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## War News.

### Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

#### ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

PARIS, Dec. 13.  
Active artillery fighting is in progress along the whole front, the war office announces.

#### GENERAL MAURICE'S TALK.

LONDON, Dec. 12.  
Major General Maurice, in his talk with the Associated Press, outlined the campaign that resulted in the fall of Jerusalem to General Allenby's forces. General Allenby entered Jerusalem yesterday, said General Maurice. The campaign which led to this has been carried out mainly by British territorial troops, supported by small bodies of Australians. As a whole, the great accomplishment has been not the defeat of the Turks, but the conquest of Sinai Desert. The troops who fought at Gaza drank water from Egypt pumped through an American pipe line, and were supplied over broad gauge railway lines laid clear across the 150 miles of Sinai Desert, which has defeated almost everybody that tried to conquer Egypt for centuries. Every ounce of material for the pipe line, the railroad, and other works came there from Britain or the United States. All the time this conquest of the Desert has been going on, the official communications have been able to say only "nothing to report," and the public thought we were idle. The fall of Jerusalem was made possible by industry, organization and the help of material from the United States.

Summing up the Cambrat situation General Maurice said the final results in the sector showed that the British were considerable gainers in the amount of territory wrested from the enemy. The British and Germans are about even in the number of guns captured, with the total slightly in favor of the British in heavy guns. The British are also slightly ahead of the Germans in the number of prisoners. The effect of the German attack on the British has been an enormous disappointment in England. This is the first reverse the British have had on the West front since 1915. The public had come to look upon the British West front as practically inviolable, forgetting the possibility of

the accidents of war. It is still too early to try to give the exact reasons for the German break through in the south. Their success was not on a hastily constructed new line, where we had been established for many months. The reason will come out in due course.

#### CUBA AT WAR.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.  
The House of Representatives tonight passed a resolution declaring a state of war to exist between Austria

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Hungary and the Republic of Cuba. The action was taken following the reading of a message from President Meunier recommending such declarations.

#### IN JERUSALEM.

LONDON, Dec. 12.  
In the Commons to-day Premier Lloyd George read the following telegram from General Allenby dated Jerusalem, Tuesday: "I entered the city officially at noon to-day with a few of my staff commanders of the French and Italian detachments, heads of political missions and military attaches of France, Italy and America. The procession was all afoot, and at Jaffa Gate I was escorted by guards representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, India, France and Italy. The population received me well. Guards have been placed over the holy places. My military Governor is in contact with the acting custodians and Latin and Greek representatives. The Governor detailed an officer to supervise the holy places. The Mosque of Omar and the area around it have been placed under Moslem control and a military cordon of Mohammedan officers and soldiers has been established around the Mosque. Orders have been issued that no non-Moslem is to pass within the cordon without permission of the military Governor and the Moslem in charge." The telegram also stated that a proclamation, in Arabic, Hebrew, English, French, Italian, Greek and Russian has been posted in the citadel and on all the walls proclaiming martial law, and intimating that all holy places would be maintained and protected according to the customs and beliefs of those with whose faith they are sacred.

### Official News.

(Official Admiralty Press News, by Courtesy of Major Abraham, General Staff Officer.)

#### EARLY.

British Official.—The account of the fighting yesterday in the neighborhood of Bullecourt shows that two attacks were made by the enemy at dawn, after heavy artillery preparation. The first of these attacks was delivered from the north about our positions on the Hindenburg line immediately east of Bullecourt, and the other on a wider front from the north and north-east against the angle formed by our trench lines south of Lincoeur-Gagnicourt. Both of these attacks were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Shortly afterwards another attack was made on the latter front, and

parties of the enemy penetrated our obliterated trenches at the apex of the angle in our lines. The few Germans who reached our trenches at other points were killed or taken prisoners. Local fighting continued all day and until late in the evening in the small portion of trench in which the enemy had obtained a footing, but without, however, changing the situation. A hostile raiding party was repulsed last night southwest of La Bassée. We inflicted casualties on the enemy and secured a few prisoners as a result of patrol encounters east of Lonnebeke. On the night of the 11th December a bombing raid was made by naval aircraft on Bruges docks. The visibility was bad with low clouds which were close to the ground. One of our machines is missing.

Press Extract—Hull, Dec. 12.—It is officially announced that the great disaster caused deaths of 1,228 people, of whom 701 have been identified.

#### LATELY.

British Official.—A hostile post south of Villers-Guislain was successfully attacked by us this morning, and its garrison killed or taken prisoners. East of Bullecourt bomb fighting has been taking place this afternoon in a portion of the trenches in which the enemy penetrated yesterday. A few additional prisoners have been taken by us. The enemy's artillery has shown some activity at different points south of the Scarpe and also east of Ypres. On the 12th inst., in spite of low clouds and mist, a great number of our airplanes were in the air. Enemy troops were engaged with machine gun fire during their attack on our positions in Bullecourt. Bombs were dropped and low reconnaissance carried out. There was much air fighting, in which a Gotha aeroplane and one other German machine were brought down and three hostile machines driven down out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft gun fire. All of our machines returned.

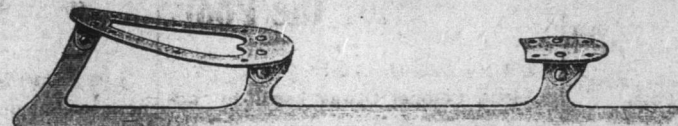
### The Placentia Ferry.

Editor Evening Telegram.

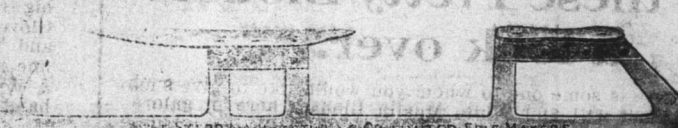
Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in the People's Paper for a few remarks regarding what came under my notice while waiting for a steamer on my way west a few days ago.

Having travelled a good deal in the United States and Canada, and having seen so many up-to-date improvements in all modes of travelling, ferries, etc., I was greatly surprised to find such an inadequate system as

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that which now exists on the Gut at Placentia. The present ferry boats would not be allowed to carry passengers in the most remote parts of Canada or the United States, in fact they would not be allowed to ferry cattle. My chief reason for taking such an interest in this important service was owing to reading a letter signed Observer in the Telegram of recent date, and hearing a sneering remark passed that this service was good enough. Well, I wish to inform Mr. Sheer and others like him, that the present ferry system on Placentia Gut is disgraceful, and that the boats are not fit for this important service. As Observer remarked, the boats are in a dilapidated condition, especially the Black Point Motor Boat. From what I could learn while at Placentia, "Observer" did not half praise Mr. Walsh for all he did. People from all parts of the district, especially those going to the hospital, will never forget Mr. Walsh's kindness, also for his great victory in getting the Argyle back on her old route. Mr. Walsh can rest assured that he will come in at the head of poll at the next General Election.

But to get back to the ferry service, I believe that Mr. Walsh tried his best last spring to get this service improved but his colleagues thought otherwise or that the system of rotten boats was good enough for the people of Dunville, Jersey Side and the public generally and this leaves the disgraceful and dangerous condition we find it in at the present time.

In Canada and the United States the governments requirements on all boats especially passenger boats is rigorously enforced; at night time all boats must carry lights. From conversation with several parties and from what I experienced myself, I would offer a few suggestions which I think would improve this service: at night time there should be a powerful light with reflector placed on these boats; this light could be placed on the house over the motor and throw a strong light ahead to enable the man steering to see how the tide is running, and make it more easy to bring the boat to the slip; also each boat should carry four good oars and rowlocks, and sufficient rope to anchor if needed, as at the present time there is hardly rope enough to tie her up at the slip not to speak of anchoring.

Should one of these boats get carried out the Gut with a strong N. W. wind blowing which causes a heavy cross-sea outside, nothing could save them from being swamped and all on board drowned.

The Government should look into this matter at once or a serious accident will surely happen some day if things are allowed to go on as at present.

The old Black Point Motor Boat should be burnt; the large boat should be strengthened, as the way she shakes at present you would wonder what keeps her from falling to pieces. Is there any law in Newfoundland regarding the inspection of motor boats—especially boats heavily subsidized by the Government to carry passengers? If so, why do we hear people continually complaining about this service and the dangerous condition of the boats on Placentia Gut.

Thanking you for space, and trust when I next visit Placentia to see some improvement.

Yours very truly,  
NO. 2 OBSERVER.  
Placentia Bay, Dec. 6th, 1917.

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