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BRITISH RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE AND OSTEND

ENTRANCE TO HARBOR BLOCKED -- STORMING PARTIES MAKE A LIVELY TIME

CANADIANS' LIVELY ACTION KEPT GERMAN FORCES BUSY

NORTH AND SOUTH OF LENS, GERMAN POSITIONS WERE BOMBARDED WITH ALL ARMS LAST NIGHT—SUCCESSFUL. BRITISH ATTACK NEAR ALBERT—ADVANCE AWAITED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 24.—A British attack north of Albert last night was carried out on a front of about one thousand yards. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters says that the advance was made to a depth of about two hundred and fifty yards which improved the British positions considerably.

Waiting Next Move.

London, April 24.—Any new thrusts on the western front by the Germans are still being held in abeyance. Raiding activity has become more pronounced, but the enemy is apparently not prepared fully for his next blow. The allied forces are making ready and consolidating their defences, and it is believed that the Germans will not delay their resumption of the heavy fighting much longer.

Canadians Active.

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 24.—Raided in no less than seven places, gassed with thousands of lachrymatory and lethal shells, harassed with artillery fire, his trenches swept with machine gun and rifle fire, his front hammered by trench mortars, the enemy for the last twelve hours had a lively time at the hands of the Canadian forces. From dusk until dawn, the whole front was being lively north and south of Lens.

HEAVY BRITISH MAIL ON THE THREE TRAINS EXPECTED TOMORROW

Winnipeg, April 20.—"This reminds me of Christmas," said Postmaster McIntyre last night when British mail arrived for Western Canada. It consisted of 245 bags of letters from the British Isles and the war zone, the heaviest letter mail to arrive this year. Papers and parcels are expected today on Sunday.

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PROROGATION OF THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, April 23.—The Legislature after two o'clock this morning, passed a clause providing power for the eliminating of jitneys completely.

Possibly the hardest driven sessions ever known since Parliamentary institutions were established at Victoria came to an end at noon today, when formal prorogation was pronounced by the Lieutenant-Governor.

WANTS NO SUBSIDY FOR PASSENGER SERVICE

To the Editor,

I see by today's Daily News that the mayor proposes that the government shall subsidise a vessel to compete with us. I beg to protest. The government at present has all it can do to carry on the war.

In explanation I might state that we have been operating our gas boats here for fourteen years. There has never been a question of their safety raised by anyone who knew. It is only raised by ignorant or selfish persons. There have been as many as thirteen boats for hire here. During the best season we ever had, there were nine of us. We have never asked for protection, nor a subsidy, nor a monopoly. We have made everyone welcome, and I venture to state that there has never been a more public spirited body in this town than the gas boat men of the past.

Our boys in France are fighting for democracy. Are there no men with blood left that we have to get down on our knees and beg the government to please grant a monopoly? And to whom? There is one gas boat in the harbor licensed to carry passengers.

What we ought to do is to get up on our hind legs and demand that all our small boats be allowed to perform a service without becoming criminal. The trouble in the past with us has been that we have been beggars, for roads, bridges, streets, etc., and we have as a community lost our self respect. We shall not as a community regain it until we are prepared as a community to stand upon our own two feet, fight our own battles, and pay our own bills.

HOOMES K. FREEMAN.

THE GERMAN THREATS MADE TO HOLLAND

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 24.—A despatch from The Hague says nothing is known there of rumored German ultimatum threatening the occupation of Dutch ports unless certain demands are yielded.

GERMANY EXPECTS MORE ENEMIES

London, April 24.—Advices coming out of Germany are to the effect that the German newspapers are preparing the people for a declaration of war against Germany at an early date by Uruguay and Argentine.

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HILL 60 I.O.D.E. PUT ON FINEST SHOW

Theatre Filled to Overflowing to Witness Mistrionic Ability of Prince Rupert's Daughters

The audience which gathered at the Westholme Theatre last evening to witness the show put on by the Hill 60 Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire were not disappointed in their expectation of listening to a fine programme. The crowd was a large one and overflowed considerably and hardly a seat could have been purchased for several days past, so great was the enthusiasm with which this entertainment looked forward to. The main supports of the programme consisted of two sketches, or playlets, both of which afforded considerable latitude for the individuality of the players, which was taken full advantage of. The "Divorce Case," the local allusions were very happy, and the representatives of the different nationalities, English, Dutch, Scandinavian, Irish, and negro, both as regards dress and accent, were delightful. The abandon with which some of the jury undertook their roles was most natural. In "Coats and Petticoats" the interludes of the suffragettes, and the old maids were among the brightest. Indeed the whole production reflects the greatest credit to the ability of the Hill 60 members.

The choruses given by the ladies' choir were done very precisely, and the light and shade effects were noticeable. The solo dances given by Miss M. Patmore, the reading by Mrs. E. H. Pater-son, and the violin solos by Miss King and Mr. W. Balagno, were other items on a programme which was thoroughly enjoyed from beginning to end by the crowded house.

CREWS MUTINY IN GERMAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

Rome, April 23.—The crews of a German submarine squadron mutinied in the North Sea and returned unexpectedly to their base, but land forces would not permit the crews to come ashore, the Corriere Della Puglie has learned from German sources, it declared today.

POSITION TOO CRITICAL FOR FURTHER FURLOUGH

Ottawa, April 23.—Major-General Newburn has received a cable from the minister overseas militia forces of Canada announcing that no more leave or furlough can be granted to officers and men of the Canadian expeditionary forces serving overseas.

This is in view of the very serious situation at the front, and the absolute need of men remaining at their posts until the crisis is over. No extensions of leave or furlough will, therefore, be granted, except for medical reasons, to officers and men of the overseas forces now in Canada.

SHOT WHILE IN COURT AT SAN FRANCISCO

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Francisco, April 23.—The climax to the prolonged trial of thirty-two persons charged with conspiracy to foment revolution in India was furnished today when Sam Chandra, a Hindu publicist and revolutionist, was shot to death in the Federal District Court by Ham Singh, a former employee and fellow defendant, while Singh, too, was shot and killed by Holohan.

OUTLOOK HOPEFUL FOR LARGE WHEAT CROP IN AMERICA

New York, April 20.—Spring opens with a generally favorable crop outlook. The position of winter wheat is very encouraging, the government report of April 1 showing a condition of 78.6 per cent., compared with 63.4 per cent. a year ago. This suggests a crop of 500,000,000 bushels against 418,000,000 bushels a year ago. Should the spring wheat crop yield the same rate of increase, the food administration expects a total wheat crop of about 850,000,000 bushels, or 200,000,000 bushels more than a year ago. If these calculations are realized, the wants of our allies will be well provided for. Our rye crop promises an increase of 25,000,000 bushels over last year. Larger crops are also expected in Canada, Great Britain and France, so that the food problem promises to be less acute in some respects than in 1917. The British Government announces a large increase in the number of sheep; and the world supply of meat animals is decidedly larger than last year, as shown in a recent report issued by the department of agriculture.

"THE GHOST HOUSE"

Whether you have ever seen a ghost or not, a visit to the Westholme Theatre this evening to see the photoplay "The Ghost House" will do as well. This is one of the most unique of the many clever photodramas in which Jack Pickford and Louise Huff have been seen together. A drunken bank robber in the garret, two frightened girls on the second floor, and a young man being initiated into the secrets of a college fraternity on the first floor in a haunted house, these circumstances supply the material for one of the most interesting of dramas. You will want to join Jack Pickford in one of the merriest ghost hunts you ever saw. Then as well, there will be Charlie Chaplin in "The Pawnshop," which is one of the things so far unlicensed in Prince Rupert. A bull in a chinasop has got nothing on Charlie Chaplin in "The Pawnshop," and there is not a shadow of a doubt that everyone who sees this program tonight will be thoroughly satisfied.

KNOTTY POINT UP IN POLICE COURT

When is Manufacture of Liquor Completed—Counsel Holds Fermentation Process of Manufacture.

There was considerable interest evidenced in the police court proceedings yesterday when the charges against three hotels were heard, with respect to their having manufactured, or caused to be manufactured, intoxicating liquor. Mr. L. W. Patmore appeared for the defendants, while Mr. Herb. Young appeared for the prosecution. The witnesses heard yesterday morning were Chief Vickers, and members of the police department, and Mr. J. E. Miller, inspector of Inland Revenue for B. C.

The first charge to be heard was against Mr. Peter Black, of the Central Hotel. Mr. Miller, of the Inland Revenue Dept., deposed that he had tested samples from the barrels of liquor and found them to be 10 per cent. and 13.3 per cent. proof spirit. It was his opinion that the fermentation would continue as the liquor was kept, and there would be a corresponding increase in the spirit content.

On the close of the case for the prosecution, Mr. Patmore made several technical objections. He submitted that there was no evidence whatever led to prove that Mr. Black had manufactured or caused to be manufactured on his premises, intoxicating liquor. Even the order-in-council under which the information was laid was not produced in the evidence, which ought to have been done. The onus of proof he laid upon the prosecution. This particular case was adjourned, and an afternoon session of the court was held to take up one of the others. This was against the Knox Hotel. Mr. Miller gave the results of his tests of the samples taken from the barrels seized at this hotel, which he said were 13.3 and 9 per cent. proof spirit. He explained for counsel's benefit the tests which he made. It was the regular test, which is applied in every case, and Mr. Miller said that he had been some thirty-five years doing this.

Mr. Patmore, for the defence, argued that under the order-in-council, any such liquor must be manufactured since the first of April, the date of the order. The order-in-council of this date was passed for the purpose of saving food. According to the law, food could be wasted with impunity before that date, but not since. And it was not proven by the prosecution that this liquor had been manufactured since the first day of April. Nothing was led to show that the stuff had been manufactured since then. Mr. Peters, for the prosecution, argued that the process of manufacture was still in progress, as fermentation was still going on. The order-in-council on this point was "short, sweet and concise." It said "shall not be manufactured at all." The process of manufacture being still in progress through fermentation still proceeding, he held that the order was being infringed. He claimed that food, namely, sugar and raisins in this manner had been destroyed "in a most disgraceful manner."

Magistrate Carss intimated that he would take a little time before giving judgment, and adjourned all three cases until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

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ZEEBRUGGE AND OSTEND SEALED UP FROM SEA

British Expedition Attempts to Shut off These Submarine Bases From the Open Sea.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 23.—The initial details of one of the most daring attempts to shut up the enemy's submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend were made public by the Admiralty here this afternoon. The full details as to the final and complete success of the adventure were not available, as the fleet having the operation in charge had not yet returned to their base when the information was given out by the Admiralty. Briefly, the particulars given indicated that several old vessels were filled with cement and boldly sailed right up the entrance channel to the ports of Zeebrugge and Ostend as it was possible for them to get, and then sunk, blocking all egress from these ports for enemy submarines. The only entrance to these ports is by well defined channels through the sand banks which extend for miles out to sea from the coast. By blocking these, as has been attempted in this instance, these ports might as well be inland, for all the use they will be for submarine warfare.

The officer who thought out and originated this plan, and who had charge of the operations, was unfortunately killed early in the proceedings, and full details are eagerly awaited.

This episode will forcibly remind everyone of the scuttling of the "Merrimac" at the entrance to the harbor of Santiago in Cuba during the Spanish-American war when an attempt was made to bottle up the fleet of Admiral Cervera.

The Announcement.

The Admiralty announcement is as follows:—"British naval forces today raided the German submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge. Five old cruisers, which had been filled with concrete for use in blocking the channels, were run aground, blown up and abandoned by their crews. With the exception of the covering ships, the force consisted of auxiliary vessels and six obsolete cruisers."

The Admiralty report continues that according to incomplete information thus far received, the raid met with a considerable measure of success. Storming parties were landed on the mole from the cruiser "Vindictive." The casualties to the personnel were heavy in proportion to the number of men engaged. An enemy destroyer was torpedoed at Zeebrugge. British sailors forming the storming party fought alongside the Mole at Zeebrugge for an hour. While they were thus engaged, blockships entered the harbor and accomplished their objective. One British destroyer and two motor boats were sunk, and two launches are missing. It is too early to say whether our objective was attained at Ostend. Only volunteers participated in the raid. The French co-operated.

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