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## BIG RUSH BY ALLIES ON WESTERN FRONT

### ALLIED ADVANCE IS ON A FRONT OF OVER EIGHTY MILES AND TEN MILES DEEP

#### BIG ADVANCE BY BRITISH AND FRENCH

German Lines Captured on Front of Forty-Five Miles and Ten Miles Deep—French Advance 37 Miles.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 19.—Strongly held positions, very heavily fortified, which have been in possession of the Germans since the beginning of the war, are now in possession of the victorious British and French troops. The terrific bombardment of the massed Allied artillery have driven the Hun from his strongholds. Following the capture of Bapaume, the British advanced and captured the Nesle-chaux and Peronne. The German lines on a front of 45 miles have been taken and for an average depth of ten miles. The maximum advance to date at one point is sixteen miles. Bapaume, which for many months was regarded as the greatest stronghold of the Germans, and by them considered impregnable is now in the hands of the British. The Germans tried to fire the town before leaving and much destruction was caused by the flames. The triumphant advances are being strongly pushed and the retreat of the Germans is being hurried by the advancing Allies. On the north the British gain stretches from Bapaume to Monchy as Bois, including the villages of Le Transloy, Achiet le Grand, Achiet le Petit, Bucquoy and others. Peronne was also successfully stormed. The town of Peronne was regarded by the Germans as being equally impregnable as Bapaume, but it fell to the British just the same.

#### French Front.

Paris, March 19.—The French troops have advanced on the Aisne front to an extent of 37 miles, and have penetrated in places some twelve miles deep into the German positions. Between Audencherie and Oise, the most powerfully fortified lines held by the Germans for the past two years have been taken, along with the important town of Roye. The German city of Frankfurt-on-Main has been bombed by French aeroplanes, in retaliation for the firing of Bapaume.

#### Belgian Front.

Bombardments by each side are taking place in the neighbourhood of Dixmude.

#### Mesopotamia.

The British are still pursuing the Turks. The Russians are driving a disorganized rabble from Persia and it is expected that they will be unable to join up with the retreating army from Bagdad, on account of the swiftness of the British advance.

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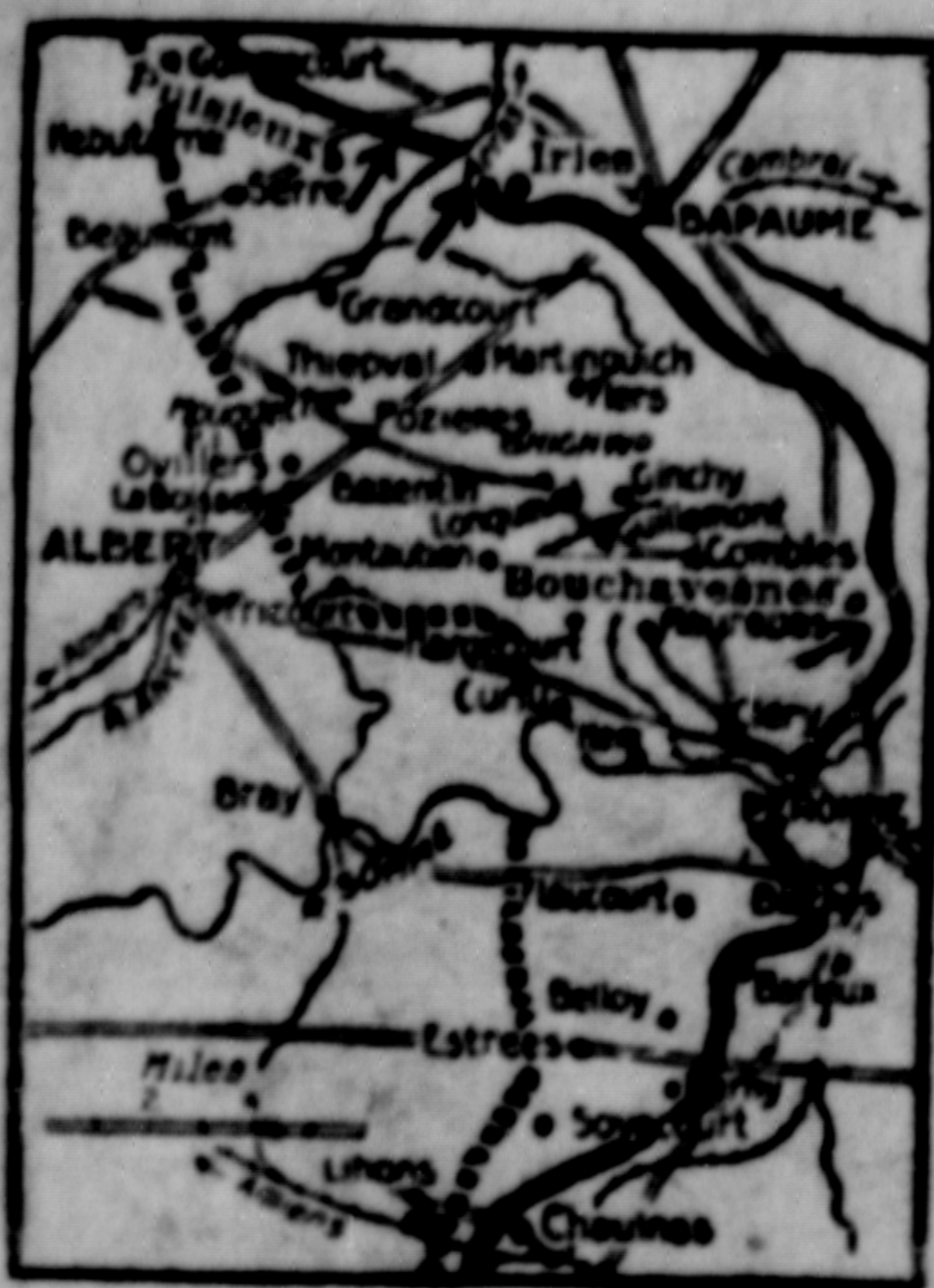
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MORE BRITISH GAINS.

The arrows show the direction of the recent advances.

#### MR. A. M. MANSON, M. P. P. ADDRESSES THE HOUSE

The member for Omineca, Mr. A. M. Manson, made his first speech in the Provincial Parliament last week. Discussing the situation in the district he represents, where the greatest amount of land has been swallowed by speculators. Mr. Manson criticized the old government for permitting the choicest portions of agricultural land being alienated. The old government also claimed much credit for the Soldiers' Homestead Act of last session. Mr. Manson showed that the only benefit accruing to the returned soldier-pre-emptor was \$10, in that he did not have to pay the fee for a crown grant. The necessity for community settlement was dwelt upon, with the advantages of telephones, good roads, etc., instead of the old plan of allowing a man to go out into the wilderness and hew for himself a home there. He declared that it would be far better for the present government to bring in these scattered settlers and place them in communities than to waste money in all the out of the way corners on facilities for a very few.

#### U. S. RAILROAD STRIKE TIES UP FISH TRAFFIC

With 400,000 employees of the railroads in the United States on strike, beginning on Saturday night, the Canadian companies here are only accepting traffic "subject to delay." This, as regards the fish traffic, is tantamount to refusal, as no fish company could despatch fresh fish under such a condition.

There are several boats in today with good supplies of halibut, but up to the time of writing there was no bidding. Word had come that it was possible that the strike would be postponed for 48 hours, and all are anxiously waiting for further information regarding the situation. This, of course, does not affect the Canadian fishing boats, but the majority of the vessels in this morning are of American register. Their cargoes can only be shipped to the States.

#### THE RAID ON KENT.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, March 19.—A German seaplane successfully dropped bombs on the railroad station and sheds at Margate. Two large fires were observed by the pilot.

This is apparently the German account of the aeroplane raid reported on Saturday at Westgate, Kent. Westgate is quite near to Margate, and the damage was said to be slight and there were no casualties.

Complete line of spring goods at Goldbloom's.



STRANDED SURVIVORS OF THE TORPEDOED "CALIFORNIA."—The photo shows the helpless victims of Hun savagery as they arrived at Glasgow from Holyhead. It was a sad homecoming for the British born, who were returning to their native land in most cases after many years absence.

#### MEUE, MEUE, TEKEL UPHARSIN

Ottawa, March 15.—Most prognosticators take the New Brunswick provincial election to be another bit of writing on the wall, but the Toronto News does not look at it that way. It is out to prove that straws do not show which way the wind blows. As the Toronto News, perhaps more than any other Conservative paper in Canada, gets its gospel straight from the Ottawa fountain head, its attitude toward Conservative disasters in the provinces may be accepted as the official one.

What is the official attitude of the Borden Government toward the misfortunes of its political brethren in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia—seven provinces out of nine—all of which maintain Liberal Governments? How does the Borden Government explain the debacles in New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia which within the last year have turned out Conservative Governments to put Liberal ones in? Why, simply enough! They are going to argue that they're like the works of the watch—have nothing to do with the case.

The sins of Conservative Governments in New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia are to be on their own heads. Most people were of the opinion that their close connection with the Borden Government helped to plaster them with the Allison and other scandals. If the Borden Government played fair it would share the Roblin Government's sins, the Bowser Government's sins and the New Brunswick Government's sins, but the Borden Government won't have it that way. It takes the ground that it has sins enough of its own and that the unlucky provinces will have to do their own repenting. The Borden Government is not accepting any odium that can be unloaded somewhere else.

Most people have the right idea that the result in New Brunswick was a sort of personal triumph for Frank Carvell, who had bearded ex-Premier Fleming in his lair and fought him to a finish. But the News states that the province was corrupt anyway and that this is a welcome sign of a change of heart. In this way the blame is shifted from the New Brunswick Government in particular to the province of New Brunswick in general.

Similar the late Roblin Government is thrown to the wolves, he News declaring that any people

that would stand for the Roblin Government would show "a complete want of spirit and conscience." Evidently the News is out to bury Caesar, not to praise him. These open confessions are good for the soul but bad for the morale of the Conservative party. The News does not include the Hon. Robert Rogers in its Manitoba repudiations. If it were questioned on this point it would probably say that the Roblin Government went to the demeriton bow-wow only after the Honorable Bob left it.

A kinder tone is adopted to the late Bowser Government. In the process of saving itself from its friends the Borden Government will kick it downstairs too, but not forcibly as it does New Brunswick and Manitoba. The News is inclined to divide the blame for Bowser's downfall into three parts—Sir Richard McBride, a bursted land boom and certain mistakes—for example land and financial exploitation—but considers that the "people themselves were more responsible than the ministers at Victoria." In short it passes the buck again—puts it up to the common people. Incidentally one wonders if the people of British Columbia were more responsible than Sir Richard McBride for unleashing a brace of asthmatic submarines on the Dominion Government for about four hundred thousand dollars more than their catalogue price.

One way and another the signs multiply that when a general election comes on the Borden Government's policy will be to deny anything. It will even the high cost of living as the direct outcome of its high tariff policy. It will blame it on the war and a general shortage in the food supply. Of course, it will not go on to explain that perhaps fifty per cent. of the shortage is caused by its friends, the food barons, keeping the stuff in cold storage and doling it out in limited quantities at famine prices. The Borden Government cannot be expected to injure its benefactors by using the War Measures Act against them.

Each and every food baron, thanks to the Borden Government, has had a chance to get rich quick since the war started. They took it in turn. By gradual increases it was discovered just how much the people could stand and, when the level was reached, where the people refused to buy, the best previous maximum was fixed as the price until the people got a little poorer and the price had to come down again. Sugar, you will remember, was allowed to act that

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#### AUSTRIA AND A SEPARATE PEACE

(Special to The Daily News.)

In political circles in Vienna, the belief is gaining ground that negotiations with the new Russian Cabinet with a view to an armistice will be undertaken in the near future. Von Bethman Hollweg, the German Chancellor, was at Vienna on Saturday and had a long conference with the Emperor Charles and the Empress.

Von Bethman Hollweg left for Berlin yesterday. The conference was chiefly on the Russian situation.

The Emperor Charles is known to be anxious about the matter.

#### FRENCH CABINET CRISIS.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 19.—The French Cabinet, headed by Premier Briand, have placed their resignations in the hands of the President. The Briand ministry has been made the object of repeated attacks lately, on account of its economic policy. It was re-organized last December. Following the British precedent of a shake up during war times, it is expected that some new blood will be injected to the Cabinet.

The President has been called upon to interpret the situation in the best interests of national defence.

#### STRIKE OFF.

(Special to The Daily News.)

As we go to press, a report has come in that the Railroadmen's strike in the United States has been "declared off," with the success of the eight hour movement.

#### THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the city council was held on Saturday afternoon. Mayor McCaffery and Ald. McRae were appointed on a delegation to visit Victoria and interview the Government there regarding the waterfront lots wanted by the city. Ald. McRae is already in the south and the Mayor left last night to join him. Mr. Fred Peters, K. C., the city clerk, is also in the south on business, in connection with the appeal of the Imperial Oil Company from the decision of the Court of Revision of the the assessment roll.

New line of silk sweaters just arrived at Goldbloom's.

#### PLEBISCITE TO BE TAKEN BY THE RUSSIANS

Whether the Grand Duke Michael Will Be Czar is in Hands of People—Duke Nicholas Army Commander.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, March 19.—According to a manifesto issued by the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, he leaves his election to the Throne of the Czar of all the Russians in the hands of the nation at large. A plebiscite of all the provinces will be taken to decide whether the kingdom shall be preserved or whether a Republican form of government will take its place. The hopes of the revolutionists are now centred in the Duma, which has the confidence of the people.

At Kiev, General Brussiloff, the commander of the armies in Galicia, had authorized the publication of telegrams announcing the revolution at the capitals. The attitude of the armies in the field, in face of the new developments, has been a matter of conjecture in Petrograd, but it is believed that the appointment of the Grand Duke Nicholas as Commander in Chief will be hailed with enthusiasm by the troops. The fact that the victorious advance of two years ago was made by him has placed his reputation with the armies very highly. After his abdication, the Czar Nicholas returned to the General Staff Headquarters.

#### Damage is Slight.

Apart from the killing of a few officials, who were re-actionary bureaucrats, the damage and loss of life is slight. At Moscow, the Chief of Police was arrested and the headquarters of the secret police were burned.

#### Duma Convened.

The Russian constitutional assembly will be convened as soon as it is possible. The Winter Palace on the Nevsky prospect, the official residence of the Czar in Petrograd, has been proclaimed national property, and within its historic walls the first really constitutional and popular national assembly will meet.

#### Would Not Join.

The Russian garrison at the fortress of Sveaborg, which defends the port of Helsingfors in the Gulf of Finland, are reported to have mutined and refused to join in the revolution.

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