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DECLARATION OF STATE OF WAR EXPECTED

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS MEETING TODAY—MAY DECIDE UPON HOSTILITIES

WAR EXPECTED BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY

Patriotic Meetings in Various States Indicate a Wave of War Sentiment Sweeping Whole Nation.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 2.—That a state of war exists between Germany and the United States is expected to be declared at the extraordinary session of Congress being held here this afternoon. Immediately after the President finishes his address to the joint assembly, it is understood that a resolution to this effect will be introduced into the House. The Government has been bending every effort to hurry preparedness measures through and it is regarded as being almost a certainty that actual war is imminent. That the whole nation is ready to back up the President is evidenced by the resolutions which have been adopted in all patriotic meetings in different parts of the country and also from the reports of senators and representatives of the people. Every indication is that a great wave of war sentiment is sweeping the country.

FAST BASKETBALL GAME AT ANVOX

The first basketball game under the auspices of the Anvox Athletic Association was played in the Recreation Hall on Tuesday last. C. E. Allen's Cubs were matched against A. C. McAdam's Giants, and a fast and exciting match was witnessed by a fair number of spectators.

During the first period the Giants piled up the points until at the interval they led by eleven points to four. On resuming, the Cubs soon changed this state of affairs and, brilliantly led by their skipper, Blythe, they brought the scores level in jig time. From then on it was a case of "pull, baker, pull, pull," first one team and then the other, leading by a single point, till at the final whistle the score was sixteen all. Amid cheers, counter cheers and great excitement the teams waged grim and deadly strife until the scoring of a field goal by the Giants put a grand finale to the contest.

The combination of Swanson, Heidman and Gallac was the feature of the Giants' play, while for the Cubs Blythe was the steller performer. It is understood that the teams will meet again in the near future. The Anvox team desires to meet the basketball artists of Prince Rupert and would be delighted to hear from their secretary.

Dr. Reed's cushion-sole shoes for men.—Wallace's.

WESTHOLME
 OPERA HOUSE
 TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
DOUBLE ATTRACTION—
Charlie Chaplin
 —IN—
"EASY STREET"
 His Latest Riot.
 —AND—
VALENTINE GRANT
 In a play of "Auld Scotland"
"THE DAUGHTER OF MAGGONOR"
 Five Acts.
 Admission 10 and 25 cents.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE H. C. OF L.

Ottawa, March 18.—People round here keep asking what the Borden Government is doing with the War Measures Act to curb the high cost of living. Under the War Measures Act, passed unanimously by both Houses of Parliament, the Government can do anything it wishes with the laws, customs, precedents and business arrangements of Canada if the emergency arises. So far as the people can see that's about where it ends. The Government has the power to do what it likes, but it doesn't like to do it.

With prices soaring as they are in Canada most governments would be thinking of regulating exports with a view to enabling the people who live in this country to get their fair share of the products of the soil at reasonable rates. But far from regulating exports the Borden Government looks on while its particular pets, the cold storage barons, bring on a coal famine by using cars, that might be employed carrying coal as warehouses for their food products until they can find ships to carry the stuff across the ocean.

In other words, the whole transportation equipment of this country is, by grace of the Borden Government, at the disposal of the food barons who use it or not in such a way as to throw the whole economic scheme out of gear. It is surely bad enough that they should use their own warehouses to manipulate prices, but when they proceed to commandeer freight cars to make it worse, it looks as if the War Measures Act ought to take a hand in.

But that will not be while the Borden Government is in office. Its apparent object is to hand all the money in the country over to its friends, the food pirates. The munition workers may get high wages, but what's the use when they have to shell it nearly all out for food to eat. The food pirate reminds one of that grim old song about the undertaker, "I'll nail you at the last."

The Borden Government is not in a position to deal with the high cost of living in a thorough root and branch way. There are two reasons for this. One is that the Borden Government is itself responsible for the high cost of living through its fiscal policy. The other is that it was put where it is by a combination of greedy forestallers and nervous financiers who still have it under complete control. The Borden Government doesn't do anything to mitigate the high cost of living. Its masters won't let it. If it regulated prices it would be regulating its own friends. If it regulated exports it would be putting a crimp in some of its benefactors' profits.

The Borden Government has been at pains to avoid any run-in with the cost of living that would prejudice its friends. Its idea is to go through the motions but not to do anything that will hurt. With this object in view there have been some half dozen Royal Commissions looking at the cost of living from as many different angles. They are encouraged by the Borden Government to take a good long look and not to be in a hurry to make up their minds. The longer they can postpone their conclusions the wiser they will be—for the Borden Government. In the last two years and a half it must have cost the Borden Government at least a quarter of a million dollars to pay economic commissions of one kind and another to string out the debate on the high cost of living.

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MR. MUN HAS DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS TRANSPORT.—This picture shows what the British artillery did to a German light engine actively employed in bringing up supplies to the enemy's trenches. The terrific intensity of the British gunfire and its amazing accuracy has been one of the features of the recent heavy fighting in France.

MORE SHIPS SUNK BY GERMAN RAIDERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 2.—It has been officially reported here that four merchant ships carrying Americans among the crews have been sunk without warning. Dispatches received indicate that several American lives have been lost. Many others have suffered severely from exposure. The British steamers St. Crispin, Epafos and Snowdon Range and the Portuguese sailing ship Argo are the latest victims of the German submarines.

Raided Out.

Rio de Janeiro, April 2.—The survivors of eleven ships sunk in the Atlantic by a German raider were brought in here on Saturday. The survivors consisted of 265 men and two women. The new raider bears the name of "Sealander" and is commanded by Count Luckner. From what the survivors of the sunken vessels say, the raider left Germany on the 24th of December last, and most of her victims were sunk in the vicinity of Trinidad. The approximate tonnage of the vessels sunk is about 38,100.

The present whereabouts of the raider is unknown.

Americans Held.

Washington, April 2.—Fifty American seamen who were taken prisoner in the raids of the German vessel Moewe are being held in German detention camps. A vigorous demand for their release is being made by the American government.

OBITUARY

At the general hospital yesterday morning, there passed away Mr. John MacIntosh, who has been in this city for some years back. Mr. MacIntosh was only thirty-five years old and his trouble was tuberculosis of the lungs. He had followed mining for some time, and belonged originally to Loch Carron, in Sutherlandshire, Scotland. He has no relatives in the West, so far as can be ascertained. The St. Andrew's Society will take charge of the funeral.

The Rev. Dr. Grant will conduct the funeral service, which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from Hayner Brothers' parlors.

The favorite household coal is Ladyemith Wellington. Phone 15. Prince Rupert Coal Co.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL. Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY RUPERT SCHOOL GIRLS

An appeal has lately been sent out from Dr. Robinson, superintendent of education, to each school in the province to get the co-operation of the children in raising funds for Red Cross and patriotic work.

In answer to this circular, the girls of the sewing classes in the Borden Street Public School gave a most successful sale on Saturday last. Their sewing and fancy work stall was rather a surprise to their many visitors, both on account of the quantity and the quality of work displayed. Besides this there was a booth for home made cake and candy, one for Easter novelties, and several articles raffled. Tea was served in the afternoon and music was provided by Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Bay, as well as by the girls themselves.

The fine weather brought a large turnout and the girls were rewarded by the substantial sum of \$110.

The sale was under the general direction of Mrs. Klover, assisted by the other lady teachers of the school. They wish to express their thanks to the members of the orchestra, and all those who in any way helped to make it the success it was.

The names of the winners in the raffles were:—Cushion, Mr. Geo. Russell; crocheted yoke, Mrs. R. H. Klover; autoharp, Mr. Tite; boudoir cap, Mrs. Carmichael; box chocolates, Mr. W. C. Mehan; box made-made candy, Mayor McCaffery.

PRESENTATION TO REV. W. W. WRIGHT

Last week the members of the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Prince Rupert, made a presentation to their pastor, the Rev. W. W. Wright, of a substantial purse of money. The presentation was made privately, and this Easter gift came as a very great and pleasant surprise to Mr. Wright.

At the service last night in the church, Mr. Wright gracefully acknowledged this token of appreciation shown by the congregation to himself. Mr. Wright in his remarks spoke of the close fellowship and pleasant relations existing between the congregation and their pastor after his three and a half years' ministrations in Prince Rupert.

RECOLLECTION OF THE PAST YEARS IN RUPERT

At the morning service in St. Andrew's Church yesterday, Bishop Du Vernet reminded the congregation that it was ten years ago on Saturday last since he opened with divine service the first church building erected in Prince Rupert. This was known as St. Andrew's Church Hall and stood at the top of what was then called Centre Street. It is now almost impossible to locate the exact spot where it once stood as the rock has been excavated for the G. T. P. hotel. P. W. Anderson was the builder, assisted by F. J. Fuller, J. Viereck and others.

The hall was used as a church on Sunday and as a reading room and place of recreation on week days. The first term of the public school was also held in this building. Over the hall were rooms which formed the Bishop's residence for four years, and many a musical evening was spent by young men around the piano in the large sitting room. At the opening services there were present 129 men, 1 boy and 5 women. Some of the men came from the government hydrographic survey party at Camp Fairview near the entrance of the harbor. Some from H. M. S. Egeria, a survey ship anchored off Centre Street, and the rest from the Grand Trunk Pacific engineers' camp.

All the leading denominations were represented. Mr. R. L. McIntosh, postmaster, acted as church warden, and Mrs. Tremayne as organist. One of the naval officers present, then a lieutenant, now a commander, was so impressed with the simple earnestness of the service and the spirit of unity manifested that he afterwards sent the Bishop a cheque for \$25 towards the building fund. It was Easter Day and on the invitation of the Bishop, extended under the special circumstances to communicants of other churches, many remained for the Easter Communion. Services had been held by the Bishop more or less regularly in tent, cook-house, dining room since June, 1906, but this was the first public celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Prince Rupert, a date to be remembered, March 31, 1907.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINE'S

Alaska—Wrangell Strait, Topeka Rock Buoy nineteen, a tall type can, established March 17th on west side channel north entrance, Wrangell Strait, to mark Topeka Rock.

THE BRITISH ARE STILL ADVANCING

Hindenburg's Line Being Pierced on a Front of Ten Miles by General Haig's Troops Near St. Quentin.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 2.—The British troops are continuing the successful efforts to pierce the German defences and have driven a salient into the Hindenburg line between Marcoing and St. Quentin. On a front of ten miles, between and including Vermand and Soyecourt, seven villages were occupied on Saturday. To the northwest of St. Quentin, the village of Marteville has also been occupied by the British with little opposition from the Germans.

The British artillery drove the defenders, by their concentrated fire, from the village of St. Emille east of Villers Faucon and on the railroad running south from Marcoing, thus interrupting the enemy communications and supplies. Along the Adiron river, the British advanced and captured Jeancourt, Hervilly and Hendicourt, all strongly fortified little towns.

French Front.

To the northeast of Soissons, the French have made further progress. Two German counter attacks were repulsed with great loss to the enemy in the region of Vignay. Berlin reports that the French were defeated in attacking the German positions on the Vregny plateau.

Meuseptamia.

The British troops are in touch with the retreating Turks and fierce and bitter fighting has been in progress. The Turks have made the most of their retreat and are putting up strong resistance to the British advance.

East Africa.

Heavy rains have stopped offensive operations all over the country. The damaged railways and communications are being reconstructed.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

The jury acquits Mayor Gill and the other defendants in the famous liquor conspiracy trial.

The report of the committee which investigated the Civil Service at Ottawa is now in the hands of the director of National Service. It says: "Thousands fit for military service."

Sweden faces food shortage. Flour ration is reduced and cornmeal is unobtainable. Difficulty will be experienced in securing supply of bread stuffs till harvest.

Special Easter music on Good Friday. Farmers Oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers" at the Methodist Church at 8 p. m.

The Ladies Auxillary 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

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