

## Local and Other Items

The Nova Scotia Legislature opened on Thursday last.

On Sunday there was crossing both ways at the Cape. The mail reached here about six o'clock.

The price of foodstuffs continue on the up-grade in Chicago announcement being made of an increase on the 23rd or in the near future of several articles. Many retailers were asking \$1.05 per peck for potatoes.

A severe earthquake shock lasting from 2.41 to 2.43 a. m. was recorded on the seismograph at Canisus College Buffalo on the 21st. The direction and distance indicated the West Indies at the centre of the disturbance.

In the Lenten Pastoral of his Lordship, Bishop O'Leary, read in the churches of the diocese on Sunday last, the duty of parents towards their children is strongly inculcated. This is the dominant thought of the Pastoral.

At Caribou, Maine, a deal has been closed for 3,000 barrels of potatoes at \$8.40 a barrel for March and April delivery. This is the top notch price of the season and should satisfy the sellers, though with the consumer it is another story.

Great Britain's curtailment of imports announced by Premier Lloyd George is not regarded as likely to have important effect upon the port of New York. On the basis of the Prime Minister's statement shippers today estimated the total reduction of imports at \$2,000,000 a year.

The strike in the Krupp factories in Essen is constantly extending to Les Nouvelles. The paper says that 40,000 workers are now on strike due to lack of food and that disturbances have occurred at Aix La Chapelle from the same cause. The police asked for intervention of the troops who it is said refused to act.

Captain J. H. Burnham, Conservative M. P., 93rd Battalion, Peterborough, Ont. has cabled the British War Office an offer to raise a contingent of Canadian girl clerks for France, to relieve the men for the trenches. Captain Burnham has opened lists at his office to receive the names of young women willing to meet the demands for female help.

A week or two ago Mr. Stephen Brown, butcher of York and Charlottetown, purchased an animal, jointly owned by Mr. Howard Anderson, Cable Head West and Mr. Newton McEwen Greenwich, which tipped the scale at 1,800 lbs. When butchered the carcass gave 60 lbs. of beef to the 100. The vendors received a handsome figure for the animal.

A meeting of the Provincial Executive was held last Thursday night when considerable business of a routine character was transacted. The date of opening of the Provincial Legislature was set for March 15th. The resignation of Sheriff Horne was accepted to take effect Feb. 28th and Mr. Anthony J. Duggan was appointed to succeed him, his appointment to date from March 1st.

The old Dominion steamer Madison, bound from Norfolk to New York a few nights ago became entangled with an anti-submarine net stretched across the entrance to Hampton Roads. At midnight the Madison was still held by the net. A wrecking tug with three divers aboard left Norfolk to release the Madison's propeller from the meshes of the wire grate. No fears were felt there however, for the safety of the steamer.

An American submarine expert estimates that Germany might, by concentrated efforts, construct 400 submarines a year, but that Britain could produce ten "submarine chasers" for every submarine Germany could launch. Submarine chasers are eighty feet over all, twelve and a half feet beam, and four feet draught. They are surface craft, driven by gasoline engines of 250 horse power, capable of nineteen knots an hour, and are said to be the best known means of meeting the submarine menace.

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In the general Provincial election held in New Brunswick on Saturday, the Conservative Murray Government were defeated and the Liberals secured a majority. There are 48 members in the Legislature, and 44 of these were elected on Saturday. The election in Gloucester County was deferred until Monday. The result of Saturday's polling was 21 Conservatives and 23 Liberals. Gloucester elects 4 members and it followed the strongest side and returned all Liberals. That leaves the parties 21 to 27.

**LENTEN SERMONS**—The subject matter of the Lenten sermons in St. Dunstan's Cathedral, on the Sunday evenings of the present Lent will be the ten Commandments of God. The course was inaugurated on Sunday evening last, by his Lordship, the Bishop, who preached on the first commandment. His text was the first six verses of the twentieth chapter of Exodus: "I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not leave strange gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not adore nor serve them: I am the Lord thy God, mighty jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me and showing mercy unto thousands to them that love me and keep my commandments." It was an eloquent and admirable discourse. His Lordship narrated the conditions under which God promulgated His law, as embodied in the ten commandments. The Israelites having crossed the Red Sea, wandered for many years in the wilderness. This was permitted on account of the hardness of their hearts. Moses, by the command of God, gathered the children of Israel together to receive the divine law. After three days, God promulgated the commandments amid thunder and lightning. He then wrote with his finger on the tables of stone the ten commandments, as they have come down to us. He ordered Moses to preserve and carefully guard in the Ark of the Covenant, these tables on which were engraved the law of God. His Lordship pointed out that these ten commandments as we have them are identical with those engraved on the tables of stone by God Himself, with the exception that the first day of the week is now observed as the holy day of rest, instead of the last. In order to save our souls we must observe these commandments. We come to the knowledge of God by the divine virtue of faith. After faith comes hope and charity. By the practice of these divine virtues we can keep the commandments of God and thus save our souls.

## Expects A Break.

Washington, Feb. 22—No move was made here today in the crisis in relations between the United States and the Central Powers. The indications were still that tomorrow's cabinet meeting would be followed by arrangements for the president to address congress with a request for authority to deal with any emergency that may arise after adjournment. There was no announcement of important dispatches received at the state department during the day. The government is awaiting official confirmation of news dispatches telling of the release of Germany of the American prisoners of the Yarrowdale, a report from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna on Austria's attitude, and definite information about Americans in Turkey. There virtually is no hope here of a favorable reply to the memorandum recently presented to the Austrian foreign office, asking whether the pledges concerning submarine warfare given the United States in the Ancona and Persia cases were still in effect. An answer that will make severance of diplomatic relations with Austria inevitable is expected at any time.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DANDRUFF.**

## Canarder Sunk.

Queenstown, Feb. 26—The Cunard liner Laconia of 18,000 tons gross which sailed from New York, Feb. 18th for Liverpool has been sunk. The survivors of the Laconia are said to number 270. They will be landed tonight. The Cunard liner Laconia had 100 passengers among whom were ten or more Americans. The Laconia was one of the largest vessels of the Cunard fleet and the largest thus far sunk since the new German submarine warfare was commenced. She registered 13,099 tons, was 600 feet long, 71 feet beam and 40 feet depth. She was built in 1911 at New Castle. It is stated authentically that the Laconia was torpedoed without warning.

New York, Feb. 26—The Cunard Line announces they have received confirmation of the destruction of the Laconia and that only one casualty thus far is known.

## Little Hope.

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 12—Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with United States is avoidable or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two Governments can be found.

The authorities and most of the people now desire to avoid actual hostilities in any way consistent with the general lines of the present submarine policy, but only in such.

Accordingly, instructions were given, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, to submarine commanders before they started on their side when neutral vessels, particularly American, were in question, whenever possible. Enemy merchantmen, when recognized as such, were ordered to be sunk at sight, but neutral merchantmen were to be warned when such action, in their judgment, was consistent with the object of the campaign and the safety of their own ships.

## Battle With Submarines

New York, Feb. 24—The Herald prints a story from Buenos Ayres that the reports of a naval encounter off Tarracon, Spain, on Sunday, between armed merchant vessels and German submarines have been fully confirmed, according to a despatch to Presna from Barcelona filed on Tuesday and received today. The engagement began at 8 o'clock in the morning, less than eight miles from the coast, between six or seven submarines and nine armed merchantmen, mostly flying flags of the Allied nations. The fight was so near Tarracon that residents there observed the battle from the house-tops by means of binoculars. When the submarines first began firing the merchant vessels attempted to approach land but were cut off from refuge by an encircling movement by the German submarines. With escape made impossible the commanders of the merchant ships began firing light guns. It was estimated that at least six hundred shots were fired by both sides. The Swedish steamer Skogland was the first vessel sunk by the submarines which then sank the Guiseppe. The submarines then centered their attack upon the British steamship Janeta. The latter vessel probably would have been worst-

ed in the unequal battle but for the appearance of five or six British destroyers rushing toward the scene at full speed. The submarines fired about twenty shots at the destroyers before they submerged and fled in the midst of a fusillade from the latter's rapid fire guns. One submarine was said to have been sunk. All the merchant ships in addition to the two sunk were more or less damaged. They proceeded to Marseilles and Gibraltar under protection of the destroyers.

## Raider Surely Sunk.

New York, Feb. 24—According to an officer in the British Naval Reserve, who arrived in New York today from St. Lucia in the West Indies. The German raider Vineta was sunk four weeks ago by the British cruiser Glasgow, following a fight between the raiders Vineta and St. Theodore with the cruiser Amethyst, off the island of Fernando de Noronha, 125 from the coast of Brazil. The report was given him by an officer of the Glasgow. "I was also informed that the Vineta had been destroyed with all her crew and that no one had been saved from the raider. Incidentally I heard from St. Lucia that the Admiralty in London had cabled to Rear Admiral Montague Browning in command of the Naval Station at Bermuda to relieve the Captain of the Glasgow and send him to London to give a description of the fight with the Vineta.

## German Spy Siptem.

New York, Feb. 23—The world this morning says that the Federal Department of Justice, in its investigation of the spy system alleged to have been conducted by Albert A. Sanders and Charles W. Wannenburg in the interests of Germany, has discovered that nine men were involved and that one man, was sent to Ottawa, ostensibly to do newspaper work but in reality to gather information to be forwarded to Germany by way of New York. This man, officials of the Department say, is now in New York and will be under arrest within 24 hours. While the name of the alleged spy is not made public it is said that he conducted a news bureau in Ottawa during the reciprocity fight a few years ago, and later, did newspaper work for several New York papers. The Grand Jury today will start an investigation into the ramifications of the bureau conducted by Sanders and Wannenburg.

## DIED.

McLEAN—At Long Creek, on February 21, John S. McLean, aged 88 years.

GARNUM—In the City Hospital, Charlottetown, at 2.30 a. m., February 21st, George Garnum, aged 61, leaving a widow and one daughter to mourn. May his soul rest in peace.

LONGWORTH—On Wednesday, the 21st inst., Elizabeth A., eldest daughter of the late Hon. Francis Longworth.

McQUILLAN—At New Haven, February 22, John McQuillan, aged 75 years. R. I. P.

O'BRIEN—At the Connolly House, on February 23rd, Hannah O'Brien, aged 86 years. Deceased was the sister of the late Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax. R. I. P.

## Canadian Government Railways

**CHANGE IN TIME.**  
Commencing on March 1st, 1917, Trains Nos. three (3) and four (4) will run between Summerside and Charlottetown on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays instead of daily, Sunday excepted as at present. Leaving Summerside 7.15 a. m., leaving Charlottetown at 2.20 p. m. District Passenger Agent's Office. Feb. 8, 1917—S.

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Charlottetown, Union Road and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector.

JOHN F. WHEAR,  
Post Office Inspector.  
Post Office Inspector's Office,  
Charlottetown, 21st Feb. 1917.



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