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## GRIM STRUGGLE CONTINUES AT VERDUN

### GERMANS MAKE SMALL GAIN—ITALIANS HOLD AUSTRIANS AT BAY IN TYROL

#### AUSTRIANS ARE BEING HELD BY THE ITALIANS

Italian Counter Attacks Causing Heavy Loss to Enemy—Germans Make Another Gain Near Verdun.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 30.—The Verdun region and the southern Tyrol continue to be the theatres of war where most of the sanguinary battles are taking place. While the Italians are holding the Austrians back and preventing them from making any further advances whatever, they are inflicting heavy losses on the enemy by spirited counter attacks on the Austrian positions in the Tyrol.

##### German Gain.

The Germans, on the Verdun front, have made another gain, having captured three hundred metres of French trenches north-west of the village of Cumieres, near Verdun.

##### No Greek News.

No news has come through regarding the manoeuvres of the Bulgarians in Greek Macedonia, where important events are expected to transpire on account of the Bulgarian advance into Greek territory.

##### New York Report.

New York, May 30.—It is reported that Rumania will not sign a commercial treaty with Bulgaria and Turkey.

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING GOVERNOR

The city solicitor reported to the council last evening that he could get no satisfaction from the Canada General Electric Company in regard to the damage done by the faulty valve at Shawatlans, and recommended that he be allowed to wire them stating that the city will take steps to have a new valve fitted by another firm unless they send an expert immediately, while a writ for damages will be served.

Ald. McClymont, in moving that this be done, said that it opened up a wide question and it seemed that it should be brought to a head. Ald. Dybhavn seconded the motion.

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

#### WESTHOLME

##### OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

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ECLAIR GAZETTE OF WAR PICTURES

A SPLENDID EIGHT REEL SHOW

First Concert night, Tuesday, June 6th. Watch for program.

#### PLUGGING ARRANGED BY BOWSER MACHINE

Victoria, May 25.—That he was convinced the plugging arrangements in the Vancouver by-election were in the interests of the Bowser machine, and that this impression was accentuated by the refusal of the returning officer to arrest a man when he demanded it, and the general attitude of the returning officer in this respect, was the statement of G. S. Wismer, Vancouver barrister, before the special committee appointed by Premier Bowser to "investigate" the by-election following the revelations of the Liberals who succeeded in convicting Peter Annance, the man who gathered a crew, mostly Liberals, at the Calumet rooms. Wismer was called as the result of the testimony of one, Eldridge, a shoemaker, and a well-known Liberal worker who, in his evidence, told a straightforward story of having been engaged by Annance to "work" on election day, but to perform what work, Annance did not at first tell him. Wismer was captain of Liberal scrutineers in Ward Three. Eldridge was one of the scrutineers to work under Wismer. When Annance asked him if he would "work" on election day in the interests of the Liberal party, Eldridge found ten dollars so alluring that he went to Wismer to get his release from his scrutineer duties. Wismer would not release him until he saw Annance. Annance was called into Wismer's office. Wismer asked Annance what the "work" was to be. Annance would not tell him. So Wismer made an appointment to meet Annance at the Castle hotel at 9:30 o'clock that evening. He had not yet released Eldridge as scrutineer. After they had gone, Wismer got in touch with Mr. McTaggart, chairman of the scrutineers' committee, and they considered something was wrong, as Annance would not tell what the work was to be. They tried to get a Thiel detective, but the office was closed. Then they tried to get M. A. Macdonald, but he was addressing a meeting. So they went to the Castle hotel to quiz Annance, but the latter did not put in an appearance. Then they told Eldridge to go with Annance and keep an eye open for crooked work.

##### Got Suspicious.

This Eldridge did, and reported about noon that he had seen nothing. But about 4:30 o'clock he reported that things were suspicious and he thought "they were padding the lists." This was what eventually led up to the investigation of the Annance case and the Calumet rooms by the Liberal party, and finally Annance's conviction. As to a question of Ernest Miller, counsel for the government on the committee, if he did not think that it was peculiar, Annance should go to the Liberals to get his men for alleged plugging. Wismer declared that it was decidedly peculiar, and made him think it was a Conservative game. In other words, he meant a "plant."

##### Impression Deepened.

This impression was deepened by events on election day. Wismer



Scene of the big Austrian offensive in Trentino. The map shows the direction of the Austrian attacks which took place recently in the Trentino region, where they won some Italian positions near Roveretto.

#### NEW ENGLAND FISH COMPANY BURNED OUT

The New England Fish Company's wharf and warehouse at Vancouver was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The outbreak began in the sheds of Brown & Harvey, which contained large quantities of fodder, and quickly spread to the New England Company's property adjoining. The wharf was burned to the water's edge, the offices being completely destroyed. The cold storage plant was also seriously damaged, though a considerable part of it was saved.

#### MRS. W. M. LAW PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

It will be with the deepest regret that citizens of Prince Rupert will learn that Mrs. W. M. Law passed away at three o'clock yesterday morning at Alice Arm. Mrs. Law had been in indifferent health for some time but retired on Sunday evening, apparently in her usual health. In the early morning, she was taken suddenly ill and passed away in a few hours.

The sympathy of all old-timers is being extended to Mr. Law, who is in the city on his way south with the body. Interment will take place at Portland, Oregon, where Mrs. Law's relatives reside. Mr. Prince Rupert in the early days and Mrs. Law were residents of and had a host of friends in the city, to whom the sad news will come as a great shock.

declared to the committee that he thought Ward Three polling place, in Orange Hall, over the store of Thomas Duke, Conservative candidate, a "hard" ward to watch, so he had information blanks and warrants in his pocket and the Liberals had arranged to have a justice of the peace there if it was necessary, to swear out informations. Early in the morning a suspicious party came in and Wismer displayed his sheaf of "blue" papers and the suspicious party made a hasty exit from the polling place. Later, a man came and wanted to vote in the name of a

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#### SULLIVAN STILL WORKS HARD FOR THE TORIES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, May 30.—The Vancouver election enquiry was continued this morning. John L. Sullivan, who was re-called, after having made a trip to Seattle, stated that Clancy and Monte White both denied the statement of C. B. Patterson that they had assured him that the pluggers were brought up Vancouver to work for Tisdall.

Private Michael Wood, one of the pluggers, testified that he had been offered "lots of money" to swear falsely that he had been asked to vote for Tisdall.

#### CEMETERY QUESTION BEING INVESTIGATED

At the city council last evening, Ald. D. C. McRae presented a verbal report from the health committee in regard to the cemetery. He stated that the medical health officer strongly advised that steps be taken as soon as possible to have the necessary changes made, as things could not remain as at present. He made the following statement: That burials be made in metal sealed coffins of fifteen years durability; that coffins be placed in rough cement boxes of the proper thickness; that a series of cement vaults be built and that cremation be adopted.

Ald. McRae said that the committee favored most the idea of constructing the cement vaults, but that they were in communication with towns similarly situated to find out what could be done.

Ald. McClymont said that the health officer said that unless something were done, he would have to close the cemetery, as conditions were very bad. He outlined several new ideas along the line of steel caskets and suggested that the health committee continue their investigations until they found the right method. He understood that there was no possibility of finding a more suitable burial ground.

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

#### DISASTROUS FIRE AT PORT ESSINGTON

(Special to The Daily News.)

Port Essington, May 30.—A serious fire broke out here yesterday afternoon at the southwest end of the town, wiping out the Salvation army barracks; the government boat-shed, and the residences of J. McPherson, Jack Larsen, George Church, Tom Hanson, George Huston, Andrew Spalding and T. M. Orwig, while the latter's boat-shed was also destroyed.

The steamer Inlander, which was lying on the ways, had a very narrow escape, a change of wind carrying the fire away from the steamer to the bush.

The residents put up a vigorous fight against the flames, but owing to the recent dry weather, the fire made rapid headway. Had the wind not been blowing down river, the whole town would probably have been wiped out. The fire started in the house of George Church at 3:45 in the afternoon. None of the houses were covered by insurance and several old-timers of the north lost all they had.

#### ROBERT WIGGINS IS AMONG THE WOUNDED

In the list of casualties published in Ottawa at midnight on Saturday, there appears in the list of wounded the name of Robert Wiggins, with next of kin in Scotland. This is undoubtedly the popular "Bob" Wiggins, one of the St. Andrew's Society boys, who has been at the front for some time. It is to be hoped that he makes a rapid and good recovery.

#### FATHER AND THE BOYS AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

There is a treat in store for Westholme patrons tonight when Digby Bell appears in "Father and the Boys," George Ade's famous comedy. This is one of the greatest comedies of the screen, the adventures of Tom and Billy and their friends being lively in the extreme.

There is also a two reel Mexican drama which should prove interesting, and an Eclair Gazette of war news, which is always of the best.

The concert night will be Tuesday instead of Thursday, as at first arranged, and for June 6th, Mr. Harvey will have a high class program.

#### CITIZEN HEARS FROM HON. D. LLOYD GEORGE

F. Button of this city wrote to the Hon. David Lloyd George some time ago in regard to the drydock here. Mr. Button has received a reply stating that the minister will refer the matter to the proper quarters.

##### BASEBALL

The Colts and C. C.'s meet tonight at Recreation Park. Benny McDaniels will pitch for the Colts, with George Wally behind the bat. "Babe" Fortin being out of town, the Catholic Club will try a new pitcher. The game begins at 6:45.

#### HOW ALLISON DIVIDED HIS COMMISSIONS

Says Sam Hughes did not know he was Getting Commission—Until Kyle Charges Were Made.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, May 30.—The Meredith-Duff enquiry into the fuse contracts was resumed today, when the examination of Colonel John Wesley Allison was continued.

The question of the drafts made upon Allison's share of the one million dollars, divided by agreement between Yoakum, Bassick and Allison was gone into.

Asked regarding the ten thousand dollars given by him to Major George Washington Stevens, of Montreal, Allison replied "It was in consideration of his taking care of me in other deals." He explained, early in 1915, Major Stevens put through a deal in Europe in connection with which he and Stevens were entitled to a commission of \$120,000.

Asked why he gave an order for \$50,000 to Lignanti, Allison replied that Lignanti had shown him what he was doing in connection with the securing of other orders.

Asked about the \$30,000 he had given to Colonel Wm. McBain, he said that it was in settlement of various matters, including a claim for a share in the profits of the Canadian Car Company's contract with the Russian government.

Regarding the \$105,000 which he had given to Miss M. G. Edwards, Allison said that this lady was his wife's sister, who had looked after his business for many years, and, not having otherwise provided for her, he had decided to give her a share of the profits on the contract.

In explanation of the order for \$30,000 which he had given to Craven, he said it was in consideration of his having tried to get prices on fuses for him all over the country. He had not done anything for Yoakum and Bassick, so far as he knew. Craven got war material prices for Sir Sam Hughes in 1914.

Allison said that Hughes did not know that the commission on the American Ammunition Company's contract was to be \$1,000,000 until after the Carvell and Kyle charges had been made in Parliament.

##### MEMORIAL DAY

"Old Glory" is flying half-mast today throughout the United States and over all official American buildings throughout the world, in memory of the men who fell in the civil war.

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