

BRITISH THEATRE on Monday and Tuesday!

"A Martyr of the Present"—Powers Drama.

KING BAGGOTT and ARLINE PRETTY in

"THE FIVE-POUND NOTE."

A good, lively story of how the son of an English Nobleman made good.

UNIVERSAL ANIMATED WEEKLY NEWS—Full of most interesting items.

ON WEDNESDAY—"INHERITED SIN," eighth episode of "THE BLACK BOX."

It's Great—THE NICKEL TO-DAY—It's Great

Broadway's Biggest Sensation, The Smashing Hit, "413."

A three-part Vitagraph melo-drama with a thousand thrills—the most realistic train wreck ever filmed. Julia Swayne Gordon, Anita Stewart and Harry North.

Thirteenth Chapter of THE SERIAL BEAUTIFUL, "THE GODDESS."

BY ALL MEANS TAKE IN TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AT THE NICKEL. Wednesday—EXPLOITS OF ELAINE. Friday—The WOMAN, 2 acts, with CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.15 A.M.

THE WAR BUDGET.

LONDON, Feb. 28. Throughout the entire sector of Verdun, except on the western bank of the Meuse River, where the German bombardment slackened somewhat, artillery duels are still in vast proportions. To the southeast the French at Fresnes in the Woëvre region have put down the German attacks against that town, but the Germans have inaugurated an important movement in Champagne district, where by a surprise attack they succeeded in entering the French advanced position of the supporting trench over a front of nearly a mile, capturing more than a thousand men. Notwithstanding fresh reserves the French have thrown into the fray at the front of Douaumont, the German War Office declared their efforts had been fruitless and that the Germans advanced their lines towards Bras and Vacherauville. It is also claimed the French from the Meuse Peninsula southward from Samogneux west of Vacherauville. On the Russian front around Friedland and Hlousket there has been heavy artillery and machine gun and rifle firing. In Galicia the Russians repulsed an attempt by Austro-Hungarians to capture trenches on the Middle Stripa River. The Austrians according to Vienna, put down with sanguinary losses an Italian attack against positions on both sides of Monte San Michele, east of Azio and also destroyed an Italian trench on the Gorizia bridgehead. The Russians are still operating successfully against the Turks who fled from Erzerum and the Ottoman forces in the Persian battle zone.

WILL PERMIT DYE STUFFS TO GO TO AMERICA.

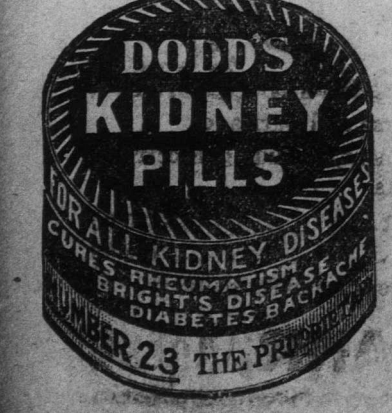
WASHINGTON, To-day. Britain will permit two cargoes of dye stuffs, valued at \$5,000,000 from Rotterdam to the United States. Ambassador Page, London, advised the State Department officials here he is hopeful that Germany will make an exception in its embargo by granting a permission for their exportation. Ambassador Page said the British Foreign Office had given him assurances that the cargoes would not be interfered with.

GERMANY WILL SINK ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Germany in a formal note presented by Count Von Bernstorff to the Secretary of State Lansing today reiterates the assurances regarding future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania case and declares these assurances have not been modified by the memorandum setting forth its intention to treat armed merchantmen of the Entente Allies as auxiliary cruisers after midnight to-morrow. Attempts to justify the issuance of the memorandum by presenting evidence of assertions designed to prove the British Government instructed merchantmen to use their armament for the purpose of attack in violation of assurances given to the United States.

SHIPPING INSURANCE RATES INCREASED.

LONDON, To-day. The recent heavy losses in shipping, especially during the week-end from floating mines and other causes,



MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.

resulted in stiffening the insurance rates. Underwriters last week quoted rates of shipping to the continent which were almost prohibitive. To-day's figures for the east coast traffic show an increase from ten shillings to twenty shillings per cent; insurance for Mediterranean and other voyages has not changed appreciably though there is more hesitation than heretofore in accepting risks. This probably is due to the fear of fresh submarine activity beginning on March 1st, when the German and Austrian decrees concerning the treatment of annual merchantmen as warships take effect.

WILL ITALY DECLARE WAR AGAINST GERMANY.

LONDON, To-day. Great interest has been displayed here in the possibility of a declaration of war against Germany by Italy when the Italian Parliament opens. At the date of the adjournment in December, it was stated Parliament would be convened on March 1st. According to Rome the Italian Government has not yet decided whether it will yield to the popular demand for war with Germany. The Italian newspaper press, however, the Italian Cabinet Council yesterday voted to make the declaration a subject for Parliament only if the Government is pressed to do so.

U. S. NAVAL SUGGESTIONS.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The Navy General Board's conception of the needs of the United States Navy has been outlined to the House Naval Committee yesterday by Rear Admiral Knight, President of the War Naval College. In formulating the policy that the Navy should equal the strongest fleet in the world, he said the Board had in mind the establishment of two fleets, one in the Pacific powerful enough to overcome any enemy there, the other in the Atlantic, where it would be exceeded in strength only by the British fleet. He said he would accomplish this purpose by increasing the number of ships from 100 to 150 possibilities of international complications.

FRIHTLEF CARNAGE IN BATTLE—TREMENDOUS COUNTER-ATTACKS BY FRENCH.

PARIS, To-day. A frightful massacre is how the German soldiers take prisoners at the battle of Verdun describe the effect of French artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, but the impetus of any confusion, but the French immediately during the first four days, because fresh troops were thrown into the battle unceasingly. Advanced matter what the losses may be was the order given German troops before the attack. This was verified by documents found on one of the captured officers. The most critical moment of the six days' action was the entrenchment camp by the capture of fort Douaumont, the least hesitation on the part of the defenders would have been disastrous. The Germans redoubled their efforts to take advantage of any confusion, but the French immediately began a counter-offensive. The French infantry advanced at double quick trumpet charge and leapt at the first rank of the Germans with irresistible fury. The clash was murderous to both sides, but the thinned French ranks were not to be denied but went on to the second German wing while reinforcements were hurried to their support. The German lines wavered first west of Douaumont and then were driven out of the ruins of the fort. A cry of triumph went up all along the French line and the order of counter-attack was redoubled. In the meantime the artillery duel, surpassing in intensity any previous action of the war, added carnage, and the battle seems now to have reached a critical point. The assaulting forces recoiled slightly in the region of Douaumont leaving the fort occupied by French troops. The attacks upon the French left at Cole Du Poivre seemed to have completely failed. However, attacks made repeatedly with such heavy masses as the Germans are constantly bringing up is admitted by military authorities always likely to make further gains, provided the officers are willing to pay the price in human life. There is no exaggerated optimism to be found in military circles here, but the check of German attacking in such formidable numbers, is regarded by them as one of the greatest achievements of the war, and it is generally held events have taken a turn quite favourable to French arms during the last 24 hours.

11.15 A.M.

LONDON EDITORIAL COMMENT ON FRENCH BATTLE SITUATION.

LONDON, To-day. The morning newspapers to-day devote many columns of space to the situation on the western battle front. The fighting around Verdun divides attention with the new German offensive in Champagne, to which the Times particularly attaches importance. The expected offensive in Champagne, says the Times, has not been long in coming. The German stroke which succeeded in penetrating both advanced supporting trenches in the neighborhood of Navarin Farm, but claims made by the German official communication may safely be regarded as exaggerated. The region is deeply scored with French defence works as formidable as these around Verdun. Should the German offensive develop further, the French will be found to be fully prepared. Regarding Verdun, the Times states while the situation is still serious, the French will have signal advantages in any further German attempts at advance. Newspapers compare the French evacuation of the east front of Verdun and the British withdrawal from the Gallipoli Peninsula, saying the Germans did not discover for six days that the French trenches were empty. The Times' comments on the German attempt with battery pieces on the town of Verdun, but points out the town was evacuated by the civil population before the battle began. The Daily Telegraph's military expert is scarcely so confident as other writers regarding Verdun. He declares the temporary lull probably means the Germans are bringing up heavy artillery closer to the permanent works of the fortress. He emphasized the importance of the German success in crossing the main road of railway which connects Verdun and Metz through Conflans. The editors generally emphasize the probable enormous loss of the Germans. The Daily Mail compares the Verdun battle with the German attack on the Russians at Danajec River in Poland last April, where on the fifth day, the Germans broke the Russian lines and the defence collapsed. In Danajec battle the Germans fired seven hundred thousand shells in four hours. The correspondent writes that the Verdun bombardment was equally violent, having already completely changed the very appearance of the town and countryside. Nevertheless the Daily Mail's writer believes the situation is now well in hand, except for the danger of a German attempt of some new form of attack such as by aircraft or gas.

MORE STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. The Swedish steamer Knippla struck a mine and sunk south of Falsterbo, Sweden, the crew were rescued. The 521 tons fighting steamer, Lilly Reach, has been sunk. Eight of the crew are missing.

FIGHT FOR VERDUN GOES ON WITH INCREASING VIOLENCE.

PARIS, To-day. The fight for possession of Verdun goes on with increasing violence, multiplying the dead and wounded. The losses have got beyond the calculators. It is impossible to verify how many reinforcements the Germans have brought up, but military critics believe that of the three hundred thousand men who began the attack few will be left at the end of the first fighting for Verdun. The object of all this sacrifice is now nothing but an ancient fortress, according to authoritative information. Germans take it they will find it but an empty shell. The Fort Douaumont before which such a sacrifice of lives has been made by its assailants holds neither cannon nor garrison. It is six months since the French, putting into practice the lesson of war showing fortresses are more vulnerable than field works, unclassified Verdun and all its provisions and munitions as well as these in the surrounding forts were sent to the rear. Eighty thousand men and several hundred cannon would have been the trophy of the conquest of the place in September, 1914. To-day Verdun is not a fortress, has neither cannon nor garrison and no provisions except for the needs of a population. The value of the town itself is scarcely more than that of any one village north taken by the Germans the last six days, since it was never anything more than a military stronghold. The attitude of the people and press of France is calm. The confidence which is heightened by pride in the heroic counter attacks the French are making and the reliance placed not in Verdun nor in any other strongholds but in the army, which the Germans

11.30 P.M.

VERDUN SITUATION BETTER FOR FRENCH.

PARIS, To-day. Military critics here believe that the German forces, which at the beginning of the battle around Verdun, numbered probably half a million, now exceed 750,000. The situation is now decidedly better for the French commonly used this morning in Paris, regarding the struggle for the great French stronghold. The French are beginning to react vigorously against the German bludgeon strokes and which are having less effect, and are being delivered with diminishing energy. It is expressed here that they are renewed against the real situation. The fact that the battle is now shifting is taken as a sign that the German general staff has begun to despair of making any real impression on the French defence.

St. Pierre Bulletin.

Paris Official, Midnight 28th. In the Argonne our heavy batteries and field artillery opened up the German communications especially in the district of Cheppy-Wood. At hill 288 we exploded a mine and occupied the German position. The German both artilleries are very active, except in sector west of Meuse where they were repulsed by our fire and counter-attacks. During the day the Germans attempted several partial attacks which were repulsed by our fire and counter-attacks. In district north of Verdun our artilleries are very active in Lorraine our artilleries are very active in the region of Verdun. Both sides were well known here.

Sinbad and Carlton Well Known Here.

A message last night from London stated that, according to Lloyd's, the Sinbad, which was sunk by the German, had been sunk and that eleven members of her crew were saved and two killed. The Scoutford was 897 tons. The Sinbad ran here from Montreal in the flour trade for four or five years and was sold on the other side last year. The Carlton, later re-named, which was also sunk by a mine in the North Sea last week, piloted in the St. Lawrence river with the Sinbad. Both ships were well known here.

The Plebiscite.

This morning Mr. Hunt, who is acting before the Plebiscite Act. Mr. Justice Johnson in argument on the last revised voters supplementary list and other points in connection with the Plebiscite Act. Mr. Kent, K.C. and Mr. Balfour were also heard. After hearing counsel Mr. Justice Johnson decided to consider the sections of acts quoted and will likely give his decision in a day or two as to whether the figures of the last revised supplementary list affect the recent election or not.

Oporto Market.

In a message to the Board of Trade from Oporto to-day the latest condition of the market was given as follows. Last week. Prev. week. Stocks (N.R.) 3,535 3,525. Consignments 3,525 3,520. Stocks (N.R.) 410 410. Consignments 390 390.

Train Notes.

Sunday's No. 1 arrived at Port aux Basques at 2 a.m. To-day. Yesterday's express, outward, left Gambo at 8.20 a.m. A freight train, reached the city this a.m. The southern shore train arrived at 11.40 a.m. and the local via Briggs at 12.50 p.m. But few passengers came to the city.

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind W.S.W. light, weather dull, no vessels in sight; stob ice packing in on landward; shore clear eastward. Bar. 28.98; Ther. 40.

REIDS' BOATS.

The Argyle left Red Island at 3.50 p.m. and returned at 7.20 this a.m. for N. Sydney. The Meggie left LaPolle at 11 a.m. yesterday, going west. The Sagona is at Port aux Basques. The Glencoe is at the dock premises.

Here and There.

MOVING TO-DAY.—Mr. Mullaly is moving his office effects to-day. LARGE PARCEL POST.—A large parcel post arrived by the Durango.

STILL ON DOCK.—The steamers Coban and Fogota are still on dock receiving an extensive overhauling.

TO JOIN UNIT.—One of Mr. R. Callahan's sons will leave in a few days to join a Canadian hospital unit for the front.

OFFICER LEAVING.—Constable P. Edwards of the West End is leaving to play the billiard table on a better paid position in the city.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.—The B. I. S. expect to start their annual billiard tournament next week and many names have been secured for the contest.

Get BRITISH COLONEL Tobacco, light or dark, 15c. cut, from J. J. WHELAN'S GROCERY.—Feb 29, 11

THE BUTLER CHARGES.—Mrs. Butler, who is now on remand on several charges of larceny, will be arraigned in the Magistrate's Court Saturday next.

BELL ISLAND CLEAR.—Persons from Bell Island this morning report the "fickle" clear of ice and the steamers plying there are making schedule passages.

POLICE COURT.—(Before Mr. Hutchings, J.P.) A fisherman of Briggs charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, also for using foul language in a public street, was fined \$5 or 14 days.

TO ESTABLISH BAIT FREEZERS.—Mr. M. F. Condon, of the city, will leave here in a day or two to establish several bait freezing plants north. He will visit Princeton, Trinity, Bonavita, Catalina and other districts for the purpose.

RELEASED ON BONDS.—The young man Francis Piercey, who was held on a charge of arson, was released from custody last evening on bonds of \$1,500. He will stand his second trial at the next criminal session of the Supreme Court in May next. The jury in the last trial having disagreed.

NICKEL THROUGHT TO SEE BIG PICTURES.

The pictures at the Nickel Theatre yesterday were of the best quality and there were large attendances both afternoon and evening. The house is always crowded houses to see "The Goddess," but yesterday the attendance was greater than usual because everyone was anxious to see the wonderful melo-drama "413." This thrilling film is perfectly staged and splendidly acted. Nothing like it was ever displayed at the Nickel before. Then there was "The Goddess" the most beautiful of all. Nothing like it was ever displayed at the Nickel before. This dainty story is now drawing to a close and has become more attractive towards the end. Those who were unable to attend yesterday should be sure and go. To-morrow there will be another grand holiday bill which includes "The New Exploits of Elaine." Another big Charlie Chaplin hit entitled "The Woman" is coming to the Nickel shortly.

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WEATHER ON RAILWAY.—The weather along the railway to-day is calm and dull, with temperature ranging from 29 to 30 above. Pink and flesh-color braides are very much used for the new corsets. Hip puffings in contrasting materials are appearing on the new skirts. Heavy cords and shirtings are much used for defining the waistline.

A Double... The citizen... service to the State... Through the... holders the Canada... over \$5,000,000... loan, and in 1911... municipal debt... and utility bonds... the general progress... Unless gather... this way the... meant nothing... The funds... \$56,217,000, are... usefully, the sum... being one of the... pany's history... holders in the year... The... you on... He... C. A. C.

Desperate Battle on the Southern Russian Front. The Charge of Ivanoff's Troops. Close Formation Against... of Machine Guns—One... Greatest Feats of the War... Bayonet Fight in Trenches... London, Feb. 6.—The Exchange... respondent in Petrograd, in... message dealing with General... off's offensive on the southern... of the Russian front, reports... that the Austrians here have... entirely beaten by a superior... ally, and only a reckless wave... fantry has saved them from a... bacle. The charges of Russia... in close formation against... of machine guns, all firing... break, he writes, is one of the... est feats of the war. The... trenches, being entirely destr... full of earth and corpses, were... extraordinarily hard to hold... trians, spending their infant... out shrinking, sent wave after... of men into the lost earth... the result of prolonged heavy... bats, some of which ended... a few on either side were left... Raxanne attacks produced any... matic incidents. The Russian... tery behind their rolling... advanced on the first Aust... Before the trench, as was... was a mine. Volunteers... rush over the mine so that... be exploded, ensuring the... the men to follow. The Rus... shields stuck in the deep... rian bombers, seeing their... rushed out. As they crossed... own mine-field an explosion... all, and one of their bounding... a freak, fell and exploded... attackers' shield. More Aust... again with bombs advanced... hand-to-hand fight followed... East of Toropuzt was... of bloodiest fighting on record... were made in thick masses, and... Austrian, counter-attacking... equally thick masses, in the hor...

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