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Time For Government To Take Some Action

The subjoined letters, which appeared in this morn-ing's issue of The Daily News, so admirably sum up our general financial situation that we republish them herewith. population of Liege. The official view is that the situation is quite sat-Small wonder that business men, and others are ask- isfactory. ing: "Is the Colony drifting to perdition, and have we no authority in our midst to lead public opinion at this juncture?'

Are the Government waiting until things have become so bad that any action they may finally decide to take will be but a forlorn hope?

ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM

PROTECT THE TRADE

Dear Sir,-It is regrettable that Sir,-Is the Colony drifting to perthe future outlook appears so gloomy, dition and have we no authority in both commercially and financially, our midst to lead public opinion at and that no action as yet, has been this juncture? taken by the Government to place The obvious course is to convene business and finance on a sound foot- the Legislature and take authority to ing in this emergency. declare a moratorium. It is the Government's duty to act, My cable advices on Saturday night and act promptly. said "Bank of England rate is 5 per

stead of gold.

Their first duty is to arrange with cent. and business is normal." Here the Banks to accommodate the fish the bank rate is 16 per cent. and

Brussels, Aug. 11 .- The commander of the forts at Liege, according to an official announcement, reports all the forts intact. The soldiers manning them are in fine health and spirits and are amply supplied with provisons and ammuniton. There is no cause for alarm for the

Defenders are Well-fed and Well-armed

Liege Forts are Still in Good Condition

All approaches to Brussels are well-guarded to prevent anything in the nature of a surprise.

Reconnoitering parties of German cavalry and small bodies of Uhlans have been signalled in all directions. Generally they had lost their bearinges and surrendered immediately on being challenged.

REPORTS NOT SERVIA DECLARES ENCOURAGING WAR ON GERMANY General Fishery Conditions Vienna, Aug. 10-A despatch Still Continue Poor and to The Daily Telegraph reports that Servia has declared Unpromising war against Germany. This step it was explained, Aug. 8th .--- From W. White (Trouty was taken in order to get rid to Port Rexton)-The total catch is of the German Minister at 1330 gtls. and for last week 550. Belgrade.

Thirty-five traps, 40 boats, but no

Sensational Offering!

LADIES' COATS

Owing to a backward season in the Old Country, many manufacturers and wholesalers have been caught with heavy stocks, which they are forced to clear out at a sacrifice.

Our representative being on the spot early, has had his pick of

Less

several exceptionally good values, some of which have just arrived.

As a sample we are now offering a small lot of



On Account of Presence of the Germans All Canadian Ports Have Been Closed

all the shippng on the St. Lawrence route with the exception, of course, of incoming vessels, was stopped yesterday, pending further instructions.

by a simlar temporary cessation of departures from the Pacific Coast pending the location and either the sinking or capture of four German cruisers, three on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific, known to be hovering about looking for prizes of war.

entrance to the harbor of Halifax and Vancouver. The location of these mines is, of course, known only to the Naval Department, and that is another reason why it is considered unwise, for the present at least, to allow vessels to leave. Special provisons will be made for piloting incoming vessels so as to avoid the danger of submerged mines.

namely the Essex, Berwick Lancaster Bristol and Suffolk cruiser.

all these vessels searching for the enemy, it should not take long to clear the North Atlantic and make the passage to England again secure. It is understood that the Essex sighted one of the German cruisers about two hundred miles off the coast last week, but the latter being speedier than the Britsh cruiser rapidly got out of sight.

Patriotic British Employers

London, Aug. 11 .- The best class of English employers are giving full weekly wages during absence on foreign service; others are givng half pay with the promise of maintenance for wives and children. Over two hundred motor cyclists volunteered Saturday and Sunday.

THE AUSTRIAN FLEET

Australia's Fleet, which is at present in her own waters, where Au stralians themselves have already admitted it can be of no use to either Australia or the Empire in the present crisis, consists of the following traffic. vessels:

Ton'ge Comp't'd Armament Speed Compl'm't 1913 8, 12-inch 26 knots 790 men Battle Cruiser 16, 4-inch^e **Melbourne** ... 5,400 1913 8, 6-inch 25.5 knots 450 men Protected 2nd Class Cruiser 4, 3-pounders Sydney 5,400 1913 8, 6-inch 25.5 knots 450 men Protected 2nd Class Cruiser 4, 3-pounders Encounter 1906 11, 6-inch 5.880 20.7 knots 454 men Protected 2nd Class Cruiser 9. 12-pounders Pioneer. 2,200 20 knots 234 men 4-inch Light Cruiser 11, 3-pounders



oury of the Church Lads' Brigade, Harvey Road, on Wednesday the 12th instant at 8.30 p.m., to take into consideration the question of enlisting citizens for the land service abroad in the war in which Great Britain is now engaged, and also **Trans-Atlantic Service Defrered Rates**

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main.

St. John's

TENDERS

-French Win Big Fight in Mountains

Paris, Aug. 11.-A statement issued Customers will please note by the Military Department at a late that in consequence of the hour last night says numerous skir-Jelay on Atlantic Cable Traf mishes are taking place along the enfic the conditions applicable tire front of the French Army. to the transmission and de- violent and the losses on both sides ivery of deferred telegrams were serious.

and Cable and Week End The official communication adds that Cable Letter are suspended the German troops have received reinintil further notice and such forcements and that the French are nessages are only accepted also being strengthened.

A battle began on Saturday evensubject to the priro transmis- ing on the ridges of the Vosges Moun-;ion and delivery of full rate tains and aeroplanes took part in the engagement.

The French troops, after a desperate R. C. SMITH, encounter, obtained possession of the General Superintendent. mountain passes of Bonhomme and Sainte Marie and when fighting was resumed took up a position dominat-

ing Sante Marie aux Mines. The losses sustained bp the French in the taking of Sainte Marie are not **Municipal Council** specifically given in the official report which confines itself to declar-

ing that they were serious. Wounded French and German soldiers were taken to the French fort-

Sealed Tenders addressed ress of Epinal for treatment. A French aeroplane, which ascended to the undersigned and during the engagement was repeated-

marked"Tender for Trench- ly fired at and the officer acting as ob ing and Backfilling" will be server of the movements of the Gerreceived until 4 o'clock Fri- mans received several wounds. lay next, 14th inst., for the

spector-General Sullivan, Capt. Wake-The pilot of the machine, however, field, M.D., of the Legion of Frontiersnecessary trenching and able to return to the fort whither the backfilling on Cochrane aeroplane was sent for repairs."

Street to relay the water German troops have inundated the Col. Paterson of the Highlanders, valley of the Seille, hoping by this Capt. Goodridge and Capt. J.

Specification of the work means to stop the advance of the Morris of the Rifle Club. and all particulars in refer- rench, but the quantity of water was ence to it will be supplied on were able to continue their march.



ARRANGING

ENLISTMENT

Preliminary Meeting Was

Held in Executive Coun-

cil Chamber Last Night

Big Number of Volunteers

Expected to Offer Their

Services

In connection with the Volunteer

movement in Newfoundland, a pre-

liminary meeting was held in Council

Chamber yesterday afternoon. The

Premier presided and among those

present were: The Colonial Secre-

tary, Mr. Bennett; Lieut.-Commander

MacDermott, of H.M.S. Calypso; In-

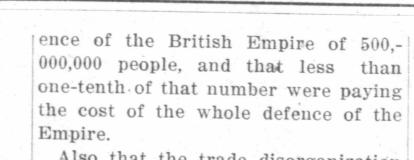
Arrange Public Meeting

men; Lieut.-Col. Rendell, of

C.L.B., Major Carty of the

FOR WEDNESDAY

PUBLIC MEETING



CHASED TO PORT BY THE GERMANS

Also that the trade disorganization The British freight steamer Fair-OF VOLUNTEERS and other evil effects which must haven, Capt. Tong, from Gulfport, flow from the war, creating national Mississippi, bound to Rotterdam with flow from the war, creating national Mississippi, bound to Rotterdam with and individual damage, will be min- deal, arrived at 2 a.m. for orders. imized to a very large extent by the At 3 a.m. on the 7th inst, when ready contribution which can be near the ocean shipping route, the given His Majesty's Government in Fairhaven sighted a 3-funnel 2-mast bringing about victory. warship cleared for action. She was

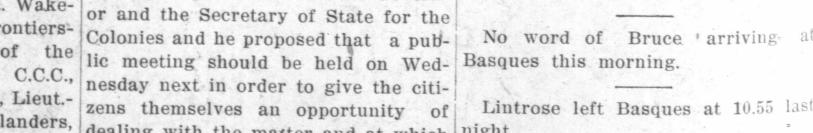
Expected English Win lying to without lights. As soon as The Premier felt satisfied that, as the warship saw the Fairhaven she far as trade and commerce were con- crowded on steam, circled her bow cerned, in a very short time there and then vanished into space.

would be a decisive naval battle in Capt. Tong believes it was a Gerfavor of England, which would con- man cruiser, and that she was lying fine the theatre of war to the con- in wait for some valuable prize, but tinent, and would then in no way em- when she saw the Fairhaven's decks barass the trade, as the British Navy loaded with deal, she would not mowould be able to patrol, with perfect lest her.

safety the trade routes of the Em- The next day the Fairhaven sightpire; that already we were contri- ed the Averford and by signals learnbuting to the defence of the Empire ed that war had been declared beby our Naval Reserve, which had now tween England and Germany. been in existence about 20 years, but The Fairhaven is now awaiting that further aid was necessary. orders.

Read Correspondence He read the correspondence which had taken place between the Govern-

SHIPPING



dealing with the matter and at which night. meeting a Citizens' Defence Association or Volunteer Corps could be

S.S. Cacouna, 10 days from Monformally established. treal, arrived at 10 last night, via The Prime Minister pointed out All present were unanimous in the usual ports.

