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SUPREME ALLIED WAR COUNCIL IN SESSION

GERMANS MAKE STRONG COUNTER ATTACKS -- HEAVY FIGHTING AT CAMBRAI

BYNG'S TROOPS AT CAMBRAI AGAIN ON THE AGGRESSIVE

GERMANS MADE DETERMINED THRUST ON FRIDAY AND HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK WITH TREMENDOUS LOSSES--THE BRITISH CASUALTIES ALSO NUMEROUS--FIFTEEN ENEMY AEROPLANES DOWNED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, December 3.—General Byng's troops in Cambrai salient in Northern France were again on the aggressive on Saturday attacking the Germans, who in a most determined thrust the day previous along virtually the entire eighteen mile front had thrown the British back from a few advanced positions they had captured in their recent drive. The result of Saturday's offensive is that the Germans are driven back from much of the lost ground.

Blew up Guns.

Berlin claims that the German forces have taken four thousand British prisoners. The British report that they blew up a number of their guns which were in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy, but there is no admission of any retrograde movement elsewhere. The British War Office has not intimated any retreat although Berlin claims to have thrown back the British on Graincourt, Anneux and Cantaing along the northern side of the salient. The German losses in their massed attacks are reported to be extremely heavy. General Byng's forces have also suffered considerable casualties in repelling the assaults and in their vigorous counter attacks.

Aerial Activity.

Yesterday our scout patrols fired more than fifteen hundred rounds from their machine guns on enemy troops and transports on a road behind the fighting line. Fifteen hostile aeroplanes were brought down and three others driven down out of control. Seven of our machines are missing.

French Front.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The German Crown Prince vigorously resumed the offensive around Verdun without gain. The assault came after vigorously increased artillery firing on the right bank of the Meuse around Beaumont Lachaux Wood.

Troops Switched.

Rome, Dec. 3.—Austrian prisoners who have been captured by the Italians declare they recently came from the Russian front.

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ALLIED WAR COUNCIL MEETS AT VERSAILLES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Versailles, Dec. 3.—The Premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy, together with Colonel House, representing the United States, met here Saturday as the Supreme Allied War Council. After taking the military situation under consideration, they were joined by Generals Wilson, Bliss, Foch and Cadorna. The Council was in session over three hours, and the American members at the conclusion of the sitting, said that much more had been accomplished than had been expected.

Their deliberations had been most harmonious and satisfactory.

JOE MARTIN AGAINST UNION GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—Joe Martin will begin his campaign on the prairie against the Union Government on December 10th at Lethbridge. He will also speak at other points on the prairies.

THE ASSIZE COURT SITS THIS MORNING

The sittings of the Assize Court was continued this morning in the court house. The first case brought up before Mr. Justice Clement was that of DeVoin vs. De Voin for an order for trial. This was fixed for Thursday. An action of divorce is raised.

The charge of manslaughter against two men, named Lolloff and Carlo, was next brought up. This is the case in which a brakeman was killed in the mine at Anyox, through the alleged carelessness of these two men, who it is said left for dinner without seeing that the track was cleared after they had fired a shot. The accused will be defended by Mr. Fleishman, a Vancouver counsel.

HOLLAND WILL FIGHT IF SHE IS ATTACKED

The Hague, Dec. 1.—Premier Van Der Linden, during the budget debate in the second Chamber yesterday, said that the Government was entirely united on its foreign policy, and would continue to exercise the strictest neutrality even should the consequences be other than hitherto thought. The Swedish Government, he added, had notified Holland that for the present it did not intend to call together envoys from neutral countries for a discussion of economic interests.

"We are shut off from the world and our rights are assailed," said Premier Van Der Linden. "If attacked, we will defend ourselves without inquiring as to the proportionate strength of ourselves and our assailants, but save in self defence we will not enter the war. We will not allow the misery and sufferings of war to befall our country. Moreover, by our neutrality we are supporting the ideal of the future—the community of peoples which shall be the repudiation of war."

Alluding to the future, the Premier expressed the view that the establishment of a league of nations was the only path to international disarmament.

RETAIL CLERKS—Election of officers tonight at 8 o'clock, in Carpenters' Hall.

Mr. Jesse Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, of Usk, arrived in the city last night from up river.

Silk Novelties for Christmas gifts—Wallace's.

RUPERT DOES WELL BY VICTORY LOAN

The total returns for the subscriptions to the Victory Loan made by the people in Prince Rupert alone, not taking into consideration the outside places, were made up on Saturday night late. For the convenience of the public the banks remained open until ten o'clock on Saturday evening to accept the first instalments from those who were unable to take out a bond earlier. The total number of subscribers through the banks was 278 for the amount of \$107,550, while the canvassers accounted for 450 persons, who subscribed \$74,500. This makes a total of 728 subscribers in the city of Prince Rupert or about one in every four persons. The total amount is \$182,050, which averages at about \$250 for each subscriber.

This may be considered as a very good result for a city such as this and the committee and the workers are to be congratulated at such a fine outcome for their labors. They certainly put in some hard work in making this loan a success and that they have got the goods is gratifying.

BIG MINING DEAL IN THE OMINECA DISTRICT

One of the biggest bonds ever given on a mining property in the north was taken by Jas. Cronin, himself a prominent mine owner in this district, on the Grandview and Emerald groups on Sweeney mountain. Mr. Cronin acted on behalf of New York capitalists.

The deal is of great importance too as the properties are in a new part of the country and is the first deal that has been made out there. When the spring opens up in 1918 there will be a great deal of activity in that section of the northern interior.

The boys who will benefit are all old timers and well known and the general public are delighted. The boys are Bill Sweeney, Roy McDonnell, George Fowler, O. J. Benson, Duncan McGibbin and Frank Madigan.

It is understood that Mr. Cronin will have charge of the development work when it starts in the spring.

The Grand View and Emerald groups consist of fourteen claims situated on the north side of Emerald lake. It is about sixty miles by road and water from the railway. The mineral possibilities of the properties concerned in this deal and of the whole district are such that the transportation problem is not of serious consequence at this time.

The surface showings on the two groups are admitted by all who have seen them to be the biggest yet discovered in the north. J. D. Galloway, the provincial mineralogist, spent most of the summer of last year in that part of the country and his report to the government is most encouraging.—Omineca Herald.

BOLSHEVIKI EXHORTS THE ARMY FOR SUPPORT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Dec. 3.—Ensign Krylenko, Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, in exhorting the army to support the Bolsheviki program, urged it "to mark with you condemnation the lying hypocritical proclamations of General Dukhomin and his bourgeois disciples, who have entrenched themselves at staff headquarters, and who for eight months have misled the Russian nation with false promises of peace."

When you think of shoes, you think of Wallace's.

RETURNED SOLDIERS ADDRESS BORDEN UNIONIST MEETING

IN WESTHOLME THEATRE SATURDAY NIGHT, LARGE GATHERING HEARS SPEAKERS SUPPORTING COLONEL PECK'S CANDIDATURE—MEETING GETS LIVELY—MANY INTERRUPTIONS

The Westholme Theatre was filled on Saturday evening with an interested audience to hear the speakers in support of Col. Peck's candidature at the coming Dominion election. The gathering was composed of those in favor of the Borden Union Government—and of those who were not. The feeling of the meeting was by no means unanimous.

Mr. W. O. Fulton was chairman and the speakers were Mr. Geo. Morrow, Sergeant-Major Robinson, British Columbia's first D. C. M., Mrs. Robinson, and Private McSweeney, of the 16th Battalion. On the platform also, were several returned soldiers, Mr. S. M. Newton and the Rev. Canon Rix, while the chief of the Tory Orators, Mr. O. H. Nelson, was not in evidence at all.

Mr. George Morrow was the first speaker, and he started out advising the audience not to permit politics to separate friends. Anything he had to say would be without any unfriendly spirit. Mr. Morrow did not like the term Borden Government being applied to the Union Government with Sir Robert Borden as premier. He preferred the term Union Government alone, with Sir Robert not mentioned. The Liberal members who had joined the Union Government were mentioned, and as Mr. Morrow had still to poll his first Federal vote which wasn't Liberal, he thought he was justified in following their example. Certain of the Liberal newspapers were also advocating the Borden Union Government, "except the Daily News," said Mr. Morrow truthfully. He didn't seem at all pleased with the Daily News, which nevertheless, he apparently reads carefully enough. Considering all the array against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Morrow thought that if he should win against them, he deserved to, which sentiment was loudly applauded.

Mrs. Robinson, wife of the Sergeant-Major, spoke next "as the wife of a returned soldier and the daughter and sister of fallen heroes." Notwithstanding the balling out she gave to the men of military age, the lady received a respectful hearing. "You are afraid of your skins tonight, and that's what is wrong with you, and I am not ashamed to tell you. That is why you want Laurier in. But I assure you you will have to go, because we women will make you go. Were I a young girl, I would be ashamed to be seen with anyone not in uniform. If I had anything to do with you, I would hunt you down to the boat on your way to the front." Mrs. Robinson also commented upon the failure of the Borden Government in connection with the proper provision for soldiers' dependents, which was left for the Patriotic Fund. "The government will have to take the Patriotic Fund over," she said.

Private McSweeney of the 16th Battalion, next spoke, as representing the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada. His first remark was that he was there in the interests of no political party. His next was that if Mr. Stork had been there at all. (Laughter.) "The cream of the Liberals have gone in with the cream of the Conservatives." The derisive laughter which greeted this statement brought the quick retort from the speaker that there must

be some skim milk present. Amid many interjections, Private McSweeney gave his opinions regarding Sir Wilfrid Laurier and conscription. "If I had my way, I would cut out the Military Service Act. I would go to Quebec and force 100,000 French Canadians out. Mr. Stork I do not know. I have heard nothing bad about him, so there must be something good." Pte. McSweeney then insinuated that if Laurier were returned, further support would be denied to the men at the front, which raised quite a commotion, amid cries of "No; no." "Read the manifesto. Here's a copy." The uproar continued for some time, causing the chairman to sign for order—his voice could not be heard. Pte. McSweeney cut short his remarks upon this subject, contenting himself with stating that he believed selective conscription a very good thing.

Sergeant-Major Robinson was the last speaker. He was a typical sergeant-major, too. Although he said he came from Ulster, he had some acquaintance with the blarney stone, which is not in that province of Ireland. "Politics," he said, "Damn politics." "I am one of these men who believe that the day of democracy has dawned. I am the first vice-president of the Great War Veterans Association of Canada, and I come here to ask you to vote for the man whom I know." The sergeant-major made a fine recruiting speech, but hardly one that would get the Borden Union Government anywhere. He left it to the audience to vote according to their conscience.

The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Anderson, Alice Ann, B. C., at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, December 1st, a daughter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Dominion Elections Act, the following gentlemen have been duly appointed official agents for the candidates at the coming election:

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