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MASSACRE CONTINUES NORTH OF VERDUN

TURKS AND BULGARS ALARMED AT RUSSIAN ADVANCE—SUBMARINE WAR BEGINS

FRENCH FIGHT FEROCIOUSLY IN VERDUN BATTLE

German Prisoners Describe fighting as Massacre—Germans Repulsed in hand to hand fighting.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Feb. 29.—The bombardment north of Verdun continues with great intensity. In hand to hand fighting near Douaumont, the Germans were repulsed.

Prisoners who have been taken describe the fighting as being simply massacre.

The Germans captured the village of Manhuellen by an intense artillery fire, but, by counter attacks, this position was retaken by the French. The German forces engaged now number 750,000.

Situation Improved.

The situation has improved and the French are re-acting vigorously against the German bludgeon strokes. By impetuous counter attacks the French have thrown the Germans from many positions captured during the past four days, and the action is starting on its second phase.

Premier Briand has issued a statement to the press telling how the Germans were caught between two fires that barred their progress. They were also showered with shrapnel from all sides.

At an unexpected moment fresh divisions of French troops surged upon the field and the Germans saw their offensive stopped short. "The struggle was a titanic one, and our troops fought frantically," said the premier. "Our light and heavy artillery dug sanguinary furrows through the compact ranks of the advancing Germans as they came on to certain death. Finally, completely exhausted and their ranks decimated, the German armies recoiled."

An attempt by the Germans to shift the centre of battle is taken as a sign that the German general staff now despairs of success.

COURT OF REVISION

The assessment roll for 1916 was brought down at the meeting of the city council last night, and adopted on the motion of Ald. Dybhavn, seconded by Ald. Smith. It was intimated that the court of revision will be held on April 4th, at 11 a. m., when the following members would sit: Mayor McCaffery and Aldermen Montgomery, Dybhavn, McClymont and Barrie. The mayor intimated that the roll was exactly the same as the last submitted.

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TURKS AND BULGARS SHOWING SIGNS OF ALARM

Russian Advance has Scared them into Asking for an Understanding with the Allies.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Athens, Feb. 29.—Alarmed at the Russian advance in Asia Minor and at the inability of the Germans to render aid, the Turks and Bulgarians are asking for an understanding with the Entente Allies.

Bulgaria fears that she will lose her capital of Sofia, and both powers are greatly alarmed over the new turn of events. They ask for the observance of territorial integrity.

The Turks are hastily evacuating Trebizond and the neighboring ports on the coast of the Black Sea.

Guests Poisoned.

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Forty guests at a Methodist Ministerial banquet in Howard Street church have been poisoned. Many were taken ill at the banquet table after partaking of ice cream which had been poisoned.

D. W. MORRISSEY ENQUIRES REGARDING SERIAL BONDS

At the city council last night a letter from D. W. Morrissey was read asking, amongst other things, what the probable discount would be on the thirty year six per cent. serial bonds, and if the city had received any bona fide or probable offer for these bonds which would encourage a change in the financial system of the city, in the present distressful financial condition of the world. He asked that a reply be made through the medium of the press.

Ald. Montgomery moved that a reply be sent to Mr. Morrissey privately and that the letter contain nothing of a nature liable to prejudice the sale of the bonds, such as information regarding offers, etc.

Ald. Dybhavn suggested that Mr. Morrissey be sent a copy of the report drawn up by the city treasurer some time ago, which contained all the information it was possible to give, and which he believed any man would understand. He felt that the mayor was not entitled to give any further information.

Ald. Montgomery said that he thought Mr. Morrissey was entitled to receive all the information that could be given within reason. Ald. Casey seconded the motion which carried.

First showing of New Spring Hats, Wednesday, March 1st, at Demers'.

Furniture for sale, phone Green 338. 251 5th Ave., West.

Colonel Warden wants a distinctive Prince Rupert company in his battalion.



DUKE INSPECTS TROOPS ORDERED OVERSEAS

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cennaght receiving the salute of the 74th and 75th Battalions at Exhibition Camp, Toronto, as they marched in column formation to the inspection grounds. General W. A. Logie and Lieut.-Governor Sir John Hendrie accompanied the Governor-General. The two battalions inspected are among the large number soon to be sent overseas from Canada, as recently ordered by the minister of militia.

WOMEN'S FRANCHISE DEFEATED AT OTTAWA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Hon. William Pugsley moved in the House of Commons last night that the franchise be given to the women of all provinces where provincial woman suffrage has been allowed. The motion was defeated.

INCREASED INTEREST RATE ON SERIAL BONDS

In discussing the bylaw covering the increasing of the interest on the serial bonds to not less than six per cent. per annum at the city council last night, Ald. Casey said that there seemed to be some misunderstanding among the citizens as to why this should be done.

The mayor explained that it had been done at the express wish of the government and the bond houses and had been strongly endorsed by the bank. He pointed out that it made no material difference to the city as the bonds bearing six per cent. would naturally sell at a smaller discount than bonds bearing five, while there was a great advantage in that six per cent. would find a much readier market.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Charles Bloomberg, a miner who recently came here from Rocher de Boule, is in hospital suffering from loss of blood resulting from self-inflicted wounds in the neck and wrists. Officer Bailey had the man removed from his shack on Second Avenue on Sunday evening and he is now progressing favorably. He will stand trial for attempted suicide.

FLUMERFELT IS MAKING FRANTIC EFFORTS TO WIN

Millions Promised for Ship Building Guarantee—Measure to be Rushed Through in Ten Days.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, Feb. 29.—The Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt has announced that the government will introduce legislation within ten days to aid ship building and to guarantee their construction to the extent of two millions.

It is proposed to build ten ships, five of these to be built at Victoria and five at other ports in the province. Aid will be given to the amount of fifty per cent. of the value of the vessels. The ships will be built under government supervision and are not to be alienated from the province for five years and only when the loan has been repaid.

The Hon. Lorne A. Campbell is seeking to interest the Federal government in a scheme to assist in the laying down of twenty-five ships.

NANAIMO RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMISSIONERS

A resolution from the city council of Nanaimo calling attention to the growing sentiment in favor of the electors of the various municipalities having a voice in the selection of license commissioners and members of the police commission was brought down at the council last night. The resolution called for the electing of these commissioners in the same way as other representatives of the city are elected.

Ald. Casey, in moving that the resolution be concurred in, said that the Liberal party had promised reform in this direction and, as it looked as if there would soon be a Liberal government in power in the province, the matter would soon be solved.

It was decided to forward a similar petition to the provincial government, Ald. Nelson dissenting.

VARIED PROGRAM AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The Girl from Thunder Mountain," at the Majestic, is a story of the Virginia mountains. A young society man declares that a girl from the woods would naturally adapt herself to the ways of society. His statement is challenged by a bright young lady who promptly puts it to the test. She transplants a mountain girl to the city and you must see the show to watch how it worked out.

"Bad Money" is a story of counterfeiters and "Stage Coach Guard" is a thriller. "The Strenuous Life" is a laughable farce while Flora Finch "starring" is full of fun. "A New Way to Win" completes seven good reels.

GERMAN POLICY OF SUBMARINE MURDER BEGINS

New Campaign of Frightfulness Begins at Midnight—Huns Laying Mines off Sweden.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 29.—The new German submarine policy begins at midnight tonight. It is expected that attacks will be made by newer and extended types of submarines, with an enlarged radius of action and increased offensive powers. It is claimed that these new vessels carry one big gun which can be enclosed in the submarine for submersion and that they can cover several thousands of miles without replenishing their stock of oil fuel and supplies.

Germans Laying Mines.

A large German flotilla is reported to be engaged in laying mines south of Falsterbo, outside of Swedish territory, under the protection of twenty German patrol boats.

"THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY" AT THE WESTHOLME

"The Diamond from the Sky" gets more and more interesting as it reaches the climax and this week's installment, "The Mad Millionaire," is certainly one of the most thrilling of this famous serial.

The Gaumont Graphic, which has become such a popular feature at the Westholme, shows some very fine scenes from the front and European centres. "Mildred's Doll" is a mining drama along familiar lines, but with a decided touch of novelty. A miner's daughter foils thieves who have held up the shack in her father's absence by hiding the gold in her doll. "The Unpainted Portrait" is a story of domestic tragedy. "Issy the Operator" provides the funny stunts in a good show.

BRIGHT ENTERTAINMENT BY THE EAGLES CLUB

The Eagles Club will give its first entertainment in the K. of P. Hall tomorrow evening when a good program has been arranged, including numbers by Harry Fletcher, Harry Laselle, Pte. Korner and H. Singleton of the 102nd Battalion, Dan Morrison, Prof. Harvey, W. H. Derry, V. A. Cole, C. Balagno, W. V. Davies, J. Moore and Peter Black.

There will also be boxing exhibitions as follows: Ted Biddle v. Tommy Gilmore, and Hughie Singleton v. Kid McPherson of the 102nd Battalion. These bouts will be refereed by Roi Barnes.

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