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TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN

ENORMOUS CAPTURES OF MEN AND MATERIALS BY ALLIES WEAKENS ENEMY

A HUNDRED MILES OF BATTLE LINE ON WESTERN FRONT

FROM DIXMUE TO RHEIMS THE GERMAN LINE IS BEING BATTERED BY THE ALLIES—ENEMY DEFENCES PULVERIZED—MAKE GREAT CAPTURES OF PRISONERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 19.—General Haig has reported an important thrust in the direction of Cambrai where the village of Villers-Gaslain on the river Escaul has been captured. This village lies about nine miles to the south of Cambrai. Around Lagnicourt, about nine miles to the west of Cambrai the British positions have also been improved. Cambrai, one of the pivotal points of the Hindenburg line, is being menaced on two sides.

Greatest Bombardment.

All Germany's hold on France today is in jeopardy by the most titanic struggle ever witnessed in the world's history. It is a struggle between von Hindenburg and the master strategist of the British and French staffs on a battle scale undreamed of previously. The part of France in this, the greatest of all drives was preceded by the greatest bombardment in history. Millions of shells have been hurled on to the German defences today. The French marksmanship has been so deadly that the first of the first of the German prisoners captured declared that of their companies which averaged about 250 men each, only about eighty men survived.

Near Laon.

General Nivelle's troops are within two miles of Laon and the French artillery have pulverized the German defences. The sudden Franco-British drive has shattered the German hope of avoiding the spring offensive by a further retreat. The French onslaught is now gathering its greatest momentum, which with the combined advances by the British makes a continuous battle line from Dixmude to Rheims, a battle front of a hundred miles.

Too Gigantic.

The French advance between Rheims and Soissons menaces the entire German line, coupled with the British attack on St. Quentin and the advance of General Haig's troops towards Lens and Cambrai. The Allied onslaught is on too gigantic a scale to permit anyone to visualize the titanic struggle in its entirety.

TO WAGE EARNERS And All Unorganized Workers

An organization meeting of the newly-formed Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, with jurisdiction over the unorganized workers of the city and district of Prince Rupert, will be held in room 4, Exchange Building, Prince Rupert, B. C., at 8 p. m., on Friday, 20th April.

Initiation of candidates for membership and election and installation of officers will be the order of business.

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THE CENTRAL POWERS ARE WANTING PEACE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 19.—Reports are persistent here today that Austria Bulgaria and Turkey are all angling for separate peace agreements with the Entente through secret emissaries. The move is said to have Switzerland as its centre, but no confirmation is available here.

It is known that Austria wants Russia to quit. If she did, Austria would quit also and leave Germany to fight it out single-handed. Conjectures are rife as to whether the Kaiser and the Emperor Karl have had a quarrel. That the hidden moves behind the peace talk will have no effect on Russia is considered certain.

FIRE ON COMOX AVENUE

About noon today the fire department had a call from Comox Avenue, where fire had broken out in one of the houses. The department were promptly on the scene and succeeded in confining the blaze to two houses. One was entirely gutted and considerable damage was done to the other.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 19.—The opening of Parliament will take place today, without the presence of the Premier, who is still in England.

SAFETY FIRST

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 19.—The Panama ports of Cristobal and Balboa have been closed to safeguard the great Panama Canal.

PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

A special cable from London says:

The Canadian Red Cross is doing everything possible to get parcels to prisoners, and lately have adopted a new plan of sending three smaller parcels fortnightly by post instead of the former two large ones by express. Six pounds of bread a week are being sent from Switzerland to every man. They expect to get fuller details of conditions in German camps presently, as word has been received from two Canadians in Holland, just escaped, asking the Red Cross to discontinue their parcels.

Sir Starr Jameson, head of the British Red Cross, which controls the dispatch of parcels to Canadians, too, welcomes the parliamentary inquiry which will be held into the system inaugurated some time ago, which stopped private parcels to men in the ranks. The London Daily Mail suggests that if it is found the German railroads are responsible for delay in delivery of parcels, we must follow the French plan and cut down the supplies to German prisoners until we receive word from our men that they are getting parcels.

Men. A to EE widths in Invictus shoes—Wallace's.

Just arrived—100 tons Washed Nut Coal—Albert & McCaffery, Phone 116.



LATEST BRITISH GAINS ON THE WESTERN FRONT
Note the position of the villages of Farbus and Monchy, the latest captured.

PRESIDENT WILSON WANTS CONSCRIPTION

(Continued on Page four.)

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson has stated that he will not listen to any general volunteer plan offered for the raising of the necessary numbers of effectives for the army. The President wants conscription.

The Senate has passed the seven billion bond bill, and the measure will probably be signed today and become law. Yesterday afternoon, Secretary McAdoo called the big banking interests for suggestions regarding the floating of the seven billion bond issue.

COAL MINERS ON STRIKE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Calgary, April 19.—Three thousand miners are on strike at the Crow's Nest Mines, which are almost all closed down. Efforts towards a settlement of the dispute are in progress and it is expected that work will be resumed again at an early date.

THE RACE COURSE

A great crowd turned out last night to witness the roller race at the skating rink. Mr. Bennie McDaniels and Mr. Fred Wermig were the contestants, in what proved to be a very close race. Bennie McDaniels was adjudged the winner last night, but the finish was such that Fred Wermig immediately challenged the victor to race again. The time taken for the mile was 4 minutes and 17 seconds. The judges were Messrs. Drew, Ross and Angell. Timekeeper, Mr. B. Blyth, and the lap keepers, Messrs. Hooper and Dewhurst.

CYMRODORION SOCIETY FOR PRINCE RUPERT

As a result of a meeting held last night, it has been decided by the Welsh boys of this city to start a society as named above. The Welsh people have ever been famous since the earliest days for their bards and poets, and in kindred matters to this day, they take the lead among the English speaking peoples.

As a national pastime, music, and particularly vocal music, has been that of Wales for many generations, and in a few months from now, the people of Prince Rupert should have some real good singing and entertainments.

All Welsh people are requested to get in touch with the secretary, Mr. Morris, of the B. C. Undertakers, or with any member of the committee, Messrs. Harry Atkins, Meth Davis, and J. Myhill-Jones.

It is known that there are many Welsh people around Prince Rupert and with a little help from them all, the success of the Cymrodorion Society is assured.

VON BISSING, GOVERNOR OF BELGIUM, IS DEAD

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 19.—Advises received here yesterday state that von Bissing, the German governor of Belgium, died yesterday. Details are lacking. He was the German official who was responsible for the death of Edith Cavell, the heroic British nurse who stayed behind in the conquered territory to nurse the wounded.

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THE GERMAN PEOPLE GO ON STRIKE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Copenhagen, April 19.—Strikes have broken out in different and separate parts of Germany, particularly in the munition areas, on account of the high costs and small quantities of food allowed to each person. Berlin itself is seething with discontent. Great hungry hordes throng the public places of the German capital crying for relief.

The reduction of the food allowance is causing widespread misery and discontent, which together with the defeats on the western front, are causing the authorities much misgiving.

Any further continued curtailment of the food supply, already insufficient, means revolt, and the Socialists have the people behind them when they state that the limit has been reached. Thousands of workmen are on strike.

THE RETAILERS' HALF-HOLIDAY

A deputation representing merchants from the cities of Vancouver, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, New Westminster and Victoria waited upon the government recently in connection with the Half-Holiday Act. The following resolutions had been endorsed unanimously by the merchants:

(1) "We recommend the principle of a maximum of fifty-three hours for stores and store clerks, to apply to all store employees, excepting watchmen and janitors, the act to cover their regular work only."

(2) "We endorse the principle of the Wednesday half-holiday, but we recommend that municipalities where sixty-five per cent of the retail merchants are opposed to this half-holiday shall be exempt from the act."

Mr. Ing, the secretary of the Victoria Retailers Association, read these resolutions, and was supported by the next two speakers, but from this point, one merchant after another rose and repudiated the section of resolution No. 1, which favored the maximum of fifty-three hours a week for stores.

As the dissension grew more apparent, the Premier informed the delegation that it would be better to have a definite policy formulated among themselves, after which it could be submitted to the Government.

The deputation then withdrew and most of its members must have been painfully conscious that, so far as having accomplished any definite results, it had demonstrated for the entertainment of the government, the apparent inability of retail merchants to think and act collectively.

YUKON PATRIOTISM

The latest copies of "Canada," the illustrated weekly journal published in London, England, has a most interesting article on war and war work in the Yukon. It carries half a dozen illustrations, including that of Captain George Black, Commissioner of Yukon Territory, now in England, and his staff of well known Yukoners; a portrait of Mrs. George Black, now in England for the first time, and the Girl Guides of the Yukon. Mrs. Black says in the article: "In proportion to population; the Yukon has given more to the patriotic funds than any other part of Canada. Men, women and children have averaged \$20 per head." Over six hundred men have gone to the war from the Yukon, many walking long distances to enlist.

GREAT CAPTURES OF PRISONERS BY ALLIES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 19.—The total captures of prisoners by the British army since April 9th, amount to fourteen thousand men and 227 guns. On a closer count of the numbers taken by the French this week in their drive between Soissons and Rheims, the unwounded Germans now behind the French lines are found to number at least seventeen thousand. Immense quantities of munitions have also been taken by the French. Their advance was so swift and thorough that all the German supply depots on the wide radius were taken, fully stocked.

ANTI-GERMAN ACTION BY THE ARGENTINOS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Buenos Ayres, April 19.—The government here today formally took over into their custody all the German interned vessels. The official explanation of this action is that it is to prevent the German crews from damaging their vessels.

Mobs have attacked 250 German houses in Porto Alegre and great rioting was witnessed on Saturday. A formal statement issued today points out that all the casualties on Saturday's rioting were foreigners, except the policeman killed.

The government has not yet announced its course of action regarding the sinking of the Monte Protegido by a German submarine.

FORTUNES ARE WON BY BUYING SHIPS

Subscriptions from Cardiff to the new British War Loan amounted to more than £30,000,000, an average of £150 for every man, woman and child in the city. This remarkable contribution is an indication of the golden age which the war has brought to Cardiff. In no British city has such vast wealth been earned so easily and so quickly.

At the outbreak of the war, Cardiff had the largest export trade in the country. Freights began to increase. Ships doubled, trebled, quadrupled in value. Young business men, enterprising and daring, bought whole fleets on a speculative basis, which would almost make a New York curb broker hesitate. They reaped the reward of their daring.

In one case a tramp steamer so old that it was carried on a company's books at a nominal valuation of £1, was sold for £80,000, and resold the next day for an even £100,000. In another case, a steamer bought in the midst of a voyage for £100,000, realized £40,000 for its owners by the time it reached his dock, and was then promptly resold for another profit of £40,000.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Polaris has arrived with 60,000 pounds of halibut; Aurora with 8,000; Corona with 16,000; Reform, 12,000, and the Kitwin-mar with 8,000 pounds. Bidding will likely take place this afternoon.

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