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DESPERATE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN ALPS

DUTCH REFUSE TO ACCEPT GERMAN VERSION OF THE TUBANTIA INCIDENT

BIG BATTLE IS DEVELOPING ON ITALIAN FRONT

Austrians Strongly Re-inforced by Men and Guns—Italians Rush Enemy from Strong Positions.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, May 23.—Desperate fighting is progressing among the snow-capped mountains of the Alps. The Austrians have been heavily re-inforced with both men and guns and strenuously endeavoring to prevent Italy from aiding the Allies on the French front, while the desperate action on the part of the Austrians is expected to paralyze the action of the Allies at Saloniki, by keeping away re-inforcements.

Strong Defence.

The Italians have formed strong defence lines across the mountain passes and on the peaks, and are successfully arresting the attempted Austrian forward movement.

Austrians Dislodged.

The first offensive rush of the Italians resulted in the Austrians being dislodged from several of their strategic positions.

BASEBALL

The Anyox Baseball team will play the local boys at Recreation Park tonight at 7 o'clock in the first of a series of three games. The other games will be played at 2 and 7 p. m. on Wednesday. The Prince Rupert line-up will be: Fortin; H. Astoria; William Manson; Fred Henning (Capt.); A. Manson; Hatchford; W. Anderson; Murphy and Earsman.

The Prince Rupert boys, after a few weeks hard practice, are now in good shape and should be able to give the boys from the smelter town a real good game. Joe Scott will be umpire.

COURT ON JUNE 5TH

His Honor Judge Young will hold court at Prince Rupert on June 5th, after which he will proceed to Atlin where court will be held. There is a considerable number of mining cases for settlement in the north.

NOVA SCOTIA ELECTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Halifax, May 23.—The Nova Scotia assembly dissolved yesterday, after proclaiming June 20th as the date of the general election.

Dance at the Auditorium May 24th. Four-piece orchestra. Gents \$1.00. Ladies free. 120

The best strawberries can be obtained at Fuller & McMeekin's.

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SHELL COMMISSION DODGING BAD POINTS

Ottawa, May 13.—As far as one can make head or tail of it the British War Office considered that the Bertram Shell Committee was a group of four Canadian manufacturers who accepted war contracts and filled or sub-let them as they chose, while the Bertram Shell Committee considered itself a public institution of Canada, and to some extent a trustee of the British Government.

In the words of the lawyers, the Bertram Shell Committee in the opinion of the British War Office acted in a contractual relation while in its own opinion it acted in a fiduciary relation. As a matter of fact, it acted sometimes one way, sometimes the other way, sometimes both ways. Generally speaking, it followed the Scriptural injunction and like a perfectly good piano-player did not let its right hand know what its left hand was doing except that both hands were kept busy. Moreover it was always fiduciary in the sense that it had perfect trust in itself and fixed prices about as it pleased. To thine own self be true, thou canst not then be false to any man—that was the way the Bertram Shell Committee operated.

It transpires that the Bertram Shell Committee is very anxious to keep the contractual and the fiduciary relation separate and while it has no objection to making a clean breast of its fiduciary virtues it would much rather keep its contractual transactions under cover. To put it plainly, it is dreadfully opposed to submitting a list of the contracts it made and the prices it fixed to the inspection of Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., and his associates in the inquiry. In fact Mr. Johnston had a run in with Government counsel on this very matter which led Carvell, M. P., at Chief Justice Meredith's suggestion putting a resolution on the order paper of the House of Commons for a widening of the inquiry to get at the real facts. How this resolution will fare at the hands of the Borden Government does not need more than one guess.

So far Government counsel have utilized the Royal Commission as a means of making as many good points and dodging as many bad ones as possible. Whenever the watchdog barked too near home, the scope of the inquiry was invoked to shut the noise off. Naturally Mr. Johnston and Mr. Carvell have got tired of this and are now demanding a show down.

Meanwhile it is fairly clear that the Bertram Shell Committee allowed the contractual relation in the long run to get the better of the fiduciary one. In other words the four manufacturers could not forget that they were manufacturers and that the best part of the manufacturing business is making profits. Wherefore they made a profit of anything from \$41,000,000 down, and a great virtue is now being made of it that this profit is to be hand-



French soldiers in their leisure hours indulge in many queer sports. In this picture a group of French aviators at Saloniki are seen amusing themselves in organising turtle races. The start is signalled in the orthodox manner, by firing of a pistol.

BARNARD DECLINES TO SIGN PROHIBITION BILL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, May 23.—Lieutenant-Governor Barnard declines to sign the Bowser Prohibition Bill, which the premier had intended to introduce at the session of the Legislature this afternoon.

The Lieutenant-Governor's refusal to sign is because the compensation provisions have been omitted from the bill.

The situation is described as being extremely delicate. Bowser has conferred with the prohibition executive and is now discussing a compromise to allow the bill to stand as it is and have a separate plebiscite taken on the question of compensation. Bowser's future action depends upon the attitude of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Later.

Vancouver, May 23.—Bowser is introducing Prohibition Bill this afternoon. There was some fear yesterday that the Lieutenant-Governor might provoke a crisis by refusing to sign the draft bill, but he has re-considered the matter. It is understood that the premier intends, at the second reading, to introduce provision for the appointment of a commission of three judges for the purpose of examining the claims for compensation.

ed over ultimately to the British War Office.

The profit, as I said before, was anything from \$41,000,000 down. The amount is vague. Carvell, K. C., found a mistake of \$12,000,000, and Hellmuth, K. C. found another mistake of \$10,000,000. One way and another it appears to be disintegrating, but \$41,000,000 is enough for advertising purposes and we can afford to let it go at that. The real questions are these. How did they make the profit? How does it happen that this large sum of money, so large that it makes ordinary people nervous, was not turned over to the British War Office long ago?

H. F. G.

VANCOUVER ELECTION ENQUIRY PROCEEDS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, May 23.—At yesterday's enquiry into the Vancouver election F. W. Welsh, Conservative candidate at the general election, explained his receiving warning before the election that pluggers were coming from Seattle. He notified the police and immigration authorities, who promised to investigate.

Treasurer Pound, of the Provincial Liberal Association, testified that there were two campaign funds handled by Scott. He admitted paying the salaries of Scott and his assistants.

FISH DINNER

Ben Self carried out his threat to go fishing over the weekend, when with Charles Balagno, George Bryant and Mr. Bergquist, he made Mile 21 on Saturday night. A party of about fifteen for whom Ben had chartered the launch Narbethong, joined the anglers and Ben provided a fish dinner in the open.

WIRE ACCOMMODATION

A recommendation from the light committee was brought down at the council meeting last night that permission be granted to the G. T. P. Telegraph Company to use certain poles on Third Avenue for the use of their wires. Superintendent Kennedy endorsed the recommendation provided that the company's wires did not interfere with the city's connections.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

The children's sports will be held at Recreation Park tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. There will be races for the little tots and boys and girls up to twelve years of age.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Clark, Besner Apartments a daughter, at the general hospital this morning.

JAMES J. HILL IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

(Special to The Daily News.)

St. Paul, Minn., May 23.—The illness of James J. Hill, the railway magnate is causing grave concern to his friends. Mr. Hill has been in poor health for some time and complications have now developed, the condition of the famous railroader being regarded as critical.

James J. Hill was born in Canada, but went to the United States in his youth, when he entered a railroad office in St. Paul. His first step as a railroad owner was made in conjunction with the late Lord Strathcona, when he was a partner of the great Canadian in buying out the Dutch stockholders in the railroad between St. Paul and Winnipeg. Later in life he attained fame as the genius behind the Great Northern Railway.

BYLAW REPEALED

A bylaw repealing bylaw 257, covering local improvements on Claude Street, was introduced at the council last evening and read a first time.

City Solicitor Peters intimated that the inspector of municipalities and he did not agree on the matter of repealing bylaws, but he was satisfied that the new bylaw was quite in accordance with the act, being entirely different from a money bylaw.

TORNADO IN IOWA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Des Moines, Iowa, May 23.—A terrific tornado swept across central Iowa this morning inflicting considerable damage upon property. So far, no lives have been reported lost.

The Alice B. leaves Prince Rupert for Metlakatlah every Sunday and every holiday at 10 a. m., 12 noon and 2 and 4 p. m. from Davis' float. \$1.00 return.

SAFETY FIRST—USE NEW WELLINGTON COAL. PHONE 116.

DUTCH REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE BERLIN VERSION

Tubantia Incident Not Closed—Heavy Fighting on Western Front—Food Shortage Acute in Austria.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 23.—The Dutch government, after holding a thorough investigation into all the circumstances, refuses to accept the German version of the sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia in the North Sea.

Western Front.

Severe fighting continues between the French and the Germans in the region of Verdun, the struggle west of Deadman's Hill being terrific. The Germans have been forced to abandon several block-houses in the vicinity of Avoncourt wood.

There is also heavy fighting between the British and the Germans in the vicinity of La Bassee.

570 Fishing Craft Gone.

Britain's enemies have sunk 570 fishing craft since the start of the war.

Food Shortage.

The food shortage in the Central Empires, especially in Austria, is becoming so acute that the people are verging on a state of famine. Emperor Franz Josef, of Austria, is protesting to the Pope to intervene.

Canteen Privileges.

The introduction of canteen privileges amongst the workers in the munitions industries is considerably reducing the drink evil in Great Britain.

SWEEPING LIBERAL VICTORY IN QUEBEC

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, May 23.—The Quebec general elections resulted in a sweeping victory for the Liberals. The government carried 74 seats while the Conservatives managed to retain only 7. In the last Legislature there were 57 Liberals and 24 Conservatives.

CRICKET CLUB

The annual meeting of the cricket club will be held in the City Hall, Thursday at 8 p. m. All interested are requested to attend. E. A. WOODS, Secy.

WESTHOLME

TONIGHT

MUTUAL MASTERPIECE LILIAN GISH

In a picturization of Richard Harding Davis' Great Novel "CAPTAIN MACKLIN" In Four Great Acts

Carlton King and Gladys Hulette in "THE MISSION OF MR. FOO" A strong story of Chinese intrigue

A Fine Lubin Comedy "A TEMPORARY HUSBAND"

Sydney Ayres in a Strong Drama entitled "DAVID GRAY'S ESTATE"

WATCH FOR GREAT CHAPLIN CONTEST FOR GIRLS