

War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A.M.

OFFICIAL.

LONDON, March 25.
The Governor, Newfoundland:
The French Government reports progress by the Belgian Army on the Yser. Two German attacks were completely defeated north of Arras. Trenches were captured and prisoners taken at Hartmannswillerkopf.
The Russian Government reports slow progress being made in desperate fighting on the right bank of the Nerw. In the Carpathians the Russians are advancing. Over four thousand prisoners and many machine guns have been captured.

HARCOURT.

ST. PIERRE BULLETIN.

PARIS, via St-Pierre, March 25.
North of Arras, during the night of 23rd-24th, the Germans delivered two attacks on Notre Dame de Loreste spur. Their defeat was complete. In Champagne, on the same night, a German attack on Beausjour Keep was repulsed.

According to a despatch from Athens to the London Daily Mail, the Allies have landed troops in the Isthmus of Gallipoli from the Gulf of Sator.

A general attack on the Dardanelles will be made as soon as the French ships arrive.

A CONSTANTINOPLE STORY.

LONDON, March 25.
The Evening Chronicle publishes a despatch from Bucharest, Rumania, to the effect that the Turkish Government recently decided to surrender Constantinople and the Dardanelles to the Allied fleet. The surrender was all but arranged, the Chronicle says, when at the last moment it was blocked by Germany. The Peace Party forced a vote, at the recent cabinet meeting, to send emissaries, one of which was the American Ambassador Morgenthau, to the Dardanelles to negotiate with the commander of the Allied fleet for the surrender of Constantinople. Just as everything seemed settled, the German General Liman Von Sanders heard of the plan and nipped it with the threat of the court-martial of all concerned.

U-29 SUNK WITH ALL HANDS.

LONDON, March 25.
The British Admiralty stated this evening that they thought the German submarine U-29, which recently sank four British and one French steamer in the English Channel and damaged three other vessels, had been sunk with all hands. Text of official statement said: "Admiralty have good reasons to believe that the German submarine U-29 has been sunk with all hands."

WILLING TO TAKE MEN'S PLACES.

LONDON, March 25.
Women are crowding to register for employment at the Labor Exchange here and throughout England at the rate of 150,000 per day. It is estimated already one million women have shown themselves ready to fill positions now occupied by men, if men still go into the army. The Government has expressed its approval of this movement, but no definite action has been taken. However, women are now being employed as clerks in the Censor's office and elsewhere in Government work that formerly was occupied by men. All railways and tramways throughout England have received letters from the Government, asking them to do all they can to employ women and release able-bodied men for fighting.

THE KARLSRUHE AGAIN.

NEW YORK, March 25.
German naval officers at Bremerhaven are quoted as authority for the statement that the cruiser Karlsruhe lies at the bottom of the sea in the West Indies. Jesse Boyd, second officer of the American steamer Carib, which was sunk by a mine in the North Sea, who reached here to-day from Rotterdam, says that he spent five days at Bremerhaven, and through an old-time friend, now an officer in the German navy, obtained positive confirmation of the rumor that the Karlsruhe was no longer afloat. Boyd quotes his friend as saying that a German bomb sent her to the bottom after she had struck on a reef. Some of her crew are now at Bremerhaven; others somewhere probably in the West Indies or in South America.

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White Cotton Towels, suitable for barber shops, soft quality, ready hemmed; size 12 1/2 x 22. Special Price, 2 for 11c

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Cream Cotton Blankets, soft and fleecy. Pink and Pale Blue borders; size 64 x 76. Reg. \$1.55 pair. Friday and Saturday 1.42

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Well made and serviceable Aprons in fine quality Rubber Cloth, Black and White check designs. Reg. price 45c. each. Friday & Saturday 38c

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We have a complete line of Black Satin Blouses and Shirts-waists that must be cleared out at once to make room for new goods. It's a fortunate circumstance to many as it entails on our part a big sacrifice. Values a few pairs. \$1.00 values for 72c

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A Nice Collection.
36 pairs only Black 3-Strap Shoes in the latest style Cuban heels, black and patent leathers; sizes from 3 to 7. Reg. \$1.85 pair. Friday & Saturday 1.70

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Plain White Cotton Pillow Cases, 12 dozen in the lot; size 19 x 19, nicely finished. Reg. 15c. each. Friday and Saturday 12c
TAPESTRY HEARTH RUGS.
Wool and Jute, Scotch manufacture, fringed ends, in a nice assortment of colors and designs; size 27 x 54. Reg. \$1.25 each. Friday and Saturday 1.05
HONEYCOMB TOWELS.
White, with Red borders, fringed ends; soft finish. Regular 20c. each. Friday and Saturday 16c

Hardware Helps.

Soiled Linen Baskets. Reg. \$2.50 each for . . . \$2.20
Clothes Baskets. Reg. \$1.50 each for . . . \$1.14
Nickel Plated Kettles. Reg. \$1.25 each for . . . \$1.10
Coal Vases. Reg. \$1.50 each for . . . \$1.40
Coal Vases. Reg. \$2.00 each for . . . \$1.85
Crumb Tray and Brushes. Reg. \$1.10 ea. for . . . \$1.00
Crumb Tray and Brushes. Reg. 65c. ea. for . . . 58c
Redd Polishing Cloths. Reg. 20c. each for . . . 17c
Household's Gloves. Reg. 18c. each for . . . 15c
Clothes Brushes. Reg. 35c. each for . . . 30c
Tooth Brushes. Reg. 22c. each for . . . 19c
Tin Padding Moulds. Reg. 35c. each for . . . 30c
Cake Tins (single). Reg. 8c. each for . . . 8c
Sake Tins (single). Reg. 8c. each for . . . 8c
Toilet Paper in rolls. Reg. 8c. each for . . . 7c
Enamel Double Saucepans. Reg. \$1.30 ea. for . . \$1.18
Noiseless Plate Scrapers. Reg. 10c. ea. for . . 9c
Secotine in Tubes. Reg. 15c. for . . . 11c
Enamel Buckets. Reg. 60c. each for . . . 55c.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE OF MENS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING

If you have not yet taken advantage of this Great Sale, Halt! Right about turn! and march yourself right into our Gent's Furnishing Department, where you will find a host of bargains in wearing apparel for Men and Boys. We specially call your attention to the Jackman Stock of Men's and Boys' Suits. Values that were never before equalled in this city.

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Reg. \$2.75 Suits selling for \$2.75
Reg. \$4.00 Suits selling for \$3.00
Reg. \$5.00 Suits selling for \$3.50
Reg. \$7.20 Suits selling for \$5.50
Reg. 12.00 Suits selling for \$9.75

Values in Crockeryware.

Krystal Glass Cheese and Cracker Plates. Reg. 80c. ea. for . . . 69c.
Preserve Dishes, Fancy China; small. Special, 3 for . . . 17c.
Toilet Sets, 3 pieces, Green Band. Reg. \$2.50 each for . . . \$2.20
Tumblers, Cut Glass; bell shaped. Reg. 20c. each for . . . 17c.
China Tea Sets, 21 pieces; Willow pattern. Reg. \$3.00 for . . . \$2.65
Fancy China Teapots. Reg. 25c. each for 22c.
Fancy Moustache Cups. Reg. 25c. each for 22c.
W. & G. Stone China Tea Plates, 4 inch. Special, 2 for . . . 6c.
Fancy China Egg Cups, large size. Special, 2 for 6c.
Krystal Glass Salt and Pepper Shakes. Reg. 15c. for . . . 13c.

Chamois Dusters
12 doz. Flette Dusters, Imitation Cham-ois, Red borders; size 23 x 24, hemmed ready for use. Special, each 12c

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The Ice Blockade.

The continuous ice blockade around this port in consequence of the prevailing easterly and north easterly winds for the past month or so has been and is a great impediment to shipping. Several foreign going vessels, laden with fish, were held up in port here during the last few weeks for a fortnight and more on account of being unable to negotiate the ice while a number of vessels enroute to St. John's from foreign ports, are on our coast, this long while awaiting a strong change of wind to drive the ice off. Only last week the Furness boat Graciana got away from here for Halifax, after being detained for eight days longer than was necessary. At present the Durango and Tobasco, bound for Liverpool and Halifax, respectively, are tied up at the Furness Line pier and are now three days icebound. No doubt this season's ice blockade is one of the worst in the history of the country.

Star Lecture.

Mr. H. F. Shortis lectured to a large gathering of members of the Star of the Sea Society and their friends at the Star Hall last night. The subject of the discourse was: "Sketches of Early Fishing Days" which was dealt with in a most interesting manner. The manners and customs of the old time settlers, their methods of prosecuting the fisheries and the early teaching in the schools, were described in Mr. Shortis' usual style.

At the close a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. F. Farrell and seconded by Mr. T. P. Hickey, was accorded the lecturer for his interesting discourse.

Through the kindness of Mr. E. M. Jackman, President, the pupils of the night school were present by invitation.

Nickel Closes All Holy Week.

See To-Day's Pictures.
A very attractive programme has been arranged for the Nickel Theatre this evening. The show will open with a Mutual Weekly which will give all the latest news items.

"Rivalry" is a wonderful two-reel picture. It is full of interest from start to finish. Dorothy Gish and Robert Harron are principal players in a beautiful melo-drama. "Their First Acquaintance."

"How Lone Wolfe Died," is an exciting drama showing how a Red Handed Renegade who destroys for the mere love of savagery meets his own end in a desert.
The comedy picture is entitled: "The Missing Bride." These are the last two days to help as the Nickel Theatre closes Holy Week. Everyone should take in this show, and make the Fund as large as possible. The regular weekly matinee takes place to-morrow.

Norwegian Fishery.

1915.
Lofoden 9,100,000
All others 21,500,000
Total 30,600,000
1914.
Lofoden 7,900,000
All others 27,300,000
Total 35,200,000
The foregoing figures were received yesterday evening by Deputy Minister of Customs LeMessurier, showing a decrease of 4,600,000 for this year.

Post Cards of the Con-tingent which left on the Stephano now for sale at FARSONS' ART STORE.

Boy Scouts.

Yesterday afternoon the Boy Scouts of the S. A. College were addressed by Brigadier Morehen, D. C., who spoke to the lads on their duties as scouts and explained the meaning of the badge.
Scout Master Pitcher presided, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Scout Gave and seconded by Scout Butler was tendered the Brigadier for his interesting discourse.

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