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## BRITISH CAPTURE MORE GERMAN TRENCHES

### KAISER CALLS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE -- SUBMARINES CLAIM MANY VICTIMS

#### BRITISH CARRY HUN TRENCHES ON WEST FRONT

Important Position Captured on Somme—Six Thousand Yards Taken—The Austrians Claim Success.

London, Feb. 12.—The British yesterday captured German trenches on a front of three-quarters of a mile on the Somme while they also carried a strong system of trenches on the southern portion of this front, culminating in the capturing of Serre Hill, two hundred and fifteen prisoners being taken.

Later, the British made a successful assault on a liquorice factory, which has been strongly held by the enemy, in the same region. The attack started to the west of the factory and resulted in its capture along with six thousand yards of German trenches. The Germans made desperate efforts to re-capture their lost positions at Sully Saillies but all their attempts were frustrated by the British troops.

**Italian Front.**  
There is heavy fighting on the Austro-Italian front and, in the Gorizia sector the Austrians claim to have entered the Italian trenches, inflicting heavy casualties.

**Mesopotamia.**  
The Turks, on the Mesopotamia front, made four attempts to re-capture the ground lost recently, but each attack was repulsed.

**Russian Front.**  
In the eastern theatre of war, the Germans captured Russian trenches near Stanislaw but were later forced to evacuate them in face of determined Russian counter-attacks.

#### SAYS DEUTSCHLAND WAS SUNK BY AVIATOR

New York, Feb. 8.—The Times says this morning that, notwithstanding a Berlin despatch to the newspapers yesterday stating that the merchant submarine Deutschland had not left Bremen, several passengers on the White Star liner Lapland, which arrived here yesterday, said that the submarine had been sunk in the North Sea by an aviator, who descended within 400 feet of the surface before he dropped the bomb. The force of the explosion was so great that it turned the aeroplane completely over, they said, and dropped the pilot and gunner into the sea, but they were both rescued. The aviators did not know it was the Deutschland they had sunk until they noted the great bulk of the submarine as she was blown to pieces.

Dorothy Bernard in a Fox Feature, "Little Gipsy," Westholme Theatre tonight only.

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT**  
**NOTICE**  
1917 Dog Taxes.  
These taxes are now due and payable. Same are to be paid to the Chief of Police or Health Inspector, who will issue 1917 brass tag.  
Owners of dogs who have not taken out these Licences by March 1st next will be prosecuted without further notice.  
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Grocery Odds and Ends to be Cleaned Out Away Below Cost.  
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#### GERMANS WISH TO EVADE WAR WITH AMERICA

Kaiser Calls Important Conference of Leaders—May Offer More Protection to American Ships and Lives.

London, Feb. 12.—An important conference has been called at the German military headquarters by Emperor Wilhelm, presumably to discuss the submarine question and the situation which has arisen between Germany and the United States. Von Bethmann-Hollwegg, the Imperial Chancellor, and other high army and naval officials will attend.

#### Washington Report.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Officials here say it is not understood that Germany proposes to make any modification in her ruthless submarine campaign, and that the United States cannot enter upon any discussion along this line while vessels continue to be destroyed in violation of all international law.

That a new movement is afoot is affirmed from the willingness of Germany to discuss the situation, especially the safe-guarding of American ships and lives on the seas, backed by renewed expression of the desire of the German government to prevent the diplomatic break from leading to actual hostilities.

**Gerard Leaves.**  
Ambassador Gerard has left Berlin for Zurich, Switzerland, accompanied by his staff and fifty United States citizens.

**Now in Switzerland.**  
Berlin, Feb. 12.—Ambassador Gerard is now in Switzerland. He was given a cordial send-off on his departure from Germany.

#### RETURNED SOLDIERS CLUB

The Returned Soldiers Association have got the rooms in the telephone building into real comfortable shape, thanks largely to the efforts of the ladies of the Daughters of the Empire committee. The boys have the nucleus of a serviceable library; a cozy living room, with lounge chairs, etc.; a meeting room with chairs, desks, etc.; a businesslike kitchen and a bedroom with two beds. A few pictures have been collected and, naturally, they are of military men. Besides the King and Queen, the late Lord Kitchener and Sir Douglas Haig adorn the walls, while there is also a copy of the engraving, "On the Field of Honor." Some day the boys will have more pretentious quarters, but meantime, they are fixed up very comfortably.

#### THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Woods, a daughter, at the general hospital, yesterday.

The members of St. Andrew's Society will give a reception this evening, in the rooms on Third avenue, to Allen Robertson, the first of their number to return from active service. As many of the boys as possible will meet when the Sophia comes in this afternoon and all are invited to be at the rooms this evening.

Have received advance Spring styles in ladies' dresses—W. Gold-bloom, Third Avenue.

Could you fight in the trenches if your family were in need at home? The Patriotic Fund sees that the loved ones are fed.



**AERO-SLEDDING IN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK.**—Annette Kellerman and a companion seeing the city in a new kind of conveyance. This contrivance runs on either frozen river or snowy pavement. There are several types of the aero-sled now in operation in the United States.

#### OTTAWA HAS MANY MYSTERIES TO UNFOLD

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—When Sir Sam was told that Macdonald, of Pictou, had found nineteen separate and distinct charges in his famous correspondence with Premier Borden, Sir Sam was surprised—at his own moderation. There was plenty more where those came from. Sam knows the inside of things. The question is will he tell? The government is visibly uneasy under Sam's glittering eye—fidgets in his seat, fiddles with its watch chain, bites its finger nails.

There are mysteries in the air everywhere. For instance, what does National Registration mean? Is the government anxious to get any more recruits after its good friends like Lord Shaughnessy and the Canadian manufacturers have told it that Canadian industries were being dislocated? Is the government saying one thing and doing another? Is it talking under its breath of conscription, hinting at it, snarling darkly about drastic measures, seeking to get the credit for it, and all the while warning the responsible authorities to go slow? Does the government whisper conscription in communities where that idea may be popular and whisper something else in other communities where the people do not think that way?

After Premier Borden had made his celebrated bid for the last hundred thousand—thus bringing the limit up to five hundred thousand—did he give secret orders to slow up recruiting? And along the same lines why does the Imperial Munitions Board keep advertising for workers for whom there are no jobs? Sir Sam could throw a lot of light on these matters and it is only natural for the government to feel nervous at the prospect of his spilling the beans.

Moreover, Sir Sam knows all about the intrigues that are going on in the cabinet. He has mentioned the word intrigue in his letter and there is always the danger that he may follow it up with plainer statements. The theory of the Opposition is that the cabinet, ever since the beginning of the war, has been a battlefield for three groups of contenders. The Rogers group and the Hughes group have had their day—there is now an armistice between their leaders, and the White group is on top at present. There was a dark saying of Sir Sam's that Sir Thomas White was conspiring with Premier Borden rather than against him. Does this mean that Pre-

mier Borden, with a view to finding an honorable way out of a job that has become tiresome to him, favors a reconstructed government in which Sir Thomas White would be Premier, and not J. W. Flavelle, his first lieutenant—or the other way about?

Another mystery of the first importance is who was allowed to make the money underwriting the various loans which Sir Thomas has floated during the last three years. This understanding, considering the price the bonds were sold at, has been very profitable to somebody. Who were the gentlemen that reached up to the grape vine and grabbed off ten million dollars? Sir Sam may have a shrewd suspicion. Will he put that question in words? And if he does put it in words, will he back it up with the facts?

And if Sir Sam is going to pull secrets out of his bosom that way and brandish his "inside stuff" before a horrified public, when may he be expected to do it? Right now, or after Premier Borden comes back from England? The balance of probabilities is that Sir Sam will not waste good ammunition by firing it off too long before a general election. The events of this war are so tremendous that a scandal has to be smoking hot to keep its interest for the public.

Indeed, as much seems to hinge on when Sir Sam is going to say it as what he is going to say when he does say it. If Sir Sam intends saying it now, then a pale and queasy government would feel like bringing down its extension proposal right away, risking a refusal, cutting out the adjournment and Premier Borden's visit to England, and going to the country immediately, if not sooner. If, on the other hand, Sir Sam's disclosures will keep until after the adjournment, then the government will probably take the limit before a general election, because there are several months to go yet and a great deal of patronage to dispense, with a million dollars a day to spend. It is on these extraordinary military expenditures that the government depends to sweeten opinion in the constituencies, the usual paper from public works and railways being stopped, and naturally they will keep spending as long as long as possible.

Meanwhile the debate on the address ambles along with an occasional spurt, as, for example, when Macdonald of Pictou delivered one of his stinging speeches. Replying to Premier Borden's taunts about bloody

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#### FORESTRY BATTALION HAS REACHED ENGLAND

Ottawa, February 8.—It is announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived in England: 230th Forestry Battalion; infantry drafts from St. Catharines, Ont., Halifax, London, Ont., Winnipeg, British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

Drafts for French-Canadian battalions and for Irish battalions, drafts Fort Garry Horse; for artillery, engineers, medical corps, army service corps, signalers and cyclists, naval ratings. Total number of troops, 316 officers and 3,860 other ranks.

#### IMPORTANT FISHING LEGISLATION WANTED

Olympia, Feb. 8.—Representative Charles I. Roth, of Whatcom County, introduced a bill in the House yesterday morning to prohibit fishing for sockeye salmon in the waters of Puget Sound during the years of 1918, 1919 and 1920, with the provision that the act shall be null and void in the event that British Columbia fails to enact similar legislation with regard to the Fraser river.

The sockeye salmon is the principal food fish of Puget Sound waters utilized for packing purposes, and there has always been a strong contention between British Columbia and the state of Washington over the protection of this fish. The natural spawning grounds of the sockeye are on the Fraser river and its tributaries, and British Columbia maintains the largest hatchery in the world at Harrison Lake to propagate this fish.

#### THE BIG FISH

C. Westaway, of the C. P. R. office, was the winner of the huge black cod raffled by "Bill" Shrub-sall for the Red Cross. The raffle realized the handsome sum of \$100.75. The fish is exactly the same as that brought in by the Borealis of the New England Fish Company, Vancouver, some weeks ago. The Vancouver fish was donated to the provincial museum. It has been found that it is one of the species known as "erilepis zouifer." Had Bill known that this was its real title, he might have raised \$300.

**NEW WELLINGTON COAL.**  
phone 116. We have just received a shipment of 500 tons Lump Coal. We are prepared to put in your winter's coal for you.

#### SUBMARINES STILL DOING DEADLY WORK

Norwegians Suffer Heavily—British-India Liner Sunk—Two Norwegian Officers Lose Their Lives.

London, Feb. 12.—The following are the latest submarine victims: The Japanese steamer Prince Salaga; the British steamers Lullington and Mantola; the Norwegian steamers Havgard, El-lavore and Olga, and the Greek ship Vassidissa. The Mantola is a British-India liner of 6,720 tons. The Norwegian steamer Solpak-ken was also sunk and two of her officers lost their lives.

#### American Precautions.

Washington, Feb. 12.—It is intimated that, while the government will not actually arm merchant craft, or advise the arming of them, it will find a way to place weapons at the disposal of ship-owners who may desire them as a means of protection.

#### Universal Service.

The Universal Military Training Bill has been favorably reported upon by the committee on military affairs in the Senate.

#### Norfolk Dead.

London, Feb. 12.—The Duke of Norfolk, who had been seriously ill for some time, passed away on Sunday morning.

#### "SANDY" EARNED BIG SUM ON SATURDAY

The Canadian Bank of Commerce today forwarded a draft for \$77.10, being the proceeds collected by "Sandy," Mrs. Percy F. Godenrath's Irish setter, for the Blue Cross fund, for wounded horses and dogs at the front. The money goes to Miss Kitto, the provincial secretary of the fund at Victoria, B. C., through Miss Du Vernet who acted as treasurer on Saturday's tag-day. "Sandy" has been instrumental in collecting a considerable sum for this worthy fund and when Captain and Mrs. Godenrath go east on Saturday he will accompany them and continue his good work whenever opportunity affords. On behalf of the Blue Cross, Mrs. Godenrath desires through The News to express sincere thanks for the very generous response given the cause.

#### RED CROSS NOTES

The Red Cross Society wishes to thank the Pony Express for coal and also Paul Nelson for lighting the fire at the Red Cross rooms any time it is needed. The ladies are very grateful for these favors.

The Society also wishes to thank Mr. Wrathall for the many small useful parcels he donated to the sale on the 2nd inst.

The Patriotic Fund is your chance to get behind the boys at the front.

-Basket ball at Rink Tuesday evening, Feb. 13. Railroad Tigers vs. C. C.'s. Game called at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

Fixtures for sale, phone 493, Cavenaile & Hannan.

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