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ED.—The ninety-eight Royal
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TO-DAY'S
Messages.

11.30 P.M.

RELIEF WORK TO CONTINUE.

BERLIN, To-day.
Brand Whitlock, United States Min-
ister to Belgium, will continue to re-
main in Brussels in his diplomatic
capacity. Belgian relief work will
still go on under the auspices of the
men now in charge of its adminis-
tration.

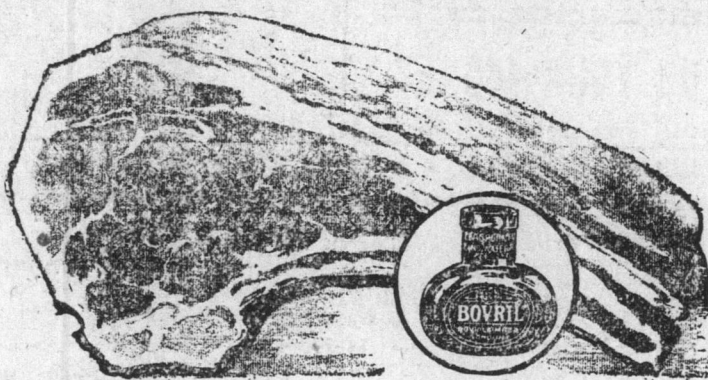
U. S. SHIPS PREPARING FOR WAR
SERVICE.

BOSTON, To-day.
Seven steamships sailing out of Bos-
ton in the coastwise service and the
speediest of their kind have been
tentatively settled for war service
and will be armed at once on a de-
claration of war by or against the
States. They are the Massachusetts,
Bunkerhill, Northland, Old Colony,
Camden, Belfast and H. F. Dinck.
They are at present undergoing a Gov-
ernment survey.

THE EVE OF THE GREAT OFFEN-
SIVE.

British Headquarters in France,
To-day.—The cold which has held
the western front frostbound for nearly
a month is gradually moderating and
it is easy to sense all along the battle
line an unmistakable quickening
which tells of the approaching of
spring and foreshadows the coming
to grips of the greatest armies yet as-
sembled in the world war. Already
these armies are reaching out toward
each other, testing various parts of
the lines and attempting to discover
the most likely point of contact for
the beginning of the titanic struggle
which is expected to make this the de-
cisive year of the conflict. In antici-
pation of eventualities the Germans
have removed the civilian populations
from the cities and towns in prox-
imity to their line, but no such pre-

caution has been felt necessary behind
the allied front. The never-silent
British guns are beginning to roar
more and more steadily. To-night
they are booming with particular vi-
olence in the sector of the Somme.
New groups of divisions have been
recently identified along the German
lines bearing out the report of the
great troops movement now going on
in Germany. British officers, how-
ever, say that this condition is not as
formidable as it appears at first sight.
They say that many of the so-called
new divisions of their opponents are
merely a re-arrangement of old divi-
sions. These statements are based on
information carefully collected dur-
ing the continuous trench raids. In
a raid undertaken this week an appar-
ently new Bavarian division was lo-
cated. It was afterward discovered
that this corps had been made up from
regiments taken from older divisions,
the fifth, sixth and seventh. Another
manoeuvre carried out by Germans
has been a combining out of regiments
and divisions by which groups of
young men of 25 were taken from
each company in the line and sent
back to Germany to form new units
of the Corps D'Elite. British officers
believe that it is on the Corps D'Elite
that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg
is placing his greatest reliance. Ac-
cording to information obtained here
the gaps in companies had not been
filled and the diminution in numbers
has been covered in some instances
by reducing the infantry regiments
from four battalions to three. One in-
fantry company was recently encoun-
tered with a rifle strength of 72 out of
a regular complement of 175. Land-
sturm regiments have recently been
identified on the front line. They
had formerly been employed in pa-
trolling the Dutch frontier and pro-
tecting the lines of communication.
According to prisoners the picked
men of the Landsturm are in the
trenches while those who are unfitted
for the hardships of the firing line
are on duty at depots in the rear.
Utilizing Landsturm battalions in this
way permits the organization of young
men divisions in Germany, and it is
these latter, British officers say,
whose movements are now depended
upon to withstand the shock of the

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coming battles. Many boys of 17 and
18 have also been found in the Ger-
man trenches by the British raiders.
The British staff is keenly interested
in a report that prior to the declara-
tion of unrestricted submarine war-
fare by Germany, Field Marshal Von
Bethmann Hollweg, "Everywhere our
front is invulnerable. The supply of
reserves is ample; the troops are in
good spirits and absolutely reliable."
The British point of view is that the
last three words of the statement con-
stitute an admission that doubts were
entertained in German circles as to
the reliability of their troops. There
is no disposition, however, to under-
estimate the stubborn resistance that
the Germans have the power of mak-
ing. The evacuation of Grandcourt
by the Germans and other minor suc-
cesses won by the British in their in-
itial proportion are interpreted as
meaning that the Germans are pre-
pared to give way at some points to
fall back upon carefully prepared
main lines of defence; lines that have
not been hammered by bombs and
shells, after the manner of so many
of the present front trenches. Artillery
is looked upon as a deciding fac-
tor in the coming battle and upon ar-
tillery the British have been concen-
trating their energy. There is a grim
realisation of the fact that it will be
tedious work trying to blast the Ger-
mans out of their main lines of de-
fence, but the British and French
commanders alike are confident in
their predictions that they will even-
tually force the fighting into the open.

WEATHER.—The weather across
country is strong N.E. wind and snow.
Temperatures about 20 above.

About Pictures and
their correct framing.

The art of Picture-framing is a more intricate
one than is generally understood. It is not merely
the making of a frame, but the selection of suit-
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(From the London Express.)

Amongst other quaint experiences
related by the Duchess of Westmin-
ster, who has been busy nursing the
wounded in her own private hospital
in France, is one that concerns a
wounded soldier who for some weeks
has had no solid food—nothing but
milk.

At length the doctor told him that
the next day he could have a light
meal, and the soldier, greatly rejoic-
ing, conjured up visions of undertone
beefsteak, potatoes, cheese, and so on.
What he was given for his first
meal, however, was about a table-
spoonful of tapioca. He swallowed it,
growing and grumbling.

"That's all the dinner you can have,"
the nurse said, "and the doctor orders
that everything else must be in the
same proportion."
The patient pushed away the plate:
"Well, I'll do some reading now," he
said. "Bring me a postage stamp."

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express reach-
ed Port aux Basques at 1 p.m. yes-
terday.

The incoming express reached the
city shortly after 1 p.m.
The local from Carbonear reached the
city at 1 p.m. to-day.

The Trepassey train is due here at
6 p.m. to-day; delayed by snow.

MORE DIPHTHERIA.—A 22-year-
old male resident of Corbett's Hill was
removed to the fever hospital to-day
suffering from diphtheria.

Here and There.

PORTIA REPORTED.—The s.s.
Portia left Grand Bank this morning,
201 1/2 west.

FLOUR IMPORTATIONS.—Since
the beginning of the year roughly 25-
000 barrels of flour have been brought
into St. John's.

NO MAIL FROM BELL ISLAND.—
Owing to the heavy sea at Portugal
Cove, 11 mail or passengers were
landed by the Bell Island mail steam-
er this morning. However, Mr. Roy
Hussey, the mail carrier, left for the
city this morning and up to press
hour had not arrived. It is impossible
to get along the road in places and
fences have to be broken down to
get the horses past.

NEW FISH BUSINESS IN ST.
JOHN'S.—It is understood that the
Gorton Fish Co., of Gloucester, have
taken over the premises of the United
Steam Co. from Mr. K. R. Prowse on
the Southside of the city, where they
will carry on an extensive fishery
business next summer. It is the in-
tention of the company, we under-
stand, to export "green" fish to the
United States and dry fish to Brazil
and Europe.

Winter Keeping Apples.

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Schr. Crashed
Into Ocean Liner.

A steamer arrived here yesterday
from a trans-Atlantic port reported
that on Monday night in a driving
snowstorm, when she was on the
Grand Banks she was run into by a
sailing vessel. The steamer was go-
ing through the storm at a fair rate
of speed at the time when suddenly
without warning a dark shape loomed
up to starboard and a few seconds
later there was a crash. The sailing
vessel struck the steamer heavily
about amidships and then disappeared
in the gloom. The steamer's engines
were immediately stopped and for
eleven hours she searched the vicinity
but could find no trace of the sailing
vessel.

It was so dark that it was impos-
sible for those on board the steamer to
tell the identity of the schooner when
she struck, but it is thought that she
may have been a fishing vessel. It
is hoped that she will be reported in
a day or so as having arrived at a
Newfoundland port with a broken
bowsprit and somewhat damaged bow,
but otherwise none the worse for the
collision. On the other hand it is pos-
sible that the force of the impact
smashed in the schooner's bows clear
to the waterline and that she sank
like a stone. The steamer had her
plates slightly dented and it will be
necessary to replace a few rivets.—
Halifax Chronicle.

Daylight Saving.

(From the New York Evening Post.)
The more one familiarizes himself
with the objects that it is expected
to attain by the change (daylight sav-
ing), the more one is inclined to ap-
prove it. Some of the claims made
in behalf of it are extravagant, or
even fantastic; but that is always the
case in such matters. The fact re-
mains that results of a most ben-
eficial kind are reasonably held out as
attainable by the daylight-saving pro-
ject, and that the objections to it ap-
pear to be inconsiderable in compar-
ison. And it should be particularly
noted that, unlike some projects of
reform, this is one which, if it does
not turn out well, can very easily be
undone. If, after trying the scheme
for a year or two, we do not like it,
no harm whatever will have occurred
during that time, and it will be just
as easy to set the clocks back to the
old way as it had been to set them
forward.

A BATTLESHIP'S LIFE.

We are continually reading in the
newspapers that various battleships
have been completed, launched, and
for how long they have been com-
missioned. There are probably few
people, however, who know how long
a battleship lasts.

The average life of a modern battle-
ship is about fifteen years. In the
old days a battleship was on active
service nearly the whole time of its
commission, which was about a hun-
dred years.

The Victory was forty years old
when she fought at Trafalgar, and the
Royal William, which was built in
1670, was not "scrapped" until 1812.
The first British ironclad cost
£400,000, and the Royal Oak, launch-
ed in 1892, was the first battleship to
cost a million pounds.

HEAVY ICE IN THE GULF.—The
despatching officer of the R. N. Co. re-
ceived a message from the s.s. Kyle
this morning giving her position as
50 miles off Channel and making good
progress in heavy ice. Channel and
nearly ports are at present block-
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