

Services on Sunday (1st Sun- day of the Epiphany) will be: 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. in response to the Epiphany of the support of the Parish by the church. 3 p. m. service in the hall.

WEEK DAYS 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bible class and service of inter- est. The Anglican Young Association.

Methodist Church Memorial Church, Queen street, Rev. F. C. Simpson, every Sabbath at 11 a. m. every Sabbath morning at 10 a. m. Sabbath School at 10 a. m.

Meeting Wednesday evening 8 o'clock. cordially welcomed at all times.

Methodist Church Next Sunday, Jan. 13: 10 a. m. Sunday School, 10 a. m. 7 p. m. Rev. M. S. preacher.

United Baptist Church Richardson, pastor. Sun- day, 10 a. m., preaching 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning service the Pa- rish will be of special in- terest to members of the Sunday School.

Business meeting of the church postponed to Wed- nesday, at 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Church, Linday, pastor. Preach- ing Sunday, Jan. 13th, at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Mr. C. Gates Mt. 7:30 p. m. WINTER MEETINGS: Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

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## AUSTRIANS IN TERRIBLE PLIGHT

### AUSTRIA STRUGGLES TO KEEP LIFE ON ALARMINGLY SHORT SUPPLY OF INFERIOR RATIONS

Food Situation Grows Stendly Worse With Rations of Most Terrible Nature Supplied—Reverses of Troops Greeted With Rejoicing by Hungry Populace Who Hope For Food Relief.

A London despatch says: The food situation in parts of Austria, notably Bohemia, is at present more critical than at any previous period of the war, according to letters which have been received by Czechs here, after evading the Austrian censorship. Bohemia, both owing to her geographical situation and the concentration of her population in the industrial districts, has always been dependant on outside assistance as far as her food supply is concerned.

"You can't conceive what a desperate plight we are in," says one letter, "and it is even worse as winter comes on, for there has been no harvest to speak of. Owing to the drought, everything has been burned up; there is no wheat, and soon there will be no potatoes. Nobody sees how we can endure another winter. Even the peasant farmers have not enough for themselves. There is practically no meat—you perhaps can buy a scrap once a week after standing for four hours in line. There are strikes and demonstrations everywhere, but the newspapers are not allowed to say anything about them."

### A LEAN BOHEMIAN RATION

Another letter says: "The rations per head are now: Bread, 2 pounds weekly; flour for married people only, one pound weekly; potatoes, one pound weekly; sugar, half pound weekly. But in reality it is practically impossible to obtain one's full allowance of anything. Food is issued on Fridays and Saturdays every week, but it frequently happens that those who have finished their rations too soon or who have no money to procure something by underhand means, die of starvation on Thursday. The management of the Food Bureau attempts to satisfy our appetites by providing the most terrible bread, the mere sight of which often upsets the starving stomach.

"It is true we have the much-vaunted soup kitchens, which provide a mid-day meal. But the meal is no longer anything nourishing, but only water containing beets, clover and turnips. The war vegetables are occasionally supplemented with horse meat when things are going badly on the front. Thus when the Italian offensives were going badly against us, many wagon loads of dead horses were brought to the factory kitchens to be made into soup. These kitchens supply the invalid soldiers, and also the foreign workmen, the latter mostly Poles.

### REVERSES CAUSE REJOICING

"Whenever a report came in that the Italians were winning, there was great rejoicing among these slaves at the prospect of getting meat soup. These wretched creatures, who are conscripted for work in the mines and factories, are literally slaves. Not only is their personal liberty restricted, but corporal punishments are inflicted for the slightest retort; the offender is flogged and shaved close, like a convict, as a mark of humiliation.

"A good many men may still be seen in the industrial towns, but there are absolutely none in the villages. A few sons of rich land-owners have been able to escape military service by suddenly becoming indispensable to some mine or factory. There are very few soldiers left at home now, although there were plenty last March. The end is at hand."

### UPBRAID HUNGARY'S PLENTY

Corroborative evidence of the critical situation in Bohemia, is found in several more official sources. In the Austrian Budget Committee, the Deputy, M. Zenker, declared that the shortage of flour and bread was now almost complete. "If the Government really desires to continue the war," he said, "it will have to take some very urgent measures. We will afterwards have something to say about Hungary, which would be well advised to give way and let us have some of her stored-up food if she does not want to see a current of overwhelming opin-

## SHIPPING LOSS IS HEAVY

### IT IS REPORTED THAT THE SUBMARINE ZONE HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Germans Also Break Faith by Torpedoing Hospital Ship When Bed-Ridden Soldiers are Exposed on Life Rafts—Nine Americans Lost on Steamer.

### NEW SHIPBUILDING PLANT

The Howes Construction Co. at Meteghan River. [Yarmouth Telegram] Mr. Siffroi Robicheau, of Meteghan River, was in Yarmouth on Wednesday evening, on a brief business trip. Mr. Robicheau, a few months ago, entered the employ of the R. H. Howes Construction Co., of Boston, and New York, which has established a shipyard at Meteghan River, a brief reference of which, was made in these columns a few weeks ago.

This company, it can be said, knew nothing of Nova Scotia and its shipbuilding possibilities until last fall, when the Vice-President, Mr. George D. Morecroft, came to the province and in a trip along the Bay Shore was not long in grasping the whole situation. The company since then has established itself and its work of development has been immense. A lease for a term of years has been taken of the late James Cosman shipyards at the mouth of the Meteghan River. Mills, together with pattern shops, equipped with the latest improved shipbuilding machinery, have been erected and are now working.

They recently closed a deal for a tract of 500 acres of very valuable timberland on the Meteghan River. Lumbermen's camps have been erected and a large gang of men is now engaged on the property getting out ship framing and timber, some of which is being hauled direct from the stump to the mills, while a greater quantity is taken to the river to come in rafts in the spring.

The company intends to enter into shipbuilding on a very extensive scale, and in securing the services of Mr. Robicheau, has been fortunate in obtaining a man of wide experience and a most clever shipwright.

They have already laid the keel for one vessel, for which sufficient framing is on the site. The Howes Construction Co. is a concern that undertakes work of considerable magnitude and is very widely known throughout the United States. They expect, as soon as they are thoroughly established at Meteghan River, to employ a large amount of labor and to vigorously pursue shipbuilding. As soon as spring breaks and their winter's cut is rafted into the mills, where it can be conveniently handled, they intend to lay three more keels side by side and have the work of construction go along simultaneously with as little delay as possible, and their establishment will be a big boon to this part of the Province.

Mr. Robicheau, who was accompanied by Mrs. Robicheau, returned home yesterday.

### Uncle Sam's Big Submarine Fleet

ST. LOUIS, Mo., January 14—Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval committee, who came here to make several addresses, said today that within a year the United States would have a submarine fleet as good as that of Germany or better. "The number of submarines under construction is a naval secret," he said, "and all that can be said is that the 123 which are being built under the authorization of the program of August, 1916, are only a part of the whole number."

### More Delco Light.

In conversation with Mr. Aubrey Brown, sales agent, and Mr. G. D. Denton, travelling salesman for Delco Light, we learn that many more plants, besides those already reported are being installed in the counties of Digby and Annapolis. Mr. E. A. Thornton, of the Fraser, Thornton Co., is installing a plant to light three cottages at Smith's Cove, and Capt. Herbert Riley, of Clementsport, one for his residence.

## BRIDGETOWN HAS MANY ADVANTAGES

### LOCATED IN A HIGH FARMING COUNTRY AND AN IMPORTANT MANUFACTURING CENTRE.

Men Who Are Helping to Make Good Find Themselves in the Right Locality—The Town Has Few Unoccupied Houses and is a Good Place in Which to Reside.

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"As is well known, Bridgetown, from a business standpoint, does not depend on its factories alone, as much of its success can be attributed to its being the centre of a splendid farming and fruit growing district. Bridgetown also has excellent shipping facilities, as it is served by two railways and has steam packet connection with St. John, N. B.

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- Chas. H. Carty, P. G. I. G.
- Percy Wormell, R. S. N. G.
- S. A. Keeh, P. G. L. S. N. G.
- H. E. Jones, P. G. R. S. V. G.
- W. L. Holdsworth, P. G. L. S. V. G.
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