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WASHINGTON DISCUSSES RUPERT FISHING

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR CONFERS WITH AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE

MORE RAIDS BY BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS

Three Hundred Yards of German Line Penetrated—Trenches Full of German Dead—More Vessels Sunk.

London, Feb. 23.—New Zealanders to the south of Arras entered the German lines for a depth of three hundred yards. They remained there for a full half hour wrecking the enemy dugouts and the various trench work. The enemy support lines were found to be filled with German dead from the bombardment prior to the preceding raid. Forty-four prisoners were captured.

More Vessels Sunk.
Two British steamers and one Swedish vessel are the latest submarine victims. One of the British vessels is the Holt liner Perseus, 6,728 tons.

German Raids.
Hostile raiding attempts to the east of Verdun were unsuccessful. The enemy suffered severe casualties and left many prisoners behind. Artillery activity continues to be particularly severe from Ypres to the Somme.

NEWFOUNDLAND MAY JOIN THE DOMINION

St. John's, Feb. 22.—Changes of far-reaching importance in the constitution of the overseas Empire of Great Britain after the war are expected to be considered at the conference to be held in London between premiers of the British colonies and Premier Lloyd George and his colleagues. A well posted member of the Newfoundland parliament said the question probably would come up of the unification of Australia and New Zealand with the lesser British possessions in the South Pacific, including the areas taken from Germany.

GERARD IN SPAIN

Madrid, Feb. 22.—The American Ambassador, Mr. Gerard, arrived here today, on his way to the port of embarkation for the United States. He was accorded an official reception by the government and was received with great honor. King Alfonso received Mr. Gerard in person.

TAFT MILITANT

New York, Feb. 23.—Ex-President Taft speaking here yesterday said it is the duty of the United States if any further invasions of the rights of American citizens or their property takes place by "ruthless" acts, to resist them as if the country itself were being invaded. He made a great plea for universal compulsory military training. Bryan he described as a "super-pacifist who must be kicked into war."

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Governor Cox has signed the Reynolds Bill which grants Presidential suffrage to the women of the state.

WESTHOLME
OPERA HOUSE
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
MARQUERITE CLARK
—IN—
"LITTLE LADY EILEEN"
TOPICAL BUDGET
Admission 25c and 10c



Surgeon Col. Fred Marlow

Another crisis in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, Surgeon Colonel Fred Marlow, director of the Army Medical Service in Toronto, is resigning in protest against the misunderstanding in regard to the clashes in the work of the C. A. M. C. and the Hospital Commission of Canada, respecting returned wounded soldiers.

A GLARING RECORD OF INCOMPETENCE

The Ross rifle is not now in use by the Canadian army in the war. It has been condemned as a war weapon, by the men in the ranks who used it and by the generals in the field who handled our army divisions.

Why was this rifle so long used in the war before being discarded? The answer is supplied by the speech of Sir Sam Hughes in Parliament the other night in which he defended the Ross rifle and declared it to be superior to the Lee-Enfield. He kept the Ross rifle in use and the government kept him in office.

In the spring of 1915, Canadian soldiers in action began throwing away their Ross rifles whenever they got a chance to pick up Lee-Enfields. It appears that under general war conditions there grew up a very general dissatisfaction with the weapon throughout the troops of the first division. Yet the second and the third divisions were armed with the Ross rifle and even as late as August, 1916, the Fourth division crossed to France armed with it, though not carrying it into action.

Yet as long ago as June, 1915, one year and eight months ago, Sir John French had, after the battle of St. Julian, reported against the use of the Ross rifle and recommended the re-arming of the first division with the Lee-Enfield. He suggested that the discarded weapons should be re-bored in England to prevent jamming and that work was proceeding with it. It was not until after Sir Douglas Haig's adverse report in June, 1916, that the total issue of the Canadian weapon at the front was put into general effect.

In June, 1915, sensational stories were being told in Canada by returned soldiers about the unfitness of the rifle with which Canada was arming her soldiers and sending them into battle. Yet it was believed to be unthinkable that the Canadian government and the Canadian and British generals in the field would allow our soldiers to go into battle with a weapon which would place them at a fatal disadvantage. It was impossible of belief that in such a life and death matter any blunder could be possible or if a mistake had been made, would be allowed to continue for a day beyond the first discovery of it. There appears to have been a greater degree of confidence in (Continued on Page four.)



THE DANGER ZONE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

BERNSTORFF'S PARTY WERE WELL SUPPLIED

Halifax, Feb. 23.—The examination of the baggage of the German party on board the Scandinavian liner Frederick VIII. revealed each member to be plentifully stocked with goods scarce in the Fatherland. Cotton goods were the most favored by each of both sexes. One secretary alone had several hundred suits of pyjamas. It is expected that the officials will confiscate these articles in view of the fact that cotton and explosives are so closely associated. The Germans are well supplied with gold also. Gold is contraband, and will not be allowed to be imported into Germany upon any consideration. It will be exchanged into some form of currency less useful to the Fatherland.

MAYBE AND MAYBE NOT

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 23.—According to John Allan, M. P. P. for West Hamilton, the women of Ontario will have the franchise within one year. He further stated that the government had been working on the matter for some time and that plans are about completed for permitting women to vote. "The fact of the women having the vote," said Mr. Allan, "will not change the political situation in the least, as the women generally vote the same way as the male members of the family."

FRENCH STATEMENT

Paris, Feb. 23.—Admiral Lacaze, the French minister of marine, says that Germany's blockade is doomed to failure. He declared that the submarine campaign is her last fling of brute strength. That the military power of Germany is on the wane is quite evident. France has also adopted successful defensive measures against the undersea boats. So little has the menace affected France, he says, is to be seen from the fact that the French imports and exports have doubled since the war began.

GERMAN UNITY

London, Feb. 23.—As the result of a quarrel as to who were the better fighters at Beverloof in Belgium between the Bavarian and Prussian troops, thirty-two soldiers were killed and two hundred were wounded.

RUSSIAN PURCHASES

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The Imperial Russian government has opened an office in Ottawa for the purpose of buying supplies in Canada for the government. The Russian government will buy directly from the Canadian manufacturers.

CONSERVATIVE LEADER

Halifax, Feb. 23.—The Conservatives of Nova Scotia have selected Mr. William K. Hall, K. C., member for Queens County, as the leader of the party.

PRISONERS OF WAR SUPERFLUITY SALE

At a meeting of the Prince Rupert Red Cross Society, it was decided to hold a jumble sale on the 17th March. Ladies will be at the Red Cross rooms three days before the sale to receive donations. Everyone has some article of furniture, clothing or bric-a-brac that they have no use for, but which might be useful to someone else. As far as possible the articles donated are asked to be in good condition.

It is hoped everyone will be able to contribute something so that a good sum may be realized for the Canadian prisoners in Germany. Particulars of the sale will appear later.

COUNCILS OF WOMEN

Members of the Council of Women from all over the province will be present at the Provincial Conference of Councils to be held in Victoria on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Among the subjects for discussion are "Citizenship"; "Problems of Emigration"; "Social and Moral Reform"; "Conservation of Labor and Resources"; "Conservation of Life"; "Women Prepared for Public Service," and very many others. When women bring the results of their discussions to bear, by their votes, we may look for some very radical alterations in very many things.

TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 22.—The Australian transport Berrima has been torpedoed in European waters. The stricken ship was able to limp into port under her own steam, thanks to her watertight bulkheads holding out. Four of the crew were killed by the exploding torpedo. There were no troops on board on this voyage.

BLAME FOR THE LEAK

Washington, Feb. 23.—The administrative officials in Washington have been completely exonerated from responsibility for the leak of the information of the contents of the President's note of December 20. The newspaper men are blamed.

TEN MINUTES TO LEAVE

London, Feb. 23.—The Swedish steamer Skogland reported yesterday as sunk, carried five Americans among the crew. They were given ten minutes to leave the vessel before she was sent to the bottom.

SUN AND TIDE

Saturday, February 24th.
Sun rises 7:34 a. m.
Sun sets 5:46 p. m.
High water 13:5 a. m. Ht. 22.8
Low water 9:15 a. m. Ht. 3.3
High water 3:33 p. m. Ht. 21.4
Low water 9:27 p. m. Ht. 4.1
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.



COLONEL S. C. MEWBURN

Who is said to be slated for the important post of director of mobilization of the Canadian militia. Col. Mewburn is at present A. A. G. for the 2nd Militia Division of Canada.

KETCHIKAN BEING RUINED BY RUPERT

Washington, Feb. 23.—The British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, conferred with Secretary Redfield today about legislation now pending, which by prohibiting the importation of fresh and frozen fish from Canada seeks to rehabilitate the American salmon industry on the Pacific coast. The Canadian government desires to avoid this prohibitory legislation and may make concessions to make it unnecessary. After the interview with Secretary Redfield, Ottawa was advised by the Ambassador that they should require the Grand Trunk to discontinue exclusive concessions to Prince Rupert, which is claimed to be ruining the fishing industry at Ketchikan. An agreement will probably be made to have the Grand Trunk operate a steamer to Ketchikan to take care of the American catch.

BRITISH TO INSURE NEUTRAL TONNAGE

New York, Feb. 21.—Advices have been received here that the British government plans to extend its system of war risk insurance to neutral vessels trading with the United Kingdom. The last reports from London indicate that the rate charged is something like 3 per cent, compared with the flat rate of ten per cent now enforced on the local market.

Little doubt is held that American and other neutral shipowners will take full advantage of the British scheme. Interest now centres in the possibility of other Allied governments following the British lead.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE

Washington, Feb. 23.—Representative Neely, of West Virginia, introduced a joint resolution to the House providing for a conference among representatives of all the American republics. The idea is to plan for concerted action to protect the rights of all neutral nations against aggression by any of the European belligerents.

AMERICANS RELEASED

London, Feb. 23.—Word has been received here today that the American prisoners held aboard the Yarrowdale have been released.

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.

CONNECTICUT CITY NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Nine Simultaneous Fires Broke out—Munition Plants in the City—German Agents Are Arrested.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 23.—The town is under martial law today. Nine simultaneous fires broke out in different parts of the city. There are many manufacturing plants here making munitions for the Allies and it is suspected that the conflagrations were the work of German agents. Two suspects were arrested. It has been impossible to indicate the extent of the loss yet.

MACHINERY DESTROYED IN GERMAN LINERS

Washington, Feb. 23.—The machinery of the eight German liners presently interned in Honolulu harbor has been wrecked beyond repair by their crews. The damage will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Germans carried out their instructions to the letter, being determined that their shipping will not be used by the Allies for some time.

FAMINE IN NEW YORK

Washington, Feb. 23.—Congress is fully alive to the necessity of the fact that the food shortage must be relieved and that forthwith. It is feared that bread riots will spread to every large city unless definite action is assured. Representative London blames the food speculators entirely. Says the country is surfeited with gold but there is no bread for the worker.

GERMAN RAIDS

Paris, Feb. 23.—German patrols in attempting to reach the Belgian lines northeast of Neuport were dispersed with many casualties. On the right bank of the Meuse, there is heavy artillery fighting.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

There were several fishing vessels in port this morning. On account of the extremely bad weather outside during the past week, the catches were rather light. The Commonwealth, belonging to the Booth Fisheries, brought in 16,000 pounds; the Nellie, an American boat, had 8,000 pounds and sold to the Booth Fisheries for 13 cents; the Doreen had 12,000 pounds, and the Tuladi with 5,000 went to the Cold Storage and sold for 13 cents. John Dybbavn bought 5,000 pounds on the Margalice at 13 cents, while the Lillian M. which had 5,000 pounds sold to the Atlin Fisheries at the same price.

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. mt
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there is to eat at all hours.
BOXES FOR LADIES