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TERRIFIC FIGHTING IN PROGRESS TO PREVENT THE GERMAN MASSES FROM BREAKING THROUGH—HUGE ENEMY CONCENTRATION OF MEN AND GUNS TO BE OVERCOME

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, April 12.—Hindenburg using his heaviest guns by numerous batteries and with a tremendous concentration of men, is powerfully attacking the British lines along the entire front between Arras and Ypres. His first attacks have developed into one of the strongest thrusts yet delivered in the course of the war but even his best efforts to break through the line held by the British in this region have been vain. The line has swayed for miles at different places and in most cases has swung back again as the Allied troops came on to the counter attack. As one result of the terrific fighting, the momentum of the attackers carried them full six miles inside the original British positions at one point, before they were counter attacked.

Violent fighting continues all along the front from Labassee Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal. "We have withdrawn from Armentieres, which is full of gas," says the report. "The battle is continuing on the whole front from the Labassee Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal. There is severe fighting in the neighborhood of the Lys and Lawe rivers from about Lestrem to Armentieres. North of Armentieres there is little change."

Last night's official report told that the British had been forced back to the line of Wytscchaete, Messines Ridge and Ploegstreet.

PRUSSIAN INVENT PANICS IN PARIS

Paris, April 10.—Extracts from German newspapers giving circumstantial narratives of a panic in Paris and riot after the receipt of official statements from the front reached here today at the moment when the confidence of the French was never so high, and were greeted with characteristic raillery.

At no time since the victory of the Marne have the French people looked forward to the issue of the conflict with greater faith and sincerity. Three reasons are given for the prevailing high spirit. First, Premier Clemenceau, with his contagious courage and confidence; second, the fact that the Germans are going to death by the thousands without nearing the issue of battle; third, the arrival of the moment so long looked forward to in France when American troops will be fighting side by side with the poilus.

ARMENIERES FULL OF GAS.

London, April 12.—The British have withdrawn from Armentieres.

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WAR VETERANS HOOT AND YELL AT PREMIER OLIVER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Victoria, April 12.—Angry war veterans, fully a thousand of them, hooted and yelled at Premier Oliver and other members of the Government at an open air meeting in front of the Legislative Building last night.

The soldiers, accompanied by a military band and with scores of women belonging to affiliated associations, marched to the buildings where they formally presented the cabinet with the request for support to the resolution calling upon Ottawa to take prompt steps to deal with the alien situation. The Premier gave a qualified support. Then the war veterans gave him a surprise by demanding that he put last year's civil service act into effect. The Premier grew indignant at the demand, which he said constituted an insult to the memory of the late premier. He virtually defied the soldiers, and his reply was greeted with a storm of loud objections.

NAVY LEAGUE BRANCH IS FORMED LOCALLY

At the meeting of the citizens interested which had been called by his worship the mayor for last evening to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, the objects and ambitions of the Navy League of Canada were ably set forth by Mrs. Neroutsos, who has been sent up here from Victoria by the League there to arrange for the organization of a branch of the League here. In this Mrs. Neroutsos was successful.

The mayor briefly outlined the proposals, and after an eloquent address by Mrs. Neroutsos, Mr. J. H. McMullin was elected to be president, Mr. E. H. Mortimer, secretary-treasurer, and the following executive: Mrs. T. A. Parkin, the regents of the three chapters of the I. O. D. E., Messrs. McCoskrie, Beaumont, De Gex, Ed. Johnson, Mathieson and the mayor.

Judge Young moved that the branch of the Navy League be formed, and said that there could be no doubt as to the necessity for this, and his motion was seconded by Mr. E. H. Mortimer. Upon the motion of Mr. Fred Peters, seconded by Mr. de Gex, the name of the new branch will be the Prince Rupert and Northern British Columbia Branch of the Navy League. The sum of \$30,000 is available as the proceeds of a Tag Day recently held throughout the Dominion, for the furtherance of the work of the League throughout Canada, and of this amount, some \$3,000 has been earmarked for Prince Rupert. It is likely that a Sailors' Institute will be the immediate object of the activities of the League for this port, where all sailors will be welcomed. Membership in the League is open to everyone.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, April 12.—Senator Robertson semi-officially intimated that Canada's daylight saving bill would probably set 2 a.m. on Sunday morning next as the time to change the clocks to one hour earlier.

GERMAN UNTIMATUM REGARDING FINLAND

Petrograd, April 11.—In reply to a protest of the Smolny Institute against the landing of German troops in Finland, Germany has sent a wireless ultimatum demanding, in accordance with article five of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, the removal or disarmament of all Russian warships in Finnish waters by noon, April 12. The Smolny Institute has ordered the commander of the fleet to accede to this demand.

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BRITISH LINE HOLDING

(Flash—3 p.m.)
London, April 12.—The British troops, despite terrific attacks, are maintaining a firm grip of Wytscchaete, Messines Ridge, Ploegstreet and Hollebeke. Counter attacks regained ground north of Festubert, and terrific attacks by the Germans were repulsed between the Lawe and Liave rivers. The Germans captured Meriville last night.

SINN FEIN PARTY CALM IN FACE OF CONSCRIPTION

(Special to The Daily News.)
Dublin, April 12.—Absolute calm seems to prevail among the Sinn Fein party, but it is understood orders had been given to all sections of the Irish volunteers regarding action to be taken in the event Irish conscription is agreed upon.

GERMAN ARMY IS MOVING IN FINLAND

(Special to The Daily News.)
Stockholm, April 12.—German troops, numbering fifteen thousand, are now operating along the southern coast of Finland, where they already have had several small battles with the Finnish rebels, according to information received by the Swedish government.

COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAM AT WESTHOLME

The large eight-reel program which has been arranged by the management of the Westholme Theatre for this evening necessitates the show starting at 7 p.m. sharp. "The Book Agent" starring George Walsh is the five act feature, and it is a full play of rollicking drama. Smiling George Walsh is jollier than ever throughout the five acts, and he shows that selling books pays, sometimes. His skill at this job wins him a pretty bride, and, incidentally, several millions. The play is a lively one throughout, and will be much enjoyed. Then there is the two-reel comedy, another Fox feature, and one of the series which have proved so popular heretofore, and a War Gazette of official war views. The program is a lengthy one and excellent throughout, and it will pay not to miss it.

FISH ARRIVALS

The arrivals of fishing boats yesterday were heavier than usual and the better weather prevailing on the banks was reflected by the catches. The Pioneer brought in 55,000 lbs. halibut; Alaska, 55,000; Kodiak, 40,000; Director, 8,000; Bringold, 15,000; Stranger, 6,000; Active, 10,000; Anna J., 10,000; Nidarose, 9,000; Eagle (Nome), 8,000; Atlantic, 30,000; Treo, 5,000; Alliance, 1,500, and N. and S., 4,000 lbs.

ALL AVAILABLE MAN-POWER IN CANADA TO BE REGISTERED

Ottawa, April 11.—The National Registration board has completed its plan for registering the manhood of Canada and Hon. Gedoen Robertson, chairman of the board, has laid the proposals before the cabinet for its approval. The board has decided to have one day upon which every man and woman of Canada between certain ages will be required to register. It will be conducted somewhat similar to a national election. The country will be divided into districts, seventeen in all, with a registrar who will have charge of the work. There will also be county registrars responsible for electoral districts. There will be registration books in nearly every poll, although the exact electoral polls will not be followed, and it is proposed as far as possible, where permission can be secured, to use the schools. The district and

county registrars will have to be had, but it is expected that volunteers can be secured to take charge of the local registration. The assistance and co-operation of fraternal associations, women's organizations, labor unions, etc., has been promised. This will greatly reduce the expense. When the registration is completed the cards will have to be assorted and arranged. This will be a stupendous task. It is not expected that the work can be of much assistance for this year, but it will pave the way for a mobilization of the country's man-power later. It is also thought that the work will greatly facilitate the military authorities in the enforcement of the Military Service Act. All cards of men of military age will be available for them. The exact date has not yet been fixed but it will be early in June.

UNITED STATES HAVE A NEW NAVAL BASE

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, April 12.—For the protection of the Atlantic trade routes to southern Europe, the United States, with the consent of the Allies, have established a naval base on the Azores.

SIBERIA IS THE SCENE OF GREAT DISORDER

Harbin, Manchuria, April 9.—Disorder is increasing in Siberia, and the Bolsheviks are using every effort to overthrow General Pleshkoff, whom Lieut.-General Horvath, military commander at Harbin, recently appointed chief of the Russian forces in Siberia and Manchuria. In Harbin there has been wholesale looting in the business district. The Chinese police, however, have succeeded in suppressing the looters. Many Bolshevik agents are arriving here. Houses and business buildings are under heavy guard.

Yesterday 240 Belgian soldiers arrived from Russia, where they fought for two years, on their way to the French front. Although the Bolshevik premier, Nikolai Lenine, had given them written authority to make the trip, they were held up by Bolsheviks at Omsk and were not permitted to proceed until they signed a pledge not to fight. They were detained at other points, but eventually arrived, with their arms and equipment.

AID IS EXPECTED FOR DUNVEGAN ROAD

Ottawa, April 10.—It is expected that the supplementary estimates will contain an item of about two million dollars to provide a subsidy for the Edmonton, Dunvegan and B. C. Railway being constructed by J. D. MacArthur, of Winnipeg.

This is one of the chief colonization roads in the Dominion, tapping as it does the last great west, but to date it has received no government grant. It is probable that the double subsidy of \$6,400 per mile will be granted in consideration of the expense of construction, and of the fact the government is now looking toward that country for soldier settlements.

LARGE SHIP SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)
New York, April 12.—The British steamer Minnetonka, 13,500 tons gross, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean during February, the marine register reports today.

U. S. SOLDIERS LANDED AT VLADIVOSTOK

(Special to The Daily News.)
Harbin, Manchuria, April 12.—Detachments of United States Marines have been landed at Vladivostok and are controlling the docks. British and Japanese troops are guarding the railway and munition depots.

FEWER SHIPS LOST DURING LAST WEEK

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, April 12.—The number of British merchantmen sunk during the week ending April 8 was the smallest since November, 1917. Four ships of more than 1600 tons, two of less, and two fishing vessels were destroyed by submarines or mines.

AT THE POLICE COURT

At the police court here this morning before Magistrate Carrs, Leo St. Onge, and Filippo Vagliano were charged as being deserters from the army, under the Military Service Act, and were ordered to be handed over to the military authorities.

Ruddy McKay, an Indian from Agassiz, was fined \$10 for infringement of the Prohibition Act. He was found with a bottle of invalid port wine in his possession. John Smith, who was also fined \$15 for being drunk, was also charged with supplying, which latter charge was withdrawn later. He originally possessed the bottle of port wine, and threw it away, because he didn't like the taste of it. Wherever he threw it, Ruddy got it.

The Foellmen case of an infraction of the Shipping Act was adjourned further.

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