

# THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

Official Organ of The Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland.

Vol. III. No. 332.

ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

Price: One Cent.

## Pres. Wilson's Note Prominently Displayed

### London Papers Indicate the Astonishment Caused by the Measure--What's the Motive?

LONDON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is prominently displayed in morning papers with headlines such as "President Wilson's strange peace essay," "President Wilson's peace foiler," "Amazing note," indicating a slight measure the astonishment caused by communication. Much speculation is indulged here as to the motives or the cause which inspired the President to send such a note after his assumption of the attitude that he would not meditate unless invited by both groups of belligerents; one section of press utterly rejecting any idea of the possibility of peace negotiations as an outcome of recent German note, and flatly attributes the President's action to the

## British Press Scouts Wilson's Peace Talk.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In its comments on President Wilson's note the Pall Mall Gazette sharply criticises the President to revive the terms once familiar in American politics. It says he assumes an attitude of "know nothing, he does not realize that he makes the blood of every honourable man in Europe boil when he proposes inability to distinguish between objects and professions of the two sides. The President is as unlucky as he is highminded in his zeal for humanity. He has evoked a step that will create the bitterest resentment among all who are fighting, working or dying for the very principles he has at heart. The Evening News says the answer to President Wilson's note is in the negative, after its review of the note this news paper says: "We confess to have some difficulty in following President Wilson when he speaks of all belligerents fighting to defend smaller people against aggression." We are fighting in the cause of Belgium and Serbia, the victims of the Hun, for whose rights is Germany fighting other than her own. President Wilson's views of this point are so amazing most people will find it difficult to regard them with patience. The Evening Standard says: "Any communication from the head of a great friendly Power is assured courteous respect and full consideration. But it would be only misleading the President to leave him under the impression that any move on his part toward peace at this stage of the war would be welcomed by Britain or her Allies. It is singular, indeed, if a states like Wilson can labor under any such illusion if the whole facts of the situation should warn him that his intervention is not desired." The Berlin announcement of President Wilson's speech endeavor, received through the Associated Press, has been accorded a tremendous welcome in Berlin. Impressions in official newspaper circles appeared in noon editions, under large display headlines as all important news. Christmas season is reviving interest in German peace overtures which sunk to a low point under the influence of preliminary declarations by statements of the Entente Powers.

## British Parliament Has Been Prorogued

### King George Says He is Confident, However Long the Struggle, Will Consummate Aims of Britain

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The House of Parliament was prorogued today until Feb. 7th. The text of the King's speech is as follows:—"My Lords and gentlemen, throughout the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you, my navy and my army in conjunction with those of our gallant and faithful Allies, have by their unceasing vigilance, and indomitable valour, justified the high trust I placed in them. I am confident that however long the struggle lasts their efforts supported by inflexible determination of all my subjects throughout the Empire and will finally achieve victorious consummation of those aims for which we entered into the war. My Government has been re-constructed with the sole object of furthering those aims. Unaltered and

## FOOD SCARCE IN AUSTRIA

ROME, Dec. 22.—Alarming news about the scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary practically amounting to famine, has reached the Vatican from diplomatic sources. This news greatly concerns the Pope, who fears that the reign of the new Emperor Charles which has begun under such unfavourable auspices, will end disastrously. Internal conditions in Austria are said to be very serious; antagonism between Hungary and Austria is said to be acute, and political complications are threatened and anti-war agitation is now widespread and cannot be repressed by the authorities.

## BARON DE KENTER KILLED IN ACTION

London, Dec. 23.—Baron Hubert De Kenter, only son of the late Head of Reuter's Telegram Co., Ltd., was killed at Beaumont Hamel, on the Somme front on November 13.

## SIR JOSEPH WARD SPEAKS IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 23.—There should be no such thing as misguided expression of opinion in regard to war, said Sir Joseph Ward, Finance Minister of New Zealand, speaking in London today. We should not allow any suggestion emanating from a great outside country or any suggestion that we should knuckle down before this war is over.

## BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE TOWN OF EL ARISH

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The text of Britain's official statement announcing the capture of El Arish, says: Yesterday the Egyptian town of El Arish was occupied by our troops after being for two years in the hands of the enemy, from the fact that the enemy constructed a very strong entrenched position El Arish, and that a large amount of work have recently been carried out there. It appeared the enemy had every intention of offering a stubborn resistance and they abandoned the position Tuesday night and retreated east and southeast. It is a serious blow to the Turks from a moral and military point of view.

## REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER SPEAKS

ALICANTE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—"I hope to God that no act of this nation born out of autocracy, will help to throttle democracy and civilization." These words were uttered by representative Gardner, of Massachusetts while discussing President Wilson's peace note to the European belligerents at a dinner in Cincinnati, by the New England Society, there last night.

## SOME GAINS AND MORE PRISONERS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Official communication on the campaign in France given out by the War Office at midnight, reads:—"Last night a strong hostile raiding party approached our lines opposite Lens. Only a few of the enemy succeeded in reaching our trenches; they were promptly rejected and the enemy was repulsed. Our casualties were very light. Southwest of Armentieres a party of our troops successfully entered the enemy's trenches. We took over fifty prisoners in the course of the raid. Today artillery activity continued, especially marked along our front between the Somme and Ancre and in the neighborhood of Ypres. The improvement in the weather yesterday led to considerable aerial activity. In the course of our raids a ton of explosives were dropped on points of military importance behind the enemy's lines. Much fighting occurred in the air. One enemy machine was destroyed and six others were driven down damaged; four of our machines are missing."

## WEATHER REPORT

TORONTO, (midnight).—Stormy winds and gales from east and southeast, with rain.

## RESOLUTION INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives today to endorse President Wilson's peace notes by Representative Bailey.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lloyd's Shipping Agency announces Norwegian steamer Avona sunk. Steamer Maureta believed to have been sunk also.

## RUSSIANS ARE RETIRING IN ROUMANIA

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—(To the British Admiralty, per a wireless press)—The Russian troops in the northern part of Roumania Province of Dobrudja, having been attacked yesterday along a whole front by superior numerical Teuton forces, says a Russian official statement issued today, have begun further retirement northwards.

## WOULD WELCOME U. S. AID IN PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Noel B. Burton, Liberal Member for North Norfolk, expressed in the Commons the hope that the government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating terms of peace. Burton paid a tribute to the generosity of the United States towards Belgium, and to the help it had given the Entente in the war, and said there are thirty thousand Americans fighting for us. America is with us in the war because of the invasion of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

A SMART SUIT



is what you are looking for, and you will get one here. Our made-to-order suits are guaranteed perfect, in style, and finish, and are made of first class material. All the newest weaves and patterns in the finest fabrics, that will look stunning, when made to fit you. The cut, and fit, will without doubt, be better than any you have had before. We know our business, and strive to satisfy everyone. That's why we have so many permanent customers. Why not be one yourself?

**W. H. JACKMAN,**  
39 WATER STREET WEST, 2 Doors East Railway Station.  
Phone 795. P. O. Box 186.

## THANKS DR. GREN-FELL

(To the Editor). Dear Sir,—Kindly permit me, through the columns of your esteemed paper, to thank Dr. Grenfell for past surgical assistance to me. A little while ago I met with a very painful accident to my right hand. A few hours after the accident, Dr. Grenfell, "angel of mercy" that he is, appeared on the scene and did all in his power to relieve my sufferings and to even render operation less painful. That God may bless and prosper him in all his undertakings for suffering humanity is the heartfelt wish and prayer of  
MARY M. DOWER.  
Conche, Dec. 2, 1916.

## GREETINGS FROM UPPER GULLIES

A Concert was held at Upper Gullies on Thursday night, in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The programme was very elaborate and was conducted in a very creditable manner. The event was largely attended. A splendid tea was served by the ladies, after which a dance was indulged in until after midnight. The proceeds amount to near \$50.00. The promoters are to be congratulated. The splendid Church of England at Hopewell is beautifully decorated for Christmas. The work was done by several ladies of the congregation, under the supervision of the popular teacher, Mr. Barrett.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## King's Speech As Answer To Wilson

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The "Morning Post" says the King's speech in Parliament yesterday was perhaps the best answer that could be made to the President's amiable proposal. Alluding to "President's belief" that the nations are ready to welcome a league of peace the newspaper says:—"With our experience with these leagues of peace behind us, we should think twice before throwing over our trusted Allies in order to put our fortunes to the vote of Guatemala, Haiti, Siam and other nations, large and small, which would compose such a Federation." The Daily News, one of the most favorable of newspapers to President Wilson, says editorially, that the rejection of his note was respectful, but uncompromising. What had to be said had been said for most part in language in which America neither

## GERMANY'S OWN TROUBLES

LONDON, Dec. 21.—That Germany is threatened with civil war and that the great Socialist party is no longer concealing its dissension to the Prussian war leaders, is the real explanation for the peace proposals, is the statement that is going the rounds of the press of London today. The Times says that particularly during the past month conditions in Berlin have assumed a dangerous aspect. The people, weary of the shortage of food at home and the distress of the men in the field, with the material costs of war piling mountain-high, and with no indications of any but a futile future struggle, are openly rebellious, and that the Kaiser has for many days been watching for a reasonably favorable turn of events which would act as a pretext for a plausible proposition for peace. The Times says also that the German Government has been discouraged recently by the confirmation of reports that Britain was prepared for 1917 to put into the field three times as many guns and shells as Germany has been able to command even in the flush days of 1914.

## "Puzzle Man" Dead

The death of the Rev. A. G. Pearson, the "Puzzle Man" father of the founder of the London Daily Express and other publications, is announced. In his early years he captained Winchester cricket eleven in 1856 and in 1872 was second in the All-England Croquet Tournament. For many years he had been known as an authority on puzzles and anagrams, on which he wrote largely, and as the writer of "One Hundred Chess Problems." As a clergyman Mr. Pearson was beloved by his parishioners.

## THE INJUNCTION FULFILLED.

German Prisoner (to companion in captivity): "Be no so down-hearted Fritz. Did not the All-Highest urge us to make a road to Calais Well, then what are we doing now?"—The Passing Show." London. "One nation may declare war, but it takes more than one to declare peace," is a slogan that is appearing in the press and is being quickly seized by the London public.

**DUE TO-MORROW**

**S. S. CORUNNA**  
**1100 TONS**

**Sydney Screened Coal**

**T. A. BOWN.**

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE