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TREMENDOUS RIGA OFFENSIVE HAS BEGUN

GERMANS UNABLE TO COMBAT TERRIFIC ATTACK -- GAINS ON WESTERN FRONT

GERMANS FAIL TO WITHSTAND RUSSIAN BLOWS

Terrific Russian Attack Along a 300-Mile Front—Big Riga Offensive has Begun—Huns Retreating.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, July 8.—The Russians have inaugurated an unprecedented offensive along a three hundred-mile front and are delivering smashing blows against the enemy lines.

The Germans are quite unable to defend themselves against this furious attack and the Russians have captured several villages; important railway stations; fortified enemy positions, and immense quantities of artillery and military accessories. Two hundred and seventy officers and 9,900 men have been taken in the past two days.

Riga Offensive.

Petrograd, July 8.—The Russians have launched a terrific offensive on the Riga front and are firing fifty times the quantity of ammunition which they did in 1914, rendering the Germans helpless and compelling their withdrawal to a new location.

Berlin Report.

Berlin, July 8.—The German salient in Volhynia, facing Czarotrysk, has been abandoned owing to the tremendous superiority of the Russian force which is bringing terrific pressure to bear on our troops.

Peculiar Report.

Petrograd, July 8.—The extreme heat has compelled the Russians to evacuate Bagdad.

(We have had no report that the Russians ever occupied Bagdad, and this probably means that the Caucasian army has abandoned its efforts to reach Bagdad.—Editor.)

CANADIAN BRIEFS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Fuse Enquiry.

Ottawa, July 8.—The report of the Meredith-Duff commission on the fuse contracts will be completed for publication this week.

Pastor Russell Barred.

Pastor Russell has been denied admittance to Canada on account of his anti-recruiting speeches.

Connaught Honored.

Banff, July 8.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught has accepted honorary membership of the Alberta bar.

Manitoba Scandals.

Winnipeg, July 8.—Counsel for Sir Rodmond Roblin and his ex-ministers is trying to have the indictments squashed.

Coal Handlers Strike.

Fort William, July 8.—One hundred G. P. R. coal handlers have gone on strike for an increase of pay.

Lumber Fire.

Vancouver, July 8.—A ten thousand dollar fire occurred last night at the Serin lumber plant.

Big discounts at Tite's July Sale of Home Furnishings.

LOYD GEORGE IS SUCCESSOR TO KITCHENER

Members Discuss Reports of the Hampshire Disaster—Canadians Arrive—Italians Still Gaining.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, July 8.—There are mysterious rumors regarding the Hampshire disaster and the indirect evidence of Kitchener's death has been the subject of much discussion in the House of Commons.

Richard Comag has demanded that a court martial be held, in order to get at the facts, while Mr. McNamara, the Liberal member, is opposed to this procedure on account of the statements made by the survivors.

Kitchener's Successor.

Hon. David Lloyd George, minister of Munitions, has been appointed Secretary of State for War, in succession to Earl Kitchener and Lord Derby has been appointed Under-Secretary.

Canadians Arrive.

Ottawa, July 8.—It is officially announced that six thousand more Canadian troops have arrived safely in England.

Italian Front.

Rome, July 8.—The Italian drive on the Trentino front continues and the Austrians are being forced to retreat to stronger positions.

Papal Appointment.

La Catemli has been appointed Papal Nuncio to Belgium.

LIBERAL LEADERS WILL SPEAK HERE ON FRIDAY

H. C. Brewster and M. A. Macdonald, who have held rousing meetings in Vancouver and Victoria, will leave for Prince Rupert on Wednesday, arriving here on Friday morning, the 14th. On that evening there will be a public meeting in the Westholme Theatre, under the auspices of the Liberal Association when speeches will be delivered by the Liberal leader, M. A. Macdonald and T. D. Pattullo.

COLD STORAGE STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

The strike at the Cold Storage has been amicably settled, the management having agreed to pay 10 cents per hour ordinary time and 50 cents per hour overtime. To The Daily News this morning, Mr. T. H. Johnson expressed great satisfaction because of the good spirit displayed by the men during the time they had a difference of opinion. The fact that there was no sign or threat of violence did much towards bringing about an early and satisfactory settlement.

SOLDIERS' CONCERT

Owing to the Salvation Army concert being on Monday, the Returned Soldiers' Concert will be held in the Westholme on Wednesday.

BRITISH HAVE TAKEN STRONG HUN POSITION

Germans Compelled to Retreat in Face of Intensive Combined Attack—Germans Want Peace.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, July 8.—The British bombardment on the western front now extends from La Basse to Armentieres and the attack on this part of the front, combined with the intense Anglo-French offensive, has compelled the enemy to withdraw their reserve forces from the Verdun front. The enemy casualties are particularly severe.

The British have captured the Leipzig redoubt, a very strong piece of fortification which the Germans have held for the past eighteen months.

Clamor for Peace.

Berlin, July 8.—Regardless of the penalties attached to any breach of discipline the Socialists are clamoring for peace, while the population is surrounding the bakeries and demanding food.

General Von Haesler is advising the Crown Prince Frederick as to the movements of his army on the western front.

U. S. Cruiser in Europe.

Ville, France, July 8.—The United States cruiser Des Moines has arrived here.

Kaiser in West.

London, July 8.—The Kaiser, realizing that defeat is imminent, has arrived on the Somme front with his general staff to take command of the German defence against the great Allied offensive.

French Waiting.

Paris, July 8.—The French are meantime suspending their advances in the Somme district, waiting until their opponents have been sufficiently disorganized by the artillery bombardment and the attacks at other points.

Wild Rumor.

There was a rumor yesterday that the Kaiser had been wounded. No such report came over any of the wires; and there is no truth whatever in the statement.

MAJOR M'MORDIE LOST EYE IN BIG CHARGE

Mrs. McMordie has written to a friend in the city stating that Major S. P. McMordie has lost an eye and also has ten shrapnel wounds. The major led a charge in the taking of the 1,500 yards at Ypres and his adjutant has written to Mrs. McMordie telling her of his gallantry. Mr. McMordie is still in hospital in France but will shortly be moved to England.

DETAILS REGARDING ART. JOHNSON'S DEATH

W. W. Johnson, of Cut Knife, Sask., has written to a friend in this city giving the details regarding the death of his brother, Arthur Johnson, formerly engineer at the Digby Marine Depot. On May 21st, during a German bombardment "somewhere in France" a piece of shrapnel struck him in the head, lodging in the brain. He lingered in a semi-conscious condition, and apparently suffering no pain, until May 25th. His two sisters went over to France from England and were with him when he died.

Arthur was one of the most popular of the Scotch boys in this city and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His brother in Saskatchewan has just enlisted for active service.

AMERICAN NOTES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, July 8.—Major Langhorne, of the United States army, will probably be court-martialled on a charge of carrying documents from Germany to America for Captains Von Papen and Boy-Ed.

Wheat Crop.

It is expected that the wheat crop of the United States this year will amount to 759,000,000 bushels.

Infantile Paralysis.

New York, July 8.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis is still unchecked, several infants dying daily. Five cases have been reported in Montreal.

SAFETY FIRST—USE NEW WELLINGTON COAL. PHONE 116.

BREWSTER AND MACDONALD OPEN THE LIBERAL CAMPAIGN

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE AT VANCOUVER GIVES GREAT RECEPTION TO LIBERAL LEADERS—MACDONALD MAKES VITRIOLIC ATTACK ON BOWSER MACHINE METHODS

The opening meeting of the Liberal campaign in Vancouver on Tuesday evening was the greatest demonstration of the kind ever given in the city. The Empress Theatre was packed to the doors, and the huge audience rose to its feet and cheered frantically while, at times, there was a grim silence which boded ill for the administration.

H. C. Brewster delivered a masterful analysis of conditions in British Columbia under the maladministration of the Bowser machine and reviewed the legislation which the opposition and the imminence of an election forced upon the Government.

At the outset, Charles E. Campbell read the letter to M. A. Macdonald by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, great cheering following Sir Charles' condemnation of the Bowser machine and its corrupt methods.

Mr. Brewster said he had no fight with the man who was genuinely of Conservative or Socialist opinions, but he was bitterly opposed to those in charge at Victoria, who did not represent the great Conservative party in any sense. "The day is past in this province when the people will hand over the government to a machine," said the leader. Because his colleague, Mr. Macdonald, had committed the sin of defeating a cabinet minister, the Bowser gang had tried to crucify him.

Dealing with the legislation of the past session, Mr. Brewster said that the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Agricultural Act had been taken from the Liberal platform while the government's idea of helping mining was to grant \$200,000 to be used at the discretion of the representative. "The Liberal party has done more for you out of power than the Conservative party in," said the Liberal leader. He went on to deal with the Soldiers' Homestead Bill describing it as a double-barrelled affair which contained one good principle. "They've got you going and coming," said Mr. Brewster, "they took the old flag and wrapped it round their rotten land system and made a Soldiers' Homestead Bill out of it."

Dealing with the high financing at Victoria, the speaker said it had been proven that hundreds of thousands of dollars had been practically stolen and not properly accounted for. On the parliament buildings the "L" addition had cost \$1,200,000, a greater cost than the entire building. The contracts for the work were let to the highest and not the the lowest bidders, and "you will be asked to believe such business never cost the province a dollar—the contractor just donated it," asserted the speaker. "A letter

which was written to the premier by the main contractor was not allowed to go before the investigating committee."

Mr. Brewster dealt at length with the Price-Love letters arranging for the buying of votes in Vancouver and Victoria; the vote of \$15,000 a year to McBride and particularly the handing over of millions to the P. G. E., contrary to the law. "Had the premier done his duty, the road would have been completed now," he said. The twenty-five millions of stock had been apportioned by Foley, Welch & Stewart without one cent being paid into the treasury. The opposition asked the government for an enquiry, but at Bowser's nod it was voted down.

With Head Erect.

When M. A. Macdonald rose to address the meeting, the audience rose to its feet and applauded and cheered again and again. After thanking them for the cordiality of their reception, the junior member for Vancouver traced the history of the maladministration at Victoria, leading up to the Vancouver by-election. "On Feb. 26th, last, with the help of the people of Vancouver, I committed a grave offense against this corrupt organization; an unpardonable sin. I made the first breach in their armor. We delivered a death blow to the government. If since then I have been attacked with poisoned weapons and with a degree of virulence never before perhaps exceeded in Canada, I can tell you I came through it all with head erect and shoulders well set back still ready to carry the war into Africa. I am ready to show these traducers, who, if they could, would bury me under an avalanche of lies, that they will never do so long as I have, as I have today, freedom from the taint which my opponents would gladly fasten upon me, and as long as I have an ounce of fighting blood in my veins." (Cheers).

Mr. Macdonald went on to compare the Vancouver election charges with the charges made against Premier Norris of Manitoba by the Roblin gangsters.

Corrupt Organization.

"I do not propose to allow this corrupt organization, masquerading under the name 'Conservative,' to sweep its filth onto my doorstep and pretend it was there all the time. And let me repeat it again, that in discussing, as I intend to discuss, the base, cowardly

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