

## FATE NOW IN BALANCE

Necessary For Germans To Win Impending Battle To Escape From Dangerous Position Into Which The Allies Have Driven Them

London, Sept. 16.—Reuter's Paris correspondent says the relief of Fort Troyon will likely have an important bearing on the fate of the German army.

The Germans were investing Fort Troyon and the neighboring forts between Toulon and Verdun with the object of opening a way of retreat on their left.

The failure of this plan means the French are masters of the valley from Toulon to Verdun. Therefore the armies of the Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duke of Wurttemberg to be enabled to cross the Meuse will have to go farther north and attempt to pass by the Stenay Gap.

## RETREAT STUNS THE GERMANS

Thought Their Army Was Investing the Forts of Paris

London, Sept. 16.—A Bordeaux despatch says that according to a Berlin telegram the newspapers there testify to the stupefaction of the German people on learning of the retreat of the armies which were believed to be under the walls of Paris.

The papers endeavor to explain the retreat as strategic, adding that the final result must be awaited.

## AUSTRIAN LOSS WAS 40 PER CENT

In Effecting a Junction Between Two Imperilled Armies

London, Sept. 16.—A despatch to the express from Rome states that the Austrian armies commanded by Generals Dankal and Offenburg have joined forces at Rzesow, 13 miles northeast of Jaroslau.

In course of this operation, the despatch says, they lost forty per cent of their numbers.

## CROWN PRINCE HAS TO RETREAT

Allies Drive His Army Back—Occupy Rheims—Many Signal Successes

(Colonial Office Despatch.) London, Sept. 15.—The following is from the Press Bureau: The enemy still occupies a strong position north of the Aisne. Fighting is in progress along the whole line.

The army of the Crown Prince has been driven further back and is now on the line of Varennes, Consenuoye and Ornes.

The allied troops have occupied Rheims.

Six hundred prisoners and twelve guns were captured yesterday by the corps on the right of the British. Rain has made the whole road heavy and increased the difficulties of the Germans army in their retreat.

(Sgd.) HARCOURT.

## RUSSIAN TROOPS MAKE PROGRESS

Meeting With Little or No Resistance From Austrians In Galicia

Petrograd, Sept. 15.—The General Staff has issued an announcement as follows:

"The Russian troops are progressing along the lower stretches of the San River without meeting resistance from the defeated enemy, who continue to retreat.

After having occupied Grodek, 16 miles west of Lemberg, and reached the Mocsiska, 37 miles southwest of Lemberg, the Russians find themselves within a single day's march of Przemyśl.

There was no fighting on Monday in Eastern Prussia.

## British South African Force Win In Fight With The Germans

London, Sept. 15.—A despatch from Capetown says the Fourth South African Mounted Rifles, commanded by Colonel Daetzon after two nights marches surprised a German force which had occupied a drift in the Mamaqual and after a sharp skirmish the Germans were compelled to surrender.

Another Capetown despatch reports that an action took place at Ramans drift, an important strategic position.

## Allied Troops Occupy Rheims

London, Sept. 15.—The occupation of Rheims by the Allied troops was announced by the Official Bureau this afternoon.

## French Railway Lines Resume Ordinary Business, East and North

Paris, Sept. 15.—Traffic is being resumed in the different lines of the eastern railroads and many persons are returning to their homes in the localities evacuated by the Germans.

Northern railroads are also preparing for a partial resumption of traffic.

## Roumanian Cabinet Resign

London, Sept. 15.—A despatch from Rome says that the Roumanian Cabinet have resigned.

London, Sept. 15.—In a despatch from Rome the correspondent of The Central News says it is declared there that the members of the Roumanian Ministry tendered their resignations.

## Demonstration In Streets of Rome In Favor of The Cause of The Allies

Rome, Sept. 15.—A demonstration in the centre of the city last night the people at the meeting crying out in favor of England and France.

Troops charged the demonstrators several times and a number were injured.

Troops have been detailed to guard the Austrian Embassy.

## ADVENTURE BACK FROM THE NORTH

Was As Far As Strutton In James Bay—Considerable Ice Met With Going Down

S.S. Adventure, Capt. Couch, returned from Hudson Bay at 9.30 last night having been as far as Strutton in James Bay. During the run north considerable ice was met but on the return the conditions were much more favorable.

The Adventure left here July 13th for Sydney and Montreal. She left the latter port July 25th and reached Port Harrison, Aug. 13th, from where she proceeded to James Bay.

Returning she visited Wakeham Bay and then Ungava, leaving the latter place on Thursday last for St. John's direct.

Last Monday she spoke the Bonaventure by wireless of Cape Harrison. The Bonaventure was then going north and reported all well.

The Adventure brought a quantity of furs gathered at the Revillon Stations during the year, and the following passengers:—Y. Cain, T. Derome, J. Dufour and child, R. Gillis, Mr. Blackburn, A. Bellefleur, Rev. Hester, I. Gaynon, Mrs. Gaynon and 2 children, S. Ford, Mrs. Ford and children.

## WEDDING BELLS

Rice-Harvey

Flags are flying on Messrs. Harvey & Co.'s premises today in honor of the wedding of Mr. Harold C. Harvey and Miss Sarah Neilson Rice, daughter of Judge Kearney Rice of New Brunswick, N.J., which takes place at New Brunswick today.

The bride and groom will spend their honeymoon in St. John's and are due here on the 24th.

## Cargo of Herring

The schooner Alice Neilson has cleared from Sandy Point for the United States with 1295 barrels of herring, 232 quintals of cod, 22 barrels of salmon and 1 cask of cod oil.

## READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh North to West winds; fair today and on Thursday.

## PLACENTIA FACES VERY HARD TIMES

Fishery Very Poor and Food Prices Away Up Out of Reach

Spencer's Cove, Sept. 11.—I wish to write a few words concerning the condition of things in Placentia Bay. People are finding it very hard to get along with food at the price at which it is at present. The fishermen have done so badly that they will not be able to pay for their spring's fit-out not to speak of having anything over for themselves.

There has been on bait to catch any fish with yet and the prospects of getting any are very poor.

There are some roads and bridges here needing attention, some of them not being fit for people to travel over.

Just a word concerning the lobster spawning business. There seems to be no increase coming from the large amount of money invested in this scheme. I think the money could be used to better advantage.

We are glad that Mr. Coaker has a seat in the House of Assembly and that he will do his best at all times for the fishermen. Mr. G. C. Fearis is proving a good friend to the fishermen in these hard times. He is the only standard merchant in Placentia Bay now.—W.B.

## FORTUNE PROUD OF YOUNG LADY

Who Won One of the C.H.E. Scholarships of \$100 This Year

Fortune, Sept. 10.—Just at this particular time when everyone is feeling a little of "the blues," there is in our community a young lady, Miss Blanche Lake, who may well feel proud and very happy.

The cause of such happiness and pride lies in the fact that Miss Blanche has been so successful in the C.H.E. Exams as to secure a scholarship of one hundred dollars.

This young lady has the distinction of being the first scholar of our schools to secure a scholarship; and being so young (14 years), she deserves great credit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lake may be congratulated upon having such a smart young daughter.

Great credit is given to Mr. F. S. Curtis who instilled a good foundation for Miss Blanche to work upon, and it is to be hoped the future has a greater success in store for her.

It is plainly seen that, given good teachers in our schools the scholars of Fortune are not behind in doing good work, equal to any given at the college.

## LEAGUE DEBATES "SOCIALISM"

Important Subject Considered by the Amateur Parliamentarians of Cochrane Street Epworth League

At Canon Wood Hall last evening the Cochrane St. Epworth League debated the question "Would a Socialist system of economics be beneficial to the world."

The leaders for the affirmative were Messrs. Geo. Soper, C. Coultas and L. Knight, while the negative side was led by Messrs. H. A. Burt, T. Young, and the Rev. C. Whitemarsh.

Mr. Soper in opening the debate defined socialism as a system of society in which all means of production, distribution, exchange and transportation are publicly owned and democratically managed. Supporting this form of society were to be found today over 30,000,000 of people, and the number was steadily increasing.

The capitalist system of society had outlined its usefulness. The great inequalities prevailing with the consequent poverty of the many had made it necessary to seek for a change and that change would be in the direction of socialism which would kill the dead levelism of to-day, substituting a more equal opportunity and a greater development of individuality.

### Anti-Socialist Arguments

Mr. Burt following in the negative said there were many good things in the socialist programme for remedying present conditions, but he was not prepared to admit that it contained the panacea for all the evils of society, nor does it contain a full solution of its many insistent problems. There are many things in human nature to be reckoned with and the one thing necessary for a successful working of socialism was that all think alike. This seemed impracticable.

Mr. Coultas stood for the affirmative, contending that socialists had done much good elsewhere, which justified a belief in its principles. It had been the strongest and most pronounced organization in its opposition to war, and had done much toward elevating the working classes.

While it preached a gospel of discontent, yet it was a discontent with a system of society that bred Rockefeller and such like who accumulate and monopolize great wealth to the great injury of the vast majority.

### Mental Intoxication

M. T. Young argued that socialists, while having high ideals, were mentally intoxicated and Christian socialists were "half-on."

The working man to-day was enjoying many privileges not enjoyed in former years. His condition was not so bad as painted, as many of them were known to have a stockpile in the cupboard or a wallet in the chimney that contained not a little of the "filthy lucre."

As to socialists being against war, the German socialists had proved the contrary, as they are known to be fighting bravely the battle of their country.

Mr. Knight said socialists stood for justice and fair play. They were against allowing one class to tyrannize over the other. Private concerns when they had the monopoly did as they pleased and were forcing people to pay more for goods than was fair. Socialism would prevent all this.

### Hard to Define

The Rev. C. Whitemarsh was at a loss to know how to define socialism. Webster had said it meant a reconstruction of society. But in what form?

He knew much improvement was necessary, but whether socialism would answer the need he had yet to be convinced.

Mr. Parsons thought that unionists had done many things which were harmful. Their unions had created strikes which entailed great losses that required years to recover from. Short hours and increased pay often meant more inefficiency and incompetency instead of their opportunities.

Mr. Burt favored the affirmative side. It was an erroneous idea that socialism meant equal division of possessions.

Their attitude on that question was well illustrated in the parable of the talents.

On the vote being taken the negative was sustained.

### Good Work

The League's work this year under the Presidency of Mr. Burt, has been successful. The officers and committees have generally been faithful in their work and the character of the memberships is an evidence of the good that has been accomplished in following the motto "Look up, Lift up."

Next week the united missionary meeting will take place and a good programme is promised.

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## WEDDING BELLS

Crowdy-Hutchings

The wedding of Miss Julia May, second daughter of Mr. Crowdy, Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, and Mr. Harold V. Hutchings took place at the C.E. Cathedral at 7.30 this morning, the Rector, Rev. Canon White officiating.

The bride who was given away by her father wore a pretty blue costume with black hat. The bridesmaids were Miss Elsie Crowdy, sister of the bride, and Miss Hope Grieve, niece of the groom; the former wore a mole costume with black picture hat with crimson rose, and the latter cream costume trimmed with fur.

Mr. C. E. Hunt, barrister of the firm of Morison and Hunt, very ably supported the groom.

Breakfast was enjoyed at the residence of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left by motor for Holyrood to take the train for Placentia.

Their friends who are many unite in wishing them them every future happiness.

The bride is one of our best known young ladies and the groom is one of the most popular and efficient employees of the civil service.

Mr. Hutchings until recently was one of our greatest athletes and took a prominent part in all our sports.

The bride has received a large number of valuable presents not alone from friends in St. John's but in America as well, and all unite in wishing the happy young couple every happiness that the future can bestow.

## New Fish Store

The firm of J. W. Hodge, Fogo, has just completed a very large fish store at Fogo. At Twillingate the same firm is erecting a large up-to-date shop.

## TO THE GIRLS OF ST. JOHN'S

Lady Davidson invites the Girls of St. John's to come to a Special Meeting for Girls at Canon Wood Hall, on Military Road, on Thursday next, September 17th, at 4.30 p.m., to enroll themselves for work with the Patriotic Association of the Women of Newfoundland.

## ASIATIC FILM AT THE NICKEL

Splendid Educational Subject For Patrons of Popular Theatre

The Nickel Theatre to-day presents another very attractive programme of five different subjects by leading artists.

There is one two-reel film entitled the "Judgment of Buddha" produced specially at Augher-Wat Cambodia, Asia.

Angker-Wat erected to Buddha in the beginning of the 11th century is considered the most monumental work of man outside of the Pyramids of Egypt. It is 805 feet long, 613 wide, and its central tower has a height of 350 feet. On each stone is sculptured a story or legend.

Asia is rich in historic views and sights; very few of our people have had the opportunity of travelling in that world, but by attending the Nickel this evening they will be able to see this wonderful picture.

There will be four other subjects by celebrated artists. Mr. De Witt C. Cairns will be heard in a new song and Prof. McCarthy and Joe Ross will render an attractive programme.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Goodland who were spending their honeymoon at Fernaldale, returned to the city last evening.

## Good Fishing

The fishermen of Fogo, Seldom and along to Twillingate are doing well with fish. North of the latter port very little is doing. There is a scarcity of bait everywhere.

## Regatta Meeting

A special meeting of the Regatta Committee was held last night to discuss the charge made by the C. C. C. Boat Club against the Shamrock's crew in the Society Race. The subject was debated until 11.15 when, by the casting vote of the Chairman, it was decided to postpone the investigation until Thursday week.

The heavy lightning storm recently, struck a fence and demolished it, and also destroyed part of the public road at Change Islands.

## EXPLOITS ROADS NEED ATTENTION

Falling Very Much Into Disrepair and Grants are Not Big Enough

Exploits, Sept. 12.—The work on the local roads is finished. Our men got one and a half days' work. If the present Government continues for a few more years we shall have no money whatever to repair our roads.

Last year our grant was cut about \$38 and this year about \$28. Some of the money has evidently been kept back to pay \$20 a day for a motor boat and two men to go around and pay lobster packers for throwing away spawny lobsters.

The fishery has been very poor this summer. We have had good weather for fishing but there has been no fish to catch. The people are gone berry-picking and are trying to earn a few cents that way.

It looks as if the Union Store will get its share of what business there is going.—Cor.

## SHIPWRECKED CREW ARRIVE

Captain and Sailors of the Lost Galatea Home By Carthaginian

Captain Vatcher, G. Matthews, Sandy Vatcher, J. Brickland, Ernest Senel, J. P. Lamb, A. Noseworthy, and Master Power, who were on the Galatea when she was lost in the Mediterranean, arrived by the Carthaginian.

The vessel was forty miles from Gibraltar and twenty-five miles from land when she sprang a leak and sank.

For nine hours the men were in the life boat when they were picked up by a steamer from Genoa and landed at Cardiff.

All are now in good health. Master Power, who is only 12 years old, acted like a little hero throughout.

## Judgments Given

At the Civil Court today judgments were handed down in the case of J. Davey vs. J. Chaytor, deft. gets \$119.50, and P. Wheeler vs. Dr. Shankel, deft. was awarded \$71.00.