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## CAN'T DISLODGE CANADIANS ON VIMY RIDGE

### HUNS MAKE REPEATED COUNTER ATTACKS BY NIGHT & DAY WITHOUT RESULT

#### BRITISH NOW FIVE MILES PAST ARRAS

Heavy Snowfall on Western Front  
Now Retarding Operations  
Slightly—Canadians  
Can Hold Vimy.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 12.—The British offensive against the German positions has driven the Germans back for five miles. The strength of the forward sweep of the advancing British increases with each battering of the enemy's line. Today the village of Monchy and the adjacent heights, full five miles to the east of Arras, which were very strongly held, were captured from the Germans. Along a battle front of fifty miles the great offensive is pushing back the foe. The village of La Bergerie has also been taken by the British. Satisfactory progress is being made at other points on the western front.

Despite repeated counter attacks made by very strong forces of the enemy, the Canadian troops continue to make their hold stronger on the Vimy Ridge each hour. All the efforts of the enemy to dislodge them from their newly captured positions have been fruitless. Repeated counter attacks during night and day have all been repulsed. In the capture of Vimy Ridge, thirty-six hundred prisoners, including seventy-two officers, were taken by the Canadians. Among the other booty were twenty-three guns, seventy machine guns and forty trench mortars.

**Canadian Losses.**  
In the first day's fighting for the possession of Vimy Ridge, the Canadian army lost eighty-nine officers. An unofficial estimate places the Canadian infantry casualties at fifteen hundred.

**More Prisoners.**  
On the other parts of the line directed by General Haig in the forward movement, the British troops captured seven thousand two hundred and ninety-four prisoners, among whom were a hundred and seventy officers.

They captured also eighty-eight guns, eighteen trench mortars and eighty-four machine guns. Up to now the bad weather has made no difference to the strength of the big push, but the heavy snowfall today may interfere with the speed of further offensive movements.

**St. Quentin.**  
General Haig has reported that the situation is developing according to the plans laid down, and the movement is progressing successfully everywhere. A constant hammering of the German line is going on everywhere. All the territory to the northeast of St. Quentin has been swept clear of the German forces. The encircling of the city continues.

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

#### PLANS TO EXTEND ENORMOUS CREDIT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 10.—Plans for financing the war were discussed today by Secretary McAdoo with members of the ways and means committee and with Chairman Simmons of the finance committee. The \$3,400,000,000 already asked for the army and navy is expected to suffice, in addition to the regular appropriation bill, until June, 1918.

The most important question now is the extension of an immense credit to the Entente Allies—probably at least \$2,000,000,000—an indication that the nation is going into the war to the limit with the resources most readily available.

Bonds under such a plan would be issued to take over bonds of the Allies making them in effect security for those obligations.

On the question of taxation, Congress leaders feel that the burden of the war should be about equally divided between taxation and bond issues.

"The young men of the country," said Chairman Simmons, "are going to risk their lives in this war and the wealthy who may not be able to risk their lives should contribute from their wealth."

#### THE EXPLOSION IN FERNIE COAL MINE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Fernie, April 12.—The work of exploration in the No. 3 mine at Coal Creek, where the explosion occurred last week, has now achieved its object. Advance parties during the night located the bodies of five of the victims. It appears that death had been instantaneous. It is expected that the bodies of the other victims will be located soon.

#### AMERICAN AVIATORS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, April 12.—The La Fayette Air Squadron, which is composed almost exclusively of American aviators, will in future be permitted to wear the American army uniform. The Stars and Stripes will be painted upon their machines.

#### THE WAR CONFERENCES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 12.—In all conferences regarding the conduct of the war, such as take place from time to time between the nations of the Entente, the United States will henceforth be included.

#### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The Hon. A. J. Balfour, the Foreign Secretary, is about to leave London for Washington.

Rioting is reported in several Bulgarian towns.

Germany has stopped all mail and telegraphic communication with the United States.

Great demonstrations have been made in Brazil, agitating for war with Germany.

The Spanish steamer San Fulgencia has been sunk without warning. The crew were safely landed at Nantes.

The total Norwegian losses of shipping at March 24th was 403 vessels, of a tonnage of 65,357.

#### HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Eldsvold has arrived with 40,000 lbs. halibut; the Augusta, with 16,000; Brothers, with 9,000; and the Teddy R. with 13,000 lbs. Another vessel has 20,000, while the Nautilus and the Kelly are in port for the Gold Storage. Bidding will probably commence this afternoon.



FRENCH SOLDIERS BEHIND THE LINES

This photo shows the up-to-date water system used in the field.

#### UNITED STATES AND THE ALLIES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 12.—The big Revenue Bill is being debated in the House today. The Bill calls for a five billion dollar bond issue and includes a three billion dollar loan to the Entente. The debate started yesterday and the bill is expected to pass the House tomorrow.

#### Feed Our Allies.

"Feeding our Allies" will be the part of the United States in the great war at present. The mobilization of food stuffs and providing means by full naval cooperation for delivering them at the ports of Britain and France will be the extent of America's physical effort now. In the meantime, hundreds of thousands of men will be trained for action on the European fronts. As soon as they are fit and transportation is available, they will take their place with the troops of the other allies in the battlefield.

#### THE POLICE COURT

Before Magistrate Carrs at the police court this morning Earl Brown, the negro, was arraigned on a charge of attempting to commit an indictable offence. The accused was committed for trial.

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#### 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

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#### PREMIER BORDEN IN EDINBURGH

(Special to The Daily News.)

Edinburgh, April 12.—Premier Borden made a brilliant speech at the University here yesterday. In the course of his speech he said that Germany's evil spirit must lead ultimately to defeat and disaster. The British have done more in their three years of preparation than Germany accomplished in a quarter of a century. The Premier stated that a broader vision was needed in respect to Canada by the people of Britain.

#### EXPERIENCES ON THE WESTERN FRONT

A large crowd listened for an hour last night in the Baptist Church parlors to Sergeant McIntosh relate some of the experiences of a modern soldier. The address was instructive and serious, well balanced with humor of the trenches, making it very interesting from start to finish.

The speaker gave an insight into the soldiers' life from various angles, describing the long months of preparation, the transportation from Canada to Britain, the arrival in France, the baptism of fire, the third battle of Ypres, the life in hospital and the final return to Canada.

Each was illuminated by points of personal experience, adding color to the skeleton of the address.

The large audience listened attentively until the last experience was recited, and upon conclusion, he was greeted with many a handshake in appreciation of his excellent address.

Mrs. Gebhart's dress-making parlors has moved from the Clapp Building to Helgerson Block. Phone 502.

#### NEW WELLINGTON COAL

Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.

#### EMERSON SAWMILL CONSTRUCTION DELAYED

About a month ago, Mr. E. F. Duby, representing the Emerson Lumber interests, was in the city, and was prepared at that time to go ahead with the construction of the proposed sawmill at Seal Cove. The original plans upon submission to the government were found to be on a technicality incomplete in some little detail, and immediately upon learning this a second set of plans was drawn. These were approved by the government engineer here three weeks ago, and forwarded to Ottawa, for their final approval. Since which time nothing has been heard of them from the government.

Three weeks is a long time to take to give final approval to plans which have been approved already in detail by Mr. E. P. Gingras, the Dominion engineer here.

In the meantime, the work of preparing the ground at Seal Cove for the construction of the sawmill has had to be closed down, much to the disgust of the Emerson people and the contractor who was doing the work.

Telegrams have been sent to Ottawa, and to our alleged "popular" member of the Dominion House, but so far without avail. Yesterday the following telegram was received here:

To M. P. McCaffery, Mayor, Prince Rupert:

Much disappointed at protracted delay Ottawa, can you help us?

J. S. EMERSON.

Mr. Emerson is anxious and willing to go on with the construction of this sawmill, but if, after dickering nearly half a year with the Grand Trunk Pacific, to get a satisfactory lease of the ground, he has to wait another half year on the government for permission to erect his buildings, if in his natural disgust at this dilatory manner of doing things, he quits the whole business, who will blame him. Men like Mr. Emerson do not need to come to Prince Rupert to build mills, but Prince Rupert needs them to come.

The experience of Mr. Emerson in this respect would probably be communicated to others who might later want to establish themselves here, and if Prince Rupert gains a reputation for tactics of this kind, she will not gain very much. It is up to those interested in the progress of the city to see that such pressure is brought to bear upon those responsible for such annoying delays as will obviate these for the future.

#### 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.

GEO. CASEY,  
International Organizer.

#### PRESENTATION TO BISHOP DU VERNET

At the Church of England on Tuesday night there was an enjoyable entertainment, and a very pleasant social time was spent. A large number of people were present and songs were given by Mr. Melliar and Miss Grace Shockley, a recitation by Miss Mabel Verick and choruses by the young ladies of the Girl's Auxiliary, under whose auspices the meeting was held. Miss Davies acted as accompanist.

A debate upon the relative merits of the army and navy was splendidly fought, although one of the speakers for the navy was unavoidably absent. The Navy's advocates were Mr. George Hill and Mr. Alexander Rix, and the speakers for the army were Mr. S. M. Newton, Mr. A. Silversides and Mr. Sidney Hazel-Jones. The speaking was of an exceptionally good character and the judges had some difficulty in coming to a decision as to the winners. However, after some deliberation they decided in the favor of the army advocates, but as they had one extra speaker, it is seen that the honors were fairly equally divided.

A very interesting event was an address and presentation to the Right Reverend F. H. Du Vernet, D. D., Bishop of Caledonia. The address itself was beautifully executed by the office of Clement and Black. It drew attention to the fact that although for some time before 1917, the Bishop had ministered to Prince Rupert in the capacity of a clergyman, yet it was just ten years ago that a building was erected and regular church services held. It expressed the great appreciation that his many friends of these early years held for the devoted service he had given to Prince Rupert and indeed to all of northern British Columbia. And wished for him many years still in his chosen work that he might see the church he had established fulfilling adequately its duties in the great territory over which he presides. Mrs. Du Vernet in the fulfillment of the many duties incumbent upon her was made further reference to.

The address which was read by Mr. R. L. McIntosh, was accompanied by a fine club bag with a gold shield and a suitable inscription attached to it, and Mrs. Du Vernet was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The gift bearers were little Misses Flora Burritt and Alice Pillsbury. The Bishop made a suitable reply on behalf of himself and Mrs. Du Vernet.

Refreshments were served at the close, but the assembly largely divided itself into Navy and Army parties and fought the merits of these two services out until a late hour.

#### WESTHOLME

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