

Local and Other Items

The United States has formally demanded of Germany the immediate release of Americans who were taken prisoners on prize ships by raiders in South Atlantic.

The Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prince Eitel Frederick interned German ships have been seized by the United States authorities and the crews imprisoned.

In an explosion on an ice-breaker at Petograd one person has been killed and one injured. The number of casualties evidently has been stricken out by the censor.

A committee has been formed in Milan, Italy, to organize the mobilization of Italian women for war work. Following the example set in France and England similar committees will be formed in various cities in Italy.

While crossing the bar from the lighthouse and fog whistle station at Passamaquoddy, N. B. Head Harbor to his home on the main island at Campobello, Charles Hilyard, the keeper, was drowned Saturday morning.

Adelard Filion, fireman of the I. C. R., was instantly killed at 7 o'clock Friday morning in a collision between a light engine and a sub train taking workmen to Levis, P. Q. The damage was slight and there was no other casualties.

The White Star Liner, Adriatic, the largest British ship now in trans-Atlantic service sailed from New York for Liverpool on Saturday afternoon. Her forty-four passengers gave three cheers for the United States as she pulled away from the pier.

According to Ottawa voices the Canadian government is going to shut down on the issue of passports to women and children going from Canada to Great Britain. This policy does not follow as a result of the latest German campaign, but has broader considerations for some time.

A fatal accident occurred on Thursday in the confectionery store of Alex. M. Melitides, Brunswick Street, Halifax. A young lady clerk, Miss Ada Irving, aged nineteen was mixing an egg-nog with an electrical mixer when through a short circuit or some other cause she received a shock from the electricity causing almost instant death.

From forty to sixty persons are believed to have lost their lives and many others injured in Chicago on Friday by an explosion of gas in the three story compartment building at 140th street and Naylor Avenue on the west side. The thermometer registered eight below zero and the injured suffered severely from cold.

France is experiencing the most severe winter since 1893. The cold reached even the most southerly point a few days ago and affected such favored spots as Nice and Cannes, while at Cetten there was eleven degrees of frost. At Paris the same time when the mercury fell to fourteen, at Belfort to eight, at Lyons to five, while the port of Nantes was frozen up notwithstanding efforts of ice breakers.

A letter received at Quebec on Friday announces that the wife of Dr. H. S. Beland, Liberal M.P., of Beauce county, a Belgian noblewoman, died recently in Belgium and that her husband, Dr. Beland, a prisoner of the Germans in Berlin, was refused the supreme consolation of attending his wife at her death bed. Dr. Beland was with his wife in Belgium when war broke out but refused to leave for England, staying behind to attend wounded Belgians and Germans in Antwerp before the fall of the city.

Three men are dead and six seriously injured as the result of a wreck which took place on the Canadian Northern Railway, six miles south of Saskatoon at 8.30 last Sunday night. Rushing through the darkness in an effort to make up lost time, extra passenger train number five, from Regina to Saskatoon crashed into the rear of a snow plow train which was clearing the track ahead. The rushing locomotive ploughed its way through the rear car of the working train piling the car in twisted heaps into the ditch.

Laurentic Destroyed

London, Jan. 23.—The British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic, of 14,892 tons gross, has been sunk by striking a mine, according to an official statement issued tonight by the British Admiralty. Twelve officers and 109 men were saved. The Laurentic before entering the British naval service was in the service of the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool. She was 550 feet long and was launched at Belfast in 1908. The Admiralty statement adds that the vessel went down off the Irish coast last Thursday.

London, Jan. 27.—The sinking of the British steamer Tobasco, 2,937 tons, and of the Norwegian steamer Surina, 589 tons, is reported by Lloyds. The Norwegian steamer Jotunfell, previously reported sunk, has been towed in port in a damaged condition. The Danish steamer O.E. Suhr, 1,482 tons gross, has been sunk, according to reports received by Lloyds shipping agency. The agency also announces that the Norwegian steamer Myrdal, 2,631 gross tons, is believed to have been sunk.

Before being taken over by the British Admiralty for auxiliary cruiser duty the Laurentic was in the Canadian service of the White Star Dominion line. The vessel was owned by the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool. The first two years of the war the Laurentic was engaged in doing patrol duty in the far east, but several months ago returned to European waters. The launching of the Laurentic at Belfast in 1908 marked the entry of the White Star line into the Canadian trade in conjunction with the Dominion line. The vessel was said to be the first passenger steamer to be fitted with a combination of reciprocating engines with a low-pressure turbine. At that time the Laurentic was the largest vessel in the Canadian trade. She was 555 feet long, with a beam of 67 feet 4 inches. In addition to accommodation for 150 first-class, 480 second-class and 650 third-class passengers, she was equipped with six cargo holds, with large refrigerating chambers. The Laurentic was a sister ship of the Megantic, another ship in the Canadian service, which was requisitioned by the British Admiralty.

Campaign of Ruthlessness Launched by The Kaiser

Washington, Jan. 31.—Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare. A starvation blockade of England, the like of which the world never has seen, has been announced to the world today in notes delivered to American Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, and to the state department by Count Von Bernstorff. Thus begins the long-ferred campaign of ruthlessness, conceived by Von Hindenburg, it is said here, on a magnitude never even contemplated by Von Tirpitz. Again the United States faces severance of diplomatic relations with Germany with all its eventual possibilities. President Wilson's repeated warnings of "a world affair" and Secretary Lansing's "verge of war" statements are being recalled in the capital tonight with feelings of apprehension and misgivings. Germany's action is the supererch of all those that have stirred the American government in two and a half years of war.

Main Estimates Tabled

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The main estimates for the coming fiscal year tabled in the commons this afternoon by the Minister of Finance provide for a total expenditure of \$203,472,756, of which \$182,359,215 is on consolidated fund account, or for the ordinary expense of administration. The total amount of capital expenditure is \$21,113,550.

There is a very considerable scaling down of expenditures for public works and for railways and canals both on consolidated funds and capital accounts. The big increase is in the interest on the public debt, which jumps from \$37,000,000 to \$54,000,000. The war is also responsible for an increase in the pensions bill by \$5,398,000. The amount required for the coming year is \$8,763,000.

There are scarcely any new public works authorized. There is a reduction of \$11,026,162 in the total expenditure to be voted for public works under consolidated fund account. The reduction on railways and canals expenditure on capital account of \$12,216,756.

As compared with the estimates of last year there is a reduction of \$1,500,000 in the total for consolidated fund account and of \$16,000,000 in expenditure on capital account. The estimates, of course, do not include anything for war appropriation.

The main items on capital account for railways are \$6,500,000 for construction and betterments of government railways; \$200,000 for Welland ship canal construction (as compared with \$4,500,000 last year); \$600,000 for canal inspection; \$1,600,000 for Quebec bridge, and for \$3,000,000 for the Hudson Bay Railway.

The main items on capital account for the public works are \$2,000,000 for restoration of the parliament building; \$1,000,000 for St. John harbor improvements; \$1,000,000 for dry dock at Quebec; \$1,000,000 for Toronto harbor improvements; \$750,000 for Port Arthur and Fort William Harbor improvements, and \$1,000,000 for Victoria harbor, B. C. improvements.

The vote for federal aid for agricultural instruction in the provinces under the act of 1912 is increased to \$1,100,000 or by \$100,000. The immigration vote

stands at \$1,215,000, a decrease of \$359,000 as compared with last session. The recent big increase in traffic on the Intercolonial consequent largely upon war business is mainly responsible for increasing the last year's vote for government railway working expenses from \$13,850,000 to \$25,000,000 for the coming year.

Supplementary estimates are of course, still to come.

Most of the votes in all the provinces for public buildings and for harbors and rivers are either re-votes or else additional amounts required to complete works under construction last year.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Harbors and rivers voted for this Province are as follows:—Annapolis, repairs to wharf, \$750. China Point, repairs to wharf, \$750. Harbours and rivers generally, repairs and improvements \$14,000. Herd's Point, Bedeque, repairs and improvements to wharf, \$900. Little Sands, wharf improvements, \$1,600. Mininighash, repairs to breakwaters and beach protection works, \$1,000. Port Selkirk, repairs to pier \$800. Souris, repairs to breakwater, \$1,000. Tignish, repairs to breakwater, \$2,500. Victoria, repairs to pier \$1,100. Wood Islands, repairs to breakwater, \$2,500.

Half a Billion for War.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The war appropriations bill which will be introduced in the house on Monday will be for the staggering sum of \$500,000,000, nearly three times the annual expenditure of the Canadian government for all purposes before the war broke out.

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon on Friday, the 23rd March, 1917, for the conveyance of H. Majesty's Mail, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week, one Royal Mail Route—N. A. from Montreal, P. E. Island, from the Postmaster General's pleasure. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Montreal, St. Mary's Roads and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

Change in Time.

The following will be the changes in Time Table of P. E. I. Railway, to come into effect about WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY of this week:

Mixed Train—Leave Charlottetown daily 6.50 a. m., arrive at Summerside 10.20 a. m.; leave Summerside 2.00 p. m., arrive at Tignish 7.00 p. m.

Mixed Train—Leave Tignish daily 6.00 a. m., arrive at Summerside 11.10 a. m.; leave Summerside 2.20 p. m., arrive at Charlottetown 5.25 p. m.

Mixed Train—Leave Summerside daily 7.15 a. m., arrive at Charlottetown 10.20 a. m.; leave Charlottetown 2.20 p. m., arrive at Summerside 5.30 p. m.

Mixed Train—Leave Cape Traverse daily 7.15 a. m., arrive at Emerald Junction 3.10 a. m.; leave Emerald Junction 4.30 p. m., arrive at Cape Traverse 5.20 p. m., enabling passengers to leave Cape Traverse Branch in the morning, go to Charlottetown or Summerside and return by afternoon trains.

Mixed Train—Leave Georgetown daily 6.45 a. m., arriving at Charlottetown Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11.30 a. m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10.40 a. m.

Mixed Train—Leave Souris on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.00 a. m.; arrive at Charlottetown at 11.30 a. m.; returning leave Charlottetown at 3.00 p. m. Passenger train leave Souris Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.20 a. m.; arrive at Charlottetown at 10.40 a. m.; returning leave Charlottetown at 3.10 p. m.

Mixed Train will run on Elmira Branch three days each week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Murray Harbor Branch same as at present.

DIED.

DONAHOE—At Rosneath, January 17th 1917 Catherine Donahoe, aged 82 years. May her soul rest in peace.

McPHEE—In Cambridge, Jan. 29, Joseph Duncan, husband of Beatrice Price McPhee and son of the late Neal and Harriet McPhee of Bear River P. E. Island.

POUND—At Fredericton, on February 2, 1917, Samuel POUND, aged 73.

Morrison—At Charlottetown on Saturday, February 3, 1917, Sarah McL. Morrison, formerly of Flat River, aged 71 years.

EDMUNDS—At New Glasgow, N. S., on February 4, 1917, Herbert James Edmunds, of Charlottetown, aged 24 years.

PROVSE—At her home at Brackley Point Road on February 5th, Gertrude V. Jackson, beloved wife of Stanley Provse, aged 29 years.

TRAINOR—On Feb. 2nd, Mary Trainor aged 72 years. R.I.P.

SIMS—At his home at French River, on Thursday, Feb. 1st, Lemuel P. Sims, aged 78 years.

CAMERON—At the P. E. Island Hospital, on Friday, January 26th, Donald A. Cameron, of Murray River, in the 56th year of his age.

decided to await the results of the blockade and determine the course of the United States as the actual operations develop. On almost every side Germany's drastic action is interpreted as an open confession of the effectiveness of the British food blockade. It is regarded as a determination to strike back in kind. German officials in the United States estimate the food supply on the British Isles will last a month.

Admittedly the plan is to carry starvation to the doors of Britain with swift, staggering strokes, a fulfillment of Germany's announced determination to use every weapon and agency at her command to end the war quickly. She counts on the operations of an unheard-of number of submarines to deliver blows to bring England to her knees within sixty days. One German official here predicted today the war would be over in a month. Conveyed to the world as her answer to the refusal of the Entente Allies to talk peace, Germany's latest warning says: "From Feb. 1, 1917, within barred zones around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the Eastern Mediterranean all sea traffic forthwith will be opposed."

Washington, Feb. 3.—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany were severed at 10.30 a. m. Von Bernstorff has received his passports from Foreign Secretary Lansing and he and all his staff must leave the United States immediately. All German subjects must leave within a like time or run the risk of being interned, should open hostilities occur. With sea communication practically suspended this may mean that Germans in the United States may have to seek refuge over the border in Mexico. As the United States has taken the initiative in severing diplomatic relations, Ambassador Gerard will be recalled from Berlin, and will immediately ask for his passports.

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Mortgage Sale

To be sold by Public Auction in front of the Court House in Summerside on Monday the 13th day of February, at 11 A. M. 1917, at the hour of 12.30 p. m. o'clock of the afternoon. ALL HAT tracts, piece or parcel of land, tracts, lying and being on Lot Fourteen in Prince County bounded as follows, and being the one half or moiety of one hundred and three acres of land the same that Donald McDonald realized on being the south side of said one hundred and three and one half acre, bounded as follows: Commencing in the northern angle of Roderick McDonald's and running on thence according to the Magnet of the year 1764 north seventy-nine degrees and fifteen minutes west sixty-eight chains and fifty links to Donald McDonald's land; thence north five degrees and fifteen minutes west nine chains and fifty links thence south seventy-six degrees and fifteen minutes east seventy five chains and fifty links to Elie or Grand River; it then follows the course of said River to the site at place of commencement containing FIFTY ONE and THREE QUARTER acres of land a little more or less.

The above sale is made under and by virtue of a Power of sale contained in a Deed of Mortgage made by Ypphan McDonald and Lucy Ann McDonald his wife of the one part and the undersigned of the other part, bearing date the twenty-first day of November, A. D. 1903, default having been made in payment of the interest and principal due on said mortgage. Dated the thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1916.

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