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German Offensive Starts Against British Western Line

THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT TELKWA

(From Our Special Correspondent)
We wish to call attention to an error in last week's news. We have it on the word of Constable Fairbairn that his hen did not die of eating pins, but of a pin-dicitis.

A North Bulkley rancher was fined five dollars and costs for having deer meat in his possession during the closed season. Even at that, some of us might not be inclined to think that it was so dear after all.

The third car of coal was shipped west this week.

Martin Saunders met with a nasty accident this week. He had just started work on the new bridge when he unluckily got his foot crushed in the timbers.

The new bridge over the Bulkley is now likely to be an accomplished fact. A crew is working getting the lumber and piles to the site.

Joe Bussinger has taken a trip to the States, and a little bird tells us it is with the express intention of bringing back a bride.

Many Telkwaites took in the masquerade at Smithers this week, and all pronounced it a great success.

Steve Young has sold his cabin to Guy Farrow, and is thinking of going to the coast.

The agent who has been relieving W. Armstrong while he has been on a holiday, had an accident last week. He slipped and strained his throat.

This week we have to report a great loss to the community by the removal of Carl Wakefield and his family to the States. Carl is quite an old-timer in the Bulkley Valley, coming in here about ten years ago. His jovial personality and happy smile will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Both he and his wife have been great workers in the community, and have always taken a great interest in local affairs. We wish him the best of luck and hope in a few years to see him back among us.

Brought Good Sum

The tea given by the ladies of the W.A. last Saturday was most successful, and was the means of adding, together with the sale of shamrocks during the day, the handsome sum of \$68.65 to the funds of the Soldiers' Aid, receipt of which is acknowledged by Secretary Grant. Great credit is due to the organizers of the repast, which was daintily served, and reflected greatly upon the ability of the local ladies as cooks.

ENEMY DRIVEN BACK IN BRILLIANT COUNTER-THUSTS BY BRITISH TROOPS

London, March 23:—After a most brilliant counter-attack, which occurred at Doignes, when the British advanced with large masses of infantry, preceded by a large number of tanks, the enemy was driven back at 7 o'clock last night, says today's official statement.

The great battle on the western front continued last night.

London, March 23 (2:15 p.m.):—The enemy has pierced the British line at only one point on a 15-mile front, attacking from Arras south. The battle continues with unabated fury. Berlin claims 25,000 prisoners, 300 guns and 100 machine guns. British gunners serve the guns wearing gas masks. Rheims has been

heavily shelled. Sixty German divisions are engaged.

The Germans are firing on Paris from a distance of 62 miles with a new gigantic gun, shells falling since 8 this morning every fifteen minutes. Ten have been killed and fifteen wounded. An air raid is imminent.

London, March 23 (3:15 p.m.):—The press and public opinion are unanimous in the belief that the western battle will decide the war. Wilhelm commands the Germans. The British line was penetrated four miles deep west of St. Quentin. Germans, en masse, forced their way into Mory, fifteen miles below Arras. They were driven out in a coun-

ter-attack and a large party of Huns was surrounded. The sky is thick with airplanes, who report colossal slaughter of the grey-coated masses. In the north the British west of St. Quentin fell back to prepared positions. British airmen in places massacred masses of enemy infantry, expending ammunition and returning many times. The British guns are every few yards.

Fighting today is greatest in intensity in two sectors, north-west of Cambrai, about Bullecourt, while Hargicourt is the southern center. Allied experts are confident the enemy will be held. Our defence is amazingly stubborn. The enemy losses are beyond description.

Hindenburg still boasts that he will be in Paris by April 1.

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM SMITHERS

(From Our Special Correspondent)
Frank Maddighan, of Houston spent the past week in Smithers.

The northern friends of Miss Lena Leahrman will be glad to learn that she is soon going to be a resident of the Bulkley Valley.

Chas. Barrett is making great improvements on his ranch this spring.

A large number of young people drove up from the Lake Kathlyn district on Monday evening to attend the masquerade ball.

J. Green, of Prince Rupert, was a business visitor this week.

Robt. E. Allen, of the forest branch, Prince Rupert, was in town this week on department business.

The schoolchildren's tea last Saturday in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund was a grand success financially, netting \$21.65.

Miss Rorvik, of Prince Rupert attended the masquerade ball on Monday.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was a visitor at the Carr ranch on Tuesday.

Dr. McKie paid a professional visit to Telkwa on Tuesday.

A large number of Telkwa people drove in on Monday to attend the masquerade ball.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Sharpe visited the Carr ranch on Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Gray came in from the Carr ranch on Sunday afternoon and returned in the evening.

Pat Carr spent a few days in town during the week.

The masquerade ball was a decided success. Many quaint and handsome costumes from the 17th century to the present day were presented, the kaleidoscopic effect being pleasing to the eye. Such an array of pretty costumes was never equalled in the northern interior. The prizewinners were: Ladies', Mrs. Rogers (Indian); Original, Mrs. Beaton (Cards); Comic, Mrs. Kennedy, (Bridget). Gent's, D. Jennings (Napoleon); Original, F. Rogers (Zulu); Comic, Mr. Greider, (Hobo).

Owing to the exigencies of the war situation a number of local items are unavoidably held over.

Some very fine chalcopryite and grey copper is now coming out from the face of the Comeau tunnel. The lead which was being driven for was struck this week, some excellent samples of which are being assayed.

JIM MAY LIES IN UNMARKED GRAVE

However, Fund For the Erection of a Tombstone on His Resting Place is Commenced

James Jasper May, discoverer of Cariboo goldfields and namer of Antler Creek, pioneer of pioneers in this province, lies in an unmarked grave in Hazelton cemetery. The man, who, with his hardy compatriots, turned the tide of immigration toward British Columbia, and opened the eyes of the world to the vast resources of this northern empire, rests without a distinguishing mark above his grave.

This is not right.

His name will go down in history because he made history. Generations hence his name will be remembered and his memory revered. Therefore it is fitting that a suitable monument should be erected to preserve for all time the remembrance of his achievements.

That the memory of the man shall not die, that solid marble shall perpetuate his deeds, rather than the transitory records of newspapers, The Miner, at the request of Jim May's friends and admirers, will collect funds contributed by these friends, and will erect over his grave a suitable tombstone. This will be an "old-timers'" fund and old associates of this "grand old man" all over the province are

Bombard Hun Points; Bring Down Planes

London, March 23:—Ostend was bombarded yesterday by British monitors with successful results. Prior to the bombardment four enemy airplanes were destroyed by our air squadron.

British seaplanes engaged in reconnaissance work in Heligoland bight and attacked enemy mine sweepers with machine gun fire. All machines returned safely.

Capture Raider Of Commerce In the Pacific

A Pacific Port, March 23:—A German raider operating in the Pacific Ocean has been captured and is being towed to this port, according to a report received from a U.S. cruiser.

The captured vessel is not a large one.

invited to subscribe.

Everyone who knew Jim May may put in a dollar to help preserve his memory in indestructible marble. He has enough friends who will be proud to subscribe sufficient funds for the purpose.

Send the money to The Miner. Every subscription will be acknowledged in these columns. Subscriptions are limited to one dollar for each individual.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items of Personal Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

District Forester R. E. Allen spent a day or two in town this week, returning to Prince Rupert on Thursday.

W. G. Mennie came in from Babine this week.

Born—at Hazelton Hospital, on March 11, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Naylor.

Mrs. R. J. Rock and children are visiting relatives in the south.

The pile driver used in the construction of the Bulkley bridge is being sent to Telkwa, for use on the new bridge there.

WILL HOLD A "WAR TIME" BANQUET

Preparations are being made by the ladies of Hazelton to hold a "War-Time" Banquet on Friday, April 5th.

The comfortable dining room of the Omineca Hotel has been placed at their disposal by Mr. Maguire. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The program and menu for the banquet will be announced next week in The Miner. Tickets for the affair will be on sale early next week at 50 cents each for adults and 25 cents for children, the proceeds of which will be given to the Red Cross.

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Britain's Outlook

The long weeks of forced inaction on the western front, contrasted with the rapid advance of Germany in the east and her forcing of her peace terms on Russia, Rumania and Finland, do not tend to make the Allies more cheerful. And just at this juncture we are informed that British shipbuilding has fallen down sadly, and even now the great shipyards on the Clyde are idle because of some labor difficulty. And while General Maurice comforts us by saying that the Allied superiority in men is diminishing steadily on the western front, Bonar Law gives us some more of the same kind of comfort by assuring us that if the Germans choose to attack the Allies at Saloniki it may be impossible to resist them. And meanwhile Sir Edward Carson attacks Sir Eric Geddes for removing Sir John Jellicoe, suggesting to the public mind that a mistake has been made in this most important matter. It is small wonder that the average Britisher, listening to this tale of woe, is ready to believe almost anything. But the war is not over yet, and despite all her bragging we do not think that Germany relishes the idea of trying to smash her way through the western line. And it is evidently now or never. And if Germany fails to smash the Allied line it is only a question of time before the Allied troops will be across the Rhine. The German high command officials are anxious to frighten Britain with the threat against India, but they know only too well that if their western line does not hold, their entire program of Russian conquests will be utterly worthless. Germany cannot win save by smashing the western front, and all her spectacular successes elsewhere have not perceptibly improved her chances there. The Allies have not lost the battle and they are not going to lose it. The fact that 150,000,000 English-speaking people are pledged to see it through is a fact we can not afford to ignore. Britain and the United States have never before fought shoulder to shoulder, but they are doing it now, and the fact is one ominous to their enemies.

—Christian Guardian.

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To the Tuscania's Dead

Comrades, beneath our British waters sleeping,
To whom death came thus early on the tide,
There comes to us the sound of women's weeping
For those in whom we share their country's pride.
You struck no blow in that high cause you cherished
While day by day you learned the soldier's trade,
Yet was your task accomplished when you perished,
Calm-eyed and undismayed.
Not yours to know the joys of high endeavor
Amid the crash and thunder of our war,
Your weapons yet unsheathed you rest for ever
And home and kin shall know your light no more,
But in our inmost hearts is writ your story,
Nor pride of place nor honor shall you yield
To those who yet shall win a crown of glory
On some victorious field.
And to the hearts whose pride it is to render
Their best and dearest in these cruel days
There speeds a message infinitely tender
From us who know the price that freedom pays.
We knew you not, whose heart was strong to aid us,
But let the manner of your passing tell
Our common kinship to the sires that made us.
Hail, brothers, and farewell!
—TOUCHSTONE.

COAL NOTICES

Hazelton Land District. District of Coast, Range V.

Take notice that J. K. Ashman, of Telkwa, B. C., occupation miner, intends to apply for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Lot 222, Range 5, Coast District, thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less, and being surveyed Lot 223, Range 5, Coast District.

Dated February 16th, 1918.

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Dated February 16th, 1918.

J. K. Ashman

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements NOTICE

QUEENA MINERAL CLAIM, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the southwestern shore of Babine Lake, and near Silver Island.

TAKE NOTICE that I. F. P. Burden, acting as agent for M. J. Kolb, Free Miner's Certificate No. 7362C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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Certificate of Improvements NOTICE

CONTACT, SUNSHINE, SUMMIT, RENO, VALLEY VIEW, GRANITE, QUARTZITE, DOMINION FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On Rocher de Boule Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that Dalby B. Morkill, B. C. Land Surveyor, of Hazelton, B. C., acting as agent for James Dean, Free Miner's Certificate No. 7331C, and James Gilmore, Free Miner's Certificate No. 1095C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 18th day of March, A. D. 1918. 30-38 Dalby B. Morkill

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION for the issue of a fresh Certificate of Title for Lot 32, Block 3, Town of Telkwa, (Map 817).

Satisfactory evidence having been furnished as to the loss of the Certificate of Title to the above lands, notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue after the expiration of thirty days after the first publication hereof a fresh Certificate of Title to the above lots in the name of Pete Saari, which Certificate of Title is dated 8th September, 1914, and is numbered 6529-1.

Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., 20th November, 1917.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar.



Synopsis Of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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Some can fight, some can work or pay.
ALL CAN SERVE!

What the World Is Doing and Saying

Snappy Briefs from all Quarters

Vancouver will have a municipal fish market.

Nearly 2,000 officers and men of the Canadian "originals" returned from Europe on furlough this week.

A Berlin despatch says that in February Entente aviators made 23 attacks on German towns.

The British government has issued a safe conduct to Count von Luxburg, former German ambassador to Argentina.

Capt. Wm. Redmond has become a candidate for the seat of Waterford, made vacant by the death of his father, John Redmond.

Roald Amundson, discoverer of the South Pole, will make an attempt to reach the North Pole.

An embargo may be placed on automobile importations in Canada.

Over 2,000 high school boys in B.C. are being enrolled for farm work.

Count von Kayserling has been appointed German commissioner for Lithuania, Courland and other conquered Russian territory.

E. N. Rhodes is the new speaker in the Dominion house.

The death of over 50 horses by poisoning at Covington, Ky., is attributed to the work of enemy agents.

Sir Thomas White, Canadian minister of finance, is seriously ill of nervous breakdown at Pasadena, Cal.

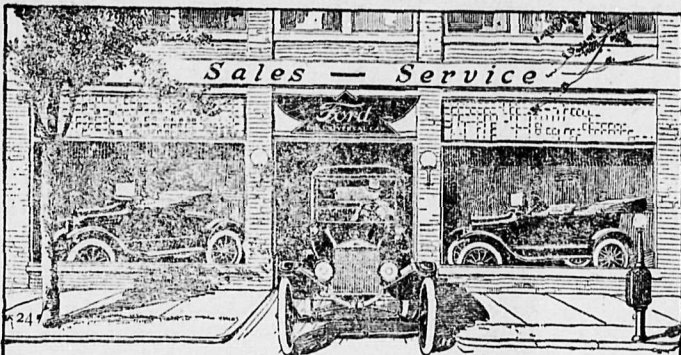
More than 1000 returned B.C. soldiers have applied for the advance of \$2500 to engage in farming under the Land Settlement Act.

Addressing Soldiers' Mail

In order to facilitate the handling of mail at the front and to ensure prompt delivery, it is requested that all mail be addressed as follows:

- Regimental Number.
- Rank.
- Name.
- Squadron, Battery or Company.
- Battalion, Regiment (or other unit), Staff appointment or Department.
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DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OTTAWA

Has Germany at Last Taken the Offensive?

British Army Headquarters in France, March 22:—The Germans launched a heavy attack on a wide front yesterday in and near the Cambrai sector. This assault bears all the earmarks of being the beginning of the enemy's grand offensive.

The enemy is reported advancing at several points between the Scarpe river and St. Quentin. Infantry have penetrated the British front line at points north of Lagnicourt and Louveral.

It is reported later that the Germans are advancing on St. Quentin ridge, and on the edge of the Cambrai salient, and also through Gauche wood, in the same sector, as well as through the brickfields near Croisilles-sur-Villers.

PARCELS MUST BE SENT TO RIGHT PRISON CAMP

Ottawa: The German authorities have issued a memorandum to the effect that parcels for prisoners of war interned in Germany must be addressed to the "parent" (or main) camps to which the prisoners belong, and must not bear the names of any branch or working camps or of any other place to which the prisoner might be detailed for special services.

Parcels for prisoners of war in hospitals also come within the meaning of these regulations.

In the interests of these prisoners it is essential, therefore, that these regulations be strictly adhered to, as otherwise the German authorities will not deliver the parcels to the prisoners of war for whom they are intended.

Allied Squadron Sinks Hun Ships Near Dunkirk

London, March 22:—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, the admiralty has announced. One British destroyer was damaged. The engagement took place off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight, while there were no French casualties.

PRAIRIE FARMERS SEED ALREADY IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, March 19:—Word has been brought to the grain exchange that several farmers of the Mennonite district at Winkler, Man., were busy on the land and that seeding operations had commenced. This is the earliest on record for a number of years.

RED CROSS NEEDS CONSIDERABLE SUM

Winnipeg, March 19:—Approximately \$10,000,000 is Canada's budget this year for the Red Cross, of which \$4,350,000 is called for in cash and between six and seven million dollars in supplies, according to Col. Noel Marshall, president of the Canadian Red Cross Committee.

FINED FOR NEGLECTING TO CULTIVATE FARM

At Buckingham, England, recently a farmer was summoned for neglecting cultivation. He was ordered to give up possession of the farm in 14 days and pay a £10 fine and £50 costs. He had occupied the farm, which comprises 200 acres, for over 30 years.

Read the Miner. It carries the news.

Tonnage Sunk Nearly Double Of Ships Built

Washington, March 22:—Secret and corrected figures of the British admiralty on submarine losses and world ship building were made public today here by the British embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk on January 1, 1918, Allied and neutral shipping had lost since the war began 11,827,522 gross tons, while shipyards outside of the central powers were turning out 6,606,275 tons.

These figures, long withheld, are now made public, because, while they will not stimulate the enemy, they will impress upon the people the necessity for united action in making good the losses imposed by submarines.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND IS PLACED AT HIGH VALUE

According to the returns received, the average value of farm land for the whole of Canada, including land improved and unimproved, together with dwelling houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings, is approximately \$44 per acre, as compared with \$41 in 1916. The average values by provinces are as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$43.70; Nova Scotia, \$33.60; New Brunswick, \$28.80; Quebec, \$53; Ontario, \$55.30; Manitoba, \$31.00; Saskatchewan, \$26.00; Alberta, \$26.70; British Columbia, \$149. In the last named province, the higher average is due to orcharding and fruit growing.

Methodist Church

Rev. R. C. Scott will preach at 7:20 tomorrow evening on the subject: "Behold Thy King Cometh Unto Thee."

Special music.

The Bible Study group will meet every Thursday evening in St. Andrew's Hall, and will discuss "The Message of Jesus to Our Modern Life," the widely-circulated work of Shailer Mathews, president of Chicago University.

All are cordially invited.

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Through the Window

As we gaze through the window and view the slow vanquishing of the last rearguard of winter by the warm winds that herald the coming of the spring, our thoughts move towards that portion of the world where the snow that fell was died crimson in the blood of men, and we are moved to consider the what-might-have-been: if Germany had not violated Belgium; if Belgium had not delayed the Teuton advance; if Britain had not entered the war; if Verdun had fallen to the crewn prince; if Russia had not thrown up the sponge, sweeping us in turn from the drearest of pessimism to the most boundless of optimism.

Then turning from the past we reflect upon the future—What does it hold for us?—Sacrifices, victories, reverses perhaps, which will shock the national fabric in their way, and which will cheer us and depress us accordingly.

But this is a fight to a finish, favor us or go against us, as it may. We cannot but see that the struggle must continue for some time. Our cause is just; we cannot, we must not be beaten. To lose would be to relinquish all hope of peace on earth and good will to men.

So in this dark hour of our need, the call goes forth for our

strongest efforts. Freedom must conquer. Therefore gird up your loins you sons of Mars, you tillers of the soil, you miners who delve, you Spartan women who work in the day and who weep for your lost at night, and Forward, Forward to Victory!

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