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## TURKS AGAIN DEFEATED IN MESOPOTAMIA

### HELIGOLAND BIGHT BLOCKADED AGAINST SUBMARINES — LAURENTIC IS SUNK

#### BRITISH SCORE FURTHER GAINS IN MESOPOTAMIA

Trenches Taken Along Extensive Front—Hundreds of Turks Killed—The Russians Break Through.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 30.—The British expeditionary force on the Mesopotamia front has scored further important successes against the Turks, and our troops are now in possession of the Turkish first and second line trenches on a frontage of 4,300 yards, while the third and fourth lines have been captured for a distance of six hundred yards.

The number of prisoners captured exceeds one hundred, and Turkish dead to the number of one hundred and fifty have been collected, the remainder not having yet been counted.

#### Russian Front.

Petrograd, January 30.—Our troops broke through the German lines on a front of two miles on the northwestern end of the Riga front yesterday, driving the enemy back in disorder.

#### German Report.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Superior Russian forces forced back our line on a portion of the front along the Bystrizka River. Operations have been momentarily suspended on account of severe snowstorms.

#### RECRUITING APPEAL

Lieut. D. J. Gordon, of the 11th British Fusiliers, addressed the city council last evening. After complimenting Prince Rupert on its splendid patriotism, the officer made an earnest appeal for assistance in recruiting. He said that it is the duty of every available man to enlist for active service, especially since so many soldiers were returning whose places must be filled at the front and for whom room must be made here.

#### SCHOOL ESTIMATES

The school estimates for 1917 are, ordinary, \$32,434, and extraordinary, \$1,760, making a total of \$34,194. The list was referred to the finance and general committee of the city council last night.

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**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT**

**NOTICE**  
1917 Dog Taxes.  
These taxes are now due and payable. Same are to be paid to the Chief of Police or Health Inspector, who will issue 1917 brass tag.

Owners of dogs who have not taken out these Licences by March 1st next will be prosecuted without further notice. mt  
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#### BRITISH BLOW UP MINE UNDER HUN TRENCHES

Dug-outs Bombed and Heavy Casualties Inflicted—Intense Cold Prevailing in France.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 30.—The British yesterday blew up a mine under the German first line trenches southwest of Lens and also bombarded the German dug-outs in this vicinity, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy.

Northwest of Vermelles, our troops destroyed German dug-outs with their occupants and penetrated the third line of enemy trenches, killing the Germans who offered any resistance and taking prisoners of the others. Our heavy artillery is very active against the enemy lines north of the Anere and the German headquarters and billets in the neighborhood of Lens.

#### French Report.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The intense cold has been responsible for several deaths. There is also a shortage of coal on account of the barges having become imprisoned in the ice and canal transportation has been entirely suspended. There is floating ice in the lower reaches of the river Seine.

Last night the French bombed Luneville and brought down a German aeroplane near Danne-Marie. Engagements are recorded at Hill 304 on the Verdun front; along the left bank of the Meuse and in Lorraine.

#### German Report.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—We have repelled the French attacks all along the Verdun front and still hold all the trenches gained at Hill 304, despite the efforts of the enemy to recover the ground lost.

#### HOW FOOD PRICES SOARED LAST YEAR

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—During 1916 food prices in Canada rose more than 25 per cent above the prices prevailing in 1915. A report on the trend in food prices during last year has been issued by the labor department and shows that whereas the index number of wholesale prices stood at 164 for December, 1915, last month it reached 204.8, the highest figure that has been reached since a record was kept by the department.

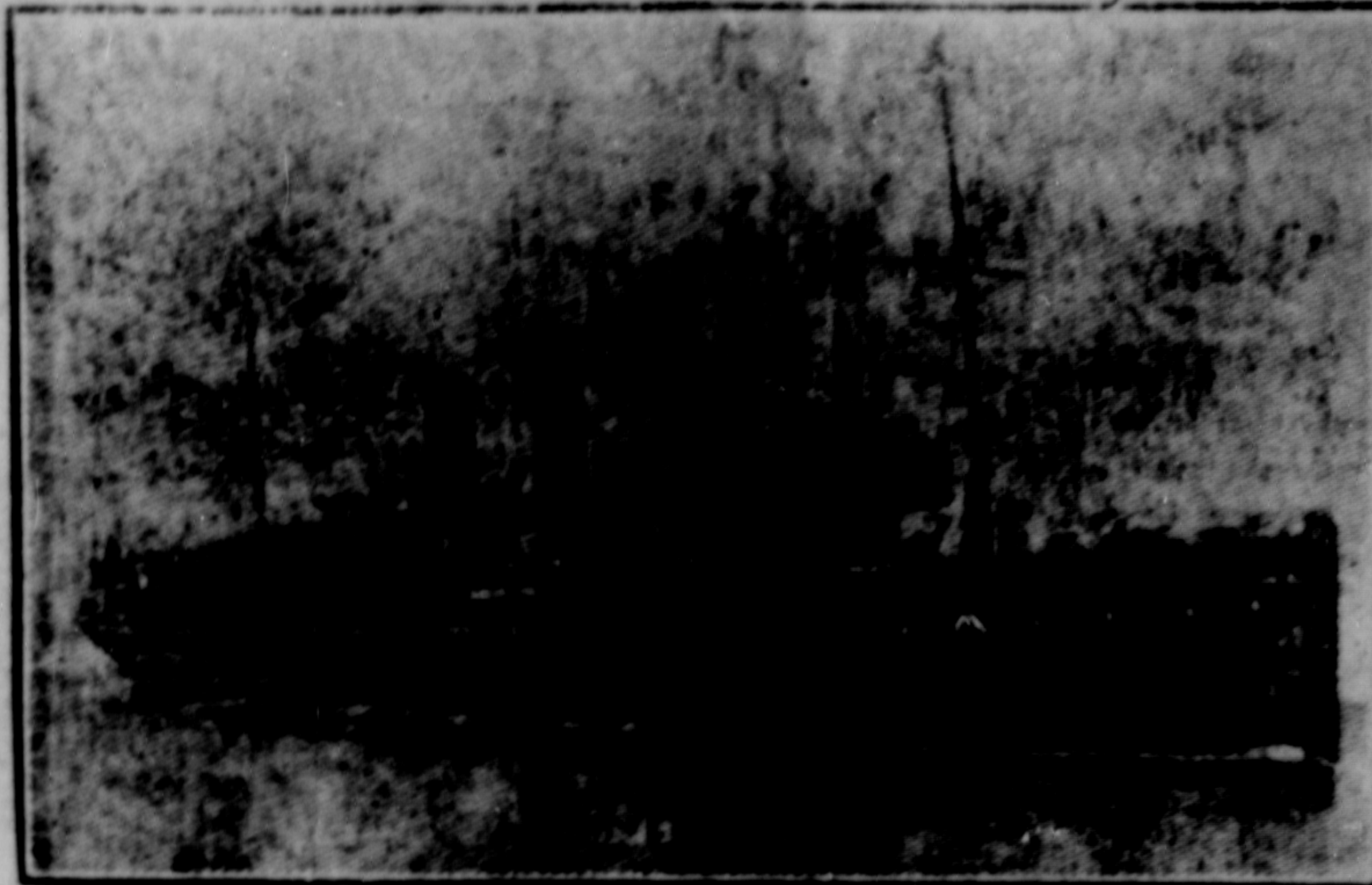
The average index number for the year was 182.6, as compared with 148 for 1915, 136.1 for 1914 and 135.5 for 1913. During the first half of 1916, the upward movement was mostly in metals, chemicals and clothing materials, says the report.

But during the second half the advance was most pronounced in foodstuffs. Not only grain, breadstuffs, vegetables and fruit were scarce and high in price, but dairy products, eggs and livestock were greatly affected by the feed shortage.

Leather, cotton, iron and steel and coal and coke also rose sharply.

In retail prices the cost of a weekly family budget of staple foods rose to \$10.11 for December, as compared with \$8.13 for December, 1915, the average for the year being \$8.79, as compared with \$7.86 for 1915. Rent rose steadily, while coal and wood were higher for the year.

Selling out at cost, phone 493, Cavenaile & Hannan. tf.



#### DANGEROUS GERMAN RAIDER STILL AT LARGE

The P. and O. Liner *Moldavia*, which has been missing for a year and which is believed to have been captured by the Germans and operated as a raider on the coast of South America. Several British merchantmen have recently been sunk in that vicinity.

#### FIRE WIPED OUT MERRYFIELD BLOCK EARLY THIS MORNING

OCCUPANTS ESCAPE IN NIGHT ATTACK—EVERYTHING LOST IN THE FLAMES—FIREMEN FIGHT BOTH FROST AND FIRE—ONLY SMOULDERING DEBRIS SITE OF BUILDING

What was the Merryfield Block last night was a mass of smouldering debris at eight o'clock this morning. Mrs. Kergin, Senr., Mrs. Halsey and family; Mrs. and Miss Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and family and Mr. Merryfield escaped from the burning building in their night clothes and were unable to save even the smallest of their belongings. Furniture, clothes, money and jewelry were swallowed up in the flames and Mr. Fuller was the only one to carry any insurance.

The water system in the building was frozen up yesterday and plumbers were busy there until about two o'clock this morning. Mrs. Kergin and Mrs. Halsey, unable to sleep on account of the noise made by the workmen, were awake at 4 o'clock this morning, and detecting the odor of burning wood, they called Mr. Merryfield who went to the basement to see if anything was wrong. He found no sign of fire and concluded that the smell came from the furnace. Being thus reassured, the ladies went to sleep and woke again about six o'clock nearly asphyxiated with smoke. Mrs. Halsey opened a window and the smoke poured into the room in such volume that she, with her little boy and her mother, rushed outside giving the alarm as they ran. The other residents in the building were not aware of any-

thing being amiss until this time and all had to flee without even clothing.

Most found refuge in Captain Rorvig's house, which later appeared to be in danger of catching fire, the captain removing his furniture to a place of safety.

Mrs. Halsey, carrying her little boy, ran to Dr. Kergin's house on Second Avenue and with the scantiest of clothing. On arriving there, she discovered that one foot had been frost-bitten on the way.

When the fire brigade arrived on the scene of the outbreak, they found that they had the two extremes to fight—extreme cold and a fire which had gained a firm hold on the basement of the building. The frost interfered with the free working of the brigade and the men soon looked like arctic explorers, in their ice-encrusted garments. They worked like trojans but all they could do was to save the adjoining buildings. The block was valued at \$16,000 and was partially covered by insurance. The sympathy of all citizens will go out to the occupants who lost all they possessed in the building.

#### CANADIAN CLUB

A meeting for the election of officers will be held in the City Hall on Thursday next, February 1st, at 5 p. m. Members and all interested are invited to attend.  
C. T. HEWARD, Hon. Secy.

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#### HELIGOLAND IS BLOCKADED BY NAVAL CORDON

Jellicoe's Effort to Stop Submarines—Laurentic is Latest Victim—Many Lives are Lost.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 30.—The British navy is blockading Heligoland Bight, which involves a portion of the coast of Holland. The new movement is directed against the entrance and departure of German submarines to and from their base at the mouth of the River Elbe.

#### Liner Sunk.

London, Jan. 30.—The White Star liner *Laurentic*, used by the British Admiralty as an auxiliary cruiser, has been sunk either by coming in contact with a floating mine or by a torpedo from an enemy submarine. The *Laurentic* was a vessel of 14,890 tons gross and was 550 feet in length. Twelve officers, including Captain Norton, her commander, and a hundred and nine members of her crew were saved.

#### Wireless Warning.

Norfolk, Jan. 30.—Wireless warnings have been issued by Entente warships in the Atlantic cautioning merchantmen to keep a sharp look-out for a supposed German raider which is believed to be about seven hundred miles off New York.

#### LONG DISCUSSION ON INDEMNITY BYLAW

Ald. McRae's amendment to clause 5 of the indemnity bylaw brought forth a lengthy discussion at the city council meeting last night. The amendment reads that each alderman who omits to attend any regular weekly meeting of the council shall have \$5 deducted from his indemnity for each meeting missed.

Speaking to the amendment, Ald. McRae said that he felt that it would be unfair to some of the aldermen if a deduction were made for non-attendance at committee meetings, these being held in the afternoon. It was also inconvenient to hold such meetings in the evening as, very often, the presence of the heads of the various departments was necessary.

Ald. Montgomery asked the city solicitor as to the legality of the amendment. He understood that the indemnity was for a year and he wanted to know if it was legal to make any deduction.

Mr. Peters said that the statute provided for the payment of an indemnity not exceeding \$400 a year for attendance at council meetings. There was no reason whatever why the aldermen should not be paid at so much per meeting and the amount deducted for each meeting missed.

Ald. Montgomery said that he failed to see where the council had any right to make the change. The statute clearly called for an indemnity of a stated sum for the year.

Mr. Peters replied that an alderman who missed a meeting had no indemnity.

Ald. Montgomery said he was willing to have the change made if the other aldermen at the board were willing to cut out patronage.

Ald. McClymont said he believed the public sentiment demanded that some such action be taken. There was considerable talk last year regarding non-attendance and, since the recent election, it had been stated that one alderman had been defeated

#### MURPHY WANTS INVESTIGATION BY COMMITTEE

Ex-Minister Deals With Hughes Letters; Bruce and Baple Reports and Ross Rifle Scandal.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Hon. Charles Murphy has requested that a committee of the House of Commons be appointed to enquire into matters arising out of the correspondence which passed between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Sam Hughes; the Bruce and Baple reports on the Canadian military hospitals in England, and the reports on the Ross rifle.

Mr. Murphy stated that Sir Max Aiken cabled to Sir Sam Hughes on May 12th telling him of the serious situation which had developed from the continued use of this defective weapon and asked the Minister of Militia to show the cable to Premier Borden. Five days later the Premier announced in the House of Commons that the government had no knowledge regarding the failure of the Ross rifle and stated that it was unpatriotic to throw discredit upon the only rifle which could be made in Canada.

#### Unity in Regina.

Regina, Jan. 30.—The Opposition leader in the provincial legislature has endorsed the program of legislation brought down by the Martin Government. The Premier emphasized the fact that the winning of the war is the greatest task now before the different sections of the Empire.

because he was absent for some time last year. He felt that something should be done to fit in with public opinion in the matter. It only touched those who had to go out of the city to find employment. He did not think the idea was to penalize anyone. He felt that a man who was working out of town was not attending to his duties as an alderman and the public could not see why any such man should receive any indemnity.

So far as patronage was concerned, he received none, but if Ald. Montgomery had any suggestions to make along that line they should hear them.

Ald. Casey explained his case. He did not wish the council to consider him personally. He saw nothing unfair in the proposed amendment, provided that all aldermen were free to attend all meetings. For nine months of the year, he worked half of the time at night and it was impossible for him to attend the meetings, though he was doing service to the city other than attending the meetings. He had never stayed away from a meeting when he could have been present and had sacrificed time in doing his duties as an alderman.

Ald. McClymont thought that the case could be met by altering the amendment so that the penalty fell on those who were out of town.

Ald. McRae said that they were each affected equally. He had been away last year and would probably be away again this year.  
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