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Holding Our
Own Good.

The despatch from the Secretary of the Colonies, Rt. Hon. L. Harcourt, tells us that the Allies are holding their own well in France. This is satisfactory news, although it is not as jubilant as some of the French reports, it should give us satisfaction. So far as we can judge the allies are allowing the German forces to beat hard upon them, and are directing their efforts to holding the lines and are trying to do what they can to turn the flank of Von Kluck's army. It is evident if this is the case, the German forces must be paying a heavy penalty in life and limb for their attacks, and that the process will result in a wearing down of the German armies at a greater rate than that of the forces of the Allies. It also means that time is being gained to allow the vast forces of the Russians to be brought to bear on the Germans in the Eastern theatre of war. Moreover, all time gained gives the further advantage of the transport of Indian and Colonial troops to the front, and adds to the efficiency of the armies which Kitchener is forming and moulding in the British Isles. We should also keep in mind, what we have mentioned already several times, that it is dangerous to give particulars of recent operations and particularly of the movements of troops in the theatres of war, all such information given out finds its way to the German headquarters and tells them exactly what they have to checkmate. No nation has availed of such sources of information to the extent the Germans did in 1866 and in 1870, and it is only reasonable to recognize that they are now availing of all information that may be indiscreetly given away. The lives of hundreds of thousands of men are at stake. We are fighting for our lives and our independence and the liberty of our people and our children, and we must wait to see the results and not be over anxious to be posted in detail as to how that result is being achieved.

The dropping rounds of a fern indicate that it is rootbound.

A Way Out
of High Prices

The demand from Europe for food is boosting prices and cost of living increases.

In spite of the heavy demand from abroad, the price has not advanced on

Grape-Nuts

This healthful food, made of the finest wheat and barley, is fully cooked, easily digested, and with cream or good milk is an economical, delicious dish for any meal the year around.

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DESPATCH FROM SECRETARY
HARCOURT ON SITUATION.

His Excellency the Governor received the following message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies: To Governor, St. John's, Sept. 30th, 1914.

Following from Press Bureau: Situation in France practically unchanged. Allies left has had some very heavy fighting but are holding their own well. Near Taising Tau allied forces have occupied all high ground overlooking enemy's main line of defence.

(Sgd.) HARCOURT.

The Fish Situation

During the past two months the quantity of fish that has been shipped to foreign markets is considerably less than in normal years. This arose partly from the lateness of the catch due to ice conditions in the early months of the fishing season, largely to war which paralyzed banking, upset exchange and dislocated trade. It was feared that a slump in prices would ensue and fishermen generally held their fish, waiting to see what would happen. The consequence has been so far that the amount of fish brought to St. John's during August and September was comparatively small. A market was found for the fish brought in and the prices have ruled about six dollars, but the consumption of August and September in the foreign markets has been lost, and cannot be recovered. A set off to this, however, is a shortage in the season's catch. The difficulties apprehended are partly local and partly foreign. The purchasing power of people in the foreign markets has been lessened by the war. In Brazil, the flotation of a loan of two hundred million dollars failed. The object of the loan was to make a funded or permanent debt of a number of floating debts, to set finances generally straight, and to continue development works. Brazil is a country rich in resources, but the government there and the people generally have been over-spending, and the failure of their big loans has upset things generally. One of the effects has been failure to pay interest on their debt, another has been the depreciation of their currency. The milraes fell in value from 32 cents to 22 cents. The effect of this is seen on the number of milraes it takes to purchase a cask of fish quoted at 42 shillings. Instead of paying 31 milraes, they are called upon to pay 45. This must naturally affect the purchasing power of the people. The tendency there will be twofold, to limit the purchasing and to lower the prices offered. An exporter told us if he could continue to realize \$42 in cash, he could continue to pay six dollars a quintal. Otherwise, if not, it will be seen that it will require most careful handling of the export here to maintain these prices in Brazil, to which our efforts should be directed, as far as it is judicious. In Italy, too, the difficulty of marketing is great owing to banking conditions. Fish importers have difficulty in paying cash owing to banks being authorized to hold up a large percentage of the balances of depositors, and they find it difficult to get their notes taken by bankers in London, where the exchange against fish purchases is made, are shy at discounting their notes. This has its effect here on fish exporters who find it difficult to realize at once on the fish they place aboard for foreign shipment, and the bankers who discount the normal facilities to keep up the stream of purchases from fishermen. These are factors which are adverse. The favorable factors are that the foreign markets are practically without fish and the people there are looking for fish. All the factors, however, point to the need of careful marketing of our fish.

The situation is exceedingly difficult and calls for the co-operation of Government, bankers, merchants and fishermen. We must avoid panicky slumping of fish in St. John's, and undercutting of merchant against merchant abroad. The Govt. should lend what aid they can by keeping in touch with the bankers who discount notes, the merchants who export, and the fishermen who sell to local merchants. They should hold conferences with representatives of these bodies, and if necessary lend what aid they can. The British Government has already taken steps in these directions and has pledged the national credit to the extent of \$1,000,000,000 to aid banking and trade. It is the duty of the Government to study the steps taken by Lloyd George to relieve the situation at home. As the Daily News stated this morning:

"The problem of the price of fish is a very serious one. All are interested in it. High prices mean free spending. Low prices involve, strict economy, and sometimes poverty and suffering."

Pit Props.

We desire to direct the attention of our readers to the demand which exists for pit props for the coal mines of Great Britain. The stocks required are from 7 to 8 feet in length, with a diameter of two and a half inches at the small end. For some little time a gentleman has been here making contracts to supply these stocks to the Welsh collieries. At the time of the outbreak of the war, he was in Finland, looking after shipments from that country. The war has closed the Baltic and the supply from that country is cut off. The price offered we understand is \$3 per cord for sticks with the bark or rind off, by quantity required is large and at the present time there are experts on their way here to examine what our resources are in the way of supplying the demand. It will be remembered that at the last or was session of the Legislature, the Crown Lands Act was temporarily amended in the interest of the Empire to permit of the export of pit props for the next year.

Daring Thefts.

Yesterday afternoon an intoxicated man named Finny entered at the rear of Bishop & Sons store and started to remove goods wholesale. After going over two flights of stairs he opened a window and threw out fifteen axes in a bundle and three rolls of felt. He then came down and picked up nine of the axes, which were all he could carry, and went off to sell them. The matter was immediately reported to the police by one of Bishop's employees, who had seen the seaman leave the premises with the goods in his possession. Const. Tobin saw the seaman and followed him to Bowring's wharf and later caught him, red-handed selling two of the axes on board the schr. Sarah Bell for 40 and 50 cents each. Finny was at once arrested and acknowledged his guilt. Seven of the axes, including the two that were saved, were recovered but two could not be accounted for. The accused was convicted this morning and will come up for sentence this afternoon.

Last night a teamster was arrested under warrant at the instance of Mr. P. H. Kershaw, chief steward of the s.s. Florizel, charged with the larceny of a horse valued at \$85. The accused sold a horse to Kershaw and for which was paid \$40 down, the balance to be paid after thirty days had expired. That was the agreement made. After twenty days the teamster said he could get a better price for the animal, which he wanted back. His request was refused and he visited Mr. Kershaw's stable on the Portugal Cove Road and took away the horse. This case will be heard this afternoon.

Were Herded With
Champagne.

4,000 Rheims Refugees Expelled From Cellars.

London, Sept. 26.—Ward, Price, special correspondent of the New York Sun and London Daily Mail, in a despatch to-day from Rheims, says an English member of a champagne firm expelled four thousand refugees from the cellars, thus preventing an almost certain epidemic.

"Imagine," he says, "four thousand people of all ages, of both sexes, with ering, living for a whole week, night and day, in empty cellars intended merely for the storing of champagne and ventilated naturally only sufficiently for that purpose, entirely without sanitary accommodation."

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Pope Pious Blessed
Fighting Monks.

Bordeaux, Sept. 25.—One of the last acts of the late Pope Pius, says La Liberté, was to give his blessing to the Capuchin Monks who are fighting in the ranks of the French army. The Superior General of the Monks merely for the storing of champagne and ventilated naturally only sufficiently for that purpose, entirely without sanitary accommodation.

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