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INCREASED ACTIVITY ON VERDUN FRONT

RUSSIANS JOIN BRITISH NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA -- AUSTRIAN ATTACK REPULSED

FRENCH REPLY SHOT FOR SHOT AND HOLD HUNS

Terrific Fighting Continues on the Verdun Front—Germans are Increasing Their Big Gun Fire.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 26.—The battle of Verdun continues with unabated fury along both banks of the Meuse. The Germans are keeping up their bombardments with unprecedented vigor, and are also making vicious infantry attacks. The French are replying with shot for shot and are holding the Germans at almost every point of attack.

A heavy artillery duel is in progress around Fort Douaumont and at Hill 304. The Germans have increased their artillery fire against the French positions in this region, probably preparatory to another infantry attack for the possession of this much fought-for vantage point.

British Front.

The line held by the British forces on the western front now extends for a distance of over one hundred miles, in the face of the heaviest German concentration outside of Verdun.

Casement's Trial.

The trial of Sir Roger Casement, on a charge of high treason, has been fixed to take place on June 26th.

LYOYD GEORGE WILL HANDLE IRISH PROBLEM

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 26.—Hon. David Lloyd George is to handle Britain's great problem of reconciling the apparently irreconcilable sections of the Irish people and the establishing of a measure of Home Rule in Ireland.

Compulsion Passed.

The Compulsory Military Service Bill has been signed by the King. Compulsory service will not be extended to Ireland.

A. E. REITCHEL DID WORK WORTHY OF V. C.

George Davis has received a letter from H. J. Scott, of the Canadian Explosives, stating that his son, who is at the front, says that A. E. Reichel would certainly have been recommended for the V. C. at the time he was wounded, had there been an officer present when he took charge of his company and captured two German trenches. Corporal Reichel, though wounded, carried two of his men on his back to a dressing station.

Swimming Club meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at 327 2nd Ave. 41

STEEL FREIGHTERS MAY BE BUILT AT DRYDOCK

M. P. Cotton, of Vancouver, accompanied by H. H. Hansard, the solicitor for the G. T. P., arrived here yesterday to make an inspection of the drydock, on behalf of a syndicate in the south, with a view to starting ship-building under the new Shipping Act.

Mr. Cotton was conducted over the drydock by J. H. Pillsbury, and expressed great satisfaction with the equipment of the plant. If satisfactory terms can be arranged, it is proposed to lease the plant for a term of years to construct and operate freight carriers. The syndicate favors the building of steel ships and has applied to the government for assistance in building four vessels. The company intends to build vessels of about 4,000 to 5,000 tons, and will operate the fleet themselves under the scheme of government guarantee.

The members of the syndicate fully considered the plans of the dock before sending Mr. Cotton north, and, provided that suitable terms can be arrived at, work will start at an early date. The G. T. P. officials have provided the engineer with the fullest particulars in regard to the plant and everything possible is being done to have the ship-building industry started on a solid basis.

VIC THOMPSONS NOW WITH THE ARTILLERY

Douglas Stork yesterday received a most interesting letter from Vic Thompsons, who is still alive and kicking at the front, after having had several narrow escapes.

Vic, after receiving wounds in the trenches, had a spell at bomb-throwing; then was transferred to a machine gun section and is now serving with the artillery. He finds the big gun work very interesting, though not quite so exciting as bomb-throwing.

He describes winter weather in Flanders as being worse than that of Prince Rupert so far as rain is concerned. Now that spring has set in they are having beautiful weather, however. Just before writing, he had met Bob Wiggins and also a brother of James Hunter, of Prince Rupert.

He has thoroughly recovered from his wounds and is keeping a bullet, which was extracted from his anatomy, as a souvenir. He had a thrilling escape when a bomb exploded over a party of four of them, of whom he was the only one to escape.

He thinks the war may last for a considerable time yet, and is looking forward to a week's holiday which he intends to spend in Scotland.

The Alice B. leaves Davis float for Metlakatlah every Sunday at 9 and 11 a. m. and 1 and 3 p. m.

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

**SAFETY FIRST—USE NEW
WELLINGTON COAL. PHONE
116.**



Stubbornness v. Patience. How a mule met its master in the Indians. This photo, which was taken with the British Egyptian force, shows Indians watering mules at a well. True to his nature, the mule showed great stubbornness, and was more inclined to jump into the water than to walk the plank. But his stubbornness availed him nothing against the Indians who have the patience of Job.

SOME SUGGESTIVE CONTRASTS IN CONNECTION WITH PLUGGING

**SULLIVAN MAKES STARTLING ADMISSIONS OF KNOWLEDGE ON
PART OF TORIES—LIBERALS KNEW NOTHING
OF THE SULLIVAN OPERATIONS WHILE
TORIES WERE WARNED**

J. L. Sullivan admits that he knew on Feb. 21st or 22nd, that a gang of "pluggers" was coming from Seattle to take part in the Vancouver by-election.

There is no evidence that any living Liberal was aware of the fact.

J. L. Sullivan was the champion of the "wets," his admission throws an interesting light upon the relations of the "wets" and the license inspector.

There is no evidence that any Liberal received a letter from Seattle detailing the movements of the "pluggers."

J. L. Sullivan admits that through the license inspector the Conservative executive was furnished with the Carroll letter so that they might be fully apprised of the pending invasion of the pluggers.

There is no evidence that the Liberal executive had the faintest suspicion that anything of the kind was about to take place.

J. L. Sullivan admits that F. W. Welsh fully informed the premier and Mr. Tisdall of the oncoming of the hosts.

There is no evidence that Mr. Brewster or Mr. Macdonald had received even a hint of what was contemplated. The chairman of the investigating committee has stated that there is no suggestion that Mr. Brewster knew anything about the plot. There is not a scintilla of evidence that Mr. Macdonald was aware of the coming incursion.

J. L. Sullivan admits that F. W. Welsh, Conservative aspirant and

general roustabout, visited him to discuss the matter.
There is no evidence that any Liberal visited Mr. Sullivan, or any one of the Seattle gangsters.
J. L. Sullivan admits that F. W. Welsh got him to go to Seattle, where he saw Carroll and White and completed his information as to the schemes of the "pluggers."
There is no evidence that any Liberal went to Seattle or knew any one of the "pluggers" or anything of their schemes.
J. L. Sullivan admits that he went down to the Seattle boat and mingled with Monty White and the gang.
There is no evidence that any Liberal performed the kind office of seeing off the "pluggers," or of travelling with them, or was seen in their company.
J. L. Sullivan admits that he "wirelessed" Welsh that the pluggers were on the briny deep and would reach Vancouver in due time.
There is no evidence that any Liberal knew of their leaving, much less went to the trouble of sending the necessary despatches.
J. L. Sullivan admits that he sent another wireless to Welsh that another lot would arrive by train.
Again, no evidence that anyone performed the same kind office for the Liberals.
J. L. Sullivan admits that, having been apprised by his brother Pat, that still others were coming by boat he carried the news to Mr. Reardon of the Metropole Hotel.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL'S CANDIDATES

Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council, having been approached by the representatives of Labor in Atlin district to suggest a suitable candidate to represent the wage-earners of that riding, has announced by resolution sent to Atlin and Anyox, that it is ready to endorse to the full the candidature of George Casey, miner, as Labor's representative for Atlin.

It was resolved that a representative to be relied on as staunch in the support of Labor, and a man of character and capable of making his candidature formidable and his personality, if elected, a power for the advantage of Labor's interests in that riding, shall have the endorsement of Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council.

The Trades and Labor Council also went on record and wished to be distinctly understood by all interested that in no manner, shape or form will it lend itself to anything that might even vaguely be construed into an endorsement of any candidature on the part of W. H. Montgomery, who is regarded unfavorably by organized labor of Prince Rupert in the arena of politics.

While details have not yet been finally arranged, there is a strong possibility that the Trades and Labor Council will endorse a trusted candidate for the Prince Rupert riding.

The council also endorsed the principle of compensation to the liquor interests, providing same was extended to the employees, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the B. C. Federation of Labor, seeking its co-operation.

M. A. MACDONALD DENIES GOSDEN'S STORY FLATLY

Victoria, May 25.—Robert Gosden was committed for trial this morning on a charge of perjury in connection with the Vancouver election enquiry. His counsel reserved his defence. The case will likely come up at the fall assizes.

Gosden swore that M. A. Macdonald met him in front of Victoria post office on April 25th and made an appointment for a second meeting at the same place at 9 p. m. when \$50 was handed to Gosden by Macdonald.

M. A. Macdonald swore today that at 6 p. m. on the evening in question he was walking in Beacon Hill Park with his wife, and that at nine o'clock they were in their room at the hotel. He denied that he had been anywhere in the vicinity of the post office that evening. Mrs. Macdonald corroborated her husband's statement.

SUN AND TIDE

Saturday, May 27th.

Sun rises 4:29 a. m.
Sun sets 8:45 p. m.
Low water .. 4:26 a. m. Ht. 5.7
High water .. 10:26 a. m. Ht. 16.6
Low water .. 4:20 p. m. Ht. 7.6
High water .. 10:29 p. m. Ht. 19.3
Captain J. McGee, M. M. S. A.

RUSSIANS JOIN THE BRITISH IN MESOPOTAMIA

**Forces Meet Near Kut-El-Amara
—Rome Reports Austrians Re-
pulsed—Austrian Gunboat
Sunk in the Adriatic.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 26.—Petrograd reports that the Russian and British forces have joined in the region of Kut-El-Amara.

The Germans have sent strong re-inforcements to Bagdad under General Lyman Von Sanders, formerly German commander in the Dardanelles.

Austrians Repulsed.

Rome reports that the Austrian attacks have been repulsed in the region to the south-east of Trent.

Austrian Gunboat Gone.

Rome, May 26.—An Austrian aeroplane and gunboat have been destroyed by an Italian gunboat in the Adriatic.

Attempted Teuton Advance.

The Russians have repulsed the Teutons in an attempt to make an advance to the north of Olyka station.

Dutch Steamer Held.

London, May 26.—The Dutch steamer Winterswijk, bound from Philadelphia for Rotterdam with a cargo of wheat, has been taken to Kirkwall, in the Orkney Islands, for examination by the British authorities.

Americans Object.

Washington, May 26.—Americans object to interference with the shipment of United States mails, and ask that a protest be made to the British and French Embassies.

BOWSER MACHINE IS BLAMED FOR PLUGGING

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, May 26.—Before the committee of enquiry into the Vancouver election, D. E. McTaggart, chairman of the Liberal scrutineers, gave the impression that he believed that J. T. Scott had acted improperly. He was sure that the Liberals did not pay for this, as they had no money.

He thought that it was a scheme on the part of someone to hold up the Liberals later on.

G. S. Wismer, a Vancouver lawyer, blamed the Bowser machine for the whole business.

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