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THE FRENCH STRONGHOLD IS IMPREGNABLE

GERMANS WITHIN RIFLE SHOT OF OUTER FORTS — FRENCH LINE STILL INTACT

HUNS CONTINUE GRIM STRUGGLE ON WEST FRONT

French Retire in good Order to the Stronghold—Germans are Within Rifle Range of the Outer Forts.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 25.—Continuing their tremendous drive against Verdun, which is one of the greatest battles of the war, the Germans last night penetrated within rifle shot of the outer forts, and within five miles of the great French stronghold. The French line remains unbroken.

An official statement reports that the retirement of the French to defence works which they had previously built at their leisure and had rendered impregnable, was conducted in the most deliberate manner and was carried out in order to avoid unnecessary loss of life and to obtain additional security.

Fresh French Troops.

Critics believe that the Germans will not attempt to storm Verdun itself, which bristles with modern guns and contains hundreds of thousands of fresh French troops.

The German effort with 350,000 men on a nine mile front is declared to have been engineered with the purpose of trying to recover the lost prestige of the German Crown Prince Frederick William.

German Losses.

The French position at Verdun is defended by General Humbert and 200,000 men. The German losses in the attack have been enormous, amounting to not less than 50,000 men. Long trains of enemy wounded are crossing the frontier and there are heaps of dead left on the field.

An order has been discovered, signed by General Von Deimling, urging the fifteenth German corps to renewed acts of bravery in a last offensive against France.

The French losses are insignificant in comparison to those of the enemy. France is confident of the outcome of the terrific struggle.

At the Fortnightly Club meeting on Wednesday night, Mrs. William Millar was the soloist of the evening, Miss Irwin being her accompanist.

MAJESTIC :: THEATRE

Tonight and Tomorrow

BROADWAY STAR FEATURE

"ANSELO LEE"

Three-part Drama.

"THE PARSON'S BUTTON MATCHER," Scream Comedy

"THE GIRL AT LONE POINT," Thrilling Railroad Drama.

"THE JARR FAMILY DISCOVERS HARLEM," Roaring Comedy, No. 1 of that Celebrated Jarr Family Series.

Coming Monday and Tuesday, Special Screen-Reel Variety Program.



SKIPPER ENCOUNTERS FAST GERMAN RAIDER

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 25.—The captain of a vessel which had been sunk by a German raider has arrived at Teneriffe. He describes the raider as a vessel of 2,500 tons, carrying six seven-inch guns; two torpedo tubes and mines. She has a speed of seventeen knots and carries a crew of 250 men under the command of a German count.

HALIBUT FISHING METHODS EXPLAINED

The following extract from an article in the Pacific Fisherman Year Book on halibut line trawling should prove interesting to the people of Prince Rupert:

The halibut industry is the second most important upon the coast, a large fleet of the latest type of power vessels being employed in it. All halibut are taken on trawl lines. The quantity of line used to a dory will vary considerably. Formerly from five to seven skates were used, but the sharp competition in the industry has caused the fishermen to increase the quantity of gear to from eight to ten skates. A skate comprises seven lines of 50 fathoms each, and each of these lines will have hooks on gangions, or side lines, which are attached to the main line about eight to ten feet apart. Ordinarily there is an anchor and a buoy at each end of a skate, but for deep-water fishing an extra anchor and buoy are placed about the middle of the skate.

When a good ground has been reached the vessel drops her dories, in each of which are two men. As one man manœuvres the boat the other pays out the baited trawl in a straight string, and this is done by each boat crew, the various lines being usually parallel to each other. The first set is made about daybreak and the fishermen commence to lift about an hour after the line has all been paid out. In the bow of each dory, in a socket, has been set a wooden roller in a frame, and the line comes into the boat over this roller. When a gangion with a fish on the hook comes to the surface, it is passed along the side of the boat until it reaches the second man, who stuns the fish with a club, and

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Brigadier McLean, of the Salvation Army, will arrive from the east on tonight's train.



THEY REPRESENT THE KING

In the absence of the King, who is not considered strong enough to open Parliament, the ceremony is in charge of a commission consisting of (left to right) Baron Buckmaster, Duke of Devonshire, Marquis of Lincolnshire, Lord Sandhurst and (lower picture) Lord Farquhar.

RECRUITING MEETING IN EMPRESS THEATRE

Tonight at 8 o'clock, in the Empress Theatre, there will be a recruiting meeting which will be addressed by Lieut.-Col. Warden, of the 102nd Battalion. The members of the battalion have arranged a musical program which, judging from the efforts of the boys at their smoker in the Majestic Theatre, should be good. This will be one of the last opportunities for recruits to enlist in this contingent, which is one of the finest assembled in British Columbia since the outbreak of the war.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

There is a monster eight-reel show at the Westholme tonight, and Charlie Chaplin occupies the screen for two of these reels in "His New Job." It is the story of Charlie's adventures in a moving picture studio and he doesn't do a thing to his old pal Ben Turpin, who makes a splendid foil for Chaplin's funny stunts. This is one of the great comedian's funniest comedies. After playing havoc with everything and everybody, Charlie is ultimately thrown out, but even this he takes with his usual sangfroid. It is a scream.

"The Net of Deceit" is a powerful modern drama in three acts, while our old friends Bud and Ham, the Mutt and Jeff of the screen, are extremely funny in "Rushing the Lunch Counter." There is also a comedy entitled "Her Choice" and a western drama in "Sheriff's Choice," completing a bumper eight-reel show.

Be at the recruiting meeting in the Empress Theatre tonight.

MASKED BANDITS ROB NORTH COAST LIMITED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Seattle, Feb. 25.—Two masked bandits held up the North Coast Limited near Covington last night and stole five pouches of registered mail which arrived at Vancouver from the Orient on the Empress of Japan yesterday. The bandits blew open the safe with dynamite after uncoupling the cars. They escaped into the bush near Ravensdale.

GYPSY ROMANCE AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Anselo Lee," a charming 3-act romance of gypsy life, is the great attraction at the Majestic tonight. It is the love story of a strapping young scion of a gypsy race and a fair society maiden. It is rather a pathetic story, as the young couple have more than the usual obstacles to surmount in their love. The staging of the drama is of the finest and the story is beautifully unfolded.

"The Jarr Family Discovers Harlem" is one of those screamingly funny "Jarr" comedy features which have made a big hit in the east. This is the fore-runner of a series of these stories, all of which are "top-notchers." "The Girl of Lone Point" is one of the most thrilling railroad dramas ever screened here, while "The Parson's Button Match" is full of fun. This is a good show.

LIEUT.-COL. WARDEN IS BACK FROM PRINCE GEORGE

Lieut.-Col. J. W. Warden returned from Prince George yesterday afternoon, after inspecting the Prince George contingent of the 102nd Battalion which is being trained by Lieut. J. C. Halsey. The commanding officer says that the boys at Prince George are just as fine a body of men as the part of the battalion located here, and he feels satisfied that the entire battalion will measure up to a high standard physically.

It is expected that the boys will remain in their present quarters for about three more weeks when they will be transferred to Comox for battalion drill. At present there are about 1,000 men in the ranks and the battalion will shortly be up to full strength.

THE WEATHER

For 24 hours ending 5 a. m. February 25th.
Barometer 30.448
Highest temperature 47.0
Lowest temperature 37.0
Precipitation24

RUSSIANS CHASING TURKS IN PERSIA

Petrograd, Feb. 25.—The Russians have dislodged the Turks at Bidesurk Pass in Persia and the Turks are fleeing towards Kermanshah. The Russians have captured four big guns, machine guns and ammunition.

T. D. PATTULLO ASSISTS MACDONALD IN SOUTH

Exchanges to hand from Vancouver, in dealing with M. A. Macdonald's campaign meetings on Monday night, state that "Mr. Macdonald brought to the hall with him a sturdy northerner, Mr. T. Dufferin Pattullo, former mayor of Prince Rupert, and the Liberal candidate for that district."

Mr. Pattullo addressed two meetings in which he described the state of affairs in the north. He dwelt on the fish, timber, mineral and agricultural resources of this district, pointing out that, in spite of these, thousands of men had been obliged to leave for other parts. For this, he threw the entire blame on the government who had spent the people's money to keep the political machine greased and to keep the gang together. He told of miles and miles of roads where there were no settlers. Those who remained in the country were hanging on by the ragged edge, hoping a miracle would waft them into affluence.

In speaking of Mr. Tisdall, he described him as a man of the same type as Wm. Manson. A man who was content to do as the boss instructed, no matter what the results. What the province wanted was men who had the stamina to oppose that which they knew was wrong. Mr. Pattullo told of the charter Bowser gave them in Prince Rupert. They were not satisfied, but William Manson, the member, said he would voice the objection of the people on the floor of the house. But all he said was that the government in its wisdom had not seen fit to give them what they wanted—he supposed they would have to let it go at that.

Mr. Pattullo said that the only way to develop the country was on the community plan as outlined by Mr. Macdonald. Dealing with fishing, he said that the whole of the salmon industry was in the hands of a monopoly. Miners, like the fishermen, had never received fair treatment from the government, being hampered at every turn in their efforts to develop the mineral wealth of the province. The speaker claimed that if development work were started and continued along sane lines there would be wonderful progress and in the next ten years the province would be prosperous. In the northern districts they were going to return Liberals because the people were disgusted with the government.

At both meetings, Mr. Pattullo's speeches were received with the greatest enthusiasm, the people evidently being greatly interested in the affairs of the north.

LIBERAL OUSTS CONSERVATIVE IN PEEL COUNTY

W. J. Lowe Defeats Fallis—Bowser Holds Big Meeting in the Orpheum—P. G. E. will be Completed.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Brampton, Ont., Feb. 25.—W. J. Lowe, Liberal, has been elected member for Peel County over J. R. Fallis by a majority of 305. Mr. Fallis' majority at the last election was 627. He resigned his seat in the house over an exposure regarding his profiting by horse deals in connection with purchasing remounts for service at the front.

The Liberals magnanimously offered to allow a Conservative to be returned by acclamation if the party in power would put up a new candidate, but the offer was treated with contempt by the Conservatives.

Bowser Meeting.

Vancouver, Feb. 25.—Premier Bowser, the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt and the Hon. C. E. Tisdall held a great meeting in the Orpheum Theatre last night, with an overflow meeting in the banquet hall of the Vancouver Hotel.

The premier announced that it is his intention to carry out the promises of ex-Premier McBride with regard to prohibition and that it is the intention of the government to complete the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Mr. Flumerfelt announced that he was arranging a loan with which to make a start on the Agricultural Credits Bill, and stated that the Dominion government would be asked to aid in the erection of a smelter and to assist in ship building.

George A. McNicholl is expected to arrive from Winnipeg tonight accompanied by Captain Nicholson.

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

Rupert's Popular Play House

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

Great 8-Reel Show at Popular Prices.

"THE NET OF DECEIT"

Drama in three acts.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN, IN

"HIS NEW JOB"—2 acts.

"Rushing the Lunch Counter"

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"Her Choice"—Comedy

"Sheriff's Choice" Western

Drama.

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