

TO-DAY'S Messages.

NOON.

DETAILS OF THE GREAT BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, To-day. Newspaper correspondents at British headquarters in France describe the operations of Wednesday as having been carried out with heavy rain beating in the faces of the British troops, who sometimes were unable to see more than a few yards through it. During occasional brief lulls in the storm the men ploughed doggedly forward through clinging mud and their advance was hardly affected. The Germans are now holding a line of about the same strength as the one they just deserted and there, according to the correspondents, are taking breath while the British pass up and register their guns on the new targets. The British outposts are now before the immediate defences of Bapaume and at some points are only a few hundred yards from them. The correspondents describe at length the positions abandoned by the Germans and state enthusiastically that the evacuation was not voluntary, but that the Germans were pounded out by the British guns from Loupart ridge which was held by the Prussian foot guards. It is said that the defenders ran away, leaving intact the dugouts which the British artillery had shelled. Explosive charges and detonators which had been prepared for wrecking the positions were found by the British. The British found the villages taken much less damaged than they had expected. Grovellers to a great extent was not damaged and many houses in Miraumont were only slightly injured. The Germans sacrificed considerable ammunition and supplies in their retreat. Some of the dugouts contained a quantity of champagne and other wines and cigars. The Times military correspondent, commenting on the German retreat, says, "The enemy evidently wishes to fight on clean ground, where he shall have the worst of the deal, and seems to have prepared such a position on what is known as the Hindenburg line, which appears to run on our front from near Lens through St. Quentin and toward Lou. Naturally it takes some time to make fresh dispositions after a German retreat, but far from incommencing us, this retreat is precisely what we desire, assuming that the present German movements are not a main operation." The writer discusses other possible intentions. He believes that Von Hindenburg's great strategic reserve is still in the interior of Germany, owing to the severe winter having impeded transport. "Therefore," he says, "the Germans may have been compelled to postpone their plans. With at least 700,000 more men in the field than a year ago the enemy is capable of hitting hard, provided he retains the necessary physical and moral momentum and provided the Allies have not placed in the field equivalent reinforcements. If the German leaders really believe that their last-minute warfare will have the effect they promise their people, then the strategic reserve may be retained in the interior for a counter-offensive when the Allies attack; but if the hope placed in the submarine war proves extravagant, then an offensive alone can give the Germans a decision. Evidence continues to point to the Western front as the most probable theatre for the next great German effort. We must also regard Italy as an extension of the French front and remain open to chances of changes in the Italian theatre. All hypotheses concerning the enemies' action, however, is subordinate to the initiative we may assume on this matter. Nothing can be said.

FRENCH PRESSING.

PARIS, To-day. An official statement of the Admiralty says that during week ending midnight, March 11th, seven hundred and seven merchant ships of all nationalities above 100 tons net and exclusive of fishing and coasting vessels entered French ports. In the same period two French ships of over 1500 tons gross were sunk by submarines or mines.

KAISER STOPS BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.

LONDON, To-day. The German Emperor has ordered the compulsory deportations from Belgium to be discontinued for the present, according to a Berlin despatch by way of America. In addition the Emperor has directed the Governor General of Belgium as a result of a thorough investigation to repatriate immediately all Belgians wrongly sent to Germany as unemployed. This action was taken following a petition received by the Emperor from a number of prominent Belgians representing all parties.

1.30 P. M.

SILENCE IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, To-day. Although the silence in Russia is a common topic of discussion, none of the newspapers speculate on the subject with the exception of the Mail. This paper calls attention to the situation conspicuously in news columns and records the troubles already recorded and the sudden suspension of the sessions of the Duma and the Council of Empire.

CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA EXAGGERATED.

STOCKHOLM, To-day. The Telegram quotes a prominent Swedish engineer named Edström, who left Petrograd on Friday, as saying that the reports of outbreaks in Russia which have appeared in Swedish and other neutral papers are much exaggerated. Edström denies that the railways are completely stopped and also that there are ex-

tensive strikes. He adds that up to the end of the week there had been no collision between troops and civilians in connection with food demonstrations.

A SAFE PREDICTION.

LONDON, To-day. A political reorganization of the German Empire after the war, involving a greater share by the people in the conduct of Imperial affairs, was predicted by Chancellor Von Theobald in a speech before the Prussian Diet, according to a Berlin despatch by way of Amsterdam. The Chancellor opened his address by protesting against the criticisms levelled at the Reichstag by the Upper House of the Diet. Admitting the theory that Parliament in Germany is entitled to discuss Imperial politics, he reiterated the previous assurances that the war must lead to a political reorganization, and that the Government would after the close of hostilities propose a reform of the Prussian franchise. After the war, said the Chancellor, we shall be confronted with the most gigantic tasks that ever confronted a nation. They will be so gigantic that the entire people will have to solve them. A strong foreign policy will be necessary, for we shall be surrounded by enemies whom we shall not meet with loud words but with the internal strength of the nation. We can only pursue such a policy if the patriotism, which during the war has developed to such a marvellous reality, is maintained and strengthened.

2.15 P. M.

ENCOURAGING DATA ON SUBMARINE WAR.

LONDON, To-day. The Associated Press has been placed in possession of a review of the first six weeks of the German unrestricted submarine campaign. The figures given are from the Board of Trade reports and the conclusions are of a highly confident and authoritative. The German campaign must be singularly disappointing to the Germans themselves, says the review. At the beginning of January 1917, Great Britain possessed approximately 3,731 vessels of 1600 tons and over. Many others of lesser tonnage are not taken into consideration on account of the importance of restricting the question to overseas traffic and cargo. Judging the results carefully and looking to possible future developments, from Feb. 1st until March 14th, the losses of British ships of over 1600 tons were approximately 78, which number, deducted from the total, leaves the British mercantile marine with 3,653 ships of over 1600 tons after six weeks of German submarine warfare.

It should be remembered that a very large proportion of tonnage is on the stocks, building for the British mercantile marine, and a fair percentage of the total is being turned out monthly. In the total above mentioned, no account is taken of the ships completed or bought in neutral countries. During the period from February 1st to March 10th no British ships have been in any way blockaded in harbours. Every opportunity of carrying out their plans has been at the disposition of the German. After their declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare, it is extremely improbable that the German authorities will ever have an opportunity again, for the following reasons: First, a large number of old tramp steamers slow of speed have been sunk as they afforded an easy prey. Second their efforts would be directed for the first six weeks or 2 months towards producing the most considerable results by careful organization and administration with a view to affecting the morale of neutral nations. A careful study of German methods has been made by British naval authorities, and anti-submarine measures have been adopted, which, as the outcome of experience, have attained a large measure of success.

W. P. A. HOCKEY—This evening at 7.30, at the Prince's Rink, Terra Novas vs. Feildians.

SLIGHT FIRE.—At 2 p.m. an alarm of fire was sent in from Box 228, bringing the Central and Eastern Fire Companies to Cookstown Road where a slight fire was in progress in a residence there. Very little damage was done.

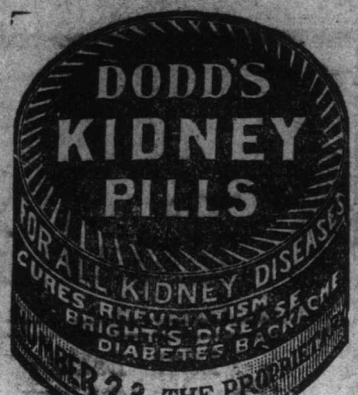
Grand Concert and Entertainment (Benefit Building Fund), by members of the Holy Name Amusement Club in the Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College, St. Patrick's Night, at 8 o'clock. Admission 20 cents—March 15th.

FATHER ASSAULTED BY SON.—To-day a young man was before court for giving a "black eye" to, biting and otherwise seriously assaulting his father. The defendant is said to be of unsound mind. He was remanded.

Be sure and keep Wednesday night, April 24th, free to attend the Sociable which will be held on that date in the Lecture Room of Cochrane Street Centennial Church. Part proceeds for Red Cross Fund. March 15th.

CHILDREN'S COUNTRY STORE TO-NIGHT.

To-night is for boys and girls only at Rossy's British Theatre. Last Country Store to many children and grown-up patrons could not get in that Mrs. Rossy will make one night the children's night. The same large display of beautiful presents will be distributed, use all things to bring home to the parents, enough to please all. There will be a great big vaudeville act and a picture. The show will only run till 9.30 to allow all home in good time. On next Country Store the grown-ups will have better chance of seats. St. Patrick's Day and night great Irish production "Come Back to Erin," fifteen performers.



"Eye-Witness" Communications.

FROM LIET, L. C. MURPHY.

(II.)
BEHIND THE LINES.
Newfoundlanders as Athletes in "Sunny" France.

The month of frost is almost completed, but the snow is still dropping from a country white with snow. The brown trees in the wood and the tall poplars along the road look as if they had died in their sleep, while the keen, cold wind snags a dirge through the black grove behind which the sun is setting. But in the little village, where the soldiers are resting, there is life and movement. On the frozen pond there are figures gliding, and there are shouts and cheers. A game of hockey is in progress, and all the old champions of Newfoundland are participating. Capt. Butler, M. C. conducts an advance well in keeping with his prowess; we see Padre Nangle, Herb, Rendell, Herder, Tait, Edens, Clouston, and many other figures familiar in the days of peace. From the "reporter's box" I look on the contest. At the beginning of January 1917, Higgins' whistle is necessary to transform the picture into one of the whirlwind contests of by-gone days. Later in the day one saw the football team gathered on the field, when Newfoundland fought again for the upholding of its cause. Captained by Bert Tait, and including a truly representative eleven, they worked valiantly for victory, in the same spirit of aggressiveness as is predominant in their battle against the Hun. Verily, the battles of England have been fought on the sporting fields, and the soldiers of the Newfoundland Regiment on the ice and campus at La Belle Patrie.

EYE-WITNESS.
France, Feb. 1917.

THE REAL SPIRIT.

The Newfoundland Regiment Quoted As An Example.

There is a lady at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, who takes more than a passing interest in the men of "Ours." She has gathered a great collection of the Regiment's newspapers, etc., regarding the successes and experiences of the Nfld. Regiment, and she has just brought to light the following extract from a volume, entitled "Knights in Armour," written by Edward S. Woods, M.A., and endorsed by General Sir William Robertson, K.C.B., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial General Staff: "Christ needs men who will spend themselves in His cause with the same splendid devotion that men show when they are fighting for their country."

In the recent advance, as the Newfoundland Regiment was pushing along through a storm of lead a Corporal turned to a man by his side and said: "If I go down, you take charge and go straight ahead." A minute afterwards a bullet hit him in the head and he dropped. The man he had spoken to tried to lift him up but he was done for, and his last words were: "Push on with it." "These words might well serve as a motto."

The folks at home will read this with pleasure.

EYE-WITNESS.
France, Feb. 11, 1917.

Reported Safe.

Mrs. (Capt.) Isaac Bartlett, whom we referred to in yesterday's issue as having her husband and three sons on overdue ships, received a very surprising and welcome letter yesterday afternoon from one of her sons, Captain Bartlett, Jr., of the s.s. A. V. Courant, telling of his arrival at a European port early in the month. Strange to say the owners, the Smith Co., Ltd., received no report from their agent at the port in question, of the arrival of the schooner. It is assumed that the message which would be sent in the usual course of business was held by the censor. The glad tidings came as a great relief to the anxious relatives of those on board who in some cases have been mourning their loved ones as dead.

No Advance in Price.

Mr. John B. Orr, who handles To-day's from Clark & Co., of Bedford, Virginia, among which are the following well known brands, Shrimps, Pine Apple, Commonwealth, Clark's Natural Leaf, Game Cock, and Star of Life, informs us that they have made no advance in prices, and will accept orders at the old prices, which will save dealers some eight cents a pound.

A very large shipment from Clark & Co. was cleared on the 15th, and several shipments are en route, which means orders can be filled promptly.

—adv.11

THE SHIPS ARE IN THE FAT.

To Bowring's house the glorious news is "after reaching town. The Ranger, "San Bob" Winger, in the main patch has "buried" down. And Abraham Keane is steering for the "swiles," while Eric B. Is meeting everyone with smiles, and all are filled with glee. What odds to us 'bout Carson, or John Redmond's Home Rule chat. To us there's something dearer, for the ships are in the fat.

John Anderson, my Jo John, with his "up and doing" talk. Since the ships has struck the white-coats must take up his sack and follow in its wake. While P. J. K. and R. U. Right a back seat they must take. For fat will be the topic now, they'll follow in its wake. God bless our hardy "swilers," tis to them I'll lift my hat. What better news could we have, than the ships are in the fat.

The hauling ropes are greasy now, and red with blood the knives. The "swilers" thoughts are waded to their little ones and wives. High hopes are beating in their breasts as they toil with a will. That soon "log-loaded" they'll return to make a handsome bill. Oh, may their hopes be all fulfilled, we will agree with that. The town is in commotion since the ships are in the fat.

March 15th, 1917. JAMES MURPHY.

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Were Sheltered at the Police Station

Two young men from St. George's who reached the city late last night to enlist in the Naval Reserve but could not locate the training ship, applied at the police station for shelter, and this morning were directed on board. Gowing to no notification of their coming having been received by the Commander of the Briton there was no one at the station to meet them.

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