

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

BRITISH TAKE TWO MORE VILLAGES.

LONDON, March 27. British forces have captured Equanourt and Longavesnes, according to dispatches received this afternoon from British Headquarters.

AT IT AGAIN.

LONDON, March 27. A new demand for the immediate grant of the suffrage to women has been made on Premier Lloyd George by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant leader, in a letter to the Premier. Mrs. Pankhurst recalls his speech in the Commons on March 7th, in which he expressed the readiness of the Government to grant self-government to Ireland without waiting for the end of the war. She adds, "We take it for granted that you make the same offer to us, and that you are prepared during the war and without delay to give us self-government in the shape of the Parliamentary vote. We declare our whole-hearted acceptance of the offer, which is so very obviously implied in the offer to Ireland, of the Government measure of women suffrage to be carried into law immediately."

RUSSIA'S HOUSECLEANING.

LONDON, March 27. A Petrograd despatch says that a special commission has begun an investigation of the illegal acts committed by the former ministers, heads of departments and other officials of the old regime. About 600 machine guns have been found hidden in different parts of Petrograd. At the first performance at the Marie Opera House since the Revolution, two members of the Duma executive committee addressed the audience from what was formerly the Imperial box, delivering the words of welcome and delivering speeches from another box.

A DESERVED V.C.

LONDON, March 27. For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in the Battle of Jutland, a posthumous Victoria Cross has just been awarded to Commander Lotus Williams Jones. The London Gazette in making the announcement states that the full facts have only now been ascertained, which accounts for the long delay in bestowing the distinction. The official report states that on the afternoon of May 31, 1916, Commander Jones in the torpedo boat destroyer Shark led a division of destroyers to attack the enemy battle cruiser squadron. In the course of this attack a shell hit the Shark's bridge, putting the steering gear out of order, and very shortly afterwards another shell disabled the main engine, leaving the vessel helpless. The commanding officer of another destroyer, seeing the Shark's plight, came between her and the enemy and offered assistance, but was warned by Commander Jones not to run the risk of being almost certainly sunk by trying to help him. Although wounded in the thigh, he went aft to help connect and man the after wheel. Meanwhile the forecastle gun with its crew had been blown away and the same fate soon befell another gun and crew. Commander Jones then went to mill-rolls, and the only remaining gun, and personally assisted in keeping it in action. All this time the Shark was subjected to very heavy fire from the enemy light cruisers and destroyers at short range. The crew of the midship gun were three, of whom one was soon badly wounded in the leg. A few minutes later Commander Jones was hit by a shell which took off his leg above the knee, but he continued to give orders to his gun crew while the stoker improvised a tourniquet around his thigh. Noticing that the stoker was not properly hoisted he gave orders that another be raised.

All Children Love "Syrup of Figs" for Liver and Bowels

Give it when feverish, cross, bilious, for bad breath or sour stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative"; they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters' sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

Soon afterwards, seeing that the ship could not last much longer, and that a German destroyer was closing in, he gave orders for the surviving members of the crew to put on life-belts. Almost immediately after giving this order, the Shark was struck by a torpedo and sank. Commander Jones, stated the report in conclusion, unfortunately was not among the few survivors from the Shark who were picked up by a neutral vessel.

THE DANISH INDIES.

LONDON, March 27. A Copenhagen despatch says that the King of Denmark has issued a proclamation of farewell to the Danish West Indies. The King thanked the people for their loyalty to the mother country during the past centuries and expressed the hope that the islands will enjoy a happy future under the American Government.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, March 27. An official statement says, south of the Oise we continued to make progress in the lower forest of Coney, the northern part of which we occupied. The enemy was driven beyond the Barish-Servais line. South of the forest our troops made a bright night attack and captured the village of Coucy-Lechateau, which was defended energetically by the Germans. In the region north of Soissons we captured a farm northwest of Maigneville and a point of support held in strength by the enemy. In the Argonne we made a successful surprise attack on the sector of Four de Paris, taking prisoners. In Lorraine enemy attacks on small French posts in the region of Letricourt were repulsed completely. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK.

LONDON, March 27. The British hospital ship Asturias was torpedoed without warning, it was officially announced to-day; 21 persons were killed and 12 are missing. The German Admiralty yesterday announced the sinking of the Asturias. The statement says: The British hospital ship Asturias, while steaming with all navigating lights, and with all proper distinguishing Red Cross signs visibly illuminated, was torpedoed without warning on the night of March 26th. Casualties occurred. The military dead are 11, missing 3, including one female, a staff nurse; injured 17; the crew dead number 20 with 9 missing, including one stewardess; the crew injured 22. The torpedoing of this hospital ship was included in the list of achievements claimed by a submarine and reported in the wireless press mes-

sage yesterday. From the press messages yesterday it was understood that when the Asturias was torpedoed she was carrying no wounded. She disembarked a considerable number of wounded at a certain British port, and she was on the return voyage with some 500 persons aboard.

VILLAGE TAKEN BY FRENCH.

PARIS, March 27. All the lower forest of Coney has fallen into the hands of the French together with the villages of Petit Baris, Vereuil, and Coucy. According to the official issued by the war office to-night. This important territory lies south of Le Fore and west of Leob. The French advance has now reached the western outskirts of the forts of St. Gobain and the upper forest of Coucy.

SUCCESS OF BRITISH.

LONDON, March 27. Notwithstanding the continuance of adverse weather conditions, telegraphs Reuter's correspondent at British Army headquarters in France, there was considerable activity during the last 24 hours. The taking of Lagincourt straightens our line between Beaumont and Croisilles, a sector of our advance which the Germans continue to dispute more vigorously than elsewhere. Our cavalry yesterday captured the village of Equanourt on the Tortille river at which the enemy had a stand but which we are now well across. They also took the village of Longavesnes, the possession of which greatly improves our line between Rosel and Nurlu. The weather continues bad.

The British in their advance toward Cambrai have occupied the villages of Longavesnes, Liermont and Equanourt, according to the official report from the British headquarters in France. The text reads: This morning our cavalry drove the enemy from the villages of Longavesnes, Liermont and Equanourt which are now occupied by our troops. A number of prisoners were captured in the course of this operation. During the night the enemy delivered a third attack upon our post north of Beaumont-Le-Cambrai which was temporarily successful. Early this morning the post was recaptured and our position re-established. An enemy raiding party was driven off by our fire last night east of Ploegteert.

DILLON ON PRESS CENSORSHIP.

LONDON, Mar. 27. In the Commons this evening John Dillon, Nationalist, complained of the greatly increased stringency of the censorship during the past six months. Newspapers, Dillon charged, were being directed "how to influence the opinions of their readers, and had received orders to suppress certain news. The Government's book in its dealing with the press, Dillon continued, and instead of greater publicity concerning the submarine losses, as had been promised by Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, the country was getting far less information. The policy of the Government was to suppress the truth and circulate falsehoods. It has suppressed the truth about Russia, and with regard to the Saloniki expedition its policy was stark madness. In God's name," exclaimed Dillon, solve this great Greek question one way or the other.

8 HOUR DAY FOR TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

NEW YORK, Mar. 28. An 8 hour work day will be put into effect by the Western Union Telegraph Co. beginning May 1. In its principal offices, it was announced here to-night.

STATES MAKING READY.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27. With army, navy and industrial preparedness measures to meet the German aggression going forward as rapidly as possible, President Wilson and his Cabinet to-day took up the consideration of further steps to follow the convening of Congress in extra session next Monday. The President has not yet written the message he will deliver on Tuesday or Wednesday, and is said to have reached no final decision as to what recommendations to make. There is no doubt in the minds of the Administration officials that whatever this may be in its details, the policy laid before Congress will be both vigorous and comprehensive. The general opinion after the Cabinet meeting apparently was that the programme most likely to be followed by Congress will include the declaration that a state of war exists between the States and Germany, an authorization for the President to use the armed forces of the nation to protect its right; the granting of credit to the Government to carry out its policy; the passage of censorship and espionage bills; and provision for the employment of additional secret service agents. No final decision has been reached as to whether financial assistance should be given the Entente, though a strong sentiment for such

step exists among Government officials. If this is done the Government probably will deal directly with the other Governments concerned, not through agents.

NO REPLY RECEIVED.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 27. The Danish Government has not replied to inquiries from Washington regarding the admission of armed American merchant ships to Danish ports, but indications are it will follow the example of Holland, barring them. American Minister Eagan has had several conversations on this subject with the Foreign Office, but has not cited a precedent which the Danish authorities regard as adequate to justify a reversal of the present policy.

GERMANY OFFERS PEACE TERMS.

LONDON, Mar. 27. A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Amsterdam says: According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam Bourse, Berlin is filled with rumours that Germany has offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms offered are said to be the complete autonomy of Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory, and a Russian protectorate over Armenia.

DRIVING AHEAD.

NEW YORK, March 27. A News Agency despatch published here to-day follows: (With the French armies advancing from Soissons, March 27.)—The French soldiers do not pull down the carcasses of rabbits, crows, hawks, and squirrels and like which they find occasionally strung on wires dangling from the ruins of houses destroyed by Germans in their retreat. Here is the reason why: In several places north of Soissons the advancing French forces found when an attempt was made to yank down these dead bodies the pull on the wires to which they were attached set off mines ingeniously laid by Germans. But not everywhere have the Germans sufficient time in which to plan such infamous traps. The French pursuit has been too speedy for the enemy who has been frequently forced to leave before completing the work of destruction. It is a commentary on German military character that faced by the hot pursuit along the Ambrague road and forced to choose between what they could destroy and what they did not have the time to destroy, the Germans choose to destroy the orchards and leave intact a concrete shelter of utmost military value. If anything were needed to arouse the French politics to utter fury it was this deliberate wantonness, not excusable on the ground of military necessity. Certainly the concrete shelters were vastly of more German military value than the fruit trees. The German destruction here gives the lie to Berlin claims that the orchards were cut down solely to deprive the enemy of their military value. To-day the French were pushing on around Margat. There were scores of disconnected actions in the whole advance, nevertheless marvellously co-ordinated bit by bit, and they are taking farm after farm, village after village, and making steady advance with the corresponding German retrogression.

BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK.

LONDON, March 27. Two British torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk, one by striking a mine, another after collision with a steamer, it was officially announced to-night. The Admiralty statement reads: A British destroyer recently struck a mine in the Channel and sunk; 4 officers and 17 men saved. Another of these vessels sank to-day after collision with a steamer; one man was lost, but there were no other casualties.

MUNITIONS FACTORY EXPLOSION.

LONDON, March 27. A munitions factory explosion occurred in the North of England to-day. It is officially announced that the explosion was due to an accident. No serious damage was done. One person was killed and 9 injured.

CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA IMPROVING.

WASHINGTON, March 27. Conditions in Russia are reported by Ambassador Francis to-day to be steadily improving. Apparently the

THE ST. LOUIS ARRIVES.

LONDON, March 27. (Delayed by censor, from the staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag across the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first European port since war began arrived this morning. She carried a meagre number of passengers, 33 all told, but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight. The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time indications that German U-boats were after the big liner. The journey virtually was without incident until the war zone was reached. Unusual precautions were taken as soon as the liner passed Ambrose Light, but as she neared the danger point even life rafts and collapsible boats were made ready for immediate use, and reflectors strung up fore and aft and carbide lights fixed along the rails to use in the event that the St. Louis became a victim of torpedo or gun fire.

MISSION FOR MEN.

At seven o'clock to-morrow morning the men's mission will begin at the R. C. Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church and be continued until next Sunday night when the closing exercises will take place. The various services, morning and evening, will be conducted by Revs. Frs. Conroy and Lynch, of the Vincentian Order.

acceptance of the new government by the Grand Dukes, as announced in press despatches has been accompanied by a more favorable attitude on the part of the radical element which for a time, it was feared, might start a counter-revolution against the Moderate control. He reports the department is steadily becoming more optimistic about the future of Russia.

BELGIAN TREATMENT.

HAVRE, March 27. The Belgian Government has received by trustworthy means letters from responsible Belgians who have been deported to Germany. The letters are dated the end of February or early in March, and are written from camps in which the men are being confined. Some passages follow: Since Feb. 1st we have had only two meals a day, the one in the evening has been discontinued. That was the best one, because we had corn. From another letter: It is frightful here. We are dying of famine. We have a ration of bread and water and beet, that is all. We are skeletons covered with skin. Thirteen were counted in the morgue yesterday, 14 to-day. That is from among 3,000 or 4,000 here. The conditions are more frightful in the — and — camps. If anyone gives us a little soup or something else to eat, he is punished with five days in prison. From another letter: The situation becomes more and more unendurable from day to day. Every morning two or three dead are found in the huts. The doctors decline all responsibility. To-day 120 are dead at the camp. We hope for our deliverance by the great offensive.

BERLIN ADMISSION.

BERLIN, March 27. The occupation by Entente troops of the French town of Roisela, after repeated efforts, is announced by the war office. In the forest between the Oise and Coucy is Chateau the German troops gave way to avoid being outflanked.

CRISIS IN PRUSSIAN DIET.

AMSTERDAM, March 27. A crisis has broken out in the Conservative Party ranks in the Upper Chamber of the Prussian Diet over a speech by Count Corck Von Wartenburg and the attitude of the party leader, Herr Von Bulow. Both are opposed to the Chancellor's idea of reform, says a Berlin despatch to the Cologne Gazette. Both members named resigned their leadership, the despatch adds.

BERESFORD'S CRITICISM.

LONDON, March 27. The losses of merchant ships amount to more than 420,000 tons thus far in March as a result of the war measures of the Central Powers, Lord Charles Beresford said in the Lords to-day in the debate on the British blockade. Lord Beresford said that with longer days and calmer weather the losses would increase and that the public ought to have the facts brought home to it. The number of vessels destroyed thus far this month was given by him as 255. Lord Beresford expressed the opinion that the capture of submarines by the British were not at all equivalent to the new submarines the Germans were launching. It is believed the Germans had more men and more food than had been imagined in England. The Foreign Office, he said, had too much power over the navy to the detriment of the navy. The losses to British, allied and neutral ships for February, he said, amounted to 281 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of more than 500,000.

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NOTICE.

Estates of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

Persons having the custody or knowledge of the existence of WILLS or other testamentary documents of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors, are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

R. A. SQUIRES,
H. M. Attorney-General

Address: St. John's, Nfld. mar28,29,30,31,m,t

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Dated this 27th day of March, 1917.

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Dated this 27th day of March, 1917.

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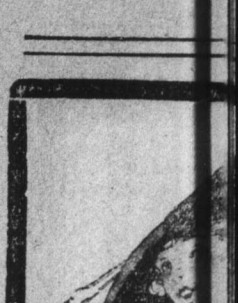
A large number of miners, who for the past few days were prevented from crossing to Bell Island owing to the heavy ice in Conception Bay, left Portugal Cove this morning for St. Phillips and joined the mail boat, on which they crossed over this afternoon.

SEAL CARCASSES DRIFTING SOUTH.

Word was received in the city yesterday from Grat's Cove that a number of Seal carcasses were seen on the ice about two miles off the shore. They were no doubt those of some of the first seals killed.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS.

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