



Evening Telegram

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The Press Censorship.

Yesterday forenoon, the Deputy Press Censor called up the Telegram, and asked us not to publish the rumors, which were then on the street, that four fishing vessels had been sunk by a submarine off St. Pierre. An item to that effect with others concerning marine matters was later sent in for publication, but having promised the Censor's assistant that we would not give publicity to any news of a nature calculated to cause alarm, the matter in question was withheld. Judge of our surprise, when the taboed article appeared in both the Herald and the Advocate in yesterday's issues. Here is the item from the Herald, head lines omitted:

"Official information has, we understand, been received here to the effect that four fishing vessels have been sunk off St. Pierre by the German submarine U-89. Rumor has it that the crews of one or more of them have been picked up by a local sealer, inward bound and may then be brought in here. Later information is given as follows: 'H. Zwicker' and 'C. M. Walters,' presumably of Ljapenburg; 'Morris B. Adams' and 'J. J. Flaherty,' supposed to be of Gloucester, Mass. The crews of all four vessels have been landed at St. Pierre."

The black type in the above is ours. The Advocate's report differs only from the Herald's in the brevity, and it is quite patent that both these papers were officially supplied with the intelligence. The Herald clearly gives this away. The Advocate is more diplomatic. There is not a newspaper in existence which does not delight in getting a "scoop" over its contemporaries, and under other circumstances we could congratulate both our editorial brethren; but we cannot consider that in the case under discussion they have made a legitimate feat. Since the Press Censorship was established, though we protested strongly against it at the time, and do so yet, we have nevertheless done everything compatible with journalistic duty to keep prohibited matter from our columns, and will continue to do so, so long as, to use an Americanism, a "square deal" is given. But if the Press Censor's Department has merely been instituted, as alleged, to muzzle candid and open criticism of the Government and its doings, we do not feel bound any longer, by courtesy or etiquette to abide by the regulations issued. A newspaper's business is, primarily, to purvey news to its readers, and so long as that news can be furnished without giving information to the enemy, the Telegram intends in future to give it. It is startlingly clear that some department of the Government issues information of news value to the papers supporting

the Government, and has been doing it. Whether or not the Censor is cognizant of this we do not know. If he is, and is afraid to act officially, then the usefulness of the office (if there ever was any usefulness attached to it) ceases and the whole thing becomes a huge joke, and what is infinitely worse a huge and utterly senseless expense to the Dominion Treasury. In other words it is a fraud and should be instantly abolished. As a matter of fact, the delinquencies of the Government papers in the publication of forbidden items has been winked at, if not encouraged, and in this connection it has been alleged that in the case of the sinking of the sealer Erik, the news of which was first and solely published by the Herald yesterday, the intelligence was supplied that paper by a prominent Government official, who, it is further alleged, called at the Herald office and communicated the contents of the despatch from St. Pierre advising the casualty, personally. If this is correct, and we have no reason to discredit it, then the Press Censor is simply a nonentity, and must do as he is told. Therefore he is not in a position to wield his authority without fear, favor or affection to himself. We had, in the beginning, confidence that the head of that department would successfully object to any invasion of his rights, by other officials, but recent happenings have demonstrated to, and convinced the public, that like a good many other appointments of the Government, the institution of the Press Censor's office has been more for show than need. We utter a further protest against the narrow, prejudiced and hostile attitude to a section of the press, which has characterized the administration of the Censor, and if this useless office of the newspapers of Newfoundland "Equal rights to all: Special privileges to none."

The Limit.

The fact that a strange person acting in a very suspicious manner, was allowed to go scot free by some one in authority on Sunday last, is an illustration of arrest stupidity on the part of those responsible. An unknown man is discovered, busily writing notes and descriptions of St. John's, by a military guard, who instead of arresting and placing him in close custody, accepts the torn out leaves of the book containing the written matter and permits the possible spy to take his departure without any examination other than the taking of his name and address, both of which are undoubtedly bogus. The attention of the authorities has been continuously directed to the presence of enemy agents in this city, and it is inconceivable that having caught one in the act, no arrest was made. We are taking perilous chances, in permitting strangers the freedom of St. John's and it is now up to the authorities to take proper and necessary precautions, the first of which should be the apprehension of the stranger who put it over the military on Sunday.

Submarine Gets Erik

The s.s. Erik, Capt. Lane, has been sunk by a German submarine off St. Pierre. The crew were all St. John's men. The Erik left here Friday last for North Sydney to load coal for this port, and it is presumed that she was sunk Saturday afternoon. The ship was shelled by the submarine on her course 70 miles off Gullantry Head, St. Pierre. The crew were transferred from her to the sub. and from that to the s.s. Willis C. to the land. Messages received last evening from Capt. Lane, report that some members of the crew had been wounded. The Erik was owned by Jas. Balrd, Ltd., and has been engaged in coasting service during the past three months. She was constructed in Dundee in 1885, and had given good service for the last half century. She was 383 tons gross, 461 tons nett, 161.8 feet long, 29.5 feet beam, and 18.5 feet deep.

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Big Liner Ashore.

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Personal.

Mr. C. Martin, of Carbonear, left for the Straits of Belle Isle last night on the Leyland liner Winnifredian. Mrs. Tomlinson and son, who were visiting relatives here, returned to Toronto to-day. Miss K. Farrell left by to-day's express for New York. Miss Mildred Ocen and Miss Duncan left by to-day's express for Boston where they will study nursing. Capt. Barron and Mrs. Barron, of New York, who are spending the summer at Tompkins, and who were visiting relatives in the city, returned to Tompkins by to-day's express.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, August 27, 1918. We should have said yesterday that we have three sizes of Bath Salts, Large, Medium and Small, the selling prices of which are \$3.50, \$1.75 and 90c. respectively. We have just received a limited stock of Virol—two sizes. This remarkable nutrient and builder is an unrivalled tonic food for delicate infants and children. If you are going trout to-morrow don't forget some moccasin dope for the mosquitoes will assuredly not forget you. Get a bottle of Citronella Oil, which will keep them off in good shape. Price 25c. a bottle.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 7.15 p.m. yesterday, on Red Island route. The Clyde left Moreton's Hr. at 4.50 p.m. yesterday, outward. The Dundee left King's Cove at 11 a.m. yesterday. The Home left Fortune Hr. at 1.10 p.m. yesterday, outward. The Sagona reached St. John's at 8.50 p.m. yesterday. The Petrel not reported. The Fogata at Port aux Basques.

All aboard for Flatrock! The "John Greene" will leave the wharf of C. F. Bennett & Co. for Flatrock Garden Party to-morrow at 1.45 p.m. Only a limited number of tickets could be issued, and may be had at 17 Balsam Street to-day. Price — Flatrock and return, only \$1.50.—aug 27, 11

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind W.S.W. light, with dense fog; nothing heard passing to-day. Bar. 29.30; ther. 60.

Here and There.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS.

TO HOLD MEETING.—The Girls' Branch of the N.I.W.A. will hold a meeting Thursday evening, to discuss matters relative to their well-being.

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GARDEN PARTY PROCEEDS.—The proceeds of St. Michael's Garden Party, which was recently held in Simmonds' Farm, amounted to \$400.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.—Two men were before the Court for loose and disorderly conduct. One was fined \$2 or 7 days, while the other was fined \$2 or 5 days.

The Witley Bay Garden Party will take place on Sunday, September 1st.—aug 27, 11

ENTERS HOSPITAL.—A young woman named Murray, of Bay Bulls, entered hospital yesterday to undergo an operation.

JUST RECEIVED—50 cases Ross's Royal Belfast Dry Ginger Ale. P. E. OUBERIDGE, 266 Water St. Phone 60. aug 26, 31

PRICES OF FISH.—The following message was received yesterday from the Council at Oporto by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries: "Now, \$2 to \$7; 80 to 85; 75 to 78; prices are declining in consequence of heavy arrivals."

THAT MONUMENT.—Having made inquiries, the Telegram can announce the cost of regilding the monument in the Government House Grounds, would cost \$30. It is now up to some philanthropic citizen to send in the money to pay for the regilding. The Telegram undertakes to handle any amounts that may be sent in, and we will publish the names of all donors.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.

Sagona Back.

LABRADOR FISHERY IMPROVING.

The S. S. Sagona, Capt. Parsons, reached port at 9 o'clock last night from the Labrador mail service, having made all the ports of call north to Hopdale. The trip which was made in almost record time was exceptionally cold for this season of the year, the temperature at times dropping down to zero. The fishery as a whole shows signs of improvement and at some places hook and line men have done remarkably well.

At Macovick Capt. Tom Dunn and crew had 550 quintals ashore for one trap.

At Iron Bound Island Mr. Hierlby's two schooners and one trap account for 1,500 qts.

At Holton, Emily Harbor, White Bears, Smoky and Indian Harbour very little doing.

There is a little improvement at Wolf Island.

Indian Tackle.—Not much doing.

At Red Point Kennedy's crews did well; average catch about 350 qts.

South of Baileau for a considerable distance hook and line men are doing well.

From Battle Harbor to Fraser's Hr. the fish are reported numerous. At St. Peter's Bay a large number of floaters have assembled, all of which stand an excellent chance of loading.

Man Dies Suddenly.

The Deputy Minister of Justice received the following message this morning:—

"Joseph Pretty, of Norris Arm, South Dildo, Trinity Bay, aged 36 years, died suddenly on a motor boat, on Saturday at Botwood, at 10.45 p.m. Deceased had been working at Norris Arm, where I am holding an enquiry this date."

Fishery News.

Brigus—Some fish with trawls, but bait very scarce.

Carbonear—Sign of squid last night.

Greenspond—Little fish with hook and line; bait scarce.

Baine Hr.—No fishing; squid scarce.

Twillingate—Traps bait to one barrel; hook and line quarter barrel.

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PERSONAL.—Rev. Father Cashin Mount Cashel, is being transferred to the "House" at Seattle, Wash. U.S.A.

NO TRETH IN RUMOR.—Mr. H. W. LeMessurier wishes to state that there is no truth in the rumor that he has received a message re the capture of a German submarine.

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GENEROUS HELP.—On Saturday last, Mr. H. D. Reid gave free passes to 10 men to go to Hodgewater for clams. These clams will be used as bait.

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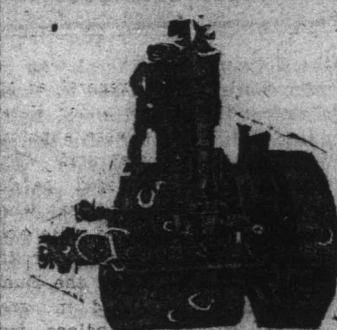
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To-Day's Messages

9.30 A. M.

GETTING AFTER THE TURK.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 25. Two hostile air squadrons attacked Constantinople Wednesday night, say a Turkish official statement received here to-day.

AUSTRIAN REPORT.

VIENNA, via London, Aug. 25. The official communique from the Austrian War Office to-day says: "Our attack is progressing successfully in Albania. After a bitter struggle yesterday, Italian bridgehead positions north of Pleri were taken. During the pursuit which followed our troops crossed the Semeti. We also made progress near Berat and in the Solove mountains. The bombing attacks of our airmen against Avlona are continuing."

WITHDRAWN BY COMMAND (1).

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 25. German headquarters to-day issued the following statement: "There have been successful forward fighting southwest of Ypres, on both sides of the Salient, and north of the Labasse Canal (Lys salient). We repulsed enemy partial attacks before our lines. Between Arras and the Somme the British continued their attacks. Strong infantry forces led by tanks were thrust forward in the early morning between Neuville, Vieux and Stieger. They collapsed with heavy losses before our lines. Our posts standing in Stieger withdrew according to command on their fighting lines east of the village."

DENIES STATEMENT.

ARCHANGEL, Russia, Aug. 22. (By the A. P.)—An official announcement issued to-day by the Entente Allies Governments, in the northern region of Russia, denies a statement recently made by Lenin and Trotsky, the Bolshevik Premier and War Minister respectively, that Great Britain, France and the United States were enemies of Russia. The Allied military action, the announcement adds, was aimed at the expulsion of the Germans from Russian territory and the suppression by force of arms of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty.

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