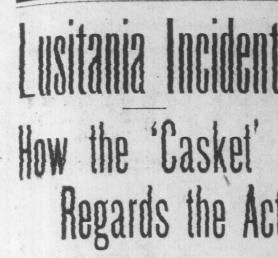
THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNAND, MAY 20, 1915-3.



It is said that the Lusitania carried ammunition and copper for the Allies Probably that is true; and, if true, it would have justified the Germans in capturing the ship and cargo, and possibly in sinking the ship and cargo. But the slaughter of the innocent and non-combatant passengers was an act such as hardly disgraced the careers of Morgan or Kidd, or that if any of the buccaneers of by-gone times. The pretence that the ship was running a blockade is mere nonsense. There is no German blockade of the British coasts, and there can be no pretence to one while less than one per cent. of the inward and outward bound shipping is touched by the Germans. No ship is bound to respect a mere A Tea Party Behind shadow of a blackade, but only a real blockade, what international law calls an effective blockade. The Lusitania Vivid Description of the Splendid Orwas therefore within her rights in pursuing her voyage; and no extraordinary punishment was due to her: She might according to the laws of war, properly have been captured or sunk, being a British ship, at least if she carried war supplies. But her because England is not effectively in part follows: blockaded.

their peril, was not enough to dispense with the necessity of a warning. and a chance to escape, to be given on the spot; particularly in view of the fact that the German so-called blockade has now lasted for three months and has been at all effective enough to call for general obedience by merchant ships. They might as well say that because a small band of sharp-shooters succeeded in picking off an occasional passer-by, to or from a certain city, that that city

that passengers would sail on her at

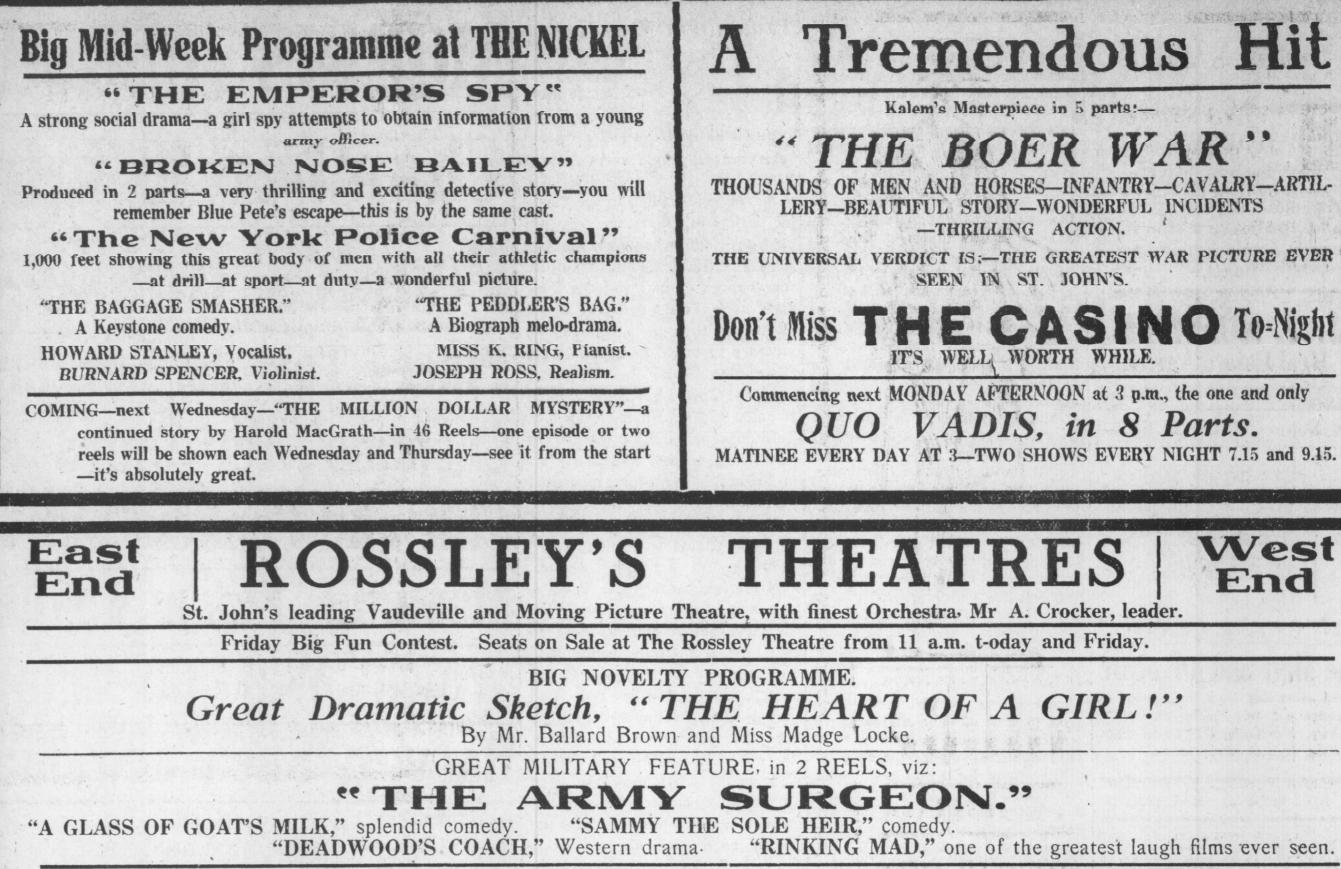
was effectively invested or besieged. Obviously, that will not do at all. But, the question arises-and it is a difficult question-if passenger ships make a practice of carrying arms and ammunition for the use of one's opponents, and if they are intercepted, and a chance given them to stop and to put their passengers in the boats, and they do not accept the chance but depend on their speed to get away, how far is the enemy bound to allow the cargoes of arms and ammunition to escape? This is a most interesting question, and we should be glad to know what the right solution of it is. 'The Casket.'

Trenches in Poland

ganization of the German Hospital Service.

A vivid description of the efficient and business-like organization of the German hospital service in Poland is contained in an article copyrighted by passengers were entitled to their lives. the Chicago Tribune and written by They had a right to sail for England, James O'Donnell Bennett. The article

"I don't care much about afternoon teas, but we had a tea party in Mlawa What we have written elsewhere in this afternoon which was unique as to



Empire Day, The Hit of the Season, POTTED PANTOMINE.

this issue on torpedoing of the Lusit- some of its features and ania is written on the understanding place in the social intelligence if not that the ship was not warned to stop, in the military.

and put her passengers in the boats. "The host was the herr professor Such a warning was required, not only and Captain Georg Michaelis, doctor by the laws of war, but by the ordin- of medicine and philosophy and one of ary principles of fair play and civil- the heads of the Kaiser Wilhelm instiized action. If such a warning was tute in Berlin, at present serving with given, and the ship's officers did not the rank and pay of captain, though communicate it to the passengers, but he will be a colonel when the troops persisted in trying to escape, it may now concentrated in this region get be necessary to readjust our views to formally organized into a corps. some extent. There is no question "Among those present were a about the right of the Germans to pre- colonel, three lieutenants and a Berlin vent a shipload of ammunition and art critic, who has joined the K. F. A. copper, such as the Lusitania carried K, and gets routed out of bed at 2 in from reaching Great Britain. The the morning to go on blind hunts for presence of non-combatant passengers detachments of wounded.

War and Bacilli.

on the ship alters the situation; but it is plain that all cargoes of ammuni-

tion might be protected by carrying "The tea table talk ran on war and them in passenger ships; and such a bacilli, and the professor drew enmeans of protection could hardy be thusistic parallels between the sorecognized absolutely by any people called Prussian militarismus and the at war. The Germans, therefore, human body's method of maintaining had some rights in regard to the itself against the war of the bacilli. ship and cargo. The exist ex- "All this was too deep for me, but tent of such rights, and the extent to the three lieutenants followed the which they are modified by the pre- dashing recital of the battle of the sences of innocent passengers, we bacilli with awed donnerwetters and cannot at this moment state. A agreed that it was great fighting. warning and a chance to escape in "Besides inoculation and vaccinathe boats would unquestionably be re- tion the purpose of this field laboraquired; and if no such warning and tory is to hunt typhus and cholera chance were given, the case is one of bacilli in blood brought from suswholesale and most brutal murder. Lected patients and to exercise a gen-On the other hand, the officers of a eral supervision of the water distillaship which carries a cargo of war tion plants in Mlawa.

good things to eat and drink-little supplies together with a large num- 'On tables standing in front of th ber of innocent passengers; have three high windows of the room were grave obligations, and are in a diffi- four microscopes, and under the barcult position. If they should refuse rel of each microscope was the glass to stop in the presence of a hostile slide that carried the suspected drop the packages of liebesgabe which had just back with the troops after a warship, and particularly if they of blood or drop of water. been sent from Germany to give a siege of illness and who has author-

should neglect to tell the passengers' "Almost always suspicion proved of any chance offered for them to justified, and a peep into the microleave the ship, then certainly the care scopes showed the bacilli flourishing parties given here behind the battle hold an exhibition sale of some of his would be altered considerably. Wo Lappily.

make these comments be ans, on "On the other side of the room the birthday. carefully reading the later despatches, stoves for the making of cultures and we cannot make out very well just various other laboratory paraphernal- bit of oilcloth-and the water had to its need. ia were set out on tables and treatles be heated over a spirit lamp. The "He loved to talk about his regiment what took place. We see that Lord Mersey, who pre- and army chests, and these were tend- teacups did not match and the teapot -all infantry volunteers from Bremen sided at the inquiry into the loss of ed with much devotion by two pretty was minus a handle, but all that made who had done their first fighting in the Empress of Ireland at Quebec last young ladies.

for joking that was well enough September at Bailly or some such year, is to hold an inquiry. Certainly "They were dressed in white and understood by the Germans, who name-on the west front. He gave the warning issued by the Germans made a picture you woul not forget spoke no English, and by the Ameri- me some data as to the personnel of before the Lusitania left New York, in a month's journay-their coloring can who could only blunder in Ger- the particular 'korporalschaft,' or corthat they intended to sink her and so delicate their professional manuer man.

so deft and swift and their social

"When it came time for the tea

party the two assisting hostesses sus-

spended the hunt for the cholera,

typhus and dysentery germs, took a

final look at the thermometers attach-

ed to the culture thingamajigs and

slipped out of their white overdresses. the table.

"From various corners they brought brought over and set in the middle of

touch of something special to the little | ized his friends at home in Bremen to

lines in celebration of the emperor's pictures so that he can make a con-

"There was no table linen-only a tribution of himself to his country in

n anner so gracious.

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one could borrow his neighbor's, and

that made for friendliness in quite a

wonderful way. So we managed fa-

charming, especially when the plant

on a window ledge-which the girls

had found, heaven knows where-was

"While the typhus bacilli sported

tribution of money as well as a con-

poral's squad of twenty-five men, to

which he belongs, and I thought the stand when we went into the fight,' he' they turn to a blither champion. If data would be hard to fit in with the said. 'We could not be sure. But, oh, for a time they speak well of him, he Hun' and 'barbarian' myth which we did stand! It was beau-ti-ful how quickly sets their teeth on edge by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and some we stood! And we were victorious smiting their dearest traditions. To other Englishmen of letters like to too. One cannot say how beautiful it carry through to the end an unflinchwas! Two of my korporalscraft fell ing, sturdy attack on privilege, an accept as gospel. mously, and the spirit of it all was

fighter is seamed and scarred and

broken before he has half finished

his fight. The forces he has chal-

lenged will surely reach some per-

sonal weakness, and reveal an infirm-

"Here are some of the twenty-five in that fight. Two weeks later we lost established power in any of its worldmen who marched out of Bremen in four more, but since then-ah, so ly manifestations means that the many more!'

that korporalschaft: "One painter, one composer, one sculptor, two theological students,

five law students, two poets, one letter carrier (oldish), one architect, two

packages of tea and tins of loaf sugar convulsively under the microscopes medical students, one physician. and condensed milk, and rum in a de- there was talk of many things, and the "All those seventeen were privates. praved looking black bottle, and sweet best talk I think was that of a young "The occupation of the other seven biscuits that had been left over from painter soldier from the north, who is

men of the squad my painter friend could not remember, but he thought little whil to give them a respite "his victory in children's eyes." But they were mostly young business men. "Now comes the terrible part. Of the twenty-five, fifteen have died on the field of honor. Of the remaining ten, four are sick, three are recovering from wounds, and three are at the front.

First Time Under Fire.

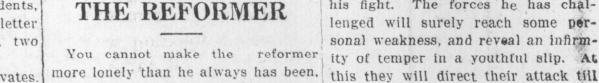
ing up.

"At Bailly this regiment came for times with heat and rage; sometimes _-"Catholic Record." the first time under fire, and the wearily and unwisely, but still painter, though he loved to talk of he drives on, as if himself

that day, could not do it without chok- driven by overmastering command. It is said that from B. C. 1496 to A Men grow tired of him, for the nov- D. 1861 Europe had 227 years of

"'We did not know how we would elty of his onslaught soon stales, and peace and 3116 years of war.

Sometimes with over emphasis, some- others and enriched his own career.



from his intensity, his fierce handling he will not live to see that day. of the sore spots in human conscious- What he will live to see is more hate, ness. But he gives them no rest. more scorn. Sometimes he will won-

Again, and yet again, men will ask they force from his the cry of pain. him to cease being true to type for a It may be that the world shall read

He has no gentle speeches, no play- der if all the anxious striving is quite

ful interludes; he has driven him- worth while. He will wonder if the self hard at the flinty opposition, till long future is a safe custodian for

he has become stern and solitary. the precious element in his individ-One thing he sees, one thing he does. ual life, which might have gladdened

