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RETREAT OF GERMANS IS NOW SLOWING UP

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RETREATING GERMAN ARMY NOW RESISTS

At Many Points the Retreat Comes to Standstill—French Pursuit Rapid and Threatens German Line.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 23.—The retrograde movement on the western front is coming to a standstill today. The British and French troops have reached points very near the "Hindenberg line." The fighting between large masses of men may be expected to occur very shortly. It has been learned that a German offensive has been planned for the 5th of April. The greatest interest is manifested in the reports from the French front. The pursuit by General Nivelle's forces has been so rapid as to threaten the piercing of the German line near to the Somme Canal, thus menacing the German positions at La Fere, which are supposed to be based on the Hindenberg line. To the south and the southeast of Peronne, the French have captured forty additional villages.

British Advance.

During the last twenty-four hours the British have advanced ten miles east of the River Somme. Between Nurlu and Arras in a number of places the enemy is beginning to develop considerable resistance. Nevertheless his rear wards are being steadily driven from their positions and our progress continues. A co-ordinated advance is being made in every department of the vast attacking forces.

THE EFFECT "KULTUR"

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 23.—It became known yesterday that the Germans at Rouey Le Petit collected about two hundred old people and children in addition to the usual population, and then deliberately shelled the village. A great number of the defenceless and innocent people were killed.

NOTICE

Assistant Forest Rangers.

An examination for assistant Forest Rangers will be held at 9 a. m. on March 28th, in the Court House, Prince Rupert. Mr. John Lafon, assistant forester, Victoria, will conduct the examination.

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THE SITUATION UNDER THE NEW RUSSIAN GOVT.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, March 23.—Correspondence between the Czarina and former Minister Protopopoff has been discovered proving Protopopoff and others of the former Royalist Government had attempted to conclude a separate peace with Germany. The Grand Duke Nicholas will maintain discipline in the army and has telegraphed to the Premier to restore complete order among the populace.

London, March 23.—Messages received via Berlin state that great confusion exists in Russia. An archist agitation against the continuance of the war is growing. They state that the working men have refused to respond to appeals to resume work. It is thus indicated that the Provisional Government is far from being in control of the situation. Not too much credence is to be placed in messages received from Germany. Until corroboration is received from other sources, judgment is suspended as to the truth of these statements.

An official advice from Petrograd states that all members of the former Russian dynasty have placed themselves in the hands of the new Government.

DIRECT OUTCOME OF EVENTS IN RUSSIA

London, March 21.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech before the Prussian Diet, promising liberal concessions, over which the German press waxes enthusiastic, is regarded in this country as a direct outcome of the Russian revolution.

"If the Russian people," says the Manchester Guardian, "win and establish their liberty upon an impregnable basis, then they will have given a new aspect to civilization. Already the first workings of the revolution are visible in the speech of the German Chancellor, in which he promises an internal political reorganization to Germany and a less illiberal franchise to Prussia."

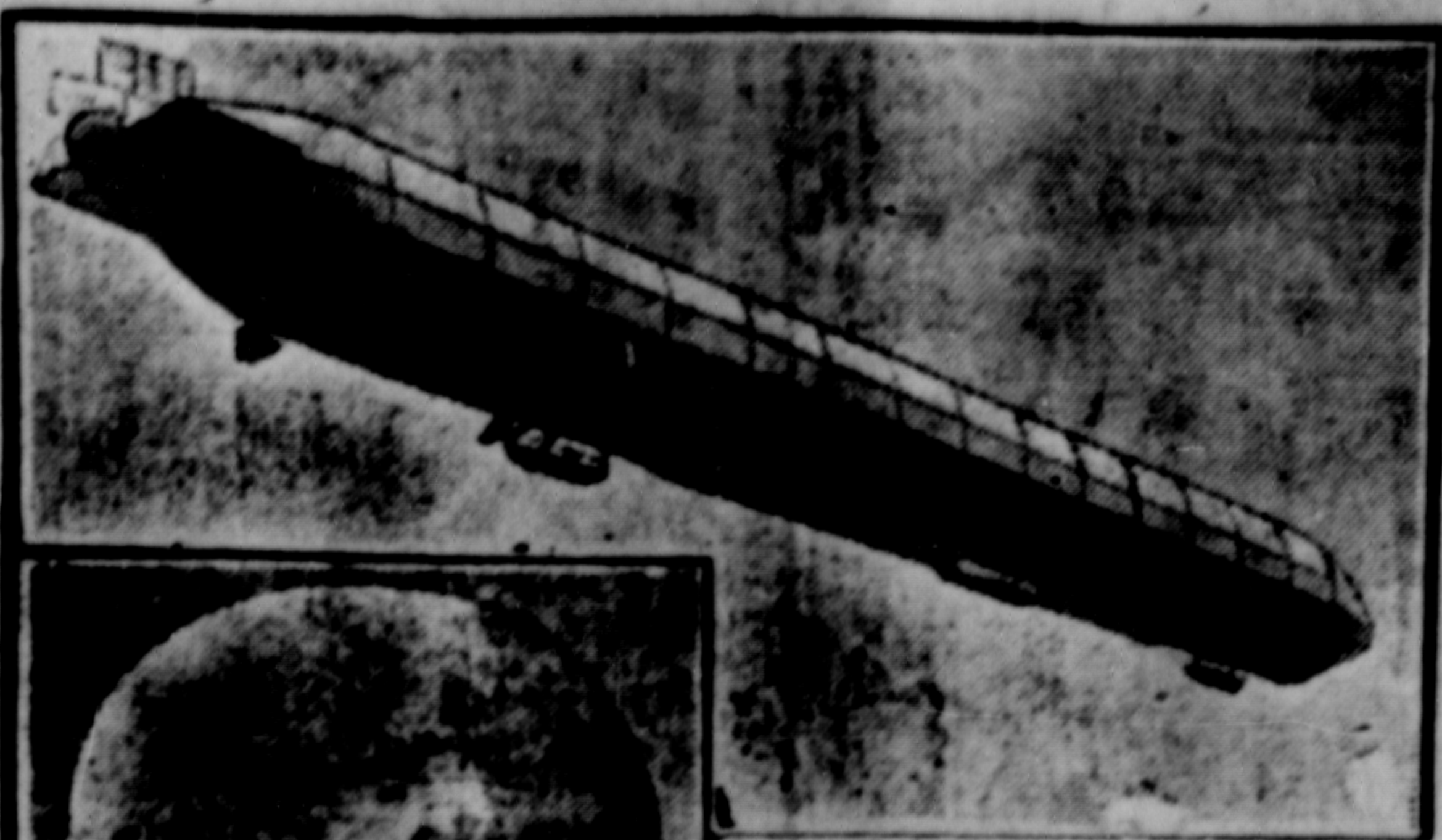
"Already an anxious question faces Germany, the Germany of the junkers. How can they hope to stand and face the German people, who are shedding their blood and their treasure for reaction against liberty? The revolution in Russia is the deadliest blow to the war morale of Germany yet struck. Britain hails new Russia with higher hope and surer confidence in the future, not only of the war, but of the world."

HAL PECK STAYS WITH SHIP

Mr. Hal Peck, of this city, happened to be one of the passengers on board the Prince Rupert last night. Mr. Peck is agent for Lloyds, the marine insurance people, and he is remaining on board the stranded vessel meantime, representing the underwriters. Mr. Peck arranged for his tug, the McCullough, to bring out a scow, in case there was any further danger, so that the mail at least could be saved. The McCullough carried the passengers to Inverness this morning, whence they were brought into Rupert by a special train.

The passengers suffered very little discomfort, and all the experiences of shipwreck were enjoyed, under the most favorable conditions for them.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Andrew's Society will hold an informal dance on April 2nd, in the Railwayman's Hall. Westholme orchestra, and refreshments. Admission 50c. Surplus for the Patriotic Fund. 62-6-9-72-5



LATE COUNT ZEPPELIN AND HIS INVENTION

Count Zeppelin is reported to have died of pneumonia and grief over the failure of his invention to bring victory to the Fatherland.

S. S. PRINCE RUPERT NOW HIGH AND DRY

Leaving here last night in a blinding snowstorm, the "Prince Rupert" smelt her way out of the harbor, and all went well until about fourteen miles out, she took to the ground. She was still fast this morning. The passengers were in no danger and were landed on the G. T. P. track by tug boats sent out from Prince Rupert. A special train was sent out to bring them in to town, which arrived this morning after eleven o'clock. The accident happened just about the top of high water, on Genn Island, one of the numerous small islands which stud this coast. The damage to the steamer has not been fully ascertained, and full particulars have not yet been received. That there has been no loss of life will be quite satisfactory information to the community.

The last advices received regarding the stranded Prince Rupert are to the effect that the ship is in a rather bad position. At low water she is said to be high and dry, and her situation is such that makes it very difficult for the scows to be brought alongside. The damage appears to be extensive. The highest tide for the next half year will flow early tomorrow at 2.04 a. m., when it will attain a height of 23.1 feet. Everything possible will be done to effect temporary repairs to enable the ship to be brought off on this tide, as the difficulties will increase as the tides get lower.

FRENCH FRONT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 23.—Despite the vigorous defence by the Germans, the French forces have occupied several more villages to the north of Soissons in their forward sweep. The Germans were thrown out of several important positions north of Tergnier. North of Berry au Bac the German trenches were raided and many prisoners taken. In the Argonne several German raids on the French trenches were repulsed with great losses to the enemy.

LARGE AREA CAPTURED

(Special to The Daily News.)

French official—The total territory re-occupied by the Allies in France up to the 21st March is 853 square miles. Spirited fighting is going on all along the French front but no further evacuations are mentioned.

Owing to the bad weather, The Table Supply has extended its Dollar Day Sale to include Saturday, March 24. Don't miss this opportunity. 20 big bargains, and every one a leader.

NEGRO RAN AMUCK IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT

The police station had three calls last evening from different ladies that a negro was attempting to break into their houses. Constable Bailey immediately set out to the threatened quarter, but failed to locate the man, as he had gone away in another direction. At 11:35 p. m. another call came. Constable Bailey took a car this time and made for the house on Thomson Street whence had come the call. He then saw the man heading up Sixth Avenue. He chased the suspect with the auto and eventually got him near Chief Gammon's house. Constable Bailey immediately searched him for a gun, whereupon the negro showed fight. The negro was crazed with drugs of some kind, possibly opium, and fought with great dexterity.

Chief Gammon heard the noise and immediately came to the assistance of Constable Bailey, but the negro managed to break loose and headed down Sixth Avenue towards McBride Street. On a piece of vacant ground there, a large number of piles are stored and here the negro took refuge. The nigger was in the woodpile all right. The two police officers went after him, and then he pulled a knife. The weather was snowy and the piles were very slippery, and in the scramble all three fell, and when the police officers extricated themselves their man had disappeared.

However, at three o'clock this morning advices were received as to his whereabouts, and Constables Adams and Bailey went down and arrested him in the Houston Rooms on Second Ave. By this time the crazing effect of the dope had worn off and no difficulty was experienced in taking him in charge.

There have been several complaints recently regarding prowling negroes around private dwellings in the city and it is to be hoped that such an example will be made of this case as will deter any possible future offenders in this respect.

RIPE FOR REVOLUTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 23.—According to a speech by the Socialist member Hoffman in the Reichstag, thirty thousand cases of smallpox rage in Germany at the present moment and the contagion is spreading. Hoffman made a very strong speech in which he charged the rich with getting fatter while the poor got none. He accused the Government of actually hoarding sausage, while the poor were actually dying from hunger. That such a speech was permitted to be made strengthens the belief that conditions are ripe for real revolution in Germany.

THE FIGHT

The fight between the lightweights, Freddy Welch and Benjie Leonard, of Philadelphia, which was booked to take place last night, did not come off after all. All the pugs in Rupert were gathered together last night notwithstanding the weather, to learn the result, and were disappointed when none came through. A flash this morning states that the fight is off, but gives no reason.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The severe weather is having its effects on the fishing boats. The Eagle was the only one to arrive yesterday. She had 22,000 pounds and sold to the Booth Fisheries for 9% cents. There are no fishing boats in today up to noon.

GERMANY ASKS MEDIATION OF NEUTRAL STATE

Does Not Want Hostilities With United States—Request unheeded Till End of Ruthlessness.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 23.—It is stated that a neutral nation in Europe will offer to mediate to prevent hostilities between the United States and Germany. It is not doubted that this neutral nation is egged on by Germany. No heed will be paid to such an attempt unless Germany stops her submarine campaign of ruthlessness.

London, March 23.—A declaration of war by Germany against the United States within the next few days would not surprise the British officials.

SOL'S AUTOMOBILE JUMPS THE TRACK

On Hays Cove Circle is to be seen an automobile with its nose buried in the muskeg and its rear wheels on the level of the street. It is Sol Mussallem's car, it is said. The refractory car slid gracefully over the edge without doing anyone any hurt. Sol's car took to the muskeg for the same reason that the Prince Rupert took to the rocks, and the snow is blamed in both cases.

RAID RELIEF STORES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 23.—In their retreat, the Germans besides laying waste the countryside and looting everything, have sacked even the supply houses of the American Relief Commission. The French inhabitants, mostly women and children, are utterly without food.

THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

A photoplay based on D'Enery's "The Two Orphans," that famous book, will be shown at the Westholme Theatre tonight. The most massive and elaborate sets that ever lent truth and color to a photoplay were used in the production of this famous play.

The scene of the streets of Paris, showing the arrival of the Normandy coach bearing the "Two Orphans" alone cost \$5,000 and the whole play cost \$200,000 before it was completed. The great care taken in the production of this play has resulted in some marvellous scenes unequalled heretofore in the history of motion picture making. The artists are well known to be in the front line, and this will be something worth seeing.

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