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FRENCH ATTACKING TO FORCE A DECISION

GERMANS NEAR PETROGRAD—TURK OFFENSIVE IN CAUCASUS—RAIDER RETURNS

GERMAN ARMY IN RUSSIA IS NOW ONLY EIGHT HOURS AWAY FROM PETROGRAD

RUSSIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS QUICKLY REMOVED TO SMOLLENSK AND STAFF LOSE TOUCH WITH ARMIES.—RED GUARD PREPARING PETROGRAD FOR DEFENCE—PEOPLE NOW IN DIFFERENT.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, Feb. 27.—The German Army was only eight hours distant from Petrograd yesterday, and was still advancing, according to a message from Ambassador Francis, via Peking, dated yesterday.

Will Defend City.
Petrograd, Feb. 27.—Despite the acceptance of the German imposed peace, mobilization and the hurried preparations for the defence of Petrograd continue. Small detachments of the German forces are reported to be moving towards Petrograd from Pskoff, which is only one hundred and sixty two miles to the south-west. Battalions commanded by the Workmen and Soldiers Delegates were quickly organized and several are reported to be moving in the direction of Pskoff, where they will oppose the advancing Germans.

Armies Disorganized.
The Third Russian army has been retreating before the Germans, and was falling back upon Petrograd, but found the roads blocked by the Second Russian army, who had got out of touch

with the staff, and had become disorganized. Both armies are now in a state of confusion. The headquarters of the Russian armies has been hurriedly removed to Smolensk, 250 miles south-west of Moscow. The change was made in such haste that the staff lost touch with the various armies.

People Indifferent.
London, Feb. 27.—The inhabitants of Petrograd await coming events with an outward calm, according to the latest dispatch received here and continue to pursue their ordinary business life seemingly unconcerned over the great interests at stake.

The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent in a dispatch last Thursday reports a statement that the majority would welcome the arrival of the Germans, fearing an outbreak of uncontrolled anarchy, riot and murder. The bulk of the population, the correspondent says, are tired of the war, tired of hunger and disorder, and tired of the uncertainty perpetually overhanging them, declaring that they are experiencing all of the disadvantages of the czar's regime without any of its advantages.

TREBIZOND IS CAPTURED BY TURKISH ARMY

Russians While Evacuating Asia Minor are Attacked in Great Force.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 27.—While in process of evacuating Turkish territory in Asia Minor, in accordance with the agreement reached at Brest-Litovsk, the Turkish forces attacked the Russian armies. The withdrawal was well under way when the Turks occupied the town of Platana, on the Black sea coast paralyzing the evacuation of the Black sea corps, which are now grouped along the coast.

The Turkish forces advanced rapidly and took Trebizond fifteen miles to the east, without any opposition. The attack upon the Russian forces was started before the expiration of the armistice agreed upon.

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Last month the mine netted \$30,000 profit, and the total production this month is expected to be between \$90,000 and \$100,000, with a net profit of about \$40,000. Lately a new tube mill has been installed at this mine, by means of which the tonnage handled will be largely increased.

TRAIN RUNS INTO A DEEP SNOW BANK

After running well on time all yesterday, word was received in town late in the afternoon that the train from the East due to arrive here at 5.30 p.m. had run into a snow bank about sixteen miles up the river, and was unable to proceed further, in this direction. The snowplough was immediately despatched from here, and it was expected that she would be dug out in a short space of time.

However, it was between ten and eleven o'clock before the train pulled into Prince Rupert. There were several through passengers for points on the coast, and fortunately for them the "Chelohsin" was also behind time, not being due to leave till 2 a.m.

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MORE TROUBLE BREAKS OUT IN IRELAND

Additional Troops being Sent to County Clare to Put Martial Law into Effect.—Outbreak Growing

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 27.—A further outbreak of lawlessness has occurred in County Clare in Ireland, necessitating the despatch of additional troops to the affected areas for the purpose of putting martial law into effect. There has been considerable trouble in south and west from time to time of late, but this latest outbreak is the most extensive since the Sinn Fein rebellion, which culminated in the bombardment of Dublin.

County Clare is on the West coast of Ireland, lying between counties Galway and Limerick and is of a very mountainous nature. Being so far away from the centres of business in Ireland, things have been overlooked there, which in more populous districts, would have been attended to much earlier. The London newspapers declare that the state of lawlessness is spreading alarmingly in the west and south of Ireland and that the government will have to take prompt action and firm steps for its repression.

DAVE THOMSON IS TAKEN ILL IN SEATTLE

Word has been received in town of the sudden illness of Mr. Dave Thomson, of the firm of Akerburg, Thomson & Co., Ltd., of this city, on arriving in Seattle last Sunday. Mr. Thomson left here some few weeks ago on a business trip to the lower coast cities. He left Victoria last Saturday for Seattle, and on the steamer going over, he was suddenly taken ill. On arrival at the Puget Sound port on Sunday morning he was at once taken to the Hospital there, and operated upon that same afternoon.

From word received, Mr. Thomson is progressing as well as could be expected. His illness was caused by gall stones and kidney trouble. He will be in the hospital down below for the next fifteen days, or so, and hopes to be thoroughly recovered before he returns here again. His many friends here will be glad to know that he is out of danger.

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ANOTHER GERMAN RAIDER MAKES PORT SAFELY AFTER DESTROYING MANY SHIPS

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 27.—With the scalps of many allied steamers tacked to her belt, the armed German raiding steamer "Wolf" is today at Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adriatic, and with her arrival, comes the solution of the riddle as to what has become of many vessels which had left ports as widely separated as Liverpool, San Francisco and Sydney. The German official announce-

JERICHO WAS IMPORTANT ARMY BASE

Great Concrete Bridge Erected over Jordan Since War Began

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 27.—With the capture of Jericho, General Allenby has made another stride forward in his task of clearing Palestine of the Turks. The place itself was before the war only a small collection of hovels, but tracks and roads which pass over a great concrete bridge which the Germans had built across the Jordan since the war began, and convenient fords, made it an important military base, the capture of which gives the British another road leading northward to the Turkish base at Mabalus. In addition, the city controls the road to the coast and the mountain way from Jerusalem. The Turks are also deprived of an important road running behind their front which enabled them to send troops to threaten sectors and it is even possible that the Turkish forces have been completely separated.

Owned by Sultan.
London, Feb. 27.—In connection with the capture of Jericho, a noteworthy fact is that the whole of the newly captured district was the private property of the sultan.

TABLE SUPPLY COY. IS A PROGRESSIVE STORE

Among the things which are being looked for regularly every Wednesday and Thursday nowadays in the sheets of the newspaper advertisements is that of the Table Supply Co., of their "Specials" for the latter half of the week. This is one of the things which the housewife likes to see. She is thus made aware of what special lines are being offered from week to week.

By close buying and quick turnover, the Table Supply Co., is enabled to place many lines of particular interest before the public here, and during the years this store has been established, it has proved itself to be up to date in its methods of doing business. As a result of this, there has been a steady increase in turnover maintained each month. No housewife should overlook examining its advertisement today.

PREMIER BREWSTER IS IMPROVING

(Special to The Daily News.)
Calgary, Feb. 27.—Bulletins issued at the Holy Cross Hospital at noon today intimated that Premier Brewster is making slow, but steady improvement.

TERRIFIC RAIDS BY FRENCH TROOPS ALONG WHOLE LINE STARTS SPRING OFFENSIVE

INTENSE ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION FROM OISE TO SWISS BORDER PREPARES WAY FOR FRENCH TROOPS, WHO BRING PRISONERS BACK EVERY TIME.—MAY FORCE GERMAN RETIRAL.

(Special to The Daily News.)
With the French armies in the field, Feb. 27.—Along the entire West front from the junction with the British army at the River Oise, right to the border of Switzerland, the French armies are now delivering terrific raids day and night. These are likely to increase in number, size and importance, until the Germans either begin their long expected and pre-announced offensive, or else call it off and retire.

The present raids are different from those of last winter, inasmuch as they are now being prepared on a big scale, with immense artillery concentration and preparation. They are only distinguishable from veritable attacks in that the infantry, after capturing the German positions, imprisoning their occupants, and destroying the German trenches, fortifications and material, returns to its own lines, instead of occupying the captured trenches.

The New Line
Already the German line on the

St. Mihiel salient is crumbling, and the expected intention of the retreat of the Huns from this territory is likely to be accelerated by the actions now in progress. It is confidently expected that the German retreat from this salient may commence any day now. The part of the line, which they would give up, if this manoeuvre is carried out includes the sector near Kivray, and Seicheprey, held by United States troops. The extreme depth of the retreat on the centre of the line involved would be some twenty five miles.

The new line which the Germans are known to have all ready, and strongly fortified would be about sixty miles long, shortening their present line by about twenty miles. It will make the great fortress of Metz the pivot, and will give up to the French all the plain of Woevre.

Great Wallpaper Sale at Silver-sides Bros., Second Street, this week. Prices from 8c. up. Ten thousand rolls to select from. 53

INDIANS DEVELOPE NATURAL RESOURCES

Apart from the salmon fishing, in which most of the Indians engage every summer, they are now starting into other industries, and the inter-tribal trade is growing. Time was when there was considerable barter among the Indians, but nowadays, this is altered, and the Indian sells to his brother for cash.

The Metlakatla Indians are now putting up clams in cans. They have some forty cases already put up for shipment, and expect to have several hundreds ready before long. These will be sold to the Indians of the interior, or to those bands who live where there are no clams.

Next month both the Metlakatla, Port Simpson and the Naas river Indians will all be busily engaged in getting after the oolichan, or candle fish, which is a spring visitor to the Naas river. Last year there was quite a quantity of oolichans pickled and smoked by the northern bands, and the finished product sold to their neighbors. A large quantity of oolichan grease was also put up, for which there is always a ready sale.

At Bella Bella and China Hat the drying of fish eggs has attained to a high state of perfection. This is regarded as a great delicacy. Certain branches of hemlock are placed in the bays where the herring are known to frequent. After submersion for a while, they are pulled up and left to dry in the sun, when the herring spawn may be readily rubbed off, dry.

Then there is dried seaweed, for which there is a great demand—the dulse, which is of a fine quality on this coast. Forty boxes of this were disposed of at Port Essington last year alone in the summer, and a large trade is also being carried on with the Indians of the interior. These new producers and traders are largely members of the new Native Fishermen's Association, and their authority extends (Continued on Page four.)

A BIG PERCENTAGE OF MILITARY VOTE FOR GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Feb. 27.—An analysis of the Military vote in the Dominion elections polled in France shows a total vote of 101,251, including the ballots of soldiers rejected in constituencies where the candidates were not endorsed and for other reasons. Of the vote cast, 88,175 were for the government candidates, 6,744 for the opposition candidates, and the ballots rejected numbered 6,332. No less than 92.89 per cent of the accepted ballots were marked for the government.

LABOR TALKS SENSE REGARDING PEACE

New York, Feb. 26.—In the name of American Labor, Samuel Gompers, speaking at a meeting in New York last night, in connection with an early peace, declared: "I say you cannot talk peace with us now—you cannot take part in international conferences. Either you smash your autocracy, or we will smash it for you. Get out of France, back from Belgium, back from Serbia, and back to Germany; Then you can talk peace."

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