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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, March 24. The enemy exploded mines last night and to-day near Cunchy, just north of La Bassee Canal. No damage. We bombarded hostile trenches south of Comines Canal.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, March 24. Bombardments by French and German positions in the woods of Malincourt and Avocourt both on the German and French positions, on all sides of Verdun, continue according to a French official to-night. No infantry action has taken place except in the Argonne forest, where the Germans entered the French first line of trenches, but were immediately expelled with the loss of some men taken prisoners.

ENTENTE ALLIES DECLINE PROPOSAL.

WASHINGTON, March 24. The Entente Allies replying individually to Secretary of State Lansing's suggestion for the disarmament of all merchant ships, have declined the proposal.

GENERAL MURRAY COMMANDS IN EGYPT.

LONDON, March 24. Reorganization of the British forces in Egypt, following the satisfactory turn of affairs for the British there, has been effected. It is officially announced this evening. The War Office statement says: The military position in Egypt being satisfactory, owing to the failure of attempts by the Turks on the western frontiers, reorganization of the forces of that country have been effected. General Sir A. Murray has assumed sole command in Egypt. General Sir E. Maxwell left for England to-day.

STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, March 24. Another Danish steamship has

been sunk, the Christiansund, 1,017 tons. Crew saved.

The British steamship Fulmar, 1,270 tons, is also sunk. Crew rescued.

It is reported that a cross-Channel passenger boat from Folkestone to Dieppe, was sunk this afternoon. Nothing is obtainable as yet from any reliable quarter here concerning the Folkestone boat, but she is understood to have been carrying 240 civilian passengers in addition to a crew of 60 men. It is rumored that the steamer sank at four o'clock this afternoon. The Continental traffic office on the Brighton railroad says that according to a report received by it, all persons on board the steamer were saved, and that the vessel is still afloat.

The Central News says that the steamer was the Sussex, and that she was torpedoed off Beachy Head. The Agency gives the number of passengers as 350, few of whom were British. The vessel was under the command of Capt. Moffet, while the crew numbered forty, mostly French. Later report says that the Sussex is still afloat in charge of a tug. The steamer Englishman, of the Dominion Line, has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. It is stated that, thus far, sixty-eight survivors have been accounted for. The last record of the steamer, Englishman shows that she sailed from Portland, Maine, on Feb. 17 for St. Nazaire and Avonmouth. The Englishman was a vessel of 5,257 tons, owned by the Mississippi and Dominion Steamship Company of Liverpool, built in 1892 at Belfast.

REMORS OF HEAVY FIRING IN THE CHANNEL.

NEW YORK, March 24. A News Agency despatch from Amsterdam to-day says: Flushing correspondents of an Amsterdam newspaper to-day reported rumors of heavy firing in the Channel from the direction of Ostend and Westende.

DEFEAT OF VILLA REPORTED.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21. Reports from Mexican sources that Villa had been defeated by the American and Mexican troops at Elozo near Manguitla, were accepted to-day by Major General Funston as probably true, although no confirmation by General Pershing had been received.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Fr. Finn, P.P.,

went out on last evening's train to Holyrood.

The Packet!

(TO PHYLLIS.)

He is a stalwart soldier of the valiant Newfoundland, In years a youth, a man in heart and deed; So when the war-note sounded o'er the Empire "To Arms!" He tarried not, he shamed not his breed.

From thy death-trap, Gallipoli, he escaped unscratched and hale, Now he waits beside the Suez, his King's command, Soon upon the hills of France, foremost in some proud advance, May his work exalt his name throughout the land.

There is gladness real and soulful when the home-mail strikes the camp With letters, or with Mayo-Lind and Gems, How the bright expectant faces watch the "post" on his rounds, Attracting him full oft with loud "Ahems!"

Hark! they shout to one another as they strike each tid-bit rare, And they hand along the "home-made" chum to chum, Not one in all that company shall go without a share, Yet, this mail hour is a lonely hour for some.

I am watching that tanned soldier, he has opened up a "shell," Its contents are strewn before him on the ground, He lights a smoke with gusto, he appreciates it well, Then beams benignly on all around.

There are mitts from aunts and cousins, there's a shirt from mother, dear; But say, what does this natty roll contain? So dainty is its wrapping, so neatly is it bound, It must enclose some special gift 'tis plain.

He carefully unfolds it, lo! a beauty pair of socks! But what is this? What does the sender say? 'Twas a sister's hand that wrote it, "From Phyllis, with best love To a brother that she's proud of every day."

A joyous exultation thrills that soldier's sturdy frame, A strange unwonted moisture fills his eyes; She was the last that kissed him ere he sailed across the sea, And now she aids him here 'neath alien skies.

His little sister's present! he caresses it again, And bless the hands that wrought it fervently; Yes, thoughtful little maiden, in this camp beside the Suez Thy warrior brother breathes a prayer for thee!

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E. N. E., light weather dull. The S. S. Sagona passed west at 1.15 p.m. yesterday; nothing sighted since. Bar. 29.93; ther. 37.

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PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE LENTEN SEASON FOR THE CITY RELIEF FUND.

Cochrane St. Centennial Church.

The re-union of the congregation at the new Cochrane St. Church last evening was an inspiring occasion, about three hundred and fifty persons responded to the Pastor's invitation, and the singing was bright and hearty.

Hon. H. J. B. Woods gave an interesting address on the past history of the Church, and Mr. Geo. P. Jones reminded the congregation in a brief but effective address that unity, service and prayer must be the notes of any future success.

The Pastor, who was delighted with the response to his invitation, reminded his audience that this must be but the beginning of many such large gatherings, and outlined some plans for the future conduct of these social services having that thought in view.

It was generally felt that the congregation is re-organizing under very happy circumstances, and that this service was but an earnest of the future. Large congregations are confidently expected on the coming Sunday.

The Pastor will be in charge of the evening service, and will take for his topic: "The Scarlet Line in the Window." Announcements will also be made as to services of a special character which are contemplated leading up to Easter, and the whole congregation is urged to avail themselves of all these coming services in the new and beautiful building.

Amusements.

AT THE CRESCENT.

The two reel Biograph feature "Coincidence" presented at the Crescent Picture Palace yesterday was voted one of the best by the large audiences present at both afternoon and evening shows. "Wife's Ma Comes Back" a screaming Lubin Comedy featuring Billie Reeves, the scream of the screen, was also thoroughly enjoyed and the comedian promises to make many friends among the Crescent's patrons. "An Intercepted Vengeance"—a western drama, by the Vitagraph players was faultlessly staged by this famous company. The balance of the show including "The Eagle Owl" and "Pigs is Pigs" educational films, and "The Rival Waiters", comedy, was up to the usual high standard. All should make an effort to take in this show to-day. Extra pictures for the Saturday matinee. Don't fail to send the children.

PATRONS PLEASUED WITH NICKEL SHOW.

Large audiences attended the Nickel Theatre again yesterday and were highly pleased with the performance. "The Hazards of Helen" was even more thrilling than past episodes. It is marvellous that Helen does not meet with an accident in her daring deeds. The two reel drama: "Merely Players" is a beautiful story which made a profound impression on all. "The Ebb Tide" produced in excellent style by the Selig Company was another charming subject which was greatly admired. The comedy was by the Keystone Company and was a very funny one. The entertainment will be repeated this evening and all who can attend should go and see it.

Replying recently to a deputation of the Temperance Council of Christian churches Mr. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, said that the police records showed a reduction of some like forty per cent in drunkenness throughout the country. He hoped the nation would be convinced that success in war largely depended upon removing the drug upon its efficiency caused by drink. However successful in war the country might be, he added he was convinced that victory in this matter would be the greatest triumph of all.

The Chance Cove Volunteers.

Come all you Newfoundlanders And hear what I will say, It concerns a place called Chance Cove, Well up in Trinity Bay.

Although 'tis but a hamlet With a population small, Yet sixteen sturdy fellows there Have heard their country's call.

When first they heard the summons From England quite afar They said that they were ready For her sake to go to war.

George Brace he is the oldest, He's a man unknown to fear, Right in amongst the boldest I'm sure you'll find him there.

The second man to answer Who bravely said he'd go With willing heart to do his part His name is Albert Rowe.

Jacob Smith was next to start For where the guns do rattle; You'll find he'll play a hero's part All in this awful battle.

Said Stephen Smith I'll volunteer, From friends and home to sever, To fight for King and Country, For to give in I'll never.

Now Albert Brace was next in line To stand in freedom's van, He went down in the Viknor, We mourn that brave young man.

Then Charles Smith, a plucky lad, Says I will make a stand To do and dare, and never fear, For Home and Motherland!

George Smith, he was the next one, Mr. Jim Smith's second son, To sail across the ocean For to fight against the HUN.

Says William Brace I can't stay here 'Since my brothers have gone down, I'll go to fight for England And her King who wears the crown.

The next it was Eleazar Brace, Says he I'll go and fight To uphold the Flag of England Which stands for what is right.

The next young man to volunteer, Who saw his country's need, He loves the dear Old Union Jack, 'Tis name is Albert Reid.

And last of all there's Samuel Smith Who said I can't be slow, Through fire and smoke, and shot and shell, Unto the war I'll go.

There was Adam Clarke and Thomas Smith, Who volunteered likewise, With Malcolm Smith and Jacob Smith, They all are plucky boys.

But the doctor couldn't pass them, But their hearts were strong and stout; It proves that they're not slackers, For there's many more no doubt. J. W.

TO BE DRIVEN FROM HIS THRONE.

According to Vorwarts, "a number of German Socialists, who have constituted themselves into what they call the German Humanity League, have issued a manifesto. "In this they declare that the German soldiers are continually sacrificing their lives to satisfy the mad and insatiable greed of Prussian intriguers, and that there will be no peace until the Kaiser has been driven from his throne."

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