

Prince Louis Forced To Resign From British Admiralty Board; Is a World-famed Naval Strategist

Resignation Was Forced by Certain Minor Papers Which Criticised the Authorities For Retaining One of German Descent in Direction of the Strategy of the Navy—The Times and Other Influential Papers Express Strong Indignation—Tributes to Prince Louis—Lord Fisher Succeeds Him

London, Oct. 30.—The announcement of the resignation of Prince Louis, First British Sea Lord, was made last night in a court circular which recorded that the Prince had been received in audience by the King on relinquishing his appointment. There were rumors some time ago that Prince Louis had been confined in the Tower of London but these were too ridiculous to be given serious consideration, although the authorities deemed it expedient that he should appear more in public instead of confining himself to the Admiralty, where since the outbreak of the war, he had been working night and day directing strategy of the Navy.

Far Famed Strategist
The Prince has been considered one of the most noted strategists of the Admiralty.

Following this, some of the less influential papers took up the matter and asked that some statement should be made regarding the fact that an officer of German birth should be retained as professional head of the Navy.

The Admiralty has issued the following correspondence between Prince Louis and Mr. Churchill.

Prince Louis' Letter
Prince Louis, in a letter to Churchill dated Oct. 28th, said:

"Dear Mr. Churchill:—I have lately been driven to the painful conclusion that at this juncture my birth and parentage have one effect of impairing, in some respects, my usefulness on the Board of Admiralty. In these circumstances I feel it to be my duty as a loyal subject of His Majesty to resign my office of First Lord, hoping thereby to facilitate the task of the Administration of the great service to which I have devoted my life and to ease the burden laid on His Majesty's Ministers.

LOUIS OF BATTENBURG, "Admiral."
Churchill's Reply

Mr. Churchill, under date of Oct. 29th, replied as follows:

"My Dear Prince Louis:—This is no ordinary war, but a struggle between nations for life or death. It raises passions between races of the most terrible kind. It effaces the old landmarks and frontiers of our civilization. I cannot further oppose the wish you have, during the last few weeks, expressed to me to be released from the burden of responsibility which you have borne thus far with so much honor and success.

"The anxieties and toils which rest upon the naval administration of our country, in themselves enough to try a man's spirits, and when to them are added the ineradicable difficulties of which you speak, I could not at this juncture in fairness ask you to support them.

"The Navy of today and, still more, the navy of tomorrow bears the imprint of your work. The enormous impending influx of capital ships; the score of thirty knot cruisers; the destroyers and submarines unequalled in modern construction which are coming now to hand are the results of the labors which we have had in common and in which the Board of Admiralty owes that devotion to the Fleet that was shown by you.

"I must express publicly my deep indebtedness to you and the pain I feel at the severance of our three years of official associations, in all their circumstances.

"You are right in your decision; the spirit in which you have acted is the same in which Prince Maurice of Battenburg has given his life to our cause and in which your gallant son is now serving in the fleet.

"I beg you to accept my profound respect and that of our colleagues on the Board.

"I remain,
"Yours very sincerely,
"WINSTON S. CHURCHILL."

The King has appointed Prince Louis of Battenburg a member of the Privy Council

The Times Protest
London, Oct. 30.—The Times in an editorial protesting against what it terms "the unjust campaign which has driven Prince Louis from his post," says: "The fact that his resignation follows the news of Prince Maurice of Battenburg's death should be sufficient to kill once for all the suggestions involved in the malignant scandals."

The appointment of Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty will undoubtedly meet with the National

approval. It puts in possession a man who more than any other is the creation of the British battle fleet of today and who stands to the Navy in the same relation as does Lord Kitchener to the Army.

AEROPLANE

WAR ON WOMEN

Nineteen Women and Children Killed by a German Bomb

London, Oct. 30.—Two German aeroplanes, Wednesday, dropped two bombs at Bethune, France.

The first failed to explode but the second, which fell among market women, killed 19 of them and injured 40 others.

The bombs also dropped at Dunkirk on the same day and women and children and all the windows in the neighborhood smashed.

TURKS SINK

RUSS. WARSHIP

Bordeaux, Oct. 30.—It is announced officially here that two Turkish torpedo boat destroyers entered port

Odessa on the Black Sea yesterday and sank a Russian gunboat.

They also inflicted damage on the French liner Portugal.

COLD WEATHER

IN THE INTERIOR

Three Snow Storms Reported Recently and Many of the Ponds Are Frozen Over.

Three severe snow storms have swept over the interior of the Island this month. Passengers by yesterday's express say the weather is very cold and small pools of water on all sides are frozen over.

VERY FEW DEALS

IN FOXES NOW

Money so Tight, it is Very Difficult Either to Buy or Sell Just Now.

Because of the war there is practically nothing doing in the fox business.

Speaking to a gentleman from the West Coast, who is interested, we learn that it is neither easy to buy or sell, just now.

No one hears of fancy prices, these days, remarked our informant, as money is too tight.

CROPS ARE GOOD

ON WEST COAST

And Farmers Are Now Busy Harvesting—Easy to Get a Market for All Produce.

The farmers on the West Coast are now busy harvesting their crops.

Along the Codroy Valley the yield of produce is fair. The hay crop is especially good. There is a demand for vegetables everywhere.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

TURKEY'S ACTION AFFECTS

BRITISH INTERESTS CLOSELY

Her Warships May Threaten the Routes in India and May Cause Trouble in Egypt—Excitement in Petrograd Over the News

Petrograd, Oct. 30.—In the highest official sources here it is stated that Russia views the action of Turkey in bombarding two unfortified Russian ports with a declaration of war as infinitely more important to England than to Russia, on account of British communication with India and her position in Egypt.

Although Russia, it is stated, now has a new war on her hands, her policy will not be one of general aggression against Turkey, but merely a defense of her own interests in the Black Sea.

It is pointed out that the Allies had previously guaranteed the integrity of Turkey, only if she remains neutral.

A clamorous throng surrounded the Turkish Embassy to-day demonstrating against Turkey.

Restrained by Force.
The people were restrained from violence by mounted gendarmes.

Earlier the same mob paraded the streets with bared heads singing and cheering. The excitement in Petrograd is the greatest since the declaration of war against Germany.

C.L.B. FILL UP MANY GAPS

Caused By the Departure for the Front of Large Number of Volunteer Members

Last night, Avalon Battalion C.L.B. held drill. A large number of lads were on parade. Physical drill, manual exercises and marching was gone through. The Band were present in full kit and were heard to give some splendid music.

Before orders for the week were read, Lieut.-Col. Rendell addressed the lads and explained to them the result of the meeting held in connection of the next Regiment. The Lieut.-Col. also spoke of the large number of recruits now joining, as 43 new members joined, the largest on record.

The orders were read for the week. The Lieut.-Col. promoted Sergt. W. D. Edwards to recruit instructor with Corp'l. W. Mott as assistant.

After parade A Coy. held a meeting in connection with their Club Room, to elect officers in place of those now gone to the front. Lieut. G. Winter was chairman and conducted the meeting.

Chairman—R. Chafe.
Vice-Chairman—W. Lever.
Secretary—F. Cornick.
Committee—N. Hunt, F. Warren, E. Warren, S. Downton, R. Field.
Advisers—Sergt.-Inst. Miles, Corp'l. H. Peckham.

A vote of thanks was passed Lieut. Winter for conducting the meeting. The Athletic Association held a meeting in the Officers' Room to make arrangements in connection with the gymnasium and shooting. Two shooting galleries have been made ready and the lads now will begin to get in training for the shooting Shield Competition, which comes off shortly.

PORT AU PORT QUARRY CLOSED

Owing to Shut Down at Sydney—All Men Are Paid Off and Business Dull.

The quarry at Port au Port has closed down because of the suspension of operations at Sydney.

All the men at the quarry have been paid off and it is not known when it will start again. Business is dull there in consequence.

The Fogota arrived at Change Islds. at 3 and left at 5.30 a.m.

The Earl of Devon arrived in port this morning.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lydia Burgess.

The remains of the late Mrs. Lydia Burgess, widow of the late James E. Burgess, who died Monday evening, will be taken to Baine Harbor for interment by Monday morning's train.

Deceased lady who was 55 years of age, leaves one daughter, two sons, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their sad loss.

Mrs. Burgess, who was well-known in St. John's suffered from cancer, and her illness extending over several months was borne patiently.

Her demise will be regretted not only by friends in St. John's, but throughout Placentia Bay where she was known as a Christian lady whose life was wrapped up in those who knew her.

Her loss will be greatly mourned. To the children and relatives we extend sincere sympathy.

COLD WEATHER IN THE STRAITS

Small Lakes on Labrador Side Are all Frozen Over—Fishermen Gone Home

The s. s. Meizie, Capt. J. Gooble, returned from the North Saturday evening. She left here on the 18th and had fairly fine weather going North, but on the return trip she encountered high winds which were accompanied by rain and snow showers.

The weather in the Straits has been good silver patches, have been from Battle Harbour to Bonne Esperance are frozen firm enough to walk over. Practically all the fishermen are now off the coast, and the people belonging to the coast are going into winter quarters.

About fifteen foxes, many of them being good silver patches, have been captured, but there are not many buyers in the field.

The s. s. Sagona on her last trip South from Labrador had five hundred passengers on board, nearly all being fishermen going to their homes, and among them being several wrecked crews.

The s. s. Kyle, now on her way South, is also expected to have a full passenger list.

SAYS IT'S SOURCE OF GREAT WASTE

Paper Refers to the Valuable Quantities of Cod Tongues and Sounds That Are Thrown Away

Fishermen tell us that large quantities of cod heads, sounds and tongues are being dumped into the sea from the fishing stations along this coast, says the Western Star.

This treating of cod tongues and sounds as offal is going on from year to year, notwithstanding the fact that here are many ready markets where they would fetch remunerative prices; and the greater the catch and the larger the fish, so is the waste proportionately increased.

At this time when salt junk is selling at from 14 to 16 cents per pound, and the price of other food stuffs soaring to the moon, it certainly is a pity that some effort is not being made to utilize such palatable by-product of the codfishery.

START BIG PLANT AT CORNER BROOK

Understood That Work Will Soon be Started on Erection of \$11,000,000 Pulp Mill.

Rumor has it that big paper and pulp company will be started at Corner Brook shortly. It is said that the plant will cost \$11,000,000.

BERLIN STANDS AGHAST AT APPALLING LOSSES

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isled on the battlefields of Belgium and France, of East Prussia and Galicia.

Half Million Casualties.

The killed and wounded together doubtless exceed half a million, and probably fully six hundred thousand. These may appear startling figures, but the slaughter has been so relentless and the sacrifice of German soldiers so utterly callous that there is little reason to doubt that they are substantially accurate. There were places in the retreat from Marne where the German troops marched over heads of their own dead; there were fields which were quickly strewn with the German victims of the war; there were trenches filled to the brim and overflowing with the bodies of the Kaiser's finest warriors. Along one stretch of road north of the Marne the bodies of Germans lay so thickly clustered together that their artillery and military wagons dashed right over and through them in the mad haste of the retreat. In advancing and in retreating it is said the Germans suffered losses unprecedented in the annals of warfare.

Disposal of Dead

It is a curious fact that the disposal of the bodies has given rise to ominous mutterings of rebellious discontent in many German families. One would imagine that the fact of being killed in itself sufficient to make the relatives forget the details of the burial. But it is not so. It has become known to many German fathers and mothers and wives that huge bonfires were kindled, in which hundreds and thousands of the bodies of German soldiers were cremated wholesale, and the crude yet eminently scientific treatment has excited deep resentment. It has been useless to argue that wholesale cremation was

the only possible sanitary method of procedure.

If the Kaiser and his general staff had been successful they would have carried the nation with them. The malcontents and the doubters would have been swept along in the wave of aggressive pride of victory. But the Germans are beginning to feel that they have been duped and misled by their rulers, and signs are beginning to manifest themselves that they will voice their resentment vigorously.

It is rumored here that unemployment in Germany increases and distress grows. The murmurs of the people, however, are not yet articulate and hardly audible; they resemble the first low, ominous growl of a savage dog.

LOADING PIT PROPS

The big freighter, Othello, Capt. Cox, of the Bowring Co., which was here discharging coal, arrived at Gambo on Wednesday, and is now loading pit props.

The Othello is one of the largest steamers to visit these waters and she takes a very large cargo.

WEDDING BELLS

Boland-Sears.

Miss May Boland, of Crulling, and Mr. Sears Tompkins, of Tompkins' Hotel, Little River, were united in matrimony on Tuesday, 27th, at Curling.

The bride, who was very attractively gowned, was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Boland, while the groom was supported by Mr. M. J. Gillis, of the Highlands.

A large number of friends were present at the ceremony.

The funeral of the late Lydia Burgess will take place Monday morning at 8 a.m. to the train en route to Baine Harbor.

The Portia arrived at Burin at 3 a.m. and left at 4.30 a.m.

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OBITUARY
Mrs. Elizabeth Moore.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, took place yesterday afternoon at the West End Cemetery. The funeral was in charge of undertaker Carnell.
The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Guy, George St. Church.
Deceased lady, who was 58 years old, was mother of Mr. Walter Pottles of the street car service and Mr. T. Pottles of the C.L.B. Band to whom and other members of the family we extend sympathy.
The funeral was attended by a large number of friends.

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S. S. Stodard sails for Sydney this afternoon. She will remain here with coal.

S. S. Sindbad was to leave Port William on the 24th inst. She is due here about Nov. 5.

S. S. Francis is now due to A. Harvey & Co. with coal. She will then load pebbles at Manuels.

Capt. Finner, who arrived by the Carthaginian, left by Wednesday's express for Montreal on business.

Mr. Andrew Murphy, of Bell Island, who was visiting the City, returned home to-day. Andrew is known to all citizens who visit the Island, and he is always welcome here. Owing to the mines being closed, business is very quiet there.

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