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TUESDAY, Oct. 10th, 1916.

The United States and Submarines.

The synopsis contained in the public message of the Manchester Guardian's editorial is a concise summary of the essential features of the submarine question, which the late events have brought home so startlingly to all on this side of the Atlantic. It may be of interest if we point out briefly how the course of events has borne out its judgment and would justify a far more severe indictment of the United States than it actually presents.

International law and usage have always recognized that even private enemy property at sea is subject to capture. Yet the trend both of juristic opinion and actual practice had been for some time in the direction of limiting more and more the rights of belligerents in this respect. Thus, time was often allowed by both sides in which merchant ships of enemy nationality might make good their escape from the ports of the other belligerent. At the beginning of the Crimean War six weeks were allowed on both sides. It will be remarked that this was far from the case when the present war broke out, and that enemy ships were everywhere seized immediately and without question. But that in itself cannot be represented as a retrogression, for even before it had begun it was recognized that this war was utterly unlike other wars. It was a conflict, not of states but of nations and peoples, and the enormous importance of damaging the enemy's resources by cutting off his trade was allowed universally to be a justification. The British, then, and all the Allied navies, seized German and Austrian merchantmen wherever they could, and in accordance with law and practice, brought them as prizes into their ports. This the Germans could not do, for the obvious reason that they soon had no ports on the high seas, and that while they did they had no ports to which they could take the ships they captured. Unable, therefore, to take enemy ships as prizes, they did the next best thing and sank them. This, to begin with, was a question of right. International law says little on the subject, for the necessity of considering it had rarely occurred before; if the analogy of land warfare is any guide, the thing was quite unjustifiable.

When the German navy had been swept from the high seas, its submarines alone were able to operate. But these did operate, and at first with considerable success. A large number of non-combatant ships, which this might have been excusable under the new and peculiar conditions, but the wanton and careless destruction of human life that it involved was not. America took no notice, until the Lusitania outrage, followed by that of the Palapa, Hesperian and others, compelled her to take a part in the historic controversy that followed. Germany was compelled to agree that non-combatant ships would not be sunk "without warning" and before the passengers and crew had been removed to "a place of safety." And there the matter has rested. No special definition has been agreed upon of "a place of safety," but the United States Government seems to have persuaded itself that those life boats and small boats carried by the victim sufficiently satisfy it, even if it be in Mid-Atlantic and a heavy sea. We are perhaps too near these events to form a correct judgment, but that of posterity upon the United States will be severe and damning. She has degraded herself in two ways, first, by parleying, after the event, with the perpetrators of an atrocity against her own citizens which no law of nations at any time could approve or regard otherwise than with horror and detestation; and second, by consenting to a supposed mitigation of a barbarous practice by measures which in many cases can only be a mockery and may be a refinement of cruelty. Instead of insisting that the submarine conform to international law, she has allowed her view of international law to be conformed to suit the submarine. The Allies now demand a quid pro quo. If mere necessity is to be allowed to give the submarine privileges beyond those of other ships of war, it should not enjoy others, and be permitted to use neutral ports and waters as a base of operations. What pronouncement Washington will make on this important question, or whether it will make any at all, remains to be seen. America has suffered humiliation in the past; we shall now see whether she recognizes this or whether she does not in fact enjoy being humiliated.

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Railway Time Table Changed.

The Reid Nfld. Co. have decided that further notice of the cross country express trains will leave St. John's daily at 12.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., arriving at Port aux Basques at 4.30 p.m. the following day. The change in the time table will allow passengers leaving here, say on Tuesdays, to connect with the I. C. R. train leaving North Sydney at 7 a.m. Thursday morning without fail. It will also make easier connection for passengers coming from Placentia and Hear's Content Railways who intend connecting with the cross country express. We understand it has been the desire of the head officials of the Company for some years to have this change made in the time table, but owing to other obstacles in the way they could not conveniently carry out their plans. We congratulate the Company on the much desired change in that branch of the service.

McMurdo's Store News

TUESDAY, Oct. 10, 1916.
Ammoniated Quinine is recognized as one of the promptest and most certain remedies for cold in the head, and acute catarrh. As generally exhibited, in the form of Tincture, it is extremely unpleasant to the taste, and its drug gives the best results if taken at the moment that a cold is felt to be coming on, there is always a tendency to let a cold run on rather than to resort to this efficient but rather nauseous remedy. We have had this drug put up in the form of capsules which are absolutely tasteless and can be taken at any time with every hope of good results in case of colds, coryza and catarrh. Price 40c. a box.

Explosion at Bell Island

Last evening Mr. J. B. Martin and family, of Bell Island, had a narrow escape from death, when a big tank containing acetylene exploded in his store, over which is his dwelling house. So violent was the shock that it blew out parts of the side and end of the building. Mr. Martin and family were at the time of the explosion in their rooms upstairs and were thrown to the floor when it occurred, the latter escaped serious injury. Had Mr. Martin been in his office as he is usually is, he would have been instantly killed. No further particulars were received other than that it will take three or four days to straighten out his stock and make temporary repairs to the building.

Fall Weather.

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Stokers on Strike.

The Firemen's Union are now demanding for each of its members \$45 month, as applied to steamers running in and around the Newfoundland and Labrador coast and \$50 per month on foreign-going ships, that decision having been reached at an emergency meeting of the Union held last evening. The firemen contend that they are compelled to take this step owing to the high cost of living and the war risks men in the stokeholds of ships are liable to. This morning the Union firemen left all the ships now in port, including coastal boats, also the President of the Union at Channel has been acquainted of the situation and in accordance with the attitude of the local body will instruct the Union firemen on the two steamers in the Cabot Strait service to clear out. The Executive of the Union here have submitted their grievance to ship-owners, but up to 1 p.m. to-day no settlement was reached as to terms of the strike. The stokers intend to continue the strike in order to gain their point, whilst ship-owners are equally emphatic in refusing to accede to the request.

LISTEN!

A word to the wise is sufficient. Now is the time when you need a healthful and appetising stimulus. CLEVELAND'S HEALTH COCOA at this season of the year will do the family a whole world of good.
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POLICE COURT (Before Mr. Hutchings, K.C.)—A 32-year-old watchman was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct and beating his wife. A mutual separation was agreed upon. oct10,11

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria

The Ill-Fated Liner Stephano.

Concerning the ill-fated Red Cross Liner Stephano, torpedoed off Newfoundland, Messrs. Harvey & Co., Ltd., the agents here, have received no later information.
Mr. T. McGrath, blacksmith, of the East End, is in receipt of the following cable from his son Charles, who was on board the ship and en route to Ireland to study for the priesthood:—"Landed at Newport; all safe and well. Lost clothes, but saved money."
Mr. T. J. Hatley, D.L., whose brother Patrick was a passenger on board bound to Ireland to resume his ecclesiastical studies, has received word from relatives at New York stating that the ship was sunk and that the passengers and crew were reported safe by Messrs. Bowring & Co.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle sails to-day for the west.
The Clyde left Twillingate at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.
The Dundee left Port Blandford at 9.40 a.m. yesterday, with 19 passengers.
The Ethie left Humbermouth at 1 a.m. yesterday, going west.
The Home left Lewisporte at 8.50 a.m. to-day.
The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 1.15 a.m. to-day.
The Meagle is due at Port aux Basques to-day.
The Neptune is at St. John's.
The Sagona is north of Flat Island.
The ship left Britannia at 11.45 a.m. outward.

Train Notes.

Sunday's express reached Port aux Basques at 1 a.m. to-day.
The train from Carbonar arrived in the city at 12.45 p.m. to-day.
The outgoing express left St. John's at 12.30 p.m. on schedule.
The following first class passengers: Mr. Hall, Miss Vincent, A. Bradley, Thos. Abbot, Kenneth Bradley, and 13 in second class.

Here and There.

WHELAN'S WATERED FISH will save your TIME and TEMPER.—oct10,11

WELL EARNED VACATION.—Mr. R. C. Russell, H.M.C. baggage examiner at the railway station, left by to-day's express for Port Blandford where he will spend a short vacation.

SUSU SAILS.—The S.S. Susu left for the Fogo Mail Service at 10 a.m. to-day, taking a large freight and the following first class passengers: Mr. Hall, Miss Vincent, A. Bradley, Thos. Abbot, Kenneth Bradley, and 13 in second class.

ROAMING WOODS.—An unknown man, supposedly insane, is reported by Magistrate Sullivan of Presque, P.E.I., to be wandering around in the woods inside of Petite Fort. The policeman at Marystown has been instructed by I. G. Sullivan to investigate.

NEW FISH SOUNDS, NEW DRIED CAPLIN, EVAPORATED APPLES (pkgs.), FOSTER-CLARK'S CUSTARD at WHELAN'S.—oct10,11

STABBING AFFRAY.—Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings has been wired by Magistrate Somerton, of Trinity, that a stabbing affray had occurred at Tickle Cove, Bonnavista Bay, and that Constable Pittman had the perpetrator, whose name was not given in the message, under arrest, awaiting instructions. Further particulars have been asked for.

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Yesterday, Elizabeth Butt, (nee Dhu), wife of George Butt, in her 62nd year, leaving a husband and two daughters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 15 Cookstown Road.—Boston and New York papers please copy.
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The Great Gains by British in Three Months Fighting

The Official Statement Shows the Magnitude of the Advantage Won Since the Beginning of the Somme Offensive.

London, Oct. 4.—An official statement issued here to-day gives details of the fighting on the Somme front after the advance of September 18th, describing the capture of villages, including Comblies, Guedcourt and Thiépval, and proceeds:

These victories brought our front line at more than one point within a mile of the German fourth position west of the Bapaume-Transloy road. The statement continues:

The enemy has fought stubbornly to check our advance and since September 15th, seven new divisions have been brought against us and five against the French. The severe and prolonged struggle demanded on the part of our troops great determination and courage.

At the end of September, the situation may be summarized as follows:—Since the opening of the battle on July 1st, we have taken 28,735 prisoners and engaged 38 German divisions, of which 29 (about 350,000 men) have been withdrawn, exhausted or broken. We have the half-moon upland south of the Ancre, occupy every height of importance and so have direct observation ground to the east and northeast. The enemy has fallen back upon a fourth line behind a low ridge just west of the Bapaume-Transloy road.

The importance of the three months' offensive is not to be judged by the distance advanced or the number of enemy trench lines taken. It must be looked for in the effect upon the enemy's strength in numbers, material and morale. The enemy has used up his reserves in repeated costly and unsuccessful counter-attacks without causing our allies or ourselves to relax our steady methodical pressure.

In this action troops from every part of the British Empire and British islands have been engaged. All behaved with the discipline and resolution of veterans. Our aircraft have shown in the highest degree the spirit of the offensive. They have patrolled regularly far behind the enemy's lines and have fought many battles in the air with hostile machines and many with enemy troops on the ground. For every enemy machine that succeeds in crossing our front it is safe to say that 200 British machines cross the enemy's front.

When planting trees, flowers, plants or shrubs, place the plant in the hole, press the earth firmly around it and then pour quantities of water and allow the ground to absorb it before filling in the remainder of the earth. The stub end of asparagus is always more tough than the stalk, and it is a good idea to tie the bunch together and stand it in the water upright for fifteen or twenty minutes, allowing the tough parts to cook well before laying the bunch flat in the water.

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Naval Heros Return.

By the express yesterday six Royal Naval Reservists, five on furlough and one invalided, reached the city. The men were in charge of Fleet Surgeon P. T. Bannister and are as follows: P. Gearing, H. Harris, T. Kehoe, Jas. P. Ryan, J. Berigan, L. Hughes. The men of the Royal Navy were included in the reception given the returned soldiers by the Ladies Reception Committee and the vast crowd of citizens of St. John's. The Premier in his speech paid a high tribute to the noble work performed by the navy, and referring to the sinking of the Stephano he was confident that in a very short time the British Navy would free the North Atlantic of the Hun raiders. The naval men were then placed in automobiles and driven to Government House, where His Excellency the Governor extended to them a hearty welcome home. Rearvir Hughes, who is suffering from defective sight, caused by long and tiresome watches scanning the waters of the North Sea in search of the periscope of an enemy submarine, has been invalided home and is not likely to regain his former sight. All the others have been on active service both in Eastern waters and in the North Sea and are classed as able seamen. After a short stay of one month they will report on board H.M.S. Briton for further orders.

Ireland and Conscription.

The British Parliament will reassemble next week, and one of the most perplexing of the many difficult problems confronting it will be the question of the advisability of extending conscription to Ireland. The reason the government gave for the exclusion of Ireland from the provisions of the military service act last session was that until Ireland gets Home Rule, it should be exempt from conscription. This reason has failed to carry conviction to a number of influential newspapers, including the London Times, and to many leading public men, who point out that no class of Britons should be exempt from military service in such a crisis as now confronts the nation, simply because a reform for which they are agitating has not yet come. Parliament, under constitutional practice centuries old, has the right to withhold supply from the Crown pending the redress of civil grievances. But it has never been contended, and never can be contended constitutionally under any well-ordered system of government, that any class of citizens can claim exemption from the duties of national defence pending the redress of civil grievances, however weighty or intolerable. There is in fact no logical or constitutional defence for the Asquith government's policy of exempting the Irish people from military service under the Conscription Act. Its position is based rather on the ground of expediency and political policy than on that of accepted constitutional precedent. And however its course may be, the difficulty of defending it on any line of argument that will appeal to the majority of the people is greatly increased in view of the pressing need of the nation for heavier reinforcements on the western front.—Sydney Daily Post

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.—Don't delay in ordering your new suit as the price of goods is continually on the jump in the home markets, and the longer you'll wait the more you'll pay. If you want a suit, GET IT NOW and get it at SPURRELL'S, where good goods, low prices combined with style and fit predominate. SPURRELL BROS., 265 Water St.—may4,tu,th,s,if

ASSAULTED WITH SPADE.—A communication to the Justice Department states that a boy, aged 15 years, assaulted another with a spade at Garnish on Saturday last. The victim of the assault was cut severely about the head.



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The text of the recently sent by the governments respecting of belligerent submarine waters or ports. In view of the development of marine navigation and the acts which under circumstances may be enemy subs, the Allies consider it necessary to safeguard belligerent waters or ports to avoid risks of disruption to governments to measures, if they have done so, with a view to belligerent sub, vessel the purpose to which from making use of roadsteads and ports. submarine vessels the principles of the affected by special actions; first, by the vessels can navigate and submerged and can control and observation. The fact that it is identify them and establish character, whether neutral, combatant or remove the cause in the nature of such further be said that provides a submarine from its base of rest and the supplies thereby furnished. The place has through the advantage a base for naval operations of the state of affairs. The Allied governments believe that such vessels included from the benefits hitherto recognized by nations regarding the neutral waters, routes and their solemnly created sub, entered should be detained. Governments take this point out to neutral danger incurred by in navigation in regard by belligerent submarine.

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CAPT. WILSON

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Thirteen shots were British steamer Strath vessels sunk by the line off Nantucket on the thirty-three men had taken to the boat. Capt. Wilson, the Strander, who was brot with his crew by the mer Elm, No. 4. "My ed without warning," son, after he had given

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