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Messages.****9.30. A.M.****NEWFOUNDLAND, TAKE NOTICE!**

London, To-day (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—In the House of Commons last night Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, stated that the Government had determined to enforce the principle that no man over the present military age should be taken for service if the situation could be met by the calling up of men of military age now in the country. The age of 25 had been selected for a clean cut Civil Service minimum, because above 25 years of age men really indispensable from the viewpoint of war effort. This did not mean that civil servants over 25 were not being released as rapidly as possible. Certain Government offices were considering the advisability of releasing all men fit for general service up to the age of 43.

London, To-day (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—In the House of Commons last night Hon. James Ian Macpherson, Under Secretary of State for War, declined in the public interest to state the number of troops in Ireland. Up till December 31st, 1917, Ulster had contributed over fifty-eight thousand recruits, he stated, while the rest of Ireland had given over sixty-five thousand.

HEAVY FIGHTING ABOUT BAILLEUL.

LONDON, To-day. Bailleul and Wulverghem were the recent points of heavy fighting between the British and Germans in Flanders, while the German artillery displayed activity in the section between Ghent and Robecq, according to the report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters to-night. The report says: Fighting occurred this evening in the neighborhood of Bailleul and Wulverghem, and is continuing. On the rest of the Lys battle front there is nothing particular to report. The hostile artillery has shown activity in the section between Franche and Robecq. Bodies of German infantry moving along the LaBasse-Estaires Road were effectively engaged by our artillery. On the other parts of the British front there was no important incident.

STEAMER BURNED.

NEW YORK, To-day. The American steamer which was burned off the coast of Nova Scotia on Saturday night was identified here to-day as the City of Wilmington, formerly the Barbour Line freighter Camino. She was a ship of 3,309 tons gross and was on a voyage from a southern port for France with a cargo of flour and cotton.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, To-day. (Official).—Mostly artillery engagements along the front to-day which were particularly violent in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre. Our batteries successfully dispersed bodies of enemy troops in their approach to Demouin and Laon. Two successful raids, one at Four-de-Paris, and the other at Col-du-Homme were carried out, and prisoners brought back.

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planes reconnoitered the enemy's lines on the Lys battlefield Sunday, and were again obliged by clouds of mist to work at a very low height. They bombed and machine gunned the enemy's troops in this area and all returned.

A PREDATORY NATION.

LONDON, To-day. Germany stands to-day as a predatory nation, and is trying to destroy the British and French armies before the American forces can be brought into the field, said Arthur J. Balfour, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in responding to a toast at a luncheon to the American Labor Delegation yesterday. Pointing out that the destruction of Germany has never been an Allied aim, and desired so far as he knew by no sane man, Mr. Balfour said that the Germans had made many miscalculations, but none more grievous than to underestimate the power of America. Great Britain, he said, is confident that America will be able to send over her indomitable troops in a way that no German General Staff officer has even calculated. It is men we need now, he concluded.

NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

LONDON, To-day. In a reply to a question in the Commons yesterday, as to whether Great Britain was aware of the President Poincaré had in his possession Emperor Charles's letter of a year ago, when Great Britain refused to consider peace negotiations, especially Kerekeny's proposals, Foreign Secretary Balfour said, that the Government had most carefully considered the subject, and had decided that it was not in the public interest to discuss it in any form in the House of Commons at present. He appealed to the questioner not to push the matter further. Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, answering a question in the House said, no assurance has been given that the British and Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Vladivostok, as soon as order is restored.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

TORONTO, Ont., To-day. Fire, which broke out in the leading docks of the Harris Abbot Plant, at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, shortly after 9.30 o'clock last evening, caused damage which James Harris, Managing Director of the Company was unable to estimate at tonight, but it is expected to total \$1,000,000. The fire was still burning fiercely early this morning, but the firemen hoped to be able to save the engine room, slaughter house, cooling plant and offices and cured meats stored in the cooling plant valued between two and three million dollars. Seven leading platforms in the plant, known as the sausage room, with its contents, and four freight cars loaded with bacon, eggs, cured meats and other food commodities were entirely consumed.

SUPER-GUN AT IT AGAIN.

PARIS, To-day. German long range guns continue their bombardment of Paris.

A COUNTRY OF CONTRADICTIONS.

LONDON, To-day. Meetings to protest against conscription, were held Monday, in one hundred parishes in Ireland, all classes of the population taking part. The despatch from Dublin to the Times. The clergy took a leading part in all meetings. Resolutions of protest are pouring into the War Office. The Sinn Féin Clubs are very active, unquestionably, the despatch says, the present temper of Nationalist Ireland is very deplorable; the country is lost all traces of propriety, and has forgotten not merely Home Rule, but the war. It is a country of contradictions, however, for in Dublin and some other towns, public recruiting has been remarkably good in the past few days.

CASUALTIES SMALL.

PARIS, To-day. Shells from the long range guns had caused casualties, occasionally woman and one man, in the Paris district last night, according to an official statement issued to-day.

NO CONCOURSE WITH ENEMY.

LONDON, To-day. The declaration of the American Federation, that it will not meet enemy representatives during the war, which James Wilson, Chairman of the visiting American Labor Delegation expressed at a luncheon yesterday, is welcomed by the press.

CZERNIN THE SCAPE-GOAT.

ROME, To-day. Emperor Charles should have resigned, but as it is not customary for sovereigns to leave posts, even when they make blunders, Count Czernin was obliged to go, says the Giornale d'Italia, in commenting on the resignation of Count Czernin as Austrian Foreign Minister.

NOT MUCH DOING.

TOKIO, To-day. Official advices from Vladivostok, says the city is calm. Japanese blue-jackets are not replying to occasional shots from snipers at night. Protection of the French Consulate has been taken over by the Japanese. The Japanese Foreign Office announces, there is no confirmation of a Petrograd despatch that the Bolshevik Government has proclaimed a state of war in Siberia, and ordered the Red Guard to oppose the Japanese marines.

BAILLEUL CAPTURED.

LONDON, To-day. The Germans have captured Bailleul, on the northern battle front, the war office announces. The British have fallen back to new positions north of Bailleul and Wulverghem.

BIG GUNS ROAR.

PARIS, To-day. The war office announces that heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the main battle front in the neighborhood of Mont Didier. The French captured a machine gun and prisoners near the Olse Canal.

ADVANCE AND RETREAT.

LONDON, To-day. Fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wyszchete. A German attack, southwest of Vieux Berguin, was repulsed. The text of the statement reads: "Yesterday evening, preceded by an intense

bombardment, the enemy launched very heavy attacks against our positions between Bailleul and Neuve Eglise, and the assault was delivered by three picked German divisions, which had not been previously engaged in the battle, and it succeeded after a fierce and bitter struggle, in carrying the high ground southeast and east of Bailleul, known as Mont de Lille and Revetaberg. Our troops on this front have fallen back to new positions, to the north of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Bailleul has fallen into the enemy's hands. This morning fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wyszchete and early this morning the enemy attacked southwest of Vieux Berguin, under heavy artillery and trench mortar fire, but was repulsed. A number of prisoners were taken by us during the night, in a successful minor enterprise southeast of Robecq. On the remainder of the British front there was nothing of special interest to report.

ONLY A FEW RIPPLES.

PARIS, To-day. In the region south of Mont Didier, there was heavy artillery fighting and in the sector of Noyon, the French made some progress in a local operation. French reconnoitering parties were very active, especially in the region of the Olse Canal. A French detachment crossed the Canal, the Champagne, near the Salcheprey, and in the Vosges. A German raid at Teten was repulsed. Everywhere else the night was calm.

FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION.

PARIS, April 16. Premier Clemenceau returned to Paris last night, from the battlefield, where he had been getting into close touch with conditions. The impression of the situation which he brought back to the capital with him was a favorable one.

DECLINED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

LONDON, To-day. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—In the House of Commons last night, Hon. James Ian Macpherson, Under Secretary of State for the War, declined in the public interest to state the number of troops in Ireland up to December 31st, 1917. Ulster had contributed over 58,000 recruits, he stated, while the rest of Ireland had given over 65,000.

**Susu Rescued from
Dangerous Position.**

The s.s. Susu, Capt. S. Horwood, while making port on Sunday afternoon got caught in the heavy Arctic ice floe about a mile off the Narrows and was held fast in the floe till 8.30 a.m. to-day, when she was released from a dangerous position by the s.s. Terra Nova. It being impossible to force the ship through the heavy ice, she was allowed to drift with the current, which gradually took her in towards the land at a point to the southward of Blackhead Bay. Slowly but surely the little steamer was approached by the jagged rocks, and had it not been for the Terra Nova would have certainly pounded to pieces. All on board, including the lady passengers, spent an anxious night and held themselves in readiness to leave the ship at any moment. The captain and crew stood watch throughout while the women passengers behaved splendidly. Yesterday morning two of the crew came over the ice from Cape Spear to Fort Amherst and reported the ship's condition. The result was that the Terra Nova being sent to the rescue. Reaching the scene last evening the ice, which was packed on the land, was too heavy for even the famous sealer to open up a lead, but as the ice slackened this morning she succeeded in getting in close to the Susu and rescued her from her dangerous position. The Susu was then about a cable length from the land and in eight fathoms of water. The ship, which was returning from the westward, had encountered exceptionally bad weather which delayed her considerably and as a consequence her coal supply was running short, barely enough being held in reserve to take her to port this morning. Yesterday two of the crew captured eight seals, while numerous others were seen in the Bay.

C. C. C. POSTPONED LECTURE.
Gallery and Parquette Ticket Holders for the Postponed Lecture of Lieut. Leo Murphy may have same FREE OF CHARGE by applying on Friday next between 7.30 and 10 p.m. at the C. C. C. New Hall, Mechanics' Building.—li

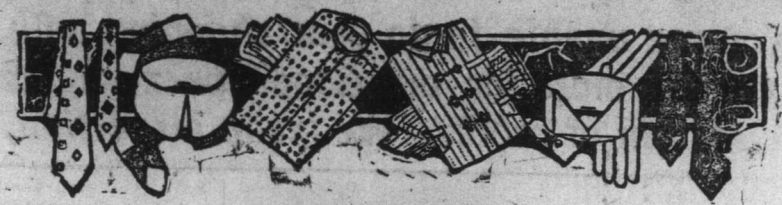
**J. Alex. Robinson,
Esq., LL. D.**

Dr. Robinson will speak to-night at the Presbyterian Hall on "Thoughts for the Times." A treat is in store for those who attend, as the Doctor always has something interesting and instructive to say, and it will be delivered in his usual delightful style. All men of the city are cordially invited.

FOR CHURCH & ORPHAN-AGE PURPOSES—St. Thomas's Women's Association's Sale of Plain Work, Home Cookery, Afternoon and 6 o'clock Teas, which will be members' table on which will be most useful articles and a Pound and Sample table. Sale opens at 3.30 p.m. in Canon Wood Hall on Wednesday, April 17th, as previously advertised.—apr12.4i

Personal.

Mr. R. Horwood and Mrs. Horwood left by to-day's express for Boston. Mrs. T. McNeil and child left for Toronto by to-day's express. Sir W. D. Reid and party left by the s.s. Terra Nova on route for Montreal to-day.

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SEALING NEWS.—The Diana wires Baird & Co. that she has on board 1,000 seals but the weather is very bad. The Viking wires Bowring that she struck a small patch of bedlams and killed and panned 100 yesterday.

One often hears the question asked, "Why are so many young people wearing glasses nowadays?" Most young people wearing glasses have suffered from some form of Astigmatism, Hyperopia or Myopia. Problems for which no remedy other than glasses is yet known to man. TRAPNELL, the Eyesight Specialist, takes care of both young and old when glasses are needed.—apr15.4i

Under the auspices of the Ladies' College Aid Society, a Sale of Useful and Fancy Articles and Home-made Dainties will be held at the Crosbie Hotel, Wednesday, April 17th, at 4 o'clock. Afternoon Tea, 4.30 to 5.30. High Tea, 6.15 to 7.45. Admission, including Afternoon Tea, 50c. Admission and High Tea, \$1.50. Entrance from Victoria Street. M. H. FENWICK, Sec.—apr12.3i.f.m.tu

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DIED.

This (Tuesday) morning, Henry Shea, Esq., M.D., aged 88 years, Funeral from 76 Cochrane Street, Thursday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock.—R.I.P. No Flowers.

Passed peacefully away at midnight, after a short illness, Elfrida H. Parsons, daughter of the late Alfred Parsons; funeral on Thursday afternoon, at 2.30, from her late residence, Jubilee Cottage, Forest Road. No flowers.

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