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CHATHAM BOMBED BY GERMAN AIR RAIDERS

RUSSIAN WOMEN'S BATTALION ASSIST DEFENCE OF RIGA--ITALIANS BOMB POLA

DOCKYARDS AT CHATHAM ARE RAIDED BY HUNS

Army Aeroplanes Search for Admiralty Dockyards at Chatham—Bombs Kill and Injure Many.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Sept. 5.—German aeroplanes last night raided the Chatham Sheerness area of England. Chatham is a British naval base. Sheerness is a naval and a military depot. Inflicting what is described as "naval casualties" totalling 107 dead and 86 wounded, the enemy raiders were successful in finding their objective. On the Isle of Thanet, raiders killed one and injured two. The raiders slipped across the Channel in the bright moonlight of Sunday and Monday nights. No word has been made public of any damage inflicted on the dockyards or the access shops.

In Flanders.
The British plans to give battle have met with no successful result. The enemy's artillery showed great activity during the night northwest of Ypres. We advanced our lines slightly northwest of Julien. Successful raids were carried out by the Canadians south of Lens.

Bruges Bombed.
The British naval aircraft made bombing raids at midnight on Sunday on the docks, submarine shelters, and railway sidings at Bruges. The bombs were observed to explode over the objectives and caused adjacent to the gates of the Elze Canal. A British aeroplane fought six Germans and shot one of them down.

THE COUNTY COURT

His Honor Judge Young opened court this morning in the Court House. The calendar is as follows:
Jennie Richards vs. O. M. Walker et al., \$93.17.
John Young vs. Molybdenum Mining and Reduction Co., Ltd., \$38.00.
T. Siverson vs. Herman Erb, \$1.90.
D. G. Stewart vs. Hugh Ross, Mr. estate of Donald Ross, \$30.30.
Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd. vs. R. S. Sargeant, Ltd., \$814.91.
F. H. Mobley & Co., Ltd. vs. C. Queen, \$424.75.
William Mulholland vs. Frank Stevens, \$280.00.
A. J. Prudhomme et al. vs. Franco-Canadian Trust Co., Ltd., damages.
William Georgalas vs. Arcade Cafe et al., \$170.50.
H. O. Crew vs. Canadian Express Co., \$51.25.

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THE PREMIER AND CABINET MINISTERS' TOUR OF THE INTERIOR

Early on Saturday morning, the special train carrying Premier Brewster and his ministers and advisers pulled out of Prince Rupert for the interior country. The first stop was made at Terrace, where a few hours were spent in looking around and inspecting the agricultural development, and discussing matters with the citizens. At Usk, Van Arsdol and Gitwanga stops were also made before reaching Hazelton.

When the train pulled into South Hazelton station, the visiting party found automobiles in readiness to take them round the district. At Old Hazelton an inspection was made of a fine collection of ore samples which had been got together by Mr. J. F. Maguire, which was representative of the mines and prospects in the vicinity.

The party then proceeded to the Silver Standard mine on Glen Mountain. The weather was perfect, and on the way up the mountain, a splendid view was obtained of the wide Kispix Valley. The panorama from the mountain road was well worth coming up to see, the great, broad, wide valley stretching away as far as the eye could reach, flanked by mountain bastions in the distance on each side. The few clearings in the valley displayed their paucity by their vivid Irish green standing out sharply against the darker green of the trees.

In this great valley, contiguous to the railroad, the cultivated land was conspicuous by its scarcity. Of wonderful and proven fertility, capable of supporting thousands of settlers, it lay there before the eyes of the Ministers, a mute witness of a wrong system. Thousands of acres of the choicest portions of the Kispix Valley are at present held by speculators. They will not cultivate the land themselves, and by the price they have placed upon it, have effectively kept out the farmer who would cultivate it.

On arriving at the Silver Standard mine, the party was conducted through the workings by Mr. W. G. Norrie, and were much interested in what they saw there. On the return of the party to Hazelton, an informal reception was held for the Ministers by Dr. and Mrs. Wrench at the hospital. A marquee was erected on the spacious lawn in front of the hospital, and Hazelton gathered there her beauty and her chivalry to welcome the parliamentarians. The function was most delightful and the scenic setting would be hard to beat, with the sharp peak of old Rocher de Boule stabbing the sky in the background.

On the return journey to New Hazelton, the party crossed the high level bridge over the Bulkley river, with the old Indian Hagwileg bridge below. Salmon could plainly be seen jumping into the Indian traps in the gorge far below.

In the evening a meeting was held in the large room of the hotel, which was well attended. The topics of the speeches were all of the subject of the development of the resources of the country, the wealth of which the ministers had ample opportunity to judge during the day from the little they had time to see.

On Sunday forenoon the party arrived at Smithers, where the excursion train from Prince Rupert passed the Premier's special about 1:30 p.m. During the afternoon a trip was made to Glenanna, where several ranches were inspected. The Minister of Agriculture (Continued on page three.)

HALIBUT REACHES RECORD PRICES

Yesterday something like 110,000 lbs. of halibut had arrived in port, during the sale of which record prices were received. In car-load lots, the bidding went up to 16½ cents per pound, which price, for quantities of this size, surpasses any previous records established in Prince Rupert.

Today, the Tom and Al brought in 40,000 lbs., Agnes B., 9,000, and the Magnhel, 4,000 lbs. Their catches were not sold up to time of writing.

The weather has been bad on the fishing banks for the past six weeks or so, and catches have ruled small. With the smaller catches arriving, there has consequently been a greater demand, which has been accentuated by the institution of meatless days. Prices in Seattle have also ruled higher than ever. Yesterday in car-load lots from 17c to 19c was paid, and for smaller quantities, 22c was paid, which is a hitherto unheard of price.

THE PRICE OF COAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Special Fuel Committee appointed by the council to investigate into the price of fuel, made its report to the city council last evening. The committee found that in Vancouver coal cost \$8.50 per ton, at Anyox \$9.00 and at the Cold Storage Co. at Seal Cove \$9.00 and at the local merchants in town \$12.00. This difference in price was accounted for by the method of handling by the local dealers, for whom the bulk of the coal arrives in small quantities. The report stated that the price of coal was \$5.50 for lump coal at the mine. In 800 and 1,000 ton lots freight would be \$2.00 per ton with 3 per cent. insurance. With delivery charges, this brought the price up to \$9.15 per ton, without taking wharfage into account, nor unloading charges.

Reference was made to the action of the United States Government in fixing the price at the pit-head, which was a very much lower price than that paid in Canada, and it was suggested that the deputy Fuel Controller, Mr. Nicholas Thompson, should be asked to find out the cost of production in British Columbia and to fix a price for this province.

It was agreed that the report of the committee lie on the table for one week.

THE TELKWA BARBECUE

Yesterday around town one of the chief topics of conversation was the Telkwa barbecue held on Monday. All who went on the trip from Prince Rupert enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The manner in which the two hundred passengers were handled by the Grand Trunk Pacific staff during the three nights and two days is calling forth encomiums from all who were there.

The opportunity to see the upper country and to make the acquaintance with the conditions and the people there by means of this excursion was a first-class one, and no one regrets having gone on this trip. The numbers who took advantage of this excursion show how it was appreciated by the people of the towns, and it is to be hoped that the Telkwa people will make their stock sale and barbecue an annual event. It would be a good thing for the interior country, besides affording an excuse for cheap excursions in the years to come.

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RUSSIAN WOMEN THROW GERMANS BACK AT RIGA

Battalion of Death, Composed of Russian Women, Engage the Enemy on Riga Front Successfully.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—The Riga fortress and the city of Riga itself abandoned by the Russians, became untenable owing to the heavy artillery bombardment, which caused heavy loss. A heavy bombardment was also kept up of the whole coast by the German warships. The Russian forces are continuing in full retreat before the Germans. The civilian population of the city had been evacuated some three weeks ago. In the withdrawal from Riga, the Russian troops loyally engaged the enemy and were assisted by the Battalion of Death, composed of the Russian women. They threw the Germans back for three kilometres, despite severe losses. In the Kull district, the Russians retired northward, having been dislodged by the Germans in the Jaegal region. In the neighborhood of Dvinsk, there is considerable artillery activity.

London Forecast.

London, Sept. 5.—A quick hard drive to Petrograd from Riga, which was abandoned by the Russians, is London's forecast today, regarding the Russian campaign. Military experts believe that the Germans will do their utmost in speed.

Congratulations.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—The Emperor Wilhelm congratulated the generals who conducted the operations leading to the capture of the city of Riga. Several thousands of prisoners were taken by the Germans in their advance in the Riga region, and more than a hundred and fifty guns were captured.

More Plots.

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—The Grand Duke Michaelis Alexandrovich, brother of the former emperor, together with his wife, have been placed under arrest in connection with the counter-revolutionary plot recently unearthed. Boris Vladimirovich Sturmer, the former Premier, and Foreign Minister, died yesterday from Uraemia after a long illness.

Mr. Ed. Richards, who for the last few months has been accountant with the Skeena Commercial Company, arrived in the city by last evening's train and left for the south by the Chelohsin. He is completing his course of studies at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver.

We are in the market for 1 in., 1½ in., and 2 in. No. 1 Shop Spruce, the same thickness in No. 2 Clear & Better Spruce, and as much 3 in. to 6 in. thick by 8 in. and over wide, 18 in. to 40 in. long, Clear Vertical Grain Spruce as you can get out. In replying please give specific details regarding stock you have on hand covering quantities of the different sizes and grades and whether it is dry or green. Can you furnish any Vevel Siding, Ceiling and Finish in No. 2 Clear & Better Spruce? Can you surface the Shop and Clear Spruce? Can you accept orders for specified thickness and grades? In naming your best price please quote delivered F. O. B. cars Prince Rupert and aboard vessel Seattle, Wash. We would like to have your price both ways.—PATTERSON LUMBER CO. White Bldg., Seattle, Wash. tf.

THE WAGES OF THE CIVIC OUTSIDE STAFF

At the meeting of the city council held last evening, a deputation was received from the Trades and Labor Council regarding wages of the men employed on the water mains excavations. The deputation consisted of Sec'y. Thompson and with him were Messrs. Rose, Haneq and Fraser. They stated their case from the men's point of view, who on account of broken time owing to the weather conditions, were not making a living wage. These men immediately concerned were rate-payers in the city and at 45c per hour could not make ends meet. Comparative figures were given of the wages paid in other cities to the south, and a strong case was made out for the men, as owing to the increasing cost of living, would require higher wages.

It was agreed that the city get into touch with the other cities in the south, Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria and Nanaimo to find out officially the rates in operation there, on receipt of which the matter will be further discussed by the council in committee of the whole.

FUNERAL SERVICE AT B. C. UNDERTAKERS

This morning at 9:45, service was conducted in the parlors of the B. C. Undertakers by the Rev. Dr. Grant, assisted by the Rev. W. S. A. Crux, over the casket of Mrs. McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, of Digby Island. There was a large attendance at the service and many floral offerings were sent as a last tribute. They consisted of crosses, wreaths, sprays and a star, and were most beautiful. The senders were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMullin, Mr. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kerr, Dr. and Mrs. Kergin, Mrs. R. O. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Stephens, Mrs. F. E. Pringle and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beatty, Tsimpsean Lodge No. 58, A. F. A. M., Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church, Kaiken Chapter R. A. M., Mr. and Mrs. E. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knight and family, Belist Chapter Eastern Star, I. O. O. F. No. 63, and Mrs. Hanson. The pall bearers were Messrs. Perry Sutherland, Monroe, Parker, Hanson and Barrie. The casket was placed on this morning's train and will be taken to Edmonton for burial. Mr. McKay and Mr. Smith are going there also.

WAR TIME ELECTIONS BILL ON ORDER PAPER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Sept. 5.—Conscientious objectors nor naturalized Teutons will have no vote in Canada at the forthcoming general election. According to the war time elections bill now on the order paper at Ottawa, the wives and relatives of soldiers will receive the franchise. The conscription clock is being wound up. An important conference is being held to expedite the work of securing the necessary men.

NORWAY'S LOSSES

(Special to The Daily News.)
Copenhagen, Sept. 5.—According to Norwegian advices, twenty-one Norwegian ships with an aggregate tonnage of forty-one thousand tons were lost through mines and submarines during the month of August. Three seamen were killed and five are missing.

Pte. James Hevenor, of Hazelton, who has been in the city for the last two days, left for his home up river this morning. He was with the 102nd Battalion, and has lost his right arm in the trenches.

BAVARIANS TO REINFORCE THE AUSTRIAN LINE

Hindenburg Transfers Two Whole Divisions of Bavarians from the Russian Front to Help Austrians.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Sept. 5.—Hindenburg is transferring two divisions of Bavarians from the Russian front to the Isonzo for the purpose of strengthening the Austrian defence. Reports reach here to the effect that the Italian inhabitants of Trieste are dying from starvation on account of the food supplies being almost exhausted.

Pola Bombed.

Thirty Italian aeroplanes dropped nine tons of bombs on the Austrian naval base of Pola, causing destruction and large conflagrations. Bombs fell upon the Austrian fleet at anchor and also on military works.

Austrian Losses.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The Austrian losses in the fighting on the road to Trieste are a hundred and twenty-five thousand men and three thousand, five hundred officers. General Borovic is reported to have been removed. He is blamed for much of the failure of the Austrians. General Koevess is named as his successor.

French Front.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The Germans made several ineffectual attempts to pierce the French lines on the Verdun and the Aisne fronts. Tact of the Meuse broke other severe German attacks.

The Military Conference.

It is expected that the Italians will attend the forthcoming military conference at Paris as it is on the Italian front that the quickest decision has been obtained.

In Persia.

Constantinople, Sept. 5.—The Russian troops in northern Persia have been pressed back by the Turkish forces.

THE PRINCE RUPERT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Notice to Parents and Guardians.
Pupils will not be taken into the receiving classes of the Prince Rupert Public Schools later than Monday, Sept. 10th, 1917. Any child of 6 years of age or over, or any child who will reach the age of 6 within two months from date of this notice will be accepted. The principal of the school should be notified on or before Sept. 10th of any child who is unable to attend through cause of illness, when arrangements will be made for the acceptance of the child when well enough to attend.
W. D. VANCE, Secretary.

FIGURES CANADA HAS 400,000 CLASS-ONE MEN

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Sept. 5.—A military depot official here says that the figures there are 400,000 men of military age in Canada of class one, available for service under the Military Service Act.

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