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MANY DEATHS IN HOTEL BLAZE AT HOPE B.C.

VISITORS HAVE TO FLEE IN NIGHT ATTIRE -- BUILDINGS ARE VALUED AT \$35,000

THE REASON FOR GERMAN WITHDRAWAL

German Garrison Were Becoming Crazy By Ceaseless Pounding By British Fire and Awful Mud.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 7.—Prisoners taken on the Ancre front display the real reason of the German withdrawal. Those captured have been in a pitiable state of nerves. The whole German front line were fast becoming a garrison of gibbering lunatics. The ceaseless pounding of the British big guns had flattened their trenches, leaving the Germans no cover but mud. Between the constant bombardment and the thick glue-like mud their position had become "more hideous than the scuppers of hell." The German dead sank into the slime as they fell and were lost to sight in a minute or two. With the multitude of rotting bodies, and the bottomless mud, coupled with the unending battering of the British artillery, the German positions had been turned into stench pits too horrible for human nerves to stand.

Air Raids.
British aviators made another successful raid on the Brebach Iron Works, in Westphalia. These ironworks are among the largest in Germany and their blast furnaces were hit repeatedly by the bombs dropped by attacking aeroplanes. The full extent of the damage can not be estimated.

A successful raid by the British troops was made near Bouchavesnes. Much damage was done to the enemy dugouts and a few prisoners taken. A strong German counter attack followed which was repulsed with loss.

French Front.
Paris, March 7.—The French have advanced their positions between the Oise and the Aisne. Fighting is still in progress.

Italian Front.
Rome, March 7.—The Italian troops have repulsed heavy Austrian attacks in numerous parts of the line. All the enemy assaults have been repulsed. Fighting is in progress.

Mesopotamia.
Very little information has arrived regarding the further progress of the advancing British troops against Baghdad. According to the latest accounts the British were only about 15 miles to the south of this important city. It is not expected that the Turkish troops will be in a position to defend the city.

FAMINE IN HOLLAND

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 7.—The food shortage in Holland has been so acute now that the government finds itself in the position of having to prohibit the export of bread to Belgium. So many Dutch ships carrying food stuffs have been sunk within the last two weeks that the problem of adequate supplies for the Dutch population has become an exceedingly live issue.

MANY DEATHS IN BIG FIRE AT HOPE, B. C.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Hope, B. C., March 7.—The famous old hostelry, the Coquahalla Hotel, was burned by fire here at three o'clock this morning. The flames spread with lightning-like rapidity, and so far, eight or ten men are reported missing and it is feared that they have been cremated. The sleeping guests received little warning, so fast did the flames spread, and all had to flee in their night raiment. Very exciting scenes were witnessed in the rescue of several women and some very thrilling escapes were made. The hotel buildings were valued at \$35,000. The known victims of the blaze so far are Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Vancouver, the provincial horticulturist; Bert Ready, Bill McKeever, Bob Campbell, all miners; Thomas Taylor and Tom Kehoe, lumbermen of Vancouver; George Atkins, of the Kettle Valley Rly., and an unknown Serbian.

BERNSTORFF HAS TO EXPLAIN TO WILLIAM

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 7.—A wireless message to Count Bernstorff on the Frederick VIII. at sea has been intercepted. The German government have asked him to explain how the German note with regard to the bringing of Mexico and Japan together against the United States was divulged. The message also warned the Count against granting newspaper interviews on the situation. It is expected that the wily Count will have some difficulty in answering the peremptory interrogations of his august master and explaining the success of the United States Secret Service men in getting hold of his dispatches.

WHOLESALESALEERS ARE TO HAVE NO HALF HOLIDAY

An order-in-council has been passed by the provincial executive exempting the wholesale houses in the city of Prince Rupert from the provisions of the weekly half-holiday act. Any businesses furnishing supplies to fishing boats are likewise exempted.

MINING ON THE ISLANDS

Mr. A. Ikeda, of Ikeda Bay, was in the city yesterday on his way south in connection with the development of his property. The Ikeda mine, which is still in the development stage, is presently producing about 50 tons per day. There is about eighty feet of ore in sight, which averages about 9 per cent copper. Mr. Ikeda proposes arranging for a concentrating plant being installed, and by the end of the summer expects to have about one hundred men at work. There are several other properties not far from the Ikeda mine, which promise equally well, if not better.

RED CROSS CONCERT

A very successful concert was held in Terrace last Saturday evening in aid of the Red Cross Society. The Terrace Ladies' Dramatic Club and the Terrace Male Chorus assisted by Mr. Hepburn and Mr. Pearson rendered a splendid programme, which showed talent of no mean order. The large audience showed their appreciation. More than \$43 was handed to the Red Cross Society as a result of this successful function.



"We can cope with the Submarine menace, but the nation must accept drastic measures."—Lloyd George in characteristic poses delivering his analysis of the war situation in the British House.

I. O. D. E. GRAND CONCERT AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

Last evening there was put on at the Westholme a very fine production by the girls of Prince Rupert. All through it reflected very great credit on the participants and the instructors. The cantata, "The Lady of Shalott," based on Tennyson's poem, and a sketch, "The Revolt," were the leading features of the evening. The programme included another sketch and a violin solo by Miss King. Miss Eason was the musical director and she did her part well. There was a full house, and early in the evening tickets for the reserved seats could not be procured, having been taken up early. Considerations of space forbids mentioning the names of all the performers today, but a fuller account will be given in our next issue.

THE FEAST OF PURIM

Tonight commences the Feast of Purim among the representatives of the Hebrew people. It is one of the minor holidays in the Jewish calendar. It commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish captives of King Ahasuerus from the jealousy of Haman, the king's favorite, by the hand of Esther and Mordecai. The chief characteristic of the ritual observed on this occasion is the reading of the Book of Esther. Throughout all the centuries this holiday has been observed and that their ancient rites change not is one of the characteristics of the Hebrew.

RED CROSS SALE

Mrs. Lipsett and Mrs. Morrissey will have charge of the sale of home cooking at the Red Cross rooms on Friday first. The way in which the public have made the Friday afternoon sales so successful is highly creditable. The necessity, however, of the Red Cross Society for further and greater supplies is increasing. With the increasing numbers of our troops in the field, the responsibility of the society increases in proportion. The demands made upon the society are now greater than ever, and an appeal is made for even greater support from the people of Prince Rupert.

FISH ARRIVALS

There were not many fishing boat arrivals over night. The trawler Carruthers, belonging to the Cold Storage Company, came in with 40,000 pounds of "scrap" fish, which includes all kinds, and the Rolfe arrived with 11,000 pounds of halibut. It is reported that herring are being got at Port Simpson now and that one firm have got forty tons awaiting the arrival of scows.

SUMMER SESSION IN DOMINION HOUSE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, March 7.—It is feared here that the Dominion House will have to sit during a summer session. The delay in holding the Imperial Conference in London has upset the arrangements of the ministry with regard to legislation which is necessary to be enacted.

APPAM FOR BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 7.—The United States Supreme Court has awarded the steamer Appam to her British owners. The Appam was captured by a German raider several months ago and was taken into a United States port to be interned, but this intention of the Germans has been upset by the ruling now given.

BRITISH SOCIALISTS

London, March 5.—The British Socialists have declined an invitation from the French Socialist party to send delegates to a congress of Socialists of the Allied countries which it is proposed to hold in March.

"We are strongly of the opinion," said the reply of the British Socialists, "that the congress should not be held. The year 1917 is the most critical period of the war. The great majority of Socialists are fighting at the front. Of the Socialists still at home a small but active minority consists of those who are demanding peace at any price."

"We appeal to Socialists throughout the Allied countries not to attend a congress which can only hearten the enemies of real Socialism, strengthen the power of chauvinism in Germany, and greatly damage our cause."

Referring to the Socialists of Germany, it says: "The weakness of the German Social-Democratic party, whose leaders, despite pledges made in Paris and Brussels, vigorously support the junker and capitalist army of aggressive militarism, destroyed at a blow all the mutual international confidence between the Socialists of all nations, which the British Socialists have spent the greater part of their lives endeavoring to build up."

HORN MUST FACE TRIAL

Washington, March 7.—The alleged German army officer Werner Horn, now charged with the responsibility of a plot to blow up the C. P. R. bridge crossing the Canadian border at Vanceboro, Maine, will have to undergo his trial in the regular way. Horn had appealed to the Supreme Court, but his appeal was thrown out.

ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL IS DEFUNCT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 7.—Senator Lodge introduced the armed neutrality bill in the Senate yesterday. Senator Owen moved that the introduction of the bill was out of order, as the bill had died with the Sixty-fourth Congress on Sunday. Vice-President Marshall, who was in the chair, sustained Senator Owen in his contention. This finding has put the President in a quandary. He will not attempt to arm the American merchant ships unless some loophole in the law is found.

BRITAIN DETERMINED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 7.—Mr. Bonar Law, speaking in the House of Commons in reply to his critics, says that the Allied governments will not withdraw the Saloniki expedition. This expedition has been viewed with distrust by a certain section of the press in Britain, but its value in the war operations has been proved. Mr. Bonar Law also states that Roumania was not forced to enter the war, but did so of her own free will.

CRISIS IN SWEDEN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Stockholm, March 7.—The Swedish Ministry has resigned. Parliament refuses to grant an appropriation of thirty million crowns in order to preserve Swedish neutrality and to enforce the rights of Sweden as a neutral. A parliamentary crisis has arisen.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The Japanese press attacks the United States, objecting to the treatment of Japanese in the States. Japan is unconcerned of the disclosures of the German plot.

The trial of the four persons who conspired to poison Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson began today in London.

The latest word from Verdun states that the fighting around Douaumont is desperate.

LET ALLIES HAVE TAX-EXEMPT LOAN

New York, March 2.—Powerful interests, in perfect accord with the administration, but whose patience has been exhausted by Germany's attitude towards this country, are strongly in favor of a bill which will soon be introduced in Congress to enable this country to lend strong financial aid to the Allies. The bill will propose that the present bond issue of the Allied governments, as well as any to be issued in the future, shall be tax-exempt and continue so for a period of at least three years after the close of the war.

This is a real war measure and, of course, can not be considered in any other way. Those responsible for the bill are convinced that Germany will stop at nothing, but believe she fears such financial assistance as we might offer the Allies much more than the responsibility of our sending troops to Europe.

NATIONAL SERVICE

The time for returning the National Service cards has been extended to March 31. Anyone who has not yet returned their card is requested to do so by this date. Those who have not yet received a card can procure one from the post master on application.

AUSTRIA TO KEEP FRIENDS WITH STATES

Cannot Give Up Right to Sink the Enemy Merchantmen But Does Not Include Neutral Vessels.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 7.—The reply of the Austrian government regarding the unrestricted submarine warfare to the United States note, has been received and given out. Austria cannot give up her right to sink "enemy merchantmen," but she does not say anything regarding the sinking of neutral vessels under this right. The authorities here think that Austria has stretched a point in order to meet the American effort to avoid a break. It is expected that the reply of the Austrian government will call forth another note from the President asking the Austrian government to declare its position with regard to neutral vessels. But on the other hand, there is also the possibility that the authorities will await developments of the Austrian submarine warfare against vessels other than enemy merchantmen.

ZIMMERMAN'S DEFENCE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, March 7.—After considering the state of affairs produced by the disclosures of the German plot to line up Japan with Mexico against the United States, the German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman only regrets that the scheme has been found out. That "the United States are not justified in becoming excited" is all he has to say regarding the matter. The plan was considered evidently to be a good one and had it been kept secret, its possibilities were great.

DEATH OF MR. LLOYD

London, March 5.—Richard Lloyd, uncle and foster father of Premier Lloyd George, died on Wednesday night at Criccieth, at the age of 82.

Mr. Lloyd was for over half a century joint pastor of the Baptist Church at Criccieth, serving without fee or reward. He lived to see his orphan nephew rise from a childhood of meagre prospects to be Prime Minister, and it was a proud moment in his life, he declared, when, six years ago he paid a visit to Downing Street, although he rarely undertook a railway journey.

The parents of David Lloyd George died when the children, two boys and a girl, were in their early years, and Mr. Lloyd took them to his home.

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