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## FEAR BRITISH NAVAL BASE IS DESTROYED

### BRITISH AVIATORS MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAID ON GERMAN RAILWAYS IN FLANDERS

#### GRAHAM ISLAND PLACER MAY BE DEVELOPED ON LARGE SCALE

LARGE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY WHERE "PAY DIRT" CAN BE FOUND—FORMER COMPANY HAD MATTER IN HAND BUT CASH FAILED.

It has long been known that placer beds existed on Graham Island at one point on the eastern coast. Placer beds exist in the vicinity of the action of the sea.

Mr. House, a prospector, who has been doing some work over the island of late, has been in the city a few days and interest has been revived in the proposition by glowing reports he has given. He is so well pleased with the prospecting that he expects to put in a claim and develop the property on a large scale.

These placer beds are associated with a story that is full of local interest. Mr. A. C. Garde, a mining engineer of this city, was induced in 1910 to look over this property and was so well pleased with the prospecting that he proceeded to San Francisco and induced a capitalist to join him in its development. Machinery was secured and many thousands of dollars were shipped to Prince Rupert. Mr. Garde was told that they would be ahead of him in the city. The capitalist, Colonel Garde, however, had a financial fortune at this time with the oil wells which he owned and was unable to put up the rest of the cash. As a result, the machinery laid here for several years and was finally sold for a small sum. Last year Mr. Garde had a suit for damages over the property, but although he has secured judgments in both the courts of British Columbia and California has not yet secured a settlement.

Mr. Garde is still very confident that this placer property is very valuable and could be developed into a very good thing.

In the meantime a man who knows how to use a shovel and a miner's pan can make wages and there are miles of the shore line to work on. Some of the unemployed of this province might do worse than try a hand at the game.

#### BOARD OF TRADE MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trade took place last evening. The auditor, Mr. C. L. Peterson, reported for the year 1915, and showed the standing of the board to be quite satisfactory. In view of the fact that Mr. Peterson's work was gratuitous, the thanks of the board was extended to him and he was made an honorary member for 1915.

Some discussion took place about the future financing of the board. Mr. Wright, the commissioner, suggested that they co-operate with the Agricultural Society and thus save the expense of an extra man. The same secretary and quarters could be used and the affairs at the same time kept quite distinct. It was also decided to have the civic committee wait upon the City Council with a view to securing a little assistance in the publicity work.

The New Wellington Coal Co. wrote protesting against certain steamship companies supplying coal to the government steamers at this port.

A. Davidson, of the G. T. P. reported that the company would make regular calls at Serf Inlet on the way south, as the board had recently requested. Prior to this, the mining centre dealt exclusively with Vancouver, as the boats from the north didn't call on the way south.

#### ROAD TO COLD STORAGE.

The work of connecting Eighth Avenue with the cold storage will be proceeded with at once. The Council decided this last night. The work will be paid out of general fund unless some surplus money from the Eleventh Avenue and Borden Street planking which is left over can be used for this purpose.

It appears that the city engineer's estimate for that work was \$12,000 too high and this money has been secured by the sale of treasury certificates. It is lying in the bank at 3 1/2 per cent interest and they propose asking the municipal inspector for permission to loan this to general account at 6 per cent, payable in three years.

#### BRITISH NAVAL BASE MAY HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY ZEPPELINS

MEAGRE REPORTS TELL OF BIG EXPLOSION AT LERICK ON SHETLAND ISLANDS—NORTH SEA FLEET SUPPLIED AT THIS PLACE.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, April 13.—According to meagre reports which have reached here it looks as if the British naval reserve station at Lerick, on the Shetland Islands, north of Scotland, has been blown up by a German aeroplane or Zeppelin.

The report says that there has been a terrible explosion and that many lives have been lost. This

can only be accounted for by the attack of a German airman or the work of a German spy. Large amounts of ammunition are stored at the station.

In the last few years Lerwick has developed into an important naval base, auxiliary to that of the Firth of Forth. During the past months a large portion of the North Sea fleet has drawn its supplies from there.

#### CRUISERS SEARCHING COAST FOR DYNAMITE

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Vancouver, April 13.—H. M. S. Newcastle and Shearwater arrived here last night, went out again today and will return. It is rumored that they are searching for a boat laden with dynamite from Blaine, Wash. The visit heralds the early return of the Newcastle to England.

#### BRITISH AVIATORS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Paris, April 13.—An aerial bombardment by the British of Antwerp and the German railways in West Flanders is announced officially. The aviators dropped bombs on a German concentration camp at Bruges, doing much damage to the railways.

#### Artillery Duels.

Paris, April 13.—The official dispatches state that between the sea and the Aisne there are only artillery duels, with bomb grenade warfare in the trenches in the Argonne. Between the Meuse and Moselle the Allies are in contact with the wire defences of the enemy.

#### THE MAYOR LAUGHED.

Mayor Newton was back in his chair last night. He looked rested and refreshed, and once or twice actually broke out into a laugh. Sam smiles so seldom that it seems out of place but with a little practice he might make it stick. Try again, old man; it's largely a matter of habit.

#### WEST HOLME OPERA HOUSE

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY  
—STAR ATTRACTION—

#### MARY PICKFORD

In the Great Five Reel  
"Paramount" Feature  
"THE EAGLE'S MATE"

Admission — Lower Floor, 25c; Balcony, 15c; Children, 10c; Box Seats, 35c.

#### ITALY PREPARING FOR MOBILIZATION

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Rome, April 13.—Military headquarters orders army officers to use dull metal work on their uniforms and scabbards. In case of mobilization, schoolhouses will be used for troops, the school sessions to continue in hired buildings.

#### CHICAGO INSANE HOSPITAL BURNED

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Chicago, Ill., April 13.—Fire has destroyed one building of the Chicago State Insane Hospital. Two hundred patients were rescued.

#### BACK IN RANKS.

A letter was received yesterday locally from Private W. C. Macdonald, who was reported ill at Shorncliffe recently. He was greatly improved and hoped to be in the ranks again in a week.

He was the only Canadian in the hospital ward, the rest being wounded Belgians, whom he described as full of contagious cheerfulness.

The cause of his illness, he reports, was ptomaine poisoning from eating crab.

#### HOLIDAY TRIP.

V. A. Cole left this morning for Ketchikan, along with his friends of the Leonard M. While away he hopes to be able to show some of the Ketchikan fishermen how they would be profited by moving here.

The Girls' Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will hold a dance on Friday, April 16, in St. Andrew's Hall. The funds raised will be used for patriotic purposes. 79-80

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#### GEN. SAM HUGHES ON DEFENCE—STANDS BY THE ROTTEN BOOTS

REFUSES EVIDENCE OF GEN. ALDERSON — SIR GEO. PERLEY AND OTHERS COME TO DEFENCE OF STENOGRAPHER WHO PATENTED SHOVEL SHIELD

BY H. F. GADSBY.  
A day with Major General Sam Hughes. Not the dull, routine day of the Militia Department with the Major General surrounded by secretaries and near-colonels, but a day in the open, an active service day, so to speak, with our hero double-quick marching through the committees and smiting the enemy hip and thigh or any other spot that may be convenient.

Being the Minister of Militia, on whom the greatest amount of limelight has fallen in the history of Canada, we are naturally curious to see how he behaves. What are the methods so far as we can judge by his public performances, which have made him the equal if not the superior of Julius Caesar, Marlboro and Napoleon Bonaparte in the esteem of mankind.

Let us answer that riddle at once and follow it up with details. Speaking broadly, our Major General's tactics are those of Scipio Africanus—he carries the war into the enemy's country. He does not defend, he attacks. He seizes the dilemma by both horns and shakes it to pieces. He does this with his bare hands, the regulations not permitting him to appear otherwise in full uniform. However, his answers are sharp enough, his remarks cut, and one way and another the Major General's tongue makes up for his lack of sidearms. One member of Parliament, taking his clothes and his replies into account, described him as a cross between a peacock and a snapping turtle, but that seems to be overdrawing the picture.

This is the Major General's day for explaining. Naturally the name of the Minister of Militia has been mentioned quite often before the investigating committees, so the Major General has devoted a day to removing the aspersions. Not that the aspersions are of a very violent character, but they nettle the Major General and he won't be happy until he cleans them up. He calls it explaining but it is really challenging. The Major General dares all and sundry to tread on the tail of his coat, an impossible task, because the Major General wears a tunic these days and a tunic with a tail would be as much out of place as a bird of paradise with whiskers.

Keep step with the Major General. He is now in the Shoe Committee. The Major General's vice, as I have pointed out before, is friendship and friendship for the shoe manufacturers is under a great strain in this committee, because the Major General has publicly stated that the man who will make rotten shoes for the soldiers should be led out and shot. Moreover, some of the manufacturers who began their contracts with prayer wound up with split leather and glued insides and others skimped their work so dis-

gracefully that Doctor Edwards, M. P., was moved to say that if the convicts at Kingston penitentiary were put to making shoes they would not be competing with honest labor. Now, the Major General knows all this and realizes that friendship for the manufacturers, however much he might like to try it on, is an untenable position.

With the eye of genius he scans the stricken field and decides to change front. He cannot befriend the manufacturers—he will befriend the shoes and thus live up to his reputation for magnanimity. Although this brings him into direct conflict with his own brother, Colonel W. St. Pierre Hughes, who has sworn on oath that the shoes were rotten, the Major General does not let a little thing like that stand in his way. He has seen the one stroke that will save the situation—for Major General Sam—and like the great commander he is he carries it through, let brothers fall where they may.

The underlying plan of Major General Sam's reconnaissance in force is a statement that the Canadian boot may have its faults—the men may have burned the soles trying them out—but take it by and large it's a blamed sight better boot for the soldiers than the British army boot. To put this surprising statement over requires all the Major General's reserves of warm language and vivid imprecation but he does it with great dash and vigor. The Major General couldn't consider it a victory if he didn't meet obstacles. When he has finished the field is strewn with shattered reputations, but the Major General has not shed a hair. He bestrides his little world a conqueror, having slain everybody's evidence but his own.

"What about General Alderson's report?" suggests Macdonald, M. P. "Second-hand opinions," retorts the Major General. "He probably hadn't seen half a dozen pairs of 'em in his life. General Alderson has nothing to do with me any more than you have."

"What about Sir George Perley's report?" Mr. Macdonald presses the question. "Perley's reports are based on reports submitted to him." The Major General doesn't even give the High Commissioner his title.

"What about the reports of the regimental boards?"

"Most of these gentlemen don't know what they're talking about—they'll sign anything."

"Are you serious in that?" this very mildly from Murphy, K. C. "Serious?" the Major General blazes. "I'll take no impertinence from you; you're a pettifogger."

"What about the evidence of Major Doane, of Halifax, who (Continued on Page Three.)