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## Great British Victory!

**Germans Make Greatest Retirement on West Front for the Past Two Years -- Bapaume Threatened.**

FROM BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, To-Day.

On one portion of the British front at least the war to-day became a war of movement. Under cover of fog and mist, which has been particularly heavy in the past 48 hours, the Germans carried out the greatest retirement they have made on the Western front in the last two years, and the British have swept into possession of Pys, Serre, Miraumont and Petit Miraumont, including the famous Butte de Warlencourt, which has been the scene of the fiercest fighting of the war, and in places is deep with the bones of dead men. The exact extent of the German retirement is not known to-night, but it is estimated that it approaches a depth of 3 miles at some points. British patrols are out in all directions harassing the Germans and keeping in touch with their movements. Until they report it will not be possible to say just where the Germans have determined to fix their next lines of resistance. Nevertheless it can be stated that the British now are, or soon will be, in a position possibly to force the evacuation of Bapaume, which has been the key to the German position since the beginning of the battle of the Somme. Points which already have fallen into the British hands have stood out in the history of the fighting on this front.

10.00 A.M.

### LIBERAL VICTORY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

ST. JOHN, N.B., To-day.

Like Manitoba and British Columbia decided to clean house, the Murray Government was defeated on Saturday. The Liberal Opposition, going to the country with three seats in the Legislature, carried 23 out of the 44 seats balloted for, and on the strength of the north shore returns, have every prospect of taking all four in Gloucester on Monday. This will give the new Government 27 seats in a House of 48, or a majority of five after the election of a speaker.

12.50 P.M.

### INSULTING IRELAND.

LONDON, To-day.

A despatch from Amsterdam quotes a Berlin message as saying that the German Irish League, formed here recently, has held its first meeting. General von Dudenorff, First Quartermaster General, and Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, sent congratulatory messages. The League aims at the promotion of relations between Germany and Ireland and it will support all enterprises in this direction. The Berlin paper adds that the formation of this League at this moment will be a valuable encouragement for an American Irishmen's League, and it also will prove to Irishmen in Ireland that they are not forgotten in Germany in these serious times.

### AMERICAN'S DENUNCIATION OF AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.

John Crier Hibber, President of Princeton University, speaking in a church here last night, criticised the United States for what he termed its lack of international conscience. In failing to join the Entente Allies against Germany, and declared that America's entrance into the war was a solemn obligation. "We dismissed our German Ambassador, and we stand at the present time in readiness to war with Germany, yet we as a nation are not prepared to go to war with any country, European or Asiatic, except perhaps one, China. We could make a fair showing against China. Why are we so brave now? Let us be frank. There is only one reason, and that is because we know the Great British fleet stands between Germany and the present time. I am free to confess that America as a nation has not risen to an appreciation of the obligation resting upon it."

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### The Old 'Wooden Fleet'

MUCH DESPISED, BUT NOW "HUG-BIG TO DEATH."

Tucker, the Cuts Man and Shannahan took a stroll along the wharves yesterday afternoon and inspected the "wooden fleet," the much despised "wooden fleet," painted up in a spick and span fashion, given a "fit-out" as it were, in preparation of the insults that we had hurled at them. When the powerful steel ships came on the scene, dazzling our eyes with their splendour, we rallied 'round them and poured forth our praises. We opened our eyes in amazement as they ploughed through the ice and broke it into smithereens, and we rammed our fingers into our ears when their piercing sirens sent forth their penetrating shrieks. The captains of those grayhounds were wonderful important and thrice blessed men in our eyes. We admired them with an admiration slightly adulterated with jealousy. And all the while the little old familiar "wooden fleet" lay alongside, and so innocently, and so wearily, that we scarcely knew of their presence. Now and again they sent forth a blast from their whistle, but compared with the yell of the Steel Monarch 'twas but a moan. As the day approached for the sailing of the steamers to prosecute the voyage, no one spoke of the "wooden fleet," all interest being centered in the Big Steel Steamers. And the "wooden fleet," as if knowing this, crept out of port and stole down north, secluding themselves as it were from the gaze of critics who smiled at their weakness, or pitied them in their old age. Men who had made good bills with Jackman in the Terra Nova, Kean in the Aurora, or Blandford in the Neptune, looked upon the ships now as mere playthings. The Ranger, in days gone by a ship that any man would be proud to get a berth in, was now deserted. Men who stood on her barricade and cheered to "beat the band" as she steamed up the harbor loaded, with all flags fluttering in the breeze, and nevering what was going to happen. Here we have to-day the "wooden fleet" back in the centre of the stage, and instead of despising them, they are being feared, something is going to occur to deprive us of the benefits and blessings which they will be instrumental in bringing us. There is nothing wrong with their model now, no more we criticize their lines, or call them hulks.

There is a nice little lesson in this for us, says Tucker. Never to become too important or, to use Tucker's phrase, "too cheery," so as to entirely forget old adversaries. We should always bear in mind that we are very insignificant when we try to peer into the mists that hide the future, and the things that our idle presumptuous way imagine must happen are just the opposite of what transpires.

TIM SHANNAHAN.

### Can't Chase Subs. With Autos.

Chicago Tribune.—Now we need everything that Mr. Ford tried to keep the nation from getting—and Mr. Ford offers his automobile factory for Government use. Mr. Ford ought to offer more than his factories. He ought to offer the person of a confederate man. His factories will be useful, but they will not make the ships which he tried to keep out of service. We cannot chase submarines with Mr. Ford's automobiles.

### MASONIC CLUB. — Annual Sale of Papers 8 p.m. Tuesday, 27th February, 1917. S. A. CHURCHILL, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.—Feb26,21

### FIRE ON S.S. EAGLE.—

Through the explosion of a lamp in the chief engineer's room on board the s.s. Eagle on Saturday night, a fire broke out at Bowling's Southside premises, the ship narrowly escaped being burnt to the water's edge. Fortunately the blaze, which had made considerable headway, was confined to the place of origin, and after a stiff fight by those on board, the fire was quickly extinguished. Engineer McKinley met with a heavy loss when a new overcoat, a short coat, a gold watch and twenty dollars in notes were consumed in the fire.

## The Auxiliary Cruiser Laurentic

Was Sunk Within an Hour After Leaving Port—Unconquerable Spirit of the Crew.

English papers contain details of the loss of H.M.S. Auxiliary Cruiser Laurentic, which ship, and whose officers and crew were so well known in Halifax.

The particulars show that the Laurentic left port shortly after 6 in the evening with a complement of 470 men. Less than an hour later, as the vessel was going full steam ahead, two loud explosions shook the ship, caused, as it subsequently proved, by mines. The effect was terrific. Many of the stokehold crew must have been killed outright. A gaping hole was torn in the side of the ship, and from the first it was seen that there was no hope of saving her. Perfect order prevailed throughout on board the vessel, the crew responding to the officers' orders with precision and loyalty. Boats were got in readiness, and the Marconi installation having been destroyed by the effect of the explosion, rockets for help were sent up. At the last moment before the Laurentic went down in 23 fathoms lifeboats were manned, there being accommodations for all who survived the explosion. It was now pitch-dark. The lifeboats were provided with flares, and so long as these lasted it was possible to locate the small boats on the waste of water, but the rescuing fleet of trawlers had almost 20 miles to cover before reaching the nearest boats. By the time they arrived some of the lifeboats had exhausted their supply of flares. Men were taken on board the trawlers as soon as discovered, and systematic searching of the vicinity resulted in one boat after another being found.

Capt. Norton said that his own boat which was then about full of water, was picked up by a trawler at 1 o'clock in the morning, or 7 hours after the explosion. Another boat picked up at 3 o'clock the following afternoon had five survivors out of 20 persons on board, they having been exposed to the bitterly cold weather for 22 hours. Forty-five minutes elapsed from the time of the explosion until the captain left the ship, and he was the last to leave. There was ample time to save everybody, as the ship was carefully searched above and below, and all hands were put into the boats.

Those who were lost were lost owing to the cold and the severity of the weather preventing them reaching the shore. One boat picked up the afternoon following the disaster contained 17 frozen bodies.

Captain Norton said the vessel arrived in port early on the morning of Jan. 25, and left for sea again shortly after five o'clock on the evening of the same day. At 5.55 he was on the ship's bridge. There was a violent explosion abreast of the foremast on the port side outside the ship, followed 20 seconds later by a similar explosion abreast of the engine room on the port side. He did not observe anything in the water prior to the explosion. The ship was steaming full speed ahead and no lights were showing. He put the telegraph "Full speed astern," fired a rocket, gave the order to turn out the boats, and tried to send a wireless call for help but found it could not be done owing to the second explosion, which occurred in the engine-room, having stopped the dynamo and left the ship in darkness. He could not say what caused the explosion, torpedoes or mines. There was 120 survivors out of 470.

The spirit of those rescued was "unconquerable," to use the words of a local Mayor, who did all he could to minister to their comfort. He says:

"There before me was a crowd of men who had come through a terrible ordeal in which, unhappily, the bulk of their shipmates had gone down. Were they down-hearted? Not a man of them. A youth of 17, on going into a recreation room, hurriedly provided as shelter for the men, walked straight to the piano and struck up "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile!" The chorus was taken up by the men, who were wet, cold and hungry."

Commander R. A. Norton has now survived his second shipwreck in the war, for he was executive officer on the armed cruiser Hogue when, together with the Aboukir and Cressy, she was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the North Sea. Twelve officers and 350 men were lost of the Hogue on that occasion. Commander Norton was appointed Flag Commander to Rear-Admiral Phipps-Horby in the battleship Glory soon after this disaster, but was given command of the armed liner Caronia in April, 1915, with the acting rank of captain. He had not been in the Laurentic more than six months.—Acadian Recorder.

There is no necessity for having the kitchen range filled to the lids with coal. It will bake better with a low fire and cook on top of the range just as well.

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### Annual Meeting

OF SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, patrons of the Society for the Protection of Animals, attended the annual meeting at the King George V. Institute on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Justice Johnson, President of the Society, presided and in his address expressed the pleasure of the Society in having their Excellencies present. The Society deeply regrets the loss in the death of four of its members within the past year, namely: Wm. Cook, J. W. Nichols, J. P. Grace and W. H. Goodland. It welcomed Major Carty, the recipient of the Society's greetings at Gallipoli last year, and this year's greetings were sent to Lieutenant Norman Outbridge, who was the Society's Hon. Treasurer a year ago. The report of the Special Agent, Mr. Bastow, showed that since prohibition had come into force one of the chief causes of cruelty and neglect of animals had been removed.

C. J. Fox, Hon. Secretary, submitted his report, as did also the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Hunt, which showed the Society to be in excellent standing. The officers mentioned were re-elected and the following were elected Directors for the ensuing year.—Mrs. W. G. Gosling, Mrs. R. A. Brehm, and Messrs. W. H. Crowdy, Brian Dunfield, G. R. Williams and Harold Macpherson.

### COMEDY "MURDER" AT ROSSLEYS.

A murder generally is a tragic affair, but "The Water Street Murder" as presented by the Fox and Carr Stock Co. at Rossley's British Theatre to-night is chock full of comedy situations and keeps the audience in a hilarious state of delighted suspense from start to finish. The scene of the "crime" is laid right here in St. John's, and a sea captain, his cabin boy, a cook from one of our local hotels and the captain's niece are all involved in the mystery, and the circumstantial evidence against two of the characters is very strong indeed. To-morrow night will be country store night again and judging from the enthusiasm aroused on previous occasions the British Theatre will be taxed to its capacity for this big event. The list of useful presents distributed to the audience will eclipse all previous attempts to reduce the high cost of living and in order to give everyone an opportunity to participate the doors will be open at 6.50 a.m. Big feature: "Pickwick Papers" in two parts; "Billy's Mother," Viagraph; "On the Strike of the Clock," Viagraph; delightful travelogue "Scenes in Norway."

SLIGHT FIRE.—The Central and East End Fire Companies responded to an alarm sent in at 8.05 last night from the box at St. Michael's Orphanage, Belvidere, and despite the condition of the roads raised the scene a few minutes after, to find that the fire which was caused by the lighting of a stove in a chimney had been extinguished and their services were not required.

### Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

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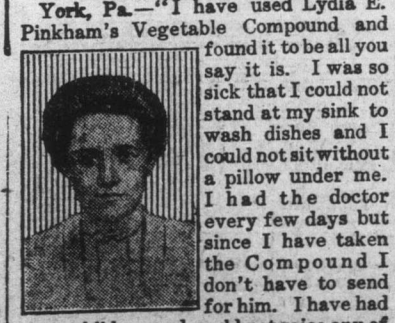
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### Russians Join With Germans

IN FIGHTING WOLVES.

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—A wolf hunt in which Russian and German soldiers joined, is described in correspondence from the Polish front. Parties of Russian and German scouts met recently and were hotly engaged in a skirmish when a large pack of wolves dashed on the scene and attacked the wounded. Hostilities were at once suspended, and Germans and Russians instinctively attacked the pack, killing about fifty of the wolves.

After the hunt the soldiers separated, each party returning unmolested to its own trenches. Along some sections of this front, hungry wolves have been particularly bold this winter, constituting a real danger to outposts of both armies, and repeatedly the combatants have had to send out hunting parties against the common enemy. While at this sort of work, sniping is suspended by a sort of tacit agreement among opposing forces.

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