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CLOSE TO VALENCIENNES

GERMANS DO NOT TAKE WILSON SERIOUSLY IN REGARD TO PEACE

GERMANY STILL TRIES TO STAVE OFF NECESSITY OF COMPLETE SURRENDER TO ALLIED FORCES

Declares She Has Committed No Illegal or Inhumane Acts and Denies Purposely Destroying Passengers on Ships

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, October 22.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's has been received by wireless. It says Germany hopes the States will approve of no demand which will be irreconcilable with the honor of the German people, and with the way peace of justice. She protests all references to illegal and inhumane acts, denies that the navy purposely destroyed lifeboats and proposes that the facts be cleared by neutral commissions. Orders were despatched to submarine commanders precluding the torpedoing of passenger ships. The note that opportunity be brought about for fixing the details of the situation of occupied territories.
London, October 22.—Lord Northcliffe commenting on the note says: "A hasty perusal reveals truly Prussian selfishness. No mention is made of Turkey, or Austria. It seems to me the document may mean either to gain time or is a confession of state of affairs economically worse than we know."
The note in reply to President Wilson says the German Government will not be able to take or hold office unless it possesses the confidence of a majority of the Reichstag. Germany claims the violation of international law in carrying out the destruction of property during retreats, and says the troops are under strict instructions to spare private property, and care for people. Where aggressions occur the guilty are being punished.

LESS THAN TWO MILES FROM CITY OF VALENCIENNES ARE FORCES OF MARSHAL HAIG

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, October 22.—British forces fighting north of Leclap have captured Amerval according to an official report from Marshal Haig's headquarters in France tonight. The British are now two miles from Valenciennes. The text of the statement says: "During night and early morning sharp fighting for possession of village of Amerval which we captured during attack yesterday determined attacks to regain the village were repulsed. The morning enemy made unsuccessful attempts to drive in our advanced troops in the region of Cambrai-Bavaria road. We secured a few prisoners. East and north of Delain our progress has been hindered in the face of considerable opposition. We are less than two miles from Valenciennes and have reached the general position of Sentinelle, Strongy and Taintegnis. We hold the west bank of the Scheldt and several miles north of Pontachin north of Tournai."

STAIN NORD WAS A LUCKY SKIPPER

Who Was in Charge of the Alaska Had Never an Accident Until Now.

The time when the steamer Sophia passed Swanson the steamer Alaska that went down the previous day near point was still tied to the pier. The passengers were being taken to the deck as if afraid to go to bed. It is possible that the steamer was awaiting a permit to proceed. The law requires that she should have a permit from three shipmasters before continuing. Two years ago there was a side-

DR. WESBROOK DIED; WAS ILL LONG TIME

Vancouver, October 22.—Dr. Frank F. Wesbrook, President of the University of British Columbia, died Sunday after long illness.

Dr. Wesbrook was one of the most widely known educationists in the Dominion. Born in Canada he took his arts and medical courses at the University of Manitoba. It was while serving on the staff of a university in one of the western states that he was offered, and accepted, the presidency of the University of British Columbia.

STEPS THAT WERE TAKEN TO COPE WITH INFLUENZA SCOURGE

Mayor Explains to Council What Was Done and Defends the Closing of Amusements

In explaining to the City Council what had been done to cope with the influenza Mayor McClymont last night said that they had fitted up 23 beds at the Borden St. School and now they were about to use the upstairs. Alderman Barrie had helped out by supplying six beds and the ladies had done splendid work. Several trained nurses who had retired from the profession had come forward and offered their services. The mayor said that he had been criticised for closing up but the more he found out about the influenza the better he was pleased that he had acted promptly. There was no doubt that the preventive methods adopted had helped a good deal. In Vancouver amusement places had been kept open with very bad effect.

DOCTOR COMES

The mayor further stated that he had wired Dr. Large asking him to come because he found that the local doctors were being much overworked. Owing to the bad weather the doctor had been delayed, but Mr. Johnson of the cold storage had sent a boat over and the doctor was now here looking after the Indians and also was ready to attend private cases where it was found necessary.

STORES CLOSE EARLY

Alderman Casey asked if it would not be well to arrange to close the stores early, as had been done in other places. The mayor explained that many of the stores were short handed, but he would take the matter up with them.

On the suggestion of Alderman McRae that there might be some people in the shacks without help and that the health officer should make a search, the mayor said the officer had so far not had time for such work as he had been busy till after midnight, but he thought that today something might be done. The mayor spoke most appreciatively of the work being done by the new sanitary inspector.

ALDERMAN DYBHAVN TALKS SHIPBUILDING

The wooden shipbuilding proposal seems to have fallen flat. Alderman Dybhavn returned yesterday after a visit to Seattle where he interviewed the men who were proposing to come here and he found that they had given up the idea for the present. They had received a cable from Norway to withhold action until they got further instructions.

RED CROSS NOTICE

Any sufferer from influenza unable to provide nourishing food may obtain broth, etc., by phoning Mrs. A. R. Lord, Waldron Apartments, Green 514.

HELGOLAND IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HARBOR

Struck by Steamer Admiral Watson at Ketchikan and Sunk in Thirty Feet of Water.

The skipper of the Panama brought word this morning that the schooner Helgoland had been run down by the steamer Admiral Watson of the Alaska Steamship Co. at Ketchikan and was now lying in thirty feet of water.

It seems that the Helgoland was going out of the harbor when she met the Watson coming in. Just what went wrong with the signals is not known but the big vessel cut the schooner amidships and, keeping straight ahead, carried her on her bows into shallow water. Had the Watson stopped the schooner would have gone down where she was struck.

The Panama stood by to give assistance. The Helgoland was here and discharged 60,000 lbs. of halibut last Friday and was bound north to the Yakutat fishing grounds. Capt. Pete Peterson was in charge of her.

ASK GOVERNMENT FOR DISPENSARY

Alderman Casey Suggests Liquor is Essential Element in Prevention of Disease; Ald. Kirkpatrick Dissents.

That the Provincial Government be asked to open a dispensary here for the sale of alcoholic liquors under the provisions of the Prohibition Act was a resolution that was passed by the City Council last night.

The matter was brought up by Alderman Casey, who explained that part of the prohibition law provided for the opening of dispensaries in different parts of the province. So far, however, these had been opened in Victoria and Vancouver only. He thought if one was warranted anywhere it was here. He suggested that liquor was one of the essential elements in coping with the influenza and moved the resolution asking the government to act.

Mayor McClymont said that it had been the original intention to open a number of dispensaries but it had been found that in the other provinces one or two central ones answered the purpose of supplying the drug stores.

Alderman Kirkpatrick suggested that if liquor was only a medicine there seemed no reason why people should not purchase their medicines at one place. She referred to the fact that there had been a good deal of drunkenness in the last few days. Liquor did not prevent disease.

The mayor told of having sent liquor to the islands for use at the camps under the doctor's orders. He had also given out several other quantities, each under orders from a physician.

Alderman Rochester said apparently the original intention was to establish a dispensary here and he thought it should be opened. The motion was carried with Alderman Kirkpatrick against, and Alderman McRae not voting. Aldermen McMeekin and Smith were absent.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Oleson is taking place this afternoon from Haynor's Chapel, the Rev. Canon Rix officiating.

MANY BOATS WERE INJURED IN THE GALE

Fishermen Deprived of Means of Livelihood Owing to Lack of Protection for Small Boats in Harbor.

In connection with the sinking of the gas boat Iris, mention of which was made yesterday, Bert Hanson, who operates the boat for A. O. Franks, says that the fishermen are up in arms over the lack of accommodation here for their craft. He says that they all pay harbor dues and then when bad weather comes they are turned away from the floats.

Mr. Hanson says that one night previous to the one on which he lost the Iris he was up all night looking after her and on that night he went away to get a few hours' sleep. When he returned she had sunk. He says he makes his living from the fishing business and he thinks that something should be done at once to provide accommodation for them. If nothing is done it means that they will have to go south for the winter where there is proper protection.

At one time the boats were able to take shelter at Seal Cove, but now the mill is there and the result is they have no place where they can be safe.

The same storm which sank the Iris did a lot of damage to other boats. The Nautilus had her guard smashed and her side bashed in; the D. C. F. Number 1 was badly damaged and four planks will have to be replaced; the Iola had the guard and the forepart of the boat damaged and the Joe Baker is also badly injured. Probably there are other boats that are the worse for the storm.

ANOTHER BOAT SUNK

The Royal Fish Co.'s boat Walborg which was tied at the Government float grounded and sank this morning. There was no proper accommodation for her at the float, hence the trouble.

FISH ARRIVALS

Four fishing boats arrived in port since yesterday. They are the Panama with 50,000 pounds; Volunteer, 2,000; Ringleader, 1,800, and P. Doreen, 4,000 pounds.

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