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TREMENDOUS ASSAULT ON HINDENBEG LINE

FRENCH AND BRITISH ATTACK GERMANS ON EXTENDED FRONT—BATTLE RAGING

GREAT BATTLE NOW RAGING ON WESTERN FRONT

Allies Are Advancing on Whole Western Front—Turning Point in West Likely To Be Result.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 26.—Along the whole front of the German retreat the allies are advancing. A terrific battle is in progress which is likely to prove one of the turning points of the war in France. Reinforcements and reserves are being rushed forward. Details are lacking.

To the north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road an enemy bombing attack on one of our posts in the neighborhood of Beaumont Les Cambrai last night were successfully driven off. Our position to the west of Croisilles was improved. The enemies' trenches were entered during the night to the northeast of Loos and many prisoners and machine guns were captured. Two important railway junctions behind the enemy's lines were bombed by our aeroplanes. Eight hostile machines were driven down out of control.

French Front.

Paris, March 26.—Very heavy fighting is reported around St. Quentin. The French troops made an important advance against the town which is very strongly fortified. As the French closed in upon the enemy's lines they met with considerable resistance. Time and time again the Germans attempted to win back the positions taken from them by the French but all their attempts failed. The War Office reports the position embracing Castres and Essigny le Grand extending over a front of two and a half miles taken from the enemy. Heavy fighting has been in progress in practically all sectors, with large German losses. The battle still rages with the utmost fury and the enemy is hard pressed. The French troops have also established a footing of the Soissons-St. Quentin Highroad, by crossing the Ailette and capturing the salient at the apex. The French are fighting with redoubled fury caused by the sight of the wanton and complete destruction of the whole country vacated by the Germans. Destruction so wanton, useless and unnecessary has never before been witnessed, and instead of hindering the advance of the Allies, has only raised their determination to completely oust the enemy.

Italian Front.

Rome, March 26.—Great artillery activity is evidenced on the Trentino front. Considerable enemy activity has been shown near Gorizia. With the advent of the spring weather the Italians are hoping to make further progress.

Mesopotamia.

Little information as to the (Continued on Page four.)

MINERAL SURVEY OF THE PROVINCE

A bill has been brought into the Legislature by the Hon. Wm. Sloan, minister of mines, to provide for a mineral survey of the province and for the development of the mining resources of British Columbia, in which are included provisions for the protection of wage earners and investors, and the aiding of prospectors and miners.

Of the sixteen sections of the bill, five are devoted to the matter of a mineral survey of the province, and five to the provision of aid to the prospector and miner. In one section each the minister provides protection for the workman and the investor such as they have never had before in this province. The province is divided into six mineral survey districts, each of which will have a permanent survey station and office. Prince Rupert and Hazelton will have a station each. There will be a duly qualified resident mining engineer in charge of each district and he is to undertake and carry on continuously a mineral survey of his district, keep complete and comprehensive records and plans as the work progresses and perform all the duties which this act imposes upon a resident engineer.

Aid to Miners.

It is specifically directed that these resident engineers shall aid miners and prospectors by giving information as to mineral indications and as to ground open for location as mineral claims or placer mines; by examining samples and applying tests, etc.; by reporting to the minister of mines the location and approximate cost of such roads, trails and bridges as are reasonably necessary for the development of any mineral resources, etc, and generally by giving such advice information and directions as may be of assistance to miners and prospectors within his district.

The minister of mines is given power to acquire and use diamond keystone and other drills for the purpose of ascertaining the existence and location of mines and minerals.

Protects Wage-Earners.

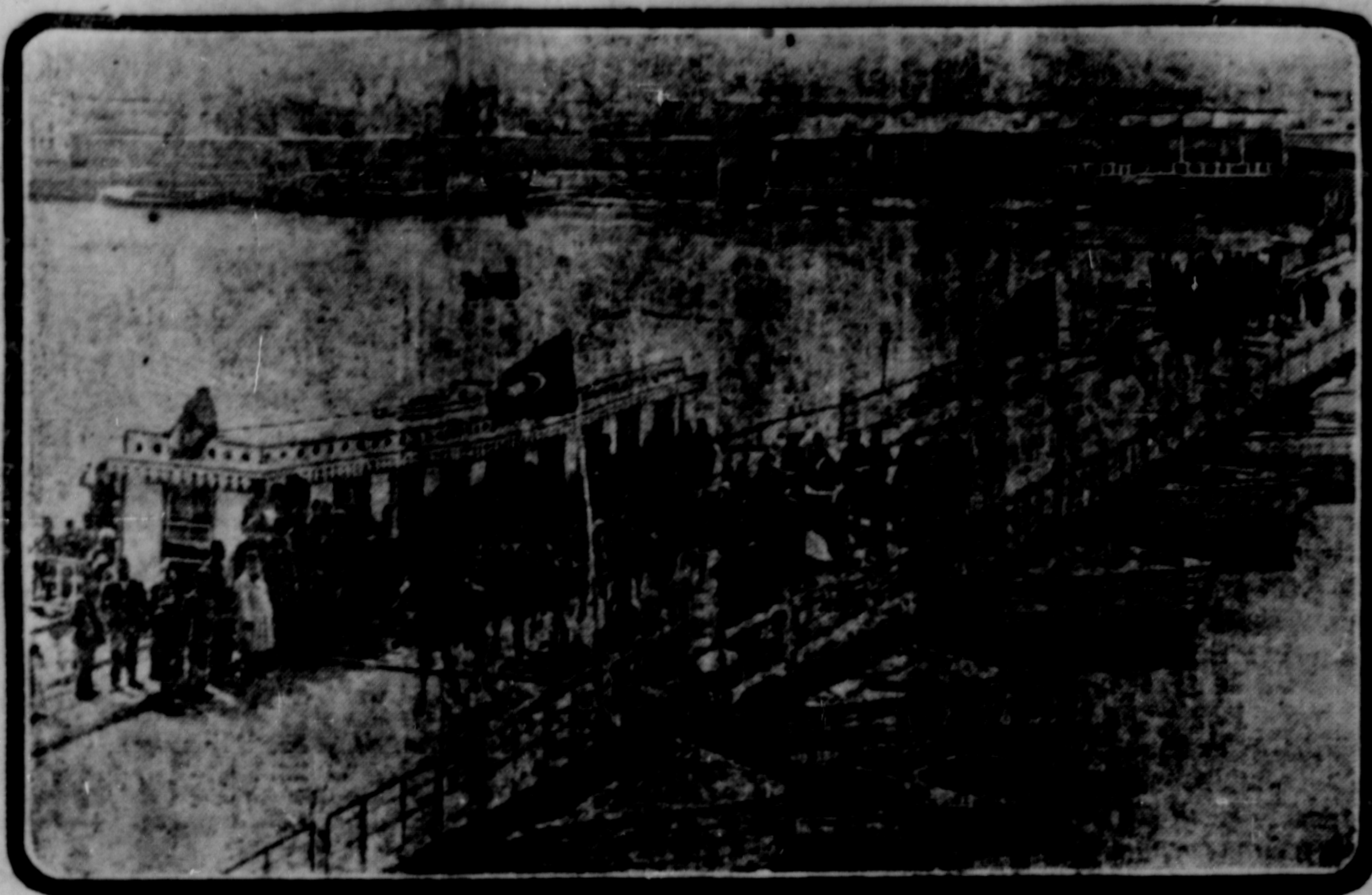
For the protection of the wage-earner it is provided that in any option or bond for the sale of any mining claim there shall be a provision that wages shall be paid semi-monthly during the currency of the option or bond; that the person taking the right to option or purchase shall furnish to the nearest government agent or mining recorder adequate security for the payment of all wages; and that the giver of the option shall obtain a certificate that such security has been given, failing which he will be personally liable to pay all wages.

The investor is protected by making it mandatory on the resident engineer and permissive for the minister, when any shares are advertised upon statements or terms not in accordance with the facts or conditions, to give such notice as shall prevent any injury to investors, and these notices shall be absolutely privileged.

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.

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



HISTORIC BRIDGE OVER THE TIGRIS AT BAGHDAD.

REORGANISING CIVIL SERVICE

The Civil Service Bill was introduced in the Provincial Parliament by the Premier last week, and an examination of it shows that the government is carrying out its pledge of establishing the service upon a strictly non-partisan and business basis.

For the purposes of the act the term "civil service" is declared to mean and include all persons employed by or holding office under the Crown, in all departments, branches and institutions and who are paid a yearly salary voted by the Legislative Assembly.

The service is to be placed under a commission, consisting of one commissioner, and among the duties of this commissioner will be the testing and passing upon the qualifications of candidates for admission to and promotion in the service. All candidates must be British subjects by birth or naturalization and must have resided in Canada at least one year before being admitted to the competitive examination.

There will be a reorganization of the service after the passage of the act and the service will be divided into several classes and grades. Every person retained in the discharge of his present duties shall be graded irrespective of age and according to the salary he is receiving at the time of the passing of the act, and nothing shall prejudicially affect such salary so long as he continues in office. Vacancies in the higher grades are to be filled, as far as consistent, with the best interests of the public service, by promotions from the second or any higher class.

An important section in the bill cuts out all chance of political patronage or influence which might be exercised on behalf of successful candidates, or even before examination. This reads: "No outside influence." "No person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or endeavor to influence the commission with respect to the appointment of any person to the service, or with respect to the promotion of, or an increase of salary to any officer, clerk, or employee in the service." Any person doing this "shall be deemed unworthy of such appointment, promotion or increase, and it shall not be accorded him and if he is employed in the civil service he shall be liable to instant dismissal."

In the preparation of this bill, the government have had the assistance of Professor Adam Shortt, head of the Dominion Civil Service Commission, whose

MR. FRANK W. HART MARRIED IN VANCOUVER

The following is culled from the society columns of the Vancouver Sun in a recent edition:

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clarke, 1246 Haro street, last night, Mr. F. W. Hart, of Prince Rupert, was married to Mrs. Amelia E. Ferguson, widow of the late Albert Ferguson, of Chicago, and sister of Mrs. H. C. Clarke. The matron of honor was Mrs. H. C. Clarke and the groom was supported by a friend of pioneer days, Mr. C. H. Behnsen. While Mr. Hart is now of Prince Rupert, he is a pioneer of Vancouver and put up the first real business block on Cordova street. He also built Vancouver's first opera house. Mrs. Ferguson is a sister of Mrs. Hostrawser, of Seattle, who is the mother of one of New York's most famous prima donnas, and daughter of the late Robert Campbell, who is a descendant of noted United Empire Loyalist stock, after whom the village of Campbell's Cross near Toronto, is named. After the wedding ceremony Miss Greta Clarke sang the beautiful solo, "I Love You Truly." This was followed by a violin solo by Miss Thelma Clarke. Mr. and Mrs. Hart left last night for Victoria and after a short honeymoon there they will take up their residence in Prince Rupert.

GERMAN WANTONNESS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 26.—The French government has ordered their representatives in all neutral countries to lodge a protest against the barbarism and devastation of the country on the part of the Germans during their retreat. Not a tree nor a shrub has been left standing, and destruction which could be of no military importance, was carried out irrespective of the rights of humanity in connection with the civil population.

IKEDA BAY NEW CAMP

At the Ikeda mine on Graham Island the work will shortly start on the new permanent camp. The plans call for a two-storey bunk house to accommodate a hundred men, three cottages, a cook house, powder house, root cellar, blacksmith shop, etc. An expenditure of \$10,000 is called for. Ikeda Bay will be a very busy place this year.

services have been loaned to the province by the Ottawa government.

BRIBERY ALLEGED AT FORT GEORGE ELECTION

A petition was presented in the Legislature last week on behalf of Mr. John McInnes, the defeated Socialist candidate in the Fort George riding at the last general election. With the petition were affidavits making charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the campaign of Mr. W. R. Ross, who was elected. A full investigation into the alleged irregularities by a commission was urged. It is probable that the petition will be granted. Mr. McInnes swears that Mr. Ross offered him \$500 to "forget his troubles," evidently with the intention of getting him to drop out of the running. Other charges of bribery are made by several other voters.

Mr. A. M. Manson, speaking on the subject, alleged that George Anderson, C. E., who was supposed to be in the district investigating at the instance of the government for water for power and storage purposes, had gone to that district really to work for Mr. Ross, whose election he had been informed had cost some \$30,000, not all of which had come out of that candidate's pocket.

This is not the first election at which allegations have been made regarding Mr. Ross and his methods. At a previous election at Fernie, a ballot box disappeared when Mr. Ross was declared elected by a very small majority. Mr. Ross knew better than to stand for Fernie again at this last election, so he went to Fort George, where his record was not so well known.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Germany is displeased with China's action in breaking off diplomatic relations.

The latest returns of the elections in Australia give the National Government 54 and the Independent Labor party 35 seats.

Reports from Halifax say that a tramp steamer sent a German submarine to the bottom by a shot from their gun on board. Berlin admits retirement.

The United States government have perfected every defence measure possible and are preparing for more sweeping steps to be announced when Congress meets next Monday.

Cyclone in the Argentine causes great destruction. Sandstorms were carried inland suffocating herds of cattle and destroying vegetation. Thousands are starving.

2,500,000 Australian sovereigns arrive in San Francisco for J. P. Morgan & Co.

GERMANS MASS ON NORTHERN RUSSIAN FRONT

Great Concentration of Troops is Taking Place to Attack the Russians—Moscow to be Capital.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, March 26.—From internal troubles and problems, a new danger has arisen for the Russians. The Germans are massing great numbers of troops on their northern eastern front and are expected to strike suddenly and with overwhelming force in an endeavor to break through towards Petrograd. General Kronloff, the new Russian commander of the troops in Petrograd district, conferred yesterday with the council of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates concerning the concentration of the enemy on the northern front. It was to this quarter that the pro-German element in the late government wished to take the Czar at the outbreak of the revolution and any defection among the Russian troops was to have been looked for here. With the imprisonment of the enemies at home, this last hope was frustrated. A great meeting of the soldiers on the Riga front which was attended by General Dmitrieff, and delegates from the Duma, resolved unanimously to strain every effort for the defence of Russia.

The seat of the government is likely to be removed to Moscow, which for centuries, was the capital of the empire and which is now regarded by the Russians as the "Holy City," as Petrograd is said to be swarming with German spies and the influence of the enemy is yet apparent.

FAMOUS DRAMA AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme Theatre tonight will be shown a photoplay based on that wonderful book, "A Fool There Was," written by Porter Emerson Browne. Mr. Browne has been hailed as "The American dramatist, as the result of the penning of his daring virile drama of a weak man and an unscrupulous woman. No one who has ever read the book will ever forget it, and to see it acted on the screen will make the impression deeper on the mind. The book is based on Kipling's poem beginning:

A fool there was, and he made his prayer (Even as you and I). To a rag and a bone and a hank of hair (We called her the woman who did not care)

But the fool he called her his lady fair, (Even as you and I).

Theda Bara, in the role of the woman in scarlet, "the rag and the bone and the hank of hair", scores another triumph in her art, and the play all through is one of wonderful power and interest.

Mul and Jeff are on the programme as well to balance the tragic with the comic, and the orchestra is as usual an attraction in itself.

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