory he will send Spanish statesmen to the belligerent capitals to work out plans for a truce. Peace Only Through Victory. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 22.—"Peace can only come through a decisive allied victory," Premier Briand told a delegation from the Russian Duma today. "The Allies can regard the future with confidence," said the French Prime Minister. "Peace must not result from diplomatic intrigue, but come only through a decisive Allied victory, which alone can and will restore the recognition of international law and right."

ASQUITH GIVEN FACTS BY FORMER WAR SECRETARY MIDDLETON LAST JANUARY.

Premier Notified Birrell; But the Latter Made No Request of the War Office to Send Troops to Overawe the Sinn Feiners. (Special to the Whig.) London, May 22.—Viscount Middleton, former Secretary for War, today accused Augustine Birrell, former Chief Secretary for Ireland, of lax dealings with the Irish rebels, in his testimony before the Royal Commission investigating the rebellion. Viscount Middleton's statement that he had warned Premier Asquith of the seriousness of the situation in Ireland was one of sensations in today's testimony. He declared that he placed all the facts before the Prime Minister on January 26th. Premier Asquith evidently called the matter to the attention of Mr. Birrell. Viscount Middleton said he warned Lord Wimbourne, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland only six days before the outbreak that grave results would follow if no action was taken. Others he said gave similar warnings. Adjutant-General McCready of the War Office, in a letter read before the Commission, said that so far as he knew Mr. Birrell had never requested the War Office to send troops for the purpose of anticipating a rebellion and overawing the Sinn Feiners.

BATTLE IN BALTIC.

(Special to the Whig.) Copenhagen, May 22.—Violent cannonading has been heard in the Baltic off the Swedish port of Kalmar, indicating that the Russian and German fleets have been engaged.

RICHARDSONS TO SELL THEIR FELDSPAR MINE.

Near Verona to the Pennsylvania Feldspar Mining Company.

The Kingston Feldspar Mining Company property near Verona, owned by James Richardson & Sons, will likely be taken over by the Pennsylvania Feldspar Mining Company. It is understood that Mr. Segsworth, son-in-law of W. B. Dalton, is putting the deal through and acquiring what is considered the finest deposit of feldspar in the world. The mine is about five miles from Verona, the main plant being near Deser Lake. The spar is shipped by boat and portaged from Thirteen to Thirty Island lake. From there it is a thirty-mile railroad haul over the C. P. R. to Kingston.

WANTS ASSURANCE FROM LABOR UNIONS As to Lack of Men Before Agreeing to War Prisoners Working.

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Transferred to the Royal Flying Corps—Lieut. Bateman's Companion Was Also Killed in the Accident. Belleville, May 22.—Lieut. George S. Bateman, son of Joseph Bateman, of Springbrook, was killed in an aeroplane accident at Gosport in Hampshire, near Portsmouth, on the 18th inst. His father received a cable that Lieut. Bateman, in company with Lieut. Selwyn, was making a flight when at a height of 1,000 feet the planes gave way, and the machine dived, killing its two occupants instantly. Lieut. Bateman was attached to the 39th, and was with that battalion when it was quartered in this city early last summer. It will be remembered that he, in company with Lieut. Reg. Elliott, made quite a sensation when, after being transferred to the 59th Battalion, they boarded the train carrying their comrades of the 39th to Quebec, and begged to be allowed to go as privates. Their wish was brought before General Sir Sam Hughes, and after reprising the pair, he attached them to the 39th, allowing them to retain their rank. Early in December of last year Lieut. Bateman was transferred to the flying corps, received his pilot's certificate in February, and was recently attached to the squadron at Bristol. He leaves a sister and one brother, besides his father. He was twenty-two years of age.

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