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NO PEACE UNTIL PRUSSIAN MENACE GONE

ASQUITH AND CHURCHILL MAKE STATEMENTS -- GREAT BATTLE IMPENDING

WESTERN LINE THUNDERS WITH BIG GUN FIRE

From Ypres to Switzerland Bombardment on Both Sides is Intensest Ever Yet Before Attack.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 13.—From Ypres to Cambrai on the British front and from St. Quentin to the border of Switzerland along the lines held by the French troops, the artillery and aerial battle has reached a pitch of intensity that is seldom attained except upon the eve of a great infantry action. From the evidence given in the official statements issued last night not only the Germans but the British also are preparing for a great attack in the west. The exact scene of the coming struggle is yet in doubt, as the opposing guns are thundering on virtually every part of the far-flung front.

French Front.
Paris, Dec. 13.—German parties have felt the French lines at points northwest of Rheims last night. There is no activity of any importance, except artillery battles, which are especially severe on the Verdun front.

In a Hurry.
Austrians are being hurried to the western front, and the enemy is making great preparations for an offensive against the British and the French before the Americans arrive. They apparently intend to deal a staggering blow, staking all upon it, so that peace may soon come. Food and labor shortage and internal troubles in Germany are making that country war weary.

Roumanian Armistice.
Jassy, Dec. 13.—An official announcement was made yesterday of the signing of an armistice, in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p.m. yesterday until further notice.

An Investigation.
London, Dec. 13.—General Maurice has frankly described the German success at Cambrai as being due to lack of co-ordination. The reason for the break is being investigated.

BRITISH FINANCE
(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 13.—Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, has asked Parliament for a vote of five hundred and fifty million pounds. The average daily expenditure for the past two months has been £6,794,000. The first duty of the exchequer is to devise some means of additional taxation.

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UNIONIST PARTY IN THE WESTHOLME

The Westholme Theatre was well filled last evening with an interested audience to listen to the speakers put up by the supporters of Colonel Peck, D.S.O. Mr. W. P. Lynch was chairman of the meeting, and on the platform were Messrs. O. H. Nelson, G. W. Morrow, J. S. Cowper, Lt.-Col. J. M. McMillan and Sergeant-Major Robinson, D. C. M. Mr. S. M. Newton, who graced the platform at their last meeting, was not in evidence last evening, the one platform being apparently unable to hold both him and Mr. Nelson at the same time.

Mr. O. H. Nelson was the curtain-raiser. He had two things to speak about. These were O. H. Nelson and the drydock. He wanted to deny the imputation that he was receiving any financial consideration for his services upon the Fisheries Advisory Board, except his expenses when he went to Ottawa and for the days he was actually there. He blamed Ald. Casey for stating that he was getting \$150 per month for this job, which he only wished was the case. However, he did not indicate for what other job he received any remuneration, if for any job at all, nor did he indicate the source of his wealth.

His other point was the drydock. His defence was of the government and the G. T. P. No one was to blame. The government was powerless. The G. T. P. was powerless. Nothing could be done. The Union Iron Works were powerless to get steel. Nobody could do anything. After Mr. Nelson's pronouncement, Rupert citizens might as well give up hope—if they believed him. And before sitting down, he had the usual Tory dig at Stork.

Lt.-Col. McMillan.
The next speaker was Lt.-Col. McMillan, who spoke very well as a soldier and from the point of view of a soldier and an old friend of Col. Peck's. His experiences in the trenches were much appreciated. "Conscription we must have," said Lt.-Col. McMillan. "If the Liberal party is returned, what assurance have we? I am not here to talk politics, nor to tell you what to do, but to plead with you to send assistance to the men in the trenches."

Mr. J. S. Cowper, M.P.P.
The chairman then introduced Mr. J. S. Cowper to the meeting as a Liberal who could not be made to dance at the crack of the party whip. Mr. Cowper bowed. He was no stranger to Prince Rupert and he had recollections of the last Dominion election six years ago. Mr. Cowper had his own opinions dressed up very plausibly as facts, and in the course of his speech, which was the longest of the evening, had many interruptions on that account. He made some rather far-fetched statements, which caused the chairman to rise from his seat several times to restrain the audience. He alleged that there was no question of party politics in this campaign, which was his own opinion, of course. But the audience didn't agree.

Prince Rupert's idle drydock he claimed was not an issue in this election—not even for the Prince Rupert people. Neither was the enfranchisement of women. "Food Prices is not an issue in this campaign, either," which brought forth a volume of groans of disappointment, which were so prolonged as to cause the chairman to arise, who was greeted with cries of "sit down, Bill." Mr. (Continued on Page four.)

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FURTHER DETAILS OF HALIFAX DISASTER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Halifax, Dec. 13.—There will be from three to five hundred persons totally or partially blind and two hundred orphans as the result of the explosion on the Mont Blanc. The dead are known to number eight hundred, while it is estimated that another thousand still lie beneath the debris of the shattered or burned houses. Five hundred houses have been totally destroyed, other five hundred have been rendered useless while a thousand will be habitable only after very extensive repairs.

For Relief.
London, Dec. 13.—The British government has contributed £1,000,000 for the relief of the citizens of Halifax.

Suspend the Act.
Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The Military Service Council has instructed the registrar in the Halifax military district to suspend the operations of the Military Service Act in the localities affected by the catastrophe.

BALLOTING TODAY
(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 13.—The Canadians among the American forces are balloting today in connection with the Dominion election.

Place your orders at once with the Beaver Wholesale Liquor Co. for your holiday wines and liquors. 293.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
The City is about to publish a new Telephone Directory, please advise the Supt. in writing before Dec. 24th of any alterations in listings desired therein.

PUBLIC MEETING

Empress Theatre, Saturday, Dec. 15

AT 8 P. M.

In the interests of

Mr. Fred Stork, Liberal Candidate,

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NOTICE!

Electors will please note that the Polls open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. Every employer shall on polling day give to every voter in his employ at LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL HOUR for voting, other than the noon hour and shall make no deduction in the pay of such employees, nor impose nor exact any penalty from any employee by reason of absence during such hour.

EMPRESS THEATRE

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13TH.

A permanent Union Government Association will be formed. Officers and executive will be elected for the year 1918 at a public meeting in the Empress Theatre on Thursday Evening, December 13th, at 8 o'clock.

All supporters of Union Government or Col. Cy Peck, D. S. O., ladies and gentlemen, are invited and are eligible for election to office, whether Liberal, Conservative, Labor, Fishermen or Independent.

BE THERE AND TAKE PART

EN MASSE TO HONOR SIR WILFRID LAURIER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Regina, Dec. 13.—The great West turned out en masse to do honor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier upon his arrival here. Four meetings were held in as many different halls in the city and all were crowded to hear the ex-Premier of Canada state his side of the case at the coming election. He spoke first at the Metropolitan Church and thousands of persons stood with him and cheered incessantly for five minutes. He says he will never desert the cause of Canada or of the Empire, and that the Union government is the same old Conservative party with the same old veneer.

"DORIAN'S DIVORCE"
This is the first time that these two popular stars, Lionel Barrymore and Miss Grace Valentine, have appeared together in one play. This is a specially fine wonderplay and is one of the most notable productions of the season. The role of Lionel Barrymore calls for some strenuous acting. He starts in as a prosperous young broker. Then he becomes not so prosperous. Next he is a highwayman, and then he ships to sea as a stoker in the yacht that he formerly owned. But you must see the play for the final outcome. It's worth seeing. There will also be a fine comedy.

Furniture wanted. Any quantity. Good prices paid for complete household furnishings and all kinds of tools, men's suits, boots, etc. Phone Red 243 or call on F. M. Crosby, 715 Third Ave.

CAPT. RORVIK ON THE FISHERY QUESTION

To the Editor,—Will you kindly allow me space to make a few comments upon the message conveyed by Mr. Morrow to the fishermen at his meeting held in Col. Peck's committee rooms last Saturday night.

Mr. Morrow made a statement that the Laurier Government granted the New England Fish Co. an exclusive right to land fish at Vancouver, to buy bait and take on supplies. This statement is entirely incorrect. The New England Fish Co. made representations to the Laurier government, that if they would grant them permission, they would use Vancouver as a base for operations instead of Seattle. This permission was granted, but it did not specify that it was exclusive to them.

On the other hand, the Borden government granted to the New England Fish Co. practically all of the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands. And this in the face of all the protests against exclusive rights that have gone from here. When this was put to the Department of Fisheries, about two months ago, they replied, "We have no apologies to make for having granted these concessions, as these people agreed to develop them." I ask when did the fishermen ever have a chance at developing that or any other territory? I was granted a licence in 1916 on the west coast. I spent about three weeks in prospecting for fish that year with little success and considerable expenditure. In March of this year, I put in my application for a renewal, together with a deposit of the price of the licence. I was given to understand that I would get a renewal. When Mr. Cunningham was here with the Fishery Commission, he told me I would get a licence either on the east or west coast, but he would advise me definitely after his return to Vancouver. Instead of this, he wired Mr. Williams to cancel my licence. Notwithstanding this, when Mr. Winch and others went to the Islands for salmon, I started fishing without a licence and sold my fish to McLean and Winch. But they fined me \$100 for fishing without a licence, after the Federal government had held my money for about five months. And all this time a Jap outfit was there from Vancouver, which salted thousands of tons for shipment to Russia, while the Borden Government refused to permit these fish be taken and frozen for bait. This is why the fishing fleet is tied up.

In 1909 the late Hon. Mr. Templeman, in answering a communication from the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, as to whether the New England Fish Company's concession was open to any American company or boat, replied that it would be granted upon application. It did not specify the New England Fish Company exclusively. As the railroad did not get in here until 1913 nothing more was done on this until that year. Then when the matter was taken up, the Borden Government advanced the argument that there was an order in council permitting American boats to land their catch under permit. The people of Prince Rupert contended that that was too great an inconvenience, as a boat coming in here who did not have this permit would have to communicate with Ottawa before obtaining same.

You will remember that it was necessary to put up a strong fight before this concession was granted. Some months after the granting of same, the collector at this port was informed that it did not permit of shipment by water to

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BRITISH WAR AIMS DEFINED ONCE AGAIN

Mr. Asquith at Birmingham and Mr. Winston Churchill at Bedford Reiterate the Allied Aims.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 13.—Two important pronouncements on the war aims of Great Britain have just been made. Mr. Asquith speaking at Birmingham, and Mr. Winston Churchill in a speech at Bedford both declared that the war must continue until the menace of Prussianism is removed. Otherwise, the tremendous sacrifices of the British people will have been made in vain.

The British government may make an appeal to the country. It feels its position to be insecure and many rumors are in circulation of impending political crises. The discontented section of the House may unite against the ministry, while the Northcliffe organs have taken a radical attitude towards the government. It is hinted that Mr. Asquith intends to give his unqualified support to Lord Lansdowne's policy, and his decision is waited upon with great interest.

PLEADING!
(Special to The Daily News.)
Victoria, Dec. 13.—Sir Robert Borden in a letter to the people of British Columbia, pleads for Union. He feels satisfied that B. C. will not mar her "Bright record."

Don't forget the sale of fancy work, plain sewing and home-cooking at the Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, December 15th. Fish pond for the children.

The Gift Shop—Wallace's. tf

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Gift china and glassware—Wallace's. tf

On account of the increase in the cost of provisions, laundry, etc., we are compelled to advance our prices on some articles.
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The Halifax Catastrophe.
A canvas of the city for funds to aid in the relief of the sufferers in the terrible disaster at Halifax will be made on Thursday, December 13th, under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Subscription lists will be placed in the banks and other public places throughout the city.

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