

Evening Telegram

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APPROACHING
THE CLIMAX.

Two matters of capital importance are reported to-day. The British Admiralty has issued an order warning to the world that certain waters off the German and parts of the Dutch and Danish coasts are unsafe to navigation; and a conference of the United States Cabinet has considered the whole situation as affecting America. With the latter may or may not be read the announcement by a Berlin paper of the rupture of negotiations between the American ambassador at Vienna and the Austrian Government, which, if it be not yet true, can only anticipate the event.

The submarine war has not yet approached a climax, but it grows in interest daily. The honours at the beginning went to Germany, as might have been expected; but it is not too much to claim that they now belong to Britain. Regular sailings of British ships appear not to be disturbed at all, and vessels ply to and fro across the deadly war zone with the same comparative immunity as before. It may be taken as a fact that very few of the sneaking marauders find or attempt an exit through the narrow, netted and ceaselessly patrolled waters of the English Channel. They go round the other way, and that will be stopped to them as fully as circumstances and human ingenuity will permit. Neutrals must suffer, of course, but their interests have almost ceased to be any consideration since Germany set them altogether at naught. The warning now issued is a manifestation of Britain's active reply to the German challenge which must necessarily be made publicly, but of the other measures adopted the world can only guess, forming its estimate of their efficacy from the diminishing returns of the pirates.

The American Cabinet conference but adds another to the numerous indications of the inevitable course of events. All we need to remember is that that course must take one or the other of two alternative forms—either the sailings of American ships across the war zone delimited by Germany will continue as before February, which will spell the failure of the whole campaign and is most unlikely; or they will be interrupted and an effort made to prevent them, which will spell war and is most probable. It is an insult to America to imagine that there can be any via media or compromise. The possibility of the German effort failing independently is another matter. It may easily fail as the first one did and for the same reason, but the failure cannot be explained away this time as due to concessions to the United States, unless a moral and psychological transformation comes over Germany. She has got herself into a pretty dilemma and will be transfixed on one or the other of its ugly horns. Everyone in America can see the situation clearly, and so we can believe the accumulating reports of active preparations for the defence of American ships and, behind that, for war.

Meantime the break with Austria will soon come, and it will be well if it is quickly followed by that with the other members of the enemy alliance. Under the shadow of her impending fate, Turkey, we note, declares that she will fight for Constantinople to the last man. Nobody believes what Turkey says, and so nobody will be buoyed up by false expectations. Constantinople will go, but it is too much to hope that the last Turk will go with it. The utmost we can reasonably wish is that he will be confined to a well defined area of Asia Minor where his mischievous propensities will be effectually curbed.

The Storm.

The snow storm, which began last night with a stiff easterly breeze, still continues. The snow fall is the heaviest experienced in the city this season and as a result traffic is greatly impeded, particularly the street railway. This morning a severe blizzard raged countrywards and milk vendors and farmers generally had great difficulty in reaching town, owing to the depth of the snow. Country people tell us that in places the snow banks are as high as ten feet and their horses got "bogged" trying to get through.

Along the Trepassey railway the snow has drifted in places to a depth of twenty-five feet and as a consequence the incoming train was detained at Renewal up to 10.30 a.m. to-day. It is possible that she may reach the city by 6 o'clock this evening.

Turkeys, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS.

U.S. Congress Ready
To Vote Large Sum

Five Hundred Millions Probably as a Starter—The Figure Representing the Country's Ability to Finance is Colossal.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Down in the banks and the financial offices they are, of course, talking money and the war. Nobody knows how much Congress will appropriate for war bills, should war come. The figure most generally mentioned is five hundred millions as a starter. Many others insist that at least double the sum will be voted, but that all of it may not be made immediately available.

What Congress should have done before it adjourned on Saturday, after the president had delivered his message, was to vote him one billion dollars to be used as he saw fit, should the worst come to the worst, I am told.

The moral effect would have been all to the good. I am not at liberty to mention the figure which the men name as representing the United States' ability to finance before she need begin to consider her credit, but it is sufficiently colossal to make one's head spin.

Secretary Baker is out with the opinion that the officers and crews of the German vessels in American waters, who have been smashing their property up ever since Saturday, are quite within their rights in doing so, as long as they do not endanger American property while doing so.

This is a nice legal point which the man on the street frankly admits himself incapable of solving, but it has given him another taste—if he needed it—of the disquieting thoroughness of the German organization throughout this country. What he is wondering is whether, in the event of hostilities, he will not find this same German organization equally prepared to commit various deviltries against himself and on his own front door-step, as it were.—Hfx. Evening Mail.

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, Feb. 17, '17.
Just received: Full stock of Angier's Emulsion. Angier's is used in chronic coughs and as a general tonic and improver of the system. It is very useful in winter cough. Price 60c. and \$1.20 a bottle.

Our Household Ammonia has a very wide variety of uses, and is quite indispensable in the kitchen and for the toilet. A tablespoonful in the bath will soften the water and render the bath much more refreshing. A little placed in the water used to wash dishes or glassware will make the operation a much quicker and easier one. Price 25 and 40c. a bottle.

Reids' Boats.

The Ethie left Sound Island at 7.35 p.m. yesterday, inward.

The Glencoe left Pushthrough at noon Thursday, going west.

The Kyle reported 50 miles off Channel making progress in heavy ice.

The Sagona also detained in ice.

Fads and Fashions

There are very smart beach coats of jersey.

Simplicity is the keynote for children's styles.

Very bright colors are favored for silk petticoats.

The new evening dresses are regulation length.

Ecra net embroidered, is in much favor for waists.

The little girl's dress is a very straight garment.

Flit is the favorite lace for all straight garments.

White satin is a rival to crepe de chine in underwear.

Even petticoats for spring are to be cut in novel fashions.

Embroider a bunch of flowers in ribbon on your sports hat.

There is a tendency toward bright colors for children's dresses.

Ekron and bolero jackets appear on young girls' dressy suits.

Blouses are more and more governed by dress bodice styles.

Tunic blouses will be worn with shirts of white or light color.

Odd little capes are promised to be worn with spring frocks.

Sports skirts are the great favorites among spring skirts.

Some elaborate skirts are made with simple Grecian draperies.

Plants for the vegetable garden can be started now in a window box.

The rice pudding should be planned

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Equity." As the charges you make are serious, and as we have heard them contradicted, we cannot publish your letter except over your real name. If you wish us to do this, we shall have pleasure in giving it publication.

Convention Program.

The Convention to be held at Gower Street Methodist Church during the coming week promises to be of very great interest to the Methodist people of the city; many clergymen and representative laymen from nearby outports are invited to attend. A great variety of interests and subjects will be considered. All sessions of the Convention are open to the public.

The following is the programme for the week:

Monday evening—Subject: The Church and its Young People; Chairman, Rev. N. M. Guy; subjects for consideration, Troubles of a S. S. Scholar, Rev. D. B. Hemmison; Troubles of a S. S. Teacher, Mr. R. F. Herwood.

Tuesday evening—Subject: Church Officials; Chairman, Hon. R. K. Bishop; subjects: Systems of Finance, Mr. H. N. Burt; The Official as an Advisory to the Pastor, Rev. H. Royle; Church Ushers, Mr. A. Christian.

Wednesday evening—Subject: Church Music; The Minister's Viewpoint, Rev. Dr. Bond; The Organist's Viewpoint, Mr. F. J. King; The Choir's Viewpoint, Chairman, Mr. A. Mews.

Thursday evening—Subject: Lay Agencies—Chairman, Mr. J. W. Taylor; Class Leaders, Mr. Benjamin Taylor; Local Preachers, Mr. I. C. Morris; Evangelism, Mr. A. Soper.

Friday evening—Subject: The Church and the People; Chairman, Rev. Dr. Curtis; Speakers, Rev. D. B. Hemmison and Mr. Arthur Mews.

A question box, round table, or open conference will be a feature of every meeting and each session will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

Obituary.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Miss Alice Vavasour, which sad event occurred on Thursday night, Feb. 15, at her home, 111 St. George's Street, after a long illness. She had been ailing for some time past, and never during her illness was she heard to murmur. When it was made known to her some few weeks ago by her medical adviser, that she would have to undergo a course of treatment, she cheerfully accepted his advice with future hopes of a speedy recovery. But Almighty God in His great wisdom thought it best to call her to His eternal kingdom, sent His Angel of Death and relieved her of her great suffering, and strengthened with the rites of the Holy Catholic Church she passed peacefully away. She leaves two brothers, one in Gloucester and one in St. Lawrence; also one sister Mrs. J. J. Whelan, from whose residence the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. Interment will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery. To her sorrowing brothers and sister, the Telegram joins in extending heartfelt sympathy.—Com.

"Wise Men"

A great many people often argue that there is a lot of luck in business, maybe there is, but it doesn't come to the man who sits in his private office and waits for it to visit his store. If there really is luck in getting trade it has to be dug out and captured and held fast. Holding trade and increasing it, when all's said and done is not luck, its enterprise. The man who has ideas is not the lucky one at all times. His ideas are worth nothing if he doesn't put them into action. That he enjoys a prosperous trade is not luck. It merely shows that he let the notion of luck strictly alone. The man who develops trade is the man who always persists in selling "Stafford's Liniment" in preference to any other Liniment asked for in Newfoundland. Over 30,000 bottles sold in 1916 ought to be a good guarantee as to the quality and results.

"Stafford's Liniment" is manufactured only by
DR. F. STAFFORD & SONS,
St. John's, Nfld.
Feb. 17, '17.

Here and There.

C.M.B.C.—The Class will meet to-morrow afternoon in the Synod Building at 3 o'clock. Rev. Canon White will give the address and will speak on "The Excepts of Christ."

B. I. S. OLD-TIME SMOKER (the last before Lent)—Monday, Feb. 19th, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Complete change of vocal and instrumental selections. Admission 20c. Don't miss it.—Feb. 17, '17.

SUPREME COURT—The Special Jury, in the case of the King vs. Gosse, has been summoned for 10 o'clock on Monday morning instead of 11 as is the usual custom.

AT GREENFELT HALL—The first of the new series of Sunday evening lectures for the people will be given in the Greenfelt Hall, Seamen's Institute, at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow. Subject: "Walks and Talks with Christ."

Don't fail to see the Merry Makers at the Sociable in the Synod Hall Tuesday night, and Mrs. L. Cooper and Miss Dunfield in a dialogue. Enjoyable programme. Dainty refreshments. All for 30c. admission. Feb. 17, '17.

Ordination Service
at Grand Falls.

The Rev. Wilfred D. Stenlake, Methodist Minister, pastor of the "Fighting Parson", of whom so much favourable comment was made by our lads as to his assistance and faithful work in the Gallipoli campaign among the sick and the dying, is to be received into full connexion and ordained a minister of the Methodist Church to-morrow week. Mr. Stenlake came from England five years ago and spent his probation at Campbellton and Looe Bay before enlisting. Since his return last year he has pursued his studies in theology, etc., and satisfied the examiners, and at Grand Falls will receive the "laying on of hands" with its authority to administer the sacraments and full duties of a minister. The President of Conference and other senior ministers will be present on the occasion.

Sunday Services

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Church of England Cathedral—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 11 (Choral). Other services at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Intercession Service and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher, The Rector. Subject: "Christ's Tribute to His Martyr's Friend." Sunday Schools, 2.45 p.m.

St. John's West—Dunfield Boys' Bible Class, 2.45 p.m.; Women's Bible Class, 3.30 p.m.; Evening Song and Sermon, 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

St. Michael's Mission Church (Casey Street)—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the first Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi—Holy Communion second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Held on Thursdays.

PARISH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ST. JOHN'S WEST—Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday in each month at noon.

Friday—Evensong and Sermon at 7.45 p.m. Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Public Catechising—The third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m. Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Holy Communion with special intercession on behalf of the war is celebrated on the first Wednesday in each month at 10.30 a.m.

BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL—Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, THE GOULDS—Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. **ASYLUM FOR THE POOR**—Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m. **Mallins**—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Gower St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmison. **George St.**—11 and 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy. **Cochrane St.**—11 and 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond. **Wesley**—11 and 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian—11 and 6.30, Rev. Gordon Dickie. **Congregational**—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army (No. 1 Citadel, New Gower St.)—7 a.m. Kneadilly; 11 a.m. Kneadilly; 3 p.m. Praise Meeting; 7 p.m. Great Salvation Meeting.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away at St. George's Hospital, on Thursday night, Alice Vavasour, aged 26 years; funeral takes place to-morrow from her sister's residence, 217 Theatre Hill; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

Passed away on the 16th inst., at 22 Young Street, Charlotte, widow of the late J. B. Skeffington, aged 70 years. She was the only surviving daughter of the late Captain John and Elizabeth Lamzed, and leaves one daughter and one son, the latter living at Toronto, Canada. Funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., friends please accept this as the only intimation.

This morning Robert, aged 35 years, eldest son of Elizabeth and the late John C. Strang. Funeral from his late residence, 132 Water Street, on Monday the 19th, at 3 o'clock.

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CURES KIDNEY DISEASE
GRAVEL RHEUMATISM
BRIGHT'S DISEASE
DIABETES SICKHEAD
WIND 23 THE PHARMACY

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Tapestry, plain ends,
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\$1.70 and \$2.50.

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50,000 Tons of Soot and Dust.

The peck of dirt which proverbially each man has to eat before he dies—not all at one meal—shows no signs of shortage in London, for, according to the scientists, some 50,000 tons of soot and dust are annually precipitated throughout the Metropolis. This amount, however, is not a terribly alarming one, for it must be borne in mind that London is a big place, and a fall of 50,000 tons per annum over an area of one hundred square miles only means the descent of less than a ton per acre, and so the whole of a (twelve) months' supply could easily be washed away by a single vigorous shower, seeing that a fall on a wet day of an inch of rain means a cleansing flood of one hundred tons of water per acre; and thus, putting things roughly, 50 inches of rainfall in London in a year places at the disposal of this department of the public health a ton of water to wash away every pound of soot deposited. And the soot does not always need washing away from our surfaces of roofs and streets, for it is commonly brought down in liquidated

form by the rainfalls, and swept directly into the sewers.

RECEIPTS OF CONCERTS.—The total proceeds of the Mount Cashel entertainments held Wednesday and Thursday nights last reached \$600.

B. I. S.—The annual meeting of the B. I. S. will be continued to-night when the officers for the coming year will be elected and installed.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—A squad of volunteers had rifle practice at the Southside Range yesterday and did excellent work, conditions considered.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.—Eight volunteers and three reservists are now confined to hospital suffering from slight ailments, a number of others are compelled to remain in doors suffering from colds.

Drink STEERO. A cube makes a cup. Simply add boiling water.—Feb. 9, '17.

RESERVISTS GET FURLOUGH EXTENDED.—The ninety-eight Royal Naval Reservists who returned over one month ago and whose furlough expired this morning have been given further leave, their time being extended till 7 a.m. of the 27th inst.

ASK FOR MINARD'S LINIMENT AND TAKE NO OTHER.

Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS.

SALT CARGO.—A cargo of salt reached this port yesterday from Cadiz.

Over 30,000 bottles of Stafford's Liniment sold last year.

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TO-DAY

Message

11.30 P.M.

RELIEF WORK FOR
Brand Whitlock, Minister
later to Belgium, will be
main in Brussels, will be
capacity. Belgian relief
still go on under the
men now in charge of
tion.

**E. S. SHIPS PREPARING
SERVICE.**

Seven steamships sailing
ton in the coastwise ser-
speediest of their kind
tentatively settled in
and will be armed to
claration of war by the
States. They are the
Bunkerhill, Northland,
Camden, Belfast and H.
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**THE EVE OF THE GER-
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British Headquarters
To-day.—The cold winter
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