

GERMAN ATTACKS MADE NO IMPRESSION

COUNTER OFFENSIVE BY THE GERMANS FAILS TO ACHIEVE ANY DECISIVE RESULT

FIERCE FIGHT IS STILL RAGING ON WESTERN FRONT

German Counter Offensive Beat Unavailing on the Allied Front—Repulsed With Great Losses.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, May 16.—Germany's counter offensive attack which started yesterday with concerted attacks against the British and French fronts has apparently worn itself out today in vain beating against the Allied positions. The British forces are steadily gaining ground at Bullecourt and to the north of the Scarpe river. Fighting is continued with unabated violence.

At Roux.
Attack after attack was made on the positions of the British at Roux. Furious infantry attacks were made in a succession of waves. The impetus of the enemy attack carried their first line over the British trenches, but the artillery and machine gun fire withered the supports, who were unable to come to the assistance of the first line of attackers. The British troops stuck to their positions and the first line of the attackers were either killed or made prisoners. The losses inflicted on the Germans were enormous. The British line held and further ground was captured.

French Front.
In the Aisne region, the enemy made a temporary gain in the French advanced trenches, but were speedily ejected. Attacks of a furious nature on a wide front were made by the enemy, but were all repulsed with great loss.

Italian Front.
Rome, May 17.—The Italian advance grows greater. Guns are roaring along a twenty-five-mile front. The guns of heavy calibre are doing very effective work. The infantry are advancing. The Austrians are putting up a stubborn resistance, and the fighting is growing more bitter.

U. S. WARSHIPS NOW IN EUROPEAN WATERS

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, May 17.—An American torpedo boat destroyer flotilla is now somewhere in European waters. Rear Admiral Sims, of the United States Navy, is in command of all the U. A. Naval forces now overseas, and is working in co-operation with the British Naval heads.

FRENCH BUDGET

(Special to The Daily News.)
Paris, May 17.—The Budget, calling for 9,843,000,000 francs for war expenses for the third quarter of 1917, was introduced into the Chamber of Deputies today. The total expenditure of France in the war up to September 30 last reached ninety billion francs.

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THE SETTLEMENT OF IRISH HOME RULE

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, May 17.—The London Times has made a forecast of the terms of settlement of the Home Rule for Ireland Bill. First, will be the immediate establishment of an Irish Parliament in Dublin. Second, the exclusion of the Northeast of Ulster by a clean cut. Third, the formation of a grand council, consisting of an equal proportion of members of the Dublin Parliament, and the six counties of Ulster to transact all common business between the excluded areas and the rest of Ireland. This grand council will have power to direct any enactment of the Dublin Parliament that shall apply to the excluded area.

MINING NOTES

In Howson Basin, 28 miles from Telkwa, Messrs. Jefferson and Dockrill are operating the Santa Maria group under bond and expected to ship between 300 and 400 tons of ore this winter. The vein is 4 feet wide and development work consists of stripping over a length of 250 feet and shaft sunk 38 feet. The vein consists of stringers carrying chalcopryite or copper glance, with sulphides of copper and iron. A sample from the dump gave values of: Gold, trace; silver, 13.2 ozs. per ton; copper, 21.7 per cent.

Messrs. Jefferson and Dockrill have also under bond the Duchess group, formerly held by the Telkwa Mines Co., and one of the first locations in the camp. The ore is low grade, occurring in dykes, and values run from 1 per cent. to 5 per cent. copper. Development consists of two tunnels, one of which is 400 feet long, well mineralized for a length of 90 feet with ore stated to average 4 per cent. copper.

The Bush group, the property of the Cassiar Crown Copper Co., has been bonded to Messrs. Anderson and Trimble, of Portland, Ore. The showing is described as promising. Development consists of a shaft 5 feet deep and tunnel driven 100 feet. A sample assayed: Gold, trace; silver, 2.6 ozs. per ton; copper, 2.5 per cent. The property is equipped with a compressor. The property is within four miles of the railway.

The Babine-Bonanza Mining & Milling Co., organized by James Cronin, has done considerable development work for the past ten years on its holdings in the Babine Range and the company would be shipping ore if it had transportation facilities. A tunnel has been run 173 feet to a point where it cross-cut No. 2 shaft vein, in which drifting was subsequently done. Near the portal it cross-cut 25 feet of good ore. One hundred feet lower down the mountain side another tunnel was run to develop this ore on its dip, but failed to encounter it. An intermediate tunnel was begun to locate the exact angle of dip, and also struck good ore of milling grade. The deposit is of contact type. There is a large surface showing of ore, the cap rock having been eroded, leaving the vein exposed over a considerable area. A second vein on the other side of the hill also promises well. The transportation point will be Telkwa, a distance of thirty miles from the mine. The ore is silver-lead-zinc.

HUGHES DEFEATED

(Special to The Daily News.)
Melbourne, May 17.—The Nationalists control both houses. Hughes has been defeated in his appeal to the country.



BATTLEFIELD ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—These British Tommies are enjoying a short rest awaiting orders to move to the attack against the Germans at one of the points, where the Allies are advancing.

CHANCELLOR MAKES BOMBASTIC SPEECH

(Special to The Daily News.)
Berlin, May 17.—The Chancellor, Bethmann-Hollweg, declines to discuss German war aims. In the long awaited speech which was bombastic from first to last, he told the Reichstag that peace terms were difficult to name. The interests of the nation demand strict silence. The chancellor could not spring the desires of the Fatherland until the moment was ripe.

London, May 17.—The formal admission that Germany was angling officially for a separate peace with Russia was the main point of Hollweg's speech that struck the British press and the public. Otherwise the address is regarded as a mere recapitulation of the previous outlines of Germany's aims, but an outline which may possibly arouse German Socialists to drastic action.

HAIR SEALS KILLED BY POWDER BLAST

New Westminster, May 16.—Approximately 200 hair seals which have been destroying salmon in the Fraser River were killed early one morning when the Dominion Fisheries Department officials exploded 200 pounds of dynamite and other explosives on a sandbar at the Standheads at the mouth of the Fraser River. Mr. J. McHugh, resident engineer of Dominion fisheries, had charge of the work, assisted by Mr. F. H. Cunningham, chief inspector, and Mr. A. P. Halladay, his assistant. A sandbar was selected where the seals had been accustomed to sun themselves. The bar was mined and when the seals congregated thickly as the tide receded the whole bar was blown up by connecting an electric current leading to the mines. The experiment proved successful that the scheme will probably be largely used. Seals in the Fraser River each year destroy thousands of dollars' worth of salmon.

EXPLOSION IN U. S.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Sault Ste Marie, Mich., May 17.—Four men were killed and three fatally injured here today when an explosion damaged the Government pier near the Soo Locks. It is believed to be the work of Hun plotters.

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INSTEAD OF FIGHTING THEY PLAY POLITICS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Petrograd, May 18.—The Provisional Government has decided today to reject the terms under which the Soldiers and Workmen's Council proffered coalition in the new Government. The council's insistence on certain matters of foreign policy was a demand which the leaders of the Duma refused to approve. The Provisional Government could not renounce the principles announced formally on April 9th, which renunciation was practically made necessary by the full acceptance of the council's terms. This decision leaves the Russian situation once again wide open. Tertschenska, who was formerly minister of finance, will succeed Miliukoff as foreign minister. Kerensky, minister of justice, will succeed Gutchkoff.

IN THE LETTER BOX

Dear Mr. Editor:—A few days ago I had occasion, in order to make clear what American fishermen have had to contend with in this town, to repeat what American captains have told me in regard to the conduct of an acting official on the water front. Now comes one, "Ignoramus," who, for some reason fails to sign his name, and, with an attempt at sarcasm, offers to criticise my action. I still think the reference as made was necessary on the theory that publicity is the best way for any kind of official wrong-doing. But I will say to "Ignoramus" that before the reference was made the case of the acting official had been regularly taken up through the proper official channels and decided; though the acting official had not made the amends he had been directed to make. I will say further that if "Ignoramus" insists on full particulars in regard to this matter, let me assure him he is digging a pit for his friend.

Let me conclude by saying that if "Ignoramus" or any other honest man will call at my office I will lay before him such evidence as will convince him that the people of Prince Rupert ought to take a lively interest in the activities of the acting official on the water front.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your courtesy in giving me space in your valuable paper, I remain, Very respectfully yours,
GEO. M. HANSON.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER ON SHIP CONTRACTS

In a discussion in the Dominion House the other day upon the necessity for the building of ships Mr. J. H. Sinclair, of Guysboro, emphasized the necessity of making up the big losses to shipping which have been inflicted by the German submarines. "The Canadians," he said, "are a maritime people, and if it is decided to revive the construction of wooden ships, the government should give the lead. The building of ships was even of more importance at the present time than the production of munitions. A little courage and an administrative capacity were the chief things required.

Mr. J. J. Hughes, of Prince Edward Island, suggested that the Government give a bonus of \$20 a ton for shipbuilding and that ten millions be voted for that purpose. This would be much wiser than the Highways Act. Sir George Foster in replying, stated among other things, that "today, every shipyard in the Dominion of Canada which is able to build ships, has not only the opportunity, but the actual contracts." Continuing, Sir George said that any company which would undertake to build wooden ships in Canada would get the contract. All costs would be paid and a reasonable profit guaranteed.

QUADRA TO BURN OIL

For the purpose of having her coalburning system changed to handle fuel oil, the steamer Quadra, formerly a government lighthouse tender but now owned by a Howe Sound mining concern, is at Vancouver. The alterations will be made by the North Shore Iron Works. The vessel has been engaged in the ore-carrying trade since being sold some few months ago, and her owners came to the conclusion that she can be operated more cheaply by burning oil.

GERMAN ADMISSION

(Special to The Daily News.)
Amsterdam, May 17.—Berlin admits the loss of Zeppelin L-22, which was brought down recently by British naval gunners in the North Sea.

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CONGRESS MAY SPEED UP SOON

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, May 17.—President Wilson urges Congress to speed up legislation. Action, not talk, is wanted. The President impresses the necessity for action, which is imperative. Food speculators were also denounced by the President in no uncertain terms. He says that food control is second only in importance to military plans.

The United States have extended credit to Belgium of forty-five millions and one hundred millions to Russia today.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT ON FOURTH AVENUE

About midday yesterday, an occurrence of a very unfortunate nature happened, near the new building now in course of construction upon the hill on Fourth Avenue. The two little sons of Mr. D. G. Stewart were playing near their own house on a pile of lumber to be used for the new building which was lying on the street. When on the top of the pile, it suddenly fell over.

One of the boys, being at the end, escaped with severe bruises, but the other, Jimmie, aged five, was on the middle and he was thrown on to the muskeg, with the lumber on top of him. Both of the little fellow's legs are broken, one near the thigh and the other between the knee and ankle.

His head also appeared to be badly hurt. He was immediately taken home and the doctor called. The little fellow, it is expected, will be taken to the hospital today.

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