

NOTICE!

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland will be convened at **Catalina on the morning of November 14th next**. Every Local Council and District Council of the F.P.U. should endeavor to be represented. Every Chairman of a Local Council and all the Officers of District Councils are members of the Supreme Council and in event of such Officers not being able to attend, Councils may appoint a substitute.

By order of
W. F. COAKER,
President F.P.U.

St. John's, Oct. 4th, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Fishermen's Union Trading Co., Ltd., will be held at **Catalina on the 16th day of November next**.

By order of
W. W. HALFYARD, Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Publishing Co., Ltd., will be held at **Catalina on the 16th day of November next**.

By order of
W. W. HALFYARD, Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Trinity District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at **Catalina on the 14th day of November next**.

By order of
J. G. STONE,
District Chairman.

Catalina, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Fogo District Council of the F.P.U. will (by special permission of the President) be held at **Catalina on the 17th day of November next**.

By order of
W. W. HALFYARD,
District Chairman.

St. John's, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Twillingate District Council of the F.P.U. will (by permission of the President) be held at **Catalina on the 17th day of November next**.

By order of
W. B. JENNINGS,
District Chairman.

Moreton's Hr., Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Bonavista District Council of the F.P.U. will (by permission of the President) be held at **Catalina on the 16th day of November next**.

By order of
R. G. WINSOR,
District Chairman.

Wesleyville, Oct. 1st, 1914.

Joffre's Strategy Winning; German Plan Proves Failure

W cannot regard the German occupation of the northern and north-western portion of Belgium, following the capitulation of Antwerp, as evidence of a complete revitalization of the Kaiser's campaign in the western war theatre. Impressed by the easy extension of German control to Ghent and Burges and the evacuation of Ostend by the Belgian Government and the bulk of the Allied forces collected there, many critics have jumped to the conclusion that a new series of German successes on the west front is in sight. If Antwerp, Ghent, Burges and Ostend can be occupied with so little resistance, why not also Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne, Dieppe and the whole eastern Channel coast?

Didn't Worry Allies

Such a question indicates a failure to realize the connection between recent events in Belgium and the fundamental strategy of the Allies. We wrote on Thursday last—two days before the fall of Antwerp was announced: "It is unlikely that General Joffre will take any serious risks trying to relieve Antwerp." It was evident then that the surrender of Antwerp could not be prevented by hurrying French and British troops into Belgium. The sole military problem for the French Commander-in-Chief was the extrication, if possible, of the Antwerp garrison. The French turning movement of the German right wing was, therefore, pushed beyond Arras to the Belgian border, and the pressure on that part of the German line kept clear the district through which the Belgian field army in Antwerp had to retreat.

Direction of Pursuit

It is apparent that the columns which escaped were pursued only from the direction of Brussels. They were not cut off by an enveloping movement on the part of the German forces further west, these being held in check by the fierce fighting in the neighborhood of Arras and Lille. The bulk of the Belgian army got away safely toward Ghent and Ostend and thence into Northeastern France. That was about all that the French Commander-in-Chief could aim at in attempting to relieve the situation in Belgium. He is to be commended for not trying to do more, since it was absolutely essential for him to keep in view a rational development of the allied campaign and to adapt his operations to his present resources.

Fate Sealed Long Ago

The fall of Antwerp belongs, in fact, as a military event to the first stage of the western campaign. When Liege and Namur surrendered, Brussels was occupied and the Germans pushed on into France the fate of Antwerp was sealed. It held out until they could get sufficient reserves into Belgium to justify them in besieging it. The loss of Belgium was the inevitable price which the Allies had to pay to Germany because of the latter's greater preparedness for war and the superiority of her machinery of mobilization and equipment.

Much Greater Price

It looked for a time as if a much greater price would be paid. Germany's overweight in numbers, in the first month of the war, threatened the loss of all Northern and Northeastern France, including Paris. There was a possibility six weeks ago that on October 8, the Allies, instead of manoeuvring to relieve Antwerp, would be fighting for existence in the Valley of Loire. To treat the fall of Antwerp and the evacuation of Ostend as black marks against General Joffre's strategy is to ignore the real problem with which he had to deal and the splendid success with which the Allies have stemmed the current running only six weeks ago.



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so powerfully against them. The reverses of the last week in Belgium are a payment of debts incurred at the beginning of the war. They cannot materially affect the development of General Joffre's present plans which contemplate a careful offensive-defensive in the western area until time gives the Allies—the benefit of a marked superiority in numbers.

Unexpected Happens

It is argued that if the Germans extend their forward lines north until the latter reach Ostend or some other Channel port they will have planted themselves securely in the enemy's territory and accomplished one of the main purposes of their invasion. But it is obvious that if the German Staff had been told at the outbreak of the war that winter would overtake the German armies entrenched from Verdun west to Noyon and Ostend it would have laughed to scorn such a prediction of inconclusiveness. The Kaiser did not march his armies into France in order to plant them on the defensive north and east of Paris. He looked for vast, decisive results—the capture of Paris, the possession of the Verdun-Belfort line of frontier fortresses, the rout and dispersion of the French first line armies and the transfer of active operations south of the Loire.

All Plans Failed

Less than that he could not have accepted as a guarantee of Germany's triumph over her foes. Now he sees his troops deadlocked on the Meuse-Marne line and the weeks slipping by in which he expected to turn to decisive account Germany's more thorough military organization and greater readiness in mobilization.

The aggressive movements on the extreme French left indicate a purpose to prevent an extension of the German lines to the French Channel ports. Yet even if the extension should be made with the assistance of the army hitherto employed against Antwerp, the German campaign would still fall short of the expectations of the German General Staff—so far short, indeed, as to be like removed from failure.

Germany cannot afford to sit still, whereas sitting still helps the cause of the Allies. Great Britain's armies will be ready in the spring. By spring, too, the full force of the Russian attack will have to be met in the east. It will be of relatively little value to Germany, therefore, merely to have occupied Belgium and a small portion of France if she has to remain in that territory all winter reduced to the defensive.

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SYMPATHY FOR THE ENEMY

Briton Says He Pitied the Germans in the Heligoland Fight

WRITING to his wife in a letter which appears in the Scotsman, a naval officer gives the following account of the Heligoland engagement:

"We went out without quite knowing what we were going to do, and on Friday we had quite an exciting time. I kept the morning watch, and at four a.m. came on deck, and at eight we started going into action. The scheme was beautifully worked, I must say. We started by going at two destroyers, which, of course, ran like hares, and we soon lost them. It was misty, and we did not know what we were going to meet, so we had to stay at our quarters, and soon afterwards we caught one of their cruisers. She also ran, but eventually we got her and simply knocked her to pieces. After her fire was silenced we passed close to her, and she was in a terrible state, and sank an hour afterwards.

Not Many Survivors.

We left a ship to take off the survivors, and there were not many, I am afraid. Then the battle cruisers dashed in and went off after some more. We followed, and were soon in action again on both sides. By the time we engaged the one on the port side there was not much left of her, and I believe she soon sank, and nobody was saved. The one on the other side we engaged at a very long range, and I believe we hit her. Anyhow, she fled. The battle-cruisers, out of sight in the mist, seriously damaged another, which I believe, the Germans agree, sank.

An Exciting Day.

So you see it was a pretty exciting day. We finished about half-past two, and though they were dropping mines, firing torpedoes, and had submarines out, not a single ship in our squadron was touched. The destroyer had some casualties, also the Arethusa, but the Germans must have lost quite 900 or 1,000 men.

The feeling of being under fire is curious. We weren't hit, but, of course, we did not know for a moment that we wouldn't be, and, honestly, I don't think anyone minded a bit. I know I hardly thought about it at all, but I did not feel inclined to cheer, as the men did, when the German ships burst into flames, and funnels and masts came tumbling down.

I couldn't help thinking, "Poor wretches! what an awful time you are having." One of them was our "chummy ship" at Kiel last June. It is awful having to sink them. When we got back into harbour we had rather an agreeable and touching surprise. Every ship there cheered and cheered us as if we had done something tremendous. They sent men on board to help us to coal, and they had collected all our letters for us, and altogether treated us awfully well.

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