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GERMAN OFFENSIVE EXPECTED DAILY—ACTIVITY GROWING ON WESTERN FRONT

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MANY GUNS SUPPLIED BY ALLIES ARE CAPTURED AND MUCH ROLLING STOCK—FRENCH MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS—FURTHER ADVANCE BY THE BRITISH IN PALESTINE—AIRMEN BUSY

(Special to The Daily News.)
Berlin, Feb. 21.—The German armies continue their unopposed advance through to Eastern Russia. They have captured over twenty-five hundred prisoners, also many guns of various calibres supplied previously by the allies to the Russian army, together with a great proportion of rolling stock belonging to the Russian railroads.

French Front.

Paris, Feb. 21.—In the region of the Argonne, the French troops repulsed an attack upon the Four de Paris. The advancing forces of Germans never reached the front line held by the French soldiers, and were shot down in detail as they came into the open. In Lorraine, north of Bures, detachments of French troops were successful in penetrating through the German lines. They made a deep advance on a wide front, capturing some four hundred prisoners. The French artillery barrage fire was particularly successful on this occasion in holding off the German reinforcements.

In Palestine.

London, Feb. 21.—The British army in Palestine made an attack yesterday east of Jerusalem. Good progress was made for two miles on a front of fifteen miles. The guerilla warfare in which the Turk is particularly adept, is being successfully countered by the British sharpshooters, who are able to beat the Turk at his own game.

Airmen Busy.

London, Feb. 21.—Naval airplanes continue to drop bombs on docks, aerodromes and other targets offered by the establishments behind the German lines in Belgium. Four German aeroplanes have been brought down. On the French front, four German aeroplanes were brought down by the allied pilots and a fifth was destroyed by special guns.

U. S. Ahead of Time.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The first shipment of American built battleplanes are now en route to France. They were completed five months ahead of the contract time.

Steel for France.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—The federal government's war committee has decided to take up three hundred miles of steel rails, which have been laid on the Hudson's Bay line and transport them to France.

More Recruits.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Documents have been signed by the representatives of the British, Canadian and United States governments enabling each of these countries to draft each other's citizens of military age for compulsory service, not resident in their own land, and thus escaping

duty at present. It is expected that some considerable additional number of recruits will thus be obtained.

PREMIER BREWSTER RETURNS TO B. C.

Victoria, Feb. 21.—Premier Brewster has wired to the Hon. John Oliver today that he is leaving Ottawa tonight and expects to be in Victoria on Tuesday morning. The Provincial House is due to meet on Tuesday afternoon, reopening after the adjournment.

CAR SHORTAGE CAUSED THROUGH NO REPAIRS

Washington, Feb. 22.—Thousands of crippled freight cars accumulated during the winter because of gross neglect of railroads in making repairs, occupy miles of tracks in eastern rail centres and are largely responsible for the car shortage and traffic congestion, it was shown today by reports of interstate commerce commissioner McCord to Director General McAdoo.

These reports based on first hand investigations by a corps of trained inspectors, cover the six weeks period since the government assumed operation of railroads, and indicated that one of the most critical ills of rail transportation under private management was the sidetracking of car repairs. The transportation division of the railroad administration will undertake to solve the light of Commissioner McCord's disclosures.

Of the many empty cars congested in the Philadelphia yards of the Pennsylvania, more than 2,400 are coal cars, inspectors reported and at no time within the last month have there been less than 1,500 cattle cars there awaiting movement, while mine operators cried for more cars.

G.T.P. TO ESTABLISH NEW STEAMSHIP OFFICE HERE

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Captain G. H. Nicholson, manager of the G.T.P. steamship lines, stated this morning that the company had decided on important changes in the organization which will include the establishing of an operating office at Prince Rupert. Mr. Reginald Beaumont, who has been assistant to the manager here for the past eight years will be stationed at Prince Rupert with the appointment of assistant manager of the line.

UTILITY FIRST

Berne, Feb. 20.—Gigantic bouquets of real vegetables are now to be seen in the florists' window in Vienna. "These unwieldy but effective bouquets," says Die Zeit, "find not only daring purchasers, but also grateful recipients."

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UNITED STATES GETS LABOR IN WEST INDIES

Will Bring in Hundred Thousand Black Subjects of United States for Railroad and Farm Work.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—According to advices received here, the United States Department of Labor, through the Government employment service, is arranging to bring into that country some 110,000 laborers from Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

They will be employed for maintenance and shop work on the railroads, and will be released for farm service when the agricultural needs require them.

"MYSTERY SHIPS" DESTROY U-BOATS

Boston, Feb. 21.—"Mystery ships" of the navy, which have been successful against German submarines, were described by Commander John M. Hancock of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts of the Navy Department at the annual banquet of the National Cannery Association to-night. The secret surrounding these ships, Commander Hancock said, was a secret no longer. They looked like tramp freighters, and had guns mounted behind swinging doors in their sides. When beset by a U-boat, the speaker said members of the crew, some disguised as women, scrambled into the ships boats, which were handled in such a way as to create the appearance of a panic.

After shelling the supposed gunless ship at long range, Hancock said, the submersible approached to within point-blank range to continue her deadly work, but a surprise awaited her, for swinging doors in the freighter opened and trained gunners, with a few well-directed shots, sent the U-boat to the bottom.

BILLIE BURKE AT THE WESTOLME THEATRE

Tonight there will be shown in the Westholme the first episode in the great serial "Gloria's Romance" in which Billie Burke is the star actress.

The name "Billie Burke" has already become a household one throughout the North American continent, and the reason for this will be witnessed on the screen this evening. Always famous for her good dressing, in this play acting the role of a rich man's daughter, Billie Burke is enabled to let her fancy swing as it listeth in the matter of clothes and as next to wearing fine clothes oneself is to see them worn by someone else, the ladies tonight will have the vicarious pleasure. There will also be a five reel feature, entitled "Extravagance" in which Madame Petrova takes the lead. Madame Petrova needs no introduction to a Prince Rupert audience and her name alone is sufficient as an attraction. Billie Burke and Petrova the same evening is certainly some combination.

Judge F. McB. Young will address the St. Andrew's Society on the "Prevention of Crime" tomorrow night. All members are requested to be present.

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LLOYD GEORGE ONCE AGAIN IS VICTORIOUS

Premier in House of Commons Yesterday Explains and Defends His Action With Chief of Staff.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 21.—Lloyd George and his government have surmounted another crisis. In the House of Commons yesterday, the Premier explained and defended the recent organization of the Versailles Council, with the added powers given to it, and his dealings with the famous British Chief of Staff. There was no proposal for a vote of want of confidence, but Mr. Asquith expressed regret that the premier's explanation had not been made a week earlier.

Lord George declared and explained to some length that he could not then, or even now, go into the subject fully without giving information of use to the enemy. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Asquith supported the right of parliamentary criticism in such matters.

HUN OFFENSIVE IS EXPECTED ANY DAY NOW

Details Learned From Captured Prisoners. Enemy Will Employ Tanks This Time and a New Gas.

(Special to The Daily News.)

British Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 20.—The great German offensive on the Western front may be expected to begin at any time now, and as far as the British front is concerned, the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin. Tanks, and a "new mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in his attempt to break through the allied lines. Other attacks will be delivered farther south. These facts have become known through captured German prisoners, and through information learned in other ways.

The weather for some time past now has been fine. Between sunshine and the early spring breezes the roads are dry and firm enabling troop movements upon a large scale, and it is quite possible that the German offensive may be anticipated by an advance by the allies.

NOTICE

Mr. Merchant.—Display your Union Card. It is the sign of a square to your clerks and the general public.

Mrs. McKinnon, late of the Bayview Hotel here, passed through the city yesterday afternoon on her way to Anyox, whither she has been called by the serious illness of her son Frank. He has had a severe attack of pneumonia, and at one time there was grave doubts as to his recovery. However, he has now taken a turn for the better.

Mr. A. R. Lord, Inspector of Schools, returned to the city yesterday afternoon from the south.

SIGNS POINT TO IMMINENCE OF BIG MILITARY OPERATIONS

RAIDS RECENTLY MADE BY GERMAN DESTROYERS, SUBMARINES, AND AEROPLANES ARE TAKEN TO HERALD THE EXPECTED GERMAN OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT. MAY BE ANY DAY NOW.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 21.—The destroyer attacks in the English Channel the submarine bombardment of Dover, and the air raids on Dover and London may be considered as preliminary to the German thrust on the West. The trench raid period has been followed by an increased activity in the air, which is almost certain proof that big military operations are soon to begin.

The Germans undoubtedly hope to force the British to concentrate their air fighters here in the neighborhood of London to defend the capital, which will thus weaken their service in France. They also hope to interrupt the communications across the channel. That they may send out part of the High Seas Fleet for a "tip and run" attack or bombardment of the British coast is among the possibilities of the early future.

TO THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL

London, Feb. 20.—General Sir Henry Rawlinson has been appointed to represent Great Britain on the regular staff of the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

DEEP SEA FISHERMEN IN U. S. REQUIRE LICENCES

Seattle, Feb. 21.—All deep sea fishermen operating out of this state's port today became an active part of the United States Food Administration's campaign under an order issued at Washington, D. C., requiring the men to take out federal licences. The order was received this morning at the office of the state food administration.

Issuance of the order has been expected for some time, the state officials having been notified that it would be sent out some time this month. The federal issuing campaign brings the deep sea fishermen under the control of the Federal Food Administration. Both coasts are affected by the new order.

SCHOONER "TILLAMOOK" IS NOW READY FOR SEA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, Feb. 21.—The power vessel Tillamook, which for some months has been operated by the G. T. P. between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan in the passenger service, has completed extensive alterations at Seattle and will sail from the Puget Sound port on February 25 to resume in the Alaska trade.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CAPTAIN VERNON CASTLE

New York, Feb. 20.—Private military funeral services for Captain Vernon Castle, who was killed in the aeroplane accident at Fort Worth, Texas, last Friday, were held yesterday at the Church of the Transfiguration. A detachment of the Royal Flying Corps escorted the body to the church.

Vernon Castle had an international reputation as a dancer. His home was here. With his wife, also a graceful dancer, he attained great popularity several years ago as a teacher of modern dances. Captain Castle, whose real name was Vernon Blythe, was sent by the British authorities to Fort Worth as special instructor when the Canadian Flying School was established there last year.

NORTHERN OLD TIMER IS LOST COMING OUT

The gravest fears are entertained for the safety of Mr. Louis Dixon, of the Customs Staff at the Boundary on the Stikine River. Mr. Dixon has been at this place for the last two years, and was under orders to report to the Prince Rupert office for the winter. He did not show up, and a search party was instituted from Wrangell. The first party failed to get through on account of the severe weather, but a second one was got together and they pushed on to the Boundary post, when they learned that Mr. Dixon had left there on November 28, in a small gas goat. His intention was to make Wrangell on his way here. Neither man nor boat have been heard of since they left the Boundary on November 28, and it is feared that by this time there is little chance of his being alive now. Nothing will be able to be done until the ice goes out.

Mr. Dixon was one of the well known characters of this northern interior country. He was about fifty years of age, and had many friends scattered throughout the province. Being an old Hudson's Bay man, he has had some experience in the north, and his loss will be felt with regret by all who knew him.

BOLSHEVIKI THREATEN ENTENTE RESIDENTS

London, Feb. 20.—The Bolsheviks blame the United States and Great Britain for closing the Manchurian border and prohibiting the export of cargoes of foodstuffs into Russia. They threaten that if this order is not rescinded they will apply repressive measures against the citizens of the entente and allied countries presently resident in Russia.

THE POLICE COURT

Before Magistrate Carss yesterday in the police court, Chong Lee was fined \$25 for being in the possession of opium. The case against the other inmates is again adjourned.

This morning Mrs. Chenowski was fined \$50 with the option of thirty days' imprisonment for a violation of the Prohibition Act in her rooming house on First Ave.

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