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than all party, an issue upon the settlement of which will depend the fate of the men in this world for generations, when the existing parties will have fallen like dead leaves on the highway. These issues are issues I want to keep in front of the nation so that we shall not falter or faint in our resolution. There is a time in every prolonged and fierce war when in the passion and rage of conflict men forget higher purpose with which they entered it. This is a struggle for international right, international honor, international good faith, the channel along which peace and honor and good will must follow among men. The embankments labouriously built up by generations of men against barbarism have been broken and had not the might of Britain passed into the breach Europe would have been inundated with a flood of savagery and unbridled rush for power.

BUOY PICKED UP

Mr. LeMessurier, C.M.G., had a wire to-day stating that on December 11th at 9.35 a.m. a vessel had passed a red spherical buoy. It was seen in lat. 45.25 N., long. 57.50 W.

The Prospero left Conche at 9 a.m. to-day, coming South.

United States Comments on Speech

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The first official impression here of Lloyd George's reply to the German peace proposals, with the announcements of Russia, Italy and France, is that it does not foreclose further moves which might lead to a discussion of peace such as the Central Powers have suggested. This view is held by officials of the administration and of the German Embassy. Officials at Washington practically are unanimous, however, in the opinion that the British Premier's speech has shown that any positive action by the United States towards mediation not only would be premature, but might embarrass such action later.

It is stated authoritatively that for the present the United States would act only as intermediary, transmitting communications between the belligerents. The German Embassy interprets the British Premier's speech as opening the door for further discussion. It appears from the British Premier's speech, said Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, in an authorized statement that the answer of Great Britain will not end the matter. To me it looks as if there will be at least one more exchange of notes, which will talk of the future and not of the past.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

RECEIVED 11 A.M., DEC. 20th, 1916.
1787 Private Wallace T. Bennett, Flat Bay, St. George's; 2nd London General Hospital; myalgia.
2173 Patrick Murphy, 192 LeMarchant Rd.; King George Hospital; trenchfoot.
2288 Private Thomas Ellis, 28 Field Street; King George Hospital; trenchfoot.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

"PORT SAUNDERS" SOLD

We learn to-day that the S.S. Port Saunders which had been for some time past plying in Conception Bay and owned by the Euphrates S.S. Coy., has been sold to a firm in Norway, where she will be used as a whaler. Mr. Tasker Cook negotiated the sale for the new owners and the sum paid for the ship is considerable and highly satisfactory to the sellers. She leaves for Norway in due course.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

FIRE REVOLVER SHOTS THROUGH TRAIN WINDOW

Sgt. Savage and Const. Meyers last evening proceeded to Fox Trap and there arrested one Jacob Delaney who while on board the train proceeding homewards on the evening of the 16th inst. drew a revolver from his pocket and began some gun play, amusing himself by firing bullets out through the window of the car when it was running between Manuels and Kelligrews. It was shown in the evidence advanced that the man had some disagreement with a resident of Mount Pearl and entertained some ill feeling for him and it was presumed that this is why he secured the gun. In extenuation he pleaded that he was drunk at the time but this did not excuse him and Mr. F. J. Morris who presided in court to-day fined him \$10 or 30 days. The police have the revolver in their possession.

POLICE COURT NEWS

In the Police Court to-day Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., J.P., presided. A drunk whose second offence it was, was fined \$2 or 5 days. The defendant in an assault case was fined \$7, and in another the complainant did not appear.

The Portia left St. Jacques at 7 a.m. to-day.

A man named Greene arrived here by the shore train last night from Old Perlican suffering from a very sore leg and was sent to hospital by Mr. E. Whiteaway.

The S.S. Florizel will sail Saturday for New York and Halifax and will take practically a full outward cargo of fish, oil, &c., and several passengers.

Inspector General Sullivan we hear to-day has had a relapse of the severe cold from which he has been suffering and from which he had been recovering and is again confined to his room.

CHANGE YOUR OWN WILL

Lord Hugh Cecil, speaking in St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, said it was likely that after the war we would be very much as we were before in respect of the relations between capital and labour.

His view was that we could not expect the world to be better and changed after the war merely because as a community it had passed through a great experience. If the world were to be changed and grow better after the war, that change must begin in the will and purpose of each individual.

Man's destiny is towards progress. He cannot progress if he does not cultivate his mind. That has to be watered and cared for just as a plant.—Peter Keary.

How Honors Are Won by Men and Chaplains

Conspicuous in a list of our honours containing over twelve hundred ranks published in the London Gazette, are the awards of the Military Cross to men in the Tanks, and to chaplains for tending the wounded.

An airman, 2nd Lieutenant S. E. Cowan, is the first officer to win two bars to his Military Cross. He won his first Cross on May 31 of this year, and the first bar was dated October 20. His second bar was for a fight with seven enemy machines, one of which he brought down in flames.

Of 2nd Lt. John Allan it is stated that "he manoeuvred his Tank with great skill under heavy shell-fire over difficult and unknown ground and brought it into a good position for enflading the enemy's trenches, which he succeeded in doing with good effect."

Fight with Revolvers.

2nd Lt. Francis J. Arnold "commanded his Tank with great courage and determination. Later, the Tank being held up, he and his crew continued to fight with their revolvers. 2nd Lt. Edward C. K. Cole "fought his Tank with great gallantry, reaching the third objective. Later on several occasions he went to the assistance of the infantry, and finally brought his Tank safely out of action." 2nd Lt. Arthur H. Blowers "on several occasions assisted the infantry and enabled them to advance."

Fourteen Hours Ditched.

The Tank of Lt. Frederick A. Robinson got ditched, and "he and his crew dug for fourteen hours under heavy fire, eventually getting the Tank out and back to the assembly point. It flamed an enemy trench and captured 2nd Lt. William H. Sampson "enfladed an enemy trench and captured fifteen prisoners." 2nd Lt. Eric L. Purdy "fought his Tank for five

and a half hours with great gallantry, beating off continual enemy bombing attacks."

Lt. Arthur E. Arnold "went to the assistance of another Tank. He also rescued a wounded man, and, although himself wounded, brought his Tank safely out of action." 2nd Lt. Herbert G. F. Bown "fought his Tank, which was disabled, with great gallantry, reaching his third objective. He put two machine guns out of action." nd Lt. Leonard C. Bodd, in his Tank "put a machine gun out of action and captured the team."

Burial Service Under Fire.

Some eighteen chaplains receive war awards. Of the Rev. Christopher S. Sheehan (M.C.) it is stated that "on hearing that there were a lot of wounded in the front trenches he went there and remained with one of the battalions for three days. His conduct was most conspicuous in attending to the wounded and burying the dead, particularly so when, on hearing that some men of another battalion had been killed in the front-line trench, he proceeded there under very heavy fire and carried out the Burial Service for these men."

Two Fighting Peers.

Captain Lord St. Germans, of the Dragoons (M.G.), while with a working party "carried out his work for about five hours under very heavy fire in the open, displaying great courage and coolness throughout."

"Captain Lord Gorell, R.A. (D.S.O.), "pushed forward and handled his battery courage and skill. Later, he carried out a daring reconnaissance and obtained most valuable information."

Fists Against Armed Man

2nd Lt. Robert E. Taylor, of the London Regiment (M.C.), attacked a fully armed enemy with his fists and

succeeded in overpowering him. Capt. Ronald N. Carr, of Border Regiment (M.C.), killed two of the enemy in a hand-to-hand combat. Lt. Arthur Le Neve Dove, of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (M.C.), rushed single-handed ahead of his men with rifle and bayonet and forced the surrender of fifty of the enemy.

Lieut. John W. Patterson, R.E., who receives the D.S.O., saw a party of the enemy coming out of a deep dug-out and he and two men rushed at them, disarmed about 10 who had rifles and took the whole party.

Balloon and Aeroplane Feats.
2nd Lt. Arthur V. Burbury, of Yorkshire Regiment and R. F. C. (M.C.), was observing from a balloon at a height of 3,000ft., when the cable was cut by a shell. He destroyed his papers, ripped the balloon, a most difficult operation in the air, and then got down in his parachute.

2nd Lt. Patrick Colin Campbell, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and R.F.C. (M.C.), on seeing a cavalry patrol held up came down to 600 feet, dropped bombs on the enemy, and enabled his observer to enflade the hostile trench with machine-gun fire.

M.C. After the V.C.

2nd Lt. Albert Jacka, V.C., of the Australian Infantry, now awarded the Military Cross, led his platoon against a large number of the enemy who had counter-attacked the battalion on his right. The enemy were driven back, some prisoners they had taken were recovered, and 50 of the enemy captured. He was himself wounded in this attack.

The gallant Australian was a lance-corporal when he won the V.C. at Anzac. His four comrades killed or wounded, he held a portion of a trench single-handed against the attack of seven Turks, all of whom he killed.

After all, the kind of world one carries about in one's self is the important thing, and the world outside takes all its grace, color and value from that.—James Russell Lowell.

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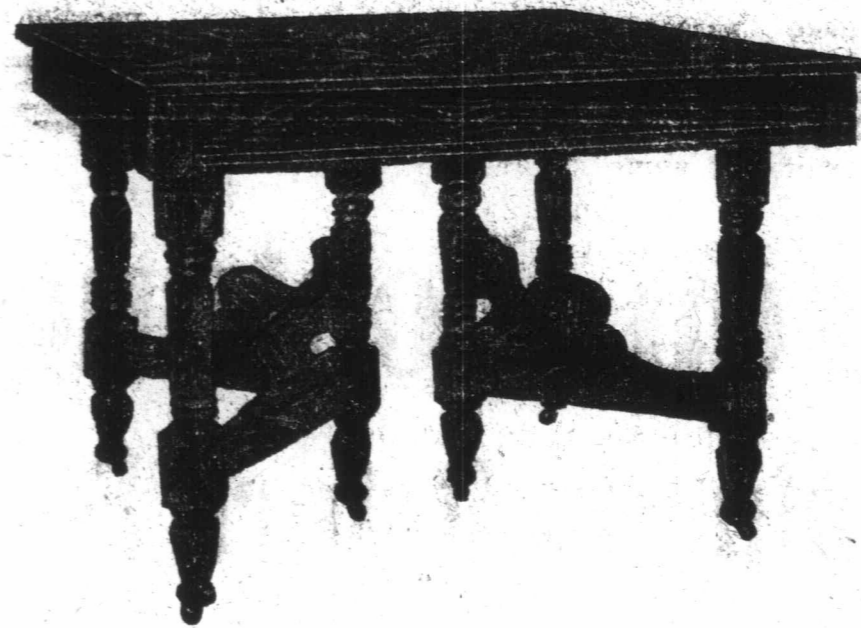
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