

After the War, FREEDOM FOR ALL For Ever



Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, September 4, 1918.

U-boat Activities.

The increased activity of Hun U-boats off the Newfoundland and Nova Scotia coasts is striking evidence that the German submarine campaign on the other side of the Atlantic is falling off, if not altogether a failure. No longer do we hear of merchant ships being sunk at a rate of so many per day, and if the sinkings of Allied vessels in European waters were even near last year's mark, we believe that not one undersea boat would have been removed from the narrow and crowded seas to be sent on what eventually must end in a voyage of disaster or the capture of the marauder. In the waters at present being exploited by the "sea wolves," the presence of important vessels is not, and apart from the destruction which has been, and probably will be, wrought amongst the fishing fleets of the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, the toll of other ships taken is not likely to be large, nor will the sinking of such carriers as may be unfortunate enough to cross the enemy boats' track, affect the commerce of the seas, or the ultimate result of the war. There can, consequently, be but one object in this new departure in the German plan of campaign, and that is the terrorizing of the populations of all the seaboard towns on the coast, from this island to Florida and reaching to British, American and French possessions in the Antilles and West Indies along to South America. The German mind is slow in its working, and having grasped the idea that because of the operations of their subs. in near waters, it will mean a withdrawal of swift destroyers and submarine chasers now on the European side, they stick to it tenaciously, forgetting that there is a swarm of mosquito craft already on the seas whose prime duty it is to locate and destroy all enemy vessels whether under or over water. The transport of United States troops to the battlefields of France is of paramount importance, and if a few less needed vessels are sunk by raiders while the carriage of reinforcements and supplies to the Allies goes steadily on, there is not much cause either for panic or grumbling, because every ship load of men, every cargo of much needed supplies arriving safely across the Atlantic, helps to shorten perceptibly the length of the war. The safe convey of these is of more concern just now to the Naval Departments of all the Allied Governments than the loss of a few second rate merchantmen, and no withdrawal of naval units will be made to satisfy the imagination of the enemy. It is not the time now, for demands for protection from the British Admiralty. Whatever losses we endure, whatever misfortunes we meet, whatever sacrifices we are obliged to make, all must be cheerfully borne, because we must not by word or deed endeavour to divert the steady stream which is flowing from the Western Hemisphere to the East, from the New World to the Old, from the daughters to the mother, a stream which will overwhelm the enemy and bring him to defeat and submission. Now is the crucial moment for us, now the time when we must maintain our sense of proportion, and by climbing to the proper heights of observation get a new perspective of the whole vast conflict. By doing that we will quickly realize that the first duty of the navy is the giving of safe conduct to all troop and supply vessels, and the occasional sinking of a freight carrier, a collier, or a score or more of fishing vessels, while entailing certain privations, is not so vital as the maintenance of our armies in the field. The United States Government have now, for coast defence, a type of boat which has been proven to be excellently adapted as a submarine chaser, it is modelled on the plans of the raft with which the Italian officer Tizio, sank two Austrian dreadnoughts, and has a speed of from 30 to 35 knots. Armed with a 6-pounder stick-firing gun, a machine gun and

with a large supply of depth bombs, a squadron of such craft, with their high speed, would be more than a match for any predatory submarine. Should the Germans keep up the operations of their subs. on this side, which, however, is not likely, as their successes cannot be of any value to the general conduct and length of the war, but should they continue to send piratical U-boats over here, it is probable that numerous flotillas of these small, swift patrols of the type mentioned will swarm about all coastwise waters, and thus make it so difficult for the raiders that they would quickly be recalled. There is one disquieting feature and that is the possibility that the enemy may have established a floating base for their underwater craft somewhere, at a distance of our coasts. Whether this floating base is a submersible of large size or whether it is an ordinary cargo ship, specially equipped must be for the nonce purely a matter of conjecture, but as it is not possible for even the very latest type of submarine to operate independently for any considerable time, the possibilities of such a base are worth investigating. Until we know positively we cannot be certain. A suggestion has been made that the U. S. Navy Department assign a couple of 22 knot battle cruisers to the task of scouting in North and South Atlantic waters in search of such vessels. Should this be accepted and scouting units sent out, discovery must ensue and with it the end of the sensational and dramatic but valueless submarine campaign of the enemy.

To-day's Cricket

The "Who-shall" cricket match between the Shamrocks and Nondescripts at St. George's Field this afternoon should draw a large number of spectators. The proceeds will be divided between the C.L.B. and Presentation Convent rebuilding funds. Following is the Nondescripts: R. F. Goodridge, J. A. Winter, H. A. Winter, Rev. E. C. Clench, Rev. E. Fletcher, C. Lonsdale, W. Peters, J. S. Ayre, G. Peters, E. Taylor and F. James.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 4, '18.
"Gee! how the hard pavements of yours in St. John's makes one's feet burn and ache! You might walk from one end of Bonavista to the other twice over and not feel it compared with a walk-I missed the street car as a matter of course—from the Long Bridge to the Furness-Whitby. What can I do to ease them?" My dear boy, if we have hard pavements in St. John's we have the means of curing their effects upon the feet. Drop into McMurdo's and ask for a box of Walk Easy Tablets and use them according to directions. They'll cure your feet." Price 25c. a box.

FORSAKING THE BUSH.—Now that the holiday season is drawing to a close, quite a large number of city folks who have been leading the simple life for the past two months are beginning to forsake the bush and are returning to the old home in the city, far from the lowing of the cows at even, and the rooster's reveille at early morn.

T. J. EDENS.

Due To-Day:
20 brls. N. S. Cabbage.
20 brls. N. S. Potatoes.
20 bags Canadian Onions.
20 boxes Canadian Cheese.
20 hampers Apples.
20 boxes Evap. Apples.

50 cases
Eddy's Safety Matches.
WHITE FLOURS.
In stock:
Windsor Patent.
Royal Household.
Homeland.
Stirling.
Sensation.

25 cases MARMALADE,
1 lb. glass jars.
CROWN LAGER BEER.
CROWN PORTER.
EVANGELINE CYDER.

400 lbs. Beechnut Bacon.
500 lbs. Cudahy's Puritan Bacon.
N. Y. Corned Beef.
Selected Jowls.
Pigs' Feet—Pickled.

T. J. EDENS,

Dockworth St. and Bowling Green.

Public Ownership.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—From time immemorial every proposed innovation, having for its object the amelioration of the condition of the masses, and their uplifting from the sloughs of despond, into which successive ages of tyranny and oppression had thrust them, has met with the most strenuous and bitter opposition from certain sections, who apparently are animated only by the desire to retard progress, and stop the wheels of advancement. We need not go outside Newfoundland to find that the most malignant hostility has been displayed toward the adoption of new methods for the betterment of the people. It is within the minds of many alive to-day that strong disapproval of the introduction of Responsible Government was manifested, but notwithstanding the opposition with which it met, it was put through and to-day, there is not a man in the Dominion who would wish to see a reversion to the state of Crown Colony. Again who forgets the storm of disapproval which arose in certain quarters against giving the benefits of education to the people? Was not the building of the old Newfoundland Railway (St. John's to Harbour Grace) determinedly combated, yet it is in existence to-day and an asset as well as a benefit to the country? Again was not the introduction of the Ballot system of voting fought tooth and nail by the faction which desired to retain power? It is a matter of history now, the fight which was made against the carrying of the Railway line to Port aux Basques, and moreover it was made the centrepiece of one of the most bitter elections ever contested. Has the uncompromising antagonism to the establishment of the Anglo Newfoundland Development Company been forgotten? To come down to a later date, was not Conscription for a time in the balance, because of the opposition developed? Was it not said that Newfoundland could never raise a Victory Loan locally? Yet all these things have been accomplished and stand as memorials to progress. To-day another important question is before the public, but this one is not so much a national as a civic matter. The Municipal Ownership of certain utilities is held to be the best for cities which at present, have them controlled by private concerns, and so far has this been proven that in many cases the rights of corporations have been taken over by city governments, and their services operated solely with the purpose and object of giving the cheapest rates to the greatest numbers. A similar proposition is before the City of St. John's at present. It is proffered by the Reid Nfld. Company who offer to sell out their rights in the Street Railway and the Electric Lighting Services, the sum received from the sale of these properties to be used in perfecting their railway lines throughout the country, and to erect hotels at various tourist points in order that more facilities may be provided for the accommodation of travellers and foreign visitors to our island. This offer of the Reid Company is being made in good faith, and primarily for reasons which have already been set forth. The present advantages to this city as given by the Street Railway service are non-existent. The cars do not serve one-fourth of those who live within the limits, and under present control there does not appear to be any desire to extend the lines. This being the case it is quite in order for an effort to be made to effect the suggested transfer, and this once accomplished, extension and enlargement of the service becomes a corollary. It is admitted on all sides that it will take some time to bring the change about, and in a matter affecting such a large sum every precaution must be taken to safeguard the municipal interests. As is but to be expected some hostility is beginning to show itself and hints have been thrown out that there is some "hidden hand" work behind the proposal. The authority for this accusation is not above suspicion of having ulterior motives, and to kill a popular measure and incidentally to discredit the present directorate of the Reid Newfoundland Company, at the instance of some person to whom the failure of the new heads would be a great satisfaction, is no doubt his object. There is a colored gentleman in the fence at present among the opponents to the Community Ownership of the City Railway and Lighting Systems, and his future actions will bear watching.

Yours truly,
IMPROVEMENT.
Sept. 3, 1918.

The St. George's Coal Fields, Ltd., beg to announce that their offices will remain open this Wednesday afternoon to enable prospective customers to do business with them.—adv.11

Drains Need Cleaning.

From residents of Alexander Street we have heard complaints of the condition of the drains on that street. About a month ago, the dirt was swept together in piles, and laid there until a couple of days since. In the meantime the warm weather has made the stench arising from the drains unbearable, and if they do not wish to have a number of disease cases on their hands, the Health authorities had better see that the drains are flushed immediately.

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Public Notice!
The Travelling Public are hereby notified that Clooney's Bridge, on Topsail Hill, will be closed to traffic on Thursday next, 5th inst., as it will then be under reconstruction. Persons to and from St. John's to Topsail and South Shore can travel by way of Horse Cove Line and Broad Cove Road.

WILLIAM WOODFORD, Minister of Public Works, Dept. of Public Works, Sept. 4th, 1918. sep4,21

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TANGLEFOOT

The Sanitary Fly Destroyer, non-poisonous; also Fly Skeet, Fly Repulser, Mosquito Oil.

DUST OF LEBANON

Immediately removes the smell of cooking.

DUSTBANE

A Sanitary Sweeping Compound.

AYRE & SONS, Ltd., Grocery Dept. PHONE 11.

Chairs, Chairs, Chairs!

We have now on display a large assortment of the above Goods from the cheapest to the most expensive. Prices ranging from

\$1.00 each up.

We have them in Hardwood, Oak and Mahogany finish, upholstered in Leather, Cretonne, Velour Plush, also a large assortment of Rockers. As these Chairs were bought before the recent advance in price, we are offering same at our usually low prices to clear.

The C. L. MARCH CO., Ltd.,
Corner Springdale and Water Streets.

Motor Car Owners & Drivers.

We have just received a large stock of
Patchquick Patches,
and also Patchquick outfits which we are selling at the same prices as last year
N. B.—It is advisable to get your stock of Patches now, as this is the last shipment for this Year.

Martin-Royal Stores Hardware Co.

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Cable News

GERMAN ARMIES IN RETREAT.

On the front of virtually fifty miles on the Somme, the German armies are in retreat. This retrograde movement is not a voluntary one on the part of the enemy but has been forced by the series of unremitting hammer blows inflicted by Marshal Foch in the past six or seven weeks.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Sept. 3.
In the course of yesterday's battle in addition to inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, we captured 10,000 prisoners. We are now advancing and reported to have entered Fromelles and Wignacourt and Bertincourt. Canadian troops showed the greatest courage and courage yesterday in storming the Drocourt-Queant line. These have been perfected by the enemy in the past eighteen months. They provided the most formidable obstacle, they had been furnished with every device of modern engineering. The enemy had reinforced his defences to such a degree that on a front of 1,000 yards no less than 11 German divisions were identified.

BRITISH CAPTURE LENS.

LONDON, Sept. 3.
The British have captured the town of Lens. The town of Lens also has been taken. Lens was evacuated by the Germans. The British moving in, took 10,000 prisoners were taken by the British yesterday. Additional prisoners were taken this morning. Contrary to expectation, the enemy has not reacted heavily with a view to the recapture of the Drocourt-Queant line but has left the British in undisputed possession of it.

ENEMY RESISTANCE.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 3. (By the A.P.)—The determination of the Germans at the cross roads north of Villers-lez-Cambrai, was overcome by the British this morning, and the British are now shoring forward in the direction of Cambrai. A strong British force is driving forward on the north, reaches the Hindenburg line. The British are well inside the Drocourt-Queant line. So far as is concerned no organized counter attacks have been delivered by the Germans, but on the extreme British left determined opposition is developing. British troops to-day advanced well to the east of Peronne and are making rapid progress. The enemy was in fact at the last reports. To the northwest and to the north of Quantin the ridge he was pouring a very machine gun fire at the British, were retreating the fire and gaining ground at the same time. On the same battlefield the British are engaged at a pace generally fast in the direction of the Canal Du Nord, where the Germans have erected wire trench, which, however, have only been dug, it is rumored. The German, it seems to be expected, will determine resistance along this line as they are now doing in front of the necessary with their line at the Canal in such an embryo state, that the enemy should be forced to make a retreat behind them. On the western half of the Drocourt-Queant line front there were some 3,000 men in the cages last night. Thousands more had been taken to hospitals wounded, while probably more than 2,000 additional captures had been effected on the southern half of the front.

ENEMY'S BIGGEST DEFEAT

LONDON, Sept. 2.
The sensational breaking of the Drocourt-Queant switch line, a series of important advances with great captures of prisoners and material has made an impression here. While too early to say that the success has been maintained and deprecated and the expectation is general, the British will make most desperate efforts to conquer the position, the British is regarded as one of the worst reverses inflicted upon the Germans during the whole war, and which cause their high command the most anxiety. The belief is general that the switch line is the mainstay of the German defence and that nothing so strong being broken. Consequently if the loss of this line it opens the widest vista.

BRITISH NEUVE CHAPPELLE.

LONDON, Sept. 3.
The British, where the German are retreating, the British have now hold the outskirts of Neuve Chapelle. The British have captured Richelieu.

GERMANS OBJECTED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.
The German Government in Switzerland say, that the German Government is in agreement with General Foch. The German Government is in agreement with General Foch. The German Government is in agreement with General Foch.