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CROWN PRINCE LEADS TERRIFIC ATTACK

TREMENDOUS GERMAN SMASH FOR VERDUN—STAGGERING LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT BY GERMANS ON WESTERN FRONT

BATTLE RAGING ALONG TWENTY-FIVE MILE FRONT WITH PARIS AS OBJECTIVE—ENORMOUS LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES—ALLIED LINES STILL REMAIN INTACT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Feb. 24.—A colossal smash for the great fortress of Verdun is proceeding, with Paris as the objective. The Germans are led by the Crown Prince Frederick William and are carrying on an uninterrupted bombardment of the Allied lines.

French Fight Valiantly.

The Allied lines are holding, with the French fighting valiantly. There are staggering losses on both sides along a twenty-five mile front, and the German losses are estimated at 50,000.

The French have evacuated Brabant-Sur-Meuse and the Germans have recaptured most of the positions which they previously lost to the French east of Brabant.

Assaults Repulsed.

All the German assaults at Haumont have been repulsed and the Germans have been beaten back at Samogoux, where they attacked in enormous numbers in mass formation.

Picked German troops from the Russian and Balkan campaigns were engaged in the attack upon Brabant, which was evacuated under cover of darkness and the protection of flank fire in order to avoid useless losses. The enemy has been unable to break the Allied line at any point.

PRINCE RUPERT ARRIVES

The following were amongst the first-class passengers on the Prince Rupert this morning:

A. L. Holby, Mr. Odney, Mr. Lund, W. Barr, Mr. Dawson and wife, F. G. Dawson, Mr. Britten, Mr. Agnew, Mr. H. Yewall, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin and two children, Miss E. Rankin, Miss Warrner, Mr. Pullard, C. E. Poole, F. Wyatt, S. W. Brown, Mr. J. Pyton, J. Cling, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. A. Henderson and child, Mr. and Mrs. Mobley, Mrs. A. McCual, Mr. Fogg, Mrs. K. L. Rauk and child, G. M. Strayham, A. Dauch, J. S. Whiting, W. W. Wright, J. Heath, E. W. O'bray, O. Odney, Mrs. Winton, Mr. Ackles, Stanley Ackles, Mr. A. W. Dutt, A. A. Todd, L. Everett, G. S. Graham. For Anyox: Mr. Savage, Mrs. Savage, Miss Richardson, Mr. McPhee, Mr. Egilson, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, J. Kay, A. B. Weeks. Ocean Falls: Mr. Martin, Mr. Connell, Mr. Emil, Mr. Dauch.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held this year on March 17th at the Empress Theatre. The committee in charge is composed as follows: Martin O'Reilly, President; D. W. Morrissey, Vice-President; R. Moore, Secretary; Programme Committee, J. McNulty, J. T. Brady, B. A., and E. F. Doyle.

FIREMAN IS INJURED IN SEATTLE BLAZE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—A \$60,000 fire broke out last night on Western Avenue in the rear of the store of Callahan and Graham. Fireman W. S. Evans fractured his right arm and is still unconscious.

SEATTLE DETECTIVE IS ARRESTED FOR BLACKMAIL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Seattle, Wn., Feb. 24.—Louis P. Sishler, a private detective, has been arrested for blackmailing a mining promoter for \$2,000 in a badger game.

5,781 BELGIANS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED

Joe Collart has received a newspaper from France which states that 5,781 Belgians have been executed since the occupation of Belgium by the Germans. Many of these executions were carried out without any real trial and most of the others after trials of the most summary description.

SOLDIER EXPRESSES THANKS FOR TOBACCO

The following letter speaks for itself:

Mayor, Prince Rupert, Dear Sir: It gives me great pleasure to be able to write you these few lines, thanking you and the citizens for your generous gifts of cigarettes which came to hand about a week ago. I feel it my duty to send the citizens a letter of thanks, and I hope you will convey these thanks to the people who have so generously offered. I hope that the time is not so very far off that peace will reign once more, and that we are back again in dear old Rupert.

The winter weather has been very bad here, but the weather is much better than it was and we are all hoping to see some big changes in the near future.

Thanking you all once more I will close with my sincerest wishes to one and all. I am

Yours very truly,
PTE. A. S. JOHNSON,
16th Canadian Scottish.

THE WEATHER

By F. W. Dowling.

For 24 hours ending 5 a. m. February 24th.
Barometer 30.444
Highest temperature 42.0
Lowest temperature 34.0
Precipitation07

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald B. Green, Digby Island, a son at the general hospital this morning.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN LIABILITY CASE

The case of the Prince Rupert Club v. The Employers' Liability and Assurance Corporation for the recovery of \$1,000 through the defalcation of an employee was continued before Judge Robertson yesterday afternoon.

C. B. Peterson, accountant, was called by the defence. He stated that he was called in by the club in March, 1914, to audit the books. He found shortages of \$1,500 and later on deficiencies bringing the total up to \$2,200. He testified to the fact that members had paid their dues and the amounts had not been credited in the members' ledger. In reply to Mr. Manson, he said that members in arrears should have been posted. He thought that it was the duty of an auditor to check up the posted list with the ledger.

He said, in reply to Mr. Manson, that the members' ledger bore no check marks. He said that it was a very unusual thing for an auditor to check up a ledger without marking it, as no auditor following such a method could tell how he stood. It appeared that the auditor had not checked up the deposit slips to the bank with the cash book, as it was clear that the discrepancies would have been discovered had he done so. In reply to counsel for the defence, Mr. Peterson said that the books of a club were entirely different from those of a business in that the general ledger was not so important as the members' ledger, as the bulk of the club's revenue came through the latter. He thought that the members' ledger had never been audited.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cars, witness admitted that an auditor might possibly check up a ledger without marking it, though he could not see how such an audit could be correct, as the auditor went back over the ledger to pick out the unmarked items. He thought it impossible to make a proper audit without marking the entries.

The judge asked if it was not usual for a company to place implicit confidence in an auditor they had appointed. Witness said it was. His lordship asked if the deposit slips carried the names of those who had issued the checks deposited. Witness said they did.

A. T. Broderick, one of the directors of the club, was called. He stated that he was not satisfied with the conduct of the assistant secretary though he had no suspicion of any shortage in fact.

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RED CROSS SALE

Mrs. Sweet and Miss Stevens will conduct the weekly Red Cross sale in the Red Cross rooms on Friday. Lots of home cooking is required. The demand is greater than the supply every week. Ladies are requested to assist Mrs. Sweet and Miss Stevens by sending along all they possibly can.

GERMAN RAIDER ACCOUNTS FOR SIX MORE SHIPS

200 Passengers and Crews landed at Santa Cruz by Prize Ship Flying German Flag—Bulgars are turning.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Westburn, flying a German flag and under a German prize crew of seven, has arrived at Santa Cruz with the crews and passengers of six British vessels believed to have been sunk by the German raider Moewe Essel.

The vessels include the steamers Flemence, Horace, Clan McTavish, Cambridge; the barque Edinburgh and the Belgian steamer Luxembourg.

After disembarking the crews and passengers, who numbered about two hundred, the Westburn was taken outside of the harbor and scuttled.

Bulgars Turning.

The Hotel Rupert bulletin says that the Bulgarians are now realizing that the Kaiser is facing disaster and that there is a growing hatred amongst the Bulgars for the Germans.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

The lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which is very strong in the city, has decided to cut down the regular lodge meetings to fortnightly, and to hold a social evening on alternate Wednesdays, when the lady friends of the members may attend and take part. Dances and other social events will be arranged from time to time. The following committee has been appointed to take care of this side of the work of the lodge: Messrs. H. E. Ross, George D. Tite, George Sweet, V. A. Cole and Carl Olsen.

MARY PICKFORD AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

"Esmeralda," which has been famous on the stage for two generations, is screened at the Westholme tonight, with Mary Pickford in the title role. This great play is just as striking on the screen as on the stage. It is a story of every-day folks splendidly told, and dainty little Mary is just as fascinating as ever. There is a "homey" touch about this play which must appeal to all. There is not a dull moment in the whole four acts. Like all Frohman features, the staging is perfect.

The Topical Budget shows some of the heroes of Ypres; the torpedoing of a liner and other interesting items from Europe. "Ye Olden Gaffer" is a Keystone comedy which provides lots of fun for all.

P. W. Birkett, of the city fire department, left for New York en route for Liverpool this morning, where he expects to join for active service.

INTERESTING DEBATE AT FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The meeting of the Fortnightly Club in the Presbyterian Church last evening was well attended, and the members were treated to a most interesting debate, "Resolved that the attitude of the United States in the present war has been in keeping with the highest ideals of the age and the best interests of civilization."

W. O. Fulton, who led for the affirmative, asked the audience to clear their minds of all prejudice in the matter and to try to view it from an American standpoint. He claimed that it would be ridiculous and futile for the United States to enter the war, and that the United States was not concerned in the matter. President Wilson had done his duty by his country in steering clear of the conflict. He pointed out that by keeping out of the war, the United States was reserving its energies for what might happen later, and, in any case, the chief danger to the great republic to the south lay in the Orient and not in Europe.

D. C. McRae, for the negative, claimed that the United States had not done its duty, from a standpoint of humanity. President Wilson had been content to send notes when the situation demanded action. He felt that the American people were with the Allies, but that officially that country had erred in sticking strictly to business and ignoring responsibility. He claimed that the attitude of Roosevelt was the proper one. He quoted from speeches by the president to show that self-interest was his chief aim. He also stated that the signing of the international agreement by Roosevelt at the Hague convention placed the United States in

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HAZELTON PIONEER IS MARRIED IN ENGLAND

An English paper just received gives a detailed account of the marriage of Harry E. James, of Hazelton, who went to England as one of the 1st Pioneers. The bride was Miss Florence Mimi Dean, of Hounslow, where the Pioneers have been stationed for some time. The wedding was an elaborate affair, Roy Clothier, one of the bridegroom's comrades, and also of Hazelton, being best man, and a guard of honor being furnished by the Pioneers and Army Service Corps. Harry will have the good wishes of many Hazelton friends in his new estate. —Omineca Miner.

HJALMER THOMSEN WANTED

The Salvation Army has been asked to locate one Hjalmer Thomsen who is a Norwegian of medium height and dark. Last heard of in summer of 1914. Address box 1732, Prince Rupert, B. C. Anyone knowing his whereabouts kindly communicate with Staff Captain Sims, 259 Fountain Street, Winnipeg.

L. J. Bay left for the east this morning.

LAST MESSAGE FROM WRECKED ZEPPELIN L-19

Yacht Picks up Bottle in the North Sea—Portuguese Naval Commander Takes no Chances.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 24.—A bottle has been picked up in the North Sea, by the yacht Stella, containing the last messages of the commander of Zeppelin L-19 to his parents, wife and son.

The message states that the airship dropped into the sea and the crew drowned, the motors having failed while the Zeppelin was returning from a raid on the English coast.

It will be remembered that a British trawler captain brought in word some time ago that he had seen this Zeppelin in a sinking condition in the North Sea.

Portuguese Precautions.

Lisbon, Feb. 24.—The commander of a Portuguese naval division has taken possession of thirty-six German and Austrian vessels in the river Tagus, hoisting the Portuguese colors and firing a salute. The commander had received word that the crews of the vessels had a plot to make an united dash for the open sea as commerce raiders.

COLORED PHOTOPLAY AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The House Divided," the two-act drama at the Majestic tonight, is a beautiful colored photoplay, the staging of which is superb. It is a tale of domestic discord ending in the separation of a doctor and his wife, the husband taking the little girl and a boy remaining with the wife. Years afterwards the little folks meet, unaware of the fact that they are brother and sister. Their friendship leads to the meeting of the couple who have been so long parted and the erring husband is forgiven.

"The Pardon," in three reels, is rather a remarkable drama telling of the struggles of a destitute widow and a wayward daughter. The girl's folly leads to tragedy, but she nobly recovers what she has lost.

The Pathe Gazette shows some particularly good European war views. "Ephraim's Exploits," a reel of cartoons drawn by the famous Bray, are clever and very amusing.

SKATING PARTY

The Baptist young people will hold a skating party at the Auditorium on Thursday at 8 p. m. Come one, come all. 46.

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