

Cable Flashes

ON THE NORTH SEA BATTLE. (From the 'Daily News.')

The Invincible took part in the battle off the Falkland Islands in December of 1914, when the German Pacific Squadron which had made its way into the Atlantic after defeating the British squadron under Admiral Cradock off the Chilean coast, was destroyed.

The National Tidende, of Copenhagen, says that on Thursday night ten German torpedo boat destroyers passed through the Little Belt from the North going very slowly. It adds that a torpedo boat badly damaged, was lying off Lyngborg Island, north of Cape Horn.

A Dutch trawler has arrived at the Hook of Holland with one dead and seven live Germans, saved from the battle, another trawler brought into Ymuiden, three German officers, 12 German sailors, and a wounded British sailor.

The Queen Mary took a prominent part in the Heligoland engagement under Capt. William Hall, now connected with the Intelligence Division of the Admiralty.

The Indefatigable and Invincible took a leading part in the sinking of Admiral Von Spee's squadron near the Falkland Islands. They were also engaged in the bombardment of the Dardanelles.

Rear Admiral Hebbingham stated in the Reichstag that the main portion of the German fleet had returned to harbor with the men in splendid spirits, and that the German ships and guns had stood the test well.

Six Zeppelins took part in the North Sea fight. One was badly damaged but is reported to have reached the Schleswig coast with several wounded men and with her supplies jettisoned.

The recent movement of the German fleet is said to have resulted from the Kaiser's insistence at his last visit to Wilhelmshaven.

Speaking of the Zeppelins' part in the North Sea naval fight, the London Daily Express aptly says: "These Zeppelins undoubtedly aided the German fleet in its return to port. These monsters of the air have shown themselves of small military value in their raids over British countries. Their real function, however, is to play the parts of the eyes of the fleet. The withdrawal of the German ships before the British giants could deliver effective blows suggests that they were far-seeing eyes."

Rear Admiral Horace Hood, who was second in command of the battle cruiser squadron with the Invincible, as his flagship, is probably amongst the lost.

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An attack of unprecedented violence on Fort Vaux was thrown back by the French, their machine guns tearing great holes in the enemy ranks. Reinforcing battalions were also caught by the French guns, and were forced to retreat in disorder.

The Huns have again bombarded Itsekul Bridge on the Eastern front. Desperate fighting is reported on the Italian front.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador at Washington, is now a G. C. M. G.

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour has been awarded the rare and well-won distinction of the Order of Merit.

Sir Gilbert Parker, the famous novelist and parliamentarian, has been made a Privy Councillor.

Highlanders' Parade.

Yesterday morning the Newfoundland Highlanders under command of Lt.-Col. Paterson held their first church parade for the season, about 80 took part, a creditable showing considering the fact that a like number have enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment out of a total strength of 130.

Headed by the bagpipes the Brigade proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. J. S. Sutherland officiated and also delivered an impressive sermon, which was listened to with deep interest by every lad present.

After service the Highlanders accompanied the volunteers who had attended the service, to the Armoury, and then returned to their headquarters via Harvey Road. Lieut.-Colonel Paterson addressed the men and complimented them on their large turnout, also the splendid lot of new recruits that were filling the places of those who had volunteered.

It was also announced that the cup offered by Lieut.-Col. Paterson had been won by Corp. Adams in the recent shooting competition, his score being highly creditable.

Mr. John Baxter was gazetted a Lieut. in charge of Musketry from March 1st.

Sagona's Passengers.

The S. S. Sagona reached Port aux Basques at 3 p.m. yesterday having on board the following first class passengers:—Miss Isabel Hayward, Capt. Cave and wife and four children, Miss P. White, Miss F. Farrell, Miss J. Flemming, Miss A. Barnes, S. B. Clarke, Mrs. A. Brown, T. Barron and wife, D. Ansen, J. B. McKenzie and wife, A. J. Burke, T. B. Cleveland, H. Elliott, E. R. Marks, M. Burke, C. McKay, C. F. Cowney, H. L. Goodman, J. Healey, J. E. Buskirk, H. S. Somerton, G. Ramsell, F. Reginald, Miss M. McLellan, Miss E. M. Collins, Miss L. Hickman.

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We extend our very heartiest and cordial congratulations and good wishes to Henry W. LeMessurier, Esq., Deputy Minister of Customs, on whom His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer the honour of Commander of St. Michael and St. George. It is needless to mention that the appointment is a popular one and meets with widespread approval, because the recipient of the honour is one of our best known and estimable citizens. His services have been valued and useful to Homeland and Empire, particularly at the present juncture. He was attached to the Garrison staff when a young man and the greater part of his life has been a close student of his native land. His knowledge of research is far-reaching; he is looked upon as a bureau of information concerning the Trade and Commerce of the Country. During his career he has edited a newspaper and took a prominent part in political life with credit and success. At present he is Deputy Minister of Customs and which responsible post he has occupied for over twenty years past and successive Governments and Governments have admired and commended him. Not the least conspicuous and praiseworthy are his contributions to Empire and local trade and customs statistics and a visit to his office is always included in the itinerary of the present day newspapermen. As an authority on commercial and industrial topics he stands pre-eminent. We trust that Mr. LeMessurier will enjoy health and happiness in the eventide of his life which we hope will be long.

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The Soldiers and Sailors Club

In the Casino Theatre to-night Dr. Grenfell will give an address upon his experiences in France and Flanders, while attending the military hospitals. The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the payment of the improved lighting fixtures being installed in the rooms to be used by the Soldiers and Sailors' Club. Any surplus will be turned over to the Club funds for running expenses. The Ladies' Committee hope that the public will patronize the lecture in large numbers, and in doing so assist in providing good Club rooms for the men of the Newfoundland Regiment and of the Naval Reserve.

Insane Man Jumps From Train.

A middle aged man belonging to Dunville, P. E., became insane on board a train on Saturday while on his way to St. John's from Grand Falls and jumped off near Brigus Junction. The train was going at a fairly good rate when the man disappeared, though fortunately when picked up was not hurt much. He was again put aboard the train by train men and accompanied to the city by Constable Bishop. On being examined by a doctor he was pronounced insane and was conveyed to the Lunatic Asylum.

Here and There.

VOLUNTEERS' CHURCH PARADE. Yesterday morning the volunteers held their usual church parade.

CASE DISMISSED.—The case preferred against a city publican for selling liquor to a drunken man, was continued in court to-day and was dismissed for want of evidence.

VOLUNTEERS REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNOR.—Saturday morning the volunteers numbering 700 strong, marched to the Government House Grounds where they were reviewed by the Governor.

ON A SHORT VISIT.—Miss Isabel Hayward is a passenger by the incoming express, on a short visit to her parents. Miss Hayward is a nurse in the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal.

CHAPLAIN HEWITT RESCUED.—Rev. John Hewitt of Petty Harbor received word Saturday night that his son, Chaplain George Hewitt, formerly Curate of St. Thomas's Church, and for some time chaplain on H. M. S. Invincible, was rescued. His many friends will learn with pleasure of his safe return to England.

Wire-Tapping Inquiry Ends in Accusations.

Mayor Mitchell Not Yet Decided Regarding Resignation.

New York, May 27.—The Thompson Legislative Committee wound up its investigation late yesterday of the tapping of private telephone wires by the police after hearing the testimony of two of the detective sergeants who did the spying on the conversations of the Catholic priests whom Mayor Mitchell accused of conspiring to wreck his administration and defeat the ends of justice.

The only other witnesses were Walter J. Drummond, son of Michael J. Drummond, former Charities Commissioner, and Dr. Daniel C. Potter, of Brooklyn, who was charged with trying to evade subpoena servers of the Strong Committee that investigated the Charities Department.

Both men denied much of the conversation the policemen said they had overheard on the tapped telephone wires. Dr. Potter evidenced the proceedings by attacking Mayor Mitchell and Charities Commissioner John A. Kingsbury.

The examination of the policemen brought out the fact that it is not unusual for them to listen in on the tapped wires of lawyers and physicians in the search of crime or suspected criminals.

In such cases the witnesses testified, however, that the confidential relation between lawyer or physician and client was not abused, as only enough conversation was listened to to locate a suspect that was wanted. The policemen also stated that in some cases the trunk lines of hotels were tapped and the conversations of all hotel guests listened to.

Mayor Mitchell Accused.

This, it developed, was true in the case of the Hotel Irving, where Robert W. Hebbord, former secretary of the State Charities Department was living at the time the priests' telephone wires were tapped. This made

the fourth wire that was tapped in connection with the charities investigation, although Mayor Mitchell testified that only three wires were tapped—those of Dr. Potter, his son, Dean Potter, and Father Farrell. The wire-tappers did not get any of Mr. Hebbord's conversations.

Dr. Potter accused Mayor Mitchell of being a traducer of the dead and with having a desire to retail scandal. He denied knowing that an honorarium of \$5,000 had been raised for his benefit by the late Mgr. McMahon until three years later.

Certain mistaken friends of his, he said, thought to make him a present, but soon abandoned the plan and then Mgr. McMahon put in a general fund. Mgr. McMahon, he said, was crushed and humiliated by the insults heaped upon him and died.

After the session had ended, Mayor Mitchell made public a report of the entire matter turned in to the late Mayor Gaynor by Raymond B. Fosdick, then commissioner of accounts. Statements in the report were to the effect that the money was raised to help Doctor Potter out of the financial troubles. The report also stated that Father Mallick J. Fitzpatrick, treasurer of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, had purchased with \$800 of the funds of the institution a judgment which Austin Nichols and

company obtained against Doctor Potter.

Mayor Still Undecided.

After Doctor Potter had finished his testimony, Senator Thompson, chairman of the Commission, announced his belief that Doctor Potter had not tried to evade subpoena servers from the Strong Committee, but that he had simply waited until others had testified first. Doctor Potter admitted this was true.

In ending his investigation of the wire-tapping subject, Senator Thompson suggested that it would be advisable for a committee to be appointed to investigate the entire charities subject. His committee, he said, could not go into the matter.

Mayor Mitchell denied that the telephone wires of Father Joseph Dineen and Mgr. Dunn had been tapped by the police. "I have made the most careful and painstaking investigation," said the Mayor, "and have been informed, and know it to be true, that Father Dineen's and Mgr. Dunn's wires were not supervised by the police."

The Mayor said he had not yet determined upon any action regarding the bringing of criminal proceedings against persons named in his testimony.

Senator Thompson, in ending the inquiry, criticized the police system of wire espionage, and said it would have to be curbed by legislative enactment.

"Give me six months at the listening-in switchboard of the police in Greenwiche street," he said, "and I will break the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. or any other big banking house in America. The police have too much power in this, and it will have to be curbed."

Little girls are wearing jumpers for morning play hours. They are cut as a one-piece frock, except the bottom, which is planned to gather up into bloomers. These jumpers may be prettily trimmed and they save petticoats.

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