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Evening Telegram

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 TUESDAY, March 2, 1915.

Asquith's Answer To German Piracy.

After long and careful consideration and consultation with her allies Premier Asquith told in the House of Commons yesterday what Britain and her allies would do to make reprisals on the enemies for the campaign of submarine piracy instituted by the Kaiser. He said that they would use all the force at their disposal to cut off all sea commerce with Germany, Austria and Turkey, and their best to put a stop to all cargoes being sent out or received by them. In other words they would try to enforce a

strict blockade, although they will not avail of the full rights of a blockade and confiscate all the ships and cargoes seized, nor will they extend the list of contraband goods. Presumably, this means that they will compensate neutrals for cargoes seized, which are not of the class of goods already listed as contraband. The most important difference, however, between the policy of Germany and Britain is in the treatment of the crews of ships which may come within the scope of this action. They will do their best to avoid all danger to the life and limbs of the crews of such mercantile vessels, whether they be those of the enemy or those of neutrals. This decision of Britain and her allies is not unexpected. It is just, and was to be expected to do. But it is too much to expect that neutrals will willingly acquiesce in it. American firms are after the dollar, and we may expect a howl from them when they find their trade in what has been regarded hitherto as non-contraband cut off with Germany. We shall probably find President Wilson sending in another protest, but the all sufficient answer will be to declare a strict blockade and carry it out.

Findings of the Sealing Commissioners

Gist of Majority Report of the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Emerson, and Minority Report of Mr. Justice Johnson.

By the courtesy of the Attorney General, Hon. R. A. Squires, we are able to furnish the gist of certain portions of the findings of the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Emerson, who agree on the majority report, and the minority finding of Mr. Justice Johnson:

The Chief Justice Horwood and Mr. Justice Emerson

join in a report 18 pages long. Annexed is a schedule containing a draft bill dealing with certain matters in connection with the fishery.

Fifty-two witnesses were called. The disaster was due to various causes, the absence of any one of which might have been sufficient to have avoided it, but its primary cause was the sending of the men so great a distance from their ship, that there was no expectation of their being able to do the work for which they were sent in time to return to their ship for the night. Such a risk is sometimes taken by those in search of seals, but it is obvious that it can be excused only where there is a certainty that shelter for the night can be found on board a neighboring ship.

It is clear that in the circumstances Tuff committed an error of judgment in leaving the Stephano to go in pursuit of those seals without having made an arrangement that that ship would return before night to take him and his crew on board.

While Tuff and Captain Abram Kean were in conference, the Stephano was under steam and Tuff had been informed by the Captain that the steamer was taking him two miles nearer to the Newfoundland coast, upon this that Tuff made his calculations as to the course and distance when he subsequently decided to turn back.

The Newfoundland men had been sent out from the ship that morning in response to a signal from the Stephano inviting them on board that ship to obtain information as to seals in the neighborhood. This signal made per se relations between the Captain of the Stephano and the visiting crew and placed him in a position of responsibility towards them, it placed upon him the duty of seeing that the advice which he had volunteered did not expose them unduly to danger, and of exercising the prudence and consideration towards them as would be reasonably expected from a careful master when dealing with his own crew.

The Captain of the Stephano's explanation is that he did not know that it had taken the Newfoundland men so long to reach the Stephano, but

was under the impression they had come in two hours and twenty minutes; and his First Officer, Yetman, states that he was responsible for having earlier in the day given him this information. Yetman, however, fails to explain why he had not seen the Newfoundland's crew earlier on the ice than 9 o'clock and how they then appeared to him as only then leaving the ship.

There can be no question that a grave error of judgment was committed by the Captain of the Stephano in advising their going on to kill seals at the time and in the circumstances, without arranging with them that the Stephano would return to enable them to board her for the night.

Mr. Justice Johnson's Report (17 Pages.)

The evidence reported shows that it had been arranged between Captain Abram Kean, of the Stephano, and his son Wesleybury, of the Newfoundland before they left port that the hoisting of a derrick on board the Stephano would notify Wesleybury that the Stephano was among the seals. No other private signals were arranged between them. A derrick was hoisted on Monday, March 30th. On Monday morning, Wesleybury Kean sent two fifths of the crew of the Newfoundland to the Stephano. In sending away his men in charge of George Tuff, a man of long experience at this fishery, Captain Wesleybury Kean was fully justified in the circumstances. Tuff is a man of considerably more experience than Wesleybury Kean, and the party was therefore entrusted to the best leader in the ship. Hedy Payne, a particularly bright witness, whose evidence recommended itself to the Commission, thought that the Stephano took them about two miles while they were on board her. He also observed that Captain Kean, while in conversation with Tuff, pointed in the direction of the seals to which the Newfoundland's men were going. Tuff says Captain Kean told him while on board the Stephano that he was taking them two miles nearer the Newfoundland. At the time of this statement no one thought of disaster, and it is impossible to believe that Captain Kean would have made such a statement if it were not true. I have no doubt, however that when he told Tuff of how the seals and the Newfoundland then lay from the Stephano, he knew perfectly well what he was talking about. I am equally satisfied that their failure to reach their vessel was not in any degree attributable to any

mistake on Captain Abram Kean's part.

In the evening the Stephano picked up her pans and ultimately proceeded as far towards the Newfoundland's position as she could get, she being ultimately blocked by the heavy ice. In the circumstances I find that so far from being guilty of any omission whatever, the Stephano's Captain went beyond what was incumbent on him and displayed commendable care for the safety of these men for whom he was in no way responsible. It must be remembered that the Newfoundland's crew left the Stephano voluntarily at the call of their leader; that there still remained five hours of daylight; that the distance between the ships was less than four miles; and that the weather gave no particular cause for alarm until an hour after the crew took to the ice. In these circumstances Captain Kean had sufficient reason to conclude that they had reached their ship. About 7 p.m. the Florizel sent a wireless to the Stephano reporting progress and asking whether the Newfoundland's men were on board the Stephano. Captain Kean replied that he had made them before noon within 3 miles of their ship, and that he had no doubt they were on board her. The derrick signal was no more than notice to Wesleybury Kean that the Stephano was in the seals. It left him to send men to the seals or bring them in the Newfoundland if he could. It imposed no duty or responsibility upon Captain Abram Kean. There would be an end to all kindly help if the giver were to be saddled with onus.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, March 2, 15.
 When March winds blow you should use Cream of Lilies and Cream of Lilies Soap. The honest use of these two things will go a long way to prevent the unpleasant effects of harsh winds on the face, and keep face, hands and lips in good order throughout the whole year. Cream of Lilies, 25c.; Cream of Lilies Soap, 20c. cake; box of 3 cakes, 50c.
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Here and There.

Don't forget the Annual Irish Night in Methodist College Hall, March 17th, to provide Boots for the city poor.—mar2,11

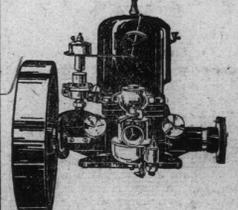
NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. F. Pretty wishes to thank Dr. Rendell; also the Matron and nurses of the Tuberculosis Camp for their exceeding kindness to his late sister, Emily.—advr.

The Carnival has been postponed 'till to-morrow (Wednesday) evening. If the ice be then unfit, the Carnival will be held on Friday.—mar2,11

PETTY THEFT.—Last night a 12 year old boy was arrested by Const. O'Neill, charged with the larceny of two boards, the property of the Horwood Lumber Co. He was arraigned before Judge Knight to-day, convicted and fined \$10 or 30 days' imprisonment.

COWAN MISSION.—Under the distinguished patronage of H. E. the Governor and Lady Davidson, Annual Tea and Concert in the Methodist College Hall on Wednesday, March 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Admission 30c.—11

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70 cts to \$2.25
 each.
 These prices cannot be duplicated, and the lucky purchaser is the early one. The regular values of these would be from 90 cts. to \$3.75.

Ladies' Costume Skirts
 All high-class materials in blacks and tweeds. We are clearing at from
\$1.00 to \$2.50
 each.
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\$2.50 & \$3.50
 Regular \$3.00 to \$7.00.
SHOWERPROOFS,
 navy, black, with cape.
\$1.50
 Regular \$5.00 to \$7.00.
TWEED CAPES,
 Assorted Tweeds.
\$2.25
 Regular \$6.00 to \$9.00.

Ladies' Jackets
 We are clearing a lot of slightly off-season styles in Black and Tweed Jackets.
 Prices
Far Below Half
 regular prices. It will pay to make over, if necessary. Prices range from
75c. to \$1.50

Millinery Bargains.
 We are offering during this week all-over trimmed Millinery in
Women's and Children's
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One-Third Off
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Supreme Court.

The Court met at 11 a.m. to-day pursuant to adjournment. Present the Full Bench.

Abram Kean vs. W. F. Coaker. It was ordered that the postponement asked for in this case be granted.

Parker Webb and Co. vs. The V. A. Telegraph Co. This case was continued from yesterday. Winter, for Plaintiff is heard in closing; Furlong, K.C., for Defendant, is heard in closing. At 1.10 p.m. adjournment was taken until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

T. A. Lecture.

Mr. H. F. Shortis lectured to the members of the T. A. Society and their friends at the Casino Theatre last night. The theme of his discourse was: "Our Heroes of the Past and what they have done for the Empire," which was dealt with in an interesting manner. At the close of a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. G. Coughlan was accorded the lecturer by acclamation. The T. A. Band was present during the evening, and rendered a selection of patriotic airs.

SEALERS ARRIVE.—About four hundred sealers arrived in the city by train this afternoon.

COLLEGE HOCKEY.—The teams representing the Methodist and St. Bon's Colleges will meet to-morrow. Whether they win or lose, the former are champions for 1915, as they won every game they played so far.

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SVEN HEDIN SUFFERS.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The Stockholm correspondent of the Temps telegraphs that the delay in the publication of Dr. Sven Hedrin's book containing the Swedish explorer's impressions collected while automobiling in the Kaiser's car along the German front is due to the action of the Swedish government censor. The book, the correspondent says, was censored extensively just as it was ready for the press.

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TO-NIGHT'S LECTURE.—Rev. Fr. Sheehan will lecture to the members of the Holy Name Society and their friends at the Aula Maxima of St. Bon's College this evening. The subject of the discourse will be "The Sunnyside of Ireland" and will be illustrated with lantern slides. A programme of Irish music will be rendered by Messrs. Ryall and Slatery.

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On the 14th ult., at Haubinda, Germany, Margaret, third daughter of the late John Cumming, of this city, and widow of the late Edward Muller-branch, of New York, U. S. A.

Miss Emily Pretty, sister of the late Albert Pretty, of the R. N. C., passed peacefully away at the Tuberculosis Camp, on Feb. 19th, aged 25. Boston papers please copy.

Passed peacefully away on the 1st inst., after a tedious illness, Eliza Shawner, aged 23 years, leaving father, mother, one sister and three brothers and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 17 Alexander Street; friends please accept this, the only intimation. Boston and Sydney papers, please copy.

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If the combined fleets of France can prevent it, the duties of any kind except on the seas, shall henceforth conclusion of the war, reach the shores of Germany. The land's answer to Germany's blockade, and it is to be forthwith. Premier Asquith from a prepared statement, announcement in the Commons after a session with the history. Studiously avoiding terms "Blockade" and "Commerce" for these words occur now in a prepared statement, the Premier claimed: "After this day consider themselves justified in tempting and would attempt and take into port ships' goods, presumed to be of the destination, ownership. The Premier emphasized that vessels and cargoes were

Not Necessarily Liable to be bidden the patience of countries in the face of through which they were suffer. He added that in such a step, the Allies had self-defence. We are quite he went on, to submit to a treatment of neutral opinion more to the verdict of impu-

tory, that in the circumstances which we have been placed, been moderate. We have strained. "We have abstained things that we were provoked to do, and we have a policy which commends itself, common sense and justice member of the House not at in khaki, or unavoidably was in his seat to hear the Minister's address. There a quent cheering. The galleries packed. When the Premier ed his statement, turning Speaker he said: "That is a reply." There was a tremendous burst. Curiously the German to the American note seeking the situation growing out of many's declaration of a no zone, was handed to Ambassador, at Berlin, to-day. Premier in his address, said that ain and her Allies were still considering the American note on the same subject. That ish Government had rejected postal, he declared, was quite the tremendous cost of money fare, which the Premier now was \$7,500,000 daily to lies alone, is

Likely to grow to \$8.50 or more daily by April, was of the part of the Premier not dealing with the blockade these figures asking ifplementary vote of credit, m total \$1,810,000,000 to carry war till March 31st, 1915.

House unanimously granted, the struggle with Napoleon land only \$1,821,000,000. South African War only \$2. These were Asquith's figures. The Premier had finished, n were on the streets proclaim answer to Germany, in bill and it was apparent every the entire nation had been

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