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## SPRING OFFENSIVE STARTING IN EARNEST

### THE KING CONGRATULATES GENERAL HAIG ON WORK OF CANADIAN TROOPS

#### GREAT CAPTURES BY THE BRITISH IN THE BIG DRIVE

**CANADIANS ARE NOW WELL BEYOND THE FAMOUS VIMY RIDGE—ELEVEN THOUSAND GERMANS AND OVER A HUNDRED GUNS CAPTURED—MANY MACHINE GUNS ALSO**

London, April 11.—The Canadian troops are now well beyond the Vimy Ridge, which was said by the Germans to be impregnable, after their two years of hard work making its defences as strong as possible. The eastern slope of the so-called ridge is now cleared of the enemy entirely, and all their counter attacks withered away before the British fire. The total number of prisoners taken so far amounts to about eleven thousand. Over one hundred big guns were also captured before the enemy could get them away to their rear. The suddenness and strength of the British onslaught has proved too much for the Germans. More than 100 machine guns and about 60 trench mortars of various shapes and sizes were also taken possession of by the victorious British.

**Near Cambrai.**  
More villages were taken today by the British in the direction of Cambrai and intense fighting is in progress. Near St. Quentin the enemy has been driven from the high ground between Veuviere and Tardingacourt.

To the southeast of Ypres, the enemy made a sudden attack and reached our support trenches, but was promptly ejected. In the drive to the north of Arras, we have captured the village of Sem-paux, and all the neighboring defences to the north and south of the Scarpe River. The prisoners taken yesterday exceeded nine thousand, and forty of the German's big guns were taken at the same time.

**Congratulations.**  
The King has sent congratulations to General Haig, saying that Canada will be proud that her troops have taken the Vimy Ridge.

#### WAR BETWEEN U. S. AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Washington, April 11.—It is expected here that a declaration of a state of war existing between the American Government and that of Austria-Hungary will follow upon the departure of the Austrian Charge d'Affaires.

#### AMERICAN SHIP SUNK

Liverpool, April 11.—The American steamer New York has struck a mine. The passengers and crew were all transferred safely.

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or more; not including bread  
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Rooms.

#### FIRE BREAKS OUT DURING THE NIGHT

The fire station had a call early this morning, about 1:30 a. m., from Beach Place at the west end of Section one. On the arrival of the department at the scene of the blaze the house was well alight downstairs. Mr. Brandt, who is engineer at the cold storage, was the only one in the house at the time, Mrs. and Miss Brandt being out of town.

The fire caught from an overheated stove pipe and spread very rapidly. The fire department was able to save the building and confine the flames to the bottom flat. Practically all the contents of the flat were destroyed, among which were two pianos. The house is owned by Mr. Arthur Smith.

The fire department arrived with great promptitude and in a short time had the situation well in hand.

#### RED CROSS NOTES

The sale of home cooking will be held on Saturday this week instead of Friday at the request of Miss Ivy Jennis, who will be in charge, assisted by the Misses Du Vernet, Pillsbury, Young, Saunders and Beckwith. This committee has been working very hard for the last six weeks and the public will find many bargains. The sale will be held in Road Superintendent's office at the corner of Third Avenue and Fourth St., beginning at ten o'clock in the morning.

As it is the rule of the society not to beg for donations, and as at present there are very few articles on hand for the sale on Saturday, any contributions for raffling either in fancy work or eatables will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

The society acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$25 from Mr. B. L. Tingley, of Port Clements.

The sale last Saturday in the new premises in charge of Miss McLenaghan and Miss Bella McLeod realized \$50. The articles contributed and won are as follows: Carved walnut box from Mr. H. C. Black, won by Mrs. Clements; crochet yoke and sleeves from Mrs. J. McRae, won by Mr. H. C. Black; centre piece from Mrs. D. H. McDonald, won by Mrs. E. Shoekley; crochet basket from Mrs. Hugh Dunn, won by Mrs. Hal Peck; crochet bag from Mrs. D. C. McRae, won by Mr. Fuller; picture from Judge Young, won by W. Kilpatrick; Indian basket from Mrs. Deasey, of Massett, won by Mr. George Hanson, U. S. consul.

Very much more food could be sold at these sales. During the past month the supply has gradually fallen off until last week only half the usual amount was received. At present the demand far exceeds the supply. At the present critical time in the history of the war, everyone should be prepared to make some sacrifice to take care of the wounded.

The favorite household Coal is  
Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15.  
Princo Rupert Coal Co. 11.



WHERE THE BRITISH ARMIES ARE OPERATING IN THE EAST  
This map shows the district where both General Maude's and General Murray's columns are advancing towards a junction in the vicinity of Alexandretta or Aleppo.

#### THE REPORT UPON THE CITY MARKET

The special committee appointed to report upon the working of the city market reported to the city council last evening.

"In the past there has been one chief complaint against the policy of the market, that the market was not self supporting and was costing the ratepayers some hundreds of dollars per annum, chiefly by paying for utilities used in the city market. In order to make the market self sustaining, we, your committee, recommend to the council that permission be granted to the market clerk to carry a stock of merchandise to be sold in the city market, on his own responsibility. In return, he shall pay for the use of all utilities and overhead expenses of the market, together with the regular license fee charged other merchants for similar businesses. The same rules and regulations to remain in force as exist, in regard to his duties as market clerk."

#### WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme Theatre tonight, the fourth episode of the great photoplay, "The Shielding Shadow", will be shown. Great interest has been taken in the display of the previous instalments of this story without words, and most people will want to see what follows. The mystery surrounding the other episodes will be deepened in this chapter. There are to be screened some rattling good comedies, of the kind that bring laughter from 'way down, and a Pathe Gazette will show the latest events of importance. The orchestra, as usual, is up to the mark.

#### NEW OFFENSIVE

As a result of the big drive now proceeding on the western front calls upon the Red Cross Society for the sick and wounded boys at the front will be more urgent. They are fighting for us. Do Your Share. Patronize the FISH POND SATURDAY

#### WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE RAILWAYS?

That the government will not extend any further aid to the railways in any form, is what Sir Thomas White is said to have definitely stated. This is about the first definite statement regarding the railroad situation which has been reported. The Financial Post in a recent issue says:

"It has been learned that definite legislation will be introduced at the next session of the House to permanently end the railway difficulty. Just what form the solution will take is still very largely a matter of conjecture, but one thing is regarded as absolutely assured and that is that the government will not extend and further aid in any form to the railways. Sir Thomas White is said to have definitely stated this much.

"Nothing will be done of course until after the report of the Railway Commission has been submitted. Sir Henry Drayton informed the Financial Post that the report had not yet been completed. He admitted that as a matter of fact there would likely be two reports.

"It is clear that the members of the Commission are not agreed and that the views of each side will be advanced in the rival reports. Smith, it is said, will favor some form of corporate control, while Drayton and Acworth will stand behind the nationalization of the Canadian Northern Railway and the Grand Trunk System in some form. It is generally believed that Sir Thomas White favors some form of nationalization.

"All manner of rumors are heard," concludes the Post, "but the one outstanding feature of the situation is the practical certainty of Government action."

#### THE COUNTY COURT

Before Judge Young yesterday afternoon, the charge of resisting arrest against Earl Brown was found proven and he was sentenced to three months hard labor in the Okalla Prison Farm.

Today the case brought by James Pierce against Frank Nevins, of Kitsumkalum, was dismissed.

#### THE WAR FEELING IN SOUTH AMERICA

Rio de Janeiro, April 11.—An official declaration has been made by the Brazilian Government announcing that diplomatic relations have been broken off with Germany. Germans on the Brazilian coast have been found signalling to ships at sea.

Buenos Ayres, April 11.—The Argentine Government has issued a declaration announcing their support of the position taken by the United States against Germany.

San Salvador, April 11.—Guatemala is under martial law. Disturbances of a serious character has taken place, and are said to be due to the German agents who are infesting the republic.

#### KAISER'S DEATH MAY COME SOON

London, April 9.—The Morning Post gives prominence to a despatch from its Washington correspondent, who cables a report given on the authority of German bankers in America, who are on most intimate terms with the German Government, that the German Emperor is fatally ill of Bright's disease. Death is expected within the next few months.

The Emperor, according to the correspondent's informant, has for some months past been in the depths of depression. The efforts of his physicians and entourage to rally him have been unsuccessful, and the disease has so completely fastened itself upon him that recovery is impossible. The correspondent adds:

"With his death, according to the German bankers, the house of Hohenzollern will lose the throne of Germany, the Crown Prince being known to be a moral degenerate, and the German people could not accept him as their sovereign. Either Germany will become a republic or a limited constitutional monarchy, the real power being exercised by a parliament elected by universal franchise. It is the opinion of the German bankers, knowing the conditions existing in Germany, and the temperament of the people, that unless there should be a sudden uprising, which they do not expect, a constitutional monarchy rather than a republic, would be the outcome."

#### FILIBUSTERS

San Diego, April 11.—Two U. S. torpedo boat destroyers have captured a schooner laden with arms and munitions for Mexico.

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 1917, at 8 p. m. In Carpenters Union Hall.

All wage earners are urgently requested to attend this meeting, as a District Union is being formed, affiliated with the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Since hardly any fact is better known than that civilization evolves under economic stress, and is administered in accordance with the general knowledge of mankind, therefore, organization and education must be the essential groundwork to happiness and progress. We, therefore, deem it necessary to organize the Northern District Union of Prince Rupert, B. C. If you are an unorganized wage worker, come and join us, and be one of the three million in America. If you are a member of organized labor, come and help us launch the new ship. 87.

GEO. CASEY,  
International Organizer.

#### THE CITY AND THE LACK OF WATERFRONT

The city council sat much later than usual last night discussing the weighty matters pertaining to the municipality. Among these matters the question of waterfront for the city received a deal of attention. A resolution was introduced by Alderman Nelson asking that the government set aside for the use of the city sufficient waterfront to meet its prospective needs. Another resolution brought in by Alderman McRae as an amendment, which went into more concrete detail, it read in part as follows:

"That the provincial government be requested to assign to this city lots one and two, Block 'F', the vacant space between Lot one (Block 'F') and the east end of the government wharf. This property the city proposes to use for the erection of a cold storage plant and a municipal wharf.

"The cold storage plant would be used to provide cold storage accommodation to local merchants and others who do not find it feasible to install such a plant for their own limited use. Said plant would be used for the freezing and storage of bait for fishermen, and for the making of ice.

"The municipal wharf would be used as a public fish wharf where all the fishermen would bring their catches and sell to the various buyers.

"This wharf would be used as a municipal coal wharf. There are certain propositions that, owing to the nature of circumstances, lend themselves to public monopoly, such as telephones, electric light, etc., and to these, so far as Prince Rupert is concerned, we would add—the sale of fuel. The source of supply is five hundred miles distant. To be dealt in economically it must be shipped in large quantities in order to insure a low transportation charge. There must also be proper facilities at this end for the economic discharge and distribution of said cargo.

"Our information is that the Granby Co. sell coal at Anyox, delivered, for \$8.00 per ton. Our information also is that the city of Vancouver lands coal on scows in False Creek for \$4.69 per ton. It is believed that from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ton can be saved on every ton of coal consumed within the city. We do not say that the price of \$10.00 per ton has been excessive under the conditions that it has been handled. The price in the past few days has been advanced to \$11.00 per ton. We do hold, however, that tens of thousands of dollars can be saved to the citizens annually through the handling of coal by the proposed method."

After some considerable discussion, the amendment was carried.

#### CARRANZA IS NEUTRAL

El Paso, April 11.—President Carranza now at Juarez, declares that Mexico will uphold her neutrality.

The "Lister" fishing boat has arrived with 20,000 lbs. halibut, and the Doreen with 6,000 lbs.

#### NEW WELLINGTON COAL

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