



Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16th, 1914.

Naval Engagement
in North Sea.

Just before noon a despatch came in from the British Official Bureau announcing German movements of importance in the North Sea this morning, and stating that the town of Scarborough and Hartlepool had been shelled. Scarborough is an important watering-place on the coast of Yorkshire about twenty miles to the north of Flamborough Head. It takes its name from the "Scaur," a bold promontory on which is an old castle and an ancient fortress; below the cliffs is a spa and a fine promenade. The slopes have been converted into ornamental grounds. In the old town is a fishing harbour. Hartlepool is an important commercial port in South Durham, about 50 miles further north than Scarborough. Its industries are mainly iron and steel works and ship-building and it is the chief port for the export of coal from the South Durham coal fields. The official statement is cautious and states that British flotillas have been engaged at various points, but that the situation is developing. The use of the word flotillas would seem to indicate that small fleets of torpedo destroyers are the class of British ships which were engaged at the time the official statement was issued. Shortly after receiving this despatch we learned that a private message had been received in the city to the effect that three German cruisers and two German submarines had been sunk off Scarborough. This was all the information to hand at noon.

This afternoon little beyond what is apparently general surmise and rumor has been added to the Admiralty statement. There is no confirmation so far of the sinking of three German cruisers and two German submarines. The later message reports a rumor current in London that two German cruisers were sunk in the North Sea. There is no information as to either British or German Dreadnoughts being engaged.

Bank of Montreal.

To-day we publish the financial statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year which ended Oct. 31st, 1914, and also a report of the annual meeting in Montreal on December 7th. In view of the financial conditions of the nine months which preceded the war, and the three months of war, which the financial statement covers, the Bank of Montreal is to be congratulated on its encouraging statement. For the nine months preceding the war, money was undoubtedly tight, great difficulties were experienced even by Colonial Governments in floating loans and the cost was higher than had been paid for many years previously. Immediately before the war, the Stock market was in a panicky condition, and when war broke out, the international system of commercial credit was dislocated and seemed for a time to be shattered. The Montagu and the strenuous efforts of the British Government to restore order out of financial chaos are matters of recent

history, and the restoration of credit and the arrangement of exchange are matters for satisfaction. The care exercised by the directors of the Bank of Montreal is to be seen by the relative ratios of quick assets to liabilities at the end of the financial year 1913 as compared to that of 1914. For October 31st, 1913, the ratio was 49.69 to 100; for October 31st, 1914, 55.17 to 100. In other words, the directors had increased by nearly 6 p.c. assets which could be quickly realized to serve the public. The General Manager, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, in his reference to Newfoundland, said on the subject of codfish, the catch of which he remarked, has been smaller than usual, "the outbreak of war practically demoralized for a time the usual markets, resulting in a slackened demand and low prices." He, however, stated that an improvement is now perceptible, and said, "it may be that war, so far disadvantageous, may presently prove otherwise." This anticipation is being realized. With the adjustment of exchange, improved credit facilities, the embargo on the export of codfish from France, the price of shore fish and Labrador 'slop' has advanced far beyond expectations, and the outlook has already changed for the better. We congratulate the Bank and its manager, Mr. Paddon and the assistant manager, Mr. Carter, on the showing of the Bank, and particularly on the subscriptions the Bank gave to the Sealing Disaster Fund and the Patriotic Fund.

Correction.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—It is requested that the following may be entered in one of the issues of your paper:

Included in the list of the Royal Naval Reserve men who have not reported to "Calypso" was James Martin. It has since been learned that Martin was lost in the "Southern Cross." The publication of his name in the sad circumstances is deeply regretted.

A. MacDERMOTT,
Lieut.-Commander.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle left Baine Harbor at 10.15 a.m. to-day, going west.
The Bruce leaves North Sydney tonight.
The Clyde left Herring Neck at 9 p.m. yesterday, outward.
The Dundee left Salvage at 8.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.
The Ethie sailed from Carbonear at 4 p.m. yesterday.
The Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 8.10 a.m. to-day.
The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 4.45 p.m. yesterday.
The Lintrose arrived at Port aux Basques at 8 a.m. to-day.
The Meigle leaves Humbermouth this afternoon.

Stoker Robbed.

A fireman who was on the s.s. Adventure, which returned from the Mediterranean on Saturday last, went celebrating after being paid off. When he came to his senses again he found that he was relieved of \$30, which he believes was stolen by those who were with him.

Here and There.

FOGOTA.—The Fogota left Catalina at 3 a.m. to-day, going north.
BOWRING BOATS.—The Prospero left King's Cove at 10 a.m. to-day, and is due here to-morrow morning. The Portia left Gaultois at 8.45 a.m. to-day, going west.
No more useful gift for a man than a Safety Razor. We sell the Giant Razor Safety at 50 cents. A perfect shaver and the wonder of all users. CHESSLEY WOODS, 140 Water Street, Manufacturer's Agent.—dec16,1f

INVESTIGATING BARRATRY.—An enquiry into an alleged barratry case is now being conducted at Port aux Basques by Police Inspector Bartlett, of Bay of Islands. It is said that some of the residents of Port aux Basques are suspected of being implicated in the affair.

LINTROSE PASSENGERS.—The Lintrose arrived at Port aux Basques at 8 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon: Miss Mary Boland, Miss J. Sullivan, Burt Guy, Miss E. Burt, D. Barrett, Capt. Ball, S.A., R. G. Reid, J. R. Noseworthy, George Thompson.

The Red Cross Liner Florizel has on board five hundred new tubes for her boilers which are now being put in position replacing the old ones. These tubes will enhance the speed of the ship and put her in better condition than she would otherwise be. As previously mentioned, the Florizel will be engaged by the Admiralty on her return to New York.

MILNARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

War News

Reported Engagement
in the North Sea.

IMPORTANT FIGHTING IN NORTH SEA—BRITISH FLOTILLAS ENGAGED—SCARBOROUGH AND HARTLEPOOL SHELLED.

Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, To-Day.

Official Bureau announces regarding important development taking place in North Sea.—German movements of importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled, and our flotillas have at various points been engaged. The situation is developing.

THREE GERMAN CRUISERS AND TWO SUBMARINES SUNK OFF SCARBOROUGH THIS MORNING.

A message was received in town this morning that three German cruisers and two German submarines were sunk in an action off Scarborough this morning.

1.30 P.M.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF EAST COAST CITIES.

LONDON, To-Day.

The bombardment of the cities on the east coast of England by German cruisers, is the first overt act of the war against British territory. Never before has the coast of England been attacked. It was felt that the British fleet in the North Sea was sufficient to render this possibility very remote. The official announcement given out in London that British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy, is evidence that there has been a naval fight in the North Sea. No knowledge as to the outcome is at hand. Immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities, the British fleet, or at least a considerable portion of it supposedly took up positions on the eastern side of the North Sea by which the German warships were held in check in or close to their naval base at Wilhelmshaven, the mouth

of the Elb and elsewhere on the western coast of Germany. This plan has been maintained since early in August. It has from time to time been penetrated by German submarines but so far as is known, the instances when German cruisers or battleships have broken the British lines and emerged into the North Sea, have been few and far between.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF HARTLEPOOL.

LONDON, To-Day.

A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea to-day, shelled Scarborough and Hartlepool, the English coast towns on the North Sea, and engaged certain units of the British fleet. Four German cruisers appeared off Scarborough at an early hour and began to bombard the town. It is apparent that they had no difficulty in dropping shells into the city. A panic seized the people and many of them fled from their homes. The residents of Hartlepool were aroused from their sleep by the sound of heavy gun firing.

They flocked to the streets and thence made their way to the beach to learn what was going on. In a few moments shells from German cruisers began dropping into Hartlepool, whereupon the crowd along the shore broke for shelter. Panic also showed itself at this point. Fear took possession of the people and many of them abandoned their homes and fled inland. The news of this naval raid was announced by the British Admiralty shortly before 11.30 o'clock this morning, and it threw London into the greatest state of excitement that has prevailed since the outbreak of the war. The preliminary announcement of the Admiralty made no mention of damage to Scarborough, which is a fashionable sea resort on the North Sea, 37 miles northeast of York and little over 200 miles from London or to Hartlepool, an important shipping centre about 40 miles northwest of Scarborough. British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at several points, however, and at noon the situation was described by the Admiralty as developing. It could not be ascertained at first whether this German attack was designed merely to spread panic among British people or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in general action, or to act as an escort in an attempt to land troops on the British coast. Neither Scarborough nor Hartlepool is fortified. Scarborough has a population of 40,000 people and during the summer months the seaside hotels are crowded.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE TO SCARBOROUGH.

Fugitives reaching here from Scarborough say the German bombardment of that port was heavy and that great damage was done to property in Scarborough.

SHELLING BEGAN AT 8 A. M.

SCARBOROUGH, To-Day.
The shelling of Scarborough by the four German cruisers which took part in the operation began shortly before 8 o'clock this morning. Several buildings have been damaged by shell fire from three German vessels.

TURKS FIGHT SERVIA.

AMSTERDAM, To-Day.
A despatch from Constantinople to the Telegraph says that the tribes in Northern Albania have declared war on Servia.

LONDON, To-Day.
The main British and German fleets are reported in a despatch from New York to be engaged in the North Sea.

LONDON, To-Day.
Reports are current in London that two German cruisers have been sunk in the North Sea.

NOTICE.—On account of change in our East End driver, we would ask our patrons to kindly phone or drop us a card when they need our GLOBE STEAM LAUNDRY services.
dec16,2f

Maude Fealey the
Beautiful Actress

AT THE NICKEL THEATRE.
The beautiful Maude Fealey, one of the most attractive and brilliant stage artists of the present day, will be seen at the Nickel Theatre to-day. Miss Fealey has travelled all over the United Kingdom and in the larger cities of the colonies and the United States, and everywhere her acting has been highly commented on. To-day she will be seen in the leading character in Kathleen, The Irish Rose. It is an attractive drama, produced in two parts by the Tauhauser Co. There is another drama in two parts acted by the Biograph artists. It is a story of Brains vs. Strength. This picture is very cleverly presented. A "Deal in Oil" is a Lubin comedy drama and will, we think, afford satisfaction to St. John's Nickel goers. There will also be a Keystones comedy with our old friend Fatty Arbuckle which is a sufficient guarantee that it will be good. Mr. Arthur C. Huskins will be heard in a new song this evening. From the foregoing it will be seen that to-day's programme is up to the usual standard. The pictures are of a high class and all who desire to spend an enjoyable evening should attend. There is nothing but the best at the Nickel and to-day's bill is but another illustration of that fact.

Headquarters
for
Cake
JOHN B. AYRE.

Here and There.

One 10 cent bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine will make 3 quarts of Ginger Wine.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts. Only 10c. a bottle.—dec9,1f

EXPRESS ARRIVES.—The Bruce express and local from Carbonear via Broad Cove arrived in the city at 12.20 p.m. to-day.

Don't forget that little 10 cent bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine for Xmas.—dec9,1f novel sight.

GAME LAWS BROKEN.—Some violations of the Fox Law, it is alleged, have been going on lately in the District of St. George's, and Sergt. Crane of Port aux Basques is now there investigating.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

DELAYED BY STORM.—The express which left here Monday evening was delayed at Little River last night, owing to a gale of north-west wind, and did not reach Port aux Basques until 9 o'clock this morning.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
Whenever you feel a cold coming on, think of the full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. Grove on box. 25c. dec2,w,1f

LOOTED TRAIN.—Three men are now in police custody at St. George's. They are charged with stealing a quantity of goods from a derailed freight train. Accused will be tried by Magistrate McDonnell at St. George's.

VENISON.—Choice Fresh, from 6c. per lb.; Roasts, 9c. per lb.; Steak, 15c. per lb., at GEO. KNOWLING'S East End, West End and Central Grocery Stores.
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Put more light in your home this Xmas, by buying the great oil saving Aladdin Lamp. Call and see it demonstrated every evening at our sample rooms. CHESSLEY WOODS, 140 Water Street, Manufacturer's Agent.
—dec16,1f

ICE BLOCKADE.—Owing to the ice blockade in the Straits of Belle Isle, the S.S. Meigle, which sails from Humbermouth this afternoon will only go as far north as Port Saunders, the more northern ports of call being now closed to shipping.

"Remember those who have remembered you." Grandfather and Grandmother, and possibly Father and Mother, could be made happy this Christmas by presenting them with a pair of modern Spectacles or Eyeglasses. Make the gift and their eyes can be tested and correct lenses fitted after Xmas by R. H. TRAPNELL, Eyesight Specialist.
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WEATHER.—A strong north-west wind prevails along the line of railway to-day, with snow squalls in the vicinity of the Topsails. The following are the temperatures:—Bishop's Falls, 20 above; Port aux Basques, 20 above; Humbermouth, 18 above; Quarry, 14 above; and Clarendville, 10 above.

PATRIOTIC MEETING.—Under the auspices of Leeming Lodge, L.O.A., Patriotic Addresses will be delivered by Dr. W. F. Lloyd, M.H.A., and G. W. Gushue, Esq., in Victoria Hall to-morrow (Thursday) night, beginning at 8.30 o'clock. All members of the Association are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the general public.—dec16,2f

DIED.

Passed away, after a brief illness, Sarah Penston, aged 46, daughter of Mrs. Penston and the late Henry Penston, Esq., of Asylum Road; funeral at 2 p.m., Thursday; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only, intimation.

Passed peacefully away this morning, after a long and painful illness, Ellen, relict of the late Capt. James Carroll, leaving 4 daughters, 2 step-daughters and one stepson; funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 22 Livingstone Street; friends will please accept this, the only, intimation.—Gloucester papers please copy.

On Tuesday afternoon, Brendan, aged 23 years and 7 months, eldest son of Philip J. and Katherine Cleary; funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

To Arrive

for Xmas Trade:
SELECTED TURKEYS
and GEESE.
Ready for delivery now:
15 cases Fresh Eggs
(not limited).
160 brls. Assorted Apples.
60 kegs Grapes.
30 cases Onions.
20 bags Onions.
30 brls. Green Cabbage.
600 brls. P. E. I. Potatoes.
Carrots, Parsnips, Beet.

Soper & Moore.
Phone 480.

BLAIR'S

Special News Bulletin.

PARIS.—Fashion has decreed that Imitation Fur Sets are leaders this season. Of these Blair's had been firing out a lot lately, and stocks were down, but they have just received further supplies. These are Plush makes trimmed with Silk Fringe, and come in Blacks, Moles and Beavers.

PETROGRAD.—Very stormy and snowing hard, looks as if Winter was taking up a strong position. However Blair's are offering their patrons all their stock of Real Furs at Cost, which will be welcome news. This includes a lot of Grey Squirrel Scarves at specially attractive Prices. Also included are a few very newest and choicest Fur Sets, at Special Xmas Box Figures, in Mink, Marmots, at \$25.00 and \$35.00 per set, and Northern Sables at \$25.00 and \$45.00 per set, and many Cheaper and inexpensive Furs.

AMSTERDAM.—We don't care a Continental, but Britain has certainly shown her superiority in Women's and Children's Coats. Blair's demonstrate this every season. However, now, being the end of this season, they are offering the balance of their stock at Cost, which is their regular procedure, as their motto is: "Nothing but the newest and best each season" (that means British).

COPENHAGEN.—It is our experience that for blustery weather there is nothing better than Knitted Wool Rinking Caps. Blair's prices for these now are:—Children's, Regular 25c. to 30c. each, only 19c.; Misses' Regular 35c., at 25c. each; Ladies' Regular 50c. and 55c. for 39c. each.

STOCKHOLM.—We have found a Mine. Blair's are selling Ladies' Buttoned Waterproof Gaiters, of a Canadian make of Extra Quality at only \$1.50 pair.

ROME.—Another sacrifice reported in Women's and Girl's Felt Hats. Blair's are offering all new styles at very greatly reduced prices, and some older styles, at 20c. each.

BERLIN.—We have made excellent progress; we got as far as Blair's and found 3,746,358 Bargains which were then immediately surrounded (by stone walls).

[N.B.—Blair's refuse to guarantee the whole truth of any Berlin dispatches, but admit of having a very large number of Bargains, besides those mentioned in previous dispatches.]

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NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment: W. H. Rennie, Esq., to be Captain (Honorary) in charge of Musketry Instruction.
W. E. DAVIDSON,
Lieut.-Colonel.

December 14th, 1914.

Marine Notes.

The S.S. Florizel sails at noon to-morrow for Halifax and New York.
The S.S. Louisburg left Bell Island this morning for Sydney.

The R.M.S. Carthaginian sails at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Halifax and Philadelphia.

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