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Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, February 8, 1915.

No Blockade.

It turns out just as we stated on Saturday, the German notice, of which so much was made by the German Press, and which misled many of the American newspapers, was not a notice of a blockade of British and French ports. It was a notice that they intended to take what steps they could against the transport of British troops and stores to France, to hamper British commerce as much as possible and that in doing so neutral shipping might accidentally be destroyed. As to the last contingency, each case must stand on its own bottom, and the merits and demerits of the event will be dealt with separately by those concerned when the contingency arises. It is a matter which will involve Germany with explanations, protests, apologies and difficulties with neutrals, the chief of which will be the United States, and we can leave it at that and await the events. As to the second contingency, it is not likely that the German Navy can do more damage in the future than they have done in the past six months when they had a greater number of cruisers afloat on the seven seas. They may possibly do more damage in the home waters, as they put more submarines to work, but steps will be taken by the British Admiralty to counteract their work as much as possible and the result is not likely to hamper seriously British commerce, though it may raise the risks in home waters. As to the first contingency, they have not succeeded in sinking a single transport in six months, and though they may succeed in sinking a few in the future, as was possible in the past, it is not likely they will meet with any marked success. But all this is not a blockade of British and French waters, it merely is a notice of an intention of trying to do what they have been trying to do the past six months, with perhaps a tacit reference that they will do it by submarines as Admiral Van Trepitz threatened to do some time ago. A notice of a blockade is a notice of an intention to stop all commerce, whether by a belligerent or a neutral with the blockaded country. The German ambassador at Washington has disavowed absolutely any intention of interfering with American shipping carrying non-contraband goods and he has therefore disavowed any thought of a blockade. In Germany, however, the people are given the idea that Germany intends to blockade those waters. As we said on Saturday, the German people are being fooled.

Supreme Court.

The Court opened at 11 a.m. to-day pursuant to adjournment; Present: Mr. Justice Johnson. William Wade vs. Michael Wade. The motion is adjourned sine die. Peter Shaw vs. Wm. McMillan. This is a motion for an order that this cause be tried before William F. O'Reilly at Placentia, Stipendiary Magistrate, an arbitrator, under the provisions of Sec. 203 of the Judicature Act, 1904, Kent, K.C., for Plaintiff is heard in support of the motion. P. J. Summers, for Defendant, consents to the order going. It is ordered that the whole cause or matter be tried before W. F. O'Reilly at Placentia. The Court adjourned until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Economy

GAS COKE yields 44 per cent of radiant heat, whereas coal gives only 19 per cent, under the same conditions. GAS COKE is clean to handle. GAS COKE is smokeless. GAS COKE gives a clear red glow. GAS COKE lasts longer than coal. Light the fire with paper and sticks and a little coal. When once burning make it up with Coke, the cheapest solid fuel. For a limited time only, the St. John's Gas Light Company will deliver in any part of the town at \$6.50 per ton, or \$2.25 per half ton. feb11

CONDITION OF STREETS.—The streets were coated with silver thaw this forenoon and dangerous to pedestrian traffic. A few minor accidents occurred. One young man named Butler fell violently in Central Water Street. He was injured about the back and otherwise badly shaken up.

Labour.

Ho! ye who at the anvil toil, And strike the sounding blow, Where from the burning iron's breast The sparks fly to and fro! While answering to the hammer's ring, A fiercer intense glow— Oh! while we feel 'tis hard to toil And sweat the long day through, Remember it is harder still To have no work to do.

Ho! ye who till the stubborn soil, Whose hard hand guides the plough, Who bend beneath the summer sun, With burning cheek and brow— Ye deem the curse still clings to earth From plow to field till now; But while ye feel 'tis hard to toil, And labour all day through, Remember it is harder still To have no work to do.

Ho! ye who plough the sea's blue field, Who ride the restless wave— Beneath the gallant vessel's keel, There lies a yawning grave; Around whose bark the wintry winds, Like winds of fury rave— Oh! while ye feel 'tis hard to toil, And labour long hours through, Remember, it is harder still To have no work to do.

Ho! ye upon whose fevered cheeks The hectic glow is bright, Whose mental toils wear out the day, And half the weary night— Who labor for the souls of men, Champions of truth and right, Altho' you feel your toil is hard, Even with this glorious view, Remember, it is harder still To have no work to do.

Ho! all who labour—all who strive— Ye wield a lofty power, Do your own might—do with your strength Fill every golden hour! The glorious privilege to do, Is man's most noble duty. Oh, to your birthright and yourselves, To your own souls be true! A weary, wretched life is theirs, Who have no work to do.

Run Down by Horse.

Mr. H. B. Curtis, Supt. of the Nfld. Express Co., is confined to his room today, as the result of a serious accident which occurred opposite the railway station about 9 o'clock last night. He was standing in front of the station waiting for the west bound car, when he was run down by a passing horse and seriously injured about the head and neck. He was taken to the hospital and picked him up and took him into the waiting room of the station whence he was taken to the residence of Mr. F. Rioux, Waterford Bridge Road. He was attended by Dr. Roberts, who dressed the wounds. Though he spent a restless night he was resting quietly at noon to-day.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Feb. 8th, 1915. Our Lavender Water is made from the true Witcham Oil of Lavender, and after being made is kept for some months in order for the true odor to be brought out. Lavender Water, like wine, grows the better for being kept for a considerable time; and we take care to secure this by holding the finished product until the genuine odor is developed. The result you will find is growing more popular weekly. Price (for 4 ounce bottle) 65 cents. Clam Bovillon, as dispensed at our Soda Fountain, is delicious in flavor, and is growing more popular weekly. Try one. Price 10c. a cup, piping hot.

Here and There.

EXPRESS DUE.—The Kyle express with mail, is due in the city at 10 p.m.

LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local from Carbonear via Briggs, arrived in the city at 12.40 p.m. to-day.

WEATHER.—A S.W. wind prevails along the line of railway to-day; the temperature ranges from 25 to 35 above.

S. S. STEPHANO.—The Stephano reached Halifax on Saturday night. She will leave there this evening for this port.

THE MCGREGOR FIRE.—The enquiry into the McGregor fire will be continued before Judge Knight this afternoon.

POLICE CIRCLES.—During Saturday and yesterday not a single arrest was made by the police and there was no court to-day.

COMING FROM ALICANTE.—The S.S. Adventure is now 14 days out on this port from Alicante where she delivered a fish cargo.

Fresh Fish, Fresh Cod Tongues, Halibut and Smelts at BISHOP SONS & CO'S, Phone 679.—feb8,15

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Judge Conroy will take place on Tuesday, 9th inst., at 2.30 p.m., from his son's residence, Allendale Road.—adv7,11

It is the finishing material that enhances the value of many articles, and what better has that enriching quality, than the exquisite lace and embroidery selling at RODGER'S.—adv11

DUE TO-MORROW.—The s.s. Portia left Marytown at 10.15 a.m. to-day, coming east and is due here to-morrow. It is not likely she will call at Placentia, owing to ice conditions.

ORGANS.—Shipment just received. We are showing two new styles of Needham Organs at our way down prices. CHESSLEY WOODS, 140 Water Street (upstairs).—Jan14,15

REID'S BOATS.—The Ethie leaves Placentia for the westward this afternoon. The Glencoe arrived at Placentia at 8.15 a.m. to-day. The Kyle is due at Port aux Basques from Sydney early this afternoon.

A GOOD LAUGH.—If you want to have a good laugh don't make any engagement for to-morrow, Tuesday evening, so as to be free to go to the Casino and see that screamingly funny play: "French Before Breakfast." Also that delightful comedy-ette: "Between the Soup and the Savoury." Get and help with your mite the fund to help the homeless and starving refugees.

TIPPERARY, 13c. and other Patriotic Songs, with Music, 2c., 5c. and 12c. each. Outport orders please add 2c. extra for postage. Price list of all our Patriotic Music sent anywhere on request. G. KNOWLING. feb8,15,ead

Russian Countess

IN FLYING CORPS OF GENERAL "RUSKY'S" ARMY.

A proposal has been made to organize a corps of women aviators to serve with the allied armies now fighting the Germans.

The idea has been received with enthusiasm by many women, who reject the ancient theory of feminine weakness and declare that their sex is fully as fit to face peril as the men.

The aviators have proved themselves one of the most valuable factors in the war. There is a great need of more of them, and it is impossible to train them in a hurry.

This is one of the strongest reasons urged in favor of using the many skilled women aviators in the fighting.

The Princess Shakhovskaya, who has won fame as an aviator, has gone to the front. She will join General Rennenkampf's army operating in East Prussia.

So far as known the princess is the only woman aviator in service in the war. She is the first woman aviator to receive a commission for war service from the Russian Government.

The princess' application for a commission was rejected at first because of the fear that she should be captured by the Germans they might shoot her as a spy.

The princess learned to fly in Germany. She has visited New York.

The suggestion has actually appeared in print that Lady Victoria May Pery, daughter of the Earl of Limerick, should become chief of a British royal feminine flying corps.

Lady Victoria is one of the most dashing and certainly the prettiest of English women aviators. She was trained in aviation by Grahame-White and the late Gustav Hamel, in whose company she looped the loop in a most daring manner. Hamel was eventually killed while doing this trick.

One of the most daring of women aviators is Mile. Helene Dutrieu of France. She was the first woman to perform the loop the loop trick, that death defying stunt that made men's blood stand still when they first saw a man do it. Mile. Dutrieu did it as coolly and cleverly as any man.

She is a tall, slender girl, with an exquisite figure, as supple as a bamboo and as strong as steel.

She has carried a man passenger very often and is therefore well qualified for war aviation, in which two persons in a machine are almost a necessity.

Mile. Dutrieu received the Legion of Honor decoration for her exploits. She would undoubtedly make a daring leader of fighting aviators.

Miss Spencer Kavanagh has also distinguished herself as an aviator. Miss Kavanagh has also been a sports-woman, having hunted, broken horses, driven automobiles in races and gone in for athletic contests. She wished to learn to fly as soon as it became known that it was a possible achievement and went to Pau determined to master it.

She uses the Bleriot monoplane, which has been likened to a great dragon fly when in flight. She has had some bad accidents and was laid up with a broken wrist for a while. She has learned to control the machine now, and like other aviators, she takes the dangers as part of the game.

She is an attractive figure in her neat, tight, red cloth skirt and funnel blouse, with red cloth cap fastened under her chin, after the fashion in which Mile. Dutrieu wears hers.

If you wish to spend a pleasant evening go to the Congressional Sociable in the Lecture Room of Church on Wednesday evening, 10th inst. Good programme and Refreshments. Doors open 7.30. Concert 8 p.m. Admission 30c. Candy for sale during the evening. feb8,15,w

Invasion of Influenza

WITH ALL THE "FRIGHTFULNESS" OF KULTUR.

Influenza has made yet another invasion in the old days we called "Russian Influenza"; the present variety is conducting its campaign with so much "kultur" that it can only have come from Germany. Business stats already depleted by the war are further short-handed owing to gaps made by those who are fighting, and by those who are fighting the new enemy.

The following "Official Report" has been communicated by a Daily Mail correspondent "at the front":—

In the district of the Forehead steady pressure is maintained. From the Sconce to the Nape there is heavy artillery duelling. The enemy has captured, and partly destroyed, the village of Brain.

Movement in the Eye region is made difficult by sand dunes. Intermittent booming in the Ear indicates continued activity there. The ensnarement of hot-water bottles we have obtained ascendancy over some of his advanced rigors.

In the Chest region thick weather is hampering our air forces. In the district of Taste there is nothing to report.

DIED. Passed away this morning at 9.30. Mary Ann Bellows, aged 96, leaving 1 son and 2 daughters to mourn her loss; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 15 Adelaide Street; friends and acquaintances who please accept this, the only intimation.

GLENCOE REACHES PLACENTIA.—The Glencoe arrived at Placentia at 8.15 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon: Rev. E. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Cunningham, Rev. G. Hall, M. Foster, R. G. Pike, S. Tibbo, A. W. Lake, Captain Dalrymple, W. Hollett, Comat, Porsay, I. C. Morris, James Vigus, C. R. Darby, H. W. Darby, H. Dibbin, Dr. Smith, G. Ross and a second class. She sails west again this evening.

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NOTHING BUT THE BEST IN PICTURES AT THE "Crescent." AN ALL-FEATURE PROGRAMME TO-DAY. "The Menace to Carlotta," A Rex production, being the story of an Italian family in a big city; featuring Pauline Bush and Murdock MacQuarrie. "NUGGET NELL'S WARD"—A frontier western melo-drama containing an interesting love story. "THE GIRL BANDIT"—A western comedy. The girl turns bandit for a joke and gets the fright of her life. UNIVERSAL ANIMATED WEEKLY—A whole reel of interesting world happenings. J. O'NEIL FARRELL, Baritone, singing popular songs and ballads.

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LATEST From the Front. 10.00 A.M.

NO BLOCKADE DECREED.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The German Embassy declared in a statement issued to-day in regard to a decree, placing the waters around the British Isles in a war zone, that Germany does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food stuffs for the civilian population of the enemy's countries. The statement expresses the hope that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the Wilhelmnia. The German Ambassador has not received instructions, regarding the decision of the German Admiralty, but according to the text of the decision the following seems clear: There is nothing new in the communication made on Feb. 4 by the German Admiralty with respect to the attitude of the German Imperial Navy towards ships of the enemy or towards neutral commerce. It is absurd to describe this proclamation as a blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been since the beginning of the war, the attitude of the navies of all belligerent powers towards the ships of the enemy. A few months ago the English Admiralty proclaimed the closing of the North Sea waters, which are essentially neutral. Germany does not profess to close even the English Channel to neutral commerce, nor does it intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food stuffs for the civilian population of the enemy's countries. It is to be hoped that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the Wilhelmnia. The statement concludes with the following: "The warning may also be taken as in the nature of an answer to the offer of a prize of \$2,500 made in England for the first British merchant ship that should succeed in raiding and sinking a German submarine, an offer calculated to revive a long-abandoned practice of privateering."

USE OF NEUTRAL FLAG.

LONDON, To-day. The following statement was issued by the Foreign Office to-night: The use of the neutral flag is within certain limitations a well-recognized practice as a Ruse de Guerre. The chief effect in the case of a merchantman wearing a flag other than her national flag, is to compel an enemy to follow the ordinary obligations of naval warfare and satisfy himself as to the nationality of the vessel charged and her cargo by examination before capturing her and taking her into a Prize Court for adjudication. The British Government has always considered the use of British colours by foreign vessels legitimate, for the purpose of escaping capture. Such practice not only involves no breach of international law, but is specifically recognized by the law in this country.

In the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Instructions to British Consuls, 1914, it is stated a ship is liable to capture if the British character is improperly assumed, except for the purpose of escaping capture. As we have a practice not objected to of foreign merchant vessels using the British merchant flag as a ruse for the purpose of evading capture at sea by belligerents, so we should maintain that the converse case of a British merchant vessel committed no breach of international law in assuming neutral colors for a similar purpose if she thought fit. The rules of international law and the customs of war dictate humanity as obligatory upon a belligerent to ascertain the character of a merchant vessel and cargo before capturing. Germany has no right to disregard this obligation and to destroy a ship and non-combatant crew and cargo as Germany announces the intention of doing. It is nothing less than an act of piracy on the high seas.

GRAPHIC STORY OF TRENCH FIGHTING.

LONDON, To-day. A graphic description of the trench warfare, which prevailed on the Western front for weeks, is given by Eyewitness in his description of German attacks on British lines and British counter-attacks which were made last Monday. He says the Germans again attacked the South La Bassée Canal, but not in such strength as on previous occasions. Fighting began in the early hours of the morning with an assault on a small trench close to the Canal. This was successful. Two local counter-attacks carried by us failed to regain the ground lost. When daylight came, however, our artillery opened such an accurate fire on the enemy, that their position became untenable and a stronger counter-attack