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TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER CONTINUES IN WEST

GERMAN LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED AT 150,000 — BERLIN CLAIMS FORT CAPTURED

GERMAN LOSSES IN VERDUN FIGHT NUMBER 150,000

Terrific Assault Continues on Smaller Front—Enemy Attacking Regardless of Sacrifice of Life.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Feb. 26.—The Germans are continuing their terrific assault north of Verdun without regard to the sacrifice of life. The attacks in the region of Beaumont have failed.

Tremendous Slaughter.

There is tremendous slaughter and it is estimated that the German losses amount to 150,000.

The left and right wings of the French army have drawn back in order to take advantage of defensive positions, and battle front has now narrowed down to three miles.

The attacks east of the Meuse have failed. The situation is regarded as serious, but not disquietening.

Naval Activity Expected.

London, Feb. 26.—Great naval activity is looked for in anticipation of the emergence of the German fleet to assist in the land campaign.

Critics state that the tremendous German losses before Verdun render it impossible to hope for any German success in the attempt to reach Paris.

Do you know what a kitchen symphony is? It's different from the one mother used to make. Hear it at the English Church next Wednesday evening. 48.

The New England Fish Company will shortly start the construction of a building on the G. T. P. wharf. It will be 40 feet by 60 feet, with box making accommodation on the upper floor, there being also storage room for a hundred tons of ice.

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WEEKLY G. T. P. BOAT SERVICE TO ALASKA

George A. McNicholl, assistant general freight and passenger agent, and Captain C. H. Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. steamships, returned on last night's train from Winnipeg, where they have been in conference with other officials of the company in regard to the opening up of a new freight and passenger service to Alaskan points.

It is expected that there will be a weekly service between Prince Rupert and Alaska beginning with the Prince John on or about March 16th. The Grand Trunk Pacific will open offices at the various ports of call in Alaska and it is likely that several of the western Canadian officials will be transferred to the north. Final arrangements will be made early next week in Vancouver.

BERLIN CLAIMS GERMANS HAVE CAPTURED FORT

Germans Claim Advance of Two Miles with Command of Plains of Ornes—Russians Take Kermanshah.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 26.—Berlin reports claim the capture by the Germans of the fort of Douaumont, outside of Verdun, at the point of the bayonet on the 24th.

It is stated that the Brandenburg regiment is four miles north east of Verdun and three miles southeast of the ridge of Louvumont, to which the French retired on Thursday. This means an additional gain of two miles for the Germans together with the domination of the plains of Ornes.

Russians Take Kermanshah

The Russians have taken Kermanshah, an important position in Persia, by storm.

"ANSELO LEE" AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Anselo Lee," the three-act drama at the Majestic tonight, is a beautifully staged story of gypsy life which throws into striking contrast the wild free life of the rover with that of the child of the city. Anselo and a young society lady whom he has rescued from drowning fall instantly in love, and then there is trouble for all concerned. The old gypsy mother of Anselo is just as much opposed to a wedding between the young couple as is the society mother. In spite of all obstacles, the attachment lasts until death.

The laughable adventures of the "Jarr" family provide a reel which is highly amusing, while "The Parson's Button Match" keeps the fun going heartily. "The Girl at Lone Point," another of Helene's hair-raising adventures, provides the thrills.

You will hear your favorite singers at the English Church choir concert next Wednesday. Watch for the program.

PORTUGAL CUTS OFF FRIENDSHIP WITH GERMANY

Treaty Allowed to lapse—Premier Favors the Allies—Berlin Issues Notice to Interned Ships.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Lisbon, Feb. 26.—The Portuguese premier has announced that he has decided to allow the Portuguese treaty with Germany to lapse, and that Portugal is prepared for any eventuality.

The premier states that he had ordered the seizure of the ships in the Tagus, as attempts had been made to damage seven of them, while an explosion had occurred on the North German Lloyd steamer Buelow.

He had requisitioned the Austrian and German vessels in response to a request from the Allied nations.

German Bluff.

The Hotel Rupert bulletin says that the German ships interned in the United States have received notice to be ready to sail, as the war will be over on April 15th.

FISHING INDUSTRY ON NORWEGIAN COAST

In view of the fact that Prince Rupert depends so much on the harvest of the sea, it is interesting to learn that the town of Aalesunds in Norway, which has a population of about 15,000, sends out to the North Sea fishing banks regularly 139 fishing steamers, all larger than any plying out of Prince Rupert, and that, in 1915, 22 new steamers were built at that port, while 25 more were in course of construction at the end of the year.

In addition to this steamer fleet there are over 5,000 gasoline craft engaged in the same industry. The vessels are adapted to all lines of fishing, following each in its season. Recently one steamer brought in a single night's catch of 700 barrels of herring, each barrel weighing about 350 lbs. This herring fetched a price of about \$45 per ton, while the 24 tons brought in here recently by Captain Selig was disposed of at \$5 per ton.

The Norwegian price of course was a record and was the result of the enormous demand in Europe, owing to the war. The British North Sea fleets are debarred from visiting their fishing grounds, and Scotch and English buyers are in the Norwegian market for fish, driving prices away up. It is up to the Pacific coast fishing concerns to endeavor to enter this great market in some way or another, as the Canadian population is still too small to consume the huge quantities of fish which are being taken off this coast. It is interesting to note what the fishing industry has done to build up cities in Europe as it points clearly to what is in store for this city in the future.

PRINCE GEORGE MAYOR CUTS LIGHTING WIRES

Prince George, Feb. 25.—Mayor Gillette was today committed for trial by the police magistrate on a charge of having cut the wires of a local concern which was supplying the city with electric light. The case caused quite a commotion in the city and there is likely to be a lot of hard feelings.

Mayor Gillette has been strongly in favor of the city owning its own lighting system and a bylaw was passed to provide for it. Trouble arose over the existing system, which was owned by a local company, which ended in the mayor cutting the wires.

THE CRADLE

Born at Victoria, on February 21st, to the wife of Major W. Barratt Clayton, C. A. D. C., of Prince Rupert, a son.

TUPPER CALLS UPON Tories TO VOTE LIBERAL

Hibbert Tupper, at Great Mass Meeting, Urges Conservatives to Provide Opposition in Interest of the Province.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—M. A. Macdonald's Campaign ended last night with a mass meeting in the Orpheum Theatre, with an overflow meeting in the banquet hall of the Vancouver Hotel. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper was the chief speaker of the evening. He urged all Conservatives to rally to Mr. Macdonald's support to return a Liberal to the opposition in the interests of good government; to end the rule of the province by caucus, and to restore representative government to the province.

Heavy polling is expected today and the betting favors M. A. Macdonald.

NEW HAZELTON RED CROSS BRANCH ORGANIZED

A meeting to complete the organization of the New Hazelton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held at the home of G. O. Graham on the 16th inst. Nineteen new members were enrolled, and the following officers were elected to conduct the affairs of the branch: Chairman, Mr. W. S. Sargent; 1st Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Graham; 2nd Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Warner; Hon. Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Afleck; Executive Committee, Mrs. Anger, Mrs. Sargent, Miss McLeod, Messrs. Noble, E. Harris and Anger.

FOREIGN MONEY ORDERS

Postmasters are informed that the exchange of money orders with Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden, which was suspended on the 8th of August, 1914, has been resumed and money orders may be issued on these countries at the same rates of commission as formerly.

STIRRING SPEECHES MADE AT RECRUITING MEETING

COLONEL WARDEN DELIVERS SOLDIERLY SPEECH IN WHICH HE REVIEWS THE SITUATION — PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES BY CANON RIX, REV. FATHER BUNOZ AND E. P. SPAULDING

The Empress Theatre was well filled last night when Mayor McCaffery took the chair at the recruiting meeting. He was accompanied on the platform by Lieut.-Col. J. W. Warden, in command of the 102nd Battalion, Rev. Canon Rix, Rev. Father Bunoz, Mr. E. P. Spaulding, of Spokane, Wash., Captain N. J. McNeill, M. D., Captain Brandt, Lieut. Bowen and Lieut. Christie.

In the course of his opening remarks, the mayor said that, were he a younger man, he would feel it his duty to don the King's uniform and go to the front.

Rev. Canon Rix.

Rev. Canon Rix, in a fervent address, said that there were men in Prince Rupert, and elsewhere, who were not stirred by any feeling of patriotism. From one end of the Empire to the other there was an urgent call for men, but the men who felt no stirring of patriotism in their blood were not wanted. Canon Rix referred to the barbarism of the enemy, who had even crucified Canadian soldiers.

He said that the call for more men was from the men who were now at the front and from the men who had fallen. It was not a call of "go," but a call of "come."

Rev. Father Bunoz.

Rev. Father Bunoz, in an eloquent address, said that he was regarded as a messenger of peace. He was always for peace, but not for peace at any price. They were fighting for justice and the right and it was the duty of every patriotic Canadian to respond to the call. It was Canada's war because it was the Empire's war. He described patriotism as a great virtue which inspired men to do their duty by the community and the country in which they lived. No man lived to himself alone, as a community or nation was an aggregation of living souls banded together for the good of all. He called upon the men of Canada to do their duty.

E. P. Spaulding.

E. P. Spaulding, who said he came as a brother from across the line, said he had served as a private in the ranks and it stirred his blood to see the splendid battalion in this city. The president of the United States had tried to keep his people neutral, but their hearts would not remain neutral.

He predicted that many more men from across the line would join the forces of the British Empire to fight for the liberty and justice which they stood for. He hoped to see many more of the men in this town join with the splendid body of men he had seen drilling here, and he only wished he were young enough to be one of them.

Col. Warden.

Colonel J. W. Warden said that he was disappointed that such a small gathering of civilians had come to the meeting. He had noticed many men on the streets who looked eligible for service. He saw the pool rooms crowded and crowds flocking into the picture houses. He felt that the lack of interest in the war here was not because of a lack of patriotism, but because people did not realize the needs of the situation.

He pointed out that the war had not been won and that, were the Germans to conquer, we would be in servitude to them and subject to taxation to pay the cost of the war. The Germans would take a toll of fifty per cent. of our incomes. That, however, was the least of it. He wished that the men of Prince Rupert could see what he had seen in Flanders and France. Had they seen the deeds done by the Uhlans to the women of France and Belgium, every man would volunteer.

Before the war is over, Ger- (Continued on Page Two)

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

The Westholme was packed last night, Charlie Chaplin undoubtedly being the attraction. The antics of this most comical of all movie comedians kept the audience in a continual roar of laughter. "His New Job" is the story of Charlie's efforts to become a "movie" artist and provides endless opportunities for Chaplin's little pleasantries.

"The Net of Deceit," in three acts, is a powerful drama in which a pretty girl attempts to procure the formula of a deadly new explosive called mallowite, from the inventor. How she is foiled in her attempt by a fisherman whose love she has scorned is strikingly depicted.

Ham and Bud ran Charlie a close second as laughter raisers, in "Rushing the Lunch Counter." A good western drama and "Her Choice," a comedy, complete a good eight-reel bill.

NEW GOVERNMENT LAUNCH

George B. Hull left for Vancouver this morning to take over a new launch which he is bringing north to Prince Rupert. He took with him Joe Scott, H. F. Macleod and C. H. Orme, who will form the nucleus of the boat's crew on the way north.

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