

PRE-WAR NAVAL SECRETS REVEALED.

Admiral Keyes Tells of Destruction of U-Boats--Two More Canadian V. C.'s--South African Natives Favor British Rule.

9.00 A.M.

SOUTH AFRICA UNANIMOUS.

LONDON, Dec. 13. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A despatch from Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, says that a most enthusiastic crowd, at a meeting held there, passed a resolution demanding reparation of interned enemies, punishment for the ill-treatment of the Allied war prisoners, and the retention of the former German colonies. At a meeting at Kimberley, South Africa, Reuter learns a resolution was passed requiring the imperial authorities to demand the punishment of persons, from the highest to the lowest, who were responsible for the inhuman treatment of Allied prisoners, and demanding that the Union Government should repatriate all interned enemies.

NO PEACE SQUABBLING.

LONDON, Dec. 13. (Via Reuter's Agency)—Chancellor Bonar Law, speaking at Glasgow yesterday, after recalling the peace squabbling, following the Napoleonic wars, said that was not going to happen now. One thing at the Peace Conference, which perhaps would be more important than the terms imposed upon the enemy, would be to see that we dealt fairly with the Allies. With the French they had been friendly, with the Americans there had been misunderstanding in the past, but at the bottom the ideals of the Americans were very much like ours. It would be one of the greatest misfortunes that ever happened to the world, if the British Empire did not find that it could work together with America, and that the representatives of America and the British Empire were bound together to support the peace. Mr. Law's announcement was loudly cheered.

BACK ON THE JOB.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. The strike of the policemen, firemen and employees of the city's infrastructure and waterworks departments, came back to work to-night, the strike trouble having been adjusted.

PREFER BRITAIN TO GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 13. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Mr. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, gave reasons why the German Colonies should be retained by British Empire in a speech he delivered yesterday at Oxford. He recalled the German atrocities upon natives, and especially the disappearance of eighty per cent. of the Hereros from South Africa during the German regime. Mr. Long read a statement from five chiefs of Kwancha, Cameroons, who said that after their experience with German occupation, and after two years of British occupation, they wished to remain for ever under the British flag, and begged for an assurance that the Germans would never be allowed to return to carry out the horrible threats of vengeance they had made after the British drove them out. A White Book published by the Colonial Office, containing statements of native chiefs, and from which Mr. Long quoted, deals with conditions under German rule in the Cameroons, Namibia, Togoland, German South Africa and German South West Africa. It shows everywhere that the natives hope to remain under British rule, and express joy at such a thought. In a few cases the chiefs said they were afraid to say anything, but after all their land should be returned to the Germans, who had mistreated them with what they would do when the war is over. This was failed to prevent a practically unanimous appeal for the retention of the British flag, from the chiefs. In contrast, in the feelings of the natives towards British and German rule, a eloquently shown in the fact that British subjects are able to go un-

corted through regions, which the Germans, owing to their cruelty are unable to enter, unless supported by an armed force. The same system of tyranny, which produced such horrors in Southwest Africa, was to be found in the German Colonies in a more or less degree. The reason given by the natives for their preference for British rule, is that they are no longer at the mercy of the German police, from whom they suffered external injury, and maltreatment, without any possibility of obtaining redress. Witnesses, it is reported, were frequently tortured, and prisoners were so brutally ill-used, that they died. Even these cases were not brought to enquiry. The burden, running through all the statements of the natives in Togoland and Cameroons, is "rogging" especially in connection with forced labor on plantations.

NOON.

SECRETS REVEALED.

DOVER, Eng., Dec. 13. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Vice Admiral Keyes, commanding the Dover patrol, in a speech here revealed a number of secrets, by which the greatest success of the anti-submarine war were achieved. He explained the Channel barrage consisted of two lines of specially built ships, able to ride at anchor throughout the stiffest gale. They were provided with the most powerful searchlights. One line ran from Folkestone to Grinesz, a second extended across the Channel, seven miles westward, and scores of drifters and small craft which patrolled the intervening interval of darkness were so thick that it was impossible for anything to pass them on the surface. Underneath were masses of submarine devices. The duty of the patrol craft was to prevent submarines passing on the surface, and to drive them down to the perils hidden below, and then drop depth charges. These measures were so successful that by September of this year, submarines abandoned the Channel passage. There was definite enemy proof to this effect between January 1918, and September 1918. The Flanders submarine flotilla lost thirty U-boats, of which 17 were identified. Under the lighted barrage were many others not yet definitely located. Vice Admiral Keyes was presented with the freedom of Dover to-day. He said that the Dover patrol had accounted for thirty submarines, between Jan. 11, and thirtieth of September. A thirty thousand pounds sterling fund has been started, to which Lord Northcliffe donated £10,000, to commemorate the patrol by the erection of two monuments on the cliffs of Dover and Cap Grinesz, and to make provision for a home for Dover patrolmen.

V. C. DECORATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 13. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—At Buckingham Palace to-day, the King who was accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, decorated Lieut. Thomas Dinesen and Sergt. Raphael Zengelssohn, of the Canadian Infantry, with the Victoria Cross.

THE ENGLISH ELECTION.

LONDON, Dec. 13. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—British election ballots will not be counted until December 26th, and until that date all statements about the result will be surmise. The British custom is to collect all votes at a central point in each constituency and then count them. This time it will be necessary to await the arrival of the soldiers ballot from overseas. In the interval the ballot boxes with the charge of the police. The general opinion is that if the vote is heavy it will be an indication that it is favorable to the Government. The chief doubtful element is the strength of the Labor Party. There are political observers who say it will be greater by fifty percent than the accepted estimate. If the combined strength of the Labor, Liberal and Irish representation much exceeds three hundred, the Government's position will be weak.

SITUATION OF ESTHONIA DESPERATE.

LONDON, Dec. 13. An official despatch received in London describes the situation of Esthonia as desperate. German troops have destroyed the railways and telegraphs between the Esthonian army and Reval, and owing to the army's lack of arms and ammunition, the Bolsheviks are advancing. The Bolshevik Government has declared the Esthonian Government outlawed, and the latter has appealed to the

deputies from the Province abandoned their seats last night led by Senator Cambdo. Cambdo explained that he and his followers believed themselves obliged to leave Parliament, and seek under a new regime, consideration of their demands. Premier Romanesco in replying said he was convinced that all the dissenting deputies from Catalonia would soon return.

Exhibition at London.

The following messages were received by the Secretary of the Board of Trade, to-day—

December 12, 1918. Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith copy of telegram from the Secretary of State, received by His Excellency the Governor under date 10th inst., respecting the British Industries Fair, which will be held in London during part of February and March. Will you kindly bring this to the notice of the merchants and others in Newfoundland interested in the goods that will be exhibited, so that, if they wish, they may avail of the opportunity of being present.

COLOGNE BRIDGEHEAD OCCUPIED BY BRITISH.

LONDON, Dec. 13. An official statement on the operations of the British army of occupation issued to-night says: Our advanced troops yesterday crossed the Rhine and commenced occupation of the Cologne Bridgehead. By evening they had reached the general line, Ober Castle, Siegburg, Odenthal and Opladen.

CANADIAN OFFICERS ARRIVE.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 13. The Cunard steamer Pannonia arrived to-day from England, bringing one hundred Canadian Officers, some of whom have served through four years of war. The steamer encountered a severe storm for three days, losing all the boats on the port side. The men left for Montreal on a special train to-night.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT EDITH CAVELL'S GRAVE.

LONDON, Dec. 13. (British Wireless Service)—The grave of Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed by the Germans, in the National Cemetery, at Brussels, is believed to have been definitely located from a German plan of the cemetery in the hands of the Belgian authorities, and on Tuesday last the British community held a commemoration service at the grave. The service was attended by the British Minister who laid on the mound of earth a wreath from King George and Queen Mary, inscribed, "In memory of a brave and splendid English woman." Sir P. S. Villiers deposited a wreath, bound with the British colors, in the name of the British Legation and Colony, and Brand Whitlock, the American Minister, added a tribute of his own. The Spanish Minister, the Belgian Foreign Minister and the members of the Legation staffs were present at the ceremony. One of the first acts of King Albert, after his re-entrance into Brussels was to visit the cemetery in company with Queen Elizabeth who laid a wreath on Miss Cavell's grave.

A Rough Time.

LONG. The schooner A. H. Panhurst, C. Barbour, master, met a very rough time on her way north a few days ago. While off Penguin Islands, a squall of wind struck the ship and carried away her mainmast from the deck. The crew subsequently abandoned the vessel and rowed ashore. The schr. was noticed in the vicinity of Gull Island Cape Freels, and was taken in tow by Capt. Carter of the S.S. Earl of Devon, and towed into Westleyville. The ship carried a cargo of about 1900 qts. of fish.

Klark-Urban Co.

"Kicking In" attracted another full house last night, and the performance was greatly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present. The different parts were well taken, the players presenting a like-like delineation of the characters. The S.C.C. band rendered appropriate music. To-night "Within the Law" will be staged, this terminating the present engagement. Next week the Company opens at Hr. Grace, returning here in time for Xmas Day. They will remain until after New Year's Day and during Xmas week will present an entirely new repertoire.

Horse Snowbound.

Yesterday evening while a teamster tried to back his horse with a loaded drag into the rear passage of the store of T. J. Edoms, Duckworth Street, the horse went down over the steps near the door and sank into the snow. It was feared at first that the animal had broken its leg, but a number of men came along and after unharnessing the beast, succeeded in freeing it. It was then found that the animal was uninjured.

Here and There.

PERSONAL—Capt. Jesse Winsor, of Westleyville, arrived in town yesterday. Capt. Winsor will spend a few days here and will be called for evidence in the Beverly enquiry.

LETTER PICKED UP—A letter has been picked up and handed to Head Constable Byrne. It is now at the police station and addressed to Miss Tizette Anlet, St. John's, Nfld.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS—The following first class passengers are on the incoming express: J. C. Jerrett, Mrs. M. Blanchard, Miss M. Payne, Mrs. W. Slocum, Mrs. E. Young.

S. S. IMMELM—The S.S. Immelm which put in here a few days ago to have some repairs done to her bows, has had same effected by the Reid Nfld. Co. and left port to-day on her way to Rotterdam.

AT THE CROSSBIE—The following guests are registered at the Crossbie: F. E. Reid, Heart's Delight; Capt. Jesse Winsor, Westleyville; Wm. Taylor, New York; I. C. Gitzel, New York.

MUNARD'S LINIMENT CURE'S COLDS, ETC.

Narrow Escape.

About 6 o'clock last evening, a horse and sleigh, driving along Gower St., struck a pedestrian walking in the opposite direction. The horse was stopped and the unfortunate man picked up. After an examination it was found that he was unhurt, with the exception of a few bruises.

Train Notes.

Thursday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques at 2.20 a.m. Yesterday's east bound express left Benton at 3.50 a.m. To-day's east bound express leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Glencoe.

A Great Day.

(Halifax Chronicle.) The enthusiasm with which "Britain's Day" was celebrated in the United States, coupled with the generous tributes paid by the American press and people to the glorious achievements of British arms on land and sea, forges another link in the bond of unity of the great Anglo-Saxon commonwealths. It is an earnest that they will continue to march side by side in ensuring the future of democracy and the peace of the world. It was truly a great day for both nations.

His Conclusion.

Insubordination was a rare thing in Colonel Drilem's corps, and when a case did occur, he was willing, if not anxious, to give the offender a chance to apologize, and so escape punishment. Private Slackem was brought before him one evening for insubordinate language. "Well," said the colonel, "have you anything to remark on what you said on parade yesterday? You know, you said I couldn't drill a couple of ducks! Have you thought it over, my man? Have you changed your opinion?" "Yes, sir," said the soldier; "I want to withdraw what I said yesterday. I've come to the conclusion that you couldn't drill one duck—never mind two!"

SUPREME COURT.

Bennett S. Clark vs. Nfld. Produce Co.—This case is adjourned sine die.

BEING REMOVED.

The piles of snow which almost blocked Water Street during the past week are being gradually removed by the men employed by the Council for this purpose.

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Personal.

Flight instructor L. E. Davis, of Westleyville, was forced to leave a camp by the German army around here, in their sad, in-brought, in-lined flying suits, meters, and not have a good and let his up are kilom...

Sister's fellow told me girls don't have to cook now. Sis feeds him

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