

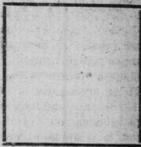
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German Outrage On the Seas.

Result of Enquiry into Sinking of Admiral Ganteaume Published.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The French government to-day made public the result of the inquiry ordered by the minister of marine into the torpedoing of the French merchantman Admiral Ganteaume on Oct. 26th, 1914, and gave representatives in Paris of the neutral powers copies of the memorandum. The vessel, when struck by a torpedo fired by a German submarine, set on board 2,600 refugees from Belgium and French coast towns. The report says the attack was committed by a German submarine without warning or stopping. It asserts that the attack was made on an undefended merchantman carrying women and children and old men who were refugees.

The attack, it is contended, was without military or naval utility and is only "the murder of inoffensive individuals."

The report scores the methods of German submarines and says the government of the republic believes the act is in the common interests of civilized world in bringing these acts to the attention of the other governments.

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Notes on the Patriotic Tour.

St. Georges.

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CHAPTER VI.

Our next meeting was at St. George's and the entire spirit of the gathering was favorable to visitors and public alike. The usual hour for its beginning of our meetings was 8 p.m., but at St. George's it was held at 4 p.m. To the diligence of Magistrate McDonnell, and to the keen interest displayed by His Lordship Bishop Power, we attribute largely the success of our meeting at St. George's. These gentlemen called upon us at our hotel and gave us much good counsel as to what procedure was best to adopt, and the result was we had a splendid gathering and unbounded enthusiasm, and a few names which brought the total of St. George's to the very creditable number of sixty-seven. The meeting was held in the Court House which is quite a modern and up-to-date building, and is a splendid auditorium in which to speak. Bishop Power and his clergy also attended the meeting, and among others present we were pleased to see Mr. O'Reilly, who is well known to the reading public as the correspondent of St. George's, and who has done much by the use of his literary talent to create that healthy public spirit, which seems to permeate the people.

At the close of the meeting, His Lordship Bishop Power, delivered a kindly address, and assured the party of his support in every way, and impressed upon the people the duties of the hour, and the gravity of the Empire's position. The party left St. George's greatly encouraged, and while, as we have said, there was a certain amount of unpopularity in the work before us, we were fully assured that the majority of the public were awakened to their duty.

The meeting was presided over by Magistrate McDonnell, and one of the speakers which had passed that way a generation ago in connection with temperance work, reminded the chairman that he had received the said speaker very kindly at that time, and had treated him well. The chairman, in his closing remarks, made a very good hit by saying, that he remembered the visit in question, and that he had been interviewed by the speaker, but he did not remember of having "treated him." The weather while at St. George's was very cold indeed, but at the suggestion of Magistrate O'Donnell, the pipers were conveyed across the ice to Sandy Point, where they discoursed their music which resulted in many people crossing over to St. George's for the purpose of attending the meeting in the afternoon. In comparing St. George's as we saw it during our last visit, there was much improvement to be seen on all sides. At that time there was no railway across the country, and Sandy Point was the principal settlement of the place, and what is now St. George's was then known as the South Side; but now the rails run along this beautiful spot, and splendid homesteads have been built, and churches, schools and convents have been erected; and quite a new town has grown up where we then beheld the forest. From all that we could learn of St. George's we were pleased to find that all the people are comfortable, and that no such thing as poverty, in the sense as we note here in the city, exists.

As our readers know, St. George's was partly settled by French Peasantry, many of which are descendants of the Acadians which had been deported from Grand Pre, in the Minas Basin, on the shores of Nova Scotia, in the Bay of Fundy. These people still retain their nationality and speak their mother tongue. We were interested to notice the little children whom we met, conversing in the French tongue; and what added inter-

A Desperate Bluff.

When General von Kluck was defeated in his attempt to carry the city of Paris in one supreme rush, it was pointed out in these columns that Germany was beaten, and that she had an opportunity to make peace on more favorable terms than she could ever get again. Events have justified that inference. But no man could have foreseen that in a bare six months Germany, blind, furious, futile and despairing, would be fighting like a cornered rat, and screaming like a smacked baby.

Without exception, the world's most tremendous bluff was the German war machine. Every threat is a bluff; and that was a threat which terrorized the world for forty years. Admiral von Tripitz announces a blockade of the British and French coasts by means of submarines. In defiance of the laws of war and the rights of neutrals, merchantmen have already been sunk, without ascertaining whether they contained the property of neutrals as international usage and common humanity require.

But if this desperate bluff had anything behind it, why has the German submarine not sunk a single one of the thousands of transports which have been carrying men and supplies to France? As Germany has ruthlessly disregarded every single one of the laws of war established by the Hague convention, and observed immemorably by all but savages, no consideration of humanity prevented her making a successful attack at a point so vulnerable. If her power were so small in this connection, where a genuine military advantage was to be obtained, why should the world be terrified by attacks upon unarmed merchantmen, having no more military advantage than the bombardment of Yarmouth or Scarborough?

These measures are not military, but political. The German people had been flattered to the top of their bent. They had been promised victory in six weeks, and they are facing starvation in six months. Something desperate has to be done to give them the impression they are getting value for their money. The Hohenzollern dynasty is tottering, and the conscript is beginning to think.

The last development is a desperate bluff, indeed. But the world will realize that it is not an evidence of strength, but a confession of weakness. The history of humanity and civilization does not record a spectacle so humiliating.—Wall Street Journal.

Redemptorist Father Dead.

The many friends of Rev. Fr. McCandlish, who visited here with the Redemptorist Fathers in 1913, will learn with regret of his death which occurred at Montreal a few days ago, death being due to pulmonary trouble. Father McCandlish was a comparatively young man, being only about 40 years of age. He was one of the best pulpit orators of the Redemptorist Order and his sermons at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's, during the Mission of 1913 will long be remembered by the Roman Catholic citizens of St. John's. The deceased priest also gave missions in many parts of St. George's Diocese where his eloquent and instructive sermons are still bearing fruit.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

COMPROMISE OFFERED ON SHIP PURCHASE BILL.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A compromise proposal designed to extricate the administration Ship Purchase bill from the deadlock which has blocked its passage in the senate, and to avoid an extra session, was put forward to-night by house Democrats through Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, chosen majority leader in the next house.

The new plan, which proposes the passage of the bill as a temporary emergency measure, was developed at conferences on the house side of the capitol.

As announced by Representative Kitchen, the committee promise contemplates the passage through the house next week of the compromise bill suggested by Senator Gore, with an amendment that will terminate the government's activities in the shipping business two years after the close of the European war. Despite President Wilson's announced determination to stand by the bill now before the senate in its present form, Representative Kitchen, the house leader, anxious to avoid an extra session, proposed to put this measure before the senate, and give the president an opportunity to accept it in the event of the total failure of the pending bill.

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Household Notes

The best thing I know for dancing in comfort is to gum a tiny bit of velvet inside the back of each shoe. It prevents the shoes slipping, and you needn't have the discomfort of buying shoes somewhat too tight for you to prevent it.

When cooking canned string beans try the following method to avoid their having a starchy taste. Put them on to boil in cold water. After they have boiled for a short time pour the water off and put boiling water on them to finish the cooking.

Never stand a sauce-pan in the damp sink—have a piece of board on which to set it. In cleaning sauce-pans of any kind, remember the outside needs as much care as the inside. A sooty pan means wasted fuel and messiness in handling.

Frying pans should be rubbed with clean tissue or kitchen paper, and not washed every time they are used. Take special pains with lids. Remember that the steam of cooking condenses on the pan lid, and drips again into the contents of the pan.

Either is a very good thing to remove grease stains from wearing apparel. Another method is to dip the garment in tepid water, then place it in cold water to which a little borax has been added. The article should be soaked for several hours and then dried quickly.

The ironing board cover pinned on is not so convenient as a slip. Make it from partly worn sheets. It should be just large enough to slip over the board easily with tapes which will tie over the end. When it becomes soiled it is only a moment's work to slip on a fresh cover.

If anything boils over on a kitchen stove, wipe it up with newspapers. It is always wise to keep a pile handy. They give as good a polish to windows, silver, brass and tinware as leather does. As they absorb grease very quickly, they are invaluable for wiping frying-pans.

It is a good plan to tell the cook to save every bit of left over fat. Have her put it in the refrigerator, and each morning devote a few minutes to the going over of all foods and throw away only what you think cannot be used. There is mighty little that cannot be used in some way.

When choosing bacon, the lean should be firm and bright and the fat quite white. Bacon which looks dark has probably lain in the shop for some time. Do not purchase a very large piece. If it is too fat, it cooks wastefully, and if it is too lean, it is apt to make rashers which are hard when fried.

ANOTHER WARNING.

But if American lives are destroyed in sinking British ships, or if American ships are sunk, it will not do for Germany to plead that she could not distinguish between the right and wrong use of the American flag. It is our business to notify Germany that we do not recognize the possibility of error in submarine attacks upon neutral shipping. It will not do for Germany to insist that British action in declaring the North Sea a military area warrants any extreme whatsoever as a counter blow. Great Britain is not sinking merchant ships. She is not sinking their crews or their cargoes. She has not taken any ships into port since the war began without first instituting the search which the customs of naval war demand. Neither the Lusitania incident nor any other incident of the kind which may happen in the future will absolve the commander of a German submarine from the obligation to make a search of an intercepted merchant ship before sinking her. The sacrifice of American lives and American property could neither be explained nor condoned as an error. The administration would regard it very differently, and the sentiment of the vast majority of Americans would stand solidly behind the administration.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A CARNIVAL for Children will be held in the Prince's Rink on Saturday, 20th Feb., from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—Feb 10, 51, eod

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