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## BRITISH PREPARE FOR WESTERN OFFENSIVE

### GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY ON FRENCH FRONT--SPRING THAWS ON NORTH FRONT

#### BRITISH BUSY PREPARING FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

**Terrible Fighting at Verdun Did Not Interrupt Preparations for Big Move in the British Section.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 30.—Fifteen thousand Germans were sacrificed in a vain assault yesterday at Avoncourt and Malancourt. The French machine guns and 75's practically annihilated the attacking German divisions.

##### London Report.

Several attacks were made by the German infantry yesterday in an effort to recapture the positions lost to the French in the fighting at Avoncourt wood, but all were repulsed.

The Germans secured the first French trench at Malancourt, but all efforts to make a further advance were repulsed with heavy losses. There is artillery fighting east of the Meuse.

##### Allied Preparations.

A new disposition of the Allied forces on the western front has been effected with great skill and secrecy. An arrangement has been completed whereby one-quarter of this entire front, from the Yser to Somme, is held by the British troops.

The recent German attacks on Verdun have not interfered in the slightest with the preparations of the Allies for the coming big offensive in the west.

#### MISS JACKLIN AND MR DON PECK MARRIED

Miss Winnifred Eva Jacklin, daughter of Captain Frederick Jacklin, of Georgetown, was married on Tuesday afternoon to Mr. Donald Wesley Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Peck of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Large of Port Simpson in the presence of a large gathering of friends. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked sweet in a going-away suit of saxe blue corduroy velvet, with a large picture hat. As bridesmaid, Miss Olive Rudland was charming. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. W. H. Rudland. Mr. and Mrs. Peck who were the recipients of many handsome gifts, are leaving for the east on their wedding tour.

R. B. McGinnis arrived this morning on his way to Alice Arm, where his company has let a road and wharf contract to the Westholme Lumber Company. The work will be started immediately, as Mr. McGinnis is anxious to have everything in full swing this summer.

#### WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

Under Auspices of K. of P. Lodge. Total proceeds in aid of Prisoners of War fund  
Monday, April 3rd.  
Admission 50 Cents.

#### SPRING FLOODS HAMPER RUSSIA ON NORTH FRONT

**Fighting May Cease for a Time—Big Offensive on all Fronts is Planned—Dutch Cables are Cut.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 30.—The heavy spring thaws on the northern front have resulted in a diminution of the fighting owing to the flooded state of the roads in the lowlands. It is probable that there will be a cessation of fighting for a few weeks.

In conjunction with her other allies, it is expected that Russia will launch her supreme effort in the next offensive which will be a general one on all fronts.

##### Cables Cut.

There is complete suspension of the telegraphic service between Holland and England today. There is no official statement issued, but it is rumored that the cable has been cut by the Germans.

##### Teuton Craft.

An elaborate organization for the supply of information and stores to German submarines has been discovered on the Greek island of Corfu. Forty persons have been arrested and taken to France.

It will be remembered that Corfu, which was formerly suspected of being a German submarine supply base in the Mediterranean, was taken over by the French and converted into a naval base.

#### RAILWAY MEN GIVE RED CROSS DANCE

A jolly social gathering was held in the Railway men's Hall in the Steele Block last evening under the auspices of the local Railway men's Association and in aid of the Carnival of the Allies. After a pleasant hour had been spent in card playing and music, dancing began and was kept up until early morning.

The music was provided by Messrs. Balagno, Harvey and Zelaski, who donated their services to the cause. The committee which made the arrangements consisted of Messrs. Foster, Rogers, Adams, Bell and Frazer, Mr. Len Bell acting as M. C., and the fact that the dance was a big success in every way was largely due to their efforts. The committee wishes to thank the orchestra for their splendid service and also all those who aided in making the evening an enjoyable one.

#### RED CROSS CONCERT

The concert in aid of the Red Cross fund, given in Seal Cove school last night, was a big success, the various items of a splendid program being thoroughly enjoyed. The ladies of the committee wish to thank all who assisted in making it a success.



#### GENERAL DUBAIL CALLS FIELD CONFERENCE

Picture shows the defenders of Verdun at a field conference presided over by General Dubail, who is explaining the recent campaign in the Champagne district.

#### SOLDIERS' HOMESTEAD ACT IS INTRODUCED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, March 30.—The Hon. W. R. Ross yesterday introduced in the legislature the Soldiers' Homestead Act. The act provides that all unpaid for lands will revert to the crown and will be used for the free settlement of returned soldiers without pre-emption restrictions. It is expected that two million acres will be available. Applicants will be granted 160 acres each. Portions of the lands will be used for the obtaining of funds for improvements and for loans.

##### MacKay Letters.

Letters which passed between the Rev. Principal MacKay and Dr. Young have been tabled in the house. The letters show that Dr. MacKay was expecting the presidency of the B. C. University in 1912, and that he threatened Sir Richard McBride that he would not submit tamely to the treatment accorded him.

#### EASTERN FINANCER LOOKED THINGS OVER

Mr. Monteith Rowntree, the Montreal financial man who has been in the city for some days, left for the east this morning. Mr. Rowntree, who has been instrumental in bringing a large amount of English capital into Canada, has been looking over the situation here in the interests of the shareholders of the hydro-electric company. He is of the opinion that the company could do a big power business here in the future.

Mr. Rowntree showed a keen interest in the development of the fishing industry and also went into the details of the various mining camps, particularly the new district of Alice Arm.

#### SUN AND TIDE

March 31st, 1916.

Sun rises.....5:37 a. m.  
Sun sets.....6:23 p. m.  
High water.....11:52 p. m.  
Low water.....5:54 a. m.  
High water.....6:12 p. m.  
Captain J. McGee, M. M. S. A.

#### RESOLUTION TO BREAK THE SALMON MONOPOLY

After the drydock question had been disposed of last night, Geo. Morrow raised the question of direct shipping connection between Prince Rupert and Surf Inlet, Alice Arm and the various mining camps and also the breaking of the salmon fishing and canning monopoly. Mr. Morrow thought that the mayor and council should take the boat question up at Ottawa and Victoria.

He pointed out that Messrs. Cunningham and McIntyre had not had the courtesy to notify the fisheries committee here of the result of the conference which was held here some time ago. He read a resolution which he proposed should be sent to the premier, Mr. Bowser, and Mr. Parker Williams, asking Mr. Williams to bring the matter before the legislature.

S. M. Newton said that he would second the resolution if Mr. Morrow would embody in it that the provincial government grant a licence to the Haysport cannery.

Mr. Morrow explained that just what he wanted to avoid was the mentioning of individual canneries, and that his resolution covered all the ground.

The resolution was supported by F. S. Wright and Ald. Montgomery. The resolution carried, and, as the crowd made for the doors, S. M. Newton moved that a resolution asking for a licence for the Haysport cannery be presented at the same time, but the crowd had gone before the resolution was completed.

#### PUBLICITY COMMISSIONER

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade yesterday, E. H. Mortimer was appointed publicity commissioner, at a salary of \$25.00 per month with free office, light and phone. The city council will be asked to appoint two members to the publicity committee.

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#### DRYDOCK RESOLUTION IS ENDORSED AT PUBLIC MEETING

**GOOD HUMORED DISCUSSION BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE IN THE EMPRESS THEATRE—SUGGESTION THAT MAYOR McCAFFERY PROCEED SHORTLY TO OTTAWA**

The Empress Theatre was well filled last evening when Mayor McCaffery took the chair at the public meeting called to discuss the drydock situation. R. Moore was appointed secretary of the meeting.

After reading the petition which brought about the meeting, the mayor read the following resolution which it was proposed to put to the meeting:

Resolved by the citizens of Prince Rupert in mass meeting assembled:

That whereas the government of the Dominion of Canada enabled the Grand Trunk Pacific Company to construct a drydock at the city of Prince Rupert as per agreement in that regard in the interests of the public good,

And whereas there seems to be undue delay in getting the plant into operation, although it has generally been understood that the plant has been in a position to do business for many months now,

And whereas many millions of dollars are being expended throughout the Empire in many plants of less capability than the one now located in the city of Prince Rupert both for the manufacture of munitions and the construction of ships,

And whereas the city of Prince Rupert is especially well situated for the carrying on of trade and commerce with the Orient and with our ally, Russia,

And whereas our ally, Russia, has been in urgent need of munitions of war and the city of Prince Rupert is singularly well situated to supply her.

And whereas railroads to the south appear to be blocked with huge shipments consigned to our ally, Russia, whereas no goods for this trade are passing over the government aided road, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, through this port,

And whereas in spite of a general depression, the situation in eastern Canada has been greatly ameliorated through the supplying of munitions of war and the extra demand for many lines of goods to Great Britain and her allies,

And whereas Prince Rupert and Prince Rupert district have been generous in the supply of men, money and other contributions to patriotic necessities,

And whereas the city of Prince Rupert and the district of Prince Rupert have received no benefit from the direct supplying of the Empire or her allies either with munitions of war or other supplies such as has occurred in eastern Canada and such as has occurred in lesser measure in cities to the south of us in British Columbia, in spite of the fact that we are particularly well equipped with a transcontinental railroad

second to none on the continent, and with a drydock capable both of manufacturing munitions of war and of building ships of many classes including submarines, protective and merchant ships and fishing craft.

And whereas it is of great importance that Canada should at once take steps looking to the building of merchant ships to be in a position to take care of marine business at the close of the war,

And whereas government aided works should be of the first to receive such work as is given out.

And whereas it is reported that a credit of from seventy-five to one hundred million dollars is being arranged in Canada for the Imperial government and contracts for the manufacture of munitions of war are to be given out during the next two months,

Now, therefore, it is the urgent request of the citizens of Prince Rupert that the government of Canada and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure the immediate use of the drydock at Prince Rupert either for the manufacture of munitions of war or the building of shipping craft, or both.

And be it further resolved that the citizens of Prince Rupert in presenting this request for immediate action, do so as forcefully as possible in order that the people of northern British Columbia while contributing men and money for the maintenance of our common heritage, may meantime also with other portions of Canada share in the benefits therefrom.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honorable Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, the President of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Canada, and to H. S. Clements, Esq., M. P. for Comox-Atlin.

The mayor then intimated that speeches were to be confined to the drydock at the outset, and that, when that matter had been disposed of, other subjects might be discussed.

Ex-Ald. Beveridge then proposed that ex-Mayor Newton open the discussion.

Mr. Newton said that they had all come here with great expectations, largely based upon the

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