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LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items Of General Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

Roy Hobart, of Vancouver, was here this week.

Ed. Nagle, of Edmonton, came in on Thursday.

James Merritt, of Victoria, arrived on Monday.

F. R. Alexander arrived from Prince Rupert on Tuesday.

H. D. Cameron is paying a business visit to Edmonton.

Indians brought in a large amount of fur during the week.

E. A. Taylor, of Port Essington, was among the week's visitors.

Bishop Du Vernet preached in St. Peter's Church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. James MacKay has been ill for some days. Her condition is slightly improved.

Mrs. W. H. Sharpe, who has been rather seriously ill, is reported somewhat better.

Among Tuesday's arrivals were R. J. Seymour, C. G. Jonas, and Robert Spencer, of Edmonton.

R. A. Harlow and S. B. Peacock, of the G. T. P. engineering staff, arrived from the east on Tuesday.

Magistrate Hoskins will visit Gitwangak next week to investigate charges of cruelty to horses and dogs.

Wm. Langlands, who has been visiting relatives here, left on Wednesday for his headquarters at Calgary.

Sam Eby, a former Hazelton man, who has been in business at Terrace for several years, spent a couple of days in town during the week.

Telegraphic Briefs

Sydney: Many voters of German extraction voted against conscription in Australia.

New York: The French liner Chicago, the largest transatlantic steamer, arrived from Bordeaux.

Washington: The new alien land act is likely to cause diplomatic difficulties with Japan.

London: A reception unique in character will be given the overseas statesmen attending the Imperial conference.

New York: Boy Scouts numbering 600,000 have been ordered by their national council to prepare for service.

Ottawa: The war loan to be issued next month will be purely domestic. The war tax has increased Canada's revenue for the year ten millions.

On Grouse Mountain

John Brown, who is in charge of work on the Cassiar Crown group, is in town. He reports good progress on this noted copper property, and predicts big doings in the Grouse Mountain section.

NAVY CHECKS HUN SUBMARINES

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY GROWING SERIOUS--- AMERICANS REGARD WAR AS INEVITABLE

London: The admiralty has the U-boat campaign well in hand. More vessels arrived in British ports on Wednesday than on any one day in the last six months. Figures show that the percentage of loss is small, only four ships having been sunk out of 140 arrivals. Navy men say the new submarines are inferior, being hastily constructed and manned by inexperienced crews.

London: British airplanes successfully bombarded the harbor of Bruges, damaging German shipping. One machine is missing.

Paris: Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans in a French raid on the second line of enemy trenches in the Puisaleine region. There was artillery activity in the Champagne sector.

The German people are on the verge of starvation. Hindenburg, who is in control, coldly ignores the sufferings of the masses and plans for army needs alone. It is evidently realized that defeat faces the nation this year. Graft is rampant, the police apparently being unable to stop it. Cold has ruined much food. Huge quantities of apples and potatoes have been frozen and fuel is scarce.

Washington: President Wilson and his advisors now regard war with Germany as absolutely inevitable, and at an early date. Every effort is being made to unite the nation for eventualities.

The arrival of German submarines off the American coast is expected daily. It has been established that German money was used to foment the insurrection in Cuba. The navy board is meeting secretly.

Americans in Austria have been warned to leave, but officials hope to avoid a breach with Austria.

The government is taking steps to frustrate German plotters and to protect the railroads.

Germany has released the 72 Americans held with the Yarrowdale prisoners, and has modified the orders which would compel the retirement from Belgium of American relief workers.

London: The British people have shown themselves eager to subscribe for the great loan which is expected to end the war. The final rush of investors took place today, and it is fully expected that the loan will be oversubscribed.

London: Submarines torpedoed two British steamers and two trawlers yesterday.

France will vote 9,574,000,000 francs for the war fund.

Germany has loaned the Turks 42,500,000 Turkish pounds.

Petrograd: A Teutonic attack on the Russian lines east of Lemberg, in Galicia, was repulsed. On the Roumanian front infantry are engaged.

Mrs. Temple's Telegram

Don't forget to be at Assembly Hall next Tuesday evening, when "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" will be performed by an amateur cast for the first time in B. C. This famous farce is full of humor. Temple's efforts to deceive his wife, supported by his friend Fuller; an insight into the domestic felicity of the Brown family, and the laughable confidences of Wigson in his efforts to sympathize with everybody, all go to make up an enjoyable performance. Don't miss it. Feb 20, at 8 p.m.

Santa Maria Still Shipping

Jefferson & Dockrill are loading two cars of Santa Maria ore at Telkwa. This property will ship regularly as long as sleighing lasts.

Jack Brown, who saw some of the ore at Telkwa, says it is bornite of remarkably fine appearance.

Going to Ingineca

Several parties of placer miners are preparing to leave for the Ingineca district. It is expected that the river trail will be in condition for use next week.

Copenhagen: Norway, Sweden and Denmark have sent identical notes to Germany, protesting against the "barred zone" order.

RED CROSS EVENT A BIG SUCCESS

The Valentine Social held in St. Andrew's Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the Red Cross, was largely attended, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The committee in charge presented a pleasing program, which included several numbers by the school children, songs, musical numbers, etc. The main event of the evening was the delivery of Valentines through the "postoffice" established for that purpose. The usual postal arrangements were reversed, the postage being collected on delivery. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion, hearts and cupids having prominent places in the general scheme, an idea which was also carried out in the refreshments served at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Frisco to Ship

The Journal reports that the Frisco property, on Legate Creek, will be worked this season by a company headed by W. Tuttle, of Prince Rupert. Some ten tons of ore from this group was treated at Granby last fall and averaged about $200 a ton.

St. Patrick's Day

The ladies of Hazelton Women's Auxiliary announce a Tea for the benefit of the Soldiers' Aid on the afternoon of St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17. The Soldiers' Aid Committee is planning an entertainment for the evening, but has not yet decided what form the event will take.

Practical Mining Method

They have formed a development syndicate in Hedley, says the Gazette, to take over and work claims on lease and bond. The scheme has worked satisfactorily in other camps, often realizing good returns on the investment. The scheme is for a number of men to invest $5 or $10 monthly, bond a claim, and put men to work developing it. All are contributors or workers. If pay ore is struck big enough to lift the bond and pay dividends it may prove a big winner. On the other hand, there is the known investment and loss should it prove a failure. It is a good gamble. The scheme could be worked in almost any camp.

Paris: The German submarine campaign is so far ineffective. On Monday 112 ships entered French ports. A reward of 500,000 francs will be paid to the crew of any merchant ship sinking a submarine.

BIG RECRUITING MEETING

Engineer Officer Shows Moving Pictures of Recruits in Training

The most interesting recruiting meeting yet held in Hazelton took place last night, when Assembly Hall was crowded to hear Lieut Evans, of the 6th Canadian Engineers, tell of the training and work of that highly important branch of the army. The lecture was illustrated by means of moving pictures showing the experiences of an Engineer recruit from his appearance at the recruiting office to the departure of a draft for overseas, giving the audience an interesting view of one phase of war operations. The lieutenant's address was interesting and to the point, and will undoubtedly result in further accessions to the ranks of the Engineers, in which service Hazelton men have already won distinction.

An excellent concert program added to the interest of the occasion. Piano selections and accompaniments were played by Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Chappell and Miss Hogan; Mrs. Chettleburgh, Miss Davis, and H. H. Little sang appropriate and pleasing solos, and H. H. Phillips gave a reading. F. B. Chettleburgh and N. R. Carey handled the moving pictures. S. H. Hoskins was chairman.

Lieut. Evans leaves for Smithers this evening.

Recruiting for 11th Irish

Lieut. D. J. Gordon will arrive in Hazelton tomorrow to enlist men for the 11th Irish Fusiliers re-inforcements. He will hold a meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 19, and will show recent war pictures and give a lecture on the war.

Opening Postponed

Victoria: Owing to the death of Hon. Ralph Smith, the opening of the legislature has been postponed until March 1.

To Recruit Indians

A construction and forestry corps of Indians is being formed, for service overseas. Capt. A. M. Tyson, inspector of Indian agencies, is in charge of recruiting for this unit in B.C., and will arrive in Hazelton this evening, to continue the work begun by Indian Agent Loring, who has taken steps to interest the natives.

Methodist Church

Dr. Sager will preach tomorrow evening on the subject: "Instead of a Thorn."

Miss P. Jackson will sing. You are cordially invited to attend.

Coming Events

Feb. 19—War Pictures and Lecture by Lieut. D. J. Gordon, St. Andrew's Hall.

Feb. 20—Hospital Concert and Play, Assembly Hall.

March 17—W. A. Afternoon Tea. Evening Entertainment for Soldiers' Aid.

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"The War First Party is the only party for Canada now," cried Ralph Connor towards the end of his address on the "The Last Round" in St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal, a few days ago. "That party would get the votes of all the soldiers in the trenches. Their mothers would all vote for it, and all the women who have sent their loved ones to the front would line up with that party. 'I dinna grudge my boy,' was what a Winnipeg mother said to me when I had to tell her of the last moments of her boy at the front.

"The second thing for all true Canadians is to line up behind the determination to abandon all parties which refuse to join this one," continued the speaker, in trying to drive home his feeling that it is all important just now that the British Empire should make an impressive display of strength and of a united and unbreakable determination to carry on the war until the military power of Germany is broken beyond repair.

"I went to the Somme by roads and hill-sides crowded with British guns, British equipment and British soldiers. When I got to the front line and could see over to the German lines I saw a strange and gladdening sight. In the Ypres salient we had always kept our guns under cover. I have walked within ten feet of a big gun without detecting it. They were shot from hedges and cellars and we had to do it because the preponderance of artillery was not with us. But there, on the Somme, our guns were in the open, lining all the hilltops, and firing night and day without fear, absolutely dominating the situation. The next thing I saw was that over our heads were those strange humming birds that we love to see when they have the proper bird tails. Those with fish tails we do not care for. I counted 27 of them winging their way backwards and forwards over our lines and the German lines without opposition. There were 20 or 30 observation balloons sailing entirely undisturbed. Far back of the German lines were two solitary little balloons and now and then emerging from a cloud the nose of a Fritz air-bird. We hold the supremacy of the air as far as the Somme is concerned.

"I saw our lads come back from a fight. They came sauntering along with trails of German prisoners, not, as you would expect, with bayonets fixed, to make sure of the prisoners, but one little corporal or sergeant, with his rifle swung over his shoulder, would be shepherding a bunch of prisoners behind him, all glad to come. Don't think I am discounting the German fighter. Those men are great and mighty and splendid fighters, but they have this misfortune: They have stood up against the most terrible artillery in the history of the world, the British artillery. It has smashed their trenches out of existence, and made their dugouts sepulchers for living men and dead. When our men go across the Germans come out absolutely paralyzed, and are glad to surrender. Not only in artillery and air service, but in the morale of the fighting men, we have discovered two things on the Somme: First, we know we can beat them; and second, they know we can beat them. And that is why the peace flag floats in the air today. That is why we are at the beginning of what I think will be the last round."

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GERMAN NAVY AS FORLORN HOPE

Washington, Feb. 12:—Naval experts predict that the German fleet will again try conclusions with the British if the submarine starvation blockade against England fails. They base their reasoning on the belief that Germany's blockade is undertaken as a measure of desperation, because the point of actual starvation has been reached in Geomany. Before surrendering unconditionally to the Allies, however, after the failure of this plan, Germany will undoubtedly make a final, supreme effort to wrest control of the seas from the Entente. As to the outcome, while a British victory is predicted, Germany will choose the occasion with the utmost craftiness and, fighting on her own terms, will inflict heavy losses. If the conditions precedent to such a battle present themselves, the world may look for the greatest and most destructive naval battle in history, it is declared. Germany's failure with both her submarines and her high seas fleet, it is said, will mean that the Allies will be able to command absolute surrender and to impose their terms on Germany and her allies.

If Germany were brought to her knees by the British blockade she would have to surrender her vessels, and this, naval experts say she will never do, but will prefer to have them sunk by the British in battle, after taking a toll of British ships.

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The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

Cardinal Falconio is dead at Rome.

The war is costing Britain £5,790,000 a day.

Britain's tax on excess profits will yield £100,000,000.

Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia, has been knighted.

The labor shortage in the northwest provinces is serious.

Fuel oil has been discovered in England, at a depth of 2240 feet.

War savings certificates are selling at the rate of 1000 a day.

The Dolan canning factory at St. Catherines was burned on Wednesday.

Members of Toronto Canadian Club strongly favor a "national" government.

The keel of the fourth auxiliary schooner to be built at Victoria has been laid.

A state-wide prohibition bill passed in the Illinois senate, by 31 votes to 18.

No embargo will be placed on the export of raw salmon from B. C. this year.

Villa is reported to have defeated Carranzist forces in northern Chihuahua.

Ambassador Gerard has left Berne for Paris. He will return on a Spanish boat.

An American correspondent says the German diet is 40 per cent below normal.

Thirteen lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Kenwood hotel in Minneapolis.

A German plot to block the Panama canal was frustrated by the U. S. authorities.

Famous palaces in London have been taken over by the war department to provide offices.

Five thousand garment workers in Montreal are on strike for shorter hours and higher wages.

A minimum pension of $5 a week will be paid to widows of British soldiers and sailors killed in the war.

The Duke of Norfolk, earl marshal of England, died on Monday. His income is estimated at $7,500,000.

The Voight group, on Copper mountain, near Princeton, is reported sold to a New York syndicate for $3,000,000.

Wilson was officially declared elected on Wednesday, the vote in the electoral college being Wilson 277, Hughes 254.

An explosion and fire occurred on the Holland-American liner Noordam, tied up in New York harbor. One man was killed.

It is reported that Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, will be Canada's high commissioner in London after the war.

Nineteen Russian officials, who will make a survey of the Russian population of the U.S. and Canada, have arrived at San Francisco.

Between fifty and sixty thousand Servian women and children have been deported to Austria and interned for alleged crimes.

There is an unpredented congestion of freight in Chicago and other middle west terminals. Eastern lines will not accept shipments, owing to the disarrangement of American shipping caused by the submarine menace.

Bonar Law this week asked the British parliament for a war credit of two and three-quarter billion dollars, the largest vote in history.

Social Democrats in Russia are accused of fomenting labor troubles, with the ultimate aim of making Russia a social-democratic republic.

A four-million-dollar fire destroyed the Pittsburgh plant of the Union Switch & Signal Co., which was recently engaged in making munitions.

The Dominion government is considering the advisability of calling out the militia forces to patrol the boundary. Fifty thousand men can be mobilized.

Officials of trades unions and Socialist organizations in Germany, hitherto exempted from military service, have been called up, to the number of ten thousand.

Many German officers have slipped from the U.S. into Mexico, where they have men and munitions ready to act against the States if war with Germany is declared.

Plans for the inaugural ceremonies at Washington on March 4 have been again revised. The parade will be a pompous pageant, giving the people an opportunity to display their patriotism.

Charging crimes and misdemeanors in the administration of the currency laws, Lindbergh, of Wisconsin, asked congress to impeach Governor Harding, Paul Warburg and other members of the federal reserve board.

SUDDEN DEATH OF RALPH SMITH

Victoria, Feb. 12:—Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance in the provincial government, died today of uræmic poisoning, after a brief illness. The announcement came as a profound shock. The deceased statesman had a long and honorable record in public life. Premier Brewster declares that Hon. Mr. Smith was an administrator of pronounced ability. Leading citizens of Vancouver and Victoria speak in the highest terms of the deceased minister.

Hobberlin's spring and summer suitings have arrived at Noel & Rock's.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

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Dated this 15th day of January, A. D. 1917.

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NOTICE

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Dated this second day of December, A.D. 1916. Jas. E. Dean.

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.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

MONDAY, FEB. 12

London: The British forces in Mesopotamia have resumed the offensive successfully and have taken 1200 yards of Turkish trenches south of Kut-el-Amara.

On the western front the chief activity was in the Verdun sector, where artillery was active on both sides of the Meuse. There were numerous aerial combats, two German machines being brought down in the French lines. Lieut. Guynemer accounted for his 31st enemy plane.

German newspapers pray that the zeppelin disappointment will not be repeated in the case of the submarine campaign. They express the conviction that less than seven weeks of undersea warfare will put England out of action.

Washington: The U.S is anxious to avoid war, but will refuse to make any concessions. It is believed Germany is playing for time in her dealings with the States, and hopes to postpone action until the starvation blockade has succeeded or proven a failure. President Wilson is preparing for war.

Deep resentment has been caused by the delay to Gerard's departure.

Bernstorff and staff sail on Wednesday on the steamer Frederick VIII for Christiania.

American ships arestill delayed. No convoys are provided.

New York: A method to detect the whereabouts of submarines has been found. It is still a question whether the U.S. or one of the Entente nations possesses the carefully-guarded secret.

Newport News: The British steamer Japanese Prince, en route to Southampton with horses and general cargo, was torpedoed. It is not known whether the 25 American muleteers aboard are rescued.

London: Ambassador Penfield is negotiating with Austria-Hungary concerning that country's proposal to allow Americans to travel unhindered in the Mediterranean hoping thereby to avert a severance of relations with the United States.

The exodus of Americans from Germany has begun.

The Norwegian steamers Ellavore and Havgard and the British steamer Beechtree have been torpedoed.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

London: British success on the Somme continues. Yesterday our forces captured German trenches on a front of more than three-quarters of a mile.

Patrol activity is reported in the Argonne and Champagne theaters, on the French front. Elsewhere the day was calm in the west.

Petrograd: German troops penetrated the Russian lines near Stanislau, Galicia, but were ejected by a counter-attack.

There were exchanges of fire on the Roumanian front. Scouting and reconnaissances are reported in the Caucasus.

On the Black Sea three enemy schooners, loaded with corn, were sunk by our vessels, near the Anatolian coast.

Rome: There was a desperate battle over the week-end around Gorizia sector. The struggle ended victoriously for the Italians.

Berne: Gerard expects to sail for the States on Feb. 24, from Barcelona, Spain. He will remain here a few days. The former ambassador has sent Wilson messages carrying details of Germany's threat to hold American newspaper correspondents hostages unless Gerard would sign a treaty practically guaranteeing that in case of war German ships now in American harbors would be permitted to leave. Gerard refused to negotiate or officially deal with Germany in any way.

Large numbers of Americans who still remain in Berlin are anxious to leave, but indications are that they will be delayed for days, or even weeks.

Washington: The impatience of shipping men over the forced detention of American vessels in their home ports because of Germany's U-boat war, appears likely to hasten a decision on the question of armament for merchantmen. The solution probably will be the issuance of navy department guns to merchant ships desiring them.

Bryan is busy on peace issues. Official Washington is incensed at the pacifist propaganda, in which the world may see the U.S. as "Too Fat to Fight".

Wilson today formally notified Germany that the States cannot enter into negotiations tending to avert an armed clash between the two nations until the new U-boat decree is withdrawn.

London: An important conference has been called by the Kaiser, presumably to discuss the submarine question. A modification of the undersea campaign may result.

Germany has only second-class troops on the Dutch frontier.

China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany.

WEDNES., FEB. 14

New York: Seven steamers from British ports to New York have made the trip across the Atlantic without mishap. They were convoyed by a cordon of warships. Trawlers swept the steamship lane clear of mines, while cruisers gave protection from submarines. The warships sailed in funnel-shaped formation, perfectly guarding the convoy.

The British admiralty has demonstrated its wonderful superiority in protecting shipping in the barred zone. Admiral Bacon says it is not necessary to worry about the submarines. German boasts are not warranted, the successes of the U-boats being comparatively slight.

Buenos Ayres: A British cruiser destroyed a German raider, after a gruelling battle off the Brazilian coast.

Washington: By quickly and sharply replying to Germany's suggestions for negotiations tending to avoid war, President Wilson is considered to have handed out a hint to organized pacifists and propagandists. Wilson intimates that those working against war are laboring at the wrong end of the trouble. The way to peace is for Germany to withdraw her U-boat decrees.

Germany's actions toward Gerard and other Americans has aroused anger. Official notice that the Yarrowdale prisoners are still detained in Germany has served to increase the spirit of antagonism.

Senator Salsbury offered a resolution that neutrality be dropped and all U.S. ports be thrown open to Allied warships. He said "This might enable the government, without declaration of war, to assist in preventing violations of rights on the sea, by giving assistance to those engaged in combating those violations." It is understood that the resolution has Wilson's complete approval.

London: Five persons were killed outright when a submarine sank the White Star freighter Afric, chartered by the admiralty. Seventeen of the crew are missing. The steamer was a steel vessel of 12,000 tons registry.

London: There is no news from any of the battlefronts.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

London: Germany's denial that any invitation was given the United States to parley on the submarine question, is taken as confirming well-authenticated previous reports that the Kaiser's government had determined to go on with the undersea warfare regardless of everything else. Amsterdam despatches conveying this denial were received today, and divide public interest with the information given in the house of commons showing the ineffectiveness of the U-boat "blockade". Admiral Beresford declared that while Britain had lost four million tons of shipping since the war began, her shipyards had already replaced three million tons.

The war office has published a long list of distinctions conferred upon Canadian officers and men for gallantry in the field.

Washington: The American schooner Lyman M. Law, 1300 tons, was stopped by an Austrian submarine and destroyed by means of a bomb. The Americans aboard were landed. A break with Austria seems inevitable.

Those close to the president believe the government will actively assist American shipowners to arm their merchant vessels.

Officials are suspicious of German influences in Mexican and Cuban affairs. In the former country, it is feared, Hun agents may stir Carranza up to hostile acts. Britain will undoubtedly take action if the Tampico oilfields, which supply the navy, are interfered with. In Cuba there is already an uprising. Havana is practically under martial law.

The state department is anxious to hear from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople. There has been no word from him since the severance of relations with Germany. It is feared the Turks are interfering with his correspondence.

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