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Passing of the Hon. James Ryan, M.L.C.

We regret to record the death yesterday of the Honourable James Ryan, for years one of the foremost personalities in the country. For some time in poor health, he became worse a few days ago and had not strength to rally, the end coming at eight o'clock last evening. He leaves a widow, nee Catherine McCarthy, of Carbonara; two sons now resident in England, James, an officer in the British Army, and Hubert; and two brothers, Daniel and Edmund.

James Ryan was a native Newfoundlander, being born at Bonaville in 1841. From modest beginnings and aided only by rare personal qualities of thrift and industry, he rose steadily in the commercial life of the country until he became one of its first and dominant figures. The small business which he established in his native town grew under his management to large proportions and branches were extended to Trinity, Catalina, Labrador and other places. His remarkable success, which left him one of the wealthiest merchants in the island, was due mostly to the possession of two indispensable qualities, a love of his business and the ability to save; and as is the invariable rule, it has been reflected beneficially upon the country in which it was won. In 1913 he was appointed to the Legislative Council, where he made no pretence to oratory, but was always ready with advice that was both pertinent and valuable. In him the country loses an exemplary citizen and Newfoundland commerce a master mind.

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EX-CONSTABLE CONWAY HERE.—Ex-Constable Ambrose Conway, who up to a few years ago was attached to the city police, is again in this city. Since leaving the force Mr. Conway has resided in Canada, where he enlisted in the 9th Battalion C. E. F. Within a few days after signing the roll he received his first stripe and is now a full fledged Sergeant. Sergt. Conway stands 6 feet 4 inches and weighs 204 lbs., having lost upwards of fifty pounds since he donned the Khaki.

Prussian Efficiency.

(From the Saturday Evening Post.)

At a cafe in New York which is much frequented by actors they were talking of German methods as exemplified in this war. Jack Hazard felt moved to tell the following story: "Only the other day I heard of a very interesting case, which illustrates how careful those fellows are about obeying orders," stated Hazard. "It seems that during the invasion of Belgium a captain in a Prussian regiment got hold of a hundred fresh eggs somewhere, and, wishing to give his faithful soldiers a treat—there was just exactly a hundred men in his company as it happened—he turned the eggs over to the top sergeant and told him to see that every man in the command had an egg for his breakfast next morning. "But the company cook smashed one of the eggs, and next morning there were only ninety-nine eggs to be distributed among a hundred hungry soldiers. The sergeant was puzzled at first. He knew he had to obey orders; and, being a true German, he meant to do so. "For a while he didn't know just how to distribute those eggs. Finally he had a wonderful inspiration—a typical Prussian inspiration. It worked all right too." Here Hazard paused. "Well, what did the sergeant do?" demanded one of the company. "Killed one of the soldiers!" said Hazard.

THE MIRACLE.



The prairie states, where corn is grown, were parched and wilted by the heat; across the fields hot winds had blown, week after week, and then repeat. The sky was like a shield of brass, the sun was sizzling night and day; I heard the farmers cry, "Alas! This year we'll have no corn or hay." The crop was given up for keeps, there was no hope for any yield; the farmer shed his bitter weeps, while gazing on his shriveled field. And then, when things were at their worst, some dark blue clouds lined upon high; they foiled around a while, then burst, and soaked the cornfields baked and dry. "It is too late," the farmers said, while rain was pelting at the door; "though water falls till we are dead, the corn is gone, for evermore." Rain followed rain, day after day, it seemed that it would never stop; and now we hear the farmers say, "We'll have at least a half a crop." It is a miracle as great as nature's laws have ever allowed; it is as though some planted skate got up and gambled in his shroud. We needed all that we could grow to keep the struggling world supplied; and so the marvel seems to show the God of battle's on our side.

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To-Day's Messages.

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THINKS FOOD THE DECIDING FACTOR.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., To-day. Herbert C. Hoover, the Food Administrator, speaking on the world food situation at a War Convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, declared that starvation would win the war and the side best able to organize its resources for food production and conservation would come out victorious.

ITALIAN SHIPPING LOSSES.

ROME, To-day. Italian shipping losses on all seas for the week ending September 16 were one steamer under 1600 tons and one small sailing vessel.

FINNISH MATTERS.

PETROGRAD, To-day. Michael Stakovich, Governor of Finland, has resigned. N. V. Nekrasoff, who has occupied a prominent place in several Cabinets since the revolution, has been named to succeed Stakovich. The situation of army officers in Helsinki has been critical since the Korniloff revolt. M. Stakovich said, but that is due to Russian not Finnish influence. State Secretary Inella of Finland declares that the propaganda for the separation of Finland is not connected with the declaration of a republic in Russia, although they occurred simultaneously. He said that the watchword of the campaign for elections to the Landtag was the independence of Finland.

TIGHTENING THE BLOCKADE.

LONDON, To-day. Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, and Albert Hetlin, Under Secretary of the French Foreign Office in charge of blockade matters, had a conference here yesterday with the object of gaining closer co-operation from the United States in a policy which aims at exercising a more rigid pressure on the enemy. This policy will be carried out without interference with the economic condition of neutral countries.

SUNK BY INTERNAL EXPLOSION.

LONDON, To-day. The British steamer Port Membra has been sunk by an explosion in her forward hold while near Cape Farewell, N.Z. The crew were saved. A despatch from Melbourne says the captain of the steamer reports the explosion was caused by an internal machine, according to his belief. She was bound from Melbourne to London.

ROUMANIA IN NEED OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Roumania is in short of medical supplies that the wounds of her soldiers are being dressed with sawdust; says a callgram received from the American Red Cross Commission to Roumania.

SUPPLIED GERMAN SUBS.

A GULF PORT, To-day. The seizure of the American schr. Goldfields near this port and the subsequent arrest of the crew on a charge of aiding the enemy was made by agents of the Federal Government yesterday. All the crew, with the exception of the skipper, are said to be Spaniards. The vessel was suspected of supplying oil to German subs while en route from a southern European port to this point.

A GOOD CHOICE.

PETROGRAD, To-day. M. I. Terestchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Vice-President of the Council of Ministers.

SOLDIERS' AND WORKMEN'S DEMONSTRATION.

ODDESSA, Russia, To-day. An imposing demonstration of the revolutionary forces was held here today under the auspices of the Local Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. Soldiers and workmen were marched in a monster parade bearing banners inscribed "Long live the Provisional Government! Down with Korniloff."

GIVING HIM EVERY CHANCE.

PETROGRAD, To-day. Korniloff, it has been decided definitely, will be tried by court martial with a jury.

AMERICA GRATIFIED.

WASHINGTON, To-day. News that the Argentine Senate had voted overwhelmingly to sever diplomatic relations with Germany was received in Washington last night with gratification and no little surprise.

BIG FUSF OVER LITTLE MATTER.

PEKING, To-day. A clash between Chinese and Jap-

anese soldiers and policemen has occurred along the Yalu River over the question of lumber interests. Two Chinese and one Japanese were killed and many wounded. Japanese troops have crossed into Manchuria and seized the Chinese town of Thian Hsien which they are holding pending an investigation.

FRANCE AND THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

PARIS, To-day. Premier Painleve, replying to-day in the Chamber of Deputies to interpellations by Deputy Fredk. Brume, who asked the Government to associate itself with President Wilson's refusal to treat with the Germans, said so long as they were submissive to the military caste and advocating an institution or society of nations, said that he had made every effort to preserve collaboration with the Socialists and I regret it said the Premier. After paying a tribute to Albert Thomas' services the Premier said that the absence of the Socialist Ministers would make no change in his policy. He declared his determination to proceed energetically against all intrigues and certain foreign agents, but added that he did not intend to allow these scandals too much publicity in the press because they were picked up abroad and weakened the Government. He said he hoped to remain in agreement with the press by appealing to the newspapers to maintain their own discipline.

The Chamber applauded the Premier's allusions to the society of nations and President Wilson's message as principles to which France fully adhered, thereby showing her abnegation and moral grandeur. Alexander Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the Chamber that all the documents concerning France's agreements with the Allies were ready and could be published to-morrow, but that the Entente Allied nations must be consulted, saying, "the nearer we reach the end of the war the closer must be our unity with them." M. Ribot added that France could not reply to Pope Benedict's note without an agreement with her allies, "but our war aims are known and we are ready to constitute a society of nations when we have the necessary guarantees."

Mr. Ribot said that the Petrograd Government had asked him to defer publication of the Franco-Russian agreement. He said that he considered that he ought to comply, owing to the difficult situation of their great ally. Pierre Renaudet said that the Socialists would await Premier Painleve's acts before voting for him. He reproached the Premier for forming his war committee of old men instead of young and ardent men. Confidence in the new ministry was then voted by the Chamber by 378 to 1. The Socialists didn't vote.

Casualty List.

(Received Sept. 20th, 1917.)

Died at Wandsworth 5.30 a.m. Sept. 19, 3148—Private Charles Gilliam, Sandy Point, Bay St. George.

R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary.

Orders taken to-day for BEST WATERED FISH at WHELAN'S.—sep20,11

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