

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN THE SHIPPING SITUATION

UNITED STATES TO HAVE ENOUGH SHIPS TO CARRY MILLIONS OF MEN

Secretary of Navy Daniels Optimistic As To Outlook—Tells Rutgers' Students United States May Call Out Men From 18 to 60—Submarine Menace Diminishing—Britain Speeding Up Production.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 21—Secretary of the Navy Daniels in an address at the Rutgers' College commencement said:

"We are building ships, but we can't build them in a day, but before another summer we shall have enough ships not only to carry a million troops to France, but millions to France and enough destroyers to see them there in safety."

Declaring that "we are going to get out the greatest naval ships produced—destroyers"—the secretary continued: "We have 300,000 in the navy. We will have 400,000 soon. They are enlisting so fast we are asking them to stay home until we can build new ships for them."

"The day may come," said the secretary in another part of his address, "when if necessary Congress may change the draft age limit. If the men between 21 and 31 cannot win the war then they will call on the men from 18 to 60, to win the war."

Admiralty Statement.

London, May 21—Allied ships, other than British and neutral merchant ships, lost during April totalled 54,333 tons, the admiralty announced today. During the same period, the loss in British tonnage was 220,709. This is the first bulletin issued by the admiralty since the announcement of April 24th that monthly reports would be submitted for weekly losses. At that time the total tonnage losses since the beginning of unrestricted submarine warfare was given as follows:

Quarter ending	British	Neutral and Allied Ship
March 1917	911,840	1,619,378
June 1917	1,361,370	2,236,934
Sept. 1917	952,938	1,494,473
Dec. 1917	1,822,880	1,422,948
March 1918	757,574	1,125,510

London, May 21—(via Reuter's Limited)—Striking figures of the work done in the shipping repair yards was issued today. From August 3, 1917, when the directorate got the organization up and running, to April 25, 1918, the yards have repaired and restored 5,037 vessels, representing a gross tonnage of 16,150,000. This gives a weekly average of 414,066 gross tons. But the weekly average for some weeks past has risen to over 500,000 gross tons and is steadily rising. The amount restored in one week reached 399,000 gross tons.

Five ships, each over 20,000 tons, have left the yards ready for service in a single week. Danger Decreases. Washington, May 21—Danger from submarines has decreased to such an extent that the bureau of war risks insurance has recommended a reduction from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per one thousand dollars on the insurance rate on lives of officers and crews of merchant vessels, passing through the war zone. This is in line with the recent lowering of marine insurance rates on vessels and cargoes from three to two per cent.

UNITED STATES YOUTHS OF 21 CALLED OUT

Probably Three-quarters of Million More Men Will Be Available Under Order.

Washington, May 21—Estimates today by Major General Crowder, provost marshal general, indicates that probably three quarters of a million men will be detained for the army by the registration of June 5, of all youths who have attained twenty-one years of age since June 5 last.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Gerald McElhinney took place yesterday morning at 8.15 o'clock, from his parents' residence, 890 Main street, to St. Peter's Church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. F. Coughlan, C. S. S. R. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

DEATH FROM FALL

Hays, Kansas May 21—A tornado sweeping over the northern part of Mills county today, killed five persons and caused considerable destruction of property. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gestel at three grand children were killed.

Pure Blood

You can keep your blood in good condition—have a clear skin, and bright eyes, by taking

BEECHAM'S PILLS



MEMBERS OF THE VINDICTIVE'S GUN CREWS. The gunners of the Vindictive stayed at their posts with death-dealing bullets and splinters hurtling all around them. Twice the crew of the forward howitzer was destroyed, but there was no dearth of volunteers to carry on. Note the sailor wearing a steel hat.

INSANITY PLEA LIKELY IN QUEENS COUNTY MURDER CASE

(Continued from page 1)
Chief Justice Presiding.

Chief Justice Barry is presiding over the court. On behalf of the grand jurors, Forman Scovill presented him with an address congratulating him on the 60th birthday anniversary, to which His Honor made an appreciative reply. The foreman also referred to the summoning of court at a time inconvenient to farmers, and suggested a change in the date of the Spring sitting. The chief justice said this was a matter for the government. Attorney-General Byrne took note of the suggestion and said the Attorney-General is conducting the Kierstead case on behalf of the crown and Dr. the defendant are appearing A. R. Slipp of Fredericton and W. R. Scott, of St. John.

The Jury.

The following jury was selected to hear the evidence: E. F. Gale, J. W. Armstrong, Fred Hoban, George Colwell, George Chase, C. E. Sharpe, Charles Cooper, H. Mott, Thomas Courtney, George Brown, Brunswick Slocum and John Erb.

Attorney-General Byrne gave an outline of the evidence given at the preliminary hearing. He said he supposed that the usual plea of insanity would be made by the defence, but he wanted the jury to hear the evidence carefully.

When the indictment was read Kierstead appeared to be in normal condition. He had no hesitation in pleading not guilty. He made no reply at first when the chief justice asked him if he was ready for trial, but when asked the second time he said that he was.

Young Girl Weeps.

The prosecution called to the stand Myrtle Blanche Kierstead, the four-year-old daughter of the defendant. The little girl appears to be a bright child for her age and answered the questions clearly. When speaking of her mother's tragic death she broke down three or four times and gave way to tears, causing some little delay. She was first questioned by Attorney-General Byrne. She told of the family visiting her uncle, Thomas Boyd in Annandale on Dec. 21, the day before the murder. She testified that her father told Boyd he had been poisoned by a substance placed in his tea. They went back home the next afternoon. In the evening they returned to Boyd's, returning home at 10 p.m.

She said her father was restless. He took the lamp and looked under the bed and on shelves. Then he seen her father do before. She remarked at the time that he was feeling very sick and that if he died and the truth were told he would come back and not give his wife a moment's peace.

"I Have Killed Elsie."

Myrtle was sent to the barn to do some chores, her father turning the lock in the door of the house after she went out. "When she came back she heard her father say 'I have killed Elsie,' run for Mrs. Harvey" (a neighbor). Witness did not go into the house. Her sister Lizette was in the house at the time of the tragedy and she will be called to the stand.

Replying to questions by Mr. Smith, Myrtle said that her father acted very strangely last summer. When he went to work in the woods peeling bark, he took his gun apart and placed it under his coat, to protect himself from someone, he said.

On one occasion Kierstead took an axe and smashed up the rural mail box. Another time he smashed the wheels of the farm wagon and later a light carriage.

Ever since last summer he had been telling his wife that someone was trying to take his farm from him, and accused her of poisoning him. Myrtle had not completed her testimony when court rose for the day.

A Great Risk.

"Do you think," he asked, "that you could learn to love me?" "Possibly," she answered, "but I were a man I'd hate to think I was an acquired taste."

How Von Bismarck Hastened '70 War

How many persons know that Bismarck, designedly and unscrupulously, provoked the Franco-Prussian War by altering a telegram from his "Imperial Master," the King of Prussia?

It all came about through an attempt to fill the throne of Spain. When Isabella of Spain was deposed, General Fierro was in charge of the Austrian army and a brother of her successor to the throne. His eyes lighted upon Leopold, hereditary Prince of Hohenzollern and a brother of the young man who three years before had been appointed Transylvania.

It was necessary to get the approval of France as well as Prussia before young Leopold could get his crown. The French Ambassador called upon Bismarck, and we are told that Bismarck was "very frank" with the King of Prussia, if consulted by Leopold, would advise him not to accept the crown. He said there was nothing to worry about—oh, dear, nothing at all!

Yet in September of the same year the negotiations to induce Leopold to take the throne of Spain were actually started and they were furthered by Courtney, Prussian Ambassador to Vienna, one of Bismarck's appointees. Prince Leopold asked to be excused, and when pressed said he would only accept if the Spanish government procured the assent of the King of Prussia. He refused the crown three times and then Bismarck began to use all his influence to have him accept.

Bismarck finally accomplished his purpose so far as Leopold, who was offered of Spain. The Cortes was meeting in Madrid and it was arranged to have it remain in session until the election had been completed.

It was necessary to keep the business a secret from France. Once Leopold was placed on the throne Napoleon III would be helpless. He could successfully protest against the election, but he would not permit it to reject the King if he had formally accepted.

But events in real life, like those in novels, have a way of confounding plotters. He induced him to accept the offer of Spain. The Cortes was meeting in Madrid and it was arranged to have it remain in session until the election had been completed.

When the French Chargé d'Affaires called on Bismarck he was informed that the Prussian government was "absolutely ignorant of the matter."

This was not satisfactory to the King of Spain, but he was annoyed at the hostile attitude of the French press. Benedetti and the King were both at Ems at this time, taking the waters. The Ambassador was wondering how he could obtain an audience when he happened next to the King. His Majesty greeted the Ambassador cordially and the two entered into conversation. The King apparently with mock satisfaction showed him an issue of the Cologne Gazette containing a copy of the Prince Leopold's withdrawal. This was very good, but Benedetti, following instructions, asked if he might inform his government that the King would give his assurance that Leopold would not become a candidate for the Spanish throne at any time in the future.

The King not unreasonably declined to give this assurance. They parted, but the talk on both sides had been that of temper. Later the King received a formal message from Prince Leopold confirming the story of his retirement. He sent a copy of this to Benedetti, saying, "We may now consider the incident closed. The Ambassador nevertheless asked for another audience, but the King declined to grant it. Also he instructed his secretary to telegraph an exact account of what had happened, with a suggestion that it be published.

When the telegram reached Berlin Bismarck was dining with Roon and Moltke. All three were warlike and they were furious at the turn affairs had taken. They did not want the "incident closed." The telegram did not give their temper; they felt that the permission to publish the telegram gave Bismarck his opportunity. He went into the next room and drafted a statement from the telegram. It has been asserted that he did not change its import. But it is not denied that he took a 200-word account of what had actually taken place in the interview between King and Ambassador and changed it to a curt twenty-word defiance of French demands. It was published in the North German Gazette and copies flashed to all German embassies and legations.

It produced the desired result. France resounded with cries of "On to the Rhine!" The ill-fated Franco-Prussian War began, and the unprepared French armies were swiftly and decisively beaten by the Prussian legions that had been long waiting for just such an occasion.

TURNED DOWN BY U.S., ACCEPTED BY CANADA

Former Weymouth, N. S., Men Enlist and One Will Come To St. John—N. B. Man Signs Up.

Boston, May 21—William Saultier of Manchester, Mass. got a surprise when he was accepted for service in the Canadian Army at the British-Canadian recruiting Mission. He had been turned down by the American authorities because he was underweight. He then decided to go through the motions with the Canadian outfit to keep his brother, Clifford, company. Both were anxious to get into the military service on the side of democracy, however, so William will leave for St. John, June 3. Clifford starts for Toronto. Both are natives of Weymouth, N. S.

Robert Andrew Wilson of Newburyport, enlisted for service in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and will leave for Toronto next Monday. Wilson, who has been working as a shoemaker in Newburyport, says that he owns a farm of 150 acres in the northern part of New Brunswick. He has asked his relatives to look after the farm until he returns.

JOINT COMMISSION MEETS IN NEW YORK

Discusses Sewerage Problem of Great Lakes and Boundary Streams.

New York, May 21—The international joint commission of the United States and Canada which was created by a treaty in 1909, met here today to discuss the sewerage problem along the Great Lakes and the boundary streams between the United States and Canada. Buffalo and Detroit are the principal American cities affected.

OBITUARY

James P. Martin.

The body of James P. Martin, killed in a railway accident at Christie Lake, Ont., Sunday morning, arrived at noon yesterday on the Montreal train. Delegates from St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, organizations of which he had been an active member, were at the station. The remains were taken to the residence of his parents, 35 Clarendon street, from which the funeral will take place at 8.45 o'clock to St. Peter's church for High Mass of Requiem this morning.

Mrs. Mary Priestly.

Special to The Standard. Campobello, May 21.—The body of Mrs. Mary Priestly was interred in the Episcopal cemetery on Sunday. Deceased has been in failing health for a time and death occurred at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Brown.

Miss Audrey Brown.

Special to The Standard. Campobello, May 21.—The burial took place on Sunday afternoon of Miss Audrey Brown, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown, formerly of the Island, but now residents of Lunenburg, where death due to pneumonia occurred. Deceased was fifteen years of age, a bright estimable young lady.

James Stevenson.

The death of James Stevenson, of 41 Marsh Road, took place yesterday in the 78th year of his age, following a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Stevenson conducted a grocery business at the Marsh Road for many years and was one of the best known citizens of that part of the city, and will be missed by a large circle of friends both in the city and surrounding districts. He was an active member of the Anglican church.

He is survived by four sons, John T., clerk in the city market; James A., in business with him, and Marshall M., of Derry, N. H.; and three daughters, Mrs. R. G. Henderson, with whom he lived; Mrs. Perry Stevenson, Edmonton, and Mrs. F. B. Tapley of Moncton.

DESERTER WHO WAS SHOT, STILL ALIVE

Wound Dangerous One, But Doctor Expresses Hopeful — Sawyer's Terrific Midnight Journey.

Moncton, May 21—The young man, Lawrence Sawyer, of St. Edwards, about eight or nine miles from Buctouche, in Kent county, who was shot while resisting the Dominion police, on Sunday night, and evading the military service act, is resting easy today. The wound is a dangerous one, but through the abdomen but the doctor expresses hopefulness that the young man will pull through.

Sawyer ran two miles through the woods, wounded and bleeding in weakness, and the last part of his terrible midnight journey was upon his hands and knees before he reached the nearest neighbor's house.

CASUALTIES.

Ottawa, May 21—Tonight's list of seventy-three casualties reports eighteen killed in action, two died of wounds, two died, three prisoners of war, forty-two wounded, one gassed, and five ill. The list:

Infantry.
Killed in action: F. P. Henshaw, Annapolis, N. B.; W. J. Huggan, Merigomish, N. B.; J. S. Matthews, Campbellton, N. B.; A. Clarke, Reserve Mines, N. B.

Wounded: H. M. McCloskey, Boiestown, N. B.; Capt. J. R. Gale, Young's Cove, N. B.; I. A. McLeod, Scotsburn, N. S.; W. B. Creed, Bridgetown, P. E. I.

Cavalry.
Prisoner of war: J. W. Bigney, Joggins Mines, N. B.

Artillery.
Died: A. Howell, Halifax, N. S.

Wounded: J. I. McIsaac, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

MONTREAL NOW SOLELY OCEAN FREIGHT PORT

No Passengers to be Handled There This Season in Interest of Economy.

Montreal, May 21.—The port of Montreal this season is to be devoted solely to freight traffic, all ocean passenger lines formerly using the St. Lawrence being diverted to other ports. This decision was taken after careful consideration by the admiralty, whose experts advised them that greater economy and expediency in shipping would be effected by the concentration of the freight carrying class of vessels to this port.

Every Inch a Man's Coat

The 20th Century Brand Chesterfield. A rare combination of style and dignity; in good taste anywhere. All wool fabrics and rich quality. Similar quality custom made would cost ten dollars more and few tailors will give you as good fit and tailoring.

Priced \$20, \$22, \$25, \$28 \$30. Others at \$15 and \$18.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

Make your selections of these as well as Shirts and Ties in good time for the Holiday.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

MAY—PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter, 3rd	7h. 26m. p.m.
New Moon, 10th	11h. 10m. a.m.
First Quarter, 17th	5h. 14m. p.m.
Full Moon, 24th	7h. 32m. p.m.

Date	D. of W.	Sun Rise	Sun Sets	H. Water a.m.	H. Water p.m.	Water a.m.	Water p.m.
22 Wed	5.5	7.48	10.18	22.39	4.08	15.35	17.17
23 Thu	6.52	7.49	11.02	23.20	4.54	14.17	17.24
24 Fri	5.51	7.50	11.42	23.59	5.34	17.24	18.24
25 Sat	5.50	7.51	12.21	24.36	6.12	18.34	19.24
26 Sun	5.49	7.52	12.59	...	6.51	19.11	...

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, May 20.—Showers occurred locally today in Ontario and Quebec, also in Alberta. The weather continues very cool in the west and elsewhere. Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly shifting to westerly and north-westerly winds, partly fair and warm, with some local showers.

Place	Min.	Max.
Winnipeg	38	46
Port Arthur	34	46
Toronto	46	70
Montreal	60	70
Ottawa	56	78
Quebec	60	66
St. John	44	68
Halifax	50	76

Maritime—Moderate winds; fair, not much change in temperature. Northern New England—Fair, Wednesday and probably Thursday; cooler Thursday on the coast. Moderate variable winds.

Toronto, Ont., May 21.—Showers have been general today in Manitoba and local in Saskatchewan. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

MARRIED.

BRYSAN-ARMSTRONG

The marriage of Joseph Robert Bryson, of Bardsville, to Iva May Armstrong, of Andover, was solemnized at Andover on May 18, 1918, by Rev. J. Robinson Beloe, rector.

DIED.

KELLEY

In this city on the morning of May 20, 1918, Mary J. Kelley, daughter of the late John and Mary Jane Dunbar Kelley, leaving three brothers and two sisters. Funeral from her brother's residence, 26 St. Burpee avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

TENNANT

In this city on May 20th at 7 a. m. Mrs. Mary J. Tennant, widow of the late H. B. Tennant. Notice of funeral hereafter. Funeral Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., from St. Andrew's Church.

GUY

Suddenly on Tuesday afternoon, May 21st, at the General Public Hospital, Edith Gertrude, beloved wife of Thomas Guy, in her 27th year. The remains will be taken from the residence of Rev. F. S. Dowling, 83 Duke street, to St. Andrew's church on Wednesday at 4.30 p.m., where a short funeral service will be held. Interment at Fenelon Falls, Ont.

POWELL

Suddenly, on the 21st inst., at the residence of his son, Blanchard Powell, 101 Wright street, Mary Joseph Powell, in his 81st year, leaving one son and two daughters to mourn. Notice of funeral later.

Funeral on Thursday from his son's residence, Services at 2.30 o'clock.

STEVENS

At his residence, 41 Marsh Road, on the 21st inst. James Stevenson, in the 78th year of his age, leaving four sons and three daughters to mourn. Notice of funeral later.

LONDON MARKET.

London, May 21.—The stock market reopened cheerfully today with the chief strength in investment stocks, investors finding difficulty to obtain supplies. Grand Trunk stocks were strong on a revival of nationalization proposals. Greek and Brazilian bonds were leading features in the foreign section. Shipping shares were firm, but speculative issues were neglected. Money was plentiful and discount rates were easy.

PERSONAL.

Folk Michaud of Buctouche is in the city. J. Alfred Landry and G. C. LeGrand of Campbellton are visitors to the city.

W. L. Le Blanc, College Bridge, is a visitor in the city. H. Colwell and S. Bishop of Moncton are in the city.

"Every young man should learn to swim," remarks Dr. Huggins. "Yes, that's right," rejoined Muggins. "A fellow never knows what minute a strag may throw him overboard."

Few People Know This

Large doses of pills for the liver are not as efficient as small doses. The big dose purges its way through the system fast, but does not cleanse thoroughly. The small dose (if right) acts gently on the liver, and gives it just the slight help it needs to do its own work, and do it well. Take one pill regularly, until you know you are all right.

Carter's Iron Pills will help this condition.

DR. T. House of The S ment I His Ma Scotia fore D Stirs U

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