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ITALIANS DRIVE HUNS FROM MOUNTAINS

IMMEDIATE MENACE OF IRRUPTION TO PLAINS REMOVED — SEVERE FIGHTING

ITALIANS MAKE A BRILLIANT ATTACK ON HUNS

Drive Enemy Back from Mountain Positions Menacing Entry to Plains—Venice is Imperturbable.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Dec. 26.—In a succession of brilliant attacks throughout Thursday and Friday last, the Italians succeeded in dislodging the enemy from a great part of Mont Asolone, and driving him back two-thirds of a mile along a three-mile front. The enemy's occupation of this mountain was regarded as a serious menace, because it gave him a partial control of the San Lorenzo valley, leading to the Venetian plains and the town of Bassano.

Venice is Calm.

Venice, Dec. 26.—The city of Venice remains comparatively undisturbed by the recent renewal of the enemy pressure on the lower Piave, nearest to Venice. The enemy's line there is but twelve miles east of the city. So far no shells have fallen anywhere near the city. It is believed that the Pope has intervened in some way by which Austrians will not shell the city. The custodians of the art treasures considered it advisable to move a large number of the paintings and statues, which have been stored in safe places.

WAR BREAD MAY COST MORE THAN WHITE BREAD

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—War bread and at an increased price is what the residents on this coast may look forward to in the near future if the negotiations between Prof. R. Harcourt, of the Agricultural College, Guelph, and the local bakers reach a conclusion.

Prof. Harcourt is here to take up with the bakers the question of introducing some substitute into bread other than 100 per cent white flour, so that the surplus may be sent overseas to the men at the front and also feed the people of Britain. Prof. Harcourt said his particular mission was to consult with the bakers regarding the use of flour from other grains, such as rye, barley and oats, as a partial substitute for wheat bread.

"I wish, however, to point out," the professor added, "that bread made with these substitutes will not necessarily cost less than that made from all-wheat flour. It may cost more."

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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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HON. W. S. FIELDING WILL SIT WITH OPPOSITION

Borden's Union Government May not Have Much Majority on Questions Other Than Conscription.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—There is a persistent rumor here that Hon. W. Fielding proposes when the House meets to sit on the opposition side rather than the government. If he does he will probably be given a seat next to Sir Wilfrid as his English-speaking leader. Mr. Fielding will, it is understood, support Sir Wilfrid on all questions except conscription.

It is claimed that after Hon. Mr. Fielding was given an acclamation by the Unionists in Shelburne and Queens, he refused to assist the government in any way in the campaign. Certainly he addressed no meetings in the province of Nova Scotia. This attitude, it is understood, will be adopted by many of the Liberal Unionists.

FRANK OLIVER NOW LEADS IN EDMONTON

(Special to The Daily News.)

Edmonton, Dec. 26.—The Hon. Frank Oliver, the Liberal candidate for Edmonton West, is now leading by a majority of 77. There are still several polls to hear from.

LIST OF DEAD GROWS IN HALIFAX DISASTER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The death list in Halifax is growing. It is now estimated that the number of dead will be over fifteen hundred. Over eleven hundred bodies have been recovered so far, and the work is still in progress, although being hampered with the wintry weather.

LOSS OF REVENUE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Under the Dominion-wide prohibition which will shortly come into force, the revenues in Quebec will be reduced by about a million dollars annually.

COST OF LIVING STILL CONTINUES TO RISE

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A further increase in the cost of living is shown in the monthly report of the Labor Department for November. During the month the cost of the weekly budget of staple foods was \$12.10, as compared with \$11.81 in the previous month, and with \$9.81 in November, 1916. Potatoes contributed more to the increased cost of living than any other commodity, raising in price in all the provinces except British Columbia, where a decrease was reported.

Increased prices obtained also for eggs, milk, butter, sugar, and bread, while decreases were recorded in flour and beans.

The prices of meats showed but little difference on the whole from the previous month.

Wholesale prices also showed some advance for the month. The chief increases were in textiles, grains, meats, and miscellaneous foods, while the most important decreases occurred in the price of hides, metals, and implements.

NOTICE

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THE DOMINION-WIDE PROHIBITION LAW

Text of Order-in-Council Which Will Make all Canada Dry for a Year After the War.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The order-in-council which was passed by the government last week reads as follows:

"On December 17 the people gave to the government an unmistakable mandate for the vigorous prosecution of the war and for the employment of all the country's energies and resources necessary to achieve victory.

"It is essential and indeed vital for the efficient conduct of the war that wasteful or unnecessary expenditure should be prohibited and that all articles capable of being utilized as food should be conserved. It is beyond question that the use of liquor affects adversely the realization of this purpose.

"The subject has been under consideration by the war committee of the cabinet and the following conclusions have been reached:

"First—Any liquor or beverage containing more than 2 1/2 per cent, alcohol shall be regarded as intoxicating liquor.

"Second—The importation of intoxicating liquors into Canada is prohibited on and after December 24, 1917, unless it shall have been actually purchased on or before that date for importation into Canada and unless, having been so purchased, it is imported into Canada not later than January 31, 1918. The final determination upon any question respecting such purchase shall rest with the minister of customs. This regulation shall not apply to importations for medicinal, sacramental, manufacturing or chemical purposes.

"Third—The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada wherein the sale of intoxicating liquor is illegal, will be prohibited on and after April 1, 1918.

"Fourth—The manufacture of intoxicating liquor within Canada will be prohibited on and after a date to be determined upon further investigation and consideration of the actual conditions of the industry.

"As above mentioned, the prohibition of importation becomes effective on Monday next, Dec. 24.

"The regulations to carry into effect the other provisions above-mentioned are being prepared and as soon as approved they will be enacted under the provisions of the War Measures Act.

"The foregoing provision shall remain in force during the war and for twelve months after the conclusion of peace."

WILL TRY TO FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A Mail and Empire cable from London says: "The Daily Sketch, of Paris, says that Jean Navarre, the famous French airman, now out of the army, is busy perfecting plans for a flight across the Atlantic."

"L'Echo des Sports will make the announcement that Navarre will most probably set out to conquer the ocean next summer."

"All the preliminary arrangements for the flight have been completed. Navarre will use one of the machines which the American expert, Glenn Curtiss, has been working on for some time. Navarre says he will succeed or lose his life in the attempt."

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PIONEER OF OMINECA DIGGINGS PASSES AWAY

James May, the Oldest Prospector in B. C. Dies at Hazelton—A Notable Figure.

Christmas saw the passing away of another year of Christian endeavor, and also the passing away of James May, the oldest prospector of northern British Columbia. All of us pioneers knew Jim well; knew him and respected him, and many of us even loved him. He passed away in the quiet unostentatious way that marked the unostentatious habit of free handed generosity that had marked his whole life, and in a few months he would have crossed the ninetieth milestone on his way over the Great Divide.

James May was among the stamperers of the Fraser river excitement, and among the first in the greater stampede that followed to the Cariboo diggings. But as the outcome of these frolics, he staked some claims on Tom Creek, in the Omineca, and, despite the known propensity of old time prospectors to drop everything on the rumor of a new strike, Jim stayed with these placer claims of his on Tom creek—stayed with them for over fifty years.

A great, gaunt figure was James May. His death really removes a figure of the landscape in the Omineca diggings. Six feet two he was, broad and sinewy, wearing a closely trimmed gray beard these many years and always a smile and an open hand for every deserving creature, human or animal. Hard callous-handed as he was, he was always the Kentucky gentleman.

During these last fifty years, it was his habit to winter in Hazelton, and in the spring take out his season's supplies from the Hudson's Bay Company's store. He always took out in his kit a goodly supply of the company's rum, which he used very methodically, and even when he came in with his pokes full of gold from his washings, he was never known to go on the usual miner's spree. Jim never lost his balance. But he must have his "likker" and that may be the reason why so hard-working a man lived so long and in such vigor until the last minute. It is told of him that nearly a month before his annual clean-up the keg moaned emptily on one occasion when he hefted it, and that he sent an Indian woman all the way to Hazelton for a fresh supply. It was only a tote of two hundred miles and back, with a five gallon keg loaded on the return journey.

When he came in the last time he talked of putting in machinery on his claims and making a big claim-up the next summer, and then going outside for once. During these fifty years, he has averaged from three to ten thousand dollars out of his claims by working them himself. But mere wealth for its own sake never appealed to him. Yet he felt the sands of life running fast, and he wished to see something of the marvellous progress the world had made during over the half a century he had been out of it all. His wish, however, was not realized, for on Monday afternoon in the Hospital at old Hazelton, placidly, in the midst of these undeveloped dreams, he hiked his last hike, and passed over his last Great Divide, after fifty-nine years as a prospector in Northern British Columbia.—Contributed.

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ELEVATOR BURNS IN WINNIPEG, MAN.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Entailing a loss estimated at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the large terminal elevator of the Northern Elevator Co. in St. Boniface, containing eighty thousand bushels of wheat, has been completely destroyed by fire.

AUSTRALIA OPPOSED TO CONSCRIPTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Melbourne, Dec. 26.—Australia is opposed to conscription. The latest returns give a majority against the proposal for compulsory service of a hundred and seventy-five thousand, without taking into consideration the soldiers' votes.

DANGEROUS GERMAN SPY SEEN ARRESTED

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Federal officials announced tonight the arrest, on a Presidential warrant, of Franc Shulenberg, who is alleged to be one of the cleverest and most dangerous German spies operating on the Pacific coast. According to army officers, he planned to destroy the government docks and shipping in most of the coast seaports.

ACCIDENT IN PITTSBURG

(Special to The Daily News.)

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Fourteen persons were killed and every other one of a hundred and fourteen passengers on a Knoxville car were more or less hurt, when the car ran away in a tunnel.

RETURNS FROM SKEENA

More of the election returns have come to hand, although there are still two or three places to be heard from. Namu gave Fred Stork 18 votes and Col. Peck 6, while Bella Bella gave Fred Stork 5 and Col. Peck 16.

FISHERMEN WANTING AN INCREASE IN PAY

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Deep-sea fishermen want greater returns for their labor. Representatives of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union are meeting here with representatives of the cold storage companies and the owners of independent halibut boats fishing out of Canadian and United States ports, pressing their claims for an increase in the pay paid them for fish. Conferences are expected to continue for several days. The fishermen are seeking an increase of 100 per cent. in their returns for halibut and black cod and twenty per cent. for ground fish. About 1,300 fishermen are represented in the negotiations, 300 of them being in British Columbia and the balance in Washington and Oregon.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald M. Clark, Fourth Ave., on December 25th, a son.

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BIG DECREASE IN BRITISH CASUALTIES

Last Week's Total Much Smaller—No News from the Western Front—Germany to Reply to Russia re Peace.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 26.—A big falling off is shown in the latest casualty list. For the past week the British dead and wounded number 13,919, which is a very considerable decrease compared with past weeks. Lieutenant Arthur Asquith the third son of the ex-Premier, has been severely wounded in France. There is no news from the western fronts.

Germany's Reply.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—The four Teutonic allied powers have agreed to reply jointly to Russia's peace proposals. The reply is to be delivered tomorrow.

The Krupp Explosion.

The explosion which occurred recently in Krupp's works had its origin in a building where thousands were employed. One building was partially wrecked, but no lives were lost.

No More for Russia.

New York, Dec. 26.—The discontinuance of the manufacture of rifles for Russia at the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing Co. has been ordered by the British government. They are not now required.

"THE SHOW DOWN"

The play to be shown tonight at the Westholme Theatre is one that contains all the elements which are in demand by the public at this time, judging by the number of stories written on the same theme. This tale is one of a number of diverse characters taking a trip to the Orient. Their vessel is submarined in the Pacific and they are cast away upon a coral island, where they have to live on wild fruits and shellfish. In the time of distress, the true character of the personnel of the story comes out. There is a show down. On their exploring the island, they find a German submarine base. A little further on they come upon a U. S. wireless station, which flashes out the call for help. The cruisers of Uncle Sam appear upon the scene and all ends happily. The love interest, of course, runs through the tale, and is delightfully introduced. The interest throughout the play is fully sustained, and after each breathless moment, one wonders what is coming next.

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