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RUSSIA ACCEPTS GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

PRUSSAINS WILL ANNEX LARGE AREA OF TERRITORY AND A BIG INDEMNITY

BRITISH MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON FLANDERS FRONT

RAID DESCRIBED AS "PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT" AND RESULTS IN HEAVY CASUALTIES FOR GERMANS. TWO OTHER RAIDS ALSO SUCCESSFUL—ANOTHER HUN AIR RAID ON LONDON FAILS.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 20.—An extensive raid was carried out by British troops last night on the Flanders front, in the southern sector of the Houthoist wood. There were no other successful raids, one in the region south of Lens, carried out by Canadian troops, and the other on the old Arras front in the region of Epehy. Prisoners were taken in all these raids. The Flanders raid a particularly important affair, resulting in heavy casualties for the Germans.

Fliers Active.

British naval airplanes on Sunday night dropped several tons of explosives on the docks at Zeebrugge, and immense columns of fire and smoke were seen ascending, after the British bombs had burst. Ten German aeroplanes were brought down on the same day by the British aviators and more were disabled, according to an official statement. The lines of Treves and Thionville were raided by British machines Monday, where considerable damage was also done to these places.

The supremacy of the air which the allied airmen have established on the Western front enables them to move about freely and in many cases unmolested except for anti-air craft gunfire from the sky.

London Tried Again.

London, Feb. 20.—German planes took advantage of another moonlight night to attempt to drop more bombs on the city of London. Their attack on this occasion was a failure so far as the metropolis was concerned. The fire of the barrage guns on the outskirts of London was heavy for two hours. There were no casualties.

SKATING IS POPULAR AT THE SALT LAKES

Last Sunday there were many visitors across the harbour to the salt lakes on the chance of the ice being in condition for skating. At one time, there was quite a crowd indulging in this winter sport, and they all voted the ice to be first class. It was bearing practically all over.

It is expected that there will be many visitors over the water this afternoon taking advantage of the half holiday and the fine sunny weather. There has been sufficient frost for the past week at nights to freeze up again all that was melted by the sun's rays by day.

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

WESTHOLME
TONIGHT ONLY
Five-part Bluebird Feature
"MOTHER O' MINE"
Starring Rupert Julian and Ruth Clifford.
UNIVERSAL WEEKLY
COMEDY
Don't forget the first episode of Billie Burke serial, starting tomorrow.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT RE SALMON FISHERIES

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The following official statement with regard to the salmon fisheries of British Columbia has been handed out by the minister of the naval service:

"After a conference with his officials with regard to the regulations and policy to govern the salmon fisheries in district No. 2, British Columbia, during which the whole matter was thoroughly considered, Col. Ballantyne reached the following decisions:

1. That no licenses for salmon canneries in addition to those already authorized will be granted this year. It is recognized that if the privilege is thus restricted, those engaging in canning should be required to pay into the public treasury a fair proportion of their profits. As the system of accounting amongst the canners is so diversified it is important to determine what this should be, but during the present year a satisfactory system of accounting to be used by all canners will be worked out.

2. That as the runs of salmon and the conditions on the spawning ground do not warrant a greater amount of fishing than is now permitted, no licenses for additional fishing privileges will be authorized this year.

"These two decisions do not apply entirely to the Queen Charlotte Islands, where the conditions are different from those now existing on the mainland.

3. That as the evidence of the cannery managers, the canners and the fishermen submitted to the special commission which last year investigated the salmon fisheries of this district, was nearly unanimously opposed to the use of motor boats in salmon fishing operations, such boats will not be allowed this year.

4. That to enable proper arrangements to be made for the using of gill net licenses will be granted this year on a similar basis to last, but hereafter no attached licenses will be issued.

5. That rigid enforcement of the fishery regulations will be carried out and the protective force will be sufficiently enlarged to enable this to be done.

6. On his return to British Columbia in the next few days, the chief inspector will call together those applying for new licenses in different portions of the province where such may be safely granted, and each applicant will be required in the presence of the others, to show why he considers his application should be favored. Immediately following such investigation, a decision on the different applications will be reached by the chief inspector.

The minister made it clear to his officials that no political or other outside interference will be given any consideration."

NEW ARRIVALS
Advance models of ladies' suits, sport coats, etc., Wallace's. 43
New Spring Goods constantly arriving—Wallace's. 43
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CONSCRIPTION WILL NOT APPLY TO ALIEN LABOR

Government Finds it Impossible at Present to Make Labor Compulsory by any Alien Subjects.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The government has issued a statement regarding the proposals and demands that during recent months have been made upon to the effect that aliens and alien enemies resident in Canada should be conscripted for industrial and agricultural purposes or that they should be compelled to work for soldier's pay.

Reference is made to the conferences in January and it is stated "it was clearly demonstrated that conscript alien labor could not be utilized on the farms except in cases where the conscripts could work in large numbers under military discipline. To withdraw any large numbers of laborers from the existing supply of labor for this purpose would not relieve the situation, but rather aggravate it."

Attitude of Labor.
"The attitude of organized labor was made perfectly clear; namely, unqualified opposition to any proposals for industrial conscription of either aliens or British citizens."

"If it is impracticable at present to adopt a special policy of compulsory service towards alien enemies, it is obvious that there would be even greater difficulty in discriminating against other aliens in Canada in respect of their employment in industry; and the government under existing circumstances deems it unwise to embark upon such a policy.

"The imperative and pressing needs of the country urgently demand that there shall be no idlers in Canada during the remainder of the war. Holy Writ declares that if a man will not work neither shall he eat. Those who deliberately and wantonly obstruct the national purpose by subordinating everything to indolent self-enjoyment and selfish indulgence may confidently anticipate that the authority vested in the government and parliament will be used for compelling them to take the part which every true citizen should freely and voluntarily fulfill. But the exercise of such power must be of general application.

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**TAG DAY FOR Y.M.C.A.
REALISES \$340.00**
The amount realized in the city last Saturday by the W.C.T.U. by a Tag Day, in aid of the Y.M.C.A. amounted in all to \$346.05. The few necessary expenses amounted to \$6.05 leaving the net amount of \$340 to be forwarded. The ladies of the Red Cross Society, and the I.O.D.E., as well as many of the young ladies of the city not belonging to these organizations, gave valuable assistance.

The Seal Cove end of the city was taken in charge by the Ladies of the Seal Cove Branch of the Red Cross, and they swelled the fund by \$25.00.

SITTING TIGHT AND SAYING BUT LITTLE

On Monday evening at the meeting of the City Council, the matter of the fishery regulations was brought up by the mayor, when he caused to be read the reply from the Minister of Marine at Ottawa to the demands of the people of this district regarding the recommendations of the Royal Fisheries Commission.

The situation at the present moment is uncertain to say the least of it. At present, owing to the representations made to the Department at Ottawa by the delegation sent from here last year, it is permissible for gas boats to fish for salmon with gill nets in District No. 2, of which Prince Rupert is the centre. That is all right as far as it goes. But at the same time it has been made known that the Royal Commission which visited here after the Prince Rupert delegation got this amendment to the regulations in its preliminary report recommends that gas boats be not allowed so to fish.

What is the government going to do about it? That is what the fishermen want to know. They have to get their boats ready, and their nets secured, and they will have to start now. If, after everything is ready for fishing, the information comes that gas boats will not be permitted, they will be at a considerable outlay for nothing, and by that time it may not be possible for them to get fishing at all. It is not fair to the men who intend going fishing this season to be kept in doubt at this time of preparation.

The Hon. Minister apparently does not intend to do anything in the matter until the final report of the Royal Commission is in his hands, believing it to be the "better part of wisdom" to deal with the matter as a whole. He does not say when he expects to receive this report, or if he will deal with it immediately upon receipt, so Prince Rupert is left in the dark as to when to send its representatives to Ottawa to place their views before the Department.

More than that, the fishermen are uncertain what action to take for this coming season's fishing. Are they to get their gas boats ready in the belief that the existing amended regulations permitting them, will not be rescinded, until after this season's fishing? These preparations cannot be made in a day. What are the fishermen to do? The policy of the Department at Ottawa of sitting tight and saying little is not helping the Pacific coast any.

It would seem that the fishermen who are the people immediately concerned are entitled to some kind of a definite statement, either that the present regulations will continue for this coming season or not.

MOTHER O'MINE.

Tonight is a great big five part Bluebird feature for the Westholme. "Mother o'Mine" is a play containing a wonderful story of universal heart appeal, of the strongest love in the world, mother love. It is a theme that recalls the days of yore to the grownups, and brings tears and smiles in succession. This play has held Broadway audiences enthralled and it is one that will appeal to every spectator. In addition, there will be a universal Weekly Gazette, showing scenes of worldwide interest, as well as a comedy.

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RUSSIA ACCEPTS PEACE ON TERMS PROPOSED BY GERMANY

RUSSIA ACCEPTS PEACE ON TERMS PROPOSED BY GERMANY AND TO PAY INDEMNITY OF EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION IN GOLD—"NO ANNEXATION AND NO INDEMNITY" FORMULA FORGOTTEN

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 20.—Russia now finds herself forced to accept a peace upon the terms proposed by Germany, according to an official Russian statement received here today. This statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotsky, the Russian Foreign Minister. It protests against the German resumption of war and says that the council of the People's Commissaries is now forced to declare its readiness to sign a peace as dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk. The ministers admit that the terms imposed by the Prussians are hard, as they include the retention by Germany

of Poland, Lithuania, Riga and Moon Island, together with an indemnity of eight hundred million roubles, presumably in gold.

All the outcry which the Russian delegates made at the Brest-Litovsk conference, regarding the formula of no indemnities and no annexations which was supposed to be the basis upon which the Russians sat at the conference, and upon which question the Germans themselves were apparently divided, is now evidently forgotten by both parties.

Notwithstanding the readiness which the Russians evinced to sign the peace pact, the German forces are advancing into Russia on a four hundred mile front.

PRINCE GEORGE COMES OUT OF THE DRYDOCK

Looking spick and span after her overhaul at the drydock, the Prince George came in to the G. T. P. wharf yesterday afternoon. She will take up the run to the south tomorrow evening. There is one thing which this vessel displays all over her, and that is that in the matter of overhauling and fixing up steamers, the local drydock cannot be beat anywhere in the making of a good job. Just as the shipbuilders on the river Clyde are famous all over the world for that intangible elusive "something" more commonly known as 'Clyde finish' to the ships they produce, both in design and workmanship, the finish which the "Prince George" shows even outwardly is a credit to the town.

The "Prince Rupert" on account of the heavy traffic now passing to and from the coast points, such as Ocean Falls and Swanson Bay has been late in arriving here for the past few weeks. Today, she will be later than ever, and is not expected in until four o'clock. She will take up the run to Granby this evening, and on her return tomorrow, she will lie up for her overhaul, while the Prince George will make the regular trips to Vancouver and Victoria.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. LIONEL HOLTBY

There were large doings last evening in the home of Captain and Miss Anna Rorvik, the occasion being a farewell dance in honor of Mr. Lionel Holtby, who leaves tomorrow night to take up his military duties. There were about twenty-five couples present, and all enjoyed the event hugely. On this occasion the ladies had the privilege of dancing right through, the refreshments being prepared and got ready by the gentlemen. Certain discoveries were made as to masculine capacity in domestic affairs, and the coffee, as prepared by Mr. W. H. Tobey, permitted the assembly to taste good coffee for once, at least.

In the course of the evening, Mr. Holtby was presented with a watch by Mr. G. W. Nickerson in a most apt and graceful speech. Mr. Holtby is one of the old timers in Prince Rupert, having been here and connected with the G. T. P. since the early days, long before the construction of the line was completed. He will leave very many friends and acquaintances in town to regret his departure.

RED CROSS NOTES

The sale of home-cooking held last week realized the sum of \$61.65. The sale this week in the Red Cross hut will be under the charge of Mrs. Gammon and Mrs. Ernest Price.

The articles drawn for last week were as follows:—Mr. L. Holtby presented a \$5 gold piece, which was won by H. F. Wearmouth; Mr. Lando a box apples, won by Jimmie Barker; Killas Bros., box candy won by Mrs. C. Hills; Mrs. D. H. McDonald, a centre piece, won by Mrs. E. Naismith; Mrs. Morrow, tatted handkerchief won by Mrs. S. E. Parker; Mrs. Bulger cream and sugar set won by Mrs. E. Gammon; F. Schultz box cigars won by J. Bulger; W. G. Barrie, pictures, won by C. E. Betts, Miss E. Belding (England) pair booties, won by Dr. S. J. Evans; Mrs. C. Embleton, knitting bag won by L. Holtby; Messrs. Cameron and Mobley, stuffed owl, won by H. McKinnon; J. S. Carmichael coffee won by Mrs. P. Macdonald; Miss M. Eason cream set won by Mrs. L. J. Christie; Mrs. P. Macdonald worked towel, won by Mrs. L. R. Parr.

In the Baptist Church rooms every Tuesday afternoon the sewing meeting is doing splendid work. Kit bags, stretcher caps, rugs, pyjamas, etc., are being made under the convectorship of Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Jennings, who will be only too glad to show visitors the finished articles, or to give those who have time any work they may care to do.

CARD OF THANKS

The Women's Auxiliary of the G.W.V.A. wish to thank all those who assisted the min making the Annual Ball a success. Especially Self's Cafe, The Royal, Central and Savoy Hotels, Mussallem Co., Lynch & McMeekin, Rupert Table Supply Co., Munro Bros., the wholesale houses, Mrs. Craig, Mr. Tite, as well as all the ladies who contributed cakes.

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