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SHARP BRITISH ATTACK ON WESTERN FRONT

DASHING ATTACK BY THE BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURES THE VILLAGE OF IRLES

HURRICANE BOMBARDMENT ON WEST FRONT

Sharp Fighting—Casualties Important Position Taken After Heavy for Germans—British Dash.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 13.—The British forces have stormed the village of Irles. This important village was taken after a gallant dash and some very sharp fighting on the part of the British. The British advance came right on the heels of a tremendous bombardment by big guns of all calibres. The village of Irles was battered to pieces and very many of the enemy were killed before the infantry attack reached them. Large numbers of prisoners were taken. The village was very strongly defended and was a perfect nest of machine guns, and at this point the retreating Germans thought to hold up the British advance. The British troops followed very close to the advancing curtain of fire and in hand to hand fights, the Germans were overpowered. Considering the fierceness of the fighting the British losses were comparatively small.

French Front.

Paris, March 13.—Further gains were made by our troops in the region of Maisons Champs during the night. Numbers of the Germans were captured and taken prisoner.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE

A press wire received here today states that Mr. W. D. Bayley, the prohibitionist representative in London, has wired that three fourths of the liquor voters are non-existent and that the names of seventy-five per cent of the soldiers who voted "wet" were found to be bogus. Many men were hoaxed into voting for the second time, on being told that there was a re-vote, and second voting was quite regular. Liquor men hold polls, obtain credentials and organize the taking of the soldiers' votes.

GERARD BACK AGAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Havana, March 13.—The Spanish liner carrying Ambassador Gerard on the last portion of his journey from Berlin to Washington has arrived here safely. The members of the party are quite well pleased to be again in American waters, after their trip fraught with so many dangers.

NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Retail Merchants Association will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, at 8 p. m. in the city hall. Every merchant is specially invited to be present. At least four questions of local importance to each merchant will be discussed. This is the right place to air your troubles, Mr. Merchant. Be there, City hall, Tuesday, March 13, at 8 p. m.

WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE
Tuesday and Wednesday
DUSTIN FARNUM
—IN—
"The Parson of Panamint"
FIVE ACTS.
BILLY REEVES COMEDY

THE ENFORCING OF ARMED NEUTRALITY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 13.—The State Department today notified all foreign diplomats presently in the city that an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons aboard has been placed on all American ships intending to sail through the zone barred by Germany.

LUXEMBURG NOW IS WHOLLY ISOLATED

Amsterdam, Netherlands, (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Little news reaches the outside world concerning the state of affairs in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the little state wedged in between Germany, France and Belgium that was the first country to resort to the tramp of the German legions on their way to France. Luxembourg is entirely isolated by the Germans, and its inhabitants are, like the Belgians, practically prisoners within their own borders, where they are sharing all the economic hardships of the Central Powers.

According to information furnished to the Amsterdam "Telegraaf" by a Luxemburger who has just succeeded in getting through to Holland, there is practically no unemployment in the Grand Duchy, where numerous iron

DELEGATION EXPENSES

At the meeting of the city council last night a motion was made by Alderman Casey to the effect that in the matter of all delegations travelling at the expense of the city, such delegations be appointed by the city council and that the expenses of the delegation be fixed not to exceed \$6.00 per day and transportation. Alderman Montgomery seconded the motion. It was pointed out that even if this motion was adopted, it would not be binding on the council, whereupon Alderman McRae asked whether the city solicitor could not draft a bylaw to cover this particular line of action. Alderman McRae agreed with Alderman Casey in this motion except as to the amount of the daily expense. He did not think that it should be fixed at \$6.00. The city clerk pointed out also that under the act, the city has the power to pay the expenses of any delegation, whether appointed by the city or otherwise. Alderman McRae said one thing he would like to add to the motion of Alderman Casey was that a report of the expenses should be submitted to the council at the first opportunity by any delegation sent abroad. Some of the council knew what the expenses of the recent delegation to Ottawa were, and others only by hearsay. The public are entitled to know what is going on and how the money of the municipality is expended.

Alderman Montgomery considered that the expenses of the recent delegation were very reasonable. Still he didn't believe in the policy of giving a blank cheque to any delegation, leaving them to come back and tell what had been spent. It was not a good policy.

Alderman McClymont proposed to vote for the motion because the mayor last year stated that he could travel very comfortably on \$6.00 per day and if the mayor could, so could anyone else. When travelling at the city's expense, no one should put it on any louder than when travelling at their own.

On the question being put, the motion was lost.



LADY BLANCHE CAVENDISH
Daughter of the Governor-General

THE ILLNESS OF THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 13.—The Duchess of Connaught is very seriously ill. Her condition is causing grave anxiety. She is suffering from measles together with broncho-pneumonia. While the best skill is being employed, the condition of the patient is such as to cause grave fears.

ANOTHER COLD STORAGE

At the city council meeting last night, Alderman McRae referred to the fact of the herring coming in too fast for the Cold Storage Company to handle them, and of the consequent dumping of large quantities of herring outside the harbor. He commented on the lack of waterfront possessed by the city and contended that the city was as much entitled to the waterfront as they were to their streets.

He said that the Cold Storage people needed all their capacity for their own business and were unable to accommodate business from outsiders. This was a serious matter for the city. There should be some place where herring could be stored frozen, so that there would be no shortage of bait at a later date. If the fishermen cannot buy bait in Prince Rupert, they will go to Ketchikan, and likewise buy all their other supplies there.

Alderman McRae being ruled out of order, the rules were suspended to enable the question to be aired. Alderman McRae was in favor of the city obtaining from the provincial government a deed to certain waterfront lots, or else a lease at a nominal sum. As the revenue from the northern part of the province far exceeds the amount the government spent here, he thought that there was something coming to the city. There was quite a lot of discussion regarding the subject and the fact of the government possibly intending to lease their waterfront to other parties. Finally it was decided to wire to the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, to the effect that the government suspend action regarding the leasing of any waterfront within the city until a deputation from the city be heard on the matter.

A St. Patrick's Day Concert will be held in the Catholic Hall on Friday evening, March 16th, at 8 p. m. Admission 50c. 60

PROMPT ACTION BY MINISTER OF LANDS

Victoria, March 12.—The government has served notice on the holders of the timber lands in the Renfrew district that on April 3 they must appear before Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, to show cause why the lands should not be cancelled.

Liberals Investigated.

The Renfrew land deal was the subject of an investigation by the Liberals in the house last session and, though there was not time in the enquiry before the public accounts committee to get very far with it, sufficient information was obtained to show that the deal had the earmarks of a gigantic fraud that had been perpetrated upon the province. It was shown conclusively that the land had been taken up as second class agricultural land and was in reality some of the most valuable timber land in the province. Thus the company which obtained this land got it for some \$2.50 per acre and saved thereby many thousands of dollars in timber royalties, which the province thus lost.

Proof of Value Seen.

No further proof of the great timber value of these lands is needed than the splendid pictures taken by the Puget Sound Lumber Company and given to the B. C. department of lands as a gift. Those fine, great tree pictures so liberally shown about the province as examples of the fine timber growing here, are said to be off this Renfrew district.

Many Similar Deals.

This deal, however, was said last session to be but one of other similar deals whereby the government lost much money in royalties. On account of the prompt manner in which the minister of lands has set out in this particular it may be expected that there will be other investigations of the same nature in other districts.

PREMIER AT THE FRONT

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 13.—Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues have visited the troops on the western front. They had a glimpse of the German front lines from the distance. A review of the Canadian troops behind the lines was held for the Premier.

FISHERY EXPLORATION

The Marine and Fisheries Department steamer Fiska, under command of Captain J. F. Crichton, is paying a visit to this harbor. The captain is one of the expert fish culturists of the department of the naval service, and in the last report of that department, published September 20th, is to be found the result of the captain's three years of exploration of the many streams emptying into the Pacific along this coast from Vancouver Island to the Naas. It is an extremely interesting and valuable report and should be in the hands of everyone interested in the fishing industry. The business value of the work is shown in photographs of streams naturally dammed near the mouth, thus preventing the salmon and other fish from reaching their natural spawning grounds in the interior. These obstructions are to be removed by the department and when this is done the production of fish each season will be multiplied manifold.

The Lodge Valhalla of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America will give a whist drive and dance in K. of P. Hall Thursday, March 15th, at 8:30 p. m. Tickets 50c. Come and enjoy yourself. 62



BAGHDAD
Showing the direction of the Russian advance.

GRAND CONCERT AT METHODIST CHURCH

A further proof of the musical ability of the people of Prince Rupert was given at the Methodist Church last night. The proportion of our population who have not buried their talent in the earth is very high. The quality of the numbers given last night is outright proof of this assertion. The vocalists included Mrs. C. L. Monroe, Mr. John E. Davey, and Mr. Meth Davis. A musical sketch by the "Morning Choir" led by Miss Eason was a very successful rendering. The instrumental contributions were of a very high order. A violin solo by Miss King was delightful. A suite of "Old English Dances" by the English composer Faint-George was a triumph. Messrs. Hardy and McMillan were the violinists, with Mrs. Bay at the piano and the performance by this trio of the quaint century old measures of these old English dances was something which will be long remembered. Mrs. Harry Birch was very successful in her presentation of two readings. The accompaniments on the piano were made by Mrs. C. A. G. Armstrong, who as usual, played them as near to perfection as is possible. Notwithstanding the unavoidable absence of some other numbers on the programme, the concert was a decided success and it ought to make Prince Rupert feel proud to know that the highest art has attained to such a level in this community. The proceeds were in aid of the church funds.

5,000 ARE WANTED FOR FORESTRY WORK

The Dominion has dispatched 5,000 men overseas for forestry work. Great Britain wants 5,000 more. The shortage of transports has necessitated greater efforts within the borders of the United Kingdom and the embargo on timber imports has compelled the imperial authorities to supply their needs at home.

A variety of new duties has been created. Men who desire to join the forestry drafts should have some experience in mill or forest work, but the medical examinations are not so strict and the age limit is increased to 48. Men with minor defects, such as flat feet, who are free from organic defects, can aspire to the forestry drafts.

The men will be raised by drafts and no officers are required. This month the men from the lumber camps will be coming out, and brisk recruiting is expected. The imperial authorities contend that every man enlisted for the forestry battalions releases a man for infantry purposes at the front.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL.
Just arrived, 500 tons lump, 100 tons nut coal. We give prompt service. Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.

DREAM OF THE EMPEROR WM. IS DISPELLED

Progress of the Allies in Asiatic Turkey Puts End to Hopes of Berlin to Baghdad Railroad.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 13.—The full details of the occupation of Baghdad by the British forces under General Maude are still lacking today. The full narrative is expectedly awaited, showing the details of the captures of prisoners and war material from the Turks in taking the city. The British are advancing up the Tigris toward Mosul, the only city of any importance between Baghdad and Aleppo, whence there is direct rail communication to Constantinople. The Turks in Asia are being menaced from four different quarters and being on the run, the pursuit will be kept up. General Maude is advancing up the Tigris, another British force is already nearing Jerusalem in Palestine. The Russians are advancing from the northeast of Persia and the fourth army is operating on the flank of the retreating Turks from Transcaucasia. It is expected very soon that the Turkish forces will be confined to Anatolia in Asia Minor, with the possibility of large portions of their armies being cut off, if the activity of the Russians from Trebizond continues.

The German Emperor's plan of a Berlin to Baghdad railway is thus dashed. With an overland route guaranteeing quick transport of troops he hoped to be able to menace the British possession of India. The capture of the city of Baghdad is the first blow inflicted on his ambitious plan. The present end of steel is about 300 miles west of Mosul and has been constructed at enormous expense by Germany through very difficult country for the most part and enormous quantities of material are lying at the present terminus for the further construction of the line to Baghdad.

ATTENTION OF LADIES

We have received a consignment of spring suits and coats that is well worth while coming down town to see, no matter what the weather may be. Prices of the suits run from \$20 to \$42 and the coats from \$12 to \$27. No two are alike and we will order no duplicates. They will be on view for a few days only and will then be returned. If desired, we will put aside any of these on payment of a small deposit.

This is a rare opportunity to get the season's latest in a wide variety of choice and at very reasonable prices.

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THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Bomban, of 619 Fulton Street, on March 12th, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, a daughter.

The Baptist ladies will hold a 15c tea at the home of Mrs. Hal Peck, Fifth Avenue, next Wednesday, from 3 till 6 p. m. 61

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