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GENERAL FRENCH IN CONTROL OF IRELAND

WILL EXERCISE FULL POWERS AS VICEROY--HUN SUB. CREWS ARE DEMORALIZED

FIGHTING RESTRICTED TO RAIDS AND LOCAL ATTACKS

(Special to The Daily News)
London, May 15.—The artillery fire from the German batteries was very violent last night in the Somme and Ancre regions. The British troops carried out a successful raid northeast of Robecq on the Flanders front, and captured a few prisoners without any casualties to themselves. A strong party of the enemy which attacked one of our positions was repulsed with heavy losses.
French Front.
Paris, May 15.—Heavy artillery fighting in the Champagne country is reported in the official statement issued by the war office

here. The only occurrences reported from the main battlefield in Picardy are patrol actions. Artillery fighting was spirited in the Champagne region near Butte Du Mesnil, and in the Vosges.
A German local attack north of Lefechel was repulsed by our fire.
Amsterdam, May 15.—Six aeroplanes bombed the Austrian naval base on the Gulf of Cattaro, according to advices received here from Vienna. No loss or damage was sustained. One of the allied machines is reported to have fallen, and its occupants captured uninjured.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR LEASE OF DRYDOCK ARE PROGRESSING

Before leaving this morning for Smithers, whither he is going on a business visit for a few days, Mayor McClymont had received a telegram from one of the principals in the negotiations which are now under way regarding the leasing of the shipbuilding plant at Hays Cove. All the indications are that these negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily and high hopes are entertained that they will be ultimately successful.
Premier Oliver, and Minister of Finance Hart, of the Provincial Government, are in Ottawa at the present moment, and are apparently getting action on the matter. They are both working on this subject. The people who are seeking to lease the Prince Rupert plant on this occasion are substantial and responsible.

Their credentials are in the hands of the Royal Bank and are A-1. If the matters upon which they are at present treating at Ottawa, come to a successful conclusion, they are prepared to go ahead with the building of ten steel ships. They've got the steel, and they've got the money, too, and Prince Rupert will welcome them.

KAISER BILL WILL STAY WITH FIGHT

(Special to The Daily News)
Paris, May 15.—The Kaiser, during his conference with the Emperor Karl at headquarters, was insistent on the big Austrian offensive against the Italians being undertaken, simultaneously with the renewal of the drive on the western front.
Recent dispatches have emphasized the preparations which are being made for the resumption of the offensive on Italy. The Austrians' reserves there are being strengthened, and heavy concentrations have been made of artillery and aeroplanes.

"POLLY OF THE CIRCUS" AT WESTHOLME TONIGHT

All through the story of "Polly of the Circus" which is to be screened at the Westholme this afternoon and evening, runs the thread of a romantic and at times pathetic story of the little orphaned circus girl. This tale is punctuated by seven big spectacles, which are among the masterpieces of photoplay production. The race track, with the stands crammed with people with Polly riding the winner, the parade of the circus through the streets, with every detail complete, with the whole menagerie in procession; and so forth bring the atmosphere of the circus right to the theatre. This play was one of the greatest successes of the American stage, and made a fortune for its author and owners, and in the film, it takes its place as one of the most remarkable productions ever made. It is a picture of laughter and tears, a picture of a score of circus thrills and in fact, you see a complete circus performance on the screen. The most amazing of all the scenes is the burning of the main tent during the evening performance, and the wild stampede of the audience and the wild animals. The eight big reels make a very fine picture indeed.

Another party of Serbians arrived in town last evening from the north. They are on their way to camp on the Atlantic coast for training before proceeding overseas for military duty.

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MUNITIONS BOARD PURCHASES SEAL COVE SAWMILL OUTPUT

Just returned this morning from a business trip to Seattle and Vancouver, Mr. E. F. Doby, manager of the new sawmill at Seal Cove, states that while in Vancouver, arrangements were virtually completed with the Imperial Munitions Board for the purchase of spruce logs sufficient to run the mill to its full capacity. The mill will be put into operation early in June and will be devoted entirely to the production of aeroplane lumber. Specifications are being prepared for some special machinery to facilitate the production of this lumber, which will be installed as soon as delivery can be had from the factory.
Some of the big cribs of spruce logs are expected to arrive from the Queen Charlotte Islands within the next ten days or two weeks and it is the intention to bring over a surplus of ten or twelve million feet of logs during the summer months, which will be sawn during the winter, when the weather conditions are unfavorable for towing across from the Islands. This will be necessary as the sawmill will be kept running the year round.
Steam was put on the boilers last week and all the machinery in the sawmill was put in motion. The test was very gratifying, as everything started off without a hitch and ran like clockwork. The construction of such a plant as the Prince Rupert Lumber Company has built at Seal Cove is a big undertaking, especially under the conditions as obtain at this time, when deliveries of material are slow and uncertain, and there has been such a scarcity of labor. In addition, weather conditions have been very adverse during the past winter and spring, holding back construction to a considerable extent.

IRELAND IN CONTROL OF FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH

Will Exercise Full Authority as Viceroy to Put "Distressful" Country on Proper War Footing.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, May 15.—Field Marshal French is now in supreme control in Ireland "exercising in practice those powers which have always been held by the Viceroy in theory. He will have full authority in questions relating to national defense and the internal administration, and will put the country for the first time on what may be called a proper war footing."
The importance of this statement is significant of the intention of the British government to compel Ireland to fall in line with the other portions of the British Isles with regard to conscription. The Irish regiments already in action have proved themselves to be fighters of the first quality, and the material still available in that country is no less good, once it is trained. The outcome of the government of Field Marshal French will be eagerly awaited.

The trawler "Carruthers" arrived back in port last night with 40,000 lbs. flat fish. She only put out on Monday. Today the Norma is in with 1,500 lbs; Fearless 3,500; Margalice, 6,000, and Mayflower, 2,000 lbs. halibut.

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SCARCITY OF FUEL OIL MAKES NORTHERN B.C.'S OPPORTUNITY

In recent press reports it is hinted that the United States government, through its Fuel Controller, may prohibit the export of Fuel Oil. Should such measures be adopted, and from all accounts it is very probable that they will, the various railway companies and steamship lines; also the large manufacturing companies in British Columbia will be compelled to come back to coal as a means of generating power. In this connection, a brief history of the introduction of fuel oil into British Columbia by the oil magnates of the United States may be interesting.
Previous to 1912, the consumption of fuel oil in British Columbia was very small. About that time a serious strike occurred in the coal mines of Vancouver Island, which lasted for almost two years, and this caused a shortage of coal on the Pacific coast. The Canadian Pacific Railway, that great institution which claims to have been such a big factor in the development of Canada, saw an opportunity to increase its profits and immediately went over to oil, notwithstanding that their system tapped the coalfields of the Nicola Valley and the Crows' Nest Pass, where the mines at that time were only running about 60 per cent. capacity.

Their example was followed by other companies, with the result that when the strike was called off on Vancouver Island the mines there could only operate two and three days per week and at times were compelled to close down entirely. As a result of this condition hundreds of men, women and children found it hard to get enough to exist on. Quite a number of these men were brought into Canada by this same railway company's agents in the Old Country, who pictured the large wages that could be made here and the ideal conditions for making a home. After dumping these men on Vancouver Island and in other places in British Columbia, the great C. P. R. went to work and installed oil burners on their locomotives and steamships, and in this way directly undermined the coal markets upon which these emigrants depended for a living. The excuse at that time was that they were compelled to go to oil, yet as already stated, their system tapped coalfields which were running to only sixty per cent. of their capacity, and quite apart from the Vancouver Island coal field. The real reason for going into oil was that they could cut down costs in fuel and labor, and not as a result of the shortage of coal.

British Columbia is rich in coal and there is no reason why its coalfields should not be developed. Our railroad companies owe their position today to the wealth of natural resources which were handed over to them by our governments, or in other words, by the people of Canada, and it is the duty of the respective railway companies to develop the resources of the country through their system passes. No serious hardship would result from the proposed ban upon the export of fuel oil into British Columbia. There is sufficient fuel available all over this province to meet the requirements of our railroad and steamship lines and it seems ridiculous that our coalfields should remain undeveloped through the introduction of fuel oil. We have in Northern British Columbia coalfields that could be made in three months to produce a sufficient tonnage to meet the

requirements of this entire northern country.

In the Telkwa river, Groundhog and Copper river districts there is an approximate tonnage of over 350,000,000 tons of coal that will compare with any other coal mined in Canada. The average assay of the Telkwa river coal is, Fixed Carbon, 68%, Volatile Matter, 20%, Ash, 8%, Sulphur 1%, and Moisture 3%.

With the exception of the Dominion Coal Company's product mined on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, which runs 82% Fixed Carbon, the coals of Northern British Columbia stand out as one of the foremost domestic or steam coals found or mined in Canada at the present time.

It must be understood that the coals of Northern British Columbia, owing to their high carbon content, are anthracitic in character and require to be treated differently from the highly volatilisated coals of the Vancouver Island coalfield and the Alberta districts.

The general run of Vancouver Island coals give an assay of only 50% Fixed Carbon, 30% to 35% Volatile Matter, and from 7% to 12.5% Ash. As a domestic coal the Vancouver Island coal ignites easily owing to the high percentage of heavy oils or Volatile Matter as compared with the northern coalfields, but as carbon is the essential quantity or quality in coal for either domestic or steam purposes it is easily seen that the coals of our northern coalfields are much superior to that of Vancouver Island or Alberta. The Carbon content of the Telkwa coal in particular shows 20 per cent. more than the Vancouver Island product, and volume for volume with the Island coal, will give exactly 20 per cent. more efficiency.

The fact that we have such a large tonnage of this high-grade fuel available in Northern British Columbia will mean considerable to Prince Rupert if the United States prohibit the export of fuel oil, and as it looks now, this is liable to occur any time. Coal has always been king and always will be, and it looks now as if the coal mining industry of British Columbia is about to come back into its own in spite of the strong opposition it has to contend with in past years.

The Carpenters will hold an open meeting in their hall on Wednesday, May 15. All men using the tools are cordially invited to attend. **SMOKER.**

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WHOLE SQUADRON OF GERMAN SUBMARINES FAIL TO RETURN

(Special to The Daily News)
Zurich, Switzerland, May 15.—The British naval operations against the German submarines is causing consternation among the crews at the German submarine bases and at the German Admiralty. In the meantime, the construction operations have been suspended at Wilhelmshaven and Kiel on the new super-submarines because they were found to be too big, and many other faults in their construction have been found, after the work had been well advanced. It is admitted that many of the German fleet of submarine vessels have been destroyed and one whole squadron has failed to return after a cruise in the Atlantic.

The extreme reticence which the British Admiralty has maintained since the beginning as to the fate of the German submarines and their crews which they know of, has got at last on the nerves of the crews and officers of the underwater craft. This, coupled with the largely increased numbers of these boats which have failed to return within the last few months, has had its due effect. Whether the submarines have been captured, or whether destroyed completely with the loss of all on board remains unknown and there are now no volunteers coming forward for this service.

The closing in of the North Sea between Scotland and Norway and the recent successful raids upon Zebrugge and Ostend have rendered this arm of the Kaiser's navy practically useless for its intended purpose, and Germany is just now beginning to realize this fact in all its fullness.

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BOHEMIA IS NOW IN STATE OF FERMENT

Demonstration by Women Gets a Hundred Arrested—Troops Sent Away—Resignation of Burgomaster.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, May 15.—A state of siege has been declared at Smichow, a suburb of Prague, the capital of Bohemia, and the troops have all been sent away. One hundred and fifty women are said to have been arrested on account of the demonstrations which they held throughout the city. The scarcity of food stuffs has accentuated the position throughout Bohemia almost to the point of insurrection. The troubles in the city of Prague have become so acute that the burgomaster has resigned, and the ferment started in the capital is spreading with amazing rapidity throughout the whole country. The Czechs have given their Austrian rulers very great trouble since the outbreak of the war, and a violent explosion is very probable against the forces of reaction which have held this people so long in subjection.

PREMIER BORDEN MAINTAINS POSITION

Ottawa, May 15.—Upwards of four thousand farmers representing the eastern farming sections of Canada have submitted their petition asking the Dominion government not to further minimise the possibilities of production in Canada by conscripting their sons or refusing exemption to farm employees, thus endangering production of foodstuffs.
Sir Robert Borden, for the government, reiterated his recent declaration that the first consideration of the nation is to hold the allied line in France. The government appreciated the splendid loyalty of the farmers, but they had not been called upon to contribute more heavily than any other class in the Dominion.

RUSSIA PROTESTS AGAIN

Petrograd, May 15.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin has sent a wireless message to Berlin demanding an explanation of the authoritative reports that the German soldiers now in Russia have plundered and burnt many villages in White Russia, and killing hundreds of the inhabitants.

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