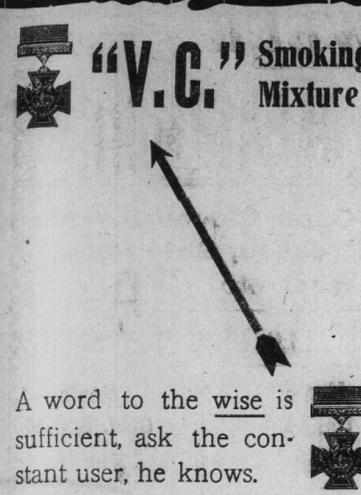


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**War News.**

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

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**SNOWDEN REPEATS HIS STATEMENT.**  
LONDON, Feb. 23. Snowden concluded his address as follows, his words evoking applause from every corner of the House: "I have stated in clear, direct, explicit and emphatic language what are the terms which we are prepared to make peace. I will repeat them. They are: 'We shall never sheath the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium, and I will add, Serbia, recover in full measure all, and more than they have sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation; until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed.'"

"What is there wanting, in clearness and directness in that, I ask Mr. Trevelyan and the German Chancellor? How can I make it fuller and more intelligible? How can I do more to convince him and all our enemies that not until peace, based upon these foundations, is within the grasp of attainment, and not until

then, shall we, or any of our Allies, abate by one jot our prosecution of the war."

**PEACE DISCUSSED.**

**LONDON, Feb. 23.** Philip Snowden, Socialist, took advantage of the discussion of the Government's Consolidated Fund Bill in the Commons to-day, to raise a question as to the conditions under which it would be possible to bring the war to an end, with the object for which the Allies were fighting realized. He contended that prolongation of the war could be justified only by a reasonable expectation that through its continuance the Allies should be in a position to dictate such terms as to secure future European peace. He thought that few men who took an intelligent and dispassionate view of the situation, and the lessons it had taught, would say that there was any reasonable ground for hope of a decisive and crushing military victory for either of the contending parties. If Britain was determined to continue in expectation of crushing Germany he declared, her people ought to be convinced that it was the best method for establishing the international relations of the European Powers. He, however, believed that the continued attempt to crush Germany would be the worst basis for the establishment of a just and lasting settlement. The speaker declared that all nations, especially Germany, were being driven to accept the evidence of this war, of the futility of militarism, and that the time was ripe for making a movement in the direction of peace. In particular, Snowden maintained that German Socialists were solidly in favor of peace, now that it had been proven that Germany was invulnerable from external attack. The Premier said he would not like it to go forth to the world that Snowden and Trevelyan were spokesmen for any substantial body of public opinion. He even doubted whether they spoke for their own constituencies. Certainly, he declared, they did not speak for Democratic opinion. The Premier welcomed Snowden's admission that the conditions of peace should be such as to secure permanent attainment of national aims. There is absolute unity in the country, he continued. The Premier declared that Snowden's statement on the military situation was a matter of opinion. The real gist of Snowden's speech, added the Premier, was his contention that a genuine desire for peace existed in Germany. As evidence, there was the report of the debate in the Reichstag and the Chancellor's speech in which he said he would welcome approaches from any quarter, but did not say he was prepared to make approaches himself. The Premier referred in biting terms to the Chancellor's statement that Germany was not the enemy of small nations, and characterized the statement as colossal and shameless audacity, after her treatment of Belgium and Serbia.

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**HEAVY FIGHTING.**

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**FOOD RIOTS IN GERMANY.**

**LONDON, Feb. 23.** The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail says that he has reliable information to the effect that rioting is increasing in Germany. He telegraphs that protest meetings, especially of women, continue to be held notwithstanding severe police measures. The most serious riot, which has so far taken place in Germany, occurred on the evening of Feb. 19 in Bergedort, a suburb of Hamburg, where a women's meeting was held in front of the burgo-master's house, in protest against the butter and fat regulations. It developed into a big street demonstration, the people shouting "down with the government." Police, summoned from Hamburg, drove the screaming and struggling women into their homes after a street battle. A despatch from Zurich reports serious food protests and riots in Hanover.

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**Our Volunteers.**

Up to noon yesterday at the C. L. B. Armoury the men were engaged at various indoor drilling exercises and were given leave during the afternoon, it being a public half holiday. At 9 o'clock this morning the men resumed drill.

**Assistant Curate Coming.**

Rev. Clarence A. Moulton, who has been appointed Assistant Curate of St. Thomas's Church during the absence of the Rev. A. Clayton, Curate of St. Thomas's Church by His Lordship Bishop Jones, will likely arrive in the city to-morrow night. Mr. Clayton leaves by to-day's express for England where he will join as Chaplain for the front.

**Laid to Rest.**

All that was mortal of the late Jos. O'Brien, of Outer Cove, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon at Torbay. The funeral was largely attended, the procession comprising people from Torbay, Outer Cove, Middle Cove, Logy Bay and Flatrock and other adjacent places. For weeks deceased had been President of the Torbay Total Abstinence Society. The prayers for the dead were read by Rt. Rev. Mons. St. John.

**Trout Scarce.**

Though there is a scarcity of trout locally this winter, large quantities of them were brought to town yesterday from different suburban settlements and readily disposed of. The fish in nearly all cases were very small and 20 cents a dozen was got for them.

**Section Foreman's House Blown Down.**

In the big gale of some two weeks ago a section foreman's house near Killy's Brook was thrown over, and only that the section man was over the line at the time he would certainly have been injured if not killed. It was on this part of the railway that several cars were blown from the track some four years ago.

**G. F. Recruits Show Splendid Physique.**

The twenty-seven young men, comprising the Grand Falls advance contingent, whose excellent physique has won flattering comment for them and who had already gone through a medical examination at the inland town under two physicians, were re-examined by Dr. Burden yesterday and the previous night. All passed creditably and were pronounced physically fit, only a few recruits not being up to the required weight. The Grand Falls 27 are a strapping bunch with a fine soldiery appearance.

**To His Grace.**

The Right Rev. Mons. McDermott sent a cablegram of felicitation to His Grace yesterday apropos of His Grace's anniversary, to which His Grace replied, thanking the good Monsignor and the people of St. John's in general. The Archbishop is still at New York, but expects to leave for the south about Monday next.

**T. J. Edens**

By s.s. Stephano to-day, February 17:  
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**HOUSEHOLD NOTES.**  
Too much linen will cause linen to crack in the folds.  
When ironing linen, move the iron with the threads, never diagonally.  
Serve a light suet rolypoly with beef.  
Serve plenty of forcemeat stuffing with veal, rabbit or mutton.  
Croustons are always good served with a clear soup.  
Young yellow, turnips are particularly good for February.  
Celery and pineapple make a delicious salad.  
If an egg is frozen, put it into hot water for a few minutes. This will thaw it out perfectly.  
Skim milk used instead of water in the cooking of cereals adds to their nutritive value.  
A lump of loaf sugar put into a quart of olive oil will prevent its getting rancid.  
If washing powders are used in the washing of linen, it will go to pieces in no time.  
Linen should be kept in a dry, cool place. Heat causes the threads to become brittle.  
To sweeten gooseberries or cranberries with less sugar, put a small pinch of baking soda in while cooking.  
Never forget the need of salads and fruits all through the cold weather.

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