

War Messages.

Big Fire on Ship At St. John, N.B.

Damage Estimated at \$150,000—Origin of Fire Yet Unknown—Steamer Had Part Cargo of Carbide.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Mar. 13.—Fire broke out on Sunday morning at one o'clock aboard the steamer Matatia, loading at one of the docks west of St. John. Before it was completely extinguished, damage, estimated at \$150,000, resulted.

The origin of the fire is not known yet, but the outbreak occurred in No. 2 hatch, which was loaded with carbide. The steamer was loaded with a varied cargo, and was almost ready to sail.

Air Raider Chased

London, March 13.—A German seaplane was sighted approaching the North Foreland about noon to-day and was pursued by a British aeroplane from Dover which flew seaward.

Portugal Calm

LISBON, Mar. 11.—The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned to give place to a National Defence Government, which is now being formed.

Tranquillity prevails throughout the country. Parliament has adopted a resolution giving the Government power to take all measures necessary by a state of war existing with Germany.

Leaders of all Opposition groups have offered to support the Government. At the suggestion of the President of the Chamber cheers were given for the Entente Allies.

"Pauvette" Lost Strikes a Mine

LONDON, Mar. 13.—It is officially announced by the British Admiralty to-day that the merchant vessel auxiliary Pauvette, 2,644 tons gross, was sunk as a result of striking a mine off the East Coast of England. 14 members of the crew were lost. The Pauvette was formerly in the service of the General Steam Navigation Company, Limited, of London. The vessel was built at Middlesboro' in 1912, was 315 feet long, 43 feet beam and 18 feet deep.

Anxious For Peace

LONDON, Mar. 13.—An Athens despatch says that according to information received there by letter from Constantinople, the populations of Brusa, Konia and other cities of Asia Minor have addressed a memorial to the Turkish heir-apparent, begging him to urge upon the Sultan the necessity of changing the present Government in order to prepare the way for the conclusion of a separate peace by Turkey with the Entente Powers.

"Expert" Figures

BERLIN, Mar. 12.—According to confidential statements made by the French Minister of War, Genl. Gallieni, at a military conference, says a despatch from the Amsterdam Overseas News Agency, French casualties up to March 1, 1916, amounted to 800,000 dead and 1,400,000 wounded. Among the latter, the despatch adds are 400,000 severely wounded. In addition, 300,000 men are missing. The total loss of the French, Genl. Gallieni's statement shows, continues the News Agency, has reached 2,500,000, while the British up to the present have lost 600,000.

A ROYAL WEDDING

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 13.—The marriage of Prince Joachim, fifth son of Emperor William and Princess Marie Augustine, daughter of Prince Edward of Anhalt, was celebrated to-day in the Royal Castle at Bellevue, according to a despatch from Berlin. The marriage took place in the presence of the Empress of Germany, Duke and Duchess of Anhalt and other relatives. Emperor William was not present.

Seven of Crew Were Americans

PARIS, Mar. 11.—Seven of the crew of the Norwegian barque Silius, which was torpedoed and sunk yesterday were Americans. The Silius left New York on Feb. 4 for Havre. The Petit Parisian says one of the Americans was injured seriously, and was taken to the Pastern Hospital.

His Resignation Causes Sensation

LONDON, Mar. 13.—A sensation has been caused at the War Office by the sudden resignation of Major-General Long, Director of Supplies and Transport.

Regarding his resignation the "Express" remarks: "His has been one of the master successes of the war. Why is such an enormously valuable asset as his experience permitted to be lost to the Government at such a time?"

Busy With Rush Order for U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 13.—Four of the largest munition plants in this section of the country are working to rush orders for steel shells and rifles for the United States Government, according to statements made here to-night by officials of these companies, who added that they are in a position to supply the further needs of this country without interfering with their foreign orders.

Sympathy For Portugal From Brazil Capital

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 12.—Germany's declaration of war on Portugal has called forth expressions of sympathy in various quarters here with the cause of the Entente Allies. Last night there was an enthusiastic demonstration in the streets of the capital.

The "Epochs," commenting on the Government decree of neutrality, says: "We are not neutral. We entertain the most ardent wish for the victory of Portugal and her Allies. In order that it may become a reality, the majority of Brazilians will do all that they are able to do, both from a material and moral point of view."

Joffre Presides Over War Council

PARIS, Mar. 12.—General Joffre, Commander in Chief of the French armies, presided over the Council of War of the Entente Allies, which assembled to-day at the French Army headquarters. While the Council is in session, Great Britain will be represented by Genl. Haig, Commanding the British forces in France; Russia by General Gilinsky, aide-de-camp to the Russian Emperor; Belgium by the Chief of the General Staff; and Serbia by Col. Pachides.

Bulgars Divide Up Serbia

SOPIA, Mar. 12.—Bulgaria has virtually completed the task of apportioning for governmental purposes the occupied Serbian territory. All Serbia, except Belgrade, has been divided into seventeen departments and eighty-six districts. In each department there has been installed a departmental court, and in each district a lower court. For the whole country there are three appellate courts. There is also one prison for each department.

German Capture A Small Trench

PARIS, Mar. 12.—Germans troops after heavy artillery bombardments, yesterday afternoon attacked the French positions on the Eastern front of the Verdun sector, and succeeded in capturing a small trench north of Dix, according to an official statement given out to-day by the French War Department. Intense artillery engagements, the statement adds, were in progress at various other points along the Western front. Luxembourg.

THE FLOUR PROBLEM

Arrangements have been made, we understand, by the Committee appointed to deal with this phase of the tonnage problem, to secure full stocks of flour and cattle feed at once. There is we are informed no need to further worry over the shortage in these items and that all arrangements have been finalized to handle the transportation of flour and cattle feed.

AS WE ARE SEEN ABROAD.

The "Boston Post" in a recent issue says: "After Jan. 1 Newfoundland is to have the strictest prohibition law in the world. It will then become a crime to import or manufacture liquor except as permitted by the Government for strictly medicinal purposes."

Battle of Verdun Is Dwindling Fast

PARIS, Mar. 11.—The battle of Verdun is fast dwindling in intensity. The Germans have in no way impaired the main defences of the fortress, notwithstanding the violence of their onslaughts. Whether they will make another big effort after the lull, or whether the battle will end, as did other great offensives on the Western front by a return to normal conditions of trench warfare, cannot be discerned at present, but French military opinion is inclined to believe that the latter will be the case.

There is still violent fighting for possession of Fort Vaux, according to an announcement by the War Office this afternoon. The Germans have made progress along the slopes leading to this position, but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort. The Germans hold some houses in the eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French are still in possession of the western part of the town.

BENEFIT NIGHT PRINCE OF WALES RINK

Hockey match, St. Bon's College Champions vs. City; also a ladies' hockey match. Games starts at 7.30. Admission 20c. General skating after game.

LOCAL ITEMS

The "Birch Hill" barratry matter comes before F. J. Morris, K.C. this afternoon when the preliminary hearing will conclude.

Const. Fahey got in from the Western Shore to-day with a man who is charged with malicious damage to property.

The schr. "Ponhook," which had been damaged by going ashore at Wash Bails, after receiving repairs resumed her voyage to Bahla to-day.

In the Police Court to-day F. J. Morris, K.C. fined a drunk \$1 or 3 days. A case preferred by a woman against her husband for assault was postponed till Saturday.

NEW LEGISLATURE COUNCILLORS

Rumour about the city to-day is to the effect that Mr. Jesse Whiteway will be appointed to a seat in the Legislature Council and that Mr. C. Ayre will get the vacancy which the death of his brother, Hon. Jno. Ayre, occasioned.

Theft of Jewels From Chicago Firm

Diamonds Valued at More Than \$250,000 Stolen—Robber Got Away With the "Sparkles" Before the Manager's Eyes

CHICAGO, Ills., March 6.—The theft of diamonds, said to be valued at more than \$250,000, from Dreicer & Company, jewellers, was reported to the police, early to-day.

According to Edward L. Smith, manager of the concern, which is located in the Blackstone Hotel, a well-dressed man entered the store yesterday and asked to see some diamond rings. Smith brought out three trays, each containing 12 rings. After ten minutes conversation with manager Smith over the comparative merits of the rings, all set with large diamonds, the customer left the place, declaring himself dissatisfied.

Smith says the accomplice of the stranger to the door, and when he returned, one of the trays with the diamonds, was missing. Detectives were put on the case and when Smith was shown the photograph of a number of diamond thieves, who are said to have operated in New York and other eastern cities, he recognized one as the man who had examined the diamonds in his store.

DOPING IT OUT

"How do you find your patient?" asked the old doctor. "He was slightly delirious, but when conscious complained of dryness in his throat," replied the junior.

"In similar cases in the future prescribe for the first. That cured, the patient will do the rest."

HIS DEFINED IDEAS

"Now, my lad, I hope you have some clear and well-defined idea as to what you want to be in life. That means everything to a young man." "I know it, uncle. I want to be a doctor or a lawyer or something like that."

A Great Programme at THE NICKEL To-Day

"THE WIN(K)SOME WIDOW"

A Broadway-star feature in four parts, presenting Cissy Fitzgerald, supported by the all-star Citagraph cast.

ANITA STEWART and EARLE WILLIAMS, in

"THE GODDESS"

Fifteenth and LAST chapter of the serial beautiful.

WEDNESDAY—ELAINE—FRIDAY—WHO PAYS?

Performances Throughout the LENTEN SEASON for the City RELIEF Fund.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH War Office communication issued to-night says:—

"The enemy sprang four mines near the Hohenzollern Redoubt, and grenade fighting ensued. There were very few casualties. Very little damage done to our trenches. Our trenches about Loos and Bois De Grenier were shelled. There have been heavy artillery bombardments by both sides about Ypres."

ITALIAN.
ROME, Mar. 11.—The War Office reports artillery activity along the entire line, despite heavy rains. Enemy fire is especially active on the Lower Isonzo, where our artillery silenced their fire.

GERMAN.
BERLIN, Mar. 13.—Italian artillery all day yesterday and during the night, threw a hail of shells into the southern quarter of the town of Gorizia on the Isonzo front, according to an official report given out to-day.

RUSSIAN.
LONDON, Mar. 12 (official).—On the Western front, two large parties of German scouts attempted to approach our trenches near the Old Avnien and Sussey Rivers. They were dispersed by our fire. Our heavy artillery dispersed also an enemy column marching on the right flank of the Dvinsk position. German artillery bombarded the railway station at Kakuny. In the district south-east of the village of Kolki, we repulsed an attempt made by a large enemy party to approach our trenches. In the Middle Stripa region we took some prisoners. To the east of Czernowitz our artillery bombed enemy battalions on the march. We observed shells explode among the enemy's guns and caissons. On the Caucasus front our advance continues.

Crown Prince Due for More Trouble

Has Been Deposed and Another Put in Command of His Army—German General is Divided and Spirit of Disorganization Prevails

LONDON, March 6.—A Geneva despatch to The Chronicle says: "I have received the following items of intelligence from Mainz, headquarters of the German general staff: "Mainz, February 28.—A spirit of disorganization prevails within the German general staff as a result of the Verdun defeat. Several generals are advising against a continuation of the offensive, while Gen. von Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff, continues to send reinforcements."

"It is impossible to conceive the real extent of the German losses. The wounded are pouring back in all directions. On Saturday losses in the fighting from Friday last to Monday are estimated by an officer of the German general staff at 75,000." "Mainz, February 29.—The Crown Prince has been urgently summoned to general headquarters, where there The Crown Prince will not return to the fighting front for some time. In the meanwhile the Duke of Wurtemberg will take over the command of the Crown Prince's army."

THE SHIPS SAIL NORTH
All the ships of the Northern fleet got away from their respective ports in Bonaville Bay at 4 p.m. Saturday. The S.S. Floridel sailed from here at 5.10 a.m. to-day. Reports by wireless to-day say that the ships are making good progress North with the ice well off the coast.

Naval Prize Fund Is \$30,000,000

LONDON, March 4.—The naval prize fund derived from the sale of contraband goods, seized by the British navy, and condemned by prize courts now amounts to over \$30,000,000. This fund will be distributed among all men of the navy after the war.

GLOOMY PROSPECT

"When I was your age I worked 14 hours a day," said the worried father. "Well, what of it?" replied the young man who squanders. "Nothing much, only when you get to be my age that is probably what you will have to do."

Anxious to Have Union Government

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks from Musgrave.

What would this place be like if it wasn't for our noble President? It would have been eaten by the graballs by this time. Go ahead Mr. Coaker and when your work is finished here you will be able to say you did your duty.

The Doting Cove Council had a tea and did very good financially. Also the Musgrave Hr. Council had a tea and concert and raised a nice sum.

Before I close, I will give a few remarks concerning our operator, Miss A. B. Francis, from Gander Bay. Miss Francis is proving very satisfactory to the people. She succeeded Mr. Greene from St. John's who came here after Miss Penny left and could not do the work. Miss Francis will do anything to satisfy the public and that is the kind of an operator we want. We are afraid Miss Francis is not going to stay, as the salary is so small, not enough to support her. No doubt there is a lot of work here and I think there should be a bigger salary given. We will have to encourage Miss Francis to stay with us.

We are hoping when we get our Union Government the operators will get a larger salary, especially when they are working for it. I think I have taken up a good bit of space. So I will wish Mr. Coaker and the noble P.P.U. every success.

Musgrave Hr., March 2nd.

THE CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE.

FLORA FINCH in a RICH COMEDY TO-DAY, "THE NATURAL MAN."

A Vitagraph 2 Reel Special Feature. A millionairess, disgusted with Society, is captivated by the instinctive goodness of a modern cave-man, his mistakes are laughable, but his quiescence and manliness adorable; featuring MYRTLE GONZALEZ.

"THE AVENGING SEA."
A Biograph Sea Drama with Isabel Rea and Wm. J. Butler.

"A DOUBLE WINNING."
A Melo-Drama. The cast includes Helen Bray, Charles H. West and Harry Carey.

"The Starring of Flora Finch."
A Rich Comedy, featuring Flora Finch. GOOD MUSIC AND EFFECTS.

A COMFORTABLE AND WELL VENTILATED THEATRE.

On WEDNESDAY, "The Confession of Madame Barastoff," A Russian Military Feature in 3 Reels.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND PARTNERSHIP!

Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B. ANNOUNCES the removal of his LAW OFFICES to the New BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA Building at the corner of Beck's Cove and Water Street, and the formation of a PARTNERSHIP for general practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Notaries, with MR. J. A. WINTER, eldest son of the late Sir James S. Winter, K.C., under the firm name of Squires & Winter.

Address: Bank of Nova Scotia Building, January 3rd, 1916. St. John's.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Co. Limited.

BEGINNING to-day and to continue until the end of the War, a Supplementary Deferred Cable Rate Money Transfer Service will be inaugurated between all points in Newfoundland and Great Britain covering only transfers not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in amount.

H. A. SAUNDERS, Superintendent.

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Robert Templeton, St. John's.