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## GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA IS STARTED

### COUNTING SOLDIERS' VOTE --- QUEBEC COURTS EXPEDITE MILITARY APPEALS

#### FRENCH GUNS FIRE 5,000 SHELLS IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

PREPARING FOR TRENCH RAID, SALVOES FROM FRENCH BATTERIES DO TREMENDOUS EXECUTION ON THE ENEMY TRENCHES—GROUND STREWN WITH BODIES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 19.—More than a thousand shells of every calibre were launched by the French batteries in the course of fifteen minutes in preparation for a trench raid in the region north-west of Courcy, northwest of Arras. A small party of infantry selected for the operation, went over the top at the appointed time. They found every trench well, the barbed wire had almost disappeared, although a few of the shelters remained untouched.

In these, some twelve Germans had taken refuge until the gun-fire ceased, being all that remained of the front line troops, after the bombardment. Then they rushed out in an effort to flee, but the attempt was frustrated. The French casualties were only one dead and seven wounded, while the ground was strewn with the bodies of dead German soldiers.

#### Portuguese Active.

London, Feb. 19.—The Portuguese troops have again been active on the western front. They took a few German prisoners in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle. Several casualties were inflicted upon the enemy in a patrol encounter in the Messines sector.

#### The Attack on Russia.

Stockholm, February 19.—Germany has resumed the offensive against Russia this morning, according to dispatches which state that the objectives against the German troops are now being.

#### Austria Sore.

London, Feb. 19.—Germany's declaration of continued war against the Bolshevik government of Russia has caused the most serious schism to arise between Austria-Hungary and Germany. The Austrian people are protesting against the reopening of the hostilities, in which Austria has no desire to participate.

#### Huns Cross Dvina.

London, Feb. 19.—Germany has commenced the execution of her plan to invade Russia because of the failure of the Bolsheviks to sign the peace pact with the Central Powers. A Berlin dispatch announces that the German forces have crossed the river Dvina already. Swedish reports say that the Germans are moving

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#### EASTERN COMMAND FOR ROBERTSON

London, Feb. 19.—Gen. Sir William Robertson, who last week resigned his position as chief of staff, has accepted what is known as the Eastern command: that is, of the military districts in the eastern counties of the British Isles.

troops into the remaining Baltic provinces of Russia, Esthonia and Livonia, the capture of which would completely isolate Russia from the shores of the Baltic. To allow Germany to occupy the city of Reval would secure a direct water route to Petrograd for the Huns, as it is not expected that the forts of Kronstadt, which were once supposed to be impregnable to attack by sea, are now in any shape to put up with effective resistance.

#### PORT SIMPSON INDIANS WANT A CHURCH ORGAN

A meeting of the Indian band of Port Simpson was held yesterday to consider the matter of getting an organ for the Church there. It was decided that the instrument be got, and at that meeting, \$1,000 cash was put up towards the first of the cost by the Indians present.

The Port Simpson Indians are very proud of their church. It was founded there some forty years ago, and built by the pioneer Methodist missionary, Thos. Crosby, who took up the work at Port Simpson upon the departure of Father Duncan for Metlakatla. The church building is a fine one and is kept in good repair by the Indians. Indeed, their ideas of the requirements of the House of God might shame some congregations of their white brethren. In their opinion, nothing is too good.

Only last year, the Indians renewed the heating arrangements. A furnace was installed, which the Indians raised the money for and paid for themselves. With a new organ, the service of praise will be improved. Methodism has long been famed for the happiness of its congregational singing, and among the Indians this is no exception.

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#### LORD NORTHCLIFFE TAKES A JOB AT LAST

London, Feb. 19.—Lord Northcliffe has accepted the position of director of propaganda in enemy countries, while continuing his position on the American Mission.

#### NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

The City Council met as usual last evening. There was not much business, but they managed to spin it out to some length. The first thing was a letter from the secretary of the school board asking that the curfew bylaw be enforced rigidly. The letter was filed. No one suggested that the bell be actually rung, so that the youngsters would know when it was time to go home.

Then the speed of motor cars came up. The city solicitor read a report upon the matter, pointing out that according to statute, the speed of automobiles was restricted to ten miles per hour, and the city had power to pass a by-law to that effect. The city also has the power to place a \$2 fee upon bicycles. Before anything is done in this matter, however, it will be considered for a week.

After some more routine things the letter from the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries to his council regarding the fishery regulations. The matter of sending a delegation was discussed, and whether the proper time was now or when the recommendation of the Royal Commission was being considered by the department. Discussion upon this point was considerable. Finally it was decided that the matter be referred to the fishery committee in view of the new situation as disclosed by the Hon. Minister's letter. Meantime, it is understood that gas boats are entitled to fish with gill nets on the Skeena.

The department did not say when the matter would come before them for discussion, and his worship will enquire further as to this. The minister was also advised that a publicity campaign was to be inaugurated whereby the state of affairs as existing here on the coast regarding the price of fish, etc., and all details would be made public throughout the Dominion. Public opinion would certainly be aroused when it came out that the fishermen got 3c apiece for humpbacked salmon (Continued on Page four.)

Get acquainted with Billie Burke. A treat for the ladies.

#### SOLDIERS' VOTE CAST IN CANADA NOW BEING COUNTED IN OTTAWA

OUT OF 54,500 VOTES CAST IN CANADA, 15,000 HAVE BEEN REJECTED, BECAUSE SOLDIERS VOTED FOR CONSTITUENCIES TO WHICH THEY DID NOT BELONG—NO RETURN YET RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The actual counting of the soldiers' ballots commenced on Saturday morning and is now proceeding apace. So far only the envelopes containing the ballots have been allocated to the boxes designating the constituencies in which they were polled. The ballots themselves are now being counted, the work starting with the Ontario constituencies. Already some half dozen of the two hundred and thirty-five boxes have been disposed of, and the total work will be completed before the end of next week, so far as the voting in Canada is concerned.

If the ballots already counted are any criterion of the total soldiers' vote, it has been said that the opposition will be fortunate if they get ten per cent. of the 54,500 votes polled on this side of the ocean. Of these 54,500 votes are estimated that over 15,000 have been rejected, owing to the fact

#### POLICE MAKE RAID ON CHINESE PREMISES

Last evening a little after eleven o'clock, Chief Vickers, accompanied by Constables Adams, McGlinchy and Bailey paid a visit to No. 840 Third Avenue. The doors were locked and barred, but an entrance was effected quickly, and inside the building were found twenty-one Chinamen and one Italian. They all appeared in the police court this morning, when the Italian, named L. Gabriell, was charged with having concealed weapons in his possession. He had had a loaded revolver, and a quantity of ammunition in his possession the night before. He was fined \$50 upon that charge.

In company with the twenty-one Chinamen, he was charged with being an inmate of a gambling and an opium house. Among the exhibits were two opium pipes which were still warm when seized. Nine of the Chinamen were charged with being in opium premises, and were allowed out on bail of \$50 each. Chong Lee was charged with being in the possession of opium and his bail was \$75, while the remainder charged with gambling were permitted out on bail of \$25 each. The Kwong Sun Chong Co. put up the bail money, amounting to \$800. The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

#### CIVIL COURTS TO CONCENTRATE ON MILITARY APPEALS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, Feb. 19.—Acting Chief Justice Archibald has decided as a result of a conference with the Hon. Mr. Doherty, minister of Justice, to suspend until the end of March the whole work of the civil courts here, in order that the work of the judges of appeals under the Military Service Act may proceed without delay.

#### FISHING ARRIVALS

The Alameda has arrived in port with 5,000 lbs. halibut; the Corona, 5,000; Trio, 14,000; Pauline, 15,000; and Nakano with 6,000 lbs. Prices varied from 17 1/2 cents per lb. to 18c.

#### GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC ARE GOING RIGHT AHEAD WITH PLANS

WORK OF CONSTRUCTING THE NEW WHARFAGE, ROUND-HOUSES AND STATION BUILDINGS WILL START SOON AS MEN AND MATERIALS ARE ASSEMBLED—NEW FACILITIES TO HANDLE ALL TRAFFIC

Optimism for the immediate future and the utmost faith in the City of Prince Rupert and its rapid development are characteristics noticeable in Mr. H. McCall, the new general superintendent of the G. T. P. "We are going right ahead with our plans," he said yesterday, when asked, "and as soon as we can get the materials here and the men, construction will start right away. As you know," he continued, "traffic arising at this end of the line is increasing month by month, and already we have arrangements made to meet all the traffic that we will be offered. We are installing two electric derricks for the unloading of the scows of lumber which the tug Lorne will bring across from the Islands. This lumber will be loaded right off the scows on to the cars by these derricks, and we should be able to handle it here in Prince Rupert as fast as the mills can turn it out."

#### Fast Handling.

These electric derricks will be installed upon the coal dock, which has been rebuilt and strengthened, and tracks laid for the cars. To connect with the dock a new trestle has had to be built. These tracks are double, and as soon as the cars on the one track are loaded, they will be pulled off and replaced with empties during the time the cars on the other track are being loaded. In this manner fast work will be accomplished. Mr. McCall agreed that when this traffic is running in full swing, a train load of lumber per day may be expected to be despatched east.

While the G. T. P., in common with the other Canadian railroads has been handicapped by the number of their cars being held up in the United States, this state of affairs is being taken up by the government with good effect, and large numbers of cars have already been returned.

Mr. McCall has just returned from Calgary, where he found things to be very busy, "and Prince Rupert will be equally busy very soon," he added.

#### The Drydock.

"How about the drydock? Well, I left Mr. Hinton on his way to Montreal, thence New York, and I know he is to wire to Mayor McClymont as soon as the negotiations are completed. Just so soon as shipbuilding is in progress here, and work going on, then Prince Rupert will be able to look at ship repair work. The men and materials for this will be on the ground, and with the drydock available, repairs can be executed on short notice. Then the drydock, as well as the plant will be kept busy. Things do look well for the future, and not the distant future either. We will get all the refrigerator cars we need when the traffic in the trawled fish increases, as it is bound to do, when sold at the Food Controller's price."

Confidence in the ability of the G. T. P. to handle all the increased traffic likely to be offered, was expressed by Mr. McCall, and he is hoping for great things here as a result of the immediate development of the resources of this part of the province.

#### With the Orient.

With regard to the proposed Trans-Pacific steamship line, Mr. McCall smilingly refused to be drawn into any admission regard-

ing any department other than his own. As given out by Mr. Hinton on his last visit here, this to a certain extent depends upon the docking facilities. For the prompt handling and quick despatch necessary with ocean-going liners, slip docks are needed if the traffic is to attain to any proportions, although it is not impossible that the situation could be handled with the additional wharfage proposed to be built this year. Should this trade grow to any proportions, however, this accommodation would be insufficient very soon, and it may be that this new trade will not develop until the proper facilities are provided.

The G. T. P. are fully alive to the necessities of this end of the line, and are sparing no effort to justify their existence. As expressed by Mr. McCall, the company is fully prepared to develop their facilities as the occasion demands for the handling promptly and in an efficient manner of all the new traffic arising through the development of the district.

Mr. McCall's introduction to the difficulties of railroading in this mountain division took place at a time when these difficulties were at their greatest, last November, when the Skeena was feet higher than it had even been known to be previously, and when the track was washed out in dozens of places by the floods. Knowing full well what the G. T. P. is up against, operating in a new country, Mr. McCall is nevertheless full of enthusiasm and confidence as to the ultimate outcome and for the prosperity which is bound to visit this northern British Columbia in the days coming.

#### FILIPINOS HOPE TO BE ASKED TO FIGHT

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San Francisco, February 19.—Twenty-five thousand Filipinos are now under arms and drilling regularly at Manila, hoping that the United States will call for their services in the fight against the Central Empires. The Filipinos, as fighting material, cannot be excelled anywhere. They are very desirous of showing their loyalty to the United States by taking up their share of the burden of war.

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#### CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ANNUAL MEETING

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