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#### BELGIUM TURNS DOWN GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Von Buelow Offers to Restore Belgium to King Albert--Belgium Will Adhere to Her Present Allies.

Rome, Feb. 9.—Germany has offered, through Prince Von Buelow, terms to Belgium for the conclusion of a separate peace. The proposals include the restoration of Belgium to King Albert, along with a large indemnity in lieu of damages for the invasion and occupation of the country, in return for economic and commercial privileges which will practically transfer the important Belgian port of Antwerp into the centre of German operations on the western front.

The scheme was submitted to Belgium through the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Tacciporco.

#### Belgium Refuses.

Belgium has returned a prompt refusal to the German proposals, and has declared her intention to adhere to her allies.

#### QUARTERS FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS ON FURLOUGH

Miss Davies, at the I. O. D. E. meeting, read a letter from the national secretary of the organization asking that a subscription be sent to the provincial secretary to aid in the establishment of a club in London for the Canadian soldiers when over there on furlough.

The matter was placed before the national executive by Lady Drummond and that body had cabled offering to provide funds for the establishment of 200 beds, the great demand being for sleeping accommodation. This cable was gratefully acknowledged by Lady Drummond. The scheme calls for a subscription of \$10 from each branch of the Daughters of the Empire, the total sum required being \$4,000. It was unanimously decided to send in the \$10 to the provincial secretary.

#### WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

##### TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

Special Features for Wednesday and Thursday. Splendid 7-Reel Show. Daniel Frohman presents

#### MARGUERITE CLARK

##### AS

#### "HELENE OF THE NORTH"

In Five Acts.

Abounds in strong, thrilling situations.

#### "WHEN LOVE TOOK WINGS"

Keystone Comedy.

Fatty is there with the funny stuff.

#### "SNAKEVILLE'S NEW WAITRESS"

This is a scream of a comedy.

Look out for Friday's show.

#### GO TO LONDON CAFE

FOR THE BEST MEALS

STRICTLY UNION HOUSE

Hart Bk. Third Ave.

BOXES FOR LADIES

#### TIMES EXPERT SAYS DEFEAT OF HUNS MAIN ISSUE

"Defeat Germany and Her Confederates will Collapse," says Times—Russians still Advance—Two Zeps gone.

(Courtesy Hotel Rupert).

London, Feb. 9.—The Times military expert makes a strong appeal to the Allies to avoid the fighting of the Turks and Bulgarians as a main issue, and urges that their energies be concentrated on the defeat of Germany. "With the defeat of Germany, all her confederates will collapse," says the correspondent.

#### Russian Offensive.

The Russians are again on the offensive, and have penetrated the German advanced positions in East Galicia.

Russian warships are shelling the Turkish coast in the Black Sea, and Russian torpedo boats have sunk forty Turkish sailing vessels in the same area.

#### Two Zeppelins Gone.

Two Zeppelins were destroyed in a recent raid on Paris.

#### DOUBLE ATTRACTION AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

There is another fine seven-reel show at the Majestic tonight, including two special features—"Maid of the Wild", in three splendid acts, contrasts very effectively city life with that of the country. "Dolls of Intrigue" is a two-act drama of the secret service, in which very important state papers are concealed in the make-up of a doll. This is a most thrilling and interesting story, which is finely staged.

"Some Baby" is a screamingly funny comedy, and a Pathe News, showing the latest from the front and the world generally, concludes a good program.

There is a good bill for Friday and Saturday, including a Broadway star feature.

#### BENEVOLENT WORK

At the Daughters of the Empire meeting on Monday, Mrs. McMullin raised the question of the formation of a benevolent society in the city. Mrs. Du Yernet said that she thought it was a matter for the city council to take up.

Mrs. Riley said that the Helping Hand Society was doing work along this line and found that it was needed. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Ritchie spoke in favor of something being done. Mrs. Grant said that in Fernie the society was kept up by means of entertainments and by a grant from the city.

Mrs. R. L. McIntosh suggested that this meeting send representatives to interview the mayor on the subject. Mrs. Naden and Mrs. Ritchie were appointed to take the matter up with the mayor.

Wanted—All the nice girls to take all the nice boys to the Odd-fellows' Leap Year Ball on February 29th.



#### STRANGE BRITISH RATIONS IN AFRICA

Two British officers of the force in the Cameroons superintending the shipment of bananas as they are gathered from the trees and packed off to the troops advancing on the strongholds of Germany in the Cameroons. The popular uniform of the British officer in that country is "shorts" and sun helmets.

#### JACK PETERS MAY BE SAFE IN BELGIUM

City Solicitor Peters has just received a letter from a soldier who was alongside of Jack Peters when he was wounded. Jack was not severely wounded and first aid was immediately rendered him, but in the fight which followed he was lost track of and it is firmly believed that he was taken prisoner and is now in the hands of the Germans, probably in Belgium.

Mrs. Peters writes that she has just discovered that at a point in Belgium, there is a camp of British prisoners, among whom are fifty Canadians. Further inquiries are being made and it is hoped that Jack will be found safe and sound though a prisoner.

#### BYLAW COVERING THE SERIAL BOND ISSUE

A bylaw will be submitted to the ratepayers on February 25th, for the purpose of increasing the interest on bond issues to not more than six per cent. The bylaw was read a first time Monday night.

The issues that are involved are as follows: Section 1, Local Improvement of 1912 for \$600,000; Hydro-Electric of 1911, for \$550,000; Government debt of 1911, for \$115,000; Telephone of 1911, for \$40,000; Electric Light of 1910, for \$66,000; Grading city property, on Fulton Street of 1913 for \$12,000, and Market Place Grading of 1911, for \$35,000.

Judge Young is able to be around again, though he has still a very pronounced limp, caused by the tearing of a small muscle in the left leg through a fall on the ice.

#### EFFORT ON BEHALF OF CANADIAN PRISONERS

A representative meeting of local citizens was held in the city hall yesterday, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. F. Doyle, to consider the question of making arrangements for obtaining funds for providing food and necessities for the Canadian prisoners of war in German camps.

It was decided to hold a large informal dance in the skating rink on Friday, February 18th, tickets 50 cents each, and the following committees were appointed, with power to add to their numbers, to make full arrangements: General management committee, Mayor McCaffery, Messrs. G. G. Gex, Clancy, McMullin and Roerig. Floor committee, Messrs. Geo. Frizzell, H. Dunn, J. R. Beatty and Len Bell. Advertising committee, Messrs. Hill-ditch, O. H. Nelson and G. B. Hull. Decorating committee, Messrs. G. D. Tite, McFadden, Rogers, C. T. Heward and S. Johnson. Ticket and program committee, Messrs. J. Y. Rochester, W. A. Noble, C. H. Orme, S. A. Corley, Sand-wick, M. Albert, G. A. McNicholl, J. Dybhavn, E. F. Doyle, M. O'Reilly, G. P. McColl, Captain Groves, N. Demers, G. A. Sweet, T. D. Pattullo and Len Bell. Refreshment committee, Messrs. B. Self, W. Wright, G. W. Morrow, D. G. Stewart and W. J. Sandells, with Mesdames Ritchie, de Gex, Clancy, Rochester, Carss, Hull, Eggert, McColl, Johnson and Bloomquist.

It is hoped that the people of Prince Rupert, with their usual generosity, will assist in every way in making this a great success and will turn out in large numbers, thus showing their practical sympathy towards those who are suffering want and hardships while serving their King and country.

#### GERMAN FLEET SHOWS SIGNS OF PREPAREDNESS

Officers leave stopped and Marines Recalled to Kiel—British Steamer from Chili Overdue.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 9.—German marines, who were on active service along with the troops in Belgium have now been transferred to the Kiel Canal, and all leave for officers has been stopped.

Additional Zeppelins and aeroplanes are being concentrated at the German naval base, which, combined with the calling in of the marines, leads to the expectation that the German high seas fleet is at last preparing for fight.

#### Steamer Overdue.

New York, Feb. 9.—The British steamer Orissa, loaded with copper and nitrates from Chili, is nine days overdue and it is believed that she has been a victim of a German raider. The vessel left Rio De Janeiro on January 4th and should have reached port on the 31st.

#### "HELENE OF THE NORTH" AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

"Helene of the North," the five-act drama at the Westholme tonight, is one of the most remarkable plays in which the famous actress Marguerite Clark has appeared. The story begins in Ireland, where a most attractive young lady has taken society by storm. She repeatedly refuses offers of marriage, and ultimately, over the faggots, tells the story of her life. It is a most romantic tale of the wilds of Canada which includes her marriage to a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, and carries with it a splendid outline of life in the far north.

At the close of the tale, she is introduced to Lord Traverse, who immediately claims her as his wife. With Marguerite Clark as Helene, the play loses nothing in the telling and makes one of the most beautiful and strikingly dramatic features ever screened.

"When Love Took Wings" and "Snakeville's New Waitress," two screamingly funny comedies, conclude a great seven-reel show.

#### 102ND SHOVEL SNOW

The boys of the 102nd Battalion looked real businesslike this morning as they paraded along Third Avenue wheeling barrows and carrying shovels, on their way to clear the snow off Recreation Park in preparation for company drill. The work must have been good training for sapping operations in France or wherever they may be sent. Tom Mail-land, whose exact rank is not recorded yet, acted as "foreman," which is rather unmilitary but must serve meantime.

#### GERMANS SHOW MORE ACTIVITY ON WEST FRONT

600,000 Reinforcements Arrive in Flanders—Zeppelin Brought Down by French Planes in Belgium.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 9.—German reinforcements to the number of 600,000 have arrived in Flanders, and a great new offensive on the western front is imminent.

Infantry and artillery are both active in the Artois district. In one encounter, the Germans reached the first line of French trenches, but were subsequently dislodged.

#### Zeppelin Wrecked.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—A Zeppelin, pursued by French aeroplanes has been driven to earth in Belgium. The airship was wrecked and the crew killed.

#### MURDERER ARRESTED NEAR NEW WESTMINSTER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Feb. 9.—Filippo Ruggerio has been arrested on a charge of murdering a Russian named Peter Nikolas, in an affray outside a house on Dunlevy Street early on Thursday morning.

The quarrel is supposed to have originated over a woman. Nikolas died from a stab in the abdomen.

Ruggerio was arrested while hidden on a sleigh attempting to cross Westminster bridge bound for the United States. He admits taking part in the fight. Accused was formerly a laborer in the employ of the B. C. Electric Railway.

#### RED CROSS SALE

Mrs. William Manson and Mrs. G. H. Arnold will conduct the Red Cross Sale of home cooking on Friday. The half ton of coal donated by Albert & McCaffery, and the picture donated by Mr. Jacobs will be raffled. Generous donations of bread, cakes and pastry are earnestly requested, as more than is being sent in can be disposed of at these weekly sales.

The Andrew Kelly has returned from the banks with 10,000 lbs. of halibut after a twenty-day trip, which included the most trying time this vessel has experienced off this coast.

#### MAJESTIC :: THEATRE

##### Tonight and Tomorrow

An exceptional 7-reel Program. Two Complete Features, One Fine Comedy and a Pathe News of World Events

"MAID OF THE WILD" A drama showing the contrast between city and country life, 3 parts.

"DOLLS OF INTRIGUE" A drama of the Secret Service.

"SOME BABY" A riot of Laughter.

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