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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE SUNK.

The battleship Formidable was sunk this morning in the English Channel, either by a mine or submarine. So far 71 survivors have been picked up by a British light cruiser. It is possible that others have been rescued by other vessels. The French Government reports the capture of trenches at various points. The village of Steinbach in Upper Alsace, has been entered by French troops, who carried half the village in a house to house fight. Commander Hewlett, missing after the raid on Cuxhaven, safely landed in Holland.

SCANDINAVIA UNITED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1. Sveval Vremnes, the Helsinki correspondent at the recent conference at Malmo, between the Scandinavian Kings, says that they have decided to assign warships to convoy all Scandinavian merchantmen, in order to prevent their detention by belligerent nations.

CONSTANTINOPE ANXIOUS.

ATHENS, Jan. 1. According to advices reaching here, the Austrian and German Embassies in the Turkish capital are transferring their archives to Asia Minor, fearing that action is imminent by the British and French fleet against the Dardanelles and the capital. Foreigners are also preparing to quit the capital for the interior.

DUNKIRK AIR BOMBED.

PARIS, Jan. 1. Dunkirk was again bombed by four German aeroplanes yesterday according to reports which reached Paris during the night.

GREECE READY TO ACT.

PARIS, Jan. 1. The Havas correspondent at Athens says that the Greek Premier, during a discussion on the Budget in the Greek Chamber of Deputies, said that all necessary measures to assure the national defence has been taken since the outbreak of the war; and that he again assured the Chamber and the country that at the present time Greece is ready to mobilize at any hour and on any point in her territory all contingents of her army.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

LONDON, Jan. 1. The King has instituted a new decoration, which is called "The Military Cross." The decoration is of silver, bears the Imperial Crown on each arm, and in the centre the letters "G.R.I." George Rex Imperator. Captains, Commissioned officers of a lower grade or Warrant officers in the army, who distinguish themselves in time of war, are eligible to the Military Cross. It takes precedence over all decorations and medals, with the exception of the Victoria Cross. The Gazette also announced that Captain Grant and Commander Barr, both of the auxiliary cruiser Carmania, had been appointed Companions of the Bath for the services they rendered in the sinking of the German steamer Cap Trafalgar, off the South American coast; and that Capt. Glossop, of

the Australian cruiser Sydney, has been rewarded in a similar manner for the sinking by his ship of the German cruiser Emden. Prince Leopold, of Battenburg has been appointed a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

LONDON, Jan. 1. Seven persons were killed and many injured in a train collision this morning on the Great Eastern Railway, near Hford, five miles from London.

70 MORE SURVIVORS.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The Tor Bay trawler Providence has landed seventy additional survivors from the battleship Formidable, they were rescued by the trawler during a terrific storm yesterday morning. This makes the aggregate saved, so far as is known, 141.

KNOWN AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2. Among the officers on the Formidable was Fire Commander Street, who was Gunner Lieut. on H.M.C.S. Niobe. He married the only daughter of Lieut. Col. Oxley, of this city. Fleet Paymaster King, whose name, also, is on the list of officers, was for three years Secretary of the Naval Department at Ottawa.

TOO CONSIDERATE.

LONDON, Jan. 2. Through consideration for Dr. Henry Van Dyke, the American Minister to the Netherlands, the British Government permitted the s.s. Starn Nilis, of Amsterdam, on which Van Dyke was a passenger during her last voyage from New York to Rotterdam, to proceed without being searched, notwithstanding certain suspicious circumstances. The British Consul-General at Rotterdam subsequently discovered that five members of the crew were Germans who worked their way over and then proceeded into Germany. It is said here that there were also among the passengers several other German reservists with false passports from neutral European countries, and that they went from Rotterdam to Germany.

POINCARÉ'S PROPHECY.

PARIS, Jan. 2. The belief that the year now beginning will see the ending of the war, was expressed by President Poincaré in his address yesterday to the members of the diplomatic corps who went to the Palace Elyse to present the New Year's congratulations to the President. "I do not doubt that next year at this traditional reception we shall celebrate together the establishment of a beneficent peace which will be so solidly based on rectitude and respect for international treaties, that it will give the necessary security to all nations," said the President.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

NEWCASTLE, N.B., Jan. 2. Three-quarters of the New Brunswick pulp mill at Lower Derby, six miles from here, built six years ago and recently re-built and enlarged, which was doing a big business, was burned to-day leaving only the chemical and boiler plants. Damage, \$100,000, covered by insurance.

WALFISCH BAY RE-OCCUPIED.

LONDON, Dec. 31. A despatch from Cape Town says, Walfisch Bay on the Southwest coast of Africa was re-occupied on Christmas Day without opposition by a strong British force.

BOUGAINVILLE OCCUPIED.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 31. British forces have occupied Bougainville, the largest of Solomon Islands. The British flag is hoisted.

ANGLO-FRENCH NAVY ACTIVE.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31. Private despatches received here from Berlin says thirty French and British warships are engaged bombarding Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, also the seaport of Rovigno, 15 miles away.

COMMANDER HEWLETT RESCUED.

LONDON, Dec. 31. Commander Hewlett, who piloted the aeroplanes during the recent British raid on Cuxhaven, was rescued by a Dutch trawler and landed in Holland.

FRANCO-SPANISH RAILWAY.

PARIS, Dec. 31. The Fox Tunnel, through the Pyrenees, was pierced yesterday. It is part of a new line of railroad communication between Paris and Barcelona by way of Toulouse. The last link in this line from Thernes to Ripoli in Spain is now in course of construction.

NEW YEAR HONORS.

LONDON, Dec. 31. New Year's honor list contains no new Peers. Earl Aberdeen is raised to the rank of Marquissate and Viscount St. Aldwyn, Michael Hicks Beach is elevated to an Earldom. Hon. G. H. Perley and Clifford Sifton of Canada, are appointed Knights Commander of St. Michael and St. George. The Order of the Garter is conferred on Earl Derby and Earl Chesterfield, while the order of the Thistle is bestowed on Baron Lovat. Arthur Henderson, the Labor leader, is appointed Privy Councillor. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, Liberal M.P., is among the three new baronets, while sixteen persons received the honor of Knighthood. Among those knighted are Henry John Newbolt, barrister and author, and Frank Watson Dryson, Astronomer Royal since 1910.

MARITZ AGAIN ACTIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 31. A telegram received here to-day from Pretoria, says it is officially announced that the Government intends to commandeer men for service in German South West Africa and in the Union of South Africa, as the situation cannot be met by depending on volunteer recruits. As a result of this action it is pointed out that Lieut. Col. Maritz, who escaped to German Southwest Africa, with a few hundred rebels, is now attempting to return with German reinforcements, armed with field guns and rifles, to stir up the rebellion afresh, and prosecute it more effectively. In view of this danger of an invasion the official communication says it is necessary to employ a much larger force than at first was intended, in order to destroy the enemy rebel force, so that they can never again menace the peace of South Africa.

AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. The State Department to-day cabled Ambassador Page at London permission to make public the American note to Britain, unless the British authorities objected to its publication at this time. The note is in the form of an instruction to the Ambassador.

THE UNITED STATES PROTEST.

LONDON, Dec. 31. American Ambassador Page had an extended conversation to-day with Sir Edward Grey, on the subject of President Wilson's note. As it had been discussed by members of the British Cabinet yesterday, the Foreign Secretary was able to present to the Ambassador the combined views of himself and colleagues. The British Foreign Office in agreement with the American Government, to-night issued the text of the protest concerning the delays to American commerce due to the search of vessels by the British fleet. It was issued through the official press bureau. The public has regarded the note as a diplomatic document of probably greater importance than any other incident of the war. The first comment of newspapers, to-night, however, was that the note was less specific in stating American complaints than had been expected. It had been generally assumed that it contained details of various cases on which complaints were based.

Speaking for the Foreign Office, the Press Bureau this evening denied the suggestion published in the London Times, that its previous statement at the time the American note was received by the Foreign Office was issued with the intention of charging the American Government with discourtesy in giving the contents of the note to newspapers before it had been received by the Foreign Office. This statement, the Bureau says, is totally unfounded. There had been no discourtesy whatever on the part of the State Department at Washington, or of the American Embassy at London. On the other hand, it must be clearly understood that, when this note was sent to the Foreign Office, there was no discourtesy there, either on the part of officials or of the Secretary of State. It is understood Britain will make reply to the note in a few days.

ST. PIERRE BULLETIN. PARIS, Dec. 31.—(Official.) In Belgium we have progressed in the Nieport district, opposite Solders. North of Lombetzde, the enemy has fiercely bombarded St. George's, which we are putting in a state of defence. We have captured a German position southeast of Zonnebke on the Beclaire-Paschendale road. From the Lys to the Oise nothing to report. In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne the enemy has showed certain activity, especially by a fierce cannonading, to which our artillery responded successfully. In the Argonne we have slightly progressed in Tour de Paris district. Between the Argonne and Moselle, there was cannonading on the entire front, particularly sharp on the Meuse heights. In the Vosges the enemy made an attack on Tete de Fauk, which was repulsed. In higher Alsace we have consolidated our positions and our heavy artillery has silenced the German batteries shelling Aspach la Haut.

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Here and There. SKATING.—The rinks were open yesterday afternoon and night and well attended. Groups of younger folks also spent the day skating on Burton's and other suburban ponds, the ice on them being in excellent condition. ADVENTURE DELAYED.—Owing to an accident to her machinery the S. S. Adventure did not sail for Alicante and Naples on New Year's Eve, but got away to-day, taking over twenty thousand quintals of codfish. No more useful gift for a man than a Safety Razor. We sell the Giant Junior Safety at 50 cents. A perfect shaver and the wonder of all users. CHESLEY WOODS, 140 Water Street, Manufacturer's Agent—dec15,14

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BIBLE CLASS.—At Wesley Bible Class on Sunday the Rev. H. Royce will give an address, subject: "Lessons to be learned from the events of 1914." There will be special singing. Service commences at 2.30 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

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Variety Act Made Good At Casino.

The Casino's Show Yesterday Was an Excellent One.

It is no exaggeration to say that the programme at the Casino Theatre yesterday afternoon was of a superior order, and gave an abundance of variety that gave genuine pleasure to the audience.

Whatever popularity Franklyn and Hiatt may have had previously, they most certainly won a large following last evening, in their extremely clever portrayal of a unique comedy playlet, entitled "The Goddess of Love." This is a variety turn of an exceptionally high class order. It calls for dramatic ability—for splendid display of costumes—for an attractive stage setting, and it finishes with a direct appeal to the hearts of local patriots—a ballad with a local finish—"Newfoundlanders Will Be There." This terminated the sketch, and when Franklyn and Hiatt displayed the Union Jack, under whose furl the light of liberty has never been extinguished, the audience broke forth into a storm of applause, which the team undoubtedly deserved.

The films were good and were well shown, and when we say that there will be a matinee this afternoon, and a show to-night, we believe that the attendances will be large.

During last night's performance, Miss Nellie Franklyn was presented with a large bouquet of beautiful flowers and a handsome box of bon-bons as a token of appreciation from some of the members of the audience. This delicate tribute of the season was fully appreciated by the recipient.

BURDEN OF WEALTH.

I never yet have seen a Croesus who was gay; too much of old long green drives happiness away. The coin is so costly stuff, it is not vulgar dress, and when you're not enough you feel a total loss. But when you have a pile as big as Johnson's barn, you find you cannot smile or chortle worth a turn. By day it fills your mind, you dream about your wad, and man was not designed to make long green his god. All happenings on earth to you import seem, according to their worth to your financial scheme. Your viewpoint soon is wrong, your estimates are rash; you hold men weak or strong, according to their cash. No merit can you trace in genius clothed in rags. But you've a warm embrace for old man Money Bags. You see all Europe wrecked, and wet with gory ponds, and talk of war's effect on mortgages and bonds. And when, on Judgment Day, we stand, in frightened ranks, we'll doubtless hear you say, "This will disturb the banks!" Ah, better to be broke, and full of prunes, and sane, and think this world a joke, than give our souls to gain.

The Bear's Onward March.

In the Eastern theatre of war the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?), W. R. Goodie, Nicholls, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine, dec24,14

When a woman wears a skirt so tight that it interferes with the free use of her limbs she cannot maintain an action for damages for personal injury. The skirt, the District Court of Kansas City, Mo., holds is contributory negligence. Mrs. Della Wilson brought suit for \$5,000 damages against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. She alleged that in alighting from a train one of her feet caught and the ankle was broken. The defence alleged that because of the height of the heels on her shoes and the tightness of her skirt she was equally at fault. "How wide was your skirt?" the attorney for the railroad asked. "Thirty-two inches," she replied. The jury deliberated a few minutes and then returned the verdict, "Not entitled to recover."

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