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## Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, May 17th, 1916.

## Russians Pressing on Mesopotamia



The most notable news from the war fronts is that from the borders of Persia and Asiatic Turkey. While the Germans and Turks have been bringing pressure to bear on the Russian forces further north in Armenia in the neighbourhood of Erzingan, it has not stayed the Russian advances towards Mesopotamia further south. This Russian force has been working from Lake Urmia, south through Kurdistan in Persia, and pushed through the mountain pass on towards a tributary of the Tigris and has entered the Mosul province of Asiatic Turkey. A further advance along the Zab Ala valley of about 100 miles will bring the Russians to the banks of the Tigris and the borders of Mesopotamia, the latter being the extensive region of country between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates to the west of Baghdad where the two rivers more nearly approach. The importance of this advance lies in the chance of success in reaching and crossing the Tigris in the neighbourhood of the city of Mosul, for on the farther or right bank of the Tigris lies the railway which connects Mosul with Baghdad. The blocking of communication by the Tigris and by the railway along its right bank will seriously cripple the large Turkish army at Baghdad and further south, where the Turks are in touch with the British forces. It is not known definitely whether this railway has been fully completed between the Bosphorus and Baghdad. Before the war commenced there were two breaks in the system, one in a tunnel section in the mountainous region, off the coast section in Adana of the north east corner of the Levant, and on a stretch of level country between Nisibin in the province of Diarbekr and the City of Mosul. Whether the railway is completed or not, the main communication is along this route and if the Russians succeed in reaching and crossing the Tigris in the neighbourhood of Mosul, they will be astride the main line of communication between the armies of Baghdad and those of Europe and Asia Minor. General Townshend and his forces did gallant work in fastening down a large Turkish army at Kut el Amara for so many months and giving time to the Russians to make their advances. Another Russian army is on the border of Bagdad province ready to threaten the city of Bagdad and is now holding Turkish forces in that region.

## Police Court

(Before Mr. Morris, J.P.).

A drunk, who had been only released the day previous for the same offense, was fined \$2 and 7 days.  
A woman of Portugal Cove summoned a boy of the same place for assault. The defendant was fined 50 cents.  
A seaman for desertion was held over.  
A volunteer for butting a citizen was fined \$5.  
Another volunteer was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Lieut. L. C. Murphy intimated to the court that the military law had been initiated to work in co-operation with the civil authorities and to deal with disturbances of the peace. He, therefore, asked for the discharge of the defendant under escort, he (Lieut. Murphy) assuring His Honour that the defendant would be dealt with according to military rules of discipline. This was agreed to.

## Free, Free!

BRITISH THEATRE.  
Creation Photo Drama Still Showing. If you are unable to see the four parts of "CREATION" the next four days will be your last opportunity. As the masses of the people have seen this beautiful DRAMA the many interested ones still attending can secure good seats.  
Grand "FINALE" next Sunday. Seats free. No collection.  
Stafford's Phoratorine Cough Cure is a good preparation for all kinds of Coughs and Colds. may 3, 16

## 1st Nfld. REGIMENT.

### Casualty List.

OFFICIAL, May 17.  
740—Private Andrew P. Caravan, London Island, N. D. B. Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; myalgia.

989—Private William John Culleton, 40 Spencer Street. Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; lymphatic glands.

MAY 17.  
Previously Reported.  
453—Private Edward J. Hoare, 52 Prescott St. Seriously ill, entered 27th General Hospital, Abbassia, Cairo May 12th. Dangerously ill, enteric, 27th General Hospital, Abbassia, Cairo, May 13th.

1146—Private Michael Brien, 19 Simms St. Laryngitis. Rouen, April 25th. Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, asthma.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## Sir John Nixon Tells of the Mesopotamia Operations

General Townshend Found 13,000 Turks Strongly Entrenched Astride the Tigris; Gave Battle, With Some Success, But Turkish Reinforcements Arriving He Had to Retire to Kut-el-Amara.

London, May 11.—The official London Gazette publishes an official report from Sir John Nixon regarding the operations in Mesopotamia in October, November and December last. The report contains a striking account of the battle of Ctesiphon. General Townshend found 13,000 Turks, with thirty-eight guns, strongly entrenched astride the Tigris, with reinforcements expected.

General Townshend attacked on November 21-22, penetrating the enemy's first and second lines and capturing eight guns. But fresh Turks arriving, the guns, which had changed hands several times, were captured and the British retired to their first line. The losses were so heavy on both sides that neither was able to resume the fighting.

General Townshend's report states that Turkish reinforcements arrived, and General Townshend, handicapped by lack of water, faced fresh troops in superior numbers and retired to Kut-el-Amara, fighting nearly all the way.

A heavy battle occurred on December 7th, and withstood the bombardments and assaults until December 12th, when regular siege warfare began.

The operations of the relief forces were hampered by bad weather. General Nixon, resigning owing to illness, highly praises General Townshend, the troops under his command, and the naval flotilla which co-operated with him.

## Mother's Day.

Next Sunday is what is known as Mother's Day. There never was a time in the world's history when mothers needed such sympathy as they do to-day. There were never so many sorrowing mothers. How many are passing anxious days and sleepless nights thinking of their boys across the sea, it may be in hospital or on the bloody battle field. Many mothers dread to hear the postman's step lest he should bring them bad tidings from their boys. Mother's never prayed as they do to-day. Their thoughts are between France and the throne of grace. A mother's lot is, in many respects, a hard one. It is so because of what it costs her to give her children being, because of the cares which their nurture entails and especially because of her deep love for them producing intense yearning for their welfare and anxiety because of the dangers which threaten them.

The mother love is unlike any other. As Washington Irving wrote: "A mother may turn her back on her child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands, but a Mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of a world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, and she still has the joyful thought of his childhood, the open promise of his youth; and she never can be brought to think him all unworthy."

Now that hayseed time has come along we announce that we have a full stock of Pine Tree Brand Strictly Primo Hayseed for sale, as is usual, we believe that we are the only importers of this particular brand and quality of Timothy, which is reckoned to be the very pick of the seed and so of special value and fertility. We have been selling this grade now for many years to the great satisfaction of our customers. Hayseed (like most other things) is rather high-priced this year but we are able to offer it by the truck of about 120 lbs. at 13/4c. a lb. smaller quantities at 14 to 15c. a lb. If you want the very finest quality of Hayseed, buy your quantity from us.

VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE.—There arrived by train last night nine volunteers from Bay de Verde and Trinity Bay points. They were met on arrival by representatives of the Regiment.

"St. Ivel" Lactic Cheese, small tins, at ELLIS.

## Russians Came to France by Way of Suez Canal

Assembled at Moscow, 10,000 Men Journeyed Through Siberia to Port Dalny.—Had Sea Journey of 10,000 Miles.—Germans Aware of Their Coming, Projected Two Attempts to Attack Transports.

Marseilles, April 25.—The second instalment of the Russian contingent for France landed here to-day after a land and sea journey of approximately seventeen thousand miles, from Moscow to Port Dalny, Manchuria, overland and thence by water transport.

The total number of Russian troops now landed, supplied with French rifles and sent on to Camp Miraubeau, three or four miles along the coast from Marseilles, for a two days' rest before being conveyed to the large French depot at Mailly, near Troyes, to prepare for service at the French front, is estimated at something under ten thousand.

(Since the foregoing was written three additional contingents of Russian troops have landed at Marseilles. On the basis of the size of the first two contingents something like twenty-five thousand Russians are now in camp or in the field on the western front.)

The voyage of the Russians constitutes a record in military transport history for distance and diversity of route. The soldiers, as already known, are men specially chosen from every division of the Russian army. They were concentrated in Moscow under the supervision of General Lochwitzky who landed with the first contingent last Thursday, and at Moscow en route for carriage by the Trans-Siberian Railroad across nearly seven thousand five hundred miles of country to Port Dalny, near Port Arthur, whence they were to start on a sea journey of about ten thousand miles.

### Long Sea Voyage.

In time of peace they would have followed a route in an almost opposite direction, via Archangel, and so westward by the North Sea and the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. On this occasion they voyaged along the coasts of half the eastern world, the route being from Dalny, along the Korean shore, then through the Yel-

low and Chinese seas, passing Shanghai and Hong Kong, and then reaching Singapore, where the transports entered the Indian Ocean by the Straits of Malacca. Here they got a glimpse of Southern India at Ceylon, and so made their way by Aden and the Red Sea to the Suez Canal and Port Said.

Once in the Mediterranean the run to Marseilles was as straight a one as precautionary measures against enemy submarines would admit. There was bad weather at one or two periods of the voyage, but on the whole the transit was unmarked by exciting incidents.

The arrival of the Russians was a great surprise to the general public in France, their coming being known only to officials and to a few journalists in Paris. On the other hand, the sending of the contingent was in all probability perfectly well known to the German authorities. Indeed it is practically certain, since, as the Russian general commanding the contingent, General Lochwitzky, said, two attempts were made by the Germans to attack the transports while on their way by sea from Dalny to Marseilles.

### Two Attempts Frustrated.

The first of the attempts was made while the transports were in the neighborhood of Shanghai, but failed, it was said, owing to the non-arrival of the German heavy gun ammunition. The second was intended to take place near Singapore, but warning of the fact reached the Russians by wireless from the British admiral in the Straits, and the Russians avoided the attack by changing their itinerary.

An interesting feature of the contingent is the fact that it arrives with out arms, or indeed military equipment of any kind, thus proving that the French are in a position to supply them with what they need. The incident of the Russians, as they stepped off the transports, being handed French rifles with removable bayonets, in contrast to the Russian fixed bayonet, is, if only a detail, enough to suggest to the Germans that the French have a surplus of munitions.

The sending of a Russian contingent to France is more than the demonstration of friendship it is officially and doubtless quite truly declared to be. Its ultimate object is to try out the question of further military aid to the French. The war, it is



## Every Woman's Duty

in matters pertaining to the family table is to decide not only what is best for herself, but for the husband and children as well.

Take the table drink, for instance; the housewife may like her tea or coffee. She knows that tea and coffee are harmful to many, but she uses her favorite beverage in moderation, and thinks it doesn't harm her.

But there's John. He's irritable and nervous, perhaps his irritation and sleeplessness may be due to tea or coffee.

Again, almost everybody knows that tea and coffee are especially harmful to the little folks. The next thing, then, is "what to serve as a wholesome table beverage?"

In many families the quick and happy answer is

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Here's a delicious beverage pure and free from the drugs, caffeine and tannin, which often disagree with health and comfort.

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generally believed in all European countries, will be decided on the western front, so that, keeping this probability in view, it may well be that the Russian soldiers now landing on French shores are only harbingers of more substantial help to come.—N. Y. Herald, May 10.

### 500,000 RUSSIANS MAY REACH FRANCE DURING SUMMER.

Hundred Transports Now Ice Bound in White Sea, Soon Available.—Northern Route to Good French Ports.—Movement of Troops Facilitated by Fact that they Carry no Equipment.

The recent order of the Russian Government in closing the White Sea to all but Government traffic is looked upon in military circles as presaging important troop movements from that locality. The ice in the White Sea is now breaking up, and according to recent information as published in these despatches there were more than one hundred merchant steamships before Archangel awaiting a chance to discharge cargoes and clear from the White Sea.

Within the past few weeks all information relative to ship movements at Archangel has been a closed book. This situation is in marked contrast to the giving out of news from Archangel during 1915. It is known that the railway from Petrograd to Archangel has been changed during the past winter from a narrow gauge to standard gauge and, furthermore, this railroad has been double tracked. The distance by railroad from Moscow to Archangel is only 742 miles, as against nearly five thousand miles by the Trans-Siberian to Dalny on the Pacific coast.

The New York Herald despatches indicated, on the occasion of first landing of Russian troops at Marseilles, that these forces came from the Pacific, a surmise which has since been confirmed by recent admissions from France. The sea journey from Dalny to Marseilles is approximately nine thousand miles, and the distance from Vladivostok to Marseilles by sea is 9,526 miles.

When Ice Breaks Up. Archangel could not be used during spring because of ice conditions, but with the breaking up of the pack in the White Sea and the liberating of a great fleet of more than one hundred steamships the Russians have it in their power to despatch on vessels which would otherwise leave Archangel in winter ballast a contingent estimated at one hundred thousand men. That a force of this size can be transported on one hundred steamships of the type employed in the transatlantic-Archangel service is made all the more practicable, it is said, by reason of the fact that the Russians are not sending any arms or field equipment into France.

Their soldiers destined for service on French soil are leaving Russia void of all but the clothes they stand in, plus overcoat and blanket. For the Russians France is the country where they are to be armed and equipped, and France is able to render this service.

As against the nine thousand miles of sea journey required in voyaging from Dalny to Marseilles, the steaming route which it may be expected that transports will take from Archangel to the French coast should not cover, it is estimated, more than 2,750 miles. This is less than the high latitude run between New York and Queenstown of 2,842 miles.

It is assumed that transports from Archangel, after doubling the North Cape of Norway, will stand well over to the Faroe Islands, then follow a course well off the Irish coast and at least a couple of miles to the westward of the Scilly Islands, finally edging into the Bay of Biscay.

### To Roll Submarines.

On broad off shore reaches, the efforts of submarines will be rendered more difficult, and especially so, marine men say, in the event that no French port is designated as the main landing place. The French west coast has a number of excellent harbors, strongly fortified, which can be used as points of disembarkation, conspicuous among which are La Pallice, Brest, St. Nazaire, Lorient and Bordeaux.

Even assuming, it is said, that ten knots is the average speed of the transports out of Archangel, it should be possible to make the run from the White Sea to some port in the west coast of France in eleven days.

It is not believed that any appreciable time would be gained in landing Russian troops from Archangel in Scotch ports, and then transporting them first by rail to the Channel and later despatching them across the Channel. The railways to the north of France are in much demand for the needs of the British army, while the railroads leading eastward from the west coast of France and in particular those from Britain are running more or less under normal conditions.

With the Archangel route open it is believed that Russia will be able, if so required, to throw 500,000 men into France during the coming summer months.—N. Y. Herald, May 11.

## "KYRA."

In to-day's issue will be found the opening portion of that beautiful story entitled "Kyra, or the Word of the East of Evening." The story abounds in sensational thrills, while the love-interest holds one as in a grip from the opening sentences to the finish of the tale. It is indeed a story that will repay perusal.

## Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Baine Hr., at 3.10 p.m. yesterday, going west.  
The Dundee left Greenspond at 2.15 p.m. yesterday.  
The Ethie left Port aux Basques at 12.35 a.m. to-day.  
The Glencoe left Grand Bank at 8.30 p.m. yesterday.  
The Home not reported since leaving Exploits yesterday morning.  
The Kyle reached Port aux Basques at 7.50 a.m. to-day.  
The Petrel left at 8.40 a.m. yesterday, outward.  
The Meigle on way to Sydney.  
The Sagons arrived at Humbermouth at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

## Supreme Court.

### HEAVY SENTENCE FOR PRISONERS IN BARRATRY CASE.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the prisoners in the case of the King vs. John Mahoney, sr., Patrick Hyde and William Day were arraigned before the Court, all three pleading guilty to the charge of barratry in connection with the casting away of the schooner Birch Hill in October last, and were sentenced to two years' imprisonment. One of the prisoners is an old man, not many years below the allotted span. Mr. Gibbs, K.C., who represented the prisoners, made a strong plea for leniency. Mr. W. J. Higgins appeared for the Crown.

This morning the case of Walter Croble vs. The Downing Cook Co. was continued before Mr. Justice Johnston. Mr. F. A. Mewat for defendant and Mr. W. J. Higgins for plaintiff. The Court takes time to consider.

## Electric Smelter in Operation.

The electric smelting plant at the station is now turning out three to four hundred pounds daily of a very high grade of copper. The flowing metal is allowed to cool in proper casting moulds that makes it easy for transportation, each slab weighing from 21 to 35 lbs. Some of the ore is taken from the mines at Little Bay and also from the dumps that have laid there for many years. Copper is also secured by casting in the water near the mines old tin cans, wire netting, etc., which in a very short time is converted into real copper. The mud at the bottom of this water contains a high percentage of the much desired metal and is put through a drying process before it is placed in the smelter.

## Train Notes.

The outgoing express left Gamba at 9 a.m. to-day.  
The incoming express is due at midnight.  
The train from Trepassy reached town at noon to-day.  
The London & Northern arrived in the city at 12.30 p.m. to-day.

## Here and There.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—CHESLEY WOODS, 232, Duckworth St.—ap25,16

Corned Ayrshire Bacon and Fresh Sausages at ELLIS'.

REACHED BAY OF ISLANDS.—The s.s. Dominion Trader, recently purchased by Babbs, has arrived at Bay of Islands.

SOLDIERS RETURNING.—Several members of "Ours," who are coming home on furlough, should arrive here, it is said, about this day week.

Clothes Pins to be had at BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Dept.—may 17, 31

EXCURSION TRAINS.—On Saturday next, the usual week-end excursion rates by rail comes into effect. The holiday season opens on Wednesday next (Empire Day).

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ALCONDA ARRIVES.—The s.s. Alconda, eleven days from Cadiz, reached this port this morning, bringing 6,304 tons of salt consigned to A. Harvey and Co., Ltd. She will begin discharging this evening.

TABASCO IN PORT.—The Furness Liner Tabasco, from the old world, arrived here this morning with a small general cargo. She sails to-night for Liverpool taking as out-let freight a quantity of fish also a large mail.

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## GREAT ADVANCE OF MESOPOTAMIA

PETROGRAD. With the advance of the force southward from Urmia towards Mosul, Assyria, which resulted in the capture of Rivandza, the Russians bringing fresh pressure powerful support upon the Turkish armies in Mesopotamia.

Development of this new force has greatly enhanced the success of the Russian Mesopotamia, which holds the Euphrates under their control, bringing not only Bagdad, City of Caliph, but the country lying between the Euphrates and the Tigris, the two great sources of the Mesopotamian border and is much toward Mosul. It is much toward Mosul. It is much toward Mosul. It is much toward Mosul.

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