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FIERCE FIGHTING WITH ALLIES' PROGRESS

DESPERATE CONFLICT OVER FIFTY-MILE FRONT -- ALLIES ARE STILL ADVANCING

ADVANCE BY THE ALLIES CONTINUES

Pursuit of the Germans Marked by Violent Fighting on Fifty Mile Front—Counter Attacks Made.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—Violent fighting both of an open and a massed kind has characterized the Allied pursuit of the German forces. At half a dozen points along a fifty-mile front, very large forces are engaged and the permanent Hindenberg line is rapidly being neared. The French are within a mile of the positions chosen by Hindenberg for the German stand and are progressing steadily. The enemy are showing increasingly strong resistance and the French troops have to contend with great inundations, but notwithstanding the great difficulties are making good progress. The nearest approach of the British to Hindenberg's line is eleven miles west of Cambrai in the village of Lagnicourt. Extremely bitter fighting was experienced in this neighborhood yesterday. Massed German forces repeatedly tried to retake the village, but the British held firm and a series of massed attacks were beaten off.

French Official, South of the Oise we took the village of Gouchy and all the north part of the forest of Gouchy driving the enemy back to the Barrisch line to the northwest of Soissons. A severe struggle was made for the possession of a farm to the northwest of Horgoval, and eventually the German forces were ejected leaving very many casualties. The village of Gouchy le Chateau has also been captured and further progress made in the forest of Gouchy.

London, March 28.—The British have captured Equicourt ten miles to the southeast of Bapaume and Longavesnes which lies three miles to the northwest of Roisel after very heavy fighting. Severe losses were inflicted upon the enemy.

Reports from Berlin, Berlin, March 28.—On account of the rainy weather very little fighting has taken place over the whole front. In the forest between the Oise and Gouchy le Chateau, stronger French forces encountered our protecting troops, which inflicted severe losses on the enemy and gave way before the threatening outflanking movement.

HELP FOR TURKEY

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—Field Marshal Mackenzie has arrived in Constantinople and will proceed at once with the reorganizing of the disrupted Turkish army. Germany has reorganized the Turkish army previously and at one time kept a great number of German officers there. Their conduct was such that the Turks asked for their recall, but evidently the Turks are in such shape that they have to appeal for outside assistance.

WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT ONLY

GRACE DARMOND in the second episode of "SHIELDING SHADOW" PATHE GAZETTE COMEDY

THE SITUATION OF NEW RUSSIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, March 28.—It has been discovered that ex-Minister Protopopoff had a secret wireless station set up in the ex-Czar's Tsarkoe Selo palace. Direct communication was thus established with Berlin, whereby the pro-German element in the late government were able to keep the German authorities advised of whatever went on in the Russian capital. Further proof of the treachery of the reactionaries has been found by the new government and it is expected that it will go hard with them on trial. The proofs are overwhelming, that they were betraying their country to the enemy. Since the new government took hold of the reins of the State, a steady improvement in the general conditions has been noticeable. The ministry is working indefatigably, and many spies have been arrested. A new Russia is budding forth, just becoming conscious of her power and strength.

BARGE "BANGOR" ASHORE

Word was received in the city last night that the barge "Bangor" had gone ashore on Nary Island. A telegram was received here from Ketchikan bearing this information and asking that scows be despatched to the stranded vessel to lighten her cargo of lumber. The "Bangor" at one time was a regular visitor at Granby and is a well known vessel on the coast.

BETTER TIMES FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA

Washington, March 27.—The first steps by the new Russian Government toward the emancipation of the Jews in Russia were reported today by Ambassador Francis, who said all educational restrictions as to both schools and colleges had been removed.

Officials here look on this step as a forecast of freedom for the Jews in Russia. Incidentally also it forecasts removal of the old passport restrictions because of which the United States abrogated the commercial treaty with Russia and leads to confidence that the treaty soon may be renewed.

Combined with steps toward home rule in Finland and promises of autonomy for Poland, it convinces officials that the new leaders intend to carry out their liberal programme at once as establishing a firmer foundation on which the war can be prosecuted more successfully.

TO RECRUIT SERBIANS

St. John, N. B., March 27.—Something new in Canadian military circles will be witnessed at Camp Sussex, the central training camp for New Brunswick, this summer, if plans now announced work out successfully. The military authorities have decided to open a recruiting campaign throughout the Dominion for Serbians, and it is anticipated that from 1000 to 1500 men of this race will be enlisted during the spring and summer of 1917. As the recruits are signed on they will be sent direct to Sussex to receive their military training.

Although they will be recruited by the Canadian authorities, the Serbians will not become members of the Canadian expeditionary force. This is but another service which the Empire is rendering to its Allies, and, on leaving Canada, they will be sent direct to the Balkans to take their place in the firing line with their fellow-countrymen.



CZAR NICHOLAS AND THE DARK FORCES WHICH COST HIM HIS THRONE.—The lady in the picture was the Czarina, a former German Princess, accused of forwarding German influence and aiding the arch plotter, the Monk Rasputin. With her is her son, the Czaritch, who would have succeeded to the throne. It has been frequently reported that the lad is weakly, in a physical and mental way. The other figures are former Premier Sturmer and Prince Golitzen, reactionaries and alleged pro-German, who are both now in jail.

GERMAN DESERTERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

The Hague, March 28.—The situation of the German army may be imagined when it is stated that four thousand German soldiers have crossed the line into Holland seeking food. The Dutch authorities have interned the German deserters at Zwolle. The state of the ordinary people may be imagined. In Germany everything has been sacrificed for the army and when the troops have to go hungry, it is pretty certain that there will be very little for the civil population.

THE BASKETBALL GAME

One of the fastest basketball games ever seen in this city was played last night in the Railwaymen's Hall, between the Tigers and the Boys Own Club. From the very start the game was fast and furious and at half-time the score stood 14-13 in favor of the Tigers. The second half of the game was equally fast and at the end, the score stood 28-28—a tie. In order to decide the game the teams agreed to play two five-minute halves, in which the Tigers scored 12 points and the Boys 3. The game thus finished with a lead of nine in favor of the Tigers. The referees were George Allen during the first half and Mr. Carmichael during the second. Ben McDaniels kept score to the satisfaction of all parties. The lineup of the teams was as follows: Tigers—Murphy, centre; Blythe, right; Poole, left; defence, Craggs and Smart. The Boys Own—Currie, centre; Smith, right; Mitchell, left; defence, Ramsome and Morrow.

PREMIER IN ENGLAND

London, March 28.—Premier Borden visited the wounded Canadian soldiers in the Oxford hospitals yesterday. He found that the wounded soldiers were receiving every care. The Premier will attend the Imperial War Conference today.

DESTROYERS SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—Two British destroyers have been sunk. One of the vessels struck a mine in the English Channel, while the other went down as the result of a collision. One of the crew was drowned and the others were rescued.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL. Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.

VINDICTIVE RAGE OF DEFEATED FOE

With the French Armies at Ham, March 21.—(By G. H. Perrie.) I reached Ham hotfoot upon the tracks of the first French troops after an old fashioned campaign day, in the course of which we repeatedly bogged or lost ourselves on the desolate moorland, and were turned back several times by broken bridges along the canals of the reconquered region.

It is no exaggeration to say that this abandoned region has been devastated. There has been no wholesale massacre, but, except in that respect, the spirit of barbarous cruelty is as rife today in the German army as it was during the terror in Belgium at the beginning of the war. Most of the villages through which I passed this week have been burned wholly or in part, and the able bodied inhabitants carried off into what is virtually slavery. The Germans took away the last batch of girls between 15 and 25 years of age immediately before their retreat.

Orchards and farm implements were destroyed and the townfolk were robbed of their bedding and house linen, and often of their furniture. The money of the whole region was confiscated by an ingenious system of forced contribution and the exchange of cash for worthless paper. Standing before the mountain of rubble that today represents what was a week ago the ancient citadel of Ham, I cannot but feel that my attempts to distinguish scrupulously between different degrees and kinds of crime are wasted before the resolute unscrupulousness and cold-blooded, unwinning vandalism of the men who damn themselves by these abominations.

Ham was legitimately proud of its historic monument, that was of no military value, like the great belfry that was blown up at the same time, but which gave the town public dignity and associated the people with the annals of their country. The bastions and towers which held Louis Napoleon prisoner, and from which he escaped in disguise, were unarmed and could be of no use in modern warfare. Like the Tenth Century donjon of Coucy, they have been sacrificed to slake the rage of a foe at length driven to recognize his impotence to achieve real victory. The villagers say, almost in a tone of excuse: "They are like wild beasts driven into a corner."

Evidence has accumulated that the privation of the civil population of Germany are reaching

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last night in the Carpenters' Hall and several important matters were discussed. Among these was a referendum as to whether organized labor should enter the political field. The matter was discussed very fully and it was decided unanimously that such action was highly desirable. The sanitary inspection of schools was discussed also. Alderman Casey who had returned from a trip up the line reported very favorably regarding the labor situation. The machinists union presented their credentials. There was a considerable amount of routine and other business transacted.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—The hospital ship Asturias, of 12,000 tons has been torpedoed by a German submarine. Thirty-one lives were lost by this act of German savagery, and twelve are still missing.

THE COMBING PROCESS

London, March 28.—All Britishers who heretofore have been rejected as unfit for military service, are to be re-examined as to their capability of bearing arms.

POLICE COURT

The negro assault case was up before Magistrate Carss this morning and was adjourned till tomorrow. In the case of breaking and entering which was dismissed on Monday, Mr. Hill, of the U. S. Customs, has been bound over in \$100 to prosecute at the next assizes on this charge.

William Farnum in "Samson" Westholme Friday. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

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

the armies also. Several sober-minded men and women have told us of cases of German soldiers, including sub-officers, begging or offering high prices for necessary foodstuffs, and have described them as being badly fed and badly clothed. In conversation they seem usually to have vented their most particular spleen against the British army and nation.

U. S. CONGRESS TO VINDICATE HONOR & RIGHT

Resolution to be Introduced in Congress Declaring That a State of War Exists With Germany.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 28.—It is expected here that a resolution will be introduced in Congress on April 3rd, immediately after the President concludes his address to the joint session. The resolution it is said will declare that the time has come when the United States will vindicate decisively its honor and rights. It will declare that by the acts of Germany a state of war exists and Congress will place at the disposition of the President the means of vigorously prosecuting the war, and thereby hastening the restoration of peace.

MACEDONIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

In Macedonia, the French under General Sarrail have made considerable progress, gaining a thousand metres. The British forces have also displayed considerable activity and have captured many prisoners.

RUSSIAN FRONT

(Special to The Daily News.)

On the west bank of the Chara river in the region of Darevobuzi a gas attack was made by the Germans and the Russian forces were compelled to fall back in an easterly direction.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Prince Frederick Karl of Prussia, cousin to the Kaiser, has been killed in action.

Persistent rumors are in circulation in Ottawa that Sir William Hearst, the premier of Ontario, contemplates the dissolution of the legislature and a general election at an early date.

A wire from Vancouver regarding the soldiers' prohibition vote states that over a thousand votes were polled at Epsom and only 200 B. C. men were there. Prohibition ballots were missing in the returns.

RIOTS IN BERLIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—It is reported here that riots are of frequent occurrence in Berlin. Advice received from Switzerland also state that rumors of a revolutionary movement in Germany are current there.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme tonight will be shown the second episode of the great mystery play "The Shielding Shadow." Grace Darmond is the star and everyone who witnessed the first episode will want to see what follows. The Pathe Gazette will also be screened and a comedy as well. The orchestra selections will be very fine. It is a fine all-round programme.

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