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Arming Merchantmen  
for Defence at Sea.

(By Richard W. Hale in the Boston Herald.)

A "four point seven" gun or the stern of a British liner is so likely to lead, in the near future, to another Lusitania incident, and perhaps to a miniature Louvain at sea, that the principles of international law involved are worthy of brief statement.

1. The German position covers two points: First, they assert a right to torpedo, without warning or consideration of life, any armed merchantman. They mean soon to begin doing so.

Second, they assert a right to treat all who assist in the defence of such a ship as they treated the civilians at Louvain, and for the same reasons. They mean to be humane for the present, but only as an act of Teutonic grace. They do not admit the public right. It is well, however, to remember in this connection, that John Marshall, speaking for John Adams, told France that we would take an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth every time France punished a civilian for such a cause.

2. At the end of the Napoleonic war, which was the last great war waged upon the sea, the principles of international law on this subject had become so firmly established that John Marshall, who had then become Chief Justice of the United States, said that no writer on international law could be ignorant of the subject. They were substantially what the Allies assert them to be now. There was a right to arm in defence, to fight and to capture an attacking ship of war. The sound distinction then and now was the errand upon which the merchantman was bound. No principles of self-defence is more firmly established than is the fact that you have a right to attack in defence. For further particulars Germany might be referred to her own claims about beginning the present war.

3. The suggestion that privateering and pirates were the only reason for this rule of international law is without serious historical foundation. The argument that, because they were a part of the reasons for it, all the reasons and the rule disappear with them, is without serious logical value.

4. Previous to this war there was no serious attempt to change this part of international law by agreement or to declare that arming for defence had been made improper by changed conditions. German writers did, however, assert the two points above stated, going even to the length of logic which led them to Louvain.

5. At the outbreak, in 1914, of the present war, our State Department at Washington would have preferred not to admit armed vessels to our ports with the rights of merchantmen. They shrank from the difficulty of deciding what was arming for defence. Perhaps they feared, with justice, that

something like the Alabama controversy might arise from the abuse of the right. But the right under international law was so clear that they could not deny it. They sought refuge in an ignoble compromise. On one hand they issued rules defining the rights to leave our ports armed for defence. On the other hand they asked Great Britain privately not to use her rights. She agreed, and the compromise became more and more ignoble. It made us morally responsible for all the lives on the Arabic, English as well as American, for that ship might have successfully defended herself with a "four point seven" gun and a good gun-crew.

6. When the Lusitania discussion had reached a stage which convinced the American public that there was no word in the dictionary which President Wilson would omit to use, and that no action was probable, a possible avenue of escape suddenly appeared. Germany was willing to make the sea safe for civilians if only the world would give up its rights and make submarine attack on merchant ships luxurious and safe. We proposed the compromise to the Allies at least with German approval. Germany could recognize a hole in the ladder and was willing to recognize liability for the Lusitania. Of course among well-bred gentlemen this was not offered as a cash consideration, but it came conveniently at the same time.

7. We then threatened the Allies, saying explicitly that if they did not give up their rights to arm in defence we would exclude armed merchantmen from our ports. Germany took notice of the threat and the Lusitania incident happened to seem to be settled.

8. But the Allies called our bluff. Exactly what happened will not be known until after the war, but one must infer that the Cabinet met and that good lawyers and statesmen in it dictated our change of front. At any rate we now say that we never meant to exclude armed merchantmen except as part of a bargain, and that as the bargain has failed we shall continue to admit them. Whether it was morally connected with the bargain or not, the Lusitania settlement forthwith became unsettled.

Two conclusions may be drawn. First, arming for defence at sea will continue to be good international law. It is the necessary offset to the capture of private property, which exists only at sea. The exercise of the right of capture will never be made safe and luxurious for the captor. If he does not come in force sufficient to overcome resistance he will have to take the consequences.

Second, the United States of America has lost heavily in reputation as an honest nation. We cannot deny that we did say that we would exclude armed merchantmen. We can scarcely seriously deny that we intended it as a threat that we would violate international law unless the Allies accepted a bargain. They refused our

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## Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N. E. light. Weather dull. A barquentine supposed to be the Dunmore passed in at 11.45 a.m. yesterday; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.30; ther. 40.

## Sunday Services

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.—Sunday—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Thursdays—Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m. Other Days—Matins 8 a.m.; Evensongs 5.30 p.m. Fridays—20, with sermon.  
Public Catechizing—Every Sunday in the month at 3.30 p.m.  
St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
Sunday Schools—Cathedral at 2.45 p.m. Mission Church at 2.45 p.m.  
Cathedral Men's Bible Class, in the Synod Building every Sunday at 1 p.m. All men invited to attend.

PARISH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ST. JOHN'S WEST.  
Hours of Service in the Parish Church.—Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first and third Sundays in each month at noon. Wednesdays—Holy Communion and Intercessions on behalf of the War, at 12.30 p.m.  
Fridays—Evensong & Intercessions on behalf of the War at 7.30 p.m.  
Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.  
Public Catechizing—The third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m.  
Churching of Women—Before any service.  
Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Room.  
BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL.—Sundays—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.  
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Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m.  
Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.  
St. Thomas's—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Intercession Service and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Preacher, Rev. W. E. R. Cracknell; Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, The Rector. Subject: "Love—Playing the Game in Married Life."

Christ Church (Quid Vidi)—1st Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; 2nd Sunday in month, Holy Communion 8 a.m.; 3rd Sunday in month, Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; 4th Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m. Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.  
Sunday Schools.—At Parish Church at 2.45 p.m.; at Christ Church, Quid Vidi at 2.30 p.m.; at Virginia School Chapel, 2.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel.—Evensong every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.; Public Catechizing third Sunday in each month.

METHODIST.  
Gower Street—11 and 6.30. Rev. D. B. Hemmion.  
George Street—11 and 6.30. Rev. N. M. Guy.  
Cochrane Street—11 and 6.30. Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.  
Wesley—11 and 6.30. Rev. H. J. Presbyterian—11 and 6.30. Rev. J. S. Sutherland.  
General—11 and 6.30. Rev. W. H. Thomas.

MINARD'S LIVEREST CURE FOR COLDS, ETC.

St. Patrick's  
Day Parade.

Yesterday the time honoured St. Patrick's Day parade was held by the Benevolent Irish Society, and the turnout was large. The members assembled in their rooms at 9.15, and accompanied by the C. C. C. and T. A. bands and a contingent of volunteers, in command of Lieut. Rendell, paraded via Theatre Hill and Hamilton Streets to St. Patrick's Church, where High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Renouf, assisted by Rev. Frs. Sheehan and O'Brien as Deacon and Sub-Deacon. Rev. Dr. Greene was Master of Ceremonies, and Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott was assisted on the Throne by Rev. Fr. Vincent, the other Pastoral Fathers and officers of the Society occupying seats within the Sanctuary. Rev. Fr. Robert delivered a panegyric on the life of Ireland's Patron Saint. After Mass a call at the Deanery was made and the respects of the Society paid by the President, Hon. J. D. Ryan, to His Grace Archbishop Roche, who was represented by Rt. Revs. Mons. McDermott and Father Renouf, both of whom replied. The following message received from the Archbishop at New York was read by Mons. McDermott:—

To-morrow being the festival of the national apostle, please convey to the Benevolent Irish Society my regret at not being home to exchange greetings in this year as patron. Also tender on my behalf congratulations on the attainment of the one hundred and tenth anniversary. With best wishes for the Society's prosperity and success.

E. P. ROCHE.  
Rev. Fr. Robert made a brief speech, and after hearty cheers were given, the parade was resumed, and via Water and Cochrane Streets a visit was made to Government House, where President Ryan extended the greetings of the Society to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, and referred to the absent members who were with the Newfoundland Regiment. His Excellency in appropriate terms wished the Society many happy returns of the day and incidentally referred to the splendid part Irishmen were playing in the great war. His Excellency then inspected the volunteers on parade and stated that "Ours" had left Egypt for Europe. After the rendition of the National Anthem by the C. C. C. band, and cheers given for His Majesty the King and his representative here, the body returned to their hall and passed the customary votes of thanks. Congratulations were exchanged with the Conception Bay Society. Members abroad sent the following:

Victoria, B.C.—Heartiest congratulations.  
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## Fads and Fashions.

Another spring shade is a lovely deep forest green. Waxed moire silk is being used for motor suits. Ruffled tulle ribbons form brims for tulle crowns. Boleros with sacque backs are popular for spring. Navy blue is the bread-and-butter color of the wardrobe. Pompadour bows are extensively used for hat trimmings. The drooping brim which shades the eyes is a popular brim. Soft pastel-colored tulle is used on many new spring toques. Leather collar and cuff sets will be worn on the spring suits. Many motor coats close with a strap and a harness buckle. Bands of striped foulard trim blue serge suits and dresses. Large pearl hatpins are seen again worn with ribbon toques. The Medici collar is seen on new white lawn dresses with full skirts.

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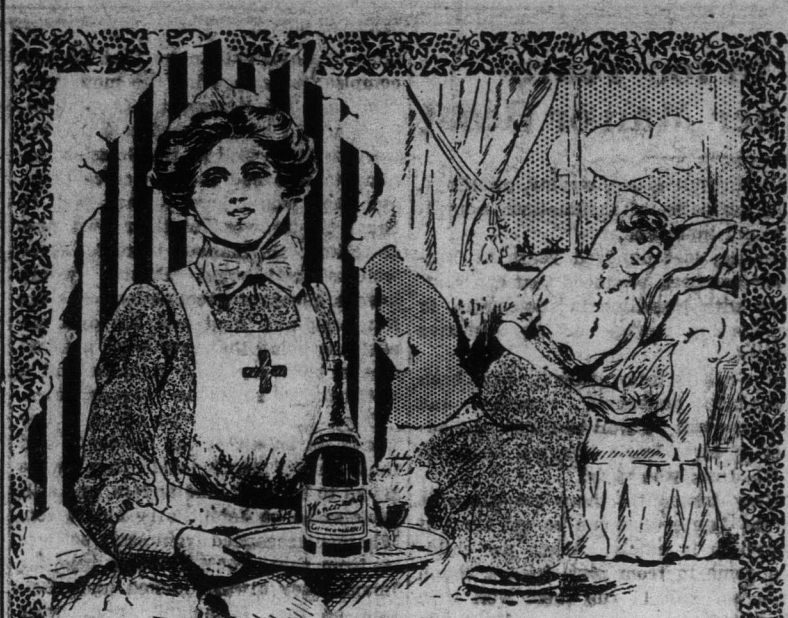
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It seems as if there were dards of ethics—one of business and one of Christianity. It is a startling fact to look and see how a man may engage in questionable undertakings, himself by the consequences, spoils. To anyone who takes consistent life the position enough to drive him to the finances. He cannot believe based courage is invalid for consistent fidelity in the one's affairs knows only one and that one is applicable works of the business world, the works of religion. What a fine thing it is to see churches for instance sought exactly where their big come from. Of course they ask now because they want their rich givers and pay their subscriptions. To some sometimes looks as if more more than morality. If it becomes rich, as some become—in a few years—and time keep the perfect law consideration towards him then he is deserving. How very grave doubts indeed be done.

## HOME LESSON

It is apparent that the Home Lessons which were by the Telegram last year with the year 1915. Its has been seen in the long and Teachers' Journal, already these columns, the sympathy by I. C. M., and Headmaster R. R. Wood, Headmaster Field College, in the

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