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## BRITISH LINE WITHSTANDS FIERCE ATTACK

### GERMAN EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH NORTH OF ARRAS CONTINUES FRUITLESS

#### GERMANS EXTEND ATTACK ON THE BRITISH POSITIONS

BATTLEGROUND MOVES FURTHER NORTH, RIGHT TO BORDER OF BELGIUM—ARMENTIERES AND MESSINES SCENE OF LATEST ATTACK—UNITED STATES TROOPS IN BRITISH BATTLE ZONE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 11.—The German attack this morning extended the line of battle by launching a strong attack against the British positions between Armentieres and Messines on the border of Belgium. At Givenchy where fighting has been so extremely severe for the last few days, the Germans have been forced to withdraw from the ground they gained during the first day of the attack. The British pressure is increasing.

##### U. S. Troops in Line.

Reinforcements of United States troops have appeared in the British battle zone. Fighting of extreme violence marks the battle now in progress between La Bassée and Armentieres. It continues with unabated ferocity. The Germans are throwing such masses of men forward on the new battle line that it is claimed they are making another attempt to break through the British positions.

##### Official Announcement.

London, April 11.—Pierce fighting occurred during the night north of La Bassée Canal. We are holding the line of the Lawe and Scheldt rivers. Givenchy was recaptured by us yesterday evening. Seven hundred and fifty prisoners were taken. This forenoon the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on our positions. Armentieres and as far north as Ypres and Courmies. Casualty fighting has commenced upon the southern positions of this sector.

##### Creates a Salient.

London, April 11.—The new German offensive on the Flanders front appears to be developing into more than a local operation. The German stroke is really of such magnitude as to constitute another attempt to break through the British lines. The new German attacks extended the battle front to a stretch of approximately 130 miles, from near the Belgian town of Ypres in the north to the vicinity of Couchy le Chateau on the extreme French frontier.

The fresh German blow struck yesterday between La Bassée and Armentieres and has already driven a deep salient into the British lines below Armentieres, and the Armentieres region itself was reported under attack this morning. The infantry fighting was spreading northward in heavy bombardment by the German guns, which extended as far as

the Ypres-Comines Canal, just to the southeast of Ypres.

Armentieres, already near the tip of a sharp bend in the line, has now been further pocketed and seems in serious peril from converging attacks north and south. The British however are holding the line of the river Lys to the southwest of the town and at the latest reports had prevented the attempted crossing of the Germans at Bac St. Maur, four miles southwest of Armentieres and another at Estaires still further to the southwest.

The maximum depth of the German penetration was apparently about four and a half miles at Estaires. The violent fighting was along a front of about eleven miles. The German effort on this new front, if it succeeds to no further extent than it apparently has so far, does not seem likely to have any better effect than to compel modifications in the British line north of La Bassée Canal.

#### PROPOSED BRANCH OF NAVY LEAGUE HERE

It is proposed that a branch of the Navy League of Canada, which has been doing such good work among the sailors of both the Navy and the mercantile marine, be organized in this city. The promise of Prince Rupert developing in the immediate future into a large seaport terminal city seems sufficient to justify the League having a branch at this point from now on. The reception which the city and the citizens accorded to the sailors of the cruisers which have visited this port from time to time has been noised abroad, and it is understood that funds have already been earmarked by the League for the successful establishing of its activities here.

The Institute which is supported by the League in Victoria is very greatly appreciated by those who go down to sea in ships, and the manner in which a permanent organization may conduct the work here will be discussed in the council chamber this evening. All citizens who are interested in the welfare of sailors, and who form such a large proportion of this city, should attend this meeting.

#### FINE PROGRAM AT WESTHOLME TONIGHT

Once more there will be a chapter of the great serial, "Gloria's Romance," shown this evening at the Westholme Theatre. Billie Burke, the famous actress, is the star in this play, and this evening she will be supported by a bunch of millionaires of Palm Beach. The pictures being taken there, they considered it a good opportunity of being seen on a level with Billie Burke. There is also to be a delightful Irish play, entitled "A Wife by Proxy" starring Mabel Taliaferro. She is one of the most delightful of actresses and has already been much appreciated in the plays which have appeared here. "A Wife by Proxy" and all that it means will make a distinct appeal to any audience, and it is a play well worth seeing.

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#### FISH OIL PLANT STARTING SOON

The first of the machinery for the new plant of the Fish Oil and Products Company, which was incorporated recently, has arrived at the wharf, and the work of getting it into position will be undertaken as soon as possible. Capt. C. R. Betts is one of the interested parties in this new company, and with him is associated Mr. R. W. Thompson of Tacoma, where there is already a plant in operation. All the fish offal arising at the various fish companies' premises in Prince Rupert and at the different canneries on the river will be treated at this new plant, and the oil extracted, when the residue will be utilized for fertilizer.

The site chosen for the new factory is opposite the Prince Rupert Cannery on Tuck's Inlet, where there is deep water to quite close in shore, necessitating a minimum of wharf construction. The boilers have arrived here, and the work of building and assembling the new plant will be proceeded with at all possible speed.

Up till now, the refuse from the fish packing companies has been dumped, as there has been no means hitherto of utilizing this, and the quantities must have amounted to many thousands of tons annually, while at the canneries the salmon heads have always been discarded. This new industry for this port will fill quite an important place in the economic development of the coast.

#### WEDDING BELLS

The ceremony of marriage was celebrated last evening by the Rev. W. W. Wright at the home of the bride, when Miss Louisa Ellen Collier and Mr. Thomas George Arter were united in wedlock. Supporting the bride was her sister, Miss Olive Collier, while the groomsmen were Mr. A. J. Greet. Both the high contracting parties are well known and have a host of friends in this city who will wish them every happiness. The festivities on this occasion were kept up until a late hour, and a most enjoyable time was spent by the guests.

#### ANGLERS AND HUNTERS

A public meeting will be held in the court house on Friday at 8 p. m. for the purpose of forming a Rod and Gun Association in this district.

#### LAND POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. A. M. Manson, member of Parliament for Omineca, has been paying particular attention to the amendments brought in by the government to the Land Act, and in the House recently, he dealt efficaciously with the criticism of the present member for Prince George, and late minister of lands.

To the suggestion that the exodus of settlers from the Province during the last year or so was accounted for by the war, Mr. Manson would agree only partly, since he was fully convinced that great numbers had taken their departure by reason of the late Government's neglect. That fact alone made it all the more difficult for those who stayed.

##### The Railway Mania.

Going back a decade, Mr. Manson said that it was not perhaps the fault of the member for Fort George that the lands of the Province were unsurveyed ten years ago and that no systematic care for the settler in the way of roads, trails and schools, existed. The Minister had at that time been surrounded by colleagues possessed of the railway idea and who were railroad mad. Exploitation and not development had been the slogan of the day.

##### No Danger.

Mr. Manson reminded the House that there were hundreds of thousands of acres of surveyed lands both in the Omineca and Cariboo ridings waiting settlement—a fact in itself, he said, refuting the claim of the member for Fort George that withdrawal for pre-emption of unsurveyed lands would mean the termination of settlement in the Peace River section. All that was required in the two sections named was the arrangement of making the lands available at reasonable cost. On the other hand it could be depended upon that the Government would see that when the railway reached the Peace River Country there would be no waiting for the surveyor. Mr. Manson similarly defended the policy of small leaseholders advocated by the Minister of Lands since it proved to him that Mr. Pattullo was carefully shepherding the producing class—a very necessary matter at the moment particularly.

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#### LONDON PRESS AGREES WITH BRITISH MAN POWER BILL

IT IS DECLARED THAT "THE CHOICE IS NOW BETWEEN VICTORY AND DEFEAT AND NO FAINTHEARTEDNESS MUST MAKE SACRIFICE OF OUR DEAD IN VAIN"—IRISH CONSCRIPTION TROUBLE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 11.—Most of the morning newspapers agree with the principles of Lloyd George's man-power appeal. There is no quarrel with it but several papers declare there is need for caution. The Daily Mail says however that the choice which is now being made is between victory and defeat, adding: "No faint-heartedness of the survivors must make the sacrifice of our dead in vain." "There is no other course than that proposed," it adds. "Russia has failed us and the United States has not been able to send us armies in time. Irishmen

cannot be excluded when men of 50 years of age are being called up for service."

The Daily News agrees that whatever steps will further the prosecution of the war must be adopted, but says: "In striking a balance we must satisfy ourselves that the gain will be more than the loss."

The paper then deals with the Irish proposal, which it says seems like "mid-summer madness," adding: "For every battalion it brings in, it will mean the loss of two needed to hold in check an indignant people stung once more into open rebellion."

#### DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS ON MONDAY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 11.—Sir Robert Borden intimated last night that Canada's daylight saving bill will go into effect on Monday, April 15th. The bill which is now before the Senate will be put through its various stages this week and assented to.

#### DESTROYER IS SUNK AND ALL HANDS LOST

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 11.—A British torpedo boat destroyer sank last Thursday as the result of a collision and all hands on board are believed to have been drowned.

#### POOR PROSPECTS FOR GERMAN SHIPPING

London, April 10.—The Birmingham Daily Post says that if statements in Hamburg newspapers are reliable, the prospects of German shipowners after the war are uncertain. It is considered probable that for some years they will have difficulty in again obtaining a foothold in several important trades which they at one time almost monopolized. This is apart from any restrictive measures adopted by the Allied Governments.

Commenting on the same subject, the London correspondent of the Liverpool Daily Post says that the German mercantile marine, which aggregated 3,027,993 tons when the war began, has been depleted to the extent of nearly 3,900,000 tons.

#### FIERCE FIGHTING IN THE CAUCASUS

Petrograd, April 10.—Fierce fighting has broken out in the districts of Batoum, Kars and Ardahan, in the Caucasus. The Armenians and Georgians have formed a large army for the defence of the territory against the Turks, who have begun military occupation in the three districts by virtue of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty.

The Georgians have seized most of the Russian warships in the harbor of Batoum and have taken them into the Black Sea. The entire population of Georgia has been mobilized to oppose the invaders.

**BUILDING FOR SALE**  
Tenders are invited before 1st May for the purchase of buildings on Lot 24, Block 17, Section 1, by A. Newham, Receiver, the Westholme Lumber Company. Further particulars at Bank of Montreal, Prince Rupert. a30

#### SOLDIERS' LAND ACT NOW IN PARLIAMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, April 11.—The Provincial Government's Soldiers' Land Act was introduced by the Premier and received the first reading in the legislature Tuesday afternoon. It provides that any person who since the outbreak of war has served in active forces at home or abroad, either His Majesty's forces or those of the Allies, or the widow of such soldier or sailor, will be eligible to apply for land. Powers are included for the governor in council to purchase land suitable for soldier settlement up to the value of \$500,000, to be taken from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

#### GERMAN RESERVISTS WOULD INVADE CANADA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 11.—The conquest of Canada by the 500,000 German reservists in this country formed a part of German world-wide plan of conquest, Earl Sperry, professor of history of Syracuse University, told the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering the King Bill to disband the German-American Alliance.

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The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Lawn Tennis Club will be held in the offices of Messrs. Patmore & Fulton on Friday at 5 p. m., when arrangements will be made for the annual ball, about May 8th. Everyone interested is invited to attend. 85

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