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ARGENTINE SENDS ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY

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GERMAN ATTACKS CONTINUE FOR LOST GROUND

Powerful Counter Attacks Are Made by Germans to Regain Their Lost Positions Without Avail.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Sept. 24.—The German attacks last night launched heavy counter attacks against the new British lines to the east of Ypres on the Belgian front. The German losses were terrific. The British artillery and machine guns inflicted an awful toll on the advancing Germans, who utilized their favorite method of mass formation in making the attacks. Notwithstanding their losses, they returned to the attack time and time again, which shows the importance they placed upon the positions taken from them. All along the Ypres front yesterday, the hostile counter attacks continued, without any result being gained. On a wide front east of Ypres, powerful counter attacks in massed formation were made, which were broken up by the British artillery fire.

Petrograd, Sept. 24.—The Teutonic troops again started an offensive in the Luga region before the Russian troops have been forced back on the right bank of the Dvina.

Whom Soldiers Can Trust.
General Alexiiff has resigned his position of chief of the General Staff under Premier Kerensky. His successor will be Minister of War Verkhovsky. All the high positions in the Russian army are now filled with men "whom the soldiers can trust."

The Revolt.
Revelations made today regarding the Korniloff rebellion elucidated the fact that General Korniloff was merely a tool in the hands of his chief of staff, General Lokotchov. The facts brought out show the extreme carelessness with which the conspiracy was prepared.

More Allies.
Peking, Sept. 24.—The President and Cabinet have agreed to a plan for sending a trial division of twenty thousand Chinese troops to France, if the money for their equipment and transportation is made available.

Ultimatum.
Buenos Ayres, Sept. 24.—Unless Germany immediately makes a satisfactory explanation of the Luxburg incident, Argentina will declare war. An ultimatum serving notice to this effect is already on the way to Berlin.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Queen Charlotte Islands—Gram Island, Massett Sound, Cook Point—Beacon replaces buoy. Position of beacon—On edge of shoal making out from Cook Point. Description, concrete base, surmounted by a staff carrying a wooden slatwork cone. Color—White. Elevation—Top of beacon is 16 feet above water mark. Buoy discontinued. The red conical buoy, heretofore moored on the edge of shoal making out from Cook point has been withdrawn.

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GENERAL ELECTION FOR DECEMBER 10TH

(Special to The Daily News.)

Toronto, Sept. 24.—The World's Ottawa correspondent says that the general election throughout Canada has been called for December 10th. This will necessitate the holding of the nominations on November 12th. It is expected that the campaign will be a straight party fight, with the "Win-the-War" candidates and others, who may come along, left lagging in the rear. Meantime, Sir Joseph Flavelle is silent on his resignation.

Much Bitterness.

The Winnipeg Daily Tribune says that the National Government fusion of parties is now unlikely. The disenfranchisement of the Teutonic electors has developed much bitterness in the prairie provinces.

HORRIBLE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR

Washington, Sept. 22.—Another chapter is added to the story of the tortures of German prison camps by a Russian soldier, who escaped by tunneling with a knife under the electrically charged fence along the Antwerp-Rosendaal line. It has been forwarded to the State Department from Petrograd.

Brutal treatment and poor and insufficient food have cost Germany the labor of thousands of prisoners, he says. One labor battalion on the western front, consisting of 2,000 men, has been reduced by starvation, exposure, beatings and death to less than 500. The daily rations for a prisoner, he reported, consists of a small amount of bread and turnip soup, the soup enriched occasionally by a bit of horse meat.

The unfit, the wounded and those who have lost members of their body were kept in invalid camps until they died, but never, he says, returned to camps in Germany because the officers in command feared the psychological effect upon the people of the sight of the maimed men, often little more than animated skeletons.

Stern and implacable methods were used to compel prisoners to work. Ingenious tortures that ended only short of death were inflicted on some, while others were shot outright. Punishments varied from enforced standing at attention for a day at a time without food, to beating with rifle butts and to hours of suspension in the air, with ropes being tied to wrists, while prisoners' hands were held behind the bodies, the result being to throw the weight on the unnaturally twisted muscles of arms and shoulders. Such methods in his own battalion, once 2,000 strong, had reduced it to 350 at the time he escaped.

THE POLICE COURT

Before Magistrate Carss at the police court this morning, Bo Kee, of the Java Cafe, who was accused of selling "near beer" to Indians, which made them intoxicated, was brought up. The case was dismissed.

There was one other charge of drunk and disorderly preferred against Tom Barrow, who was fined \$5.00.

The sudden death is reported of Rod McCrimmon, of Hazelton, one of the best known miners in the Omineca country. He burst a blood vessel and succumbed before he could reach the hospital. His friendly disposition had won for him a host of friends, who will regret his loss.



CANADIANS AT THE WESTERN FRONT

Two Canadians resting in a village near Lens after the push. One is wearing a French hat, which is lighter than the steel helmet that he keeps handy.

DEMAND RESIGNATION OF FLAVELLE AND HANNA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Toronto, Sept. 24.—The Riverdale Conservative Association tonight at a meeting, passed resolutions calling upon Sir Robert Borden to demand the resignations of Sir Joseph Flavelle, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, and Food Controller Hanna, and urging the Government to appoint a supply and food price regulator, and to take over the cold storage plants in Canada and operate them for the people.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN INTENDS VISITING WEST

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—While no definite arrangements have been made, Sir Robert Borden is planning a tour of Canada from Halifax to Vancouver. It will likely be taken late in October. Hon. Arthur Meighen will probably accompany Sir Robert on his western tour. He will speak in all the leading cities. Sir Robert left today with Mr. Speaker Rhodes on a fishing trip up the Gatineau. He will be absent about ten days. Sir George Foster is acting-premier.

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RUSSIA WILL SELL KAMSCHATCHA TO U.S.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Sept. 24.—The Volia says there is a strong rumor in circulation to the effect that the Russian government would sell the peninsula of Kamschatcha, on the northeastern coast of Siberia, to the United States for several billions of roubles. This project is prompted by the financial difficulties of the treasury and the desire of the government not to increase the national debt.

SMOKEBOX SAVES SHIPS FROM SUBMARINES

London, Sept. 22.—The Press Association hears on high naval authority that the new defensive measures against submarine warfare are meeting with success, justifying the hope of a further reduction in the losses, and says it can be stated on official authority that the results of the methods adopted during the past month give cause for growing confidence.

According to an admiralty statement dozens of ships have been saved by the smokebox system, with which the admiralty, during the past few months, has supplied a majority of British merchantmen.

THE FRANCHISE ACT A POLITICAL EXPEDIENT

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—The party of "good sports" is now engaged in railroading through Parliament under closure—a War Time Election Act which, under one guise or another, proposes to disfranchise over two million people. The underlying idea is to increase the Borden Government's chance of winning by stealing as many votes as possible from the Liberals.

The War Time Elections Act, which should really be called an act to Promote Annexation Sentiment in the Dominion of Canada, disfranchises in two ways—directly and indirectly. It is most dangerous when it disfranchises indirectly. Its indirection consists in letting a hand-picked minority in and leaving an overwhelming majority out. To be explicit, there are perhaps two million women voters in Canada who would be entitled to cast a ballot at the next general election, if they were admitted to the franchise. The War Time Election Act chooses, out of these two million possible, about half a million soldiers' wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughters, but bars the door to the other million and a half women who have not had the bitter joy of sending their menfolk to the war, but who have been doing their bit just the same, helping the Red Cross, collecting funds and one way or another assuming their share of the burden of war.

The War Time Elections Act—such are the cold figures—enfranchises half a million women but leaves a million and a half out. When one comes to compare the half million women who are taken in with the million and a half women who are deliberately left out, one is constrained to admit that the patriotism, loyalty, zeal for the war and moral character of the three quarters who are left out is at least equal to that of the one quarter who are taken in. One surmises that a popular amendment to the bill would be to give every adult woman in Canada the vote on the same terms as the men. If this is not done, about one million and a half good wholesome Canadian women will rest under the imputation that they were not loyal enough to be trusted with the vote in war time. Will they sit still under this odium?

It is true that many of these women who are excluded would vote Liberal, but a Government, as conscious of right as the Borden Government says it ought not to fear anything like that. Being "good sports" all they ought to ask is fair play. The women of Canada will be able to decide whether a War Time Election Act that leaves a million and a half women out and takes half a million in, is fair play or not.

The bill to disfranchise a million and a half Canadian women meets with nothing but disgust and indignation from all the Liberals. On conscription there were honest differences of opinion in the Liberal party in the House of Commons, but on this iniquitous curtailment of liberty there is no difference at all. With one or two exceptions the Opposition is agreed that the bill is essentially vicious and an outrage on our democracy.

As one member put it, "Freedom under the Borden Government, broadens down from precedent to precedent until it shrinks to Arthur Meighen's size." And there is much truth in the paradox.

When conscription looked like an issue, and union government was in the air, certain Liberals

CLASS "A" CONSCRIPTS UNDER FIRST CALL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—Class "A" men only will be under the first call. These will be the only ones to enter the service on the proclamation being published. The lower medical classes will not be sent to France. There are no guarantees that "B" and "C" classes will not be called up. All employers are urged to find out who are the essential men.

POLISH NATIONAL ARMY FIGHTS FOR FRANCE

Paris.—The French Government are organizing, by their decree of June 4, the Polish army in France which is intended to co-operate in the formation of the future Polish army. The Polish army in France was created under the direction of General Archinard, and the Franco-Polish Military Mission was charged to form units as volunteers were enrolled. It is anticipated that Polish detachments from Allied countries will come to France to fight the common enemy. The French Government are arranging an understanding with the Allies with a view to the forming of All-Polish troops in France—a single Polish National Army, autonomous and homogeneous, organized in the spirit of the decree of June 4, under the patronage of all the Allied Powers. In order to facilitate the organization of the Polish army in France the Government have authorized all the Poles serving in the French army, even those who are French citizens, to enrol in the Polish Army. Such enlistment is strictly voluntary.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

Everybody interested in the war and everybody is, will find in this great spectacular "The Birth of a Nation," a thrilling association with the issues of today. This great production will be displayed at the Westholme Theatre for the next three nights. The great crises of 1861-70 as pictured in the play have their lessons for the Canadians of today. The North and the South in internecine struggle; the strategy of the Petersburg campaign, and of Sherman's march to the sea; Lee's surrender to Grant, and the aftermath of war in the Reconstruction period; all these form a series of martial and political events that chain the spectator's interest. Out of the terrible conflict, a new nation united by spiritual as well as geographical ties, was born. The fire of American patriotism never burned brighter than it does today, and this play which shows the evolution from the past to the present will be gladly welcomed.

Mr. P. W. Anderson left for Skeena Crossing this morning, where he will meet Mr. C. E. Forman, provincial public works engineer, in company with Mr. A. L. Carruthers, the district engineer. Mr. Forman has been making a tour of the province and has come north from Ashcroft. He will proceed to Atlin before returning south.

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