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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Just a Hint

A steamer to take a load of cod oil from the Fishermen's Union Trading Company is now being chartered. This oil has been purchased from the Union Trading Co. by agents at Boston and will be conveyed there. This will be the first shipment of oil direct abroad by the Union Trading Co. The steamer will take 2200 casks.

Local exporters of cod oil should read, mark, learn and inwardly digest this fact and learn in future to give the Trading Co. a square deal. Had the Trading Co. not sold this oil in America the price of cod oil today would be \$65 here—the figure some buyers endeavored to fix a month ago. The Union will do its own oil exporting in the future and local combines will find that they won't do as they like even though they offer oil at 3c per gallon in Boston less than the prevailing prices, in an endeavor to prevent buyers there purchasing outside of the combine here.

Be careful, gentlemen, give the Trading Co. a square deal and save your corns from being trodden on.

Fish Purchase

THE French Government has purchased from one firm in France 400,000 qts. of fish for the Army. All this fish must be the product of the French fisheries, consequently all available fish in France will be required to fill the order.

There will be no French competition in the fish markets for this season and this transaction will have a favorable effect upon the markets purchasing Newfoundland fish.

If the French Government require 400,000 qts. of fish, so will the Portuguese, Italian and Spanish, should those nations be embroiled in this war.

England has now 1,000,000 men under arms and requires an enormous quantity of food to supply their wants.

Could Newfoundland not sell 10,000 cases of lobsters to the Home Government? They can be purchased at \$17 or \$18 per case.

Governor Davidson might do worse than sell 10,000 cases of Newfoundland lobsters to the Home Government.

The local fish situation is not so pressing to-day as there have been no arrivals of importance during the last three days, and most of the cargoes which arrived in the early part of the week have been disposed of.

The dispatch of two steamers with fish next week will also relieve the situation and clear out a large quantity of fish now ready for shipment.

Another steamer is likely to be chartered next week to load fish for Greece.

Ostend

ANNOUNCEMENT is made today from an apparently reliable source, that the Germans have occupied the Belgian seaport of Ostend.

In connection with this latest acquisition of the enemy, arises a problem that was frequently discussed when the Germans were marching westward through Belgium. How

will the siege guns used by the enemy compare with the heavy armament carried by the dreadnoughts of the British fleet? For there seems small possibility of British warships allowing the Germans to retain peaceful possession of a continental seaport within such a short distance of the shores of Great Britain.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that in an artillery duel the warships would have the better of the argument. The siege guns have to be fixed to concrete foundations and are ponderous pieces of artillery which cannot be handled except with great difficulty in lifting such a target as a dreadnought steaming along at a rate of twenty knots or more.

The British naval gunners, on the other hand, have been trained for shooting rapidly and with precision from a moving base or at a target that is travelling at a high rate of speed. The heavy naval guns are effective at a distance of ten thousand yards from the object aimed at. It looks, therefore, as if the Germans are likely to have a stirring time at Ostend, once the British floating fortresses start to pepper them with their heavy guns.

Still In The Fight

THERE is more than a little significance in the news told us in three or four lines of the cable messages today that so far from the Belgian army being broken and dispirited, its troops are in excellent form and are eagerly waiting for the time to come when they will have a chance to have another go at their well-hated enemies, the Germans.

It seems to be conceded on all sides that the biggest advantage the Germans anticipated from the capture of Antwerp was the capture also of the Belgian army, or at least the greater portion of it. In this expectation, however, thanks to the strategy of the Belgian King, they have been sorely disappointed and there is still a large force of the plucky little fighters recuperating after their Antwerp experiences at some unknown base.

Hence, while the capture of Antwerp will set free a German force co-operate with the army further south, these reinforcements of the enemy will be more than offset by the addition of the Belgian Army to the forces of the Allies.

The main purpose of the strenuous German attack on Antwerp seems to have been to remove the menace this stronghold constituted to the flank of their line of communication thro' Belgium and also to complete a prospective line of defence on which to fall back, should they have to abandon the line of the Aisne.

The Antwerp-Namur-Metz line would serve the double purpose of retaining the German hold on Eastern Belgium for some time longer and would also obviate the necessity of fighting on German soil, a contingency that would immediately arrive should the Germans have been forced to fall back from the Aisne to the fortified line of their own border.

Military observers also believe that the Germans will utilize Antwerp as a base from which to launch their contemplated Zeppelin raid on England.

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

CONDEMNED

Boston Transcript:—"As for the attitude of the American press, it never more accurately reflected the sober judgement of the American public than in condemning Germany's course in the present conflict. The indictment against Germany is founded upon the statements of her own defenders, whose admissions are far more damning in their evidence than any charge of the allies. A nation whose Imperial Chancellor ridicules as a "scrap of paper" the plighted faith not only of his own but of other Governments, can find nothing but condemnation on this side of the Atlantic so long as America remains true to her ideals as a nation. And may the day never come when such a barbarous doctrine shall fall to evoke the protest of the American press."

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TO THE EDITOR

Strong Feeling

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me a little space in your esteemed paper to express my feelings. I just feel like taking up arms, not to fight the Germans at present, but to banish this Surtax Morris and party that iron as it were.

are ruling this country with a rod of iron. What we fishermen should do is to rise up in an army and drive this grab-all Government out of existence; also merchants combines should have been trodden under foot.

Now, Mr. Editor, I often wonder to myself do Roberts, Crosbie, Bishop, and a host of others think when they are writing to the grab-all President, that it makes the very blood of a fisherman boil?—the only man that ever stood up for the under dogs, to claim for them their own. We fishermen are taking stock of those grab-all papers that are spouting these times.

Now, sir, to finish. What we want today is a war in Newfoundland first, then go forward and fight the Germans. Oh you Germans that are trying to starve the flower of Newfoundland. Who wouldn't go and fight the Newfoundland Germans first?

I could go on expressing my feeling further, but I will wait a little bit longer.

DETERMINATION.

Elliston, T.B., Oct. 3, 1914.

Spoils Fishing Ground

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—A proclamation has just been issued, in the name of the Marine and Fisheries Department, which is addressed to the fishermen of this district.

It gives notice that any person setting herring nets in the run between Little Bell Island and Kell's Island will do so at his own risk, and that the S. S. "Hug" will be responsible for any damage done to herring nets, set out to westward of Little Bell Island.

This is unfair to the fishermen, and calculated to do them much injury. The other in her trips from Kell's Island to Bell Island, passes out of L.L. Bell Island, right across the only herring ground available, when she might, in the opinion of the fishermen, pass down the inside run, between the mainland and the islands.

The proclamation calls upon fishermen to set their nets a quarter of a mile further off.

It would be useless for us to put our nets out so far, and I take this opportunity of calling the attention of the Fisheries Department to this fact.

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