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## German Piracy.

### Official Statement of the French Government.

The attack on the "Amiral Ganteaume" in October, is a startling proof that there is nothing new, not even the bluff, in the intended German submarine blockade of the English and French coasts, and that the piratical methods of German warfare were in use long before its formal declaration by the German government.

Here is the official report of the French Government of the explosion followed by shipwreck of which the French steamer "Amiral Ganteaume" was a victim and which caused the loss of many lives.

After having caused a minute inquiry to be made by the competent authorities, the Government of the Republic has the honour to place before the Powers the following facts:

On the 26th October, 1914, the French steamer "Amiral Ganteaume" of 5,489 tons, belonging to the French Chargeurs-Reunis Co., left Calais at 2 p.m. bound for La Pallice, after having taken on board 2,500 refugees of both sexes, fleeing from the seat of hostilities. Suddenly, at 4.23 p.m., the vessel being 4 1/2 miles south-west of Cape Gris-Nez, there was a violent explosion on the starboard side between the engine boilers, raising a column of water about 150 feet and covering the ship of debris of all descriptions. Terribly shaken, the vessel listed to port and the water almost immediately invaded the engine room, the boiler room, one bunker and No. 2 hold. Thirty of the crew and refugees were killed by the explosion and it is only thanks to prompt assistance, rapidly obtained in such frequented waters, that the greater part of those aboard were happily saved. The hull of the vessel was towed to Boulogne where she was immediately inspected.

From the inspection and the enquiry held, it was shown that the "Amiral Ganteaume" had been treacherously attacked by a German submarine. On the one hand, the look out, staman Amirand, and the cadet, engineer Heblot, saw the one torpedo, and the other the periscope. On the other hand pieces of the torpedo itself were recovered, sufficient to testify that an automobile torpedo of German construction had been used. The inscriptions in German "Ander unten" and "Sperring y" were still plainly legible.

The attack on the vessel and her passengers was accomplished by the warship of the Imperial German

Navy: 1st. Without daring to show her colors; 2nd. Without warning, arrest or summons; 3rd. On a defenceless Merchant Ship carrying women and children and old men; 4th. Without any naval or military strategic utility and without any other possible result than the murder of inoffensive persons, and the destruction of a merchant ship without attempt at capture and outside of any ultimate reference to the procedure of a prize court and condemnation as a prize.

If, outside of written law, it is a recognized principle of maritime law that the merchant ships of an enemy are liable to capture, if it is admitted that captured enemy merchant ships may be destroyed on condition that safety be afforded to the crew, passengers and ship's papers, and under reservation of the ultimate decision of a Prize Court, never, even during the most barbarous epochs of naval history has any navy sullied its flag by a crime like that of the Imperial German Navy, which has not even the pretext of gain by an act of piracy.

Such outrages are not even worthy of protest. The Government of the Republic, however, believes that it is acting in the common interests of the civilized world in bringing the knowledge of these facts publicly before other Governments, which, like itself, have received this declaration solemnly made before all the Powers: "The Officers of the German Navy, I say it for all to hear, will 'always observe' in the strictest manner the duties which are incumbent under the 'unwritten laws of humanity and civilization.' (Declaration by Baron Marshall von Biebestein, First German Plenipotentiary, at the 8th sitting of the Second Peace Conference, 9th October 1907. Second Peace Conference, Acts and Documents, Vol. 1, Page 281).

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### Our Volunteers.

The total number of volunteers enrolled with the Reserve Force to date is 1,506, the following having enlisted yesterday:—

- Mr. Penny, Burin.
- Francis J. Snow, St. John's.
- Augustus Whelan, St. John's.
- Leo Murphy, St. John's.
- Eldred Crane, St. John's.
- R. Keary, St. John's.
- Mr. Woodford, Hr. Main.
- Wm. Joy, Hr. Main.
- Mr. Hawco, Fogo.

Yesterday afternoon the candidates for non-coms. stripes were given a practical test at the Armoury, and at night the written examinations were conducted. The results of these exams. will be made known about Thursday next.

### Newfoundland Poultry Association.

Our readers will notice by our advertising columns to-day that the above Association's President, Geo. W. Gushue, has arranged to offer the general public this year a limited number of hatching eggs from prize winning birds at the Newfoundland Poultry Shows. The members individually only carry small flocks and supply of eggs is limited, but this season it is hoped more of the general public will become interested, and as pure bred fowls pay better than mongrels, it is a chance not often offered in this country. Some of the birds when imported costing \$25.00 each, and last week 4 birds were imported that cost eight guineas in England so that nothing but the best is offered for sale. The egg supply of the country should be better developed, and this move of the Association to share its stock up for a small fee to the public is a move in the right direction.

### Beautiful Drama of Human Interest.

THE HOUSE ON THE HILL.

The re-opening of the Nickel Theatre yesterday attracted large audiences both afternoon and evening. The attendance for both sessions was one of the largest on record. The Theatre has been thoroughly renovated and is in better condition than ever. The programme opened yesterday with a pretty melo-drama: "The Only Clue." The next picture was in two parts. It is by the Vitagraph Co. and entitled: "The House on the Hill." The story is one which interests all, and it has been pronounced as one of the finest ever given at this popular house.

"Happy Go Lucky" and "A Row Boat Romance" are also amusing. Mr. Cameron whose reputation as a comic singer is well known was heard in one of his best entitled: "When Father Killed The Cock-a-Doode-Do," which brought down the house.

If you are in need of a good laugh attend to-day and hear him. The pictures are also well worth seeing, so all should make an effort to attend.

### "Cascarets" Relieve Sick, Sour Stomach

Move acids, gases and clogged-up waste from Stomach, Liver, Bowels—Cure Indigestion.

Get a 10-cent box now.

That awful sourness, belching of acid and foul gases; that pain in the pit of the stomach, the heartburn, nervousness, nausea, bloating after eating, dizziness and sick headache, means a disordered stomach, which can not be regulated until you remove the cause. It isn't your stomach's fault. Your stomach is as good as any.

Try Cascarets; they immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels. Then your stomach trouble is ended. A Cascaret to-night will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet; liver and bowels regular for months. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

TEN DAYS OUT. — The schooner Mildred is ten days out to New York from Barbados with a cargo of new molasses.

### Fundamentals of Permanent Peace.

Editor Evening Telegram:

Dear Sir—It may be of interest to your more thoughtful readers to know that the Independent Labour Party in England has put forward certain proposals which they consider fundamental to permanent peace when the present war is over.

It urges: First. That the pursuit of the Balance of Power shall be totally ended, i.e., a federation of all the Powers to take the place of the antagonism of two groups of Powers. Second. That the frontiers of nations shall represent the desire of the peoples instead of the desires of Governments. So long as military conquests determine who shall rule territories, military conflicts will occur. Third. That secret diplomacy shall be abolished and democratic control of foreign affairs established. So long as agreements are made without the knowledge of the people, the people cannot prevent the outbreak of hostilities. The Foreign Policy of Governments must be brought into the arena of public discussion. That is not real democracy where the Foreign Policy is not the peoples business. Fourth. That the manufacture of armaments be taken from private hands and placed under national control. As long as profits accrue from national hatreds, those to whom those profits accrue may be expected to encourage national hatreds. Fifth. That women be welcomed as citizens. Sixth. That national armies and navies be "scrapped."

The time was when the Labour Party was perhaps extreme and utopian. But that time is rapidly passing away and it now has within its ranks many of the ablest and sanest writers and men of affairs.

Many thoughtful students of human progress are of the opinion that the reforms urged by that party in English social and industrial life are in the best interests of the Empire and are bound to come. Many of the Church's leaders are urging her to bestir herself lest she once despised Labour Party with its Socialist friends outstrip her in the struggle for the betterment of humanity. The Church and the labouring man need to get closer together. May I advise your readers to watch the Independent Labour Party.

I am, sir, yours, etc., DOUGLAS HEMMEON.

P.S.—Since writing the above I learn that the Social Democratic Party in Germany protested against the laws by which freedom of meeting and publicity are being suppressed and against any schemes of conquest which would prevent the establishment of a lasting peace. The whole party there abstained from the new war-vote of £500,000,000. It is quite probable that a Programme of Peace will be drawn up to be advocated simultaneously in all countries by the Socialist and Labour Parties.—D.H.

### At the Institute.

A small but appreciative audience attended the first of the Spring series of entertainments at the Seaman's Institute last night. The programme was under the direction of Mr. H. W. Stirling and consisted of selections by the Glessingers, Mrs. W. C. Job, Misses G. Strang, M. Doyle, S. Johnson, L. Anderson, N. Job, M. Morris, D. Johnson and Mr. F. Ruggles all of whom deserve congratulations. The proceeds will be devoted to the Patriotic Fund.

### One Ship's Shots Cost \$1,250,000 an Hour

What the Queen Elizabeth Could Shoot Away With All Her Guns Going for Sixty Minutes.

London, March 24.—According to a writer in the War Budget, published to-day, it would cost the Queen Elizabeth, Great Britain's new super-dreadnought, which is working havoc among the forts of the Dardanelles, £250,000 (about \$1,250,000) if she were to fight with all her guns at full capacity for one hour.

The Lion, Admiral Beatty's flagship, used up about 75 pounds worth of cordite and shall every time she emptied one of her 13.5 guns at the Blucher in the fight in the North Sea, besides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

NEW WATER PIPES.—By the next New York boat a shipment of new pipe for the extension and improvement of the water service will arrive. The laying of the pipes will afford employment to a large number of workmen.

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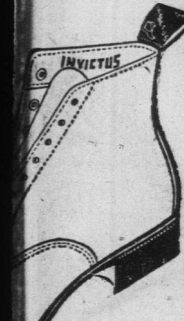
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