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TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER OF GERMAN TROOPS

FRENCH GUNS WIPE OUT ATTACKING FORCE OF PICKED MEN NEAR LASSIGNY

GERMAN PICKED TROOPS ROUTED BY THE FRENCH

Machine Gun Fire Wiped Out Nearly Every Man in German Raid on Arras.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Dec. 15.—Forty thousand selected German troops, equipped with abundant artillery, attacked the French lines at Lassigny yesterday. After an intense bombardment, lasting for several hours, the enemy reached the French trenches, concentrating their attack upon a front of three hundred yards.

Terrible Slaughter.

The French, who were thoroughly prepared for the infantry attack following the intensive artillery preparation, were not taken by surprise and had been able to bring their machine guns from the enemy's bombardment. As the Germans approached to close quarters, they were met by a withering fire from the French machine guns which inflicted terrible casualties. The slaughter was terrific, only a few survivors of the attacking German columns escaping.

British Success.

London, Dec. 15.—The British succeeded in entering the German trenches in the neighborhood of Arras last night and inflicted heavy casualties. The enemy attempted to make raids in the vicinity of Hulloek but were repelled, the British capturing a number of prisoners.

KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. Smithers, of the Bank of B. N. A., has received the sad news that P. K. Beall, who was on Mr. Smithers' staff here for a few months, has been killed in action. Mr. Beall, though in the city for only a short time, made many friends, and it will be with deep regret that they will learn of his death.

The congregation of the Church of England on Sunday evening will have the privilege of hearing an address on "Trench Life in France," by Captain Percy A. Godenrath. This ought to prove exceedingly interesting as few men have had a better chance to see what trench life is like. Visitors at the service will be welcomed.

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PREMIER TAKES STRONG STAND ON PEACE TERMS

Adequate Reparation for the Past and Adequate Security for the Future Demanded—Terms Reach Washington.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George, addressing the House of Commons last night, alluding to the German peace proposals, reiterated Mr. Asquith's declaration, made some weeks ago when there were rumors that an effort towards peace would be made, that Great Britain and her Allies require an adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future.

New War Credit.

A new war credit of four hundred million pounds (two billion dollars) was passed by the House. The supplementary estimates provide for one million more men of all ranks for army service.

Premier Ill.

This morning, Premier Lloyd George's condition took a turn for the worse. His physicians have ordered him to remain in bed.

Washington and Peace.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The German and Austrian peace proposals have arrived here. The proposals of both Germany and Austria are worded almost identically and neither contains any changed meaning from the previously published semi-official versions.

Entente diplomats at Washington strongly hint that the first rejection of the proposals will be reconsidered, while it is believed in official circles here that America will be given a wide latitude in asking further consideration by all belligerents. There is a general opinion that the Allies will ask for the full peace plans of the Kaiser. Several of the representatives of European nations believe there is new hope of ending the war.

BLUE-BIRD NIGHTS

Tonight and tomorrow are Blue-Bird nights at the Westholme Theatre, when Carter and Flora de Haven will be presented in a great five-act comedy-drama, "The Wrong Door". Blue-Bird films are splendidly staged and have attained a popularity to which they are justly entitled. They aim at a well-balanced production in which a story is unfolded, rather than at the featuring of one particular star.

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RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CANADA

Left hand side (top to bottom), Prof. McLennan, of Toronto; Dean Adams, of McGill, and President Murray, of Saskatchewan. Right hand (top to bottom), R. Hobson, Hamilton; Prof. Ruttan, McGill, and Prof. McCallum, Toronto.

SAWMILL CONSTRUCTION WILL BE RUSHED ALONG

E. F. Duby, who has severed his connection with the Brunette sawmill Company, New Westminster, to take charge of the Emerson sawmill at Prince Rupert, expects to remain in the city for a week or ten days completing arrangements for the beginning of construction work at Seal Cove.

Mr. Duby assured The Daily News yesterday that, so far as the Grand Trunk Pacific is concerned, the mill is an assured fact. "I was surprised to find so much criticism in your city of the actions of the company in regard to the granting of a lease," said Mr. Duby. "So far as Mr. Emerson and myself are concerned, we have nothing but satisfaction to express in regard to our dealings with the company. The local officials, Mr. Mehan and Mr. McNicholl, showed us the utmost courtesy and willingness to meet us fairly and openly, while the officials at headquarters did the same. Naturally, they had to be shown that Mr. Emerson was strong enough financially and commercially to undertake the building up of a permanent industry here, but the moment the credentials were produced, there was not the slightest question as to the outcome of the negotiations. One cannot expect the Grand Trunk Pacific to give a long lease of valuable waterfront property to everyone who comes along with a proposition, but I feel satisfied that the company is

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VILLA ADVANCING TOWARDS TORRIEN

(Special to The Daily News.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—According to private information, Villa has extended his lines south of Chihuahua and is advancing towards Torrien. He has left a sufficient force to protect his supplies of ammunition in western Chihuahua and has also left a garrison around his base hospital at Guerrero. It is reported that Santa Rosalie and Jiminez have been re-occupied by Villa's forces.

TEUTONS IN RUMANIA ADVANCING UNCHECKED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Teutons in Rumania have crossed the Jablonitz River and the invaders continue to advance unchecked in that region.

The Germans have also bombarded Monastir, which was recently taken from the Bulgarians by the Allies, and are bombarding the entire Allied front in that sector.

AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND WOOL FOR BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 15.—The Australian government has contracted with the Imperial authorities for the supply of all available meat and wool throughout the year 1917.

FESTUBERT DESCRIBED BY COLONEL GUTHRIE

At the luncheon given by the Canadian Club yesterday, in the Central Hotel, in honor of Lt.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie, Bishop Du Vernet presided over a representative gathering of citizens. After a substantial lunch had been disposed of and His Majesty duly honored, Bishop Du Vernet, in a short speech of welcome to the officers of the 236th Battalion, introduced Col. Guthrie to the audience.

The commanding officer of the New Brunswick Kilties took as his subject the battle of Festubert, fought from May 19th to 29th, 1915. The colonel pointed out that the object of this battle was to bring Lille, with its iron and coal resources, within the Allied lines. The British plan was to reduce the city by means of 18-inch guns, but this the French objected to, and an alternative plan of attack by the French and British from different angles was agreed upon, the French point of attack being Artois, and that of the British, Festubert. The part played in the battle by the 16th being well known to us here, Col. Guthrie devoted his descriptive powers to an account of the part played by the 10th and 8th Battalions, in the former of which he was major.

After telling of how they captured 100 yards of the first communication trench on the 20th May and another 225 yards later, he gave a most graphic description of the attempt to reduce K 5, a German machine gun emposition, which the artillery was supposed to have reduced. A reconnaissance showed that what the artillery had really reduced was a dummy fort raised by the enemy fifty yards away from the real fort, but, nevertheless, the attack had to be made as the order had been given. Formed in three gradually spreading lines, the Canadians crept up, and, at the moment when the fire was stopped on the first trenches to become a barrage on the second and third, they charged. The German flares went up, and they dropped until they went out and then went forward again. The men on the left had to tackle the strongest point, and, out of 260 men, only 6 came out unwounded. The rest lay scattered around, having faced what they knew to be almost certain death, without a murmur. On the right, they did better, their bombers putting the Germans to flight and enabling them to gain about 200 yards which they held.

Along with this tragic story of death and heroism, Col. Guthrie told several amusing and thrilling stories of incidents in the charge and concluded by saying that this charge was simply one of many which, when the history of the war was known, would outstrip even the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. He said that the battle of Festubert was one of the turning points in the war, as it was the means of the forming of the Munitions Board, as Britain had at last realized

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GRILSE LIMPS INTO HARBOR MINUS SIX MEN

Missing Canadian Torpedo Boat Turns up—Free Farm Lands for Returned Canadian Soldiers.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Halifax, Dec. 15.—The Canadian torpedo boat Grilse, which was reported lost with all hands, has limped into Shelbourne harbor with six of her crew missing, the poor fellows having been washed overboard during the storm.

The captain declared that passing steamers ignored his signals of distress. His wireless apparatus failed on account of the flooding of the engine room having put the dynamo out of business.

For Our Soldiers.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—It is the intention of the government to introduce legislation at the approaching session of the House of Commons for the granting of free farming land and other assistance for the returned Canadian soldiers.

Coal Haulage.

The Railway Commission has issued judgment regarding the hauling of coal, which has been a vexed question on the prairies this winter owing to the shortage of cars. The commission orders the railway companies to move coal over their own lines and also to points on other railways, having the company over whose line the haul is longest furnish the cars.

Kemp Unopposed.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, who was appointed Minister of Militia in succession to Sir Sam Hughes, has been elected by acclamation, the Liberals refusing to contest the seat under the circumstances.

TO MARINERS

J. H. McLeod has received the following notice from W. C. Dibrrell, lighthouse inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska:—Wrangell Straits, Wrangell North Flat Buoy, No. 18, reported missing from its station November 4, was replaced Dec. 7th. Frederick Sound—Cape Fanshaw Light reported as flashing irregular June 3rd, was restored to its normal characteristic Dec. 8th. Icy Strait—Rock Island Light reported not burning Dec. 3rd, was relighted December 13th. By direction of the commissioner of lighthouses.

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