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RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN TURKISH POSITION

GERMANS AGAIN REPULSED AT VERDUN — ITALIAN PERSISTENCE IS REWARDED

RUSSIANS ARE APPROACHING CITY OF BAGDAD

Turkish Position Captured—Kut Surrender is Incentive to Russians — Austrian Transport Sunk.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, May 11.—Teuton assaults on the western portion of the eastern front have been repulsed by the Russian artillery fire.

In the Caucasus, the Turkish offensive at Mamapatun has been stopped. Kasri-Shiru, a Turkish position 110 miles northeast of Bagdad has been occupied by the Russians, three guns and a large quantity of supplies having been captured.

Increased Incentive.

The British reverse at Kut-El-Amara is providing an increased incentive to the Russian troops. Large bodies of German troops are reported to be assisting the Turks.

Austrian Transport Sunk.

Paris, May 11.—A French submarine has sunk a large Austrian transport in the lower Adriatic. The transport was laden with war supplies.

THE CHAPLIN CONTEST WAS HIGHLY AMUSING

The Westholme was filled to overflowing last night and, for once, the picture program was not the most important part of the entertainment, though every film was followed with keen interest, particularly the third story of the "Graft" series, which is proving one of the greatest attractions ever shown here.

The chief item, the Charlie Chaplin competition, came after the pictures, and the famous original Charlie never made the roof of the theatre ring as it did last night, as the youngsters paraded across the stage, imitating the antics of the great comedian. There were eleven of them and all did well, though several were obviously nervous.

Billy Martin and Tom Smith had the first and second prizes divided between them, and both simply brought down the house. Billy's make-up was remarkably good, while his "shuffle" was well-nigh perfect. Tom was got-up as Chaplin the tramp and also presented a splendid representation of the comedian's walk and general movement. The third prize went to Billy Postolu who also did remarkably well, giving a good imitation of the Chaplin side-step. The contest was one of the most enjoyable features ever conceived and young and old simply rocked with laughter all the time the youngsters were on the stage.

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MEREDITH-DUFF COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPHED WHILE IN SESSION IN OTTAWA.—Shell contract probe with Carnegie on the stand. In the upper picture Col. David Carnegie is shown on the witness stand at the right, being examined by Mr. I. F. Hellmuth. On the bench next to him is Sir Wm. Meredith, and further to the left, Mr. Justice Duff. Gen. Sir Alexander Bertram is seen seated at the extreme left. In the lower picture Sir Sam Hughes occupies the foreground, with Hon. Wallace Nesbitt on the left.

BREWSTER CALLS FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, May 11.—H. C. Brewster will demand, in the Legislature on Friday, that Attorney-General Bowser institute criminal proceedings, under section 160 of the criminal code, against the ministers who handed over the full amount of the monies obtained from the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern bonds to the company, instead of the amount they were entitled to, in the proportion to which the amount of work done bears to the whole work.

The report shows that the province paid to the P. G. E. the sum of \$18,035,000, while the entire road was reported to cost \$18,802,000.

HILAIRE BELLOC SAYS VERDUN BATTLE WON

London, May 9.—(By Hilaire Belloc) The battle of Verdun is won. The greatest battle ever fought, an action with consequences that will affect the whole future of mankind almost as much as the original victory on the Marne, has been won by the French.

For the Germans it means that the effort on which they concentrated the whole of their available resources, for which they had spent many months in preparation and in which they had such confidence that they risked open declaration of victory and definite prophecies of success, has resulted for them in bloody defeat.

STEAMER ROANOKE CAPSIZED IN GALE

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Francisco, May 11.—The steamer Roanoke, bound from San Francisco to Valparaiso, has capsized in a gale a hundred miles south of San Francisco. Forty-one of the crew are missing.

The tanker Lansing has gone in search of four of the lifeboats which are missing. The fifth boat drifted ashore at San Louis Obispo. Three sailors in her were still alive, and five were dead from exhaustion.

Captain Dickson and his wife are reported to have been lost. The vessel was owned by the North Pacific Steamship Company and was carrying a heavy cargo of explosives to South America, when the cargo shifted in the gale. The crew was unable to provision the lifeboats before the vessel foundered.

SERGT. WELLS ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Sergeant Wells this forenoon addressed the pupils of the high school, when he held the children spell-bound with his account of the work being done by the British troops on the western front, while he also gave a graphic account of his experiences while a prisoner in Germany. He said that all who have relatives serving at the front have good reason to feel proud of what the soldiers are doing. At the close, he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks by Principal Brady. Principal Brady considers the sergeant one of the finest speakers he ever listened to.

LOTS OF HUMBUG BUT NO CONTRACTS

Ottawa, May 9.—Lloyd Harris, of the Russell Motor Company, was the chief witness before the Shell Commission today. He stated that they had a floor space of 70,000 feet and fourteen acres available for a loading plant, in addition to an excellent mechanical department. Both he and Mr. Russell had an intimate knowledge of machinery.

On hearing of the contracts for 5,000,000 fuses, they phoned General Hughes, who told them that the matter was in the hands of the Shell Committee. They took the matter up with Colonel Carnegie and General Bertram, who told them that the fuses could not be made in Canada. They resented this and the conversation got warm.

See Col. Allison.

"Finally," continued the witness, "Col. Carnegie told me that if I wanted to do anything further I had better see Col. Allison."

"I asked if Allison was a member of the Shell Committee and Col. Carnegie said no, so I said that I was dealing with the Shell Committee. He, however, reiterated the demand that I see Allison."

They got little satisfaction out of Allison, but finally got a verbal promise from Carnegie that part of the order would be held for them, on condition that they could make the fuses. They followed out instructions, and had everything ready to make the fuses within the stated time, and on May 26th were ready to present their proposals as arranged, but were told that the contracts had

LIBERAL SCRUTINEER STOPPED THE LIST

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, May 11.—At the Vancouver election enquiry yesterday, Ainsworth Anderson, chairman of the Liberal scrutineers, testified that he stopped the list of 304 absentees which was sent in by J. T. Scott, the Liberal official, with instructions not to challenge the votes.

Mrs. Moore, land-lady of a rooming-house, testified that Pearce, an assistant to Scott, engaged two rooms on election day and brought a number of men to the house. Scott and Pearce were formerly employees of the Sun.

MAJOR A. W. AGNEW HAS LOST AN EYE

William Agnew, of Victoria, received a cable from his son, Major A. W. Agnew, last week. Major Agnew is now in hospital in England, and has lost his left eye, while his right arm is rather badly damaged. He hopes that the doctors will be able to patch him up so that he can return to the firing line.

been let at \$4.25, their price being less.

They had a "heart-to-heart" talk with Col. Carnegie and General Bertram, who said it was unfortunate that the contracts had been placed, as the Russell offer was a good one.

Colonel Carnegie said that "pressure had been brought to bear to have the contracts placed." He did not say what the pressure was.

GERMANS AGAIN DRIVEN BACK ON VERDUN FRONT

Night Attack Repulsed — French Carry German Trenches and Take Prisoners — Italian Success.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, May 11.—The German troops delivered a night attack upon the French positions near Vaux pond, on the Verdun front east of the Meuse. They were repulsed with heavy losses.

West of the Meuse, the enemy is carrying on a vigorous bombardment of the French artillery positions in the Avoncourt wood.

A small French offensive west of Deadman's Hill proved successful. The French carried the German trenches, taking sixty-two prisoners and two machine guns.

Italian Success.

Rome, May 11.—The persistence of the efforts of the Italians, under General Cadorna, have been rewarded with success. The Italian army, after fighting for every foot of the ground, are now within sixteen miles of Trento. The Italians have penetrated the Austrian frontier for a distance of eighteen miles.

ALASKA SALMON ARRIVED YESTERDAY

The Roald brought into port yesterday the first shipment of Alaskan spring salmon of the season. The catch of 6,000 was bought at 8½ cents by P. J. Sandwick, the buyer for the Cold Storage Company.

There were two halibut arrivals yesterday, the Jim Ham having 8,000 pounds and the Hi Gill 13,000. These went to the Cold Storage Company at 6½ cents.

BASEBALL

The Colts and the Catholic Club meet in the second game of the season at Recreation Park this evening, when a real good game should result.

The batteries will be: Colts, Bennie McDaniels and Arthur Manson, and the Catholic Club, Babe Fortin and H. Astori.

Good potatoes on sale at \$1.40 per sack. Fuller & McMeekin.

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TONIGHT ONLY

Anita Stewart and Earle Williams in the ninth episode of "THE GODDESS"

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A very fine Drama in two acts.

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An episode in "The Hazards of Helen"

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OF WORLD EVENTS

Don't forget Sergt. Wells and the Canadian Government war films TOMORROW

Doors open, 6:45. Show starts, at 7.