

# The Mail and Advocate.

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## SERIOUS CRISIS CONFRONTS THE COLONY GOVERNMENT MUST COME TO THE RESCUE

THE country is now about to undergo a serious crisis, due to fish conditions abroad and a want of confidence in our fish exporters, which may seriously affect the Colony. The exporters claim that conditions do not warrant the payment of fair prices for fish and they are saying that prices will likely fall very low when any quantity of fish is offered.

There may be some grounds for their fears, but in six weeks or two months conditions may brighten in an amazing manner, and those who purchased fish at a low figure may reap large profits at the expense of the fishermen and country. To pay less than \$6 talqual for shore fish here will have a serious effect, for if prices once begin to decline, no man can say just where the decline will end.

The country will suffer heavily if a \$6 figure is not maintained throughout the season. The fishermen will assert their dissatisfaction by withdrawing all their earnings from the banks, and refusing to pay their accounts, and if this is done the end will not be difficult to imagine. Something like \$6,000,000 is on deposit at the various banks which, if withdrawn, would seriously affect not only the banks but trade in all its branches.

To reduce prices and cause either a complete withholding of fish shipping on account, or a total collapse of trade, would prove a national calamity.

The price of fish abroad is very satisfactory—just as satisfactory as at any time for a month. Enquiries for fish show empty markets. The enquiries for fish are considerable and would be far in excess of what they are, but for the fact that every exporter is talking about a big slump in prices and possibly a total collapse of purchasing, which has a very detrimental effect upon foreign buyers.

If the situation here was full of hope instead of gloom the orders would be in excess of the supply. Our exporters are doing the country a serious wrong by their continual wail of a slump in prices. What they are expecting to happen the country must be prevented unless a commercial destruction is to overtake this Colony far exceeding that of 1914.

The Government and Opposition must set to work to find a remedy to prevent this approaching calamity. The colony's financial resources, even though not strong, must be utilized at once to carry the Colony through this crisis.

Good prices for fish are offered from abroad. These prices must be maintained and strengthened by action taken here. There is no need of a decline in prices, so far as offers from abroad go, but the trouble is the fear of buyers to purchase at present prices, fearing they may have to wait a long time for payments and may get involved in a financial tangle, owing to the inability of foreign buyers to remit payment for fish. Fish can be sold abroad, and at good prices, and the cash obtained for the fish, but the banks abroad cannot remit the proceeds here except at charges that would be ruinous. The markets or their prices have not failed so much, but the banking system of the world has well nigh totally collapsed.

The exporters say the situation cannot change unless the war situation clears. This is the serious part of it, for it may be that just when all the fish is shipped by the fishermen at the exporters own prices, which they expect will be very small, the war situation may clear, and profits of from \$1 to \$2 per quintal would be reaped by the exporters for prices abroad will soar to unheard of prices, just as soon as there is a clear up in the war clouds.

We repeat that if prices begin to decline, no one can say just how low they will go. A decline would mean commercial destruction to half the business firms in the country and great want—if not starvation—for thousands who have secured a few quintals of fish. Confidence in banks and business would disappear. Many men who owe for fishery supplies would consider that another commercial crash was coming and would protect themselves and their families at the expense of the supplier.

It is in the power of the Government, if backed by the Opposition, to prevent such conditions and to establish commercial confidence to a degree that would secure good prices of fish abroad and at least \$6 for talqual shore fish here.

Business men will have to drop their petty jealousies and unite to assist any move made by the Government.

There is a way out of this situation, if the Premier and his friends will respond. The alternative will be ruin to hundreds—want and riots—a total collapse of trade and business confidence. Which will it be?

Lloyd-George has saved Britain by his boldness in utilizing the nation's financial resources to aid commerce and trade. Newfoundland must do the same if all is to be well.

## ALLIES STILL MAKE PROGRESS

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Allies have advanced considerably along their western wing, occupying the town of Peronne despite resistance, according to an official announcement at the French War Department this morning.

At the eastern end of the battle line in France there has been heavy fighting on the River Meuse, the Allies alternately advancing and retreating.

## Slight Lull Now In Great Battle

Paris, Sept. 24.—A brief official communication issued to-night, announces that on the left wing the battle continues to develop.

Also, that a lull has occurred in the fighting in the centre, and that on the right wing the German attacks apparently have been repulsed.

Fogota left Grand Bay at 10.15 a.m. Portia left Rose Blanche at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, coming east.

# THE NICKEL! FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

ANOTHER FINE PICTORIAL PROGRAMME, FEATURING THE VITAGRAPH TWO-REEL FILM-STORY:

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Musical interpretation and realistic effects.

AND, OF COURSE, THE USUAL BIG MATINEE PROGRAMME SATURDAY.

## WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

### EVEN IN BERLIN

Vorwaerts (Socialist, Berlin)—"We could hardly have believed that there would be newspapers which would view with gay satisfaction the destruction of Louvain."

### IT HAS THE MEN

Ottawa Journal—"Announcement has been made by the British Admiralty that the navy has all the men it needs. Good word! For some years croakers have been voicing alarm that enough men could not be got for the navy if war came on."

### A HOLY WAR

London Free Press—"The resolution with which French troops will fight in Alsace and Lorraine will never be questioned. To drive the Germans out of those provinces will be to them an ambition as keen as was the desire of the Crusaders to drive the Turks out of the Holy Land."

### BETTER IN ONE WAY

Philadelphia Public Ledger—"The pilgrimage of doctors and nurses and the exportation of medical supplies to the theatre of war marks the progress of the age, even though the carnage for which this humane provision is made appears a barbarous retrogression. Times have changed since Florence Nightingale had to contend with obstinate traditions and equally stubborn authorities to secure the official recognition of the trained nurse, and efficient hospital administration."

### WHAT GERMANY GETS

Ottawa Free Press—"The war for which the military policy of Germany was adopted half a century ago has come, and what is to be the end for Germany? Distress whether she win or lose. If she loses, the crushing of her empire and her homes; if she wins, the maintenance of her overlordship by the despoiling, crushing militarism, the perpetual rule of the sword and the Krupp shell."

### NO SCORN FOR THE FOE

Pall Mall Gazette—"The flame of patriotism and devotion burns as brightly and clearly in the brave hearts of the German soldiers as in our own. If we enter upon the decisive phase of the campaign with any feeling of contempt or scorn for the foe in our hearts, defeat will be more bitter, or in the happier, and, we firmly trust, more probable, event, the laurels of victory will be tarnished."

### APPEAL AND ANSWER

Louisville Courier-Journal—"Says Mr. Ridder, of the New York Staats-Zeitung: 'I plead with the American people to open their eyes to the danger which confronts them. The day cannot be long postponed when the island empire of the East will call upon the island kingdom of the West, and together they will strike at our own land, even as they are now striking at Germany and Austria. When that day comes we shall turn back to the month of August in the year 1914, and read the first chapter of the cataclysm.' Well, Gen. Von Edelsheim, whose plans for the conquest of the United States have been published, seems to hope that Germany will get to our fruitful and not too well defended soil in advance of the islanders of the Occident or the Orient. Of course, even Gen. Von Edelsheim would admit that much depends upon the results of Germany's present engagement."

## THE HOME FLAG

To North and South and East and West,  
Wherever the Briton homes,  
On lonely road or sheltered quest,  
Whatever the trail he roams,  
To-day a call rings loud and clear,  
That hearing no man may lag,  
It stirs our hearts both far and near,  
The call of the old Home Flag!

Red—for the blood that was shed for it  
Ere ever we saw the light,  
White—for the men that are dead for it,  
Giving their all for its might,  
Blue—as the seas that roll under it,  
Far as the ends of the world—  
Flag of our race, with its Cross of God's Grace,  
We hail it, our Hope unfurled!

Wide strown the Empire that we hold,  
And never our work is done,  
The chain that links us purest gold—  
The love of a son for son,  
And none may hear it and say it nay,  
We are one in silk and rag;  
Oh, sons of the Motherland, obey  
The call of the old Home Flag!

Red—for the blood that was shed for it  
Ere ever we saw the light,  
White—for the men that are dead for it,  
Giving their all for its might,  
Blue—as the seas that roll under it,  
Far as the ends of the world—  
Flag of our race, with its Cross of God's Grace,  
We hail it, our Hope unfurled!  
—WALTER E. GROGAN.

### "WE MUST WIN"

London Daily Mail—"The blows of circumstances will leave the British nation unmoved, resolved only to strike harder and more vigorously, to place in the field more men, to increase the scale and character of its sacrifices. This is a war in which we must win or for us life ceases to be worth living."

In our halls is hung  
Armoury of the invincible knights of old:  
We must be free or die, who speak the tongue  
That Shakespeare spake—the faith and morals hold  
Which Milton held.  
Going forward in this spirit, prepared for every oblation, whether of property or of life itself, there can be but one issue to the war."

### THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE

Chicago Tribune—"True, no autocrat or military cabal can make war without the common people. You cannot have fighting millions without drawing on the masses of laborers, artisans, tillers of the soil, clerks, and small merchants. The privileged element are not large at any time, and during war they almost disappear from view. The common people pay in life, limb, and health for blunders of the autocrats; no one else can pay. But proletarian trainloads somehow bring these simple truths home more forcibly. What did the strictly proletarian crowds in Austria, Russia, and Germany have to say about the war? When and how were they consulted? Most of them are disfranchised, and even the nominally enfranchised ones have very little power and influence. Will the war teach the proletarian crowds to demand proper recognition and representation in government? On that rests the hope of civilization in the future."

Prospero left Change Islands at 9.45 a.m., going north.

S.S. Durango arrived at Halifax yesterday afternoon.

## Allan Liner Lured German Ships Out Alsatian Used as Decoy Ship At Heligoland

Montreal, Sept. 20.—What was before the war the newest and fastest Allan liner, and is now the British auxiliary cruiser Alsatian, played a notable part in the British fleet's victory over the Germans, off Heligoland. A mate on a vessel at Montreal vouches for the story.

The Alsatian was used under Admiral Beatty's orders as a decoy ship to lure the German warships from out the shelter of their land batteries. The Alsatian's upper and lower decks had been previously piled high with sacks of coal, to convey the impression that she was on her way to coal the British battleships. Dummies were placed standing on her decks as if they were marines.

Following his orders to the letter, the ex-liner's commander steamed his ship close into where the German men-of-war were lying snugly under their forts. Then, as if surprised to discover the enemy's ships the Alsatian turned tail. Several of the hostile ships made after her with all speed, and the Alsatian led them a dance out into the open sea, not one of the enemy's shells reaching her.

Then suddenly Admiral Beatty's warships rushed up and manoeuvred right under the German's guns, many of which by this strategy were rendered useless. The result of the daring British plan is known to the world, and best of all to the Kaiser's war council.

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## SHOULD KNOW THE FACTS RUSSIANS NEAR CRACOW FORTS

Toronto Mail and Empire—"It is true, of course, that the German nation should not be regarded as collectively responsible for the inhumanities of a few; and it is true also that German officers are accused of as much brutality to German wounded and privates as was shown to soldiers and non-combatants on the other side. But it is none the less desirable that a British commission

London, Sept. 24.—A Petrograd dispatch forwarded to London by the Rome correspondent of the Central News, says that Russian advance guards have already arrived before the Austrian fortress of Crocow.

prepare a report upon this phase of the war, so that the world may know the facts on the best authority."

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