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ATTACKS AND RAIDS ON WESTERN FRONT

STRONG GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR VERDUN — BRITISH PURSUING THE TURKS

FIGHTING ON WESTERN AREA CONTINUES

French Troops Repulse a German Attack Near Verdun—French Raids Successful—Get Many Prisoners.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 14.—A strong German offensive near Louvemont, to the north of Verdun, was easily repulsed by the French and numerous casualties were caused to the attacking forces. Soissons was bombarded during the hours of the night.

A successful raid by the French troops was made between the Aisne and the Aisne, and at least 150 prisoners were taken.

In the Champagne district, a new attack was launched against the German positions at Maisons de Champagne on a front of 500 metres. On Hill 185 the French troops penetrated the fortified work on the slopes north of Mamelon, and ejected the enemy from the remaining trenches he had taken in the Verdun offensive.

BRITISH FRONT.

London, March 14.—Taking advantage of the continued heavy weather caused by the thawing land, the Germans to the west of Bapaume have retreated from their main defensive system. Through their wonderful defensive works, dugouts and trenches, the British have advanced another five thousand yards. Near the Louport wood, the village of Grenvilles has been captured. The British artillery is keeping up a constant bombardment of the enemy positions on the Somme, and between Souchez and Arras, artillery activity is most pronounced.

MORE VESSELS SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 14.—The Cunard liner "Folia" has been sunk by a German submarine. There was only one United States citizen on board and he was among the survivors.

The Norwegian ship "Storstad" reported sunk recently was carrying grain for the suffering Belgians, was unequipped for defence. She hoisted the relief flag and made no attempt to escape, but the Hun paid no heed to the signals. Another Norwegian steamer is reported to have been sunk outside of the barred zone. She also carried grain from the American Relief Commission for the starving Belgians, but notwithstanding the Relief flag, and also being outside of the danger zone, she was torpedoed.

A BOLD SUGGESTION

The most sensible suggestion made at the meeting of the Retail Merchants Association last night was that the city possess its own coal yard, so that the citizens could get coal that was all coal—not half water, nor half snow. The meeting was held in the council chamber. There was no second.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL.

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

Don't forget the masquerade skating carnival at the rink to-night.

No two are alike—the ladies' suits and coats—Wallace's.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, March 14.—According to the latest reports, Germany is again attempting to revive the articles of the old treaty of 1798, whereby all German residents in the United States would be immune from arrest and internment in the event of an actual state of war existing between the United States and Germany. German residents in the States were to be given six months in order to wind up their business affairs and take their departure.

It is considered unlikely that such proposals will be considered by the State Department, now that diplomatic relations have been broken off. At the same time, Germany is objecting to the administration of the Belgian relief work in northern France being administered any longer by Americans, and arrangements have had to be made to get Holland to take over this work.

In the event of war, the leaders of the four great railroad brotherhoods have informed the President that they will stand behind him in any action he should consider necessary. Public opinion in the United States is still running very strongly in favor of war with Germany. The New York Times in an editorial advises the American ships to fire at the German submarines at sight. The Times sees in the German retreat on the western front and the fall of Baghdad, the beginning of the end. "The pendulum has begun to swing backwards for the Huns."

PREMIER AT THE FRONT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 14.—The Canadian Premier and his colleagues on their visit to the colonial troops in France have found a spirit of confidence pervading all ranks. The ministerial party was greatly impressed with the armed strength of the troops of the various self-governing dominions. The officer commanding the French army paid a great tribute to the Canadian infantry corps, in saying that he regarded them as one of the finest in the battle line. That Canadians were singled out of all the other splendid bodies of men is significant of the work they have done.

A LETTER FROM THE G. T. P.

At the meeting of the Retail Merchants Association last night a letter from Mr. Chamberlin, president of the G. T. P., was read as follows:

"I have yours of the 7th inst., contents noted. I sincerely regret the position taken by the people at Prince Rupert, as the company is powerless in the matters to which you refer, and actions of this kind are injurious not only to Prince Rupert, but to the railway company."

In the meantime the Grand Trunk Pacific are not carrying any competitive traffic for the Prince Rupert merchants, and in the meeting the remark was overheard that they will require to write perhaps many more gracious letters before they do.

THE VICTORY LOAN

Ottawa, March 14.—More money for the Canadian "Victory" war loan was offered yesterday than on the opening day of either of the two previous war loans. Every indication is that the victory loan has established a new record. The big corporations have subscribed at least forty millions.

A RICH SMELL



—Cartoon by Shields of the Toronto Telegram.

TO START SHIPBUILDING FOR GREAT BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, March 14.—The Imperial Munitions Board has now completed arrangements for the building of ships for Great Britain in Canada. Arrangements on a very elaborate scale have been perfected.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Fairbanks has arrived with 17,000 pounds; Guildford, 3,000; Joe Baker, 5,000; Oonah, 10,000, and the Sealight with 2,000. No sales had been made at time of writing. A special train with refrigerator cars is expected in soon, and more are on the way, so that there will be no shortage of cars to handle the traffic.

WANT NO HALF-HOLIDAY

That the stores be closed on Wednesday afternoons is not a good thing for Prince Rupert was decided by ballot at the Retail Merchants meeting last night. A motion to abolish the half-day closing and to give the clerks a 52-hour week was adopted, thus bringing Prince Rupert merchants into line with the southern cities Merchants' Associations.

RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCN.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Retail Merchants Association last night the question of affiliation with the Dominion Retail Merchants Association was taken to avizandum by a special committee.

SUN AND TIDE

Thursday, March 15th.
Sun rises 6:51 a. m.
Sun sets 6:29 p. m.
High water 5:17 a. m. Ht. 19.3
Low water 11:51 a. m. Ht. 6.4
High water 6:26 p. m. Ht. 15.4
Low water 11:48 p. m. Ht. 9.7
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

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

RETAIL MERCHANTS AND THE CITY MARKET

The position of the Retail Merchants in connection with the City Market was gone into to some length last night at the Retail Merchants meeting. The financial report of the city treasurer for the January business at the market was criticised. The treasurer's statement, as reported, had it that 500 boxes of apples sold at the market netted the growers an average of 86 1/2 cents. This figure was challenged, as being received by the grower. Allowing, for the sake of argument, that this figure was correct, was the right thing being done by the grower? The market was for the mutual benefit of producer and consumer. Yet the City Market sold for 90c to \$1.25 what no other merchant could buy at less than \$1.45 laid down in Rupert. The only assumption was that the City Market was not doing the fair thing by the grower, besides working an injustice to the local merchants. It was claimed that 1000 boxes of apples came to the City Market under a misapprehension. The first small shipment was sold for \$1.80 and \$1.90 when other stores in town sold the same apples for \$1.25 and \$1.60. On these high prices, the shippers were induced to forward 1000 boxes, which, according to the market report, only half were sold at 86 1/2 cents, and even that figure was doubted.

It was said that the City Market prices had no proper basis. It did not really cut down the cost of living, but consistently sold at a fraction below the regular retail price. Take eggs for instance; one merchant sold at 60c, the market cut to 57 1/2 cents. The merchant dropped to 55 cents just to see what would happen, and the market dropped to 52 1/2c. It was the same all the way through. Take again butter, suppose the market value was 50c., but the retailer charged 60c, did the city market sell for 50c. No! It charged 57 1/2 cents.

Other instances of inconsistency were given. When the butter merchants found they were not getting their market price they stopped sending and then were accused of boycotting the market. It was said that 7 1/2 per cent was all that the City Market cost, but rent, light, water, etc., had all to be paid by the city, and over \$600 was taken out of the taxes last year for the upkeep of the City Market. No merchant could run his business on 7 1/2 per cent. It was said also that Burns' lard, hams and bacon were sold at the market and perhaps Burns' beef. Burns did not sell "on consignment," so the City Market must have bought these goods outright, which was not supposed to be done.

Finally it was suggested that a deputation wait on the city council and lay the grievance of the Retail Merchants before that body. It was pointed out that the matter was at present under consideration by the council and that possibly the better plan would be to leave it in their hands. But quick as a flash, came the retort that the matter had been up before the city council for the past two years without anything being done. So it was decided that the executive committee interview the city council and to see if the City Market could not be operated so as not to work a hardship on anyone.

Rare opportunity—latest models, no two alike—easy payment plan—the ladies' suits and coats—Wallace's.

New curtain goods—new goods of all kinds—Wallace's.

BRITISH ARE PURSUING THE FLEEING TURKS

Great Captures of Military Stores Made in the City of Baghdad—City Sacked by Turks Before Leaving.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 14.—The British forces pressing on beyond Baghdad encountered strong opposition in the village of Kazimdin. The position chosen for a stand by the Turkish forces was the strongest they could get. Situated a few miles north of Baghdad the retreating Turk had hoped to hold up the British advance to enable the main part of his forces to escape north. The British stormed the village, which was well defended by machine guns, the gunboats of the river lending great assistance. Hundreds of the Turks surrendered. Before leaving the city, Baghdad was sacked in the manner which the Turk loves, only on this occasion there was not time enough for him to do his marauding work thoroughly. The civilian population had been plundered of most of their portable valuables, but, nevertheless, the British found great supplies of military stores, and ammunition of all kinds, which probably would have proved too bulky and heavy for a quick retreat across the desert. The pursuit of the retreating Turkish forces continues.

THE FIGHTING PARSON

The Westholme Theatre was crowded to the doors last night and a more interesting show has seldom been placed before the public than that which was witnessed yesterday evening. The troubles of the parson in trying to correct the evils of a mushroom mining town in Nevada in the early days were strikingly shown. The interest of the audience was secured from the very first and Dustin Farnum as the parson filled the part completely. The programme will be repeated tonight. The music is especially good.

STILL GETTING THEM

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 14.—The latest reports received here state that between January 1 and February 15, about sixty German submarines have been either captured or destroyed. It is said that the policy of silence adopted by the British Admiralty has so affected the crews of the submarines with the uncertainty of their fate that actual surrenders have taken place.

REMEMBER the benefit whist drive and dance of the Lodge Valhalla of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America TOMORROW at 8:30 p. m. in the K. of P. Hall. Tickets 50c. Music by the Westholme orchestra.

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