

THE DAILY NEWS

VOL. VIII, NO. 75.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HINDENBERG LINE IS BEING THREATENED

TERRIFIC ATTACKS BEING MADE AT SEVERAL POINTS — ALLIES' PURSUIT SWIFT

ADVANCE BY THE ALLIES CONTINUES

Sledge Hammer Blows by French Troops Drives Wedges into German Lines—British Near to Cambrai.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 29.—To the north of Le Fere, General Nivelle is driving a wedge with sledge hammer blows against the German armies, who are endeavoring to make a stand. Terrific fighting has been in progress at this point. To the south of Le Fere, another wedge is being driven into the German line and a thrust is being made at Laon. The most bitter fighting on the whole line centres near the St. Gobain Forest, immediately to the west of Laon. Nothing in the advance and retreat so far has equalled the intensity of the conflict as at this point. The hot pursuit of the retreating Germans has driven their rear guards in upon their main body and the Allies have been able notwithstanding the destruction of the roads, to bring up their artillery, with the exception of the very heaviest pieces. With marvellous speed General Nivelle has followed up the enemy and has followed up every advantage of the German retreat. The enemy has been forced to give way notwithstanding his carefully laid plans before the tremendous pressure of French forces. On the British front the fighting is still of the open variety as opposed to the massed armies now coming to grips in the French sectors. The weather conditions remain very bad. Wind and rainstorms continue to be the main obstacle to swift progress. The destruction of the roads and the soft nature of the ground is making the movement of troops difficult. Notwithstanding, the British cavalry and armored cars have taken and are holding the town of Noyelles which lies two miles to the southwest of Cambrai.

Paris, March 29.—The French troops have captured important positions in the regions on Leilly and Neuville. Further progress has been made to the north of Ailette. A heavy artillery duel is in progress in the region to the east of the Lower Forest of Couch. Throughout day and night the heavy guns on both sides have raged in the region of Butte de Mesnil and Maisons de Champagne. Between the Oise and the Somme the night passed quietly.

THE POLICE COURT

The case against the negro, Earl Williams, was again adjourned this morning at the request of the prisoner's counsel.

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

WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT ONLY

Second Episode of the "SHIELDING SHADOW" will be repeated at 9 p. m.

Ethel Clayton, Richard O. Travers and Bud Duncan in FEATURE PLAYS

Admission 10 and 15 cents.

GERMAN PROPOSAL DECLINED BY THE U.S.

Washington, March 26.—The United States has formally refused Germany's request to modernize and extend the old Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and 1828. The State Department has replied through Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss Minister here, in charge of German interests, refusing to accept the protocol sent through him to this government on February 19.

The reply states that the United States, considering the treaties in force in their original form, is entirely unwilling to accept Germany's interpretation of them as provided in the protocol, which expanded the exemption from seizure of "merchants and their effects," in case of war between the two countries, into general exemption, including enemy ships in port at the outbreak of war, which must either be left there free or given safe conduct for their home ports, even through a hostile blockade.

Moreover all enemy nationals would be free from internment and able to go about their business without the slightest hindrance during the whole course of the war, and not in the restricted way mentioned in the original treaties.

BRITAIN'S GREETINGS TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE

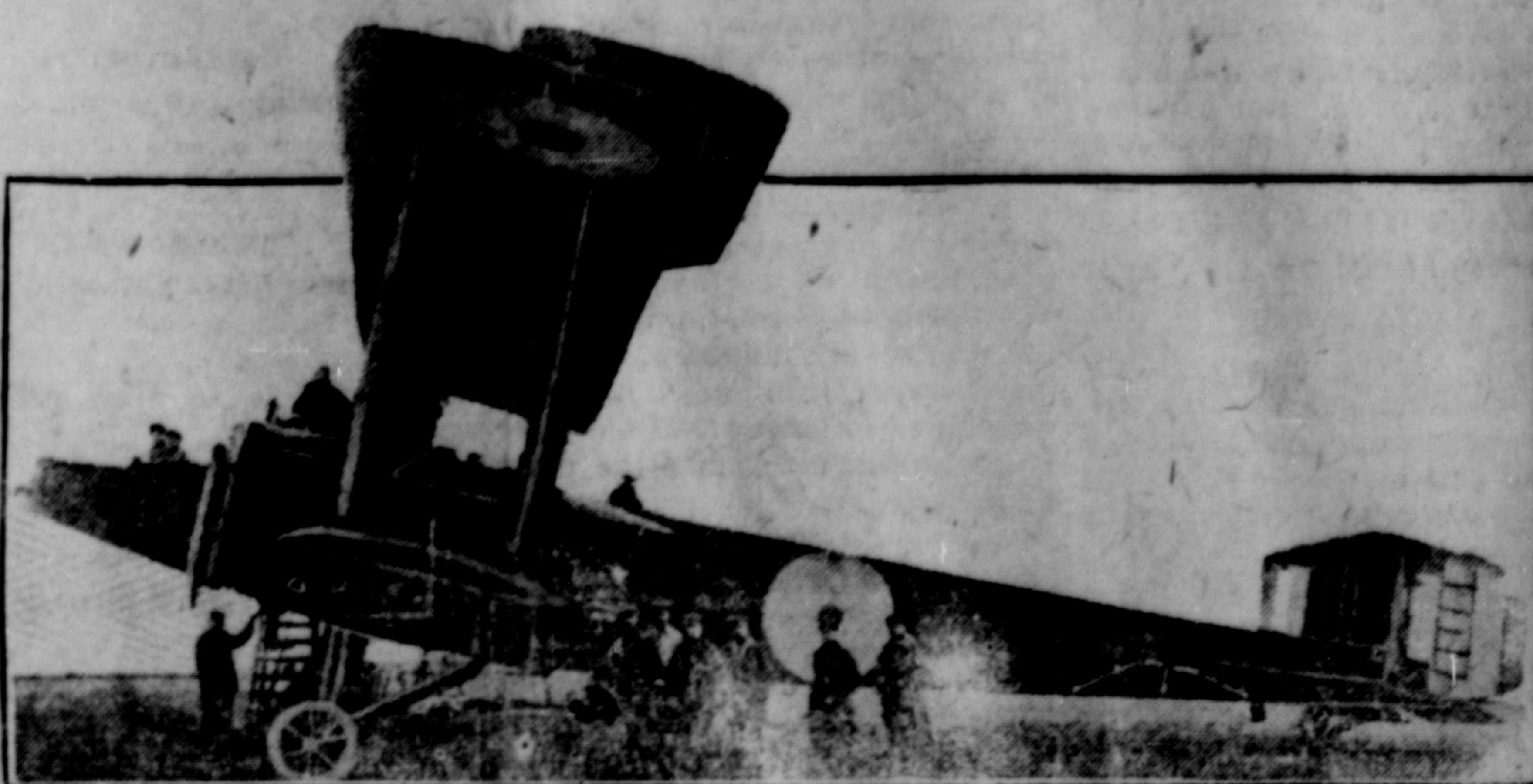
London, March 27.—Following is the text of the telegram sent by Mr. Lloyd George to the Premier of Russia:

"It is with sentiments of the most profound satisfaction that the peoples of Great Britain and the British Dominions have learned that their great ally, Russia, now stands with the nations which base their institutions upon responsible government.

"Much as we appreciate the loyal and steadfast co-operation which we have received from the late Emperor and the armies of Russia during the last two and a half years, yet I believe that the revolution, whereby the Russian people have based their destinies on a sure foundation of freedom, is the greatest service which they have yet made to the cause for which the Allied countries have been fighting since August, 1914.

"It reveals the fundamental truth that this war is at the bottom a struggle for popular government and for liberty. It shows that through war the principle of liberty, which is the only sure safeguard to peace in the world, already has won one resounding victory. It is a sure promise that the Prussian military autocracy which began the war and which still is the only barrier to peace, will itself before long be overthrown.

"Freedom is a condition of peace, and I do not doubt that as the result of the establishment of a stable constitutional government within their borders, the Russian people will be strengthened in their resolve to prosecute this war until the last stronghold of tyranny in the continent of Europe is destroyed and free peoples in all lands can unite to secure for themselves and their children the blessings of fraternity and peace."



FOE IS PUZZLED BY "CAPTURED BRITISH AEROPLANE"—This photograph is reproduced from the German newspaper "Die Woche" and shows a great aeroplane which the enemy describes as "one of the latest British patterns." It looks bigger than the "Ilya Mourometz," the huge Russian machine, and can apparently carry about ten or twelve men. Some idea of the size can be gained by comparing it with the soldiers standing before it.

GERMAN PEACE MOVES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 29.—Despatches received here today from Holland report two moves made by Germany, which are proving to be of extreme interest to the military critics. The first one says that the Germans are actively preparing to shorten their lines by withdrawals in Alsace, particularly near Mulhouse. The second one is that the Berlin government has made tentative offers of a separate peace with Russia. The terms are said to include the autonomy of Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople and the domination of Armenia by Russia. In return for these concessions on the part of Germany, Russia is asked to evacuate the Austrian territory now held by them.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE PRINCE'S SKIPPER

A copy of a testimonial signed by the passengers on board the S. S. Prince Rupert when she went ashore last Thursday night has reached us and it reads as follows:

We, the undersigned, passengers on the S. S. Prince Rupert on the voyage which terminated so unfortunately on March 23rd, wish to extend our sympathies to Captain Duhan McKenzie, and to express to him, his officers and crew, our gratitude for the uniform kindness we experienced at their hands after the occurrence of the accident, and for the able manner in which you discharged your duties under such trying circumstances, which to our laymen minds seemed to be unavoidable.



MILITARY LEADERS IN THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the deposed Czar Nicholas, who urged his nephew to abdicate to save the nation from disaster. General Alexieff, chief of staff of the army in Russia, who urged Nicholas to get out to save further trouble.

PLAN FOR SUPPLYING GERMAN SUBMARINES

Madrid, March 28.—An elaborate organization, by which a cordon of German submarines surrounding the Spanish and Portuguese coasts has been furnished with supplies, has been unearthed. A rigid censorship has been established, but it is known that at least four men have been arrested, one of whom was supposed to have been an American but later proved to be a German.

Lines of automobiles were run from Madrid to certain coast points by the plotters to avoid using the regular train service. Floating depots were established beyond the limits of Spanish waters. These consisted of wooden floats about the size of a fisherman's dory. A coast guard patrol vessel discovered one of these depots as a number of men were busy re-stocking it, and after a battle captured several prisoners.

According to information secured by the Spanish secret service police on a number of submarines employed in the German patrol, the peninsula cordon is a link in a great chain stretching from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, one submarine being allotted to every ten miles. Each of the submarines is supposed to be able to sail ten miles an hour and thus keep in close touch with its neighbor in the lines.

The ceremony of christening Captain Stillwell's yacht took place this week. The new boat was named the "Vixen" and the captain is proud of her.



WAR ON CIVILIANS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 29.—German aeroplanes are dropping on French territory bags of candy containing germs of epidemic diseases which have proved fatal to any person eating it. Hand bags and pocket-books filled with dangerous explosives have also been scattered where civilians are likely to pick them up. These articles are so arranged as to detonate on being opened.

SHIP IN DISTRESS MAKES PRINCE RUPERT

A large tug boat, with a very heavily-laden scow under her charge was obliged to put into port yesterday afternoon. The supplies of oil had given out, the vessel burning crude oil as fuel, and she could not make her destination direct. The scow which was a covered one, carried materials and outfit for the building of a new cannery for the Apex Fish Co., at Port Walter, which is about 100 miles north of Ketchikan. Herring and sardines as well as salmon will be put up at the new cannery.

MISSIONARY REVIEW

A review of the missionary situation of the world was given yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Grant in the Presbyterian Church Hall. It was much enjoyed by the large gathering of ladies. One striking feature of the address was that the nations of the East are losing faith in their old religions and the present constitutes a decisive hour for missions among those people. The ladies enjoyed afternoon tea together after the address, when a social hour was spent.

ANOTHER SOLDIER BACK

Mr. William Keith, of this city, returned on the steamer Prince George last night, accompanied by Mrs. Keith, who had gone to Vancouver to meet him. Mr. Keith is an old timer on this coast. He joined the Forestry Battalion last year and has been with his regiment in the old country, and has been invalided home. Mr. Keith, while sorry not to continue doing his bit, is glad to be home again, notwithstanding the wintry weather.

Vacuum cleaning Dry cleaning. Steam cleaning. Carpets, couches and curtains cleaned. Good, reliable work. Carpets called for and delivered free. Fritz, phone 219. 77.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL. Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.

U. S. GETTING ON TO PROPER WAR FOOTING

Will Be Ready for Action When Congress Meets Next Week—Every Preparation Being Made.

Washington, Mar. 29.—Twenty complete additional regiments and additional separate battalions of the National Guard troops have been ordered into the Federal service for the protection of property in the event of possible internal disorders. The troops have been called out in eighteen western and middle western states, not included in the list of orders made public yesterday. About twelve regiments of National Guard in various states were re-assembled to act as national police in important districts. Arrangements also were being made to create two new military departments on the Atlantic coast. Naval recruiting offices throughout the country under orders from the President redoubled their efforts to bring the navy up to its full authorized strength. All these steps were in accordance with orders issued by President Wilson to put the nation on a war footing.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Premier Borden and his colleagues lunched with the King in Buckingham Palace yesterday. Spain is protesting to Germany against the sinking of the Belgian relief ships.

Greece demands the withdrawal of Italian troops from Epirus to Avlona.

Acting Premier Foster and shipbuilders discuss in Ottawa ways and means to speed up shipbuilding.

Lord Cecil says that very small leakages of food now find their way into Germany.

Industrial tabulation of Canada will be completely and elaborately undertaken this fall.

A wire from Vancouver says that the prohibition figures show irregularities. There were proportionately more than four times as many votes for "wets" in unscrutinized polls.

The British Chancellor Bonar Law attributes the success of the war loan to the Hun U boat frightfulness.

FRIGHTFULNESS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 29.—Before retreating, it has been learned that Hindenberg has ordered the looting of all the villages the Germans have been forced to evacuate to be burned. The work of destruction has been carried out with thoroughness. One chateau has been stripped from attic to cellar before the Germans left. All the woodwork was broken, panels smashed, windows broken out and the house ruined. Vandals in all thoroughness has been carried out.

Wanted—Good, smart boy, or young man for clothing and furnishings store. Apply Martin O'Reilly. 11.

LONDON CAFE

AND GRILL

Third Avenue

Prompt Service of the Best there is to eat at all hours.

BOXES FOR LADIES