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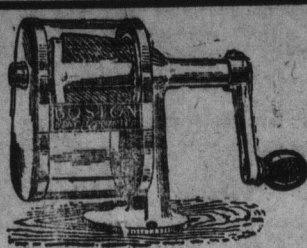
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PERSONAL

Edward Flood and Mrs. Flood, of Trinidad, Barbados, are in the city. Mr. Flood is Trade Commissioner of the West Indies.

Col. Beverly Armstrong, of Halifax, Mrs. Armstrong and child, arrived yesterday at Rothery and are the guests of Judge Armstrong.

Miss Charlotte Brown has returned to the city after some weeks spent at Hampstead on the St. John River.

THRILLING BATTLE BETWEEN SUBMARINE AND STEAMER

Two Lives Lost During Fight Which Ended When Steamer Luca Blank Was Sent To Bottom By U-Boat Off Halifax—Missing Boat of Sunken Vessel Is Safe.

Halifax, Aug. 6.—Another example of the heroism and bravery of the men of mercantile marine of the allied ships was related when the crew of the Imperial oil tanker Luca Blanca were landed here after being engaged in a running, grueling battle of shell and torpedo with a Hun U-boat of the latest and largest type, 35 miles off the lights at the entrance to Halifax harbor.

The Luca Blanca, accompanied by another oil tanker, sailed from Halifax at 6.30 yesterday morning bound for Mexico. She was armed with a single 12-pounder, while the other steamer had no protection against the sea pirates whatever. The armed ship led the way, her sister ship following close in her wake. Each carried a crew of 36 men, some of whom were foreigners.

At 11.30 o'clock, the day being fine and clear, five hours after weighing anchor, and while 35 miles off the lights at the entrance to the harbor, the Luca Blanca was struck in the stern by a torpedo, which rent a large hole in her bottom and shook the steamer from stem to stern. Instantly the presence of a Hun Sea Wolf was realized and equally as quick she was spotted on the horizon about three miles off. Both oil tankers turned about, with the intention of eluding the pirate and making port safe again. The unarmed ship, being in the rear made good her escape, got away safely and reached port without having suffered any damage whatever from the submarine.

Struck in Stern.

With the Luca Blanca, it was a fight to a finish. Never were the captain and crew daunted by the enemy, and although their steamer was very badly damaged, sinking steadily at the stern and with her single 12-pounder seriously crippled, she put up a great fight, and for three hours the U-boat and the tanker engaged in a grueling battle, which was a grueling three hour battle, with

the tanker slowly outclassed—but undaunted. For three hours shells burst with terrifying rapidity all over the Luca Blanca, shelling the bridge and the rest of her deck work being carried away early in the engagement, but never did the crew falter, although two of their men were killed outright by the bursting of a shell on the after deck, where they were engaged in trying to stop the ship from settling in the stern.

But the struggle was too one-sided to last, and at 20 minutes after three after three hours of a most terrific battle, the Luca Blanca, with her engine disabled and her steering gear, the stern and crew took to the lifeboats, while the shells burst all about him, and even after the three hours of a regular and precision. During the battle two of the crew were killed and several were wounded, one man having his leg blown off. The crew occupied three lifeboats, and nineteen of their number in two of the boats were rescued by an American revenue cutter, which had received the S. O. S., about three-quarters of an hour after leaving the ill-fated ship.

Missing Boat Safe.

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Letters have been received in the city by friends of Private Wm. F. Boyle, who went overseas with the Engineers' Battalion about July 1. The soldier states he is enjoying the life fine, and likes it very much. They had quite an uneventful trip whilst proceeding over the Atlantic and landed safely, where they were met by a craft whatever. He expected to remain in England for a time. Before proceeding overseas Pte. Boyle was a member of No. 9 Siege Battery, but transferred to the Engineers, that he might be enabled to follow his trade. Many friends in the city wish him success in the military life, and a safe return again.

The captains of the Headquarters' team protested a game played with the Acadias on July 18, it being contended that a wrong decision had been given by the umpire. The game will be replayed at a later date.

The secretary was instructed to draw up a new schedule as there are ten games yet to be played. Considerable other business was discussed before the meeting adjourned.

August 6th, 1918.
On account special event taking place at St. Martins on Wednesday, August 7th, there will be a change in the time table on the St. Martin branch on August 7th and 8th, as follows:

August 7th.
Leave St. Martins 6.00 a. m.
Arrive Hampton 6.15 a. m.
Leave St. Martins 10.15 a. m.
Arrive St. Martins 12.50 p. m.
Leave St. Martins 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Hampton 6.45 p. m.

August 8th.
Leave Hampton 2.00 p. m.
Arrive St. Martins 4.00 p. m.
The through connection from Saint John on August 7th will be on the 8.00 a. m. suburban train, and the return trip will be on the evening suburban de Saint John 8.25 p. m.

On August 8th there will only be the trip over the branch, which will be the regular trip Hampton to St. Martins. The morning trip St. Martins to Hampton being cancelled, and the train crews arriving Hampton afternoon, August 7th, will remain there until afternoon, August 8th.

CHANCE HARBOR

The fourth anniversary of the war was marked by special services in the Baptist churches at Maces Bay, Dipper Harbor and Chance Harbor on Sunday last. As these churches are at present without a settled minister, Rev. F. H. Wentworth of the Water Street church of this city, who is spending his vacation at Chance Harbor, preached appropriate sermons in each of the above churches; the morning and afternoon subject being, "The Son of a Nation," and the evening, "The Consecrated Flag."

The Chance Harbor church was specially decorated for the occasion, the battle hymn of the republic, "O Canada," and the National Anthem were heartily and feelingly sung. Visitors from the United States, and the adorning of the pulpit with the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes added to the impressiveness of a memorable service.

Judge Barry, of Fredericton, arrived in the city on last night's express, the tanker slowly outclassed—but undaunted. For three hours shells burst with terrifying rapidity all over the Luca Blanca, shelling the bridge and the rest of her deck work being carried away early in the engagement, but never did the crew falter, although two of their men were killed outright by the bursting of a shell on the after deck, where they were engaged in trying to stop the ship from settling in the stern.

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ABSENTEES OR DESERTERS ARE GIVEN CHANCE

If They Report For Duty By August 24 They Enjoy Freedom From Punishment—Those Who Don't Obey Regulations Will Be Severely Dealt With.

An extra of the "Canada Gazette" dated Aug. 1st, deals with those men, liable for military duty, who have been reported as absentees, or deserters.

Continuing it adds: If absentees report for duty by Aug. 24th they shall enjoy freedom from any punishment. However, the Military Police are in the meantime to continue their duties. An officer speaking yesterday of the Standard said: These classes of men liable for duty should be made aware of their obligations, their attitude is due somewhat to the fact that they have misunderstood their obligations; the military people will be as lenient as possible with them, and are extending them the above privilege, quoted from the "Canada Gazette." They have until Aug. 24th to report for duty and are warned by every medium, even through the channels of the daily press. Should they fail to report on the above date a severe penalty will be meted them in accordance with the offence and circumstances of their tardiness in not reporting on the date set.

Further, he added, anyone who employs, harbors, conceals or assists these defaulters in their disobedience to the new order will be pursued and punished with all the rigor and severity of the law, and subject to the judgment of court martial even, who will try each separate case. Again all accomplices aiding these men to evade the law will be held accountable also, and held subject to penalties or forfeitures in accordance with the gravity of their offence. Concluding the officer remarked that citizens are being educated daily regarding their obligations, and if after August 24th they find themselves in any embarrassments regarding their duties under the M. S. A. they can only lay blame on their own shoulders, as the military authorities are lenient with them, and affording them opportunities not to be overlooked.

A good number are now expected to come forward and abide by the regulations, as set down by the order-in-council of April 20, last.

At 11.40 the master builder Mr. D. S. McLaren gave the signal "drive the pin." The pin was released and the ship slid down the way as gracefully as if she was plunging the waves. The launching was a splendid sight, the first ever attempted here and not the slightest hitch occurred during the whole operation.

The new vessel is a splendid looking craft of 250 registered tons. The keel is 103 feet and she has a hold depth of 12 feet. The ship when completed will be a credit to the McNeil Shipbuilding Company and a tribute to the workmanship of Mr. D. S. McLaren, master builder and his competent staff of shipbuilders.

The vessel has been purchased by Mr. A. Moulton of Halifax.

Fredericton, Aug. 6.—Judgments were given today by Judge Crockett in the divorce court. Two decrees of divorce a mensa et thoro were granted and two decrees of absolute divorce.

In a fifth case his honor granted no decree, leaving the case open for presentation at the November sitting, if so desired by the plaintiff, or evidence to corroborate that of the sole witness produced to prove the charge made.

In the case of Eleanor Louise Cunningham vs. William Henry Cunningham a decree of divorce a mensa et thoro was handed down, with costs. The order while the plaintiff had obtained full testimony in its favor. This case was from Lorneville, St. John county.

In Mary Louise Gormley vs. William Gormley, a St. John case, divorce a mensa et thoro with costs, was granted.

In the case of Maria Hatheway vs. Rainsford Hatheway, a divorce with costs was granted. This case was from Victoria county.

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AIR RAID FAILS

London, Aug. 6.—Five hostile airships approached the east coast of England about half past nine o'clock, on Monday night and were attacked while still at sea. The enemy aircraft did not penetrate far inland. One of the enemy craft, a Zeppelin, was brought down forty miles from the coast. Another airship was damaged, but probably succeeded in reaching its base.

The novel feature of the raid was the early arrival of the airships. Two of them were actually seen approaching the coast by holiday-makers from the promenade of a widely known seaside resort. It is considered possible that the Germans miscalculated the visibility and by arriving before dark invited an easy defeat. Airplanes immediately went into pursuit, and the zeppelins, throwing out smoke clouds, turned northward and endeavored to escape. They were overtaken some fifty miles from the shore and just before midnight one was brought down in flames and another damaged.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:—
St. John County
Thomas Bowland to Horace Howe, property in Quaco road.
Isabella E. Gallagher et vir to Henry Lee et al, property at Loch Lomond.
Jean L. Hodge to Frank Bodley, property in Pleasant street, Carleton.
J. J. McGallivan to Ella McGallivan et al, property in Nelson street.
J. S. McLean et al to Albert Norris, property in Loch Lomond.
Nan Smith et vir to G. E. Barbour, property in Carleton.
Oliver Sweet to Bessie L. Bradshaw, property in Beach street.

PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Orlando Puddington, deceased, letters of administration were granted to Mrs. Caleb Rathbun. J. King Kelley, K. C., proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Michael McNamara, deceased, letters of administration were granted to Miss Ellen McNamara. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, proctor.

BROUGHT FROM CALGARY.

The remains of Mrs. W. R. Peck who died in Calgary in June were brought to the city yesterday for interment. Deceased was the daughter of the late Oliver Pittfield. Her first husband was G. F. Day, formerly of this city. The body was accompanied by Misses Jessie and Gladys Day, daughters of Mrs. Peck.

Rev. George F. Dawson was at the Union depot on the arrival of the body and conducted burial service at Fernhill cemetery.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Edward Burke was adjudged guilty of supplying liquor to persons on two occasions and was fined \$100 for each offence.

Mary Degan was remanded on the charge of being drunk and having liquor in her possession.

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