

Board of Trade And Titanic Disaster.

Editor Evening Telegram.
LONDON, To-day.

The attack on Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, in connection with the Titanic disaster was renewed in the Commons, when the slackness of the Board of Trade was severely handled. Archer Shee, Unionist, moved the reduction of the salary of Buxton, who, he declared, had been convicted by the damning fact that he had neglected to carry out the recommendations of his own committee. Charges of slumbering, dilatoriness, absolute neglect, unconcern were hurled at the Board of Trade by various speakers. Lord Beresford bitterly complained the Board of Trade had not attempted to carry out its own regulations till after the Titanic tragedy. He demanded the appointment of a new advisory committee to the Board of Trade, whose object should be to render ships to be able to float after they had received bad damage. Beresford indicated watertight compartments with small doors in bulkheads which would be more easily closed were more important questions than life-boats, as there were many days at sea when it was impossible to launch life-boats with any safety. This was also the view of Richard Holt, who declared boats to be rotten reefs, most certain to fall in the hour of need. He suggested provision of bulkheads without any doors at all. Buxton in his defense argued Parliament had been as slack as the Board of Trade was equally responsible, because it had not raised the question of providing adequate boat life-giving appliances before the Titanic disaster. He said the British and German Governments have now undertaken arrangements for an international conference on the subject. But Britain had clearly informed the German Government it would not, on account of the prospective conference, delay issuing regulations which might be thought necessary.

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The Sirius.

It will be remembered that the Telegram exclusively reported last fall that H. M. S. Sirius would be the warship on the Newfoundland station this year. Pilot Haggerty went west a few days ago to bring the ship down here. She should leave about the last of the month. H. M. S. Sirius is a second class protected cruiser, completed twenty years ago, of the same size and type as the Brilliant, which was completed in 1893, a year after the Sirius. Some of her crew have been on this station before.

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Another Daring Flight.

LONDON, May 13.—Commander C. R. Samson left the battleship Hibernia yesterday in his Short hydro-aeroplane to fly to Burntuck Island, near Sheerness, but owing to fog had to descend on the Kent coast near Westgate.

A torpedo boat went to the rescue, and towed the hydro-aeroplane into Sheerness harbor, Commander Samson and a brother officer being seated on the machine.

Owing to the fog, aviator Nardini abandoned his arrangements to fly over the warships at Dover.

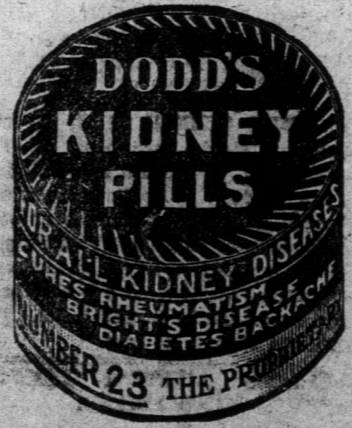
Nardini, who has been expelled from France reached Dover yesterday after a flight from Calais.

The first hydro-aeroplane flight was seen in Deal Harbor yesterday morning. Just as the mackerel boats were landing their night's catch a few persons about the shore and Sandwich Downs were surprised to see a strange machine rising from one of the battleships in the harbor. Soon

all Deal knew of the happening, and the populace turned out by hundreds. It was a beautiful sight in the early morning. After a circular flight of the harbor and the Downs, the machine took to the water, which was as calm as a mill-pond, with no wind.

After skimming over the surface for a considerable distance, it arose gracefully into the air, and disappeared in the haze toward Ramsgate, the warship following shortly afterward.

There was a forty-mile-an-hour



wind at the Hendon aerodrome yesterday afternoon, but despite this the crowd saw thrilling flights by Hucks and Hamel.

Hucks had great difficulty in balancing his monoplane in this second flight. Amid lightning and thunder he rose 1,000 feet, when he had to volplane abruptly to escape disaster.

Hamel also narrowly escaped a serious accident as his aeroplane swung round and round in a thirty-six mile gale. When he landed safely, the relief of the spectators was voiced in cheers.

SALEM, Mass., May 15.—John J. Breen, a prominent citizen of Lawrence, was found guilty on one of the three counts of an indictment in which he was charged with planting dynamite during the big textile strike in that city, by a jury in the Superior Court here to-day. Sentence had not been imposed. Breen is a member of the school committee of Lawrence. The count on which Breen was found guilty charged that he intended to injure the strikers in the conduct of their strike.

To-Day's News.

Special Evening Telegram.
LONDON, To-day.

Mr. Buxton, President of the Board of Trade announced in the Commons that the Government would appoint a Court to inquire into the strike of Lightermen on the Thames. This, he said, was due to the fact that the strike was rapidly spreading and that unless soon settled it will involve a stoppage of all work on the London docks.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, To-day.

Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, left for Germany last night. It is surmised he would continue his mission began early in the spring, relative to restriction of armaments. But it is officially stated that Haldane's visit to Germany is of a purely private nature and was undertaken for his health. It is announced further that the Secretary is not going to Berlin.

Special to Evening Telegram.
BERLIN, To-day.

The Reichstag passed the third reading of the bills for increasing the German Army and Navy. The Navy Bill provides an extra battle squadron for which three additional battleships and two cruisers are to be constructed before 1920. It is estimated the additional annual cost will be: \$24,250,000 this year; \$31,750,000 next year; \$28,500,000 the year afterwards. The Army Bill provides an increase 23,000 men excluding officers, non-commissioned officers and other details in the peace footing of the army. There is a condition that part at least of the cost of the increase in army and navy should be borne by new taxation imposed on the wealthier class.

Beri-Beri.

Seeing that beri-beri is a comparatively new disease in this country, and not knowing to what extent it may spread among our people, we sought an opportunity of interviewing Dr. Tait for information on the matter. The doctor started out by saying that he, four years ago, had the disease himself, and that since then he has seen and treated a considerable number of cases. He informed us that the disease was a form of neuritis of epidemic-endemic type, and that it was especially prevalent in Japan, China, the Malay Archipelago and in other tropical and sub-tropical countries. The sporadic cases found in this country were imported from Norway, the West Indian ports, or among fishermen on the Banks. The cause of the disease is unknown, though no less than twelve supposedly specific organisms have been described. Two theories are held: (1) that it is an infection, caused by a specific organism, which is not yet determined; (2) that it is a toxæmia, produced by tainted food—particularly rice or fish. Both theories may be true, but in connection with either we now know that had hygienic surroundings undoubtedly play an important part. He mentioned that a friend of his lately in conversation with a celebrated Japanese Army surgeon, was informed that by eliminating raw fish and rice from the dietary of the soldiers, and improving their condition of living, the disease was almost entirely eradicated. Dr. Tait says that the disease is generally slow in making its appearance—often weeks may elapse before distinguishing symptoms show themselves. When manifest the chief symptoms are irritability of the heart, tenderness and swelling of the feet and legs, a generalized tired feeling, great shortness of breath, muscular weakness, emaciation, paralysis and contraction of the joints. He says there are four forms of the disease—(a) the "mild form," where all the symptoms are slight; (b) the "wet" or "dropsical form"; (c) the "dry form," with slight dropsy, but a tendency to emaciation and paralysis; and (d) the "pernicious form," in which heart symptoms predominate.

Dr. Tait reminded us that a new disease in a new country is an ever-gestating process, and has much to do with changeable predisposition and changeable conditions. Race immunity depends upon individual adaptation, and our people generally with their bad condition of life may not possess sufficient resisting power to overcome the introduction of a new disease, so that if preliminary precautions are not undertaken we may be confronted with a spreading epidemic.

In China, Japan, the Malays, the Philippine Islands and other places, the disease has been a formidable one. In the late Russo-Japanese war in less than one year more than 50,000 Japanese soldiers were stricken down, while for the same period in the homeland several thousands more were invalided.

Regarding the distribution of this disease and the great difference in the type and spread of the same, we must remember that we possess no immunity, so that if the infection or whatever it is obtains a foothold it may become more widespread and troublesome than tuberculosis.

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MORE SUNSHINE.

By WALT MASON.

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