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GRIM PREPARATION FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

Armies on western front testing each other's strength. The unceasing roar of artillery becomes more insistent. Germans removing civilian populations from cities in tracks of expected activity.

(Special to the Guardian.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE. (Via London.) Feb. 17.—From the Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.—The cold which has held the western front...

In anticipation of eventualities the Germans have removed civilian populations from cities and towns in proximity to their line...

Never silent the big guns are beginning to roar more and more steadily. Tonight they are booming with particular violence in the sector of the Somme.

There are flashes in the darkened sky like lightning along the horizon. New groups of divisions have been recently identified along the German lines...

The British officers, however, say that this condition is not as formidable as it appears at first sight. They say that many of the so-called new divisions of their opponents are merely a rearrangement of old divisions.

These statements are based on information carefully collected during continuous trench raids. In a raid undertaken this week an apparently new Bavarian division was located. It was afterwards discovered that this corps had been made up from regiments taken from older divisions...

Another manoeuvre carried out by the Germans has been a coming out of regiments and divisions by which a group of 25 of the youngest men were taken from each company in the lines and sent back to Germany to form new units or corps d'elite. The British officers believe that it is on the corps d'elite that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is placing his greatest reliance.

According to information obtained...

COAL SHORTAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA

(Canadian Press Despatch) Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 16.—Recent outbursts of coal partly relieved the water shortage situation here to-day and prevented the closing of one pumping station which supplies water to a thickly populated section of the north side. The shortage is being felt in all parts of the city, however, and all city reservoirs are six feet below their normal levels.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

- BAUNSONE SAUSAGES MADE fresh every day from selected young pork. Saunders, Newsome & Co., Market Building. WANTED WOMAN TO CLEAN OFF-ices. Apply at Guardian Office. Mt TO RENT—GOOD PIANO. APPLY Mrs. McPhail, 30 Brighton. 4469-2-19M4pd FOR SALE PARLOR AND BED-room furniture stoves, tables, etc 157 Prince St. 4476-2-19M6pd FOR SALE—A FARM OF 40 ACRES, good building near village. For further particulars apply A. Guardian Office. 4474-2-19M5pd LOST, SATURDAY NIGHT AROUND Bowling Alley steps, a \$5 bill. Finder leave at Guardian office. 4478-2-19M11. DEBENTURES: THE WATER COM-missioners have a few 5 p.c. debentures for sale on an attractive basis. Apply at Water Works Office. 4475-2-19M6l Minard's Liniment Cures Toothache.

CUBAN REBELLION PRACTICALLY QUASHED

(Special to the Guardian.) HAVANA, Feb. 17.—It is officially announced that Col. Pujol's forces have occupied Escoczo De Avila, the rebel headquarters in Camagney province. The town was entered on Thursday afternoon the rebels fleeing at the approach of the troops. Government forces now hold the Cuba and Jucaro and Moron railroads and have captured sufficient rolling stock for ten thousand troops. The rebels are reported to have broken up into small groups some heading for Camagney and others for Las Villas and are believed to be practically cut off. The administration officials claim that the back bone of the uprising in Camagney province is broken.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—Winds, increasing to strong breezes or gales from southwest. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 39 degrees above. At 9 a. m. it was 31 above; at 9 p. m. 27 above. The coldest the previous night was 13 above. The tide will be high this morning at 8.54 and tomorrow at 9.45; it will be high tonight at 8.03 and tomorrow at 9.10. The sun sets this afternoon at 5.52 and tomorrow at 5.53; it rises every morning at 7.12 and Wednesday at 7.10. The moon rises tomorrow morning at 6.20. The last quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 8.53 p. m. There will be a new moon on Wednesday, Feb. 21st, at 10.9 p. m. The length of today will be ten hour and thirty-nine minutes.

AMERICAN CONSULS NOT YET RELEASED

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 17.—United States Consuls who are still in Germany may be unable to leave the Empire for some weeks, according to an Amsterdam despatch to The Times, quoting an American who has arrived there from Germany. This informant states that at the time he left Berlin the government had not arranged for the special train which it had promised for the use of the Consuls, and that it was thought some weeks would elapse before arrangements could be made.

ANOTHER ISLANDER RECEIVES DECORATION

In a list of Canadians who have recently received military decoration for conspicuous bravery, Lieutenant Victor George Wright Morris, is mentioned as having been awarded the Military Cross. It is explained that "he led a raid against the enemy with great courage and determination and later, although wounded, continued to carry out the undertaking."

WILL BE COLD FOR THE GERMANS

PARIS, Feb. 17.—A correspondent at Geneva reports that the Berlin Government has decided that on account of lack of freight cars and the impossibility of obtaining sufficient supplies of coal, houses which are served from central heating plants must not have a temperature of more than 59 degrees Fahrenheit. All central heating plants must cease operations on March 31.

RESCUED CREW OF SCH. FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

NEW YORK, February 15.—News of the loss at sea of the British schooner Little Secret, reached here to-day with the arrival of the Captain Abraham Dear and his crew of four men on the Danish freight steamer Olaf Maersk, which rescued them off the Grand Banks on her voyage from Rotterdam, when their tiny vessel of 89 tons was in distress. The Little Secret had sailed from Mary's Town, Nfld., for Oporto, Portugal. She ran into heavy gales and dangerous seas, and a comber carried away the one life boat. For days she was unable to make headway against the elements. After the five men aboard were rescued by the Danish freighter, the schooner was burned, so she would not become a menace of navigation.

Island Vessel Sunk by Huns

A Prince Edward Island vessel has fallen a victim to the Huns.—The brigantine Ada, built in this Province in 1872. She was a vessel of 187 tons gross and was sunk by gun-fire.

EXAMINING GERMAN OUTCASTS AT HALIFAX NOW IN PROGRESS

(Special to the Guardian.) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 17.—The task of examining the credentials of the German party on board the Frederick VIII, en route from New York to Copenhagen, was begun this morning by a corps of Canadian immigration and Customs officers. The ship was last night taken to a secluded portion of Halifax harbor for this purpose. A small army of officials were taken out to the steamer this morning, and it will depend on whether they find everything satisfactory with the papers of the German party, which includes Count Von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, and other high consular officials leaving for the Fatherland, whether the ship is long detained in Halifax.

The most careful secrecy prevails about the operations of the examining officials, translators and women examiners. It was indicated that the work was to be careful and thorough. Rumors that it was possible that Hans Tauscher and Wolf Von Igel, who figured in revelations connected with the attempt to destroy the Welland Canal and reported by the British naval authorities were without confirmation this morning. One of the immigration officers said that no orders had been issued for the removal of anybody from the ship at present, action would only be taken after the party's credentials had been examined. Last night the Frederick VIII was under a glare of searchlight from the patrol boat all night, while this morning the rule about allowing boats to approach close to the liner were carefully enforced. Members of the German party were early on deck this morning, though their view from the ship is not inspiring, consisting of the jail on one hand and a brewery on the other. The passengers on the ship will under no circumstances be allowed to land. They were reported well, though Countess Bernstorff was reported suffering slightly from nervous attack due to the circumstances under which she has been called upon to leave her native land.

GERMAN CAPTAIN WAS ORDERED TO CRIPPLE SHIP

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Captain Polack of the Kron Prinz Esmine Cedille testifying in the hearing on the sale of the vessel, said he received orders to disable the vessel from a high authority whom he refused to name on the ground that he would be prosecuted for high treason on his return to Germany.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS & COUGH

EDMONTON, February 16.—A Dominion-wide prohibition campaign, which is already getting underway, was announced at the Alberta temperance convention this morning on the strength of information just received by wire from Toronto. The federal parliament will be asked to pass a war measure, prohibiting throughout Canada, the manufacture and importation of liquor for beverage purposes with a referendum after the war to make prohibition permanent. If the government finds it desirable to take a referendum on the measure it is asked for before next June, to be effective within three months thereafter. Petitions to this effect are being prepared, and will be circulated throughout Alberta, in common with other provinces.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- \*John McQuillan & Co., will pay the highest cash price for potatoes and will take them every mill day. 4448-2-16M5l. \*Meeting of the Strathcona Egg Circle will be held in connection with the Institute in the Consolidated School on Thursday night, Feb. 22nd at 7.30 o'clock. Mr. Wm. Kerr and Mr. George Lightizer will address the meeting. All interested are invited to attend. A. Roy Jones, Secy. 4467-2-19M4l. Minard's Liniment cures colds &c.

PRESENTATION TO PROF. W. R. REEK

The members of the Local and Dominion Departments of Agriculture waited on Professor W. R. Reek at his home on Friday evening and presented him with the following appreciative address accompanied by a beautiful mahogany clock as a slight token of the high appreciation in which he is held by his fellow workers. Mr. Reek was entirely taken by surprise, but thanked the donors for their lovely gift and kind expressions to himself and Mrs. Reek. He also expressed the pleasure it had been for him to carry on his work here through the kindly co-operation of the members of the Department of Agriculture and of those interested in agriculture and also said that he had never lived among a more friendly people and had only pleasant remembrance to take away with him.

ADDRESS:

To Mr. Reek: The tidings of your departure from the Province have been received with expressions of sincere regret. We therefore think it fitting and just, in contemplation of your near departure to express to you in a brief and imperfect way, our deep regard for you personally, and our appreciation of the work you have been promoting for our benefit at a cost of persevering and unrelenting effort. Your keen perception of high ideals always taught us to realize that we were being directed by a leader we were proud to follow.

Much has been accomplished under your guidance in a comparatively short time. In short your inaugurations have been received with the highest form of commendation, and have been recognized as coming from a master mind. Today we have achieved a foremost recognition among the Provinces of Canada, and to this you can point with a legitimate pride, for you have been the soul and thought of all upward movements. Your inspirations will remain to brighten the paths of those who follow your worthy footsteps.

The attainment of high ideals has not been confined to your official capacity alone. In your social affiliations you have shown yourself to be a kindred spirit of good fellowship, and a gentleman and friend with all. Our meeting has been of too brief a period, but our remaining consolation is that the field of your future work will be to your benefit and advancement.

To yourself and Mrs. Reek, whom to know was to admire and respect, we wish the best in health and happiness. We wish you God speed in all your future undertakings, and trust you may see fit to return to the Island Province, where feelings of appreciation and friendship will welcome you.

DOMINION-WIDE PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN

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BRITISH ADVANCED OVER 1,000 YARDS

Captured strong German positions, the Germans suffering heavy losses including 268 Prisoners. French also invaded German trenches and destroyed positions. Turks routed in Mesopotamia.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(Official)—The British advanced on a mile and a half front south of the Acre to a distance of 1,000 yards, capturing German positions opposite Miramont and Petit Miramont and advancing their line very close to the latter, north of the Acre. Important enemy positions on the hill north of Abille Court Farm were captured on a 100 yard front. The Huns suffered heavy losses, including 268 prisoners and many more not yet counted.

FRENCH INVADE ENEMY TRENCHES.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Feb. 18.—(Official)—Sunday's reports state that the French last night invaded German trenches in Bois Le Pretre, left bank of Moselle, and destroyed works and sheds. On the rest of the front there were only patrol encounters.

DECISIVE BLOW IN 1917.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 18.—Arthur Henderson said at Manchester that the Allied leaders expect to strike a decisive blow in the summer of 1917. The Earl of Derby said at Bolton the critical point of the war is coming in the next few months.

ROUMANIANS CAPTURE STRONG GERMAN POSITION.

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 18.—A Rumanian and Russian detachment surprised and captured a strongly fortified Austro-German position southwest of Okna, without firing a shot. Two counterattacks were repulsed.

ENEMY ATTACK FAILED.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—(Official)—Intermittent cannonade along most of the front was sharp at Ribemont. An enemy surprise attack northwest of Bezonvaux failed.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Artillery duels in the sector of Maison Dechamp again reported in this afternoon's official communication. The French made an attack at Ammerzweiler and an appreciable loss was inflicted on

CHARLIE CHAPLIN SENDS \$150,000 TO WAR LOAN

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Charlie Chaplin, the Movie Star, is a \$150,000 contributor to Britain's "Win the War." The subscription close to-day.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 17.—Three persons were killed when a submarine sank the British steamship Queen's Wood. (Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 17.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Lady Ann 1,916 tons, has been sunk by striking a mine. Two were killed and 5 injured. The captain and eighteen men are missing.

SUCCESSES IN MESOPOTAMIA.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 18.—(Official)—In Mesopotamia important British gains are announced. The Turks were forced back and prisoners captured. The Turkish statement admits retirement on Lighters.

DROPPED BOMBS ON ENEMY POSITIONS.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 17.—Naval aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs with good results on Ghistelles aerodrome on Friday, says a British official announcement this afternoon. At the same time Bruges harbor and shipping were again attacked. Bombs were observed exploding on objectives.

BERLIN REPORT.

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, Feb. 17.—French troops made attacks yesterday on the Aisne, west of Barry-Au-Bac, and in Champagne, south of Ripont. Today's official communication says the efforts failed.

BERLIN REPORT

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, Feb. 18.—According to official reports the British continued attacks on both sides of the Acre. The Teutons abandoned their advanced crater positions north of the river on Feb. 17th. One of their airships extensively bombarded the town and port of Boulogne.

BLIZZARD IN WINNIPEG, MAN.

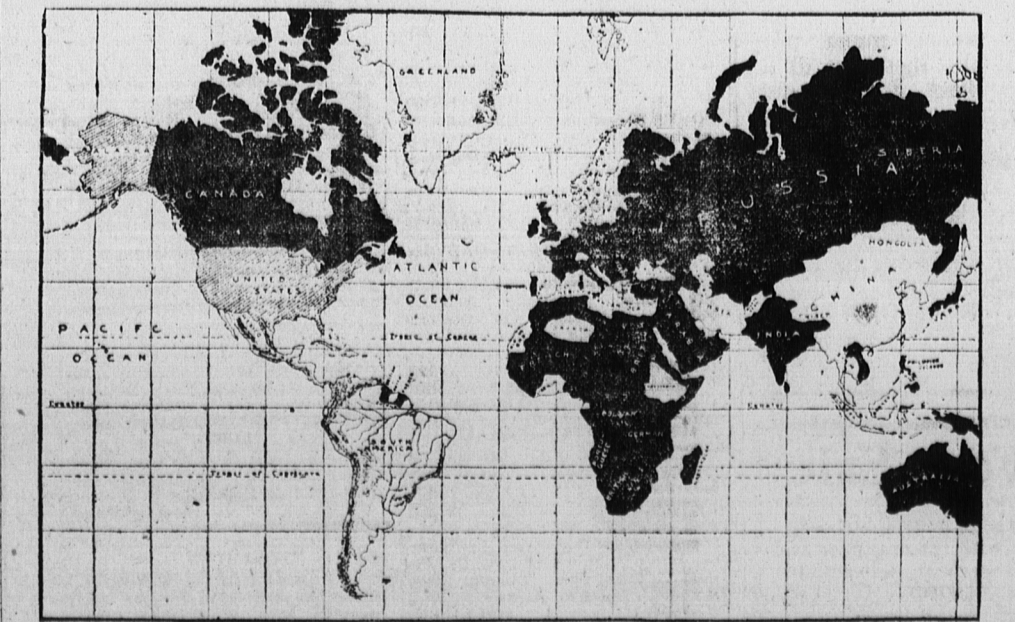
(Special to the Guardian.) WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 17.—A blizzard struck the city last night and tied up the street car service which however was resumed fully this forenoon.

ALLIED VICTORY PREDICTED THIS SUMMER

(Special to the Guardian.) WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 17.—In the course of an address on the war here last night Frederick Palmer, the well known war correspondent, predicted that the Allies would win this summer.

SURGEON GENERAL DIES SUDDENLY.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 18.—Surgeon General Sir Benjamin Franklin died suddenly.



Here is map of the world on the Mercator projection plan. The areas in black represent the nations, their colonies and dependencies now engaged in the war. The United States is shown partly shaded, as it has broken off relations with Germany and may soon be a belligerent. The Allies represent 28,947,000 square miles and a population of 770,000,000. The Central Powers represent 2,248,000 square miles and a population of 161,000,000. The neutrals have an area of 22,318,000 square miles and population of 647,000,000.

Advertisement for 'HEART SONGS' featuring a coupon for a free song book. The coupon is titled 'HEART SONGS COUPON' and includes the text 'PRESENTED BY THIS PAPER TO YOU'. Below the coupon, there is a section titled 'HOW TO GET IT ALMOST FREE' which explains that readers can receive the book by clipping out and presenting five coupons like the one shown, along with their own date, for a special price of 98c. The advertisement also mentions that the book contains 400 songs and is a treasure for music lovers. At the bottom, it states 'CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN FEBRUARY 19th' and '5 Coupons and 98c Secure the \$2.50 Volume'. It also notes that out-of-town readers will add extra for postage and that the book is available at a special price of 98c.