

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

STORMY WEATHER.

LONDON, April 7. Stormy weather in Mesopotamia has complicated the situation along the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, where the British relief force is fighting its way to the relief of General Townshend's beleaguered garrison at Kut-el-Amara, and has recently made marked progress towards its goal, says a British official this evening. Further rise of the Tigris is accentuating the flood conditions also, it is reported.

BRITISH LOSE GROUND.

LONDON, April 7. (Official.) Yesterday at St. Eloi the enemy succeeded in regaining a portion of the ground which we captured on March 27. Fighting continues. Last night, after a very heavy bombardment, an enemy raiding party entered one of our trenches north of the River Ancre, but were quickly driven out. To-day there has been artillery activity about Souchez, St. Eloi and Ypres.

JAPAN AND BRITAIN.

TOKIO, April 7. It is reported that the Government has requested Britain to explain the recent seizure of nine Hindu passengers from the Japanese steamer Tenio Maru. The matter is one requiring delicate handling from Japan, because she is the actual ally of England, and committed for the defeat of Germany. Some newspapers interpret the action of the British cruisers as the result of the British feeling that Japan is not carrying on a sufficiently energetic campaign against enemy intrigue. At all events it is believed here that Britain and Japan will settle the question in a manner satisfactory to both countries, England taking into consideration the resentment caused among the Japanese public.

ST. PIERRE BULLETIN.

PARIS, April 7. West of the Meuse during a night attack under cover of a bombardment on our positions between Bethincourt and Hill 265 the Germans penetrated our first line of trenches along the Bethincourt-Chattecourt Road, but our immediate counter attack dislodged them from the greater part of the captured ground, and they only hold at the present time a few advanced trenches on a length of 300 metres. East of the Meuse has been intermittent cannonade. We continue to advance in German trenches southwest of Donauwassertal. Slight artillery activity in Woivre. Elsewhere on our front nothing important transpired.

GERMANS PENETRATE FRENCH TRENCH.

PARIS, April 7. German forces have penetrated a French trench of the first line between Bethincourt and Champancourt, according to an announcement made to-day by the French War Office. This locality is in Verdun region, west of the Meuse. A French counter attack at once drove them back from a large proportion of the positions thus seized. The French in a grenade attack, have re-taken a portion of the trenches captured from them by the Germans between Bethincourt and Hill 265, northwest of Verdun. They have made progress in the communicating trenches in the same region. According to a French official issued to-night, a German attack over a front of about a mile and a quarter around Hancourt has been repulsed.

IN THE REICHSSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, April 7. The German Reichstag to-day adopted the committee's resolution on submarine warfare, as well as the budgets of the Imperial Chancellor and Foreign officials.

UPROAR IN THE REICHSSTAG.

LONDON, April 7. There was an uproar in the Reichstag yesterday, when Hugo Haase, leader of the newly-formed socialist minority group, declared his party strongly opposed to the partition of Poland, and demanded the restoration of Belgium. The Baltic peoples—Lithuanians and Letts—did not desire union with Germany before the war, said Herr Haase. The injustice done to Belgium must be compensated for by her restoration as a state. In 1915 Herr Von Jagow, Foreign Minister, declared that Germany would uphold their neutrality. Thus all the more surprising was the Chancellor's announcement on August 4, 1914, that German troops probably had crossed the old Belgian border. When I made the declaration the Belgian frontier, Herr Von Jagow said in reply, Herr Haase has

about Belgian neutrality, I considered her a neutral country. It has been thoroughly proved that the responsibility for what happened lies on Belgium's side.

ANNEXATION OF POLAND.

BERLIN, April 7. Comments in the German press indicate that the war aims of the Government as set forth by Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg, will have the support of all Germans, with the exception of the most extreme socialists. A striking feature in this discussion is the "open" or "tacit" assumption, that the Chancellor's words re-

garding the Polish Provinces, meant nothing less than their annexation, and the fact that the annexationists have no objection to what the Chancellor said.

GERMAN NAVAL GUNNERS PRACTISING.

LONDON, April 7. The heavy firing heard on several occasions in Kiel Bay, west of Bagin, on the Danish Island of Langeland, which has given rise to rumors of the naval battle, is explained by Reuters' correspondent at Copenhagen, as having been due merely to German naval gunners' practice of

unusual proportions. Many ships have been out each evening firing at targets towed by fast cruisers.

SWEDISH STEAMER CAPTURED.

LONDON, April 7. The capture by a German torpedo boat of the Swedish steamship Vega,

from Stockholm for Copenhagen, is reported in a despatch from Copenhagen. The Swedish Government has protested against the capture and demanded the release of the steamship.

NO CHANGE ON ANY FRONT. LONDON, April 7. A Turkish official regarding the situation in Mesopotamia, received here to-day, merely reports that there has been no change on any front.

THE SUBMARINE SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, April 7. The President and Cabinet considered the submarine situation again to-day, but without deciding on action at this time. It is understood the situation still waits on Germany's answer to inquiries on the recent destruction of the Sussex and other vessels.

FRENCH VESSEL TORPEDOED. LONDON, April 7. Lloyds announces that the French sailing vessel, St. Hubert, has been torpedoed and the crew rescued. The British steamer Simla, 5,884 tons, has been sunk. Eleven members of the crew were drowned.

Our Volunteers.

The total number of volunteers to date is the following having listed within the three days:—

Wm. W. Brown, King's Cove
Arch. Curtis, King's Cove
Chas. Stevens, Barened, C.B.
Stanley Halford, St. John's
Wm. Fifield, St. John's
Peter Ledingham, St. John's
Clayton Rose, St. John's
John Davis, St. John's
Ambrose Woodford, St. John's
Ernest Fisher, St. John's
Walter Sparkes, St. John's
Andrew Fahey, St. John's
Stephen Rowell, St. John's
Rd. C. Cleary, St. John's
Edwin Lawrence, St. John's
John Miller, St. John's
John H. Lemmey, St. John's
Alfred Cake, St. John's
Albert Hollett, St. John's
Samuel Cox, St. John's
Leo Maher, St. John's
John O'Keefe, St. John's
Hy. Mews, St. John's
Wm. Lidstone, Topsail Road
Herb N. Ebsary, Southside
Edwin Sparrow, Valleyfield, B.B.
Edmund Moss, Keels, B.B.
George Chuck, Russia
Peter Kearney, Cape Broyle
Thos. J. Rossiter, Caplin Bay
Clarence Hudson, Pouch Cove
John Gosse, Whitbourne
Arthur Collett, Hr. Buffett
Stanley Ingram, Hr. Buffett
Chas. Hollett, Hr. Buffett
Leslie Butler, Hr. Buffett
John Butler, Hr. Buffett
H. Gates, Twillingate
Norman Blake, Twillingate
Garland Rogers, Twillingate
Edward A. Jones, Twillingate
Geo. Jenkins, Twillingate
Frank Parsons, Twillingate
Hiram G. Muttford, Twillingate
Cecil A. Churchill, Twillingate
Kenneth Legge, Twillingate
Albert J. Muttford, Twillingate
Arthur Wheeler, Summerside
Clarence Pelley, George's Brook
Norman Pico, Port au Port
Jas. Teriche, Port aux Basques
John Teriche, Lake's Brook, P.A.B.
Hy. Wells, Grand Falls.

At the City Hall.

At last night's meeting of the Municipal Board Chairman Gosling presided and the following Commissioners attended: Ayre, Anderson, Bradshaw, Withers, Morris, McNamara and McGrath.

John Barron & Co. asked permission to instal a motor engine for demonstrating purposes in a building on McBride's Hill. Referred to Engineer. The Commissioner asked that the expenses in connection with the late conviction against him be paid by the city. The Council on voting decided against it, 4 to 3. In favor, Withers, Bradshaw and Morris; against, Ayre, Anderson, McNamara, McGrath.

Commissioner McGrath complained about the condition of Brazil's Field. Ordered that the Engineer investigate and report.

The Col. Secretary acknowledged receipt of draft of the proposed Municipal Bill. Also acknowledged receipt of estimated receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year.

After the reports were read and the passing of pay rolls, etc., the meeting adjourned at 9.30.

Young Man !

What about that Blue Serge Suit you are going to get? Why not get it now; or order it and have it ready when you want it? We have one of the finest stocks of Indigo Blue Serge, and sure to please you in style and workmanship. Our popular prices are \$25 to \$35. SPIRELL BROS., 365 Water Street. "Tailors for young men and men who want to stay young." feb25, eod, 11

An Uncharted Shoal.

A. W. Piccott, Esq.,
Dept. Marine and Fisheries,
St. John's.

Dear Sir,—

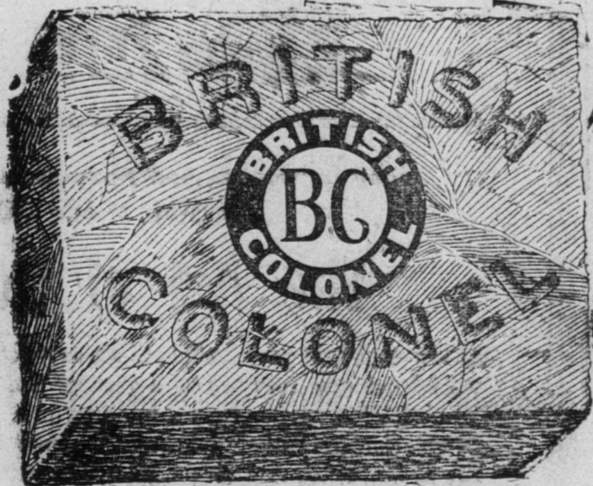
During one of my trips north last season, I had on account of heavy west wind, to pass east of the Duck Islands, (said Island lying W. S. W. from Peckford's Island,) and about one-quarter of a mile N. N. E. from S. W. Point, I discovered a large uncharted shoal of 3 to 4 fathoms. Speaking of this matter to another of our coasting captains, not long since, I find that there is no evidence of this shoal existing on his chart. I considered it my duty to acquaint you of the fact and have the public notified of the existence of said shoal.

Another rock is commonly reported to exist on a line drawn from the west point of Duck Island to west point of Copper Island, also uncharted, about midway chart sounding giving depth 14 fathoms.

Considering these facts imports for public notice.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) JOHN C. ANDRE
Twillingate, March 6th, 1916.

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