

## BATTLE OF VERDUN MAY MARK BEGINNING OF END HUNS MAY HAVE SIGNED OVER DEATH WARRANT Forty-Five Thousand Germans Killed In Recent Fight The Italian Government Requisitioned German Ships

### Price Of Halibut At This Port Was Eight And An Eighth Cents

Yesterday was Fish Day in Canada—a day set aside at the request of the Fisheries Association, for the purpose of encouraging a larger use of fish throughout the Dominion than is now the case. By co-incident the price of halibut in this port reached its highest figure yesterday. The price prevailing was 8 1-8 cents a pound to the fishing boats. The quantity of halibut in port is not large. There have been light catches so far this year for the most part. Prince Rupert has been receiving the big share of the halibut caught, and the demand has been very pronounced.

H. O. Roberts, of the San Juan Company, bought the independent catches that were in port yesterday, at the figure given. None of the others bought, but the purchases of Mr. Roberts were not large, when compared with what has many times been the case here. He purchased about 20,000 pounds.

The Zebasse, Capt. Parsons, of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, came into port yesterday. She had 58,000 pounds on board, which is practically a full catch for her.

With good weather conditions and good fresh bait, it is anticipated that there should be good sized catches brought in from now on.

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### POWERS IN NEAR EAST LOOKING TO ALLIES FOR SOME MONEY

Athens, Feb. 29.—Alarmed at the Russian advance in Asia Minor and at the inability of the Germans to render aid, the Turks and Bulgarians are asking for an understanding with the Entente Allies.

Bulgaria fears that she will lose her capital of Sofia, and both powers are greatly alarmed over the new turn of events. They ask for the observance of territorial integrity.

The Turks are hastily evacuating Trebizond and the neighboring ports on the coast of the Black Sea.

### ROCHER DE BOULE IS ACTIVE CAMP

REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL  
OF THE PROPERTIES THERE  
ARE IN CITY

Red Rose Will Likely Have Ore  
For Shipping This  
Summer.

The mines at Rocher de Boule Mountain give excellent promise for the summer. At the Rocher de Boule property itself, the company is continuing to get out a good supply of ore for shipment to Granby through here. At the same time the management is sinking a shaft to test the ore at depth. They will sink it, it is said, 250 feet, thus proving the body for a total depth of 550 feet.

This mine has been one that has made a name for the camp, and has established the claim for permanency. (Continued on Page Two.)

### ITALIANS TAKE OVER INTERNED SHIPS

THIRTY-FOUR OF GERMAN VES-  
SELS HAVE BEEN RE-  
QUISITIONED

Announcement To This Effect Made  
In House Of Com-  
mons.

London, Feb. 29.—It was announced in the House of Commons today, that the Italian Government has requisitioned thirty-four of the thirty-seven German ships interned in Italian waters.

**Red Cross Dance.**  
The ladies in charge of the English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh portion of the carnival of the Allies, which is to be held at the Exhibition Building during Easter week, will hold a dance on Thursday evening. (Continued on Page Three.)

### Alice Arm Shaping For Commercial Work In Early Spring

Alice Arm promises to be a record mining camp this summer. Things are now shaping up well for this. The properties that are being worked are all looking excellent and general activity is prophesied.

W. M. Law, well known here, who now lives at Houston, in the Bulkley Valley, has just returned from Alice Arm. While there he went into the whole situation from the standpoint of locating in a general business. He has decided to do so, and will erect a store near the site of the proposed wharf and will put in a stock of merchandise for the convenience of the camp.

R. B. McGinnis, whose property,

the Dolly Varden, is giving such excellent results, is expected here on Thursday from the south. He will on his arrival give his attention to the letting of the contracts for the building of the wharf and for the construction of the road from the wharf to the mine. This work will probably run into \$100,000. The road is 18 miles long to the nearest property. It is a matter of getting a road along the face of a rocky mountain, which at one place at least is along the face of a precipice in reality.

There will be well on to 1,000 men employed in the camp, it is believed, this summer. It is thus evident that the camp is going to be one capable of supporting a large population. The mine will be developed also, with as little delay as possible.

O. Ovindsen is going to erect a large hotel there. The cost of the building planned is put at \$10,000. J. Crawford, of this city, is also preparing for an active year there. He has taken horses in and will be prepared for all kinds of work. The camp is not dependent upon the one property, the Dolly Varden, but other rich prospects exist there.

## French Troops Are Gradually Regaining Positions Lost During Fighting Near Verdun Authorities Regard It As Beginning of End

Amsterdam, Feb. 29.—Forty-five thousand have been killed in the fighting about Verdun. One regiment has been formed out of the remnants of ten others.

**Intense Fighting.**  
Paris, Feb. 29.—The bombardment north of Verdun is continuing with great intensity. East of the Meuse there has been a resumption of violent local attacks.

Near the village of Duamont the fighting came to a hand to hand encounter. The Germans were repulsed by the French troops.

After an intense artillery fire the Germans captured the village of Manheulles, but a counter attack brought the French to the western boundary of this location. The French now hold Manheulles under their fire.

In Lorraine the Germans succeeded in occupying small sections of French trenches, but were very shortly driven from these positions.

**May Mark Change.**  
The French counter attacks at Verdun may mark, the battle raging there, as the beginning of the end of the war on the western front, according to military authorities.

The opinion is held that the trenches have literally been scrapped, and the deadlock, arising from the long drawn fortress so constituted, has been replaced by the old-fashioned pitched battle. This is the great lesson of the German attempt to take Verdun. In teaching this new lesson, however, there are good reasons for believing that Germany may have signed its own death warrant.

**Divergence In Character.**  
The battle of Verdun illustrates not only the difference in the French and German modes of attack, but also a fundamental divergence between the Gaul and Teuton. France stands for the individual as the pivot of all action; Germany for scientific efficiency, with the individual not considered, provided the mass succeeds. The French in the Champagne offensive last September relied on the human factor of surprise. They dealt a sudden, staggering blow that won in a single day nearly a hundred cannon and twenty thousand prisoners. The Germans, on the contrary, begin with ponderous momentum, in the hope that the pressure steadily maintained and ever increasing may ultimately burst all barriers.

**Germans Well Prepared.**  
The German forces are known to be supported by numerous fifteen-inch and seventeen-inch Austrian

mortars, with all the heavy artillery used in the Serbian campaign and part of that formerly employed on the Russian front.

Preparations for the battle were observed early in December, when the first troops assigned to the operation were brought up. Eight divisions which returned from Serbia were sent to Belgium for a rest and then transported to the region of Verdun in January. Five army corps in all are known to have been brought up to reinforce two army corps which previously held that part of the line between Etain and Vauquois.

These were the best troops of the German army, including, according to prisoners, the famous corps of Brandenburg, supposedly equal in valor to the Prussian Guard, and the Fifth Army corps, commanded by General von Deimling, known in France as one of the most brilliant of the German general officers.

**Name Has Fascination.**  
The resoluteness of the Germans to capture the fortress is explained by the fascination the name Verdun has had on the minds of the German people since 1792 and the consequent moral value of its fall to the Germans. This psychological position, in the judgment of high military critics, explains the presence of Emperor William behind the troops and the orders of the day issued to the army by the Crown Prince and the generals.

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### GERMANS PAID LITTLE ATTENTION

VICTORIA MAN WOUNDED, TAKEN  
PRISONER SPEAKS HARSHLY  
OF TREATMENT

He Blames His Captors For The Loss  
Of His Leg While In  
Germany.

The war is bringing out the true character of the Germans. This is shown in the brutality practised toward prisoners and those unable to defend themselves. There has arrived in Canada recently a party of exchanged prisoners, all of whom have little to say in favor of the Germans.

One of the saddest cases is that of Private John Davey, Victoria, B. C., Seventh Battalion, who comes home minus a leg as the result of the treatment the Germans accord wounded prisoners, especially British. Private Davey tells his own story:  
"It was at Langhemarcq on April 24 that my troubles commenced. We were retiring when I was shot in the knee and fell. The Germans swept on past me and I was left on the field. It was on Saturday morning that I was shot and it was on Monday (Continued on Page Two.)"

### WOMAN SUFFRAGE MOTION DEFEATED IN COMMONS

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Hon. William Pugsley moved in the House of Commons last night that the franchise be given to the women of all provinces where provincial woman suffrage has been allowed. The motion was defeated.

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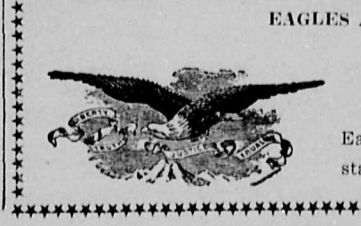
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## GOVERNMENT WEATHER REPORT

Furnished by F. W. Dowling.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 29, 1916.

Bar. reduced to sea level ... 29.620  
Highest temperature ..... 44.  
Lowest temperature ..... 26.

### Summary For Month Of February.

Mean temperature ..... 36.3  
Highest temperature, on 18th, 60.  
Lowest temperature, on 1st, 14.  
Precipitation, snow ..... .82  
Rain ..... 6.10  
Total precipitation ..... 6.92

## PERSONALS

Wm. Goldbloom is back in the city, after a fur buying trip to Hazelton.

March First starts the Big Sale at Kirkpatrick's.

D. J. Williams, superintendent of the Rocher de Boule mine, arrived by the train last night.

Wm. McAdams, of the Red Rose mine at Rocher de Boule mountain, reached the city last evening.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Get your new Spring Suit at March Sale at Kirkpatrick's.

The steamer Spokane called yesterday on her way to Skagway from Seattle.

The Eagles' Club will hold its first social evening in the K. of P. Hall this evening.

The steamer Venture returned last evening from Anyox and way ports on her way south.

The Methodist Church will hold an old-fashioned entertainment at the church on Monday evening.

Miss Vance, a sister of W. D. Vance of the city hall staff, has arrived in the city to take a position as milliner at Mrs. Frizzell's.

The repairs to the Government wharf shed have been completed. Superintendent Beatty will move back to his quarters there today.

In line with the Fish Day, inaugurated by the Fisheries Association, the Hotel Prince Rupert last evening served a dinner, the menu of which

was practically confined to fish dishes.

Dr. Brown will leave this week for Anyox for a few weeks. He makes it a practice to visit the smelter town regularly.

The public schools in this city, as elsewhere in the Province, will open, commencing today, at 9 o'clock each morning.

The city council meets at 5 o'clock today for a few minutes, to finally pass upon the bylaw increasing the rate of interest on the bond issue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford arrived by the train last evening. Mrs. Ford has just returned from a visit at her old home in Toronto.

A. Williamson, of the Provincial Road Office, is joining the 102nd Battalion for active service. Mrs. Williamson expects to go south when the local company leaves here.

Charles Bloomberg, who was taken to the hospital suffering from wounds self inflicted, is evidently mentally deranged. It has been found necessary to put special guards over him.

George B. Singleton and K. S. Littlejohn, of San Francisco, are here for the purpose of tendering on the construction of the wharf and the road at Alice Arm to the Dolly Varden mine.

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PATRIOTIC DANCE GIVEN  
LAST NIGHT BY ODDFELLOWS

Enjoyable Evening Spent At McIntyre Hall.

The Oddfellows Lodge gave an enjoyable dance last evening in the McIntyre Hall. The proceeds went to the Patriotic Fund. The attendance was large and the music under the conductorship of C. Balagno all that could be wished for.

Refreshments were served during the evening. The pleasant weather added materially to the comfort of those attending the function.

## RED CROSS.

(Continued from Page One.)

March 2, in the Catholic Hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and to them a jolly good time is guaranteed. Refreshments will be served. Admission 50c.



## "WATER ACT, 1914."

Before The Board Of Investigation In the Matter of Cougar Lake, Bear Lake, Paradise Lake, Findlay Creek, Paradise Creek, and all other Lakes and Streams on Princess Royal Island, Coast District.

TAKE NOTICE that each and every person, partnership, company or municipality who, on the 12th day of March, 1909, had water rights on any of the above-mentioned streams, is directed to forward, on or before the 10th day of March, 1916, to the Comptroller of Water Rights, at the Parliament Buildings at Victoria, a statement of claim in writing, as required by section 294 of the "Water Act, 1914". Printed forms for such statement (Form No. 50 for irrigation or Form No. 51 for other purposes) can be obtained from any of the Water Recorders in the Province.

AND TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the said Board will be held at the office of the Board, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1916, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the evidence and argument on the said claims and on any objections filed will be heard.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 28th day of January, 1916. For the Board of Investigation,  
J. F. ARMSTRONG,  
Chairman.

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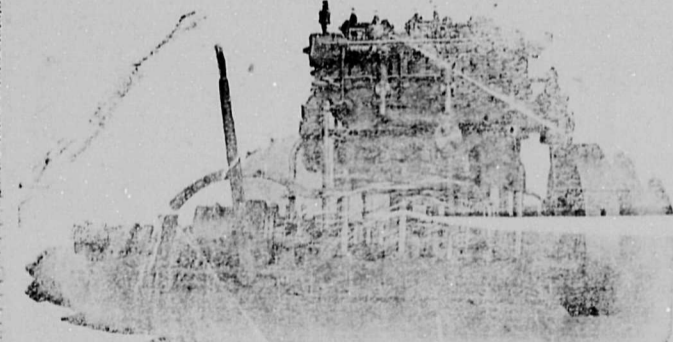
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