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Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, March 26th, 1917.

Fine Progress.

A week ago to-day authentic news of the great German retreat was published to a startled and for the greatest part of it, a rejoicing world. A week is a short time when armies of many thousands and all their equipment must be moved over terrain which the destructive ingenuity of such an enemy as Germany has rendered as forbidding as possible to an advance. This has been the task of the British and French, and both the map and the reports that follow one another testify to the wonderful, almost miraculous, manner in which it is being performed. With everything in their favour, it may be doubted if the Germans expected the pursuit to follow so pitilessly close upon the heels of the retreat. Yet so close is it in fact, that the course of even the next few days may see nothing less than the complete upsetting of the enemy's plans, involving another retirement that he was far from contemplating when he began this one.

Everything seems at present to hinge upon St. Quentin—it is the nerve centre of the German line. A message, important enough to need confirmation, told yesterday of the capture of Roisel by the British, a railway junction north of the town; while this may be doubted, there is

no uncertainty about the great progress of the French south of it. The river Oise flows south a few miles behind St. Quentin through La Fere, and from this point northward the French command it for four miles. They have taken Vendoul, a strong fort, and Essigny, a bare three miles due south of St. Quentin. The effort of the combined armies is therefore plain, not to drive direct against St. Quentin, but to adopt their favorite tactics and penetrate the line on both sides of it. We mention these places specifically because of the great importance of St. Quentin; if it falls there will fall with it the whole German system of defence in this region, involving consequences which no one can begin to estimate.

If the events of the last week have proved nothing else, they have demonstrated the futility of the German contention that the great offensive of the Allies would be forestalled and thrown out of gear. The wanton devastation of the abandoned territory has achieved no other object than to inflame them to a more vigorous pursuit; it seems hardly to have affected their speed. Details are necessarily lacking yet of the operations, but we believe that when they are known the rapidity of the movement forward of the British and French armies under such conditions will be hailed as one of the greatest feats of the war. For the moment it can only encourage us to look to the future with the utmost confidence, and to watch for its immediate effects in continued victories.

Recruiting Figures.

We publish to-day a table of figures, carefully compiled by the Recruiting Committee, in which the enlistments in both services throughout the Island are shown according to electoral districts. Both the totals themselves, and their percentages of the district populations are interesting for purposes of comparison and as an index of the country's effort. Viewed as a whole the showing is undoubtedly good and a matter for our self-congratulation, but it has to be admitted that it is made up of greatly varying components. A total of four per cent. of the population for a country such as ours, considering all the conditions, would be very creditable, and it is nearly achieved; but it should be possible of achievement by every district. Only two of them reach it, St. John's, which more than doubles it, and Harbour Grace. These two districts are different in character from the rest, and the difference no doubt explains their standing. This is not to detract from the merit of their performance, particularly in the case of St. John's, which has offered more than eighty-five per cent. of its eligible manhood. Trinity is deserving of special praise for the big lead which separates it from the rest of the remaining districts, and its efforts are worthy of their emulation. Thereafter on the list there is a falling-off which cannot but be noticeable. It should be rectified. Splendid as the country's response has been, the figures show that there remain some thirteen thousand men that have not yet offered, thirteen thousand of the very sort of men the army and navy are looking for. Let every district aim steadily at this goal of four per cent. and the fine record of the Regiment and of our Reservists will be maintained; it is only from a diminution in numbers that it has to fear. A list such as this is in reality an appeal, from the bottom upwards, and it is only just to note that the appeal has of late been meeting with an increasing and gratifying response. Let it continue to be made and to increase.

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SABLE I REACHES PORT LOADED—HAILS FOR TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND YOUNG HARPS—REPORTS ALL OTHER SHIPS FAIRLY WELL FISHED.

The S. S. Sable I, Capt. Joe Kean, arrived back from the northern sealfishery at 8.30 a.m. to-day, reporting for 23,000 young harp seals. The ship was absent only a fortnight but the trip would have been made much quicker but for the adverse conditions encountered on the homeward run.

The Sable I left Westville at 8 o'clock in the morning of March 12th in company with all the rest of the northern fleet. After about an hour's steaming the ice was met, detaining progress. Being the most powerful ice-breaker, the Sable I took the lead, closely followed by the Seal and the wooden ships in turn. Capt. Kean saw his first whitecoat on the 13th, the day after sailing, and then shayed his course in the direction of the Croais Islands, in which vicinity he believed the seals were (and he was right), steaming through ice all the way.

STRUCK THE SEALS.

The main body of seals were struck 37 miles south east of Cape Paul near the entrance to the Bells Isle Straits, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14th. As the law prohibits killing of seals on that day, the ship 'burnt down' till early the next morning when the crew got on the ice and the slaughter began. The Sable I's escort, the Seal, Capt. Murley, was nearby. The Terra Nova was sighted away to the north west and at 10 a.m. the Neptune and Eagle came into the seals. None of the other ships were sighted, but it is Capt. Kean's opinion that they must have been in another end of the patch, as practically the total catch accounted for was taken out of this patch.

KILLING AND PANNING DIFFICULT.

The Sable's men started to engage in the kill at 5 a.m. The crew were divided into three watches, two for killing and panning and one for hauling aboard, as the ice was broken up, caused by a heavy swell, which ran the day previous. At first the seals were very numerous thick, but small and jagged, only averaging about 27 lbs. After the first day's work the ocean for miles around presented a scarlet appearance. The master watches reported for 8,000 panned and half of the slain were hoisted aboard. The next day, Friday, March 16th, the ice began to get looser, but the working of the seals was expedited materially by the division of the watches. Four thousand were batted on that day and an equal amount stowed down. On the 17th (St. Patrick's Day) 5,000 were killed and 3,000 taken aboard. The ice continued to get looser and some of the men got marooned, but all reached the ship each evening and no accident happened. Though the panning was done under difficulties, the ice conditions enabled the steamer to pick up the "dead" easily and quickly. March 18th, Sunday, was devoted entirely to picking up fat. On the 19th, 20th, and 21st 3,000 were killed each day and about half of them were taken aboard. The crew had killed more than they actually brought in, but lost several pans, which drifted away out of sight.

The young harp pelts taken during the latter part of the voyage averaged 50 pounds, so that on rough calculation the Sable I's entire cargo should turn out an average of about 45 lbs.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

On Thursday morning last at 10 a.m., Mar. 22nd, the Sable took her last 800 pelts aboard and bore up for home. Her position then was 30 miles north east of Cabot Island, Bonavista Bay. Heavy ice was met from then until she docked this morning. On Monday night a stiff nor'd-easter raged, closely packing the ice, and the ship became jammed. She did not do much butting owing to her heavy and dangerous cargo, but remained wedged in the floe until Friday night when a swell loosened the ice and she released herself and came along, though very slowly. Capt. Kean had a wireless from Capt. Murley saying that the Seal had borne up for home on Friday morning last. She was not seen latterly by the Sable I, and is believed to have been jammed coming home. However, she is expected to be the next arrival. The Sable I spoke the Diana at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon off Trinity Bay and some of the latter's crew were aboard. Capt. Kean reports the catch of the fleet as follows:—

Sable I	23,000
Seal	16,000
Terra Nova	23,000
Erik	23,000
Thetis	23,000
Neptune	20,000

Eagle	16,000
Njord	12,000
Diana	10,000
Bloodhound	10,000
Ranger	10,000
Total	155,000

This amount, in addition to a prospective trip for the Viking in the Gulf, will make the catch easily reach 200,000 or approximately 40,000 behind last year's. Capt. Kean says that the prospects of the ships now out increasing their catches are poor. He also informs us that he never before experienced such delightful weather as he did at the Sealfishery this spring.

This is the second year in succession that Farquhar's new steamer Sable I, has been first in with a full load, and on each occasion she arrived on March 26th. It is Capt. Joe's first spring in command of the Sable I, and may good luck continue to attend him.

It is a singular coincidence that the homeward passage of the Sable I, has been marred both in 1916 and 1917 by weather and ice conditions.

Congratulations to Capt. Joe and to his hardy crew, who are all well after their venturesome experience.

PRICE OF FAT.

The Sable I, is berthed at Job Bros. & Co's South Side premises, but had not started to discharge up to 1 p.m. to-day, the price of fat not yet being fixed. Last year the sealers were paid \$6 per hundred weight for young fat, this year they are asking for \$7 a swt. It is thought that a compromise will be effected this afternoon.

Here and There.

Fresh Smelts and Fresh Herring at ELLIS'.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and fine; temperature 17 to 26 above.

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LECTURED ON GREECE.—Mr. W. H. Jones gave an interesting lecture on Greece at the Grenfell Hall last evening.

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ETHIE AND GLENCOE.—The Ethie left Marasheen at 5.30 a.m. yesterday, and the Glencoe arrived at Marytown at 9.45 a.m. yesterday.

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BACK TO THE CITY.—Mr. E. Froude, who was visiting the Canadian and American markets on business in connection with his firm Messrs. Dicks & Co., reached the city by last night's express.

SYDNEY HARBOR NAVIGABLE.—The Reid Nid. Co. received a message this morning stating that the wind had loosened the ice in North Sydney Harbor and that a ship had been successfully navigated to that port.

LT. OUTERBRIDGE IMPROVING.

We are pleased to state that Mr. P. E. Outerbridge received a cable yesterday from his father, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, informing him that 2nd Lieutenant Herbert Outerbridge had been admitted to Wandsworth Hospital and was "wonderfully well and bright."

A MONSTER SNOW DRIFT.—The Reid Co. have a large gang of men clearing the snow from the railway track near Chance Cove, South Shore. In one place there is a monster snow drift 14 feet high and 400 feet long. The train which left here Saturday evening is within two miles of the incoming train.

DIED.

At Carbonear, March 22nd, Amelia Guy, relict of the late Robert Maddock, Esq., aged 82 years, leaving three sons and five daughters.

To-day, March 26th, 1917, William Cullen (cooper), aged 83 years; funeral from his late residence, 50 Gower Street, on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m.

Died on the 25th, after a long illness, Margaret Ryan, the beloved wife of John Flannery, of Topsall, aged 42 years, leaving one brother in New York, one brother and sister in Montreal, and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from J. T. Martin's Mortuary Rooms; interment will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery; friends please accept this, the only, intimation.

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WAR

The French have again heavy fighting on the front between Aisne Rivers. They made an advance on the 25th, but were repulsed. According to the French troops have over a front of 10 miles south and west, and Essigny south of St. Quentin to new positions of Castres, west, and Essigny south of St. Quentin. The retirement of the French is according to orders between Beaumont and east of Peronne, and repulsed French troops. For the British, the British consisted in repulsing bombing attacks, and considerable fighting in the War Office report fifteen airplanes of British, while the German machines.

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