

DAILY NEWS

SINGLE CIVIL SERVANTS MUST JOIN FORCES -- GERMAN SUBS BAG FOUR SHIPS

A SERIOUS FIRE THIS MORNING AT PORT ESSINGTON

Over Fifteen Buildings Wiped out, Including Queen's Hotel—Jap Killed in Leap from Burning House.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Port Essington, Jan. 3.—A disastrous fire broke out here at 6:30 this morning when over fifteen buildings, including the Queen's Hotel and Kishimoto's store were destroyed.

The fire originated in the Kamada House, owned by the Skeena River Commercial Company, and spread very rapidly. The Caledonia Hotel was saved after a hard fight, the owner, Mrs. Kirby, suffering considerable loss in moving furniture from the burning building.

Jap Killed.

A Japanese, named Maruyake, who, who was lying sick in the Japanese house where the fire originated, leaped from the upper storey of the building, a distance of 35 feet, to the beach. He fell very heavily on the ice and died shortly afterwards from the injuries received.

HOUSE GUTTED BY FIRE ON NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

The fire brigade was called out at 11 o'clock on New Year's night to the corner of 9th Ave. and Lotbiniere, where the house of M. L. Pace was in flames. Ten minutes after the alarm was turned in, the house was gutted and everything lost. The brigade could do nothing but prevent the fire from spreading to the adjoining houses.

The cause of the outbreak is unknown, but probably an overheated stovepipe is the explanation. Mr. Pace lost all that was in the house and carried no insurance.

On the way back, the fire engine got stuck in the deep snow on the rise of McBride Street and had to have the assistance of a team of horses to get out.

MAJESTIC :: THEATRE

Tonight and Tomorrow

7-Reel Sensational Program, Essanay Photoplay.

"MONGREL AND MASTER" In three Sensational Acts.

"THE BOMB" In two Powerful Acts.

"THE SIMP AND SOPHOMORES" A Corking Comedy.

"FITS AND CHILLS" A Screen Comedy.

Don't Miss It—Exceptionally big Bill.

Coming Wednesday and Thursday—A Classic enthralling Photoplay, "The Prima Donna," Featuring Asta Nielsen, the world famous star. Coming Soon—Serial and Great masterpieces.

LONDON CAFE And Grill

DAINTY MEALS AT REASONABLE PRICES
Hart Bk. Third Ave.

BOXES FOR LADIES

SINGLE CIVIL SERVANTS ARE TOLD TO ENLIST

Fit Single Men of Military Age Must Make Room for Returning Wounded Soldiers.

(Special to The Daily News.)

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 3.—Hon. T. W. Crother, minister of labor, states that all unmarried men in the employment of the Canadian civil service, who are physically fit and of military age, must join the army or leave the service. Returned soldiers will be given preference for all government positions.

150,000 More Men Wanted.

Premier Borden intimates that Canada will increase her military force to 500,000 men, which means the raising of 150,000 more recruits. The number of Canadians already in Europe is 118,922, 50,000 of whom are on the firing line.

Martial Law in Greece.

Athens, Jan. 3.—Martial law has been proclaimed in Greece, to become effective on January 15th.

The Allied authorities at Saloniki have ordered the arrest of all Austrian and German women employed in cafes, and that all Germans, Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians of high standing be also arrested.

Peace Party for Germany.

Copenhagen, Jan. 3.—The German government will permit the Ford peace party to travel through Germany on a special train from The Hague next Friday.

"THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY" AT THE WESTHOLME

This is "Diamond from the Sky" night at the Westholme, and that should be sufficient to draw a big house. This week's episode is entitled "The Path of Peril" and it is just as exciting as last week's. There is also a most interesting two-act drama entitled "The Old Chemist," while there are two most laughable comedies in "Who Got Stung" and "Mabel's Wilful Way." The latter features Mabel Normand, who did so much to help the popularity of Charlie Chaplin. Her work is always of the best.

Marguerite Clark is coming on Wednesday and Thursday and Charlie himself at the end of the week.

THE WEATHER

By F. W. Dowling.

For 24 hours ending 5 a. m. January 3rd.

Barometer 30.166

Maximum temperature 28

Minimum temperature 16

CHEAP FUEL

Good wood cut to any length, \$5.00 cord. 2 feet—\$4.50, 4 feet—\$3.50. Also best lump coal. J30. PONY EXPRESS.

Special reductions on all "Jaeger" wool slippers for three days.—Peck the Shoeman.



HIS MAJESTY WITH THE NEW COMMANDER

This photo taken earlier in the war, by coincidence, shows the King in company with Sir Douglas Haig, the new head of the British forces, on an inspection tour.

FATAL BOB-SLEIGH ACCIDENT IN VANCOUVER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—Cecil Ayres, a boy of 16 years of age living at 907 Homer Street, was killed yesterday in a bob-sleigh accident.

An auto, driven by C. Miller, of 1210 Tenth Avenue, West, ran into the sled on Homer Street. Three other occupants of the sled were injured.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE HELD DELIGHTFUL DANCE

The New Year's Eve ball under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire was voted by all as the jolliest dance of the season. The Eagle Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and made a splendid setting for one of the prettiest ball-room scenes imaginable. It is beyond the powers of a mere man to attempt to describe how the ladies looked. Suffice it to say that the youth and beauty of Prince Rupert never appeared to better advantage.

The music was good; the floor was in first rate condition, and all arrangements had been so carefully planned by the ladies that the evening was a huge success. There were the usual greetings as the midnight hour passed and dancing was kept up until the year 1916 was about three hours old.

COLD FEET!

Warm wool and felt top slippers in all sizes, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75; 3 days special, \$1.00. PECK THE SHOEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knight spent New Year's at Haysport.

BRITISH SHIPS TORPEDOED IN MEDITERRANEAN

Liner Persia Carried Guns When Torpedoed—American Consul Sacrifices Life—Many Americans Lost.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 3.—It is officially announced that the liner Persia, which was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on Saturday, was carrying guns.

One hundred and fifty-eight survivors have been landed at Alexandria. Three hundred lives have been lost, including that of American Consul McNeeley, who gave his place in a lifeboat to a woman and two children. The vessel sank five minutes after being torpedoed.

Three More Gone.

The British liner Glengyle, bound from Yokohama to Genoa, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean near the spot where the Persia went down.

The loss of life has been very heavy and includes many Americans. One hundred survivors have been landed by other ships. She was a vessel of 9,000 tons and was built in 1914.

The Japanese liner Kenkou Maru, of 2,400 tons, has also been torpedoed. Her crew was saved.

The British steamer Stoswald, of 3,810 tons, has also suffered the same fate. She was in the service of the British government.

DOUBLE FEATURE AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE

The Majestic announces a great double feature program tonight, with seven reels all-told. The chief item is an Essanay three-act production entitled "Mongrel and Master." It is a stirring political drama which is full of sensations.

"The Bomb," a powerful two-act drama, is one of the most thrilling plays on the screen and is certain to hold the interest of all.

There are two real good comedies in "The Simp and the Sophomores" and "Fits and Chills." Both are calculated to provoke no end of fun.

Mr. Delasala announces a classic photoplay featuring Asta Nielsen, for Wednesday and Thursday.

SKATING

Starting at 3 p. m., the Alice B. will leave Davis' float every 45 minutes for across the bay with skating parties, as long as ice lasts. Fare 50c.

Miss Barbeau is about to leave town for Hazelton, where she will spend two months with her sister, Mrs. R. S. Sargent. Miss Barbeau will close her store in Prince Rupert until March 1st.

Children's fur top and felt slippers, regular 3 days special, \$1.00. PECK THE SHOEMAN.

RUSSIANS PLAN TO BREAK HUN LINE IN BALKANS

Russian Offensive Covers 300 miles Front—Big Effort to Smash German Line—Heights in Bukowina Taken.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 3.—The Russian campaign through Bessarabia extends along a front of three hundred miles from the Pipet Marshes to Roumania. The Russians have an army of a million and a half.

The movement is regarded as an ambitious strategic step to break the back-bone of the German line across the Balkans.

Heights Captured.

The Russians have captured important heights in Bukowina, taking 870 prisoners. The army is abundantly supplied with munitions and is fully equipped. Petrograd reports a series of successes on this front.

Jap Squadron for Suez.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—A squadron of Japanese warships has left for the Suez Canal to protect Japanese shipping.

A report emanating from Los Angeles, Cal., appeared in the Daily News on Thursday, stating that a squadron of Japanese cruisers is already guarding the Suez Canal.

LOCAL SOLDIERS LEAVE ON TUESDAY FOR SOUTH

The men of the 102nd B. C. Regiment who have been stationed here, will leave Tuesday on the Prince John for Comox. They will go south in charge of Captain Brandt. It seems that the authorities are not satisfied with Prince Rupert as a drilling centre though it would appear to a layman that there is at least enough room here to drill the twenty-odd recruits who are at present on the list.

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

"THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY"

16th Episode.

"THE PATH OF PERIL"

"WHO GOT STUNG"

Comedy.

"THE OLD CHEMIST"

Two-act Drama.

"MABEL'S WILFUL WAY"

Mabel Normand in Keystone Comedy.

POPULAR PRICES, 10 and 15 cts.

Next Wednesday and Thursday—

Marguerite Clark in "Seven Sisters."

Next Friday and Saturday—Charlie

Chaplin in "Shanghaied."

SELF'S

Follow the crowd to Self's Cafe. There is a reason. Next Majestic Theatre. 1021.