

LATEST From the Front.

10.00 A.M.

NO BLOCKADE DECREED.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The German Embassy declared in a statement issued to-day in regard to a decree, placing the waters around the British Isles in a war zone, that Germany does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food stuffs for the civilian population of the enemy's countries. The statement expresses the hope that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the *Wilhelmina*. The German Ambassador has not received instructions, regarding the decision of the German Admiralty, but according to the text of the decision the following seems clear: There is nothing new in the communication made on Feb. 4 by the German Admiralty with respect to the attitude of the German Imperial Navy towards ships of the enemy or towards neutral commerce. It is absurd to describe this proclamation as a blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been since the beginning of the war, the attitude of the navy of all belligerent powers towards the ships of the enemy. A few months ago the English Admiralty proclaimed the closing of the North Sea waters which are essentially neutral. Germany does not profess to close even the English Channel to neutral commerce, nor does it intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food stuffs for the civilian population of the enemy's countries. It is to be hoped that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the *Wilhelmina*. The statement concludes with the following: "The warning may also be taken as in the nature of an answer to the offer of a prize of \$2,500 made in England for the first British merchant ship that should succeed in raiding and sinking a German submarine, an offer calculated to revive a long-abandoned practice of privateering."

USE OF NEUTRAL FLAG.

LONDON, To-day. The following statement was issued by the Foreign Office to-night: "The use of the neutral flag is within certain limitations a well-established practice as a *Ruse de Guerre*. The effect in the case of a merchantman wearing a flag other than her national flag, is to compel an enemy to follow the ordinary obligations of naval warfare and satisfy himself as to the nationality of the vessel chartered and her cargo by examination before capturing her and taking her into a Prize Court for adjudication. The British Government have always considered the use of British colours by foreign vessels legitimate, for the purpose of escaping capture. Such practice not only involves no breach of international law, but is specifically recognized by the law in this country."

In the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the instructions to British Consuls, 1914, it is stated a ship is liable to capture if the British character is improperly assumed, except for the purpose of escaping capture. As we have a practice not objected to of foreign merchant vessels using the British merchant flag as a ruse for the purpose of evading capture at sea by belligerents, so we should maintain that the converse case of a British merchant vessel committed no breach of international law in assuming neutral colors for a similar purpose if she thought fit. The rules of international law and the customs of war dictate humanity as obligatory upon a belligerent to ascertain the character of a merchant vessel and, cargo before capturing. Germany has no right to disregard this obligation and to destroy a ship and non-combatant crew and cargo as Germany announces the intention of doing. It is nothing less than an act of piracy on the high seas."

GRAPHIC STORY OF TRENCH FIGHTING.

LONDON, To-day. A graphic description of the trench warfare, which prevailed on the Western front for weeks, is given by Eyewitness in his description of German attacks on British lines and British counter-attacks which were made last Monday. He says the Germans again attacked the South La Bassee Canal, but not in such strength as on previous occasions. Fighting began in the early hours of the morning with an assault on a small trench close to the Canal. This was successful. Two local counter-attacks carried by us, failed to regain the ground lost. When daylight came, however, our artillery opened such an accurate fire on the enemy, that their position became untenable and a stronger counter-attack

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was delivered, our men rushing forward not only drove the Germans from the trench they had captured, but seized another post on the enemy's side of it on an embankment of the Canal. There were a succession of German posts on this embankment, and we now had established ourselves in one of them. Our supports then came up, passing through our firing line holding the first of the enemy's posts and rushed on to the second driving out the garrison at the point of the bayonet. Thence our men were enabled to take in flank the enemy's trenches to the south. Along this they fought their way throwing hand grenades and they had dislodged the Germans over a considerable length. We thus established ourselves. Eyewitness says, the Germans who reached the trenches were literally almost wiped out. Seventy-five bodies were counted in front of the defenders' line. It is reported not more than three of the enemy escaped. He continues, the enemy's losses in the La Bassee area appear to have been very great. During this action, we captured 14 prisoners and many wounded and two machine guns. Our losses were severe but the enemy suffered heavily, especially from our artillery fire. Speaking of three singularly gallant but unsuccessful attacks on the French, south of the Bethune Road, he says they suffered severely from an enfilading fire brought to bear upon them by one of our machine guns from the post they attacked. In two days one of their companies had lost thirty men from shell fire alone. Giving some instances of the force of modern explosives, Eyewitness says, a mine which the Germans fired under one British trench, buried a piece of rail weighing twenty-five pounds, a distance of over a mile, while the detonation of one of the British lyddite shells threw a German soldier across the railway and canal.

11.30 A.M.

TURKISH FORTS BOMBARDED.

LONDON, To-day. Four torpedo boats of the Allies have bombarded the Turkish forts in the Dardanelles, according to an Athens despatch, and two ammunition depots were set on fire.

WILHELMINA'S CARGO.

LONDON, To-day. The owners of the cargo of the American steamer *Wilhelmina* have intimated to the Commission for the Relief of Belgium that its offer for the purchase of the cargo will not be considered.

PIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN POLAND.

LONDON, To-day. With the German and the Russian Emperors as eyewitnesses, the armies of Russia and Germany are still contending for the positions, which protect the Polish capital, Warsaw, from the invaders. Nothing has been disclosed as to the progress of the battle which, when last reports were received, was raging with unabated fury. The Russians, according to Saturday's official statement, had strengthened their positions on the western bank of the Bura River, which they had crossed near its mouth, and captured another German vantage point. They had also captured a long line of German trenches near Borjow. In East Prussia another big battle is developing, the Germans having sent reinforcements to that region. In the Carpathians, while their right is advancing, the Russians are only able to report that their left has checked the Austro-German offensive.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.

LATEST 12.20 P.M.

LONDON, To-day. The Marquis of Londonderry died to-day.

BLOCKADE INEFFECTIVE.

LONDON, To-day. While maintaining that it is impossible the Admiralty could have given secret order to merchant vessels to fly neutral flag, the *Times*' naval correspondent admits it is quite natural the Admiralty should advise merchant ships to adopt neutral flags or take any other precautions to conceal their identification when passing through submarine-infested waters. He adds that such advice doubtless has been given. Discussing Germany's promise not to molest American vessels, the *Times*' correspondent argues that under international law the blockade should be impartial, and that if Germany makes exception in favor of Americans she must make it apply to others or the blockade will be ineffective.

STILL DETAINED.—The S.S. *Desola*, which came here to have her acid cargo adjusted, is still in port, awaiting orders.

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At the College Hall Yesterday.

Yesterday the annual Thanksgiving Services in connection with the College Street Church congregation were held in the College Hall. The Rev. D. Hemmison, B.A., was the morning preacher, and after welcoming to the service the Volunteers numbering about eighty, under Captain Eric Ayre, and making reference to the destruction of the beautiful Church, extended sympathy and best wishes that the new Sanctuary may worthily uphold the traditions of the old one. The text was found in Samuel the seventh chapter and twelfth verse. Thanksgiving is the expression of man's essential nature. A sense of obligation is a sense of duty and responsibility. Recall the many blessings vouchsafed to all, the benefits derived from living in a Christian land. Liberty to worship and all we enjoy. Let us prize our Church, our Methodism and the Christian religion. Quite a large congregation assembled at the evening service which was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh, M.A., who addressed his hearers from the words: "Giving Thanks Always." Thanksgiving said the preacher is a personal thing—not a mood—it ought to be a habit, a conviction always to be grateful and thankful always. Cultivate the thankful habit. As Newfoundlanders we have a great deal to be grateful for—the strong and bracing climate—our geographical situation—the Empire to which we belong—our personal mercies, and our eternal hope in Christ—let us praise Him for all that we have and are. Both sermons were brilliant with choice Thanksgiving thoughts and were much appreciated. The full choir rendered the Anthem: "Praise ye the Lord," and Miss Heffer sang in fine voice and expression the solo: "How beautiful upon the mountains." The offering was not counted up to press hour, but we understand it was most liberal. The fund will remain open until after next Sabbath.

This Date In History.

FEBRUARY 8.

New Moon—14.

Days Past—33 To Come—326

JOHN RUSKIN born 1819. He came into general notice with "Modern Painters" in which a wealth of curious artistic and scientific information was set forth with such literary skill as to attract immediate attention. Carlyle's influence contributed to develop his range of thought from art to social and economic studies, the expression of which may be found in "Unto This Last."

WAR BROKE OUT between Russia and Japan, 1904.

THAT LITTLE CHAP OF MINE.

I know I'm just an ordinary, easy-going cuss,
'Bout like the common run of men, no better an' no wiser.
I can't lay claim to anything as fur as looks may go,
An' when it comes to learning, why, I don't stand any show.
But that must be somethin' more in me than other folks kin see.
'Cause I've got a little chap at home that thinks a heap of me.

I've had my ups an' downs in life, as most folks have, I guess,
An', take it all in all, I couldn't brag of much success,
But it braces up a feller, an' it tickles him to know
That's some one that takes stock in him, no matter how things go,
An' when I get the worst of it, I'm proud as I kin be
To know that little chap of mine still thinks a heap of me.

To feel his little hand in mine, so trustin' an' so warm,
To know he thinks I'm strong enough to keep him from all harm,
To see his lovin' faith in all that I kin say or do—
It sort o' shames a feller, but it makes him better, too.
An' so I try to be the man he fancies me to be.
Jest 'cause that little chap of mine, he thinks a heap of me.

I wouldn't disappoint his trust for anything on earth,
Or let him know how little I jest naturally am worth.
An' after all, it's easy up the better road to climb
With a little hand to help you on an' guide you all the time.
An' I reckon I'm a better man than what I used to be.
Since I've got a little chap at home that thinks a heap of me.
—Ida Goldsmith Morris.

"OURS" IN THE WEST END.

The new pictures shown at Rossley's West End Theatre are the pick of the market and Mr. Rossley personally overlooks every film and sees that there is never any thing objectionable. The little singer is making lots of friends by her clever singing, and this week her songs are more attractive still; the music is first class.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES RHEUMATISM.

Mongolian Forced Back by Ice.

STRUCK ROCK ENTERING THE NARROWS AND IS BADLY DAMAGED.

After an unsuccessful attempt to get to her destination on account of ice, the Allan Liner *Mongolian*, Capt. Hatherly, which left here on Thursday last for Glasgow, put back to port yesterday and with twelve feet of water in her forehold, the result of striking a rock entering the harbor.

JAMMED IN ICE.

The ship left here at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday last with a large outward mail and freight and the majority of her passengers were buyers en route to the English markets. Just after clearing the harbor slob ice was met and the ship had to do considerable butting to get through. On Thursday night at 10 o'clock the ship became jammed off Bay Bulls and for forty-eight hours made no progress, only being able to go to and fro, enough to keep herself free, although she got a few hard squeezes. Early yesterday morning the ship was able to come back to St. John's and await a change of wind to drive the ice off.

STRUCK ROCK.

Upon entering the harbor the ship kept too far to starboard and in consequence struck "Ruby," a submerged rock about forty feet abreast of Chain Rock and began to make water rapidly in No. 1 hold, the pumps having to be kept going continually. There was no pilot on board at the time and the ship was going less than half speed. The Captain was unable to see the stick, which is a mark for the rock owing to it being covered with ice. When the ship docked at the Allan pier there was over twelve feet of water in the fore hold, which contained 1,000 tons of cargo and a great deal of this is damaged.

THE DIVER'S REPORT.

The forward part of the ship was grounded. To-day Diver Squires made an examination of the ship's damages. After being down forty minutes he came to the surface and reported that the ship was well into the mud, concluding that the damages are near the bridge. The ship will be moved out into deeper water for another survey and it is not yet known whether the ship will be dry docked for repairs or no. In any event the dock is occupied at present by the *Prospero*, which is stripped of a portion of her plates.

MONGOLIAN'S PASSENGERS.

Nothing definite is decided upon as to what route the passengers will go by now, perhaps by the *Stephano* leaving here on Saturday next, or may be by rail to Halifax and join one of the big liners for the Old Country.

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