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BRITISH SHIPPING IS LITTLE TROUBLED BY THE GERMAN BLOCKADE

Scandinavian Neutrals, However, are Disturbed Over Situation—United States Investigating Loss of The Evelyn

London, Feb. 22.—Germany's submarine blockade continues to be the chief topic of interest in the United Kingdom, although British shipping apparently is moving with its usual freedom. The Scandinavian neutrals, however, are showing much alarm over the situation, a great sensation having been caused in those countries by the torpedoing of the Norwegian steamship Detfide off Folkestone last week.

Representatives of the Scandinavian government are holding another conference today and the outcome is being watched with interest by neutral shippers. The question of naval convoy is being seriously considered at the conference, but the guarded comments of newspapers show that it is clearly recognized that such a step might lead to war.

The question of the right of the crews of five Danish ships to sail for English ports is now before a court which is considering their excuse that Germany is not likely to respect a neutral flag.

Australian Fired At

Plymouth, Eng., Feb. 22.—The Western Daily Mercury says that when the Australian mail boat Maloja, with 400 passengers was entering the English Channel on Saturday afternoon, she was ordered to stop by an unknown armed merchantman. The mail boat ignored the order and made for Plymouth, whereupon the merchantman fired five shells at her although they fell short.

The Maloja anchored at Plymouth safely.

Washington Wants to Know

Washington, Feb. 22.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today ordered Commandant Howard U. S. Naval Attache in Berlin, to investigate and make a full report on the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn. So far advice merely has reported the sinking of the vessel and her cargo, but gave no details.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Sinking of the American steamer Evelyn off the German coast presumably by a mine, although the crew were saved, brought vividly before official Washington today the dangers to which American vessels are exposed in the waters adjacent to the belligerent coasts of Europe.

It was considered unlikely that there would be any diplomatic action resulting from the loss of the Evelyn, beyond claims for damages inasmuch as there is now no international convention in force prohibiting the laying of mines either for offensive or defensive purposes.

German Steamer Ashore

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—(Via London 22)—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says that the German steamer Anselma, cotton laden, bound from Gothenburg for Bremerhaven, has gone ashore near Malmo, Sweden, and that salvage steamer are attending her.

Berlin Report Denied

London, Feb. 22.—The official press bureau today issued an official denial of the report sent from Berlin that a British army transport had been sunk by a German submarine.

MARRIED WOMEN'S BILL IS PASSED IN QUEBEC HOUSE

Widows Whose Husbands Die Intestate Get at Least One-Third Estate

Quebec, Feb. 22.—Both houses of the legislature have decided to amend the law for remedying certain disabilities suffered by married women whose husbands have died intestate. All that now remains to have it become law is the sanction of the lieutenant-governor. In substance the bill provides that the surviving consort shall receive at least one-third and under prescribed conditions one-half the estate whereas at present the surviving consort, if no will exists, and when separated from her husband as to property, is excluded from the estate.

FOR THE BELGIANS

Mayor Feink has received contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund as follows:—Burnt Church, N. B., social, per Mrs. L. A. Murray, \$30; W. C. T. U. Club, Forest Glen, N. B., "Aid of little Belgian comrades" per C. M. McAulay, \$15.41; Mrs. E. C. Elkin, city, \$3.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis:—Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and over the western provinces, while a trough of low extends from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. The weather has been fair and comparatively mild in nearly all parts of the dominion.

About Same as Today.

Maritime:—Moderate winds, fair today and on Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

New England forecasts:—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Tuesday, probably rain, moderate, variable winds.

WILL GET THEIR PAY

L. R. Ross Has Word About Soldiers' From I. C. R. Headquarters

BACK TIME CHECKS HERE SOON

Presentation of Drums to 26th by Women's Canadian Club Tomorrow—More Volunteers Sign For The Next Contingent

The I. C. R. employees who volunteered for their positions back of their return from the war. Checks for back time would be forwarded in a few days.

A letter to that effect received for every employee of the road who had volunteered.

To Present Drums

Regimental drums will be presented at noon tomorrow in the armory by Lieut. Col. McAvity, in behalf of the 26th Battalion, to the members of the Women's Canadian Club. The gift is greatly appreciated.

There are two brass drums, each embellished with the crest of the battalion, one for the file and drum band, the other for the bugle corps. They will be on exhibition this afternoon, and tomorrow morning in the windows of M. R. A., Ltd., in King street.

The club had at first intended to present colors to the regiment, but owing to certain military regulations, it was decided to change the gift to drums. As many members of the club as can do so are expected to be present at the presentation.

More Volunteers

Recruiting at the local headquarters continues in quite an encouraging manner. Because of the comparative ease with which the recruiting for the mounted unit was proceeded with, and the fact that men are still applying for places in this regiment, both here and in other parts of the province, special efforts are being made in the vicinity of present colors to the regiment, but owing to certain military regulations, it was decided to change the gift to drums.

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Local 40th

Training today with the 26th battalion and the Army Service Company consisted of drill in the vicinity of their barracks. The 26th expected to have a route march this afternoon. Many of the members of the army service unit were inoculated today with the anti-typhoid serum.

INDIANS AND WHITES IN COLORADO IN BATTLE

Already Several Killed in Attempt to Arrest Piute Leader on Murder Charge

Denver, Colo., Feb. 22.—After a battle throughout the night near Big Horn, a posse of twenty-six white men, led by United States Marshal Aquila Nebeker, bands of citizens from various towns in Utah, were preparing today to go to the assistance of the whites. The Indians also have been reinforced. Two Indians and one white man were killed, and two Indians captured. One of those killed was an Indian maiden who was said to have run into the line of battle.

The fight started early on Sunday morning, when the whites, after several days' journey by wagon from Cortez, Colo., arrived at the camp of Tae-Ne-Gat, a Piute Indian leader, whose arrest on a charge of murder was sought.

DEATH OF M. N. DAY

The death of William N. Day, aged sixty-eight years, occurred this morning at his home, 14 Visart street, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Day formerly was a resident of Greenwich, Kings county, where he had a large farm. He removed to the city only two years ago. He is survived by his wife, one son, Alexander, of this city; two brothers, Edgar, of Greenwich Hill, and John, of this city; and three sisters, Mrs. L. Belyea, of Brown's Flats; Mrs. Samuel Short, of Boston; and Mrs. John Orburg, of New York. The funeral service will be held at his residence on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and on Wednesday morning the body will be taken to Brown's Flats for interment.

Newspapers Suffer by Fire

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 22.—The building and entire plant of the Register and Tribune, afternoon newspapers, were destroyed by fire on Sunday. The loss exceeds \$250,000, about three-fourths of which was covered by insurance.

Sympathy for Lady Roberts

London, Feb. 22.—Lady Roberts, widow of Earl Roberts, has received an honored recognition of sympathy on the death of her husband, drawn up by the British American and Des Moines Tribunes, afternoon newspapers, were destroyed by fire on Sunday. The loss exceeds \$250,000, about three-fourths of which was covered by insurance.

HERE FROM NEW YORK

John Mahony, of New York, formerly a well-known resident of the North End, is in the city renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Mahony is on the editorial staff of the New York Citizen. He is one of many St. John boys who have made a success in that profession in the States.

French and Germans Locked In Mighty Grapple For Hold on Vosges Heights

Paris, Feb. 22.—A severe engagement has developed in front of Colmar, in the Vosges Mountains, where the French and Germans are locked in a grapple for the possession of strategic heights along the Fecht River. Both sides are claiming successes in that vicinity. The struggle extends over a six-mile front, between the pass of Bon Homme and Colmar, in the immediate vicinity of Sulzera, Hohrodberg, Hohlrod and Weiser-Im-Thal.

Despite storms of wind, rain and snow, the French fought their way to the crest of several hills held by the Germans, and routed the Kaiser's forces from their trenches at the point of the bayonet. The battlefront lies in the form of a crescent, stretching to the northeast and to the southeast from Sulzera. The Germans, after being driven from their high positions, retreated towards the east, but afterwards delivered counter attacks against the French.

SWISS SOLDIERS BRING DOWN AEROPLANE SAID TO BE GERMAN

Berne, via Paris, Feb. 22.—Swiss soldiers yesterday opened fire on an aeroplane, said to be a German, which flew over Bonfil. The machine was struck by nine bullets and the pilot was forced to descend at Perrette after hovering over the positions at Rechesy.

"Faked" Picture of The Lion Sinking

Germans Going the Limit in Lying Stories To Bolster Up Case at Home

London, Feb. 22.—A despatch to the Daily Express dated "On the Belgian frontier, Sunday," says: "One of the marvels of the war is the manner in which the German government continues to hypnotize the German people in connection with its military adventures, in Germany and Belgium, said, with a cynical smile—

"The most important cabinet position in Germany is that of minister of magic. He is the person who controls the deception department, and whoever he is, he has the average company promoter beaten to death.

"When the speaker left Bremen the day before Germany's blockade the church bells were ringing furiously in honor of the capture of the entire Russian general staff by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. When he was in Hamburg, the publication of an official bulletin announcing the surrender of three Russian army corps advanced the despondent merchants of that idle city into something like enthusiasm."

New York, Feb. 22.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald says: "Further extraordinary efforts of the Wilhelmstrasse to inspire courage among the German people, is admirably shown in one of the latest issues of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. This newspaper, which is very close to the government, publishes by trying to catch up to him, the sinking of the British battle cruiser Lion in the recent naval engagement. The photograph is so obviously 'faked' that it is difficult to believe that it is not a 'victorious' picture of the great mass of unsuspecting Germans. Yet it is evidently calculated to carry an enthusiasm and conviction to the great mass of unsuspecting Germans. The picture is a 'victorious' picture of the allies at the battle of the Marne, which forced the Germans away from Paris, and is described in the paper as a 'dolorous' effort to catch the allies in a trap," so the disastrous German defeat at sea is officially dubbed a "victorious fight from the enemy."

There was more than a little interest among neutral naval attaches here at Berlin, Feb. 22.—The German official statement issued today announces that the capture of the battleship Mauretius, of the German fleet, has been increased to seven generals and more than 100,000 men and that the pieces of cannon taken number 160.

POPE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN UP PEACE MATTER WITH KAISER

Rome Paper Says Reports at Vatican Show Germany Modifying Her Views

Rome, Feb. 22.—Reports received by the department of state of the Vatican, says the Giornale d'Italia, show that Germany, although maintaining an excellent military position, feels serious about the consequences of the war and therefore has modified materially her views on peace conditions to be "imposed" on paper adds:—The Pontiff considers such a condition of affairs lends itself favorably to diplomatic steps. It is reported among the members of the legislature and the three city engineers, Messrs. Murdoch, Hatfield and Armstrong.

After the luncheon there will be a discussion of local problems which will be presented to the visiting experts with the aid of maps and plans. Afterwards he will be taken around the city so that he can investigate the situation personally. In the evening Mr. Adams will address a public meeting. As the gathering is expected to be a large one it was said today the meeting place had not yet been arranged for.

DEATHS IN ENGLISH NOBILITY

Heir of One is at Present Interred in Germany

London, Feb. 22.—Sir William Eden, artist and land owner, died yesterday. His eldest son was killed at Ypres in November, and the heir to the baronetcy is at present interred in Germany.

London, Feb. 22.—Sir Charles Augustus Hartley, noted engineer, died today. He was born in 1825. He devoted most of his career to hydraulic engineering and the improvement of estuaries and harbors for the purpose of navigation.

CHARLES E. B. DEAD AT HIS DAUGHTER'S HOME IN SUSSEX

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 22.—Charles E. B. an honored and lifelong resident of Kings county, died on Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leon Dyer, aged sixty-nine years. He was well known throughout the county and was a devoted member of the Main street Baptist church. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dyer and two sons, Ira L. of Moosejaw, and William A. of Sussex. The funeral will take place this afternoon with service in the Main street Baptist church and interment in the town cemetery. Rev. M. McDonald officiated.

HOLIDAY IN STATES

This being a public holiday in the United States in celebration of the birthday of George Washington, there are no stock exchange reports.

Struggle in Carpathians Is a Gigantic Battle

Fifty Days of Fighting Along 300 Mile Front of Range—One Position Has Changed Hands 100 Times—Russians' Report is Favorable

Venice, via London, Feb. 22.—The Hungarian newspapers contain vivid accounts of the struggle in the Carpathians, where a gigantic battle has been in progress for fifty days along the whole front of mountains some 300 miles in length. No true picture of the general situation can be painted since it changes from day to day and from night to night.

In the first of the engagements the troops were moved with machine-like formation, but now individual heroism finds freer play. Violent attacks are repelled with reckless abandon. Sometimes a position will be gained and lost again three times within twenty-four hours. There is one height which has been stormed 100 times, and even now either side can claim to hold it. No sooner is it won and the victors installed on it, than the vanquished gather new forces and storm it again.

Meanwhile the Russians are gathering immense additional forces in the centre of the Carpathians.

Petrograd, Feb. 22.—A War Office communique shows the Tenth Russian army had a narrow escape from destruction in East Prussia, but that it finally extricated itself, though heavy losses were inflicted on both sides.

The recent German losses in Galicia were suffered in fighting southwest of Tarnow, the Tustonic troops having attempted an offensive in the region of Zaleszy. This was repulsed.

WHY RUSSIANS LEFT EAST PRUSSIA

Petrograd, Feb. 22.—Explanation of the Russian retreat from East Prussia is contained in a communication given out last night by the general staff. Success of the German coup is attributed largely to lack of strategic railways, which prevented the Russians from concentrating "with necessary rapidity on our East Prussian front forces independent of the war of the drive of the enemy."

The general staff asserts that the massing of German troops in Prussia was revealed to the Russians on February 4, but that the magnitude of the concentration did not become known until several days later. Because of these conditions, it is stated, withdrawal of the Tenth Russian army from East Prussia towards the frontier was decided upon. This was followed later by a further retreat towards the Niemen and the Bolya rivers.

RUSSIANS TAKE HEIGHTS AFTER DESPERATE FIGHT

Petrograd, Feb. 22.—An official communication says that the Russians have taken the heights of Myto Kosularka and in the region of Neurosema all have been repulsed.

"After a desperate struggle, our troops captured heights southeast of Dulka and several days later. Because of these conditions, it is stated, withdrawal of the Tenth Russian army from East Prussia towards the frontier was decided upon. This was followed later by a further retreat towards the Niemen and the Bolya rivers.

"In South Galicia the enemy has occupied Stanislav."

Gas Fees \$500,000

London, Feb. 22.—Emperor Nicholas of Russia has given 1,000,000 rubles (\$500,000) to the charitable societies of Warsaw, Russian Poland, according to a dispatch received by the Inter-Telegram Company from Petrograd.

PROSECUTION OF GORKY GIVEN UP

Petrograd, Feb. 22.—The prosecution instituted against Maxim Gorky, Russian author, several years ago, for his socialist anti-government propaganda, which necessitated his self-exile for several years, has been abandoned definitely.

OPERATION ON FAMOUS ACTRESS IS PERFORMED

Bordeaux, Feb. 22.—The right leg of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, famous tragedienne, was amputated today in the St. Augustine Hospital in Avrillon.

BELIEVE WESTERN POSTMASTER SUICIDE

Broadview, Sask., Feb. 22.—Postmaster H. C. Hinchey was found lying dead across the mail sacks in his office with a bullet in his head. It is supposed to be a case of suicide.

SAID BOYS WIRE STONING HIM

Frank Carson charged with cruelty to an animal was before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning and allowed to go with a warning. Policeman Hamm testified that Carson had a cow fixed to the back of his wagon and it was being dragged along. He ordered him to release it, which he did, but later he again tied the animal in the same position and was reported. Carson explained that the boys were stoning it and the horse was becoming unmanageable. Edmund S. Ritchie appeared on his behalf.

SEEK MAINE PASTORATE

At the Skowhegan, Me., First Baptist church yesterday Rev. M. Forth of Aylesford, N. S., preached as a candidate for pastor.

ARRANGE FOR VISIT OF TOWN PLANNING EXPERT

A meeting of the town planning commission was held this morning at 67½ hall, Mayor Feink presiding, with commissioners Wignome and Potts, W. F. Burditt and R. T. Hayes present.

The discussion of plans for the entertainment of Thomas Adams, a noted town planning expert, was the object of the meeting, and arrangements were made for his reception here early next week. At one o'clock he will be the guest of the mayor and city commissioners at luncheon in the Union Club. Those present will include the two other members of the town planning commission, the city and county members of the legislature and the three city engineers, Messrs. Murdoch, Hatfield and Armstrong.

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IN EFFECT ON APRIL 1

The new militia regulation providing that half of the pay of all non-commissioned officers and men of the overseas forces, whose wives or mothers are drawing separation allowances, shall be paid direct to their families, will go into effect on April 1, and not March 1, as previously announced. Provision is made for exceptions to this rule upon the complaint of the soldier if proper reasons can be given for making the exception. When the new rule goes into effect it will greatly lessen the drain on the patriotic fund.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Sister Mary Bernard took place this morning following requiem high mass, which was celebrated at eight o'clock in St. Vincent's Chapel by Rev. M. O'Brien. Final absolution was given by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc. Rev. Fathers Duke and Howland were in the sanctuary. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Mary Manning Skinner took place this afternoon from her late residence, King street East, at 1:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barracough, after which interment took place in Fernhill. Many friends attended.

The funeral of Mrs. James W. Hannan took place this afternoon from her late residence at the corner of King and Ludlow streets, West St. John. Rev. A. J. Archibald officiated at burial services and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL WITHOUT FINE; THREE MORE OR PAY \$50

Samuel London, Soldier, Taught That it is Unwise to Act in Streets as He Did

Samuel London, a member of the 26th Battalion, who was arrested on Saturday night by Policeman McLane on a charge of drunkenness, using obscene language and assaulting Miss Gladys Graham by catching hold of her and tearing her coat, was sentenced to six months in jail without a fine and in addition \$50 or three months in jail by Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning.

McLane testified that while he and Policeman Gill were walking down Union street near the corner of Brussels street at the corner of Brussels street when they saw London and another man who were taken up in the police court this morning and further adjourned until Tuesday afternoon at 11 o'clock. D. King Hansen appeared for London.

Robert Sharpe, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of supplying liquor to soldiers in the I. C. R. station was being warned against his actions in the future.

ROTARY CLUB MEN WHO ARE GOING TO HALIFAX

The members of the St. John Rotary Club who are to visit for Halifax tonight to pay a visit to the Rotary Club here, are—A. P. Allingham, president; Stan F. Jamieson, secretary; H. L. Gantner, H. C. Creighton, H. D. Marr, Dr. W. E. Rowley, C. Winter, Brown, R. H. Watt, M. McMurray, Chas. Munro, F. A. Dykeman, J. M. Roche, F. H. Quirk, H. C. Brown, H. B. Robinson, A. Everett, T. R. Smith, R. W. Wignome, R. E. Armstrong, T. H. McGuire, John H. Bond, E. Clark Brown, J. H. Farrell, E. C. Weyman, Dr. Merrill, W. A. Stuart, and Rev. J. J. McCaskill.

CHAMPION PUGLIST HAS REACHED HAVANA

Havana, Feb. 22.—Jack Johnson, accompanied by his wife, secretary, sporting partner and a servant, arriving here early this morning from Centogues. Johnson said his only anxiety now was to reach Havana in time for his match with Jess Willard on March 6.

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