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MILITARY SITUATION UNCHANGED IN WEST

WAITING HINDENBURG'S NEXT MOVE -- ITALIANS START OFFENSIVE AT ASIAGO

MARKED AERIAL ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT

BRITISH CARRY OUT GREAT BOMBARDMENTS—BRING DOWN MANY ENEMY MACHINES—NO CHANGE IN MILITARY SITUATION—RAIDS AND ARTILLERY FIGHTS REPORTED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 18.—Last Wednesday, the British airmen accounted for thirty-seven German aeroplanes, twenty-five of which were destroyed. The latest official statement on the aerial operations reported a marked increase in the activities of both the aerial forces on the western front. The British flyers continue to bombard railway stations and billets behind the German lines.

The French Record.

Paris, May 17.—During March and April, the French airmen brought down three hundred and twenty-two enemy machines, and only lost ninety-six of their own during the same period. The inferiority of the German air service is causing their general staff grave anxiety.

The Greatest Blow.

Glasgow, May 18.—In accepting the freedom of the second city of the Empire here yesterday, General Smuts declared that "As a climax of four years' cumulative effort upon us, the Germans are about to deliver the greatest blow of the war. The enemy has determined that if the British army is beaten, the war will be over."

Still Waiting.

With the British Armies in France, May 18.—The Allies are still waiting for Hindenburg to show his hand. Magnificent weather has favored the western front for the last forty-eight hours, but even this has brought no change in the military situation. The Germans continue to remain comparatively inactive, and were not for the grumbling of the big guns, the clouds of dust along the lines of transport, and the flight of aeroplanes, it would be hard to realize that a war is going on.

More Raids.

London, May 18.—The British raided the German positions near Beaumont Hamel, and captured many prisoners. They also repulsed a raiding party south of Arras. Hostile artillery has shown greatly increased activity between Locon and Hinges and from the Forest of Nieppe to Meteren.

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SUCCESSFUL RAID CARRIED OUT BY THE MEN OF 102ND BATT.

A story, full of incident and daring, of the men of B Company of the 102nd Battalion, has been written by Mr. P. I. Palmer from France to Major Brandt who is presently in town, having arrived back here several weeks ago. Writing under date of April 23, the letter goes on to tell the story of how 120 men of B. Company went over to pay a visit to Fritz without being invited, or even expected. They succeeded in surprising the enemy completely, and did some great execution when leaving their visiting cards. They succeeded in bringing back a bunch of prisoners, and the whole party of B. Company were successful in regaining their own lines with only one officer and six men being slightly wounded.

The raid was said to have been one of the most successful of such functions which have yet been carried out over there and great kudos was coming to the officers and men for the manner in which it was carried out.

SONS OF ENGLAND ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

The K. P. Hall last evening was the scene of a very happy gathering of the Sons of England and many of their friends. The evening passed delightfully with cards, songs and dancing. The proceedings were opened with a whist drive. There were many tables, and the first prizes were carried off by Miss King and Mr. Tabram, while the consolation prizes went to Miss Byatt and Mr. J. Myhill Jones. A splendid concert programme had been arranged, to which songs were contributed by Messrs. W. Cummings, W. Davies, C. Freeman, J. Myhill Jones and G. Waddell. Mr. Arthur Silversides gave a recitation and a duet from Messrs. Derry and Davis was followed by a violin solo from Mr. W. Balagno. Dancing also was indulged in, the music for which was kindly contributed by Messrs. Balagno and Davies. The proceedings for the whole evening were greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

CANADIAN FISH FOR U. S. NEED NO LICENCE

Vancouver, May 17.—Advices have been received at the office of the United States consulate that a general license has been issued by the United States government permitting the importation of fresh and frozen fish from Canada and that no individual license will be required, as was stipulated in the order of May 1. This is believed to be the result of representations made to the department at Washington, D.C., by the Hon. W. C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, following his trip to Prince Rupert and Ketchikan.

NOTICE

The City of Prince Rupert, being desirous of forming a Roll of Honor would, like to have the names as early as possible of all the men from Prince Rupert, who have fallen in the war. Will every one who has lost a relative at the front, who formerly belonged to this city, please communicate with Mr. J. J. Hutchinson, secretary of the Great War Veterans Association, or Mrs. P. I. Palmer, president, or Miss Brand, secretary, of the Ladies Auxiliary.

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GERMANS CAPTURED NO- BRITISH NOR U. S. SUBS. IN RUSSIAN HARBORS

(Special to The Daily News)

London, May 18.—The Russian naval officials blew up their four American submarines before retreating from Hango, in southwestern Finland last April, the Admiralty announced today. Seven British submarines were also destroyed when the German naval forces and transports approached Hango. None of the British vessels fell into the hands of the enemy.

The Admiralty says that the project of blocking the harbor by sinking ships in it has been rejected by the Russian commander in chief. The effect of the destruction of the British submarines upon the crews of the merchant ships was excellent and induced the destruction of many ships that would otherwise have fallen into the hands of the enemy.

"WHAT IS A DRUNK?" WAS ASKED IN POLICE COURT

Evidence for the prosecution was led this morning in the police court before Magistrate Carss, in charges preferred against Mr. K. McKay of the Dominion Hotel, for breach of the Prohibition Act, in permitting drunkenness upon his premises, and against E. V. Fisher for assaulting William Adams, a police officer, while in the execution of his duty. The charges this morning were the result of a little fracas which occurred on Thursday night, when the assault was alleged to have taken place at or near the Dominion Hotel. There were five witnesses, all police officers, and in the course of the proceedings, the question was asked of Constable Bailey "what is a drunk?" According to the statute, there is only one answer correct, and Constable Bailey had it. There are several stages or degrees of drunkenness known colloquially, such as fighting drunk, singing drunk and happy drunk and so forth, but in the eyes of the law, the adjectives are not recognized.

Both cases were adjourned until Monday, when the evidence for the defence will be led.

THREE GREAT STARS AT THE WESTHOLME

"The Guardian" is the title of the World-Picture Brady-Made feature which will be shown at the Westholme Theatre this evening. This picture has three stars, June Elvidge, Montagu Love and Arthur Ashley, and the picture is so full of incident and excitement that it offers unexcelled opportunities to each and every one of these stars. The story is of every day people—the kind of people that everyone knows. It is a convincing tale of modern life, and is presented in an unforgettable manner. The love of a guardian for his beautiful ward develops into a romance of startling power and tumultuous incident. Montagu Love is effective as guardian, June Elvidge entrancing as the high-spirited ward, while Arthur Ashley is handsomely villainous in the role of the young fortune hunter, who first tries to marry the ward, and then, failing in that, puts into operation a diabolical plot against her. The play gives the opportunity for many remarkably scenic effects, and much exceptionally fine acting, and needless to say, all these opportunities are taken advantage of. There is also an official gazette as well as a fine comedy.

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BATTLE FLARES UP IN ITALY WITH AUSTRIANS ON DEFENSIVE

OFFENSIVE COMMENCED BY ITALIANS ON ASIAGO PLATEAU WITHOUT AWAITING LONG EXPECTED ENEMY ATTACK—ANTI-GERMAN AGITATION IN UKRAINA CONTINUES—MARTIAL LAW

(Special to The Daily News)

BORDEN INTIMATES OTTAWA WILL TAKE OVER G. T. P. SYSTEM

Ottawa, May 16.—In the Commons this afternoon Sir Robert Borden said that the G. T. P. inevitably would be acquired by the Government at some not far distant date. He said it was not self-sustaining and the G. T. R. was quite incapable of meeting its obligations in respect to the G. T. P. If the G. T. P. should be taken over it would practically involve the acquisition of the G. T. R. itself. He intimated that negotiations were proceeding in regard to the G. T. R. but at present they must remain confidential.

"It may be possible," Sir Robert added, "indeed I think it is probable, that at some later date, but not in the immediate future, that the land transportation facilities in Canada in the shape of railways may, so far as operation at least is concerned, be amalgamated into one system, carried on under one management."

Will Visit England.

Ottawa, May 17.—Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder are the two cabinet ministers who will have charge of negotiations for the nationalization of the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific. They will accompany Sir Robert Borden to England for this purpose. Sir Robert yesterday intimated that two ministers would take up the matter this summer but did not give their names. Messrs. Meighen and Calder are the men selected. They have been members of a sub-committee of the cabinet which for some time has had the whole railway question under advisement and which has been conducting long-distance negotiations with the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific. These cable negotiations failed to come to any conclusion, so the ministers will negotiate personally with the directors of the companies.

MAY VOLUNTEER TILL REGISTRATION IS OVER

Montreal, May 17.—Major-General F. Wilson, G.O.C., received telegraphic instructions from Ottawa as follows: "Men of nineteen and those who attained the age of twenty years on or since October 13 last, will be ordered by proclamation to register on or before June 1. Up to that date such men may be treated regarding enrolment as volunteers."

THE MACHINISTS' STRIKE

The strike of machinists which has been on in the city during this last week has now been settled, and it is expected that the men will be on the job again on Monday morning. The Rupert Marine Ironworks have signed the agreement, and the other shops will follow suit.

Mr. D. McLeod, late of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, arrived in the city last evening from Vancouver, and left again this morning for Hazelton. Mr. McLeod is interested in the Silver Standard mine up there and will inspect the new concentration mill which has been installed, and which is about ready for operation.

London, May 17.—The Italian forces taking the initiative, severe fighting is again in progress on the Brenta river running through the Asiago plateau. Without awaiting the long expected attack which has been heralded for weeks past by the Austrian armies, the Italian troops threw themselves into the fight with great vigor, compelling the enemy to fight hard to maintain themselves. This action is on the ground where the Italians have stood since last November, and seems to have centred upon a comparatively short section of the battle line, between Monte Asolone and Monte Pertica.

Martial Law at Odessa.

London, May 18.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Odessa by the Austrian commandant at the request of the Germans. Much severe street fighting has been reported. At Kiev, Austrian patrols are in the streets day and night, and thousands of persons are fleeing the city. The anti-German agitation continues unabated. The Ukraine press makes the charges against the Germans that they are using the port of Sebastopol as a naval and fleet base, requisitioning coal, and stealing from the Ukrainian ships.

IRISH HOME RULE BILL IS DELAYED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 18.—The House of Commons adjourned last night until May 28 without any sign of the long delayed Home Rule Bill. Apparently the members of the Government have no idea when the bill will be introduced.

LODGE VALHALLA BALL A FINE ONE

Yesterday being a day of national celebration throughout the world among Norwegians, as the 104th anniversary of the gaining of their independence, was fittingly recognized in the city. The many private functions held throughout the city culminated in a ball given in the St. Andrews Hall by the Lodge Valhalla of the Scandinavian Society. Dancing commenced about 9 p. m. and was kept up until the early hours. There was a fine attendance and the large St. Andrews Hall was fittingly decorated for the occasion. The many dances were popular and were fully taken advantage of, and everyone enjoyed the occasion thoroughly.

Supper was served upstairs during the course of the evening in fine style, and the supper room was a scene of much animation. The floor of the large hall was in good condition and the music which was most tempting, was supplied by Harvey's orchestra. Everyone was sorry when the affair came to a close, and it was voted by all to be one of the successes of the season.

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