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KAISER INSISTS ON HAVING VERDUN -- TERRIBLE GERMAN LOSSES AT VAUX

KAISER WANTS VERDUN TAKEN DESPITE LOSSES

Terrible Slaughter of Germans at Fort Vaux—French Big Guns Keep Back the Hun Reinforcements.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 13.—The Kaiser, attending a meeting with his generals who are conducting operations against Verdun, insists that Verdun is to be taken despite any losses.

There is no infantry fighting north of Verdun, but the artillery is active along the entire front.

Terrible Hun Losses.

The German losses in an attempt to take the fort of Vaux on Saturday surpassed all records, the enemy losing two-thirds of their effectives. A curtain of fire from the French 75-millimetre guns made it impossible for the Germans to send reinforcements forward.

French Losses Slight.

The French losses around Verdun are less than a third of their losses in the Champagne offensive last September.

Dutch Frontier Open.

London, Mar. 13.—The Dutch-Belgian frontier, south of Maastich, which has been closed for the past eight weeks, has been reopened. This is believed to signify the end of the Verdun offensive. Eighty-one more hospital trains laden with German wounded have passed through Luxembourg.

SALVOR HAS GONE TO ASSIST CAMOSUN

The salvage steamer Salvor arrived in port last night at seven o'clock and proceeded to the other side of Digby Island, where the Camosun is stranded, this morning.

The cargo and coal have been removed from the stranded vessel and it is hoped that, by using pontoons, the Camosun will be floated towards the end of this week.

Mr. Beasley, managing director of the Union Steamship Company, did not come north on the Salvor as expected, but will be here on Thursday morning on the Prince Rupert.

APPEAL ALLOWED IN FAMOUS SLINGSBY CASE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 13.—The Court of Appeal allows the appeal of the Slingsby relatives and holds that the baby produced by Mrs. Slingsby was not the child of Lieutenant and Mrs. Slingsby and is therefore not the heir to the Slingsby estates which are worth a million. The costs of the case amount to \$150,000, the trials having been running for the past four years.

Mrs. Slingsby, who was childless, claimed to have given birth to a boy in a hospital in San Francisco. Nurses from San Francisco gave evidence to the effect that the child brought to England and presented as the Slingsby heir was the child of a woman in San Francisco.

FISHERIES DISPUTE STILL UNSETTLED

The schooner Helgeland brought in about 20,000 pounds of halibut last night, the result of about a month's fishing. The weather has been so rough on the banks that for many days fishing was impossible.

It was supposed that an agreement would be arrived at tomorrow between the halibut fishermen and the boat owners and that incoming boats would tie up here pending a decision. However, the Tyee, which came in the other day, received a wire to proceed to Seattle today, so that there is little likelihood of an early settlement.

PARCEL POST SALE FOR RED CROSS FUND

Mrs. W. C. C. Mehan has organized a unique sale in aid of the Red Cross Fund to be held in the Red Cross rooms, Third Ave., on Friday from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.

It is a Parcel Post Sale, something entirely new here. Mrs. Mehan, some weeks ago, had some hundreds of cards printed and distributed amongst her friends, these ladies in turn sending the cards around amongst their friends out of town. The cards invite the sending in of a parcel which "for a quarter will sell" and the response has exceeded the expectations of the ladies. Some hundreds of parcels will be sold at 25 cents each, and the purchaser will have the fun of buying in the dark, as the string will not be cut before the sale is made. All purchasers may rest assured that they will get value and then some. Be at the Red Cross rooms on Friday and get a surprise packet.

WALRONDO ARRIVES

The launch Walrondo sailed up the harbor from Vancouver yesterday afternoon in charge of her skipper and Messrs. George Hull, H. F. McLeod, C. H. Orme and J. G. Scott. She will be captained by Paddy Murphy and will be used to tow the pile-driver around in this vicinity. She is a powerful little craft with two Atlas engines.



BONA VENTURE STATION, MONTREAL, DESTROYED BY FIRE

BREWSTER CALLS UPON THE PREMIER TO RESIGN

Victoria, March 9.—Premier Bowser this afternoon was called on to resign, dissolve parliament and go to the country. H. C. Brewster, Liberal leader, seconded by M. A. Macdonald, the new Vancouver member, submitted an amendment to the resolution in reply to the speech from the throne outlining reasons why the discredited premier ought not to continue the administration in the face of the large majority by which his ministers had been defeated in the by-elections.

The speech of the Liberal chief created considerable excitement when it became known on the street that the premier had been asked to step down. The action of the opposition was not unexpected by members of the government. None of them, after adjournment, offered any comment. Mr. Brewster's amendment consisted of nine clauses dealing with the various forms of misgovernment perpetrated by the McBride-Bowser administration. Mr. Brewster, in a brilliant speech, raked the government fore and aft on their former attitude towards Workmen's Compensation; the frauds carried out in connection with the sale of lands; the financial state of the province, brought about by the extravagance of the government; the making of shipbuilding a political question after the manner of provincial railroad construction; the payment of \$30 per day to J. P. Shaw, of Kamloops, while that gentleman also drew his sessional indemnity, and the Songhees Reserve deal.

Mr. Brewster also effectively replied to the charges brought against the Liberals by the member for Grand Forks and went on to show how the Liberals had to appeal to the police to have a shebeen shut down on election day in Victoria. In dealing with the charges of bringing over voters from Vancouver, the Liberal leader read the letters of Harry Price and the Vancouver Conservative secretary with reference to the payment of fares and ten dollars per head besides for all voters sent over to support the Conservatives.

H. A. Harvey has returned from a visit to Vancouver in connection with the bringing north of the great serial "The Goddess."

WILSON AND MEXICAN LEADER TO RECIPROCATE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 13.—President Wilson will today announce a reciprocal arrangement permitting the American and Carranza forces to cross the border in pursuit of VNIa and his bandits. Carranza refused to permit the American troops to cross the Mexican border unless reciprocal privileges were granted by Washington.

PUBLICITY DISCUSSED BY BOARD OF TRADE

At the meeting of the Board of Trade on Saturday afternoon, the question of carrying on publicity work was discussed. There is a vast amount of correspondence to answer with regard to the possibilities of this district, letters having been received from all over the United States and Canada. After considerable discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the city council with a view to forming some line of action. The publicity committee consists of Vice-President G. A. Woodland, L. M. de Gex, D. G. Stewart and D. Robertson. It is felt that immediate steps should be taken.

The report of Mr. Garde on the mining properties of the north and the establishment of a copper refinery here will also be taken up, as well as the question of having Mr. Garde's report published.

F. H. MOBLEY ASSURED OF HEARTY SUPPORT

Mr. F. H. Mobley, Liberal candidate for Atlin district, who has returned from a visit to Granby and Stewart, reports that, speaking politically, everything is highly satisfactory up there. While in the north, Mr. Mobley received the hearty endorsement of the Liberals of both Granby and Stewart, and was assured that they would see that he is returned to Victoria with an overwhelming majority. Evidently the north does not want to be behind Vancouver and Victoria in their efforts to oust the Bowser government.

"The Goddess," the great serial at the Majestic, begins March 27, and 28. Anita Stewart leads. If

HOW COLONEL CURRIE LOST HIS DECORATION

Ottawa, March 11.—Rumor has it that Lieutenant-Colonel Currie will run as an independent candidate in North Simcoe if he runs at all. His break with the government is not easily patched up even if the colonel were disposed to try.

Colonel Currie is a message from the battle front and a disturbing one. It seems that favoritism is at work in the Canadian battalions. Young whipper-snappers who have family pull are promoted rapidly while old soldiers who do their duty are passed over. The chief mistake seems to have been in placing any but a Canadian general at the head of the Canadian forces. It takes only a cursory glance at the recommendations for honors to show that General Alderson is a great respecter of persons when it comes to handing out medals.

Another matter Colonel Currie cleared up in his speech was the unfair and unwarranted insinuations that have been directed toward him ever since he was pulled off the job some eight months ago. Nobody who knows John Currie would ever accuse him of lack of courage and if lack of judgment is the charge then a large number of British generals are due for retirement in short order. At this distance it looks as if the British generals were great experts at "passing it on." General Ian Hamilton did that same at Gallipoli, General Stopford being named as the goat, and the practice is also said to be quite general on the western front. As the reward of eighteen months' unsuccess in France, Field Marshal Sir John French was brought back to England and made a baron.

The opinion is freely expressed that the minister of militia for Canada could do good work standing up for the rights of Canadian officers who are sometimes sacrificed to the blunders of their British commanders. These remarks go a little further than Colonel Currie's criticisms, but they are a fair inference from his suggestion that Canada should be represented on the Headquarters Staff and in the army councils.

Canada is contributing half a million men and a half a billion in money to this fight and is consequently entitled to give her share of advice.

Some enthusiasts are in favor of Canadians entirely suspending their intellectual facilities during the period of the war and letting the British War Office muddle along without remark. But this consorts neither with good sense nor true loyalty. If we are going to be as British as the British we cannot afford to be less frank than the British in our criticism of the blundering. It is worth noting that the Tory press in London has never shirked its duty in this respect. It was a poet, and a dead poet at that, who said "Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die." The English newspapers do not talk that way. Reasoning why is one of the best

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN FIGHTING

Russia Arranges to Transport her War Material Through Roumanian Territory—The Treaty Signed.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 13.—Hostilities have commenced between Roumania and Bulgaria. A Bulgarian battery in the River Danube, assisted by an Austrian gun-boat, attacked a Roumanian ship which was loading cargo in Roumanian waters. Roumanian troops replied to the attack and there were casualties on both sides.

Roumania and Russia.

Bucharest reports state that Roumania has signed an agreement with Russia arranging for the passage of her war material across Roumania. Russia will give Roumania a position in Bessarabia in return for this privilege.

POLICE COURT

W. J. Sampson, the man who was brought up from Vancouver on a charge of obtaining board and lodging fraudulently, was brought up before the magistrate today. The case was again adjourned.

things they do. Colonel Currie is merely following a good example.

The gist of Colonel Currie's complaint is that he would have got his decoration if Major General Sir Sam had said so. All it needed was the minister's O. K. and for some reason or other that was withheld. Instead of medals which are dear to the soldier's heart, Sir Sam now hands out a certificate of character to the effect that Colonel John Currie was a brave man and did the best he could under the circumstances. This is faint praise and comes late. To get it Colonel Currie had

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WEST HOLME
OPERA HOUSE
Rupert's Popular Play House
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
"THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY"
Episode 26th.
"THE GARDEN OF THE GODS"
GAUMONT GRAPHIC
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