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Argyle left Burin at 8 p.m. yes- terday.

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Kyle reached Port aux Basques 5 a.m. to-day.

Meigle reached Placentia at 5 a.m. to-day.

Saguna left Port aux Basques 5 a.m. to-day.

ISH TOURNEY.—The British are going to run off another tournament at their rooms to-

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TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ON.

MADRID, To-day. King Alfonso, to-day has a long Conference with Count De Romanones, the Premier, whose Cabinet had resigned previously. Full confidence in the Premier was expressed by the King, who requested Count De Romanones to continue in power. The Government, therefore, will resume its duties with the same Ministers holding portfolios.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

The British steamer Nestorian from Galveston, December 13th, for Liverpool, before reported ashore in a position not given, has parted amidships and the fore-end of the vessel is submerged.

SPAIN AROUSED OVER SINKINGS.

PARIS, To-day. The report of the Spanish steamer Pelayo, with a cargo of oil and domestic articles, being torpedoed and sunk while bound for England, coming on top of the sinking of the Spanish steamer San Leandro, has increased the popular resentment against Germany. The Spanish Government, however, does not intend to give any intimation. The Pelato was 2,641 tons.

PERHAPS.

THE HAGUE, To-day. The Ardenburg Correspondent of Nieuw Courant who has been touring Belgium on a charitable mission learns that the German authorities with the co-operation of the Belgian Commune are planning to cope with the unemployment problem. Work has been provided in Belgium, says the correspondent, and thus the deportations will be suspended.

CHINA JOINS THE CHORUS.

PEKING, To-day. W. U. Ting Fang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has sent to Dr. Paul Reich, American Minister, a reply to President Wilson's peace note. This declares that China is probably the greatest neutral sufferer from the war, because economic and industrial reforms require the assistance of the other powers. It adds that China is sympathetic with Pres. Wilson's desire for a restoration of peace with an agreement which would uphold the equality of all nations, weak or strong, so that further acts of injustice and violence would be impossible.

1.00 P.M.

EXPRESS COMMENT ON AMERICA.

LONDON, To-day. W. Corard, American Ambassador to Germany, German newspaper comment and reports of the impression created by it in the United States have been given and are still being given prominence in the London Morning papers, none of them has commented on the speech until to-day, when the Daily Express alone prints an editor's tribute to Ambassador Gerard's efforts on behalf of British prisoners, the Daily Express says it is impossible to understand the attitude of America to the complex problem of the war unless the many abstractions of the American mind are carefully considered and the factors

governing the national opinion in the different parts of the United States. In view of these conflicting factors, it is easy to understand that President Wilson's main concern is to bring the war to an end as soon as possible, and thus remove the danger of American entanglement. The newspaper adds that despite his narrow-visioned policy, enlightened opinion in the United States cannot expect the Allies, after two and a half years of bloody sacrifice to agree to a peace which would make that sacrifice unavailing.

NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN RIGA REGION.

LONDON, To-day. The anxiety with which the operations along the Sereth River in Roumania are being watched here is being partly balanced by the hopeful interest in the activities in the Riga and Mitau region of Russia. Here, according to Petrograd accounts, the Russians are taking advantage of the frost which has made possible a movement on the vast Tirul marshes and it is making substantial progress. The operations seem to have begun days ago with a German attack towards Riga, but for some time they have appeared to be nothing more important than the usual affairs between outposts and artillery batteries. Two or three days ago, however, they began to develop in a manner indicating that the Russians had made a preparation which perhaps the German Government aimed at forestalling. The Russians very promptly replied to the German attack, says the Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent, and pushing steadily along the east bank of the River captured triple positions from the enemy after hard fighting and some 1,000 prisoners and sixteen guns taken. The movement still continues and the Russians are within a dozen miles of their objective. There is no official confirmation of a statement current that this very important forward base of the enemy has been captured, nor are we allowed to know what forces are engaged in this region. It is the general opinion, however, that an important movement is in progress. Hard fighting has been going on for three days already and the balance of the success is largely with the Russians side in the operations, which it is admitted are only beginning. The Daily News' Petrograd correspondent says the Russians in the northwest corner of the Cirul swamp have reached a point four miles from the Tukum-Mitau railroad, and are steadily developing their success there and also extending their operations further east.

AWFUL CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

NEW YORK, To-day. The Sun this morning publishes the following: The London Correspondent of the Sun is able to present letters of guaranteed authenticity taken from German prisoners captured on the Somme within the last two weeks revealing the actual conditions in Germany brought on by the food shortage. The following letter was written from Hanover: "Here in Hanover the people are gradually becoming thinner, always thinner; nobody ever grows any fatter. Any one desiring to obtain food can obtain nothing, isn't this awful?" A letter from Hamburg found on a German prisoner there has been a frightful riot to-night. In the Hofweg, Berweg and other streets, women and children broke into shops and robbed them. What is going to happen? People have nothing to eat. There are no potatoes and grease and bread are scarce." Another letter from Hamburg says: "Yesterday it was war here, too. There are soldiers with bayonets at our backs; all the bread and butter shops and grocers' shops were wrecked. Then mounted soldiers appeared. What a life! They were after us with their sabres right up to the doorsteps. This is the state of affairs." A third letter from Hamburg says: "There has been a frightful commotion here. The shops of Tietz and Hirtz have been broken into and everything plundered. Bread has been stolen from the bakers. The green grocers had to sell all their potatoes without tickets. It gets worse every day. A hundred women marched through the streets. They all wanted more to eat. For a fortnight we have seen no butter. Times are continually getting worse. I don't know what the end will be."

Shoulder capes of mole fur are very smart.

LATEST

NOTHING ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, To-day. There were no important developments on the French front last night, the War Office announces.

REPLY TO ENTENTE TO-DAY.

ATHENS, To-day. It is announced in Government circles that the guarantees given by the Entente against an extension of the influence of former Premier Venizelos are regarded as satisfactory, and that a reply to the ultimatum of the Entente will be delivered to-morrow, Wednesday.

NO CHOICE.

LONDON, To-day. The Greek Council of Ministers favors acceptance of the terms of the Allies' ultimatum, according to an Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

TIMES' WAR FORECAST.

LONDON, To-day. The military expert of the Times, discussing the question of Germany's probable war plans in the near future, expresses the opinion that Von Hindenburg may attempt a blow against Italy before the spring finds all his opponents prepared to meet him with their full strength. The writer dismisses the possibility of an attack on the Western front as remote, and says that the German Chief of Staff may use his floating balance of reserves against General Cadorna because 20 more divisions added to the 33 Austrian divisions facing Italy would give him a good chance of doing something. After saying that the situation in Switzerland must not be disregarded, since neutrality counts as nothing to the Germans, the writer finally concludes that Russia will be Hindenburg's main objective.

With 135 divisions on the Russian front, he says Von Hindenburg has the power necessary to conducting a fresh campaign with vigor, and current operations in Roumania tend to throw back the Russian left, and place the Austro-German right in position for continuing the attack on the Russians that they could boast of last autumn. The Germans declare they are impressed by what they term "the internal disorganization of Russia," and affirm that the Russian armies are exhausted and short of war material. The Austro-German railway system is far superior to the Russian, and the German-Austro Service Act will supply the drafts needed for an offensive campaign. Russia must certainly be prepared to find herself in 1917 the anvil for the German hammer.

The writer anticipates a sea attack by the navies of both Central Powers. "If economic conditions," he concludes, "are as galling in Austria and Hungary as they seem to be, we must naturally expect to see a violent effort by their navies to break the blockade which is strangling them. If it comes it will be delivered with all their forces united, and with the last degree of energy. Nothing must turn our minds from the expectation of this act of despair."

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light S.E. wind and fine; temperature 18 to 35 above.

STORM STRUCK WEST COAST.

We learn from the Reid Mtd. Co., that a strong S.E. wind accompanied by rain, struck the West Coast this morning and is increasing in volume every hour.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

The s.s. Kyle reached Port aux Basques at 7.45 a.m. to-day with the following first class passengers: J. T. Walsh, M. J. O'Donnell, F. P. Rowbottom, W. J. Mahoney, S. A. Hixler, E. A. Pittman, A. Stevens, Thos. Lorrie, Miss A. Forward, E. J. Gillis, Jno. Byrne.

GIRL TRAMPLED ON.

A girl named Peddie, who was taking in the reception to the Naval Reservists at the railway station Monday night, was knocked down by the surging crowd and nearly trampled to death. She was severely bruised, and was attended by Dr. Tait.

OWED THOUSANDS FOR LIQUOR.

We learn from a reliable source that the liquor dealers are owed thousands of dollars in small amounts which they are having considerable difficulty in collecting. Some of the accounts go back as far as 1913 and it looks as if trouble is in store for some people.

RESERVIST PARSONS.

A. Parsons, of Bay Roberts, one of the Reservists who came back with the red draft on furlough a day or two ago, was on a torpedo boat in the Mediterranean Sea the past year and a half and took part in the capturing and sinking of several enemy ships. He had an interesting experience to relate but naval regulations prevented his doing so.

WAS WITH LATE CAPT. AYRE.

Private A. Dawson, of Spaniard's Bay, who came home on Saturday last on furlough, was wounded in the left leg in the big July drive. He left here with D Company in charge of Capt. Eric Ayre, who fell in that glorious advance, and of whom Pte. Dawson speaks commendably. The latter was five months in Wandsworth Hospital before coming here.

MEIGLE'S PASSENGERS.

The s.s. Meigle reached Placentia at 6.30 a.m. to-day with the following first class passengers: S. Y. Ailes, M. Grant, J. Cheesman, L. Heller, J. C. Cheesman, S. Bennett, G. Bennett, L. LeFeuvre, T. Hollett, A. Hollett, E. Anderson, M. Way, J. Keeping, W. Cossack, W. Brown, M. Harnett, Misses C. Turpin, T. Turpin, M. O'Brien, C. Burlett, C. Bartlett, Mrs. C. Butler and 5 second class.

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Fads and Fashions.

Rabbit fur is still in fashion. The newest fur coats have very striking linings.

Elephant gray is a beautiful color in a pile fabric.

A new type of sleeve for a fur coat is the melen.

Sports blouses are made of flannel in wide stripes.

Big square checks are very popular for wrap-coats.

There is a great deal of tulle used for evening frocks.

There are cuffs so wide that they extend to the elbow.

Tassels are still a fashionable finish for loose ends.

Gray suitings are appropriately

trimmed with mole furs.

Velvet seems to be the keynote of everything that is smart.

The hat without a brim needs to be very carefully chosen.

Youthful persons are wearing black and white a great deal.

Skunk fur is charmingly used on robes of bordeaux red velvet.

Some of the smartest big coats are distinctly Cossack in type.

Lingerie is trimmed with flit lace in amusing animal designs.

Pepper and salt mixtures are very fashionable for outside coats.

Parchment-colored suede cloth is an excellent choice for a smart wrap.

There seems no limit to the uses for rich foreign embroideries in color.

The secret of popularity of the

straight coat frock is in its grace.

The white vest of many of the newest frocks extends to the waist line.

Picturesque fur shoulder capes are pointed front and back and fall in ripples.

A quaint sleeve is tight fitting to the elbow, and is then one large puff to the wrist.

The Russian blouse of heavy crepe de chine or velvet is an enchanting garment.

Whenever it is most becoming a woman has a perfect right to choose a picture hat.

The skirt of satin, taffeta or velvet is well adapted to wear with the separate blouse.

Strange Occurrence.

YOUNG WOMAN FOUND IN COVE ALL BUT DROWNED.

Shortly after midnight Mr. Alexander McKinley, chief engineer of the s.s. Eagle, came from the South Side of the harbor in a boat and on reaching this side observed a woman in the water in Bowring's Cove and heard her screaming for help. Engineer McKinley hastily went to her aid and when taken out of the icy cold water she was unconscious. The watchman of the premises was alarmed and in turn notified the police station. Sergt. Mackay and Constables Forsey and Emberley hurried to the Cove and brought the unfortunate woman to the station, where she was attended by Dr. Roberts and the matron of the institution. The woman had swallowed considerable water, though the physician did not consider her case serious. Stimulants were given her, the wet clothing removed and she was wrapped in warm blankets, but she did not regain consciousness until 9 o'clock this morning. Though feeling the ill effects of her icy cold bath she was able to speak somewhat and told that her name was Maggie Harvey, aged 19 years, a native of Fortune. She boarded on Carter's Hill and worked at the Imperial Tobacco Factory. In explaining how she got in the water, as it was believed she was demented, she said that her brother was a shipwrecked seaman, who was on a local fish carrier submarine in the Mediterranean recently, and she went down to meet him, having heard that he had returned on a steamer which reached port last night. Continuing she said while leaning over the rail near the water's edge in Bowring's Cove she was taken suddenly ill and fell headlong overboard. Fortunately the water in that particular spot was not more than four or five feet deep, otherwise she would have succumbed quickly. As it was, she was in an advanced state of exhaustion when rescued, and luckily Mr. McKinley happened to come along at the time or the result might have been different. As to the credibility of the woman's story this morning there was a diversity of opinion. However, on re-examination Dr. Roberts found her to be in a perfectly rational state of mind and she was able to proceed to her boarding house unaided.

Train Notes.

Monday's mail and freight reached Port aux Basques at 12.15 a.m. The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 9 a.m. to-day.

The local from Carboneau reached the city at 12.30 p.m. to-day.

Plea for Jesse Pomeroy

That He Have Same Privileges Other Prisoners Enjoy.

Boston, Jan. 3.—A request that Jesse Pomeroy, who has served forty years of a life sentence of solitary confinement, at the State prison, be given privileges similar to those accorded other prisoners, was made in a petition to Governor McCall and the executive council by District Attorney Pelletier to-day.

"The boy of 14 years was too young for immediate execution, caged in for forty years, he had been spared to become the only example in this nation of a prisoner being inhumanely treated, and slowly done to death or insanity," the district attorney wrote. "He is human, sane, his record under awful punishment has been good; why fear to make him a prisoner under life sentence like any other."

In Milady's Boudoir.

DIET FOR YOUR SKIN.

Despairing maidens with sallow, muddy, pimply skins will find a speedy cure in diet of fresh rare beef, coarse grains small quantity and oranges in abundance. Eat all the oranges you want, take one whenever you are hungry. This is a good thing of which there cannot be too much.

As a local application to the skin, oranges prepared in various fashions have no superior. Orange flower skin food for which I have many times given the formula, is one of the best creams for your toilet table, and an orange flower astringent, is an after-math to the cream, or even used by itself, th dainty woman will find most delightful. It will freshen and tone up the skin wonderfully, if used constantly, granting it a many year reprieve from wrinkles, and giving it the velvety softness of the orange flower petals themselves. Its main mission is to close up enlarged pores.

It should be dabbed upon the skin by a bit of absorbent cotton, which has been moistened with the liquid. A close cousin to the orange flower astringent is orange flower vinegar, which should be sprayed over the body after the bath to stimulate the skin and make it fresh and glowing.

No woman should ever be without a toilet vinegar on her toilet table. But the orange does not confine its ministrations wholly to the skin. It possesses equal virtues as far as the hair is concerned. Oil or orange rind massaged into the scalp daily will keep the hair glossy and full of life and color.

Your chin-reaching fur collar may be fastened in front with a jaunty little bow.

A square of rose quartz rimmed in gold is a pretty snap to complete a necklace of pearls.