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WEATHER REPORT FOR MARCH
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Ursoth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 43. Minimum, 25.
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Rainfall, 1.36. Snow 18 in.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 40.89 inches.

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France Commences "Big Push" by Taking 10,000 Prisoners

French Deliver Terrific Smashes

Paris, April 17.—French began the attack this morning after several days of artillery preparation between Rheims and Soissons, several German lines were taken and more than ten thousand prisoners taken. Fighting described as of utmost violence. France's great offensive timed to synchronize with British big push may now be starting. Today's official report indicated spread of violent artillery preparations all along Champagne front, an increase in French drive toward St. Quentin, more bitter fighting south of Oise and terrific smashes far down south in Alsace Lorraine.

United States Plans Formulating Rapidly

Washington, April 17.—Hon. A. J. Balfour arrived in the United States and expected to reach Washington this afternoon, first conference Wednesday.

One of most eventful weeks in American history lay before the States today. With Wilson's appeal calling for co-operation of every man and woman of the nation in waging successful war. Bringing conflict home to every farm, factory and household. Events of next few days will move America rapidly forward to participation in the struggle with Germany. Congress put war on a firm footing this week, seven billion war loan to pass final stages immediately. Allied commission expected to outline full plans of campaign. Ex-pacifist Bryan personally told the president he is for anything the government wants in pushing war to quick and successful end. Urged war time prohibition.

Navy recruiting strong, brings in more than one thousand men per day.

Mexico City, April 17.—Carranza's speech gives no hint to German plot. Mexico will be neutral says the president in his address of four hours duration.

San Francisco, April 17. Japanese admiralty say there are no Hun divers in Pacific waters.

Washington, April 17.—Administration's scheme to construct one thousand ships to ensure rapid and contiguous transshipment of war supplies and food-stuffs to Allies took definite shape today when fifty million dollars corporation was formed to build and operate these vessels. Col. Goethals will superintend construction and also control all the alien ships now in the hands of the administration.

St. Quentin in Flames

London, April 17.—British continue to gradually widen the second gap of the Hindenburg line north of St. Quentin, having captured position known as Trois Sauvages, east of Gricourt. St. Quentin continues to burn. All way to north of Lens still holds out. Germans apparently sent their reserves and are making desperate defense to enable their engineers to complete the destruction of mines and factories at Lens. The counter attacks which the Germans launched at Monchy and Lagnicourt, suggest that the British are approaching dangerously near new German line. Germans have several strong positions about the city to which they still cling. Enemy defenses before Lens reduced to dust by our artillery. Germans lost twelve hundred killed in the attack on Lagnicourt, the battle shows enemy unable to stem the tide of reverses.

In Mesopotamia we have driven the Turks back to their old positions on Jebelsam.

Air raid on Freiburg has been carried out as a reprisal for German U-boat attacks on hospital ships, was reported by the admiralty tonight.

Travellers arriving from Germany say that a general strike commenced this morning in Berlin and that riots are taking place in the German capital.

Canadian Casualties In Taking Vimy Ridge Reported as 12,000

Ottawa, April 17.—Cabled estimates of Canadian casualties sustained in the recent fighting around Vimy ridge are put down as twelve thousand, but the report is discredited here. No official report of losses available yet, but unofficially it is estimated on good authority that the Canadian losses will be between five and six thousand.

Government placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina on the free list, Parliament to meet in premier's absence.

New York, April 18.—Sarah Bernhardt, noted French actress, lies seriously ill at Mount Sinai hospital and her condition this morning is reported as critical.

Proposed government war tax on corporations will cost United States Steel Corporation \$437,000,000.

The U-boat off the American coast is believed to be seeking the allied commission ship.

Minneapolis, April 18.—Grain men welcomed Canada's action in placing wheat on free list.

Portland.—One hundred carloads of wheat daily for next two months will leave Portland consigned to Allies in Europe.

Italians on the Offensive

Rome, April 18.—Italy may be starting offensive timed to catch Teutons when they are direly in need of men to withstand Franco-British push on western front. Advices from Switzerland reported Italian artillery extremely active on Isonzo front. Large number of Austrians taken also the enemy sustained very heavy losses.

Zurich, April 18.—According to reports received here, both Turkey and Bulgaria have formerly broken off relations with the United States.

Amsterdam, April 18. General strike ties up Berlin. Industrial life of the capital of the German Empire is at a stand still as a protest against the bread rations. Official statement minimizes the importance of the strike and declares very few industries are affected and it is lacking public support. New socialist party forming, democratization of Germany is the ambitious aim of its leaders.

The Hague, April 18.—Socialists plan for big convention at Stockholm.

Rio de Janeiro, April 18.—Fifty thousand Brazilians today cheered warlike declaration of Senator Barbosa. War inevitable says minister. Widespread anti-German riots reported from Porto Alegre.

Boston, April 18.—Mysterious aeroplane sighted over Boston and Maine railroad crossing Piscataqua river. Another aeroplane been sighted flying over Portsmouth navy yard.

Lafere, St. Quentin and Lens May Fall to Allied Onslaught Any Minute

London, April 18.—Five key-points of the much vaunted Hindenburg line were struck at so savagely by great Franco-British drive today that their continuation in enemy's hands much longer seems impossible. Of the five, Lens, Lafere and St. Quentin may fall to allied onslaught almost any hour. Cambrai and

Laon less closely enveloped, but menace of the drive was none the less at these points. Gen. Haig's report told of another successful thrust to south of Cambrai and around Ephy, aimed at Lecatet eleven miles south of Cambrai. Paris official statement more than confirmed the most sanguine hopes of success in the joint offensive entertained here. General Nivelle reported desperate German attempts at Aillies to stem the French forward rush on Laon. Aillies lies about seven miles south of Laon. Counter attacks repulsed by French and again Gen. Nivelle's forces withstood another powerful German attack at Sorey four miles north of Rheims. Apparently at these two sections the French wedge has penetrated enemy's lines. German losses tremendous.

Turkish troops in Mesopotamia steadily retreating, advancing forces meet with slight opposition.

Faced with organized efforts by Irish Nationalists to force a general election, Bonar Law announced in the commons this afternoon that he will make a statement next week outlying question on Irish home rule.

U-Boat Fires First Shot in the War With America

Washington, April 18.—Germany fired the first shot of war against America today and missed. Official information reached navy department shortly after noon that the United States destroyer Smith was fired upon by German submarine at 3:30 a. m. The torpedo launched by U-boat missed the Smith, latter gave chase to submarine but enemy

ship escaped. For military reasons navy department refused to state location of encounter, but it is believed the submarine is hovering off the New Jersey coast, short distance below New York city itself. Incident will stir up country to realization that war is at hand and stimulate recruiting both for the army and the navy.

Some anxiety has been felt that there would be a shortage in the Canadian supply of potatoes. Of course there is a likelihood of a scarcity in some provinces, especially so if the demand continues to come from the other side. In British Columbia the supply will be about sufficient for seed and food. Alberta has about 800,000 bushels for export. At this time it is impossible to estimate the surplus in Saskatchewan. Ontario may break even in the demand and supply. Quebec is reported to have enough for home use, but nothing to export. New Brunswick claims to have 750,000 bushels for export. Nova Scotia will have none to spare, but Prince Edward Island will have 500,000 bushels for export.

Mr. C. Carlson, who has been ailing for some time and been confined indoors for the last month, left for Victoria last week to undergo surgical treatment.

The much talked of "spud" is now leaving the valley in weekly shipments, and will continue to do so until the whole of last year's crop has been disposed of.

Mrs. Thos. Engebretson was a visitor in town this week. She informs us that cattle on their ranch at Toudistan, one hundred and twenty miles inland from here, have wintered well, and that spring is now coming fast in that section of the interior.

Lunn Astleford is spending a few days in town, coming from his father's place at Firvale. He states the season in his section is as far advanced as in other parts of the valley, though not so much ahead as last year at this time, which was considered a very backward spring.

The salving of the S. S. Prince Rupert is slow going. The steamer at the time of the mishap was travelling at a good speed and with the high tide at the time of stranding went considerably further on Genn Island than it would have been possible at any other time. The result of this is that a great deal of blasting has to be done, rocks removed and other work carried out in order to bring the liner back to where she will float. Practically the whole bottom of the vessel for a distance of 180 feet has been torn out. Another attempt to float the ship will be made about Monday.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The power launch Bentink, Captain Moller, called here last week en route to Ocean Falls after visiting the different logging camps now operating for the Pacific Mills. Loggers are not very plentiful at the present time, but some forty are engaged at camp eleven on the South Bentink, and a similar number are operating camp twelve at Kwatna. Most of the other company's camps now running are short handed.

A large crew of men are now at work at the local cannery. Pile driving has begun, it is also intended to extend the wharf in front of the cannery.

It is quite surprising to an editor sometimes to have a patron come into the office and give him an item of news and apologize as though his visit might be considered an intrusion. Nobody is

more welcome than a man who brings in items of news, even though it concerns himself. We naturally consider everyone who furnishes an item to make our columns interesting as a benefactor. We hope that none of our readers will have the least hesitancy in visiting the Courier office and leaving us an item, especially the doings of the boys at the front.

Mr. O. J. Lokken lost his house by fire on Tuesday evening. Some sparks from the chimney had evidently lodged on the roof causing the shingles to ignite. The fire had gained such headway that even with help it would have been impossible to save the house when it was noticed by Mrs. Lokken, who with the children was at home at the time. Some of the furniture and bedding was got out, but beyond that nothing was saved.

Church Notice
Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.
Preacher for Sunday—Rev. W. H. Gibson.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1917.

Our Fur Supply.

Is our fur supply decreasing? This is a question that is often asked by all collectors and others who are interested in the fur industry, or connected with the buying and selling of the raw pelt.

Bella Coola, evidently one of the best fur collecting points on the Pacific Coast and looked upon fifty years ago by the Hudson's Bay Company as the foremost collecting station on the mainland of British Columbia, has not had the amount of furs this year, as was usually brought in during former seasons. Perhaps the fur-bearing animals are becoming fewer, but in this particular section there may be other causes.

The Indian is still the reliable trapper, but of late years poor Loo has had so many jobs thrust upon him that he has very little time to devote to working his traps.

Another reason may be the market. When war broke out, European fur market was the first to be effected, and for a time prices went down, with the result that many large fur houses in America failed.

However this has been somewhat remedied lately. This new importance of the United States as a factor in the Canadian Fur traffic extended to the export trade as well, for of the Dominion's total shipments of domestic furs and fur goods in the fiscal year just ended the United States took 78 per cent, against 48.4 per cent in 1915 and 38.4 per cent in 1914.

The production of furs in Canada in 1910 was more than double that of 1900, the value increasing by 114.25 per cent during the decade. It is said that while fur values have risen in recent years, the number of skins collected shows a decrease in each class on account of the gradual settlement of previously uninhabited regions, and because of the efforts of the Dominion and various provincial governments to insure a closed season for the preservation of game and fur-bearing animals.

A Keyhole Politician.

Mr. Bowser's reputation as an unscrupulous politician is such that the attorney-general referred to him recently in the House as "the keyhole reporter of this

session, the keyhole politician of the House."

It has transpired during the session that Mr. Bowser apparently has other means than those of espionage for obtaining information. As Hon. M. A. Macdonald pointed out in the House, all those who are acquainted with constitutional procedure know that the relations between the lieutenant-governor, as representing the crown, and the ministers of the crown, are of the highest confidential character. This confidence is scrupulously observed by the ministers, and the lieutenant-governor is under the same obligation to observe it, and, in theory, it is shared by no one else. The fact that information which if true, was theoretically in possession of the lieutenant-governor and ministers of the government, was used on the floor of the House by Mr. Bowser, in taunting the government, has aroused public curiosity and places the lieutenant-governor in a peculiar position.

Either Mr. Bowser enjoys a confidence he has no right to have, and has broken it, or he invented the statement that the Naden appointment and the Renwick resignation had been held up until Premier Brewster had been communicated with by wire. The role of spy appears to suit Mr. Bowser very well.

Guilty of Craft.

Sir Charles Davidson, commissioner, has reported on the case of W. F. Garland, formerly Conservative member of parliament for Carleton, Ontario, in the matter of a drug contract made at the beginning of the war. The sum involved was small as war contracts go, and the profits of \$9000 was returned to the department when the affair was exposed. But it was a clear case of graft and all grafters should be punished to the full extent of the law, especially in war time. And not, as in the case of this Conservative member who had no right to be interested in government contracts, merely lose his position.



Why Cuba Declared War.

Cuba gives the same reasons as the United States for declaring war against Germany. But Cuba has some reasons of her own: With the United States at war Cuba would be made a rendezvous for German-American plotters. It would be a convenient base for all kinds of sneak operations. It might be difficult for a neutral Cuba to hunt down these conspirators and make a case against them. But a belligerent Cuba can intern them at sight. Or if they have plotted murder they can pay the appropriate price. Cuba can protect herself better by open war than by watching out for spies and plotters.

German Espionage.

That German espionage is still rampant is evidenced by the following instance which goes to show that German organizations are still at work in England as well as in neutral countries. A short time ago on a certain mail steamer from Bergen, Norway, to Newcastle, were six Russian officers as passengers. Less than one hundred miles off the English coast a German submarine fired a shot across the bridge of the Norwegian vessel, the captain stopped his ship, lowered a boat and brought the ship's papers over. Coming onboard the submarine commander told the Norwegian captain that he had six Russian officers on board who were on their way to England to take over an ice breaker, and it was them he wanted.

The information in respect to

the presence aboard the mail liner of Russian officials is supposed to have been sent out from England to the U-boat from somewhere on the east coast. This brings to mind the case of the New Hampshire, where the information of the loss of that vessel was known in Berlin and in the German press before it appeared in England.

Glory for Canada.

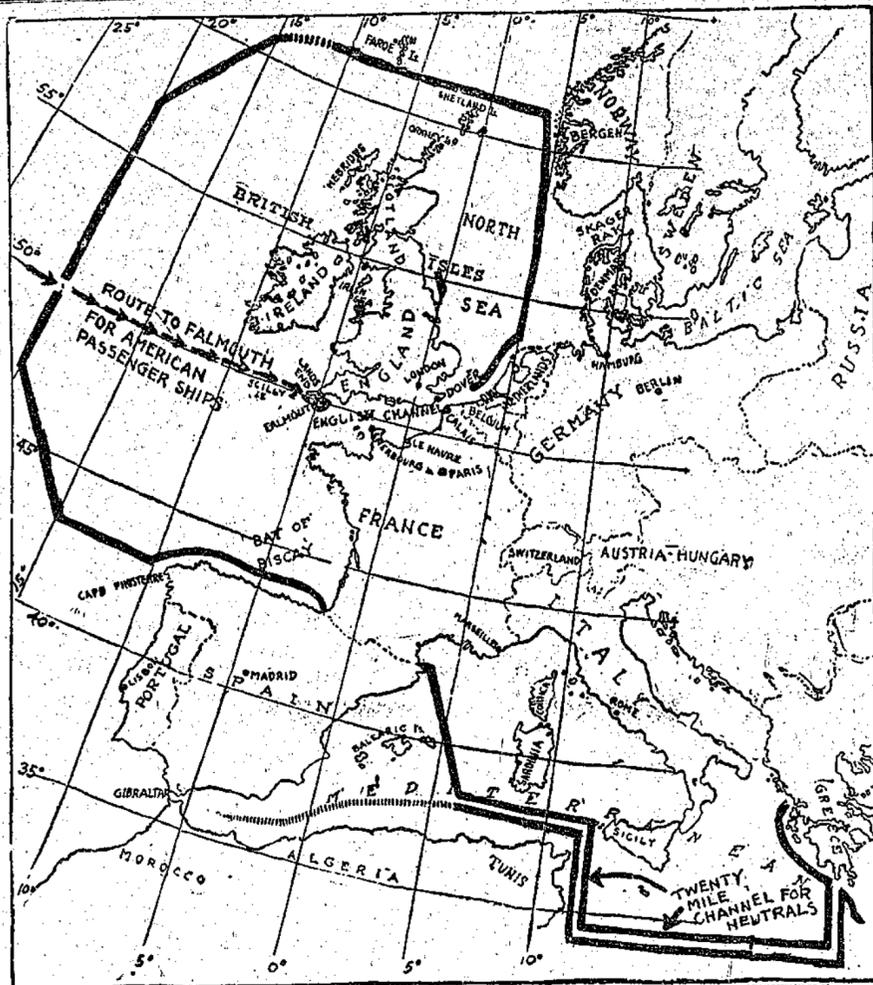
By the capture of Vimy ridge Canadian troops added greatly to their past record. With few exceptions, Vimy ridge has been the scene of the most sanguinary encounters. It was here in the spring of 1915, before the terrible dramas of Verdun and the Somme were conceived, that the army of France made the first great attempt to drive the entrenched enemy from his positions. The progress made, reckoned in miles, was almost negligible, but the French learned on the ridges and in the shelterless slopes of this difficult ground the lessons that enabled them to win at Verdun.



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Norway Papers Sarcastic.

The Tidens Tegn, commenting on attacks made by German officials on the Norwegian press, says:

"The gentlemen declare they have no wish to prevent freedom of speech in Norway, but Norwegians must understand Germany's position and must not condemn or rebuke the Germans for their methods. It is necessary for the Norwegian fleet to sail if Norway is not to starve. Even small neutral states have the right to live and ships are necessary for the very existence of Norway."

"Germany cannot expect good from the press of Norway when peaceful seamen are daily shot down helplessly. Since the outbreak of the war, 420 Norwegian ships, one-quarter of the entire Norwegian tonnage, has been destroyed and 325 Norwegian men and women killed, and 100 more are missing. But Norway must not complain."



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A Deserter.

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her mouth, passed by them to the zone of comparative safety in the rear, dropped her kitten in a dugout, went back to the German trenches and got pussy number two. Finally she had three kittens safe in the British lines and speculation as to her reason for the removal of the kittens was in vain. She never told why she deserted the Germans.

Late War News.

An editor in the far west dropped into church for the first time in many years. The minister was in the very heart of the sermon. The editor listened for a while then rushed to his office.

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"What news?"

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A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Vancouver. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, within 30 days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is April 21st, 1917.

G. S. MCTAVISH, Applicant.
April 21—May 12.

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

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FRANK INRIG.
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Much has been done by the people of England to make the Colonial forces comfortable. Not only during their stay while in training, but more so for those that have been wounded. The Maple Leaf clubs in London are for Canadian soldiers, and they are doing splendid work. Big houses are taken and fitted up for the soldiers comfort and gentlewomen, from royalty downwards, are glad to serve in the capacity as hostesses, waitresses and friends. When the troops come back to London, muddy and wearied from the trenches, they find good food, good beds, and good baths waiting. They pay for what they get, but at a reasonable price. The drawing-rooms of these clubs are amongst the jolliest places in the metropolis. There is plenty of music and all kinds of easy chairs. Lady Drummond, who has done such admirable service for the Canadian troops in London, told how Princess Patricia thought it an honor to don cap and apron to serve the men. Others think the same and are proud to render service to the sons of the Dominion who in a time of supreme crisis have risen to the highest.

Next to mother love is the love of country. There are some who skipped over to the United States a while ago to avoid military service who will now be developing a love for the mother for whom previously they did not give a shoestring. It is to be hoped that mother will have a slipper or a shingle waiting for them if the immigration officers let the skulkers through.—Ex.

Germany has now committed a sin more grievous even than that of sinking merchant vessels of neutrals without warning. She has defaulted the payment of the loan of \$10,000,000 which she floated in the United States.—Ex.

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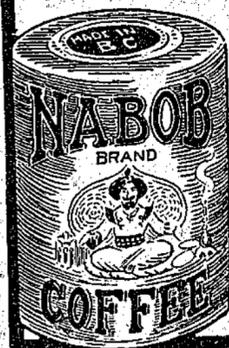
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General Joffre, who is expected to arrive in Washington this week on a special mission to the United States.

A French statistician figures it out that every person in France will have to pay a monthly tax of \$5.55 for the next 40 years, in order to liquidate France's war indebtedness. This will mean \$16,480 having been paid by each person at the end of forty years.

Some Achievement.

For a commercial nation of not 50,000,000 people suddenly summoned to arms has produced a bigger army than history ever before recorded, and a war machine in Europe that for wealth of shell, explosive and war power is the amazement of the Germans. Britain has done in comparatively short time what Germany took thirty years to do, and she has done it more thoroughly and on a vaster scale. Without an English airplane engine capable of circling her own islands she has vanquished the boasted Zeppelin. With submarines by the hundred threatening her coast defenses and her food supply she has swept all oceans, bottling the German fleet. She has made the English Channel her multiple track ocean railway; fought in Africa, the Dardanelles; grappled with the Turk and Bulgar; fed the armies of France; maintained the armies and governments of Belgium and Serbia, and altogether she has advanced three thousand million of dollars to her Allies.

This is admittedly some considerable achievement for the British Lion who was regarded as a mere bag of trade and a whelp of the seas before the war began. The Prussians could calculate upon the wealth of Britain in gold, take toll of her guns and her men. Outside of her wealth and her navy she was considered of no account as a fighting force.

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Rainfall, 1.36. Snow 18 in.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 40.89 inches.

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France Commences "Big Push" by Taking 10,000 Prisoners

French Deliver Terrific Smashes

Paris, April 17.—French began the attack this morning after several days of artillery preparation between Rheims and Soissons, several German lines were broken and more than ten thousand prisoners taken. Fighting described as of utmost violence. France's great offensive timed to synchronize with British big push may now be starting. Today's official report indicated spread of violent artillery preparations all along Champagne front, an increase in French drive toward St. Quentin, more bitter fighting south of Oise and terrific smashes far down south in Alsace Lorraine.

United States Plans Formulating Rapidly

Washington, April 17.—Hon. J. Balfour arrived in the United States and expected to reach Washington this afternoon, first conference Wednesday.

One of most eventful weeks in American history lay before the states today. With Wilson's appeal calling for co-operation of every man and woman of the nation in waging successful war. Ringing conflict home to every farm, factory and household. Events of next few days will move America rapidly forward participation in the struggle with Germany. Congress put on a firm footing this week, even billion war loan to pass final stages immediately. Allied commission expected to outline all plans of campaign. Ex-patrist Bryan personally told the president he is for anything the government wants in pushing war to quick and successful end. Urged war time prohibition. Navy recruiting strong, brings more than one thousand men per day.

Mexico City, April 17.—Carranza's speech gives no hint to German plot. Mexico will be neutral says the president in his address of four hours duration.

San Francisco, April 17. Japanese admiralty say there are no sun divers in Pacific waters.

Washington, April 17.—Administration's scheme to construct one thousand ships to ensure rapid and contiguous transshipment of war supplies and foodstuffs to Allies took definite shape today when fifty million dollars corporation was formed to build and operate these vessels. Col. Bethals will superintend construction and also control all the alien ships now in the hands of the administration.

St. Quentin in Flames

London, April 17.—British continue to gradually widen the second gap of the Hindenburg line north of St. Quentin, having captured position known as Trois Sauvages, east of Gricourt. St. Quentin continues to burn. All way to north of Lens still holds out. Germans apparently sent their reserves and are making desperate defense to enable their engineers to complete the destruction of mines and factories at Lens. The counter attacks which the Germans launched at Monchy and Lagnicourt, suggest that the British are approaching dangerously near new German line. Germans have several strong positions about the city to which they still cling. Enemy defenses before Lens reduced to dust by our artillery. Germans lost twelve hundred killed in the attack on Lagnicourt, the battle shows enemy unable to stem the tide of reverses.

In Mesopotamia we have driven the Turks back to their old positions on Jebelsam.

Air raid on Freiburg has been carried out as a reprisal for German U-boat attacks on hospital ships, was reported by the admiralty tonight.

Travellers arriving from Germany say that a general strike commenced this morning in Berlin and that riots are taking place in the German capital.

Canadian Casualties In Taking Vimy Ridge Reported as 12,000

Ottawa, April 17.—Cabled estimates of Canadian casualties sustained in the recent fighting around Vimy ridge are put down as twelve thousand, but the report is discredited here. No official report of losses available yet, but unofficially it is estimated on good authority that the Canadian losses will be between five and six thousand.

Government placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina on the free list. Parliament to meet in premier's absence.

New York, April 18.—Sarah Bernhardt, noted French actress, lies seriously ill at Mount Sinai hospital and her condition this morning is reported as critical.

Proposed government war tax on corporations will cost United States Steel Corporation \$437,000,000.

The U-boat off the American coast is believed to be seeking the allied commission ship.

Minneapolis, April 18.—Grain men welcomed Canada's action in placing wheat on free list.

Portland.—One hundred carloads of wheat daily for next two months will leave Portland consigned to Allies in Europe.

Italians on the Offensive

Rome, April 18.—Italy may be starting offensive timed to catch Teutons when they are direly in need of men to withstand Franco-British push on western front. Advices from Switzerland reported Italian artillery extremely active on Isonzo front. Large number of Austrians taken also the enemy sustained very heavy losses.

Zurich, April 18.—According to reports received here both Turkey and Bulgaria have formerly broken off relations with the United States.

Amsterdam, April 18. General strike ties up Berlin. Industrial life of the capital of the German Empire is at a stand still as a protest against the bread rations. Official statement minimizes the importance of the strike and declares very few industries are affected and it is lacking public support. New socialist party forming, democratization of Germany is the ambitious aim of its leaders.

The Hague, April 18.—Socialists plan for big convention at Stockholm.

Rio de Janeiro, April 18.—Fifty thousand Brazilians today cheered warlike declaration of Senator Barbosa. War inevitable says minister. Widespread anti-German riots reported from Porto Alegre.

Boston, April 18.—Mysterious aeroplane sighted over Boston and Maine railroad crossing Piscataqua river. Another aeroplane been sighted flying over Portsmouth navy yard.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The power launch Bentink, Captain Moller, called here last week en route to Ocean Falls after visiting the different logging camps now operating for the Pacific Mills. Loggers are not very plentiful at the present time, but some forty are engaged at camp eleven on the South Bentink, and a similar number are operating camp twelve at Kwatna. Most of the other company's camps now running are short handed.

A large crew of men are now at work at the local cannery. Pile driving has begun, it is also intended to extend the wharf in front of the cannery.

It is quite surprising to an editor sometimes to have a patron come into the office and give him an item of news and apologize as though his visit might be considered an intrusion. Nobody is

Lafere, St. Quentin and Lens May Fall to Allied Onslaught Any Minute

London, April 18.—Five key-points of the much vaunted Hindenburg line were struck at so savagely by great Franco-British drive today that their continuation in enemy's hands much longer seems impossible. Of the five, Lens, Lafere and St. Quentin may fall to allied onslaught almost any hour. Cambrai and Laon less closely enveloped, but menace of the drive was none the less at these points. Gen. Haig's report told of another successful thrust to south of Cambrai and around Ephy, aimed at Lecatet eleven miles south of Cambrai. Paris official statement more than confirmed the most sanguine hopes of success in the joint offensive entertained here. General Nivelle reported desperate. German attempts at Aillies to stem the French forward rush on Laon. Aillies lies about seven miles south of Laon. Counter attacks repulsed by French and again Gen. Nivelle's forces withstood another powerful German attack at Sorcy four miles north of Rheims. Apparently at these two sections the French wedge has penetrated enemy's lines. German losses tremendous.

Turkish troops in Mesopotamia steadily retreating, advancing forces meet with slight opposition.

Faced with organized efforts by Irish Nationalists to force a general election, Bonar Law announced in the commons this afternoon that he will make a statement next week outlying question on Irish home rule.

more welcome than a man who brings in items of news, even though it concerns himself. We naturally consider everyone who furnishes an item to make our columns interesting as a benefactor. We hope that none of our readers will have the least hesitancy in visiting the Courier office and leaving us an item, especially the doings of the boys at the front.

Mr. O. J. Lokken lost his house by fire on Tuesday evening. Some sparks from the chimney had evidently lodged on the roof causing the shingles to ignite. The fire had gained such headway that even with help it would have been impossible to save the house when it was noticed by Mrs. Lokken, who with the children was at home at the time. Some of the furniture and bedding was got out, but beyond that nothing was saved.

U-Boat Fires First Shot in the War With America

Washington, April 18.—Germany fired the first shot of war against America today and missed. Official information reached navy department shortly after noon that the United States destroyer Smith was fired upon by German submarine at 3:30 a. m. The torpedo launched by U-boat missed the Smith, latter gave chase to submarine but enemy

ship escaped. For military reasons navy department refused to state location of encounter, but it is believed the submarine is hovering off the New Jersey coast, short distance below New York city itself. Incident will stir up country to realization that war is at hand and stimulate recruiting both for the army and the navy.

Some anxiety has been felt that there would be a shortage in the Canadian supply of potatoes. Of course there is a likelihood of a scarcity in some provinces, especially so if the demand continues to come from the other side. In British Columbia the supply will be about sufficient for seed and food. Alberta has about 800,000 bushels for export. At this time it is impossible to estimate the surplus in Saskatchewan. Ontario may break even in the demand and supply. Quebec is reported to have enough for home use, but nothing to export. New Brunswick claims to have 750,000 bushels for export. Nova Scotia will have none to spare, but Prince Edward Island will have 500,000 bushels for export.

The different provincial governments are asking people to both economize in the present use of potatoes and do their utmost to plant as many as possible. It will also be up to the people of Bella Coola to do their bit in the raising of spuds.

The launch Wyrill, from Vancouver, arrived last Monday, having on board the following well-known knights of the grip: E. J. Wilson of the Imperial Tobacco Co., E. O. Doctor of Ramsay Bros., G. L. Allan of the Canada Consolidated Rubber Co., J. J. Whalen of Sherman-Williams Co. and T. G. Wall of the McClary Manufacturing Co.

Stormy weather marked the first part of their journey, but as usual upon nearing the vicinity of Bella Coola old sol shone in all his glory and the hearts of the visitors were made glad. This is the first visit to Bella for several of the boys and they at once fell in love with the scenery and the climate. The travellers report good business all along the coast. They left on Tuesday and intend going further north on their journey.

Mr. C. Carlson, who has been ailing for some time and been confined indoors for the last month, left for Victoria last week to undergo surgical treatment.

The much talked of "spud" is now leaving the valley in weekly shipments, and will continue to do so until the whole of last year's crop has been disposed of.

Mrs. Thos. Engebretson was a visitor in town this week. She informs us that cattle on their ranch at Toudistan, one hundred and twenty miles inland from here, have wintered well, and that spring is now coming fast in that section of the interior.

Lunn Astleford is spending a few days in town, coming from his father's place at Firvale. He states the season in his section is as far advanced as in other parts of the valley, though not so much ahead as last year at this time, which was considered a very backward spring.

The salving of the S. S. Prince Rupert is slow going. The steamer at the time of the mishap was travelling at a good speed and with the high tide at the time of stranding went considerably further on Genn Island than it would have been possible at any other time. The result of this is that a great deal of blasting has to be done, rocks removed and other work carried out in order to bring the liner back to where she will float. Practically the whole bottom of the vessel for a distance of 180 feet has been torn out. Another attempt to float the ship will be made about Monday.

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Our Fur Supply.

Is our fur supply decreasing? This is a question that is often asked by all collectors and others who are interested in the fur industry, or connected with the buying and selling of the raw pelt.

Bella Coola, evidently one of the best fur collecting points on the Pacific Coast and looked upon fifty years ago by the Hudson's Bay Company as the foremost collecting station on the mainland of British Columbia, has not had the amount of furs this year, as was usually brought in during former seasons. Perhaps the fur-bearing animals are becoming fewer, but in this particular section there may be other causes.

The Indian is still the reliable trapper, but of late years poor Loo has had so many jobs thrust upon him that he has very little time to devote to working his traps.

Another reason may be the market. When war broke out, European fur market was the first to be effected, and for a time prices went down, with the result that many large fur houses in America failed.

However this has been somewhat remedied lately. This new importance of the United States as a factor in the Canadian Fur traffic extended to the export trade as well, for of the Dominion's total shipments of domestic furs and fur goods in the fiscal year just ended the United States took 78 per cent, against 48.4 per cent in 1915 and 38.4 per cent in 1914.

The production of furs in Canada in 1910 was more than double that of 1900, the value increasing by 114.25 per cent during the decade. It is said that while fur values have risen in recent years, the number of skins collected shows a decrease in each class on account of the gradual settlement of previously uninhabited regions, and because of the efforts of the Dominion and various provincial governments to insure a closed season for the preservation of game and fur-bearing animals.

A Keyhole Politician.

Mr. Bowser's reputation as an unscrupulous politician is such that the attorney-general referred to him recently in the House as "the keyhole reporter of this

session, the keyhole politician of the House."

It has transpired during the session that Mr. Bowser apparently has other means than those of espionage for obtaining information. As Hon. M. A. Macdonald pointed out in the House, all those who are acquainted with constitutional procedure know that the relations between the lieutenant-governor, as representing the crown, and the ministers of the crown, are of the highest confidential character. This confidence is scrupulously observed by the ministers, and the lieutenant-governor is under the same obligation to observe it, and, in theory, it is shared by no one else. The fact that information which if true, was theoretically in possession of the lieutenant-governor and ministers of the government, was used on the floor of the House by Mr. Bowser, in taunting the government, has aroused public curiosity and places the lieutenant-governor in a peculiar position.

Either Mr. Bowser enjoys a confidence he has no right to have, and has broken it, or he invented the statement that the Naden appointment and the Renwick resignation had been held up until Premier Brewster had been communicated with by wire. The role of spy appears to suit Mr. Bowser very well.

Guilty of Graft.

Sir Charles Davidson, commissioner, has reported on the case of W. F. Garland, formerly Conservative member of parliament for Carleton, Ontario, in the matter of a drug contract made at the beginning of the war. The sum involved was small as war contracts go, and the profits of \$9000 was returned to the department when the affair was exposed. But it was a clear case of graft and all grafters should be punished to the full extent of the law, especially in war time. And not, as in the case of this Conservative member who had no right to be interested in government contracts, merely lose his position.



Why Cuba Declared War.

Cuba gives the same reasons as the United States for declaring war against Germany. But Cuba has some reasons of her own. With the United States at war Cuba would be made a rendezvous for German-American plotters. It would be a convenient base for all kinds of sneak operations. It might be difficult for a neutral Cuba to hunt down these conspirators and make a case against them. But a belligerent Cuba can intern them at sight. Or if they have plotted murder they can pay the appropriate price. Cuba can protect herself better by open war than by watching out for spies and plotters.

German Espionage.

That German espionage is still rampant is evidenced by the following instance which goes to show that German organizations are still at work in England as well as in neutral countries. A short time ago on a certain mail steamer from Bergen, Norway, to Newcastle, were six Russian officers as passengers. Less than one hundred miles off the English coast a German submarine fired a shot across the bridge of the Norwegian vessel, the captain stopped his ship, lowered a boat and brought the ship's papers over. Coming onboard the submarine commander told the Norwegian captain that he had six Russian officers on board who were on their way to England to take over an ice breaker, and it was them he wanted.

The information in respect to

the presence aboard the mail liner of Russian officials is supposed to have been sent out from England to the U-boat from somewhere on the east coast. This brings to mind the case of the New Hampshire, where the information of the loss of that vessel was known in Berlin and in the German press before it appeared in England.

Glory for Canada.

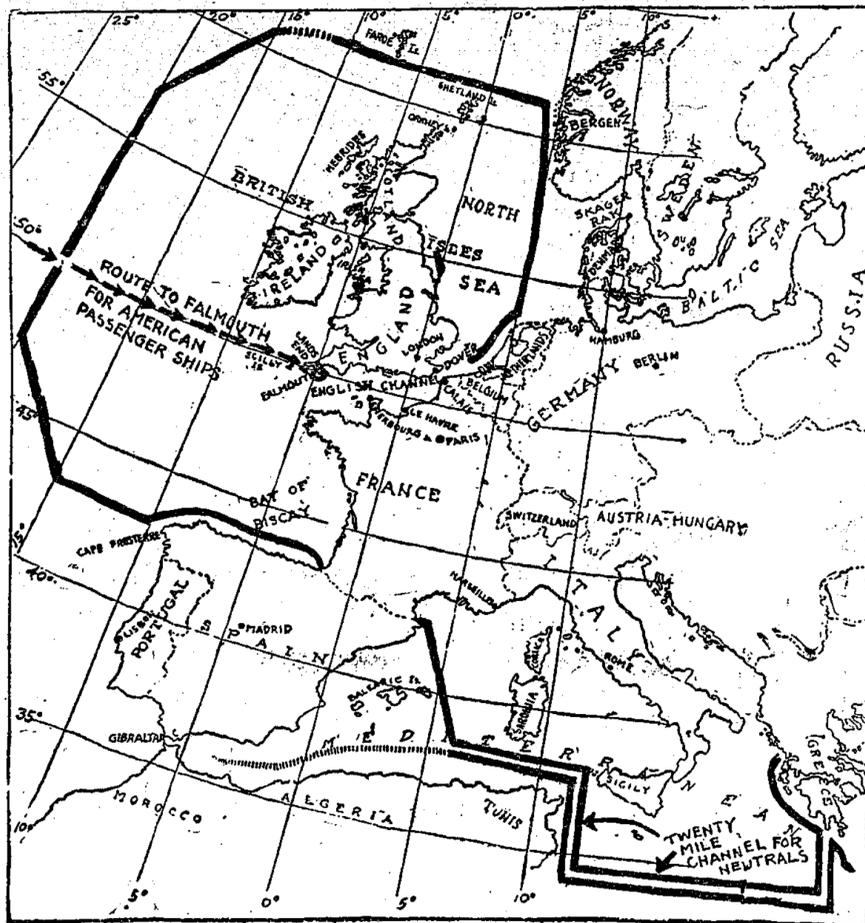
By the capture of Vimy ridge Canadian troops added greatly to their past record. With few exceptions, Vimy ridge has been the scene of the most sanguinary encounters. It was here in the spring of 1915, before the terrible dramas of Verdun and the Somme were conceived, that the army of France made the first great attempt to drive the entrenched enemy from his positions. The progress made, reckoned in miles, was almost negligible, but the French learned on the ridges and in the shelterless slopes of this difficult ground the lessons that enabled them to win at Verdun.



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Norway Papers Sarcastic.

The Tidens Tegn, commenting on attacks made by German officials on the Norwegian press, says:

"The gentlemen declare they have no wish to prevent freedom of speech in Norway, but Norwegians must understand Germany's position and must not condemn or rebuke the Germans for their methods. It is necessary for the Norwegian fleet to sail if Norway is not to starve. Even small neutral states have the right to live and ships are necessary for the very existence of Norway."

"Germany cannot expect good from the press of Norway when peaceful seamen are daily shot down helplessly. Since the outbreak of the war, 420 Norwegian ships, one-quarter of the entire Norwegian tonnage, has been destroyed and 325 Norwegian men and women killed, and 100 more are missing. But Norway must not complain."

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her mouth, passed by them to the zone of comparative safety in the rear, dropped her kitten in a dugout, went back to the German trenches and got pussy number two. Finally she had three kittens safe in the British lines and speculation as to her reason for the removal of the kittens was in vain. She never told why she deserted the Germans.

Late War News.

An editor in the far west dropped into church for the first time in many years. The minister was in the very heart of the sermon. The editor listened for a while then rushed to his office.

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G. S. MCTAVISH, Applicant.
April 21—May 12.

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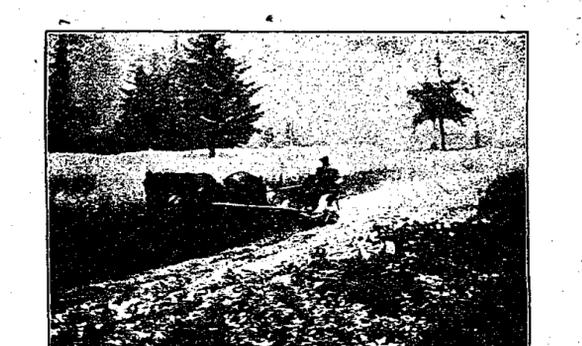
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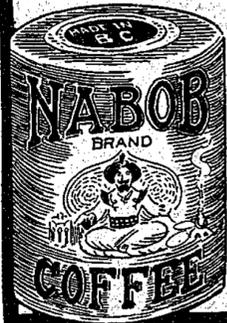
Much has been done by the people of England to make the Colonial forces comfortable. Not only during their stay while in training, but more so for those that have been wounded. The Maple Leaf clubs in London are for Canadian soldiers, and they are doing splendid work. Big houses are taken and fitted up for the soldiers' comfort and gentleness, from royalty downwards, are glad to serve in the capacity as hostesses, waitresses and friends. When the troops come back to London, muddy and wearied from the trenches, they find good food, good beds, and good baths waiting. They pay for what they get, but at a reasonable price. The drawing-rooms of these clubs are amongst the jolliest places in the metropolis. There is plenty of music and all kinds of easy chairs. Lady Drummond, who has done such admirable service for the Canadian troops in London, told how Princess Patricia thought it an honor to don cap and apron to serve the men. Others think the same and are proud to render service to the sons of the Dominions who in a time of supreme crisis have risen to the highest.

Next to mother love is the love of country. There are some who skipped over to the United States a while ago to avoid military service who will now be developing a love for the mother for whom previously they did not give a shoostring. It is to be hoped that mother will have a slipper or a shingle waiting for them if the immigration officers let the skulkers through.—Ex.

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hine in Europe that for wealth of shell, explosive and war power is the amazement of the Germans. Britain has done in comparatively short time what Germany took thirty years to do, and she has done it more thoroughly and on a vaster scale. Without an English airplane engine capable of circling her own islands she has vanquished the boasted Zeppelin. With submarines by the hundred threatening her coast defenses and her food supply she has swept all oceans, bottling the German fleet. She has made the English Channel her multiple track ocean railway; fought in Africa, the Dardanelles; grappled with the Turk and Bulgar; fed the armies of France; maintained the armies and governments of Belgium and Serbia, and altogether she has advanced three thousand million of dollars to her Allies.

This is admittedly some considerable achievement for the British Lion who was regarded as a mere bag of trade and a whelp of the seas before the war began. The Prussians could calculate upon the wealth of Britain in gold, take toll of her guns and her men. Outside of her wealth and her navy she was considered of no account as a fighting force.

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