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FIGHTING ACTIVITY HAS NOW SLACKENED

BOTH SIDES NOW TAKING A BREATHING SPELL BEFORE BATTLE BREAKS AGAIN

MILITARY OPERATIONS IN FRANCE AT A STANDSTILL. CALM BEFORE THE STORM

GERMANS, WORN OUT BY THEIR TWO WEEKS' FIGHTING, ARE A LITTLE BETTER OFF, FOR ALL THEIR PROGRESS—PREPARING FOR ANOTHER BLOW—SITUATION STILL REMAINS WITHOUT CHANGE

(Special to The Daily News)
London, April 4.—Military operations are almost at a standstill on the sixty mile front from Arras to Chauny, but it is an ominous calm. At any hour the storm of battle, which has been quiescent for the last two days, may again beat madly over the plains of Picardy.

Their great attack stemmed, and their countless efforts to find a weak place in the allied line resulted with heavy losses in every case, the German leaders are probably preparing for another change towards Amiens. Where the next stroke will be delivered is uncertain at the moment, but the Albert-Mondidier section of the battle line is almost certain to be included.

No Change.
London, April 4.—An official statement issued by the War Office last evening stated: "Regarding the operations in France, there is no change in the situation. A high tribute to the airmen from the United States is also paid by the War Office statement on aerial operations."

French Airmen Busy.
Paris, April 4.—The War Office reports that more than thirteen tons of projectiles have been dropped on the German railways and cantonments at Ham, Chauny and Noyon, and also in the region of Boye on the Arras front. These attacks are all within the territory occupied by the enemy as a result of his latest advance.

Artillery Active.
London, April 4.—In the vicinity of Lens, artillery duels of great intensity have been revived on some sectors, and in Belgium at various points, reciprocal shelling continues.

Blame Bad Weather.
Amsterdam, April 4.—German troops yesterday captured the heights southwest of Moreuil on the Somme front, according to an announcement made yesterday by the German General Staff. A new assault by the British troops against Ailette was repulsed by a counter attack.

Italian Front.
London, April 4.—In the Italian theatre there is no indication of when the expected big battle between the Italians and the Teutonic troops will burst, but daily there has been an increasing activity all along the front.

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FEDERATED LABOR PARTY ORGANIZE

On Tuesday evening in the Carpenters' Hall, another meeting of the Federated Labor Party was held in order to complete their organization for the Prince Rupert district. Mr. J. J. Gillies presided. A publicity committee was elected, the members of which consist of Messrs. F. Shaw, W. H. Derry, O. A. Rogers, MacDonnell, S. V. Cox, W. S. Hammond, and G. A. McNeil, together with R. J. T. Rose, the financial secretary.

Messrs. McDonnell, W. E. Thompson, Casey, Fred Shaw and R. J. T. Rose were also appointed to attend the meetings of the local unions, and to ask them to become affiliated with the Federated Labor party. The membership of the new organization is steadily increasing, and that it could be still further increased was pointed out by Mr. Fred Shaw who was in favor of a personal canvass being undertaken by each member individually for new members, which he was sure would be efficacious.

An educational committee was also appointed, composed of Messrs. McDonnell, Morse and Gillies, while the social committee is made up of Messrs. S. V. Cox, W. H. Derry, A. Ellis, and R. J. T. Rose. A spirited valetictory address was also given by Mr. Walsh, the cigar maker, who is compelled to leave the city.

Another meeting will be called by the executive in the near future.

EMMY WEHLEN AT THE WESTHOLME

One of the brightest stars in the theatrical firmament is billed to appear at the Westholme this evening, in the great photoplay called "Vanity." Emmy Wehlen has already taken London by storm in "The Dollar Princess" and "The Merry Widow," and little more than two years ago she appeared on this continent in "Tonight's the Night," and she is equally good on the screen as she is on the stage. The play in which she appears here is one that suits her wonderfully, and she makes the most of it. As the modiste's model, she is wonderful, and no less so when she appears as the mistress of a handsome apartment, and beautifully gowned. How she is able to foil the deductions of a crooked detective, and put one over him in the interests of justice as against mere law is something worth seeing.

Then there is Billie Burke as well. She appears in the seventh chapter of the serial now running "Gloria's Romance." Billie Burke is an attraction in herself, and the interest she has created in the doings of Gloria is not little. Tonight's programme is certainly a good one.

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A NEW MOVEMENT FOR FOOD CONSERVATION

Yesterday afternoon at four o'clock a meeting of the retail merchants of all the different classes of business, which had been called by Mr. D. G. Stewart, the local chairman, met in the City Hall for organization purposes. This new organization has been planned by the Canada Food Board, and it is intended to have a direct effect upon consumers of every class in the direction of food conservation, the elimination of waste, etc. Mr. D. G. Stewart presided over the gathering, and briefly outlined the work of conservation which it is intended that this organization will undertake.

Committees covering the different branches of business will be formed by the members thereof, and the following were appointed chairmen of the various committees:

Grocery—Mr. G. H. Munro; drygoods—Mr. D. Jabour; boots and shoes—Mr. Lando; gents furnishings—Mr. Bryant; hardware—Mr. Thompson; butchers—Mr. H. Atkins; stationers—Mr. Wrathall; druggists—Mr. McCutcheon; tobacconists—Mr. Gilhuly; restaurants—Mr. Ben Self; fruit and candy stores—Mr. Killias; furniture stores—Mr. Geo. Tite; second hand stores—Mr. F. M. Crosby; fresh fish handlers—Mr. Thompson; jewelers—Mr. Bulger; photographers—Mr. Benson; bakers—Mr. Currie; grain and feed—Mr. Trotter; fuelmen—Mr. McKay; transfer men—Mr. S. E. Parker; ship chandlers—Mr. H. Lipsett.

Mr. J. C. Gavigan was appointed secretary pro tem. A propaganda of an educative nature will be carried out, tending for the conservation of the most necessary and the scarcest of food stuffs, partly by the cutting out of all waste, and partly by the substitution of other varieties of foodstuffs which are available here, which will thus relieve the more essential articles for consumption overseas.

WILL SPEND \$20,000 ON SKIDEGATE PROSPECT

It is learned that considerable development work has been and is still being done on the South Easter property at Skidegate, on the southern portion of the Queen Charlotte Islands. Considerable sums of money have already been expended proving the property, and many thousands more are available for development. The Cobalt Concentrators, Ltd., one of the strongest companies in Ontario, are the owners, and they are going right ahead with the work. It is a gold proposition, and it is thought that the lead runs right on to the Indian reserve at Skidegate. A small mill has already been installed, and work of development is being continued uninterruptedly. A gang of men have been working steadily for some time now, and as opportunity affords the number of men employed will be increased.

The success of the operations so far is causing great satisfaction to all concerned, and this property promises to be one of the big producers of the coast before very long.

The Rev. Dr. Grant will address the St. Andrews Society on Friday evening, taking for his subject "Some leaves of Scottish History."

Just the weather for carpet cleaning. Carpets drycleaned by Fritz. Phone 219.

MUCH OFFICIALDOM IS BAD FOR PROGRESS

Yesterday morning before Magistrate Carrs in the police court here, Captain A. C. Gillen, of the "Molly C." was fined in the sum of \$100, being the minimum penalty for the offence he had committed as far back as last September. Mr. W. E. Fisher prosecuted, while the accused was defended by Mr. W. E. Williams.

The charge was laid by Mr. A. Farrow, steamboat inspector, and was to the effect that the "Molly C." not being licenced to carry passengers, did do so, between the points of Prince Rupert and Cape Fife, on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The facts of the case as brought out were that last September the Molly C. was taking over to Cape Fife a quantity of mining machinery and equipment for the development of certain mineral prospects there. These were situated at a point where no large steamers go, nor could go, on account of the conditions. As machinery and equipment are no use without men to use such, a small number of men, belonging to the party of Dr. Telford of Vancouver, boarded the vessel before she left Prince Rupert. The captain demurred at first, seeing he had no licence to carry passengers, but as neither had any other small boat capable of taking the party from here, he was prevailed upon to accommodate the men.

This happened as far back as last September, although the charge is only being laid now. Mr. W. E. Williams, counsel for the defense made some vigorous statements on this case, which he considered savored of "too much officialdom." Agreeing that laws and regulations were for the protection of the public, they should not be used for the hindrance of legitimate enterprise. The lack of discretion in applying the law, he considered, when no harm was being done, would not be conducive to the development of this district, nor yet to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert as a city. He contended for a much more sympathetic interpretation of the regulations on the part of the government officials.

The charge being laid, and admitted, the minimum penalty of \$100 was imposed.

THEY CANNOT DO IT-- THEY HAVE NOT GOT IT

(Special to The Daily News)

London, April 4.—The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Count Czernin, in an address to the Vienna Municipal Council, has declared that Austro-Hungary did not intend to go abegging for peace, but would enforce it by "our moral right and physical strength."

QUEBEC IS ORDERLY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Quebec, April 4.—The city of Quebec was again orderly last night, under military control. Several arrests were made during the day by the military authorities.

Constable Evans at Bella Bella charged a Japanese named Hoshi with a contravention of the Prohibition Act. The accused was fined \$50 by Dr. Darby, J. P., at Bella Bella. Eleven bottles of fine old rye were confiscated. Judging from its appearance, it looks to be good stuff. Before Stipendiary Magistrate Dr. Quinlan at Ocean Falls, Joseph Ingram was also charged with the same offence, and was fined \$50.

GERMAN THREAT AGAINST AMIENS IS NOT SERIOUS

(Special to The Daily News)

Paris, April 4.—The threat of the German advance against the city of Amiens is not considered to be very serious here. While it is agreed that the capture of the city is the immediate objective of the German forces and although they are only eleven miles away, as the crow flies, confidence is expressed here that this is as far as the enemy can get. The lines of the allies are strongly held, and that Hindenburg can smash his way through the defenses is considered improbable, notwithstanding all the force which he can employ on the narrow front.

It is recognized that this point may be true, but not in the sense which the Germans expect.

must be protected at all costs, because it is the link between Paris and the Channel ports. If the Germans break through here it would separate the British and French armies, and would afford to Hindenburg that which he has been doing his best to achieve, and give him an opportunity to attempt to defeat each of the armies in detail. The danger grows less as time passes. Germany has staked her all on the result of the battle, which one German newspaper said the other day would decide her future position in the world. Possibly this

Mr. Tom Deasy of Masset, is spending a day or two in the city and is leaving tonight for Vancouver.

MASSET INLET IS NOW A VERY BUSY PLACE

According to information brought over by Mr. Tom Deasy, Indian agent at Masset, conditions on Masset Inlet speak well for the development, on a very large scale of the lumber industry. Logging operations are going ahead full swing, and more and more men will be employed as soon as the full amount of equipment can be got in.

There are at present about five hundred men employed around the inlet at the different camps, and the construction of the new mills is proceeding apace. Good wages are being paid, and there is a lot of construction work to be done to take care of the ever increasing population.

There are several new launches engaged in towing and other business arising on the islands, and with development going on all over, this summer promises to be one of the busiest ever in the history of the islands.

BIG AMOUNTS OF AMERICAN CAPITAL COME TO PRAIRIES

Winnipeg, April 3.—American capital, attracted by the high price of farm produce, is seeking investment in farm lands in Western Canada as never before.

A cash consideration of \$325,000 has been advanced by a Chicago syndicate for a "going" farm of 5,400 acres near Tompkins, Sask.

A syndicate of Southern Minnesota and Iowa farmers has bought 7,000 acres near Invermay, Sask., the cash consideration being over \$600,000. The land is for the American farmers' sons and they will come west with their families and livestock within the next two weeks. They will break land this spring for flax and oats and prepare for a big crop next year.

SHIPPING LOSSES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 4.—Only six British merchant ships of 1600 tons or over, and seven under that tonnage, were sunk in the week ending March 30.

Mr. Hicks of Port Clements, is in the city on a business visit. Mr. Hicks intends constructing a large new rooming house at Port Clements, where his pool room and news stand is the social centre.

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GAME WARDENS ARE NOW ALL DISMISSED

Victoria, April 3.—A clean sweep of the game wardens of the Province has been made by the Provincial Government preparatory to the passing of the act now before the Legislature whereunder a reorganization of that branch of the Attorney-General's Department will be made and hereafter the administration of the game regulation will be turned over to the Provincial Police Department.

Under the change Mr. A. Bryan Williams, chief game warden for a number of years, is deposed, notice of the revocation of his appointment being contained in the current week's issue of the Provincial Gazette. With him go forty odd game wardens in various parts of the Province, all of whom received short notice that their services were dispensed with and will be out of office at the present month's end.

Under the new act to be considered by the House it is proposed to establish a Game Conservation Board, consisting of the curator of the Provincial Museum and a new official to be appointed, and known as the chief game inspector, as ex-officio members, and three other members to be appointed by the Government, the board to meet four times a year and receive and consider suggestions for the conservation of game.

The superintendent of Provincial police will be ex-officio, the Provincial game warden and every Provincial police officer and constable will be ex-officio game wardens.

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