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GERMANS FAIL IN DESPERATE ATTEMPT

KAISER HAS NARROW ESCAPE ON VERDUN FRONT—FIGHTING ON BALKAN FRONT

GERMANS FAIL IN FIRE AND GAS ATTACK IN WEST

French General Says no More Ground will be Given—French Withdraw to Heights and Await Enemy.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, April 12.—Aided by hundreds of fire projectors, poison gases and heavy artillery fire, the Germans attempted to advance on the Verdun front at four places yesterday. The attacks were made at Caurette woods; Deadman's Hill, Caillette woods and at Vaux. The defenders were poison masks and with the exception of a few minor trenches, succeeded in repulsing all attacks. At Vaux the French took one hundred wounded prisoners. The German casualties on the Verdun front since Sunday exceed thirty thousand men.

Fruitless Effort.

The German effort to capture Verdun is regarded as hopeless. The French line has now been withdrawn entirely to the heights and General Petrain, who has made himself famous by his magnificent work in this part of the campaign, announces that the French will yield no more land to the enemy.

The German assault west of the Meuse was renewed this morning, when the Germans, advancing with flame projectors, were repulsed by the French artillery fire. East of the Meuse, between Douamont and Vaux, there is heavy artillery fighting.

"SCOTTY" LOST HIS LUNCH

The reports of the recent fighting on the western front, in which the local boys took part, contain an adventure which befell Scotty Dennis. While Scotty was busy eating his lunch a German shell burst right over him, hitting his rifle and scattering his lunch. All that happened to this Prince Rupert pioneer was that he lost his lunch and it will be the earnest hope of all that that is the worst that will befall the genial Scotty.

Grand Shakespearean Festival by the students of the High School in the Westholme Theatre April 20th. General admission 25 cents. reserved seats 50 cents.

WESTHOLME
OPERA HOUSE
The House of Classical Productions.
SPLENDID COMEDY SHOW FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
Universal Presents
Harry Myers and Rosemary Thorby in "FATHER'S CHILD"—three acts. A comedy masterpiece with Baby Rosen.
Herbert Rawlinson in "HER PREY," Powerful drama in two acts.
UNIVERSAL ANIMATED WEEKLY
Latest Events of the World.
King Bagot in "ALMOST A PAPA," Comedy.
Coming for next Friday and Saturday, Charlie Chaplin in "LITTLE'S PUNCTURED ROMANCE," Six Acts.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL MEETING

Nearly all the delegates were present at the Trades and Labor Council meeting last night.

The Engineers' Union brought in a report recommending the endorsement of the petition of the Motor Boat Association asking for an amendment of the law governing motor boats, providing that boats up to 65 feet should not require a certificated captain and a certificated engineer. The council adopted the report.

A communication was read from the minister of labor stating that the matter of the insertion of the fair wage clause in munitions contracts was being gone into.

Information was brought down regarding the organizing of a National Engineers' Union, this being a purely Canadian organization. It was felt by the council that this would not be in the best interests of labor.

An indirect report was given regarding the strike at Alice Arm, but no definite information could be obtained.

There was lively discussion over the question of compensation for hotel-keepers. Some of the members felt that if compensation were granted, it should be extended to the bartenders and workmen as well as to the owners. Others argued that no compensation should be granted. It was reported that efforts were being made in Vancouver to obtain compensation for both owners and employees. The matter was left over pending the receipt of further information.

The following officers were elected to fill vacancies caused by members leaving: Vice-president of B. C. Federation of Labor for this district, W. E. Thompson; Secretary of Local council, L. W. Riley; Legislative Committee, J. Dean.

The president took the opportunity to extend to W. E. Thompson the sympathy of the members of the Trades and Labor Council in his recent bereavement. Mr. Thompson feelingly thanked the members for their kindly sympathy.

BOWSER UNDECIDED ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, April 12.—The government action in regard to woman suffrage has been deferred until today. The Premier is undecided whether to announce that a plebiscite will be taken at the general election or whether a government bill will be brought in to replace the Place measure.

THE WEATHER

By F. W. Dowling.

For 24 hours ending 5 a. m.
Barometer 29.753
Highest temperature 43.0
Lowest temperature 40.0
Rainfall25

The reserved seats for the Shakespearean festival may be booked at Orme's.

THE ART OF LIVING

J. E. MERRYFIELD DRAWS \$175.00 PER MONTH from the government for the examining warehouse on First Avenue.

M. M. STEPHENS DRAWS \$117.50 PER MONTH from the government for the small premises occupied by the Dominion Telegraphs.

M. M. STEPHENS DRAWS \$40.00 PER MONTH from the government for the little office occupied by the Dominion Fisheries.

J. G. SCOTT, M. M. STEPHENS AND OTHERS GET \$516.33 from the government for the rooms occupied by the post office, etc., in the Federal Block.

The Journal says that the above rentals are not exorbitant, and, judged by what is being done in other parts of the country, they may not be, but we leave it to the public of Prince Rupert to judge if that little examining warehouse on First Avenue, property which could not be rented at all today, is worth \$175 per month.

With regard to the post office building, the government pays \$175 per month for the ground floor and \$341.33 for PART of the second floor. The arrangement is \$125 per month for the customs house, thus leaving \$216.33 for two small offices which may be worth \$20 per month each today. Oh, no, there is nothing exorbitant about it.

With regard to the Stephens Block, the public may have a look at the premises and view what they are paying \$157.50 per month for. If the public is satisfied to pay the price, there is little more to be said, but we venture to think that it will be decidedly of the opinion that the rent is exorbitant.

If the Liberals ever did anything like this, they deserved to have meted out to them the punishment which will be accorded to the gentlemen who are acquiring so much unearned increment at the public expense. Perhaps the Journal will tell us how much the actual owners of the Merryfield and Stephens Blocks receive out of the sums paid by the people, just in order that we may confirm our own figures.

HOW MICHAEL COOPER SPENT HIS COMMISSION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, April 12.—Hon. William Manson made a speech yesterday in defence of the Soldiers' Homestead Bill.

Hon. Lorne Campbell has announced that he will bring in a bill providing for the leasing at \$25 per year of any mineral claims which have reverted to the Crown because of the non-payment of taxes.

Songhees Enquiry.

Chief Michael Cooper, on the stand in the Songhees Reserve enquiry, says that he built a five-roomed house at a cost of \$5,000 and bought furniture costing \$5,500 with part of the money.

PARAMOUNT FEATURE AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

There is a five-act Paramount Lasky production at the Majestic tonight, entitled "The Only Son." The famous John Ross is the star of this magnificent photoplay and it should be well worth seeing. This piece is one of the finest Paramount series ever produced. The story is highly interesting, while the staging and acting are superb.

There is also an Eclair War Gazette which is one of the best war features being shown, and an Edison Farce Comedy which would make anyone laugh. This is a very fine bill.

SUN AND TIDE

Thursday, April 13th, 1916.
Sun rises 5.51 a. m.
Sun sets 7.29 p. m.
High water 10.50 a. m.
Low water 5.19 p. m.
High water 11.30 p. m.
Low water 5 a. m.
Captain J. McGee, M. M. S. A.

HOW THE ISLANDERS FEEL ABOUT MANSON

Nadu River, Graham Island. Editor, The News,

Dear Sir:—About a year ago the settlers on Massett Inlet held a meeting to discuss certain grievances and to try to find out what they could do to remedy them. A petition signed by a large number of settlers was sent to the department of public works explaining the cause of their troubles and what could be done to improve things. After some time, they received an answer to the effect that, from a distance of six hundred odd miles everything seemed to be in first-class working order to the deputy minister. Our road foremen were excellent, no discrimination was being practised, etc., etc., but in one short sentence he agreed with us, saying that the settlers themselves would be the first to complain if they had cause. To this peculiar letter, they returned an answer offering to produce evidence to prove all their statements, unfortunately the department did not appear to be looking for facts, as up to the present it has been silent as the sphinx.

The same spring, William Manson promised us that no man would be discriminated against on account of his political opinions. Well, sir, last summer, times were hard and our political bosses, believing probably that they were in power to stay, did their best to drive out all those settlers independent enough to criticize their actions. To give (Continued from Page two.)

ANOTHER EXPLOSION AT DUPONT POWDER WORKS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Roanoke, Va., April 12.—The plant of the Dupont Powder works was destroyed by an explosion at 3:30 this morning. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. One man and two children were killed by the explosion.

This is the fourth explosion which has occurred at the works of the Dupont Company within a few months.

PIPER FINDLATER, V. C., IS SEVERELY WOUNDED

The famous Piper Findlater, who earned the V. C. by his keeping on playing "The Cock of the North" after he had his leg shattered during the famous charge at Dargai Heights by the "Gay Gordons" some years ago, has been severely wounded in the recent fighting on the western front. The gallant piper has a nephew residing in Prince Rupert.

Fred Henning has received a letter from P. W. Birkett, late of the Fire Department, who has just arrived in England. On the way across the Atlantic, a young man who stayed at the same hotel as Mr. Birkett in New York, died and was buried at sea.

Wm. McLagan, of Alice Arm, is in the city.

FRENCH SHELL SHOCKS KAISER AND WRECKS CAR

Kaiser III at Potsdam—Several Officers Killed—Russians Worrying the Huns at Dvinsk.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 12.—The Kaiser is at Potsdam and is ill from nervous shock as the result of a shell explosion on the Verdun front which destroyed the imperial motor car, killing several officers of the Kaiser's suite. The Kaiser escaped unhurt.

Russians Worrying Huns.

The necessity of setting up a defence against the attacks by the Russians on the Dvinsk front has prevented the Germans from sending reinforcements to the Verdun front.

Fighting in Balkans.

Paris, April 12.—There is a resumption of violent cannonading on the Greek frontier at Gievelli and Doiran and the French artillery has scored a success. The report that the Germans have captured a fortified position at Devetepe is not confirmed.

AUTOMOBILE HAD A VERY NARROW ESCAPE

An automobile driver got quite a scare this morning when taking the curve on Summit Avenue coming down from the Exhibition Building, when the wheels on the near side of the car got over the edge of the plank roadway and for a moment it looked as if the auto would go clear over for a drop of fifteen feet. Fortunately the car caught on the edge of the planking and, with the aid of some passers-by was righted. It was a narrow squeak.

St. Andrew's Society will hold a social evening in the rooms on Friday, April 14th, at 8 p. m. All members invited. 88

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