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UNITED STATES MAY BREAK WITH GERMANY

VERDUN WILL NEVER FALL TO GERMANS -- CANADIANS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE BROKEN OFF BY STATES

Rupture Between United States and Germany Imminent—Bankers Recalled—British Gain in Mesopotamia.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson's reply to the German note in connection with the torpedoing of the steamer Sussex, leaves within forty-eight hours. The President will contend that Germany has violated her assurances in regard to the conducting of submarine warfare.

Developments are expected to follow rapidly. Several American bankers, who are in Europe, have been cabled to today to return immediately to New York, as a rupture is imminent. Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, may be given his passports.

Turks Defeated.

London, April 14.—The defeat of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia by the British, under General Townshend, is announced officially. In the engagement on the Tigris the Turks were driven back from one and a half to three miles.

WILLIE IS A WELL TRAINED BOWSER BOY

It seems pretty well settled that "Skeena" Manson, as a reward for good behavior, is to be made minister of agriculture. It was thought this nice plum would go to Alexander Lucas, who really does know something about agriculture. But William from Skeena it seems, is more favored of the premier, and he is to get it. Always, of course, with the proviso that somebody doesn't spill the beans. The latest is that the Skeena member has a strangle hold on the job. Perhaps there is not another man in the house who is so well trained according to the Bowser system.—Vancouver Sun.

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

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

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VERDUN NEVER WILL FALL INTO GERMAN HANDS

First Battle of Verdun is Over Say the French—Germans Claim Bad Weather Delayed the Advance.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, April 14.—A small German attack south of Douamont was easily driven back. A violent German bombardment west of the Meuse and south of Haudremont and artillery duels in the Woivre district are going on.

Battle Ended.

The first battle of Verdun is practically ended, despite the German claims that bad weather conditions have proved a handicap to the German advance.

Cannonading continues with infantry attacks against Hill 304, but critics are agreed that Verdun will never fall into German hands.

THE SHIPPING BOOM THROUGHOUT AMERICA

The following are a few extracts from a highly interesting article in Current Opinion on the American shipping boom:

"While the government has a ship bill pending to restore the American flag to the sea, the flag has suddenly unfurled itself over the sea, without government aid, as the result of the most tremendous shipping boom ever known in this or any other country.

"Shipping, ship rates, ship building, have soared to dizzy heights of prosperity undreamed heretofore by the trade. Men who owned dismantled old tubs have hauled them out of the mud, applied a dash of paint, and retired millionaires. A year ago, when one big American shipping firm received charter rates of \$30,000 a month for each of its ships, it regarded itself as literally kicked into millions. Today that firm is receiving \$120,000 per month for the self-same ships and, as the president of the line says, 'we can't take even one dime's credit for such fool prosperity.'

"Mr. Vanderlip put it very neatly before the Foreign Trade Council in New Orleans. The government purposes investing fifty millions in shipping, he said, but many times fifty millions of private capital can be commanded for shipping if capital can be assured that it will not be 'handicapped by government regulation.'

"To give a few instances, a year ago a ship on the stocks was offered to a big American line for \$400,000. It was refused. It has since sold for \$1,310,000. A steamer of the Moor line of England cost \$210,000 and depreciation had marked it down to \$140,000. It has been chartered for service to India at \$548,640. The Holland-American line on its four passenger and twenty-five freighters paid dividends of 50% for 1915." Throughout the article

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REASONABLE RENTALS

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.

It has been suggested that the reason why such exorbitant rents are charged for the above premises is that the gentlemen in Ottawa may realize that the examining warehouse, the telegraph office, etc., are housed in palatial structures. In fact it would be infra dig to charge less, on the principle that a government values a thing according to what it pays for it. This is about the only principle that can be discovered in it.

It might be a good scheme, now that the Noxious Weeds Act is proving useful, to have a site purchased for a seed inspection building. After the site is purchased and excavation done, the gang could put up a shack somewhere and draw \$175 per month for it.

J. R. EASTON EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN THE CITY

J. R. Easton, who carried through the negotiations for the underwriting of the city's serial bond issue for Spitzer, Rorick & Company, of Toledo, in an interview with The Daily News yesterday afternoon, expressed his firm confidence in the future of Prince Rupert. Mr. Easton has spent about six weeks in the city and has had ample opportunity to size up conditions and the result is that his firm has agreed to take care of the issue of over a million and a half of city bonds.

Mr. Easton pointed out that the city is going through the most critical stage of its history and for the next five years the most rigid economy will be necessary in all civic affairs. He is satisfied that the affairs of the city are in thoroughly capable hands, this being the most important feature to be considered by a bond house, and in the course of conversation paid a very high compliment to the ability of Mr. Johnson, the city treasurer. He emphasized the urgent necessity of having capable business men at the head and stated that the retrenchment carried out by the present council under Mayor McCaffery was an important factor in the placing of the bonds, as it was a clear index of the intentions of the city government in regard to expenditure. With its finances now arranged on a permanent basis and carefully managed for the next

CRITICAL SITUATION OF AMERICAN TROOPS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 14.—Fourteen thousand American troops in Mexico are surrounded by thirty thousand of Carranza's troops. The Mexicans are awaiting a diplomatic showdown following their demand for the withdrawal of the American expedition from Mexican soil.

The situation places the American government in an awkward predicament. Villa, who was reported dead two days ago, is now in Sistine Valley with three thousand men.

It is announced from the White House that there will be no withdrawal of troops from Mexico.

few years, he felt certain that the city would be ultimately in splendid shape to take care of new developments. Mr. Easton also expressed appreciation of the fact that the late council had exercised care in its financial administration, under the able guidance of Mr. Johnson.

Repairs of all descriptions, work in and around the house, gardens laid out, phone Fitz 219.

If you want to serve your King and country see Charles Youngman, recruiting sergeant for the 102nd Battalion.

Kitchen goods on sale—Wal-lace's.

Majestic Theatre

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GAUMONT GAZETTE, of Latest News.

CANADIAN BOYS ARRIVE SAFELY ON OTHER SIDE

Seven Battalions Crossed Atlantic Safely—Two and a half Million British Troops—Activity in the West.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 14.—The 64, 73, 56, 62, 53, 74 and 75th Battalions of Canadian troops, with the units of No. 8 field ambulance, a draft from Laval University general hospital and a draft of heavy field artillery have arrived in England on the steamers Adriatic, Baltic and Empress of Britain. The contingent totals 8,597 officers and men.

2,500,000 Britishers.

The Rupert Hotel bulletin reports that the British army on the western front now totals two and a half million men. At the outbreak of the war it amounted to only 60,000.

British Active.

London, April 14.—The British have repelled three German attacks east of Carney. There is general activity at St. Eloi, Laberselle, Souchez, Loos and Hohen-zollern.

MR. TRIMBLE EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN MINING

Raleigh P. Trimble, of Portland, Ore., who arrived from the south yesterday and left for the interior on the train this morning, intends to have work started immediately on the Cascade Cronin group in which he is interested. Mr. Trimble also has work in progress in connection with the development of the Great Ohio on Rocher de Boule, adjoining the big producer there.

Mr. Trimble has great confidence in the mining future of this district, and believes that if there were as many prospectors in the hills around here as there are in Nevada and Montana, there would be some rich strikes made. He says that there is much available capital in the United States waiting the necessary encouragement to come in.

WATERPROOF CEMENT CASING FOR BURIAL

The B. C. Undertakers are now using a waterproofed cement casing in which to place coffins for burial. The material is the invention of N. D. Sweet, an old-timer of Prince Rupert, and is found to be highly satisfactory as a protection against the extreme moisture of the soil at Fairview. Mr. Roe has been making galvanized casings for some time but even these have been unable to resist the damp. The new composition, which is known as rubylithic, is guaranteed to absolutely keep out the moisture, while the cost is very little more than that of the former casings. In this new departure the B. C. Undertakers and Mr. Sweet have done a great public service.

SUB-CONTRACTS CONTROLLED BY THE POLITICIANS

Pressure Brought to Bear on Contractor in Regard to the Sub-contracts on Parliament Building.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, April 14.—In the enquiry into the Parliament Buildings contracts, Contractor W. S. McDonald, of the firm of McDonald & Wilson, admitted that he was given an opportunity to revise his tender.

He also admitted that pressure was applied to induce him to award the sub-contracts to the nominees of the patronage committee at a cost of \$39,000 over the lowest tenderers. He expected to recompense himself on extra work, but, so far, the loss had fallen on himself.

Woman's Suffrage.

Premier Bowser has announced that it is the intention of the government to submit the question of Woman Suffrage to a referendum at the next general election, to become effective on January 1st, 1917, if carried by a majority of the voters.

Jack Place, who introduced a Woman Suffrage Act to become effective in June, refused to withdraw his motion, demanding that members put themselves on record during the present sitting of the legislature.

ANOTHER RUPERT BOY HAS BEEN WOUNDED

In the latest casualty lists appear the name of Pioneer Francis Buchanan, of Prince Rupert, among the wounded. Frank was one of Prince Rupert's real old-timers, having come in here with Foley, Welch & Stewart in the early days of railroad construction. He was the first man to bring horses into the new town, having taken care of Foley's outfit from Kenora here. Lately he worked for the Lindsay brothers.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC V. PREMIER HOTEL COMPANY

His Honor Judge Young yesterday gave his decision in regard to the application for judgment made on behalf of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company against the Premier Hotel Company in a matter of ground rent. An order was made that the defendants are allowed to defend on security being put up within one week to the satisfaction of the plaintiffs. The question of costs was reserved.

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