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RUSSIANS EXTERMINATE THIRD TURK ARMY

GERMAN OFFENSIVE DOOMED TO FAILURE—HEAVY FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA

RUSSIANS TAKE TERRIBLE TOLL OF TURK ARMY

Third Ottoman army exterminated in revenge for massacre of Armenians—Fighting in Mesopotamia.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 6.—The Russian soldiers at Bitlis, including fifty thousand Armenians who had enlisted in the Russian ranks, took a terrible revenge on the Turks for the massacre of Armenian women and children by the Ottoman soldiers at Van and Mush.

The Russians refused quarter and exterminated the entire Turkish Third Army.

In Constantinople.

At Constantinople, the Turkish women threw silver in front of the relief trains, imploring that their husbands be not sent to certain death at the hands of the Russians.

Mesopotamia.

There is heavy fighting reported in Mesopotamia, where the British relief column has been heavily reinforced and is advancing against the Turks at Kut-el-Amara.

Turks Revolt.

Revolt has broken out in Smyrna where Turkish soldiers have attacked their German officers.

Air Raid.

Three Zeppelins raided the northeast coast of England last night, when twelve persons were killed and thirty-three injured.

PARKER WILLIAMS AND ANYOX ASSESSMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, March 6.—Continuing the debate on the address from the throne, Mr. Parker Williams attacked the government, alleging that it had favored the large mining corporations in making an assessment for a basis of taxation. Mr. Williams says that the town of Anyox, owned by the Granby Company, of which Mr. Flumerfelt is a director, was assessed at \$7.50 per acre, with a population of 3,000, while the town of McKinnon, adjoining Anyox, was assessed at \$450 per acre, with a population of twelve.

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HUN OFFENSIVE IS DOOMED TO END IN FAILURE

Kaiser Intended Verdun as Wedding Gift for Joachim—French General Earned a Great Reputation.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 6.—There is no change in the situation at Verdun. Artillery on both sides is engaged but the German infantry attacks have ceased, and the enemy have ceased to advance.

Lost Wedding Gift.

The Kaiser has gone to Berlin to attend the wedding of Prince Joachim, his fifth son. The Kaiser had intended to present Verdun to him as a wedding gift.

German Failure.

The French general staff is convinced that the German efforts at this point are bound to end in utter failure.

The Hun offensive has made a great reputation for the French General Patain, who checked the German advances at Arras and Champagne and drove the enemy back to the limit of their advance within twenty-four hours.

There are fifty thousand German dead facing the French lines in these districts.

Belgian Movement.

London, March 6.—There is a large movement of German troops in Belgium before Ypres. Forty thousand of the Landsturm have arrived within the past twenty-four hours.

THANKS FOR TOBACCO

Arthur Noble has received several acknowledgements of the receipt of tobacco by boys at the front, as a result of the collection made at his address under the auspices of the Helping Hand Society. Tom Birch, in sending his thanks, states that Major Peck is in England on short leave.

RECRUITING APPEAL

At the impromptu Liberal meeting on Saturday night, the proceedings opened with an appeal for recruits by Q. M. S. Haynes and Pte. A. Walker. Both soldiers called upon all able-bodied men without dependents to come in to the barracks and join the 102nd. A. M. Manson ably seconded their efforts in a rousing speech.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

Will meet Wednesday evening in Presbyterian Hall at 8 p. m. Subject: "Psychology and Its Relation to Religion and the Various Psychic Cults of Modern Times." The subject will be dealt with by H. F. McRae and Rev. H. R. Grant. After they have spoken a free discussion is invited. Everybody welcome.

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VERDUN FOREST AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY

This map shows Champ Neuville, only five miles north of Verdun, which the Germans claim to have captured.

H. C. BREWSTER RETURNED WITH AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

FLUMERFELT WITHIN SIX VOTES OF LOSING HIS DEPOSIT—DEFEATED MINISTER OF FINANCE RESIGNS HIS SEAT IN THE CABINET

Victoria, March 6.—H. C. Brewster was returned to the legislature with a majority of 2,446 over A. C. Flumerfelt. The vote was: certain that there would be a H. C. Brewster (Liberal) ... 4,972. Liberal government in power in Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt (Con) 2,526.

Majority for Brewster ... 2,446. Following his defeat at the polls, A. C. Flumerfelt resigned his seat in the cabinet. The Conservative was within six votes of losing his deposit.

There was great jubilation in the local Liberal camp on the receipt of the news of H. C. Brewster's sweeping victory. A "musical" parade around the town was held, after which an impromptu meeting took place in the Liberal headquarters, when short speeches were delivered by prominent Liberals, Alex. M. Manson, candidate for Omineca district, presiding.

Atholl Fraser, who has lived in British Columbia for thirty-five years and has had ample opportunity to observe the methods of the McBride-Bowser administration, said that he saw signs of a sweeping Liberal victory in the coming general elections. He described the present government as the most corrupt the province had ever had.

Fred. Stork, Dominion Liberal candidate, said that the victories in Vancouver and Victoria were not party victories. He did not believe that there were any more Liberals in the province than there had been, but a large number of voters of all parties had supported the Liberal candidates in the interests of good government. He thought they might be pardoned for the celebrating which had been done, as they had taken defeat like men for twelve years. He warned his hearers that the Liberal party must not be made up of job-hunters. That had been the curse of the Conservative government. So far as

he was concerned, there would be none of that. George R. Naden said he felt that the government was in power in ninety days. He contended that the only course open to the premier was to vote supplies for the next six months and then send in his resignation, as his party no longer represented the people of the province.

He said that if ever the Liberal party became so rotten as the present administration had become, he hoped it would suffer the same fate. He felt that men like Brewster, Macdonald, Parker Williams and John Oliver would give them good government.

W. P. Lynch said that the McBride government was doomed when it laid violent hands on the finances of the province. Four years ago he said that they would "break the province; break the people, and break themselves," and that had been done. He hoped that the Liberal party had profited by the example of the Conservatives. The Liberals faced a big task, with an indebtedness of \$18,000,000 to wipe off, but he did not see why a rich province like British Columbia should not be put in such shape that an honest industrious man could make a living.

A. M. Manson said that the province had at last awakened, and that it threw a great responsibility upon the Liberals. He hoped that long before a Liberal government had sunk to the depths of degradation reached by the present government, they would be brought up sharp by the electorate.

The meeting concluded with the singing of "God Save the King," followed by hearty cheers for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and H. C. Brewster.

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SIR THOMAS WHITE'S WAR BUDGET BECOMES CLEARER

ASILY—LARGE CORPORATIONSHELL PROFITEERS GET OFF E WILL PASS ON EXTRA TAXATION TO THE CONSUMER—SHAUGHNESSY'S LITTLE JOKE

Ottawa, March 4.—As time goes by the answer to Sir Thomas White's budget becomes clearer.

The answer is that all is not gold that glitters. In other words it is only a pinch-beck imitation of Lloyd George, not being animated by the same spirit of love for the democracy but rather by a judicious desire on the part of a rich man's government to deal delicately with its friends.

That is to say they take a little away lest an indignant people demand much more. Their discipline of wealth and privilege, such as it is, is more in sorrow than in anger and is only temporary at that.

"Make 'em be good," says the pressure of the times. "All right," the government answers in substance, "but you'll understand that this is only for the period of the war." There is no danger that these altruistic outbursts will be carried over into the piping times of peace. Of course there is no doubt that Sir Thomas talked matters over very thoroughly with the interests concerned before he sprang his budget and got a mighty definite idea of how much the traffic would bear and how long it would bear it.

One great outstanding fact is that high protection was not interfered with by the Conservative government. High protection as high as it is now, has come to stay as long as they stay. That it was not made higher is due to the fact that the goose that lays the golden eggs has all it can do now. To press it further would be to kill the amiable fowl. A Conservative government will never be guilty of foul play like that.

Sir Thomas' hint that there will be a system of rural credits after the war supplemented by Government assistance for those who want to get on the land, is founded on no particular love toward the farmer whose wheat lies rotting on the ground in the northwest provinces because the government denies him the American market, but on the enlightened selfishness which rich men always display toward themselves. If high protection is not to suffer, or if in Sir Thomas' own words, "Canada's economic strength is not to be impaired" then there must be production for high protection to bleed and to ensure production nothing must be done that will scare the producers away. In short this is another case of considering the golden goose which will be worked to the limit, but not permanently disabled.

Some of the shrewder critics are wondering why Sir Thomas did not raise his extra twenty-five million interest charges by means of a stiff income tax, appropriately graded for all earned and unearned incomes over five

thousand dollars a year, an adaptation of the English idea.

It is Sir Thomas' fine gift to make beautifully clear what he wants to make clear and to leave beautifully clouded what he would rather not mention, as for instance the fact that we have borrowed one hundred and fifty million dollars from England since the war began. There was also his juggling with the fact that the net national debt at the end of 1916 will be \$580,000,000 whereas the real debt is more like a billion. However, as Mr. Kipling would say, that is another story. The point he did make, talking rapidly the while so that the quickness of the hand should deceive the eye, was that the accumulations of wealth in Canada were not such as to warrant a drastic income tax. What he meant no doubt was that the accumulations of wealth were not generally distributed and that the few hands that held them objected to loosening up. If the British North America Act can be amended to give the government another year's life it follows that it can be amended to permit the government to impose a federal income tax.

Another criticism is that unless the government's new born desire for thrift leads them to use the local assessment rolls as the basis of their business tax it will mean the creation of an expensive army of office holders for the collection and assessment of the new taxes. Still this is a minor consideration. The great question is, will the new taxes do the work properly and efficiently? Does the finance minister's budget get at each rich man, corporation or partnership in the exact and just proportions in which he should be got at?

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