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## BIG PUSH COMMENCES ON WESTERN FRONT

### BRITISH OFFENSIVE STARTS AT DAWN AND PROCEEDS WITH MARKED SUCCESS

#### THE BATTLE OF MENIN ROAD DEVELOPES

Order to Cut Off Enemy From The Belgian Coast, Another Big Push is in Progress For Possession.

(Special to The Daily News).  
London, Sept. 21.—The British troops started to attack the German positions yesterday morning at dawn. The offensive is proceeding with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres and Roulers railways and Hollebeke. The German forces are making the most determined resistance to retain this vital ground, and the German artillery is retaliating heavily against the British big guns. It is believed that the German losses are unusually heavy. Great masses of their troops were concentrated in the expectation of the British attack, and they were caught under a hail of shells from the British batteries. The British artillery fire was accurate to a degree and great execution was made among the opposing troops.

**The Belgian Coast.**  
The present operations are taken to be indicative of an effort by the Allies to push the Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria and his forces back and cutting the Germans off from the Belgian coast, thus freeing Allied shipping to some extent from the submarine menace.

**French Front.**  
Paris, Sept. 21.—There is nothing to report except great artillery activity in the region south of the Oise in the sectors of Cornillet and Mont Hautin, and on both banks of the Meuse.

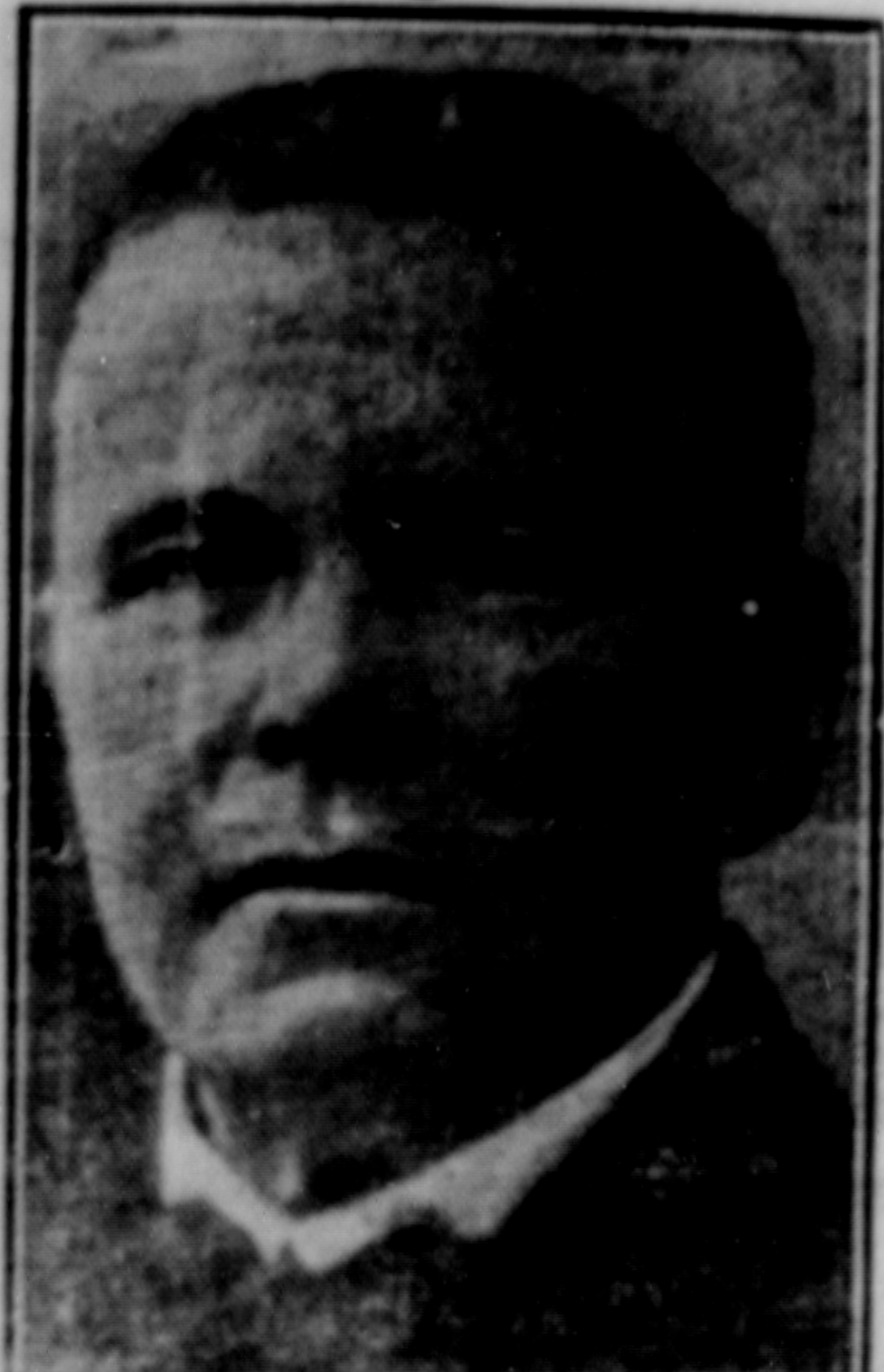
**Russian Front.**  
Petrograd, Sept. 21.—The offensive against the Kurds in Armenia continues. Fierce fighting is in progress in bitterly cold weather and in four feet of snow. The Russian troops have made considerable progress in this region.

**Troops From China.**  
Tokyo, Sept. 21.—China has signified her intention of contributing 300,000 men for the battleground in Europe, provided that this meets with the approval of the Allies.

**Ten Million!**  
San Francisco, Sept. 21.—Ten million Chinese troops on the front in France, the Orient's contribution to the cause of Democracy, is in prospect, if the United States will finance China's part in the war, declared Dr. Nu Poo Chu, the Chinese statesman and editor. If China had the money, she could move troops at the rate of 250,000 in nine days.

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**The Zimmerman of the Swedish Cabinet.**—Mr. Lindman, the Swedish Foreign Minister, around whom centres the events which have brought Sweden to the brink of war.

#### PILLAGE AND FIRE RUIN ST. QUENTIN

Paris, Sept. 20.—The Germans, according to the French claims, not only deliberately caused the fires that partly ruined the beautiful and famous cathedral of St. Quentin, but pillaged the city before they set fire to a part of it. The vandalism is laid to the door of officers and soldiers of the 116th and 117th Regiments of the 25th German Division, and more or less directly to the commanders of these units, respectively, Col. Kjing, Col. Klotz, and General von Scharfenstein, who are charged with having ordered a systematic pillage of St. Quentin as soon as they entered the city. Officers, with soldiers to do the heavy work, went about the city, it is claimed, and carried off furniture, silverware, pianos, and valuable pictures, and shipped them to Germany. They even took safes filled with valuables, and did it openly, piling them on to vans in midday. The officers and a number of soldiers were observed, it is said, as they attempted to steal strong boxes from a bank.

The pillaging troops worked under orders to establish a depot for loot on the route to Cambrai, where "buds" from various towns were concentrated. The soldiers received instructions to take anything they pleased or that looked valuable, and in consequence, have "cleared out" the city of St. Quentin, as well as countless smaller places. Numberless men on furlough are said to have gone back to their homes laden with loot.

Nor has money been overlooked in the vandal hunt. One soldier of the 116th Regiment is supposed to have uncovered 30,000 francs and to have appropriated it, while smaller sums are missing from a number of homes. Today there remains in St. Quentin homes only old, broken, and worthless furniture. Everything of value has been carried away.

**NOTICE**  
The adjourned annual meeting of the Northern British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association will be held in the city hall on Saturday evening at 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend. 223

**NOTICE**  
All Oddfellows in the city and district are requested to attend a special meeting to be held in the K. of P. Hall on Friday, Sept. 21, at 8 o'clock to meet the Grand Master on his official visit to the local lodge. 224.  
S. MUSSALLEM, N. G.

#### EXPERTS SPEAK OF FOOD SUPPLY

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—The National Conference of the world's food problem under the auspices of the American Academy of Social and Political Science opened here with discussions by prominent speakers of the general subject of comparative food values.

After citing the nutritive qualities of grains, meats and dairy products, Gifford Pinchot, president of the Pennsylvania Rural Progress Association, declared that the demands of the war pointed to the necessity of livestock production as against grain production.

War has made the government the largest buyer of food in this country, and the cost of feeding the American troops will be \$800,000 a day, according to Chas. Lathrop Paek, president of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission.

"The United States will win the war by fighting it with food," Mr. Paek continued. "Germany can not be starved because of her effective auxiliary food supply obtained from war gardens, which have been maintained in a high state of efficiency since the outbreak of war," he said. Declaring that bread is second only to bullets as a war essential, Charles J. Brad, chief of the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture, said that a relative scarcity of food supplies already exists. This shortage is created partly, he said, by unfavorable crop conditions and partly by the changing of forces of production into forces of destruction. The outlook for the current year, however, is good and there need be no fear of famine so far as America's population is concerned, he added.

#### SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY HAVE A FINE EVENING

The dance given by the Scandinavian Society last evening was a very pleasant function. There were about seventy couples present, and dancing was the business of the evening. The Westholme Orchestra provided the music which was better than ever, if such could be possible. Everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and the evening came to a close all too quickly. With good music, a fine floor, and pleasant company, the Scandinavian Society have every reason to be proud of their efforts.

The proceeds from this dance are for the relief of a sick member of the Society.

#### HOPES TO KEEP RIGA

Amsterdam, Sept. 20.—"Only fools believe we shall ever give up Riga," explained Dr. Gustav Stresemann, National Liberal member of the Reichstag, in addressing the crowd at the National Liberal meeting in Berlin yesterday.

Dr. Stresemann made a further attack upon President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's peace note. He took up the different points successively and defended German militarism as a necessity on the ground of the Empire's geographical position.

Peace, said Dr. Stresemann, had not been brought nearer by the decision of the Reichstag majority recorded in the adoption of its resolution. The sword alone could bring peace, he declared.

Get a coat, Suit, Waist, dress, or in fact anything in the ladies' ready-to-wear line. Exhibition week only at 10 and 20 per cent. off. Goldbloom's, Third Avenue.



**CANADIAN SOLDIERS ESCAPE FROM GERMANY**  
On the left, Pte. H. Henderson, Toronto, C. M. R., who with three companions escaped from a German prison camp. The photo on the right is Pte. R. Disenberg, of Brighton, Ont., another of the dauntless three.

#### SUNK ONE THIRD OF NORWAY'S SHIPPING

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—More than one-third of Norway's commercial fleet has been destroyed by Germany, and the prospects are that if the present situation continues long the remainder will be sent to the bottom, according to Dr. Fridtjof Hansen, of the Norwegian Mission now in this country. He was one of the principal speakers last night before the National Conference of the World's Food Supply being held here under the auspices of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

"Our shipping between Great Britain and her Allies was not considered with friendly eyes by the Germans," said Dr. Nansen, "and their U-boat warfare has to a great extent been directed against our shipping, and our losses therefore have been heavier than those of any other neutral nation. I believe more than one-third of our commercial fleet has been destroyed."

#### MORE STORIES OF GERMAN CRUELTY

New York, Sept. 20.—A special cable dispatch to The New York World from London, says:

"The revolting cruelty to which British prisoners are subjected in German military camps was described by repatriated soldiers who arrived in London recently. Private George Elsley, of a Welsh regiment, who was captured in September, 1914, said:

"Although wounded men were kept without food or water for days, and when one of us begged for something to drink the nurse brought him a glass of water and threw it in his face. Later we were removed to a hospital at Schwerin, where we were treated well, and later still to the Gustrup internment camp, where we were treated like dogs.

#### IN THE SNOW

"Although we were badly wounded, on our arrival at Gustrup we were kept standing in the snow without boots from 11 a. m. until 10 o'clock at night. Several of us nearly died of starvation. When we complained we were either prodded with bayonets or the 'English blockade' was given as a reason for the shortage of food. The bedding was covered with vermin and we slept on straw on the floor.

"After weeks of this hell we were set to work to build a canal. All the wounded men with arms and legs had to work, and if a man slacked off he received the butt-end of a rifle. One day we saw several wounded men stabbed by their guards, and they were afterwards carried to a hospital. One man who refused to work was taken away and we never saw him again."

#### HOW THE AMERICAN NAVY IS GROWING

Annapolis, Md., Sept. 20.—The development of the American navy in the last year was described by Secretary Daniels in an address at the Naval Academy today to the graduating ensigns of the naval reserve. He credited President Wilson with giving the initial impetus to the movement that has resulted in a great expansion of the service.

Mr. Daniels said that since the first of August, 1916, Congress had appropriated for the support of the navy \$1,144,164,896, while estimates pending before Congress carry an addition of nearly \$600,000,000. The aggregate appropriation in little more than a year, to make effective and impregnable the nation's first arm of defence is, including estimates, near \$2,000,000,000, he said.

"I am not publishing a military secret when I say that while the increase in personnel in the past few months has far surpassed the increase in material, there are three times as many ships in commission today as there were six months ago; and that ships and more ships, from enlarged and ever-enlarging shipyards, are coming to afford a place on naval craft to the thousands of patriotic young men who have crowded into the navy since the call."

#### PRINCE RUPERT BABIES MAKE A FINE EXHIBIT

The judging of the babies took place at the Exhibition yesterday. It was a rather difficult matter. But finally Baby Green was adjudged to be the best looking baby under two years, with Baby O'Reilly a close second. Under one year, Baby Derry won the first place, followed by Baby Hampton.

The heaviest baby under two years was Baby D. C. Stewart, and the next heaviest was Baby Jacobson. Under one year, Baby Howard Steen was the most weighty, with Baby Derry coming next.

#### NEW YORK'S MAYOR

(Special to The Daily News).  
New York, Sept. 21.—Mayor Mitchell has won the Republican nomination for mayor by a plurality of 1129 votes over Wm. Bennett. Judge John F. Hylan, the Democratic candidate for the mayoralty was unopposed.

Subscribers to the Patriotic Fund would greatly help in the work of administering the Fund by paying their subscriptions as regularly as possible, either to the credit of the Fund at any of the banks, or to the local treasurer, Mr. R. Seymour Wright, P. O. box 1632 City. 223.  
W. E. COLLISON, Hon. Sec.

#### HUN BUREAU AT STOCKHOLM UNMOLESTED

Sweden Permitted the German Spy System Flourish Unchecked—Worked Openly Gathering Information.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Sept. 21.—The Swedish Government has maintained a calm silence and was quite well pleased to overlook the operation of the German spies who have been thronging the country since the beginning of the war. The Hun bureau worked brazenly and openly procuring information on the shipping of the Allies. The Swedish Secret Police never molested any members of the organization, whose ramifications were extensive.

The mail censorship by the United States would curb this system at its source. It is regarded as certain that the stoppage of all leaks would mean a blow to the U-boat undertakings.

#### No Safe Conduct.

It has been learned that the Government does not at present intend to approve of any application for a safe conduct for Count von Luxburg, the German Minister to the Argentine, whose passports have been handed to him by the Argentine Government.

#### More Denials.

Mexico City, Sept. 21.—Folke Cronheim, the ex-Charge d'Affaires of the Swedish Legation, denies that he aided Germany as von Eckhardt affirms. The German minister never offered him any decoration and he has received none. Cronheim has been living at the German Club here.

#### Argentine Decides.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 21.—Argentine may sever relations with Germany as a result of the decision of the House, which will vote on the war question today. The Senate voted for breaking off relations.

#### WESTHOLME THEATRE

The shortest distance between two points in the straight line. This is what Mary Madison believes, in her fight to revenge herself upon a man, whom she had once loved, Valeska Suratt, the great Russian actress, appears as the star actress in this play, which is one of great strength and power. The motive of revenge is at the bottom of a plot which a wrongly accused wife lays to humiliate the man who was once her husband. Her revengeful plot acts as a boomerang. It comes back to her. But in the end, the tangle is unravelled to everybody's satisfaction. It is certainly a fine play. In addition, there is a side-splitting comedy, which will do you good to see.

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