

## WAR MESSAGES

### Oil Tanker Was Fired On

NEW YORK, July 18.—Members of the oil tank steamer Lecoq, sailing under the British flag from Gibraltar, declared the vessel was chased several miles by submarine which fired 50 shots at her, two shells striking, one leaving a hole on starboard side just below the bridge, other damaging foremast. She exhibits a canvas patch on her starboard side well above the water line about ten feet long and five feet wide.

### In German East Africa

HAVRE, FRANCE, July 18.—Belgian troops operating in German East Africa have reached the shore of Lake Victoria. In a seven hour engagement fought on July 7th they dispersed the Germans opposing their advance, taking the German commander prisoner and inflicting a number of losses on the Germans.

### Petroleum and Pulp Cargoes Are Captured By Germans

LONDON, July 18.—An American four masted schooner presumably laden with petroleum and three Swedish steamers laden with pulp have been captured by German torpedo boats south of Drøger, Denmark and taken into Swineaude, says a dispatch to Reuters Telegraph Co. from Copenhagen.

### Floods in Southern States Cause Much Damage

RALEIGH, July 17.—The flood waters which swept parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia, yesterday, taking toll of at least nine lives, rendering hundreds homeless, and doing damage variously estimated at from ten million to fifteen million dollars, were receding to-day.

### He Hi din a Cellar

PARIS, July 17.—Only one French inhabitant was found in thirty villages retaken by the French and British in the Somme region is also making satisfactory progress. He was a farmer who had hid in a cellar below, when the Germans on June 25 ordered every French civilian effects of his wounds and Sgt. Garano the interior in anticipation of the Allied attack.

### Delegates at Paris

PARIS, July 17.—Thirty-three members of the British Colonial Parliaments from Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, arrived at Paris to-day, and will visit the British and French fronts. Each delegation will go to that sector of the front held by troops from its own Colony. Canada's delegation consists of Senators Landry, Belcourt, Dennis, Ross, Sir George Foster, Rhodes, Shepherd, Nickle and Knowles. The French Government has arranged an elaborate reception for the visitors. Premier Briand will give a luncheon for them to-morrow.

### XAVIERIAN BROTHER VISITING HIS HOME

By the Kyle's express yesterday there arrived here Rev. Brother Borgia Carew, a respected native of this city and one whose many friends will be glad to greet him. Brother Carew, C.X.F., is Superior of St. Agnes Institute, Manchester, N.H., U.S.A., and a Newfoundland of whom we may well be proud. He has been in the Order for 18 years past and loves to see his native city and renew old time associations. We heartily welcome Brother Carew to St. John's and wish him a pleasurable sojourn amongst us.

### TRIED TO SUICIDE

Const. Dewling arrived here by the express yesterday with a man for the Lunatic Asylum. He is a native of St. Patrick's, tried to suicide by hanging but was found by a friend just after he had tied a rope about his neck.

### GOOD FISHING AT KEELS

At Keels there is good fishing for traps. One of the fishermen named Mesh had his trap burst by the weight of fish but managed to secure 40 qts. He has now over 300 qts. ashore.

### NEWS FROM WOUNDED BOYS.

Mr. D. M. Baird to-day had messages from London giving some reassuring news as to our wounded lads. The messages are from London and say that Lieut. Cliff Rendell, who had a leg amputated, is doing very well. The messages from London and say that Lieut. Cliff Rendell, who had a leg amputated, is doing very well. The messages from London and say that Lieut. Cliff Rendell, who had a leg amputated, is doing very well.

"The board of directors is composed of Mr. Alfred Lohmann, president; Mr. P. Heineken, general manager of the Nord Lloyd; Mr. Kommerzeirat, P. M. Mermann, manager of the Deutsche Bank; Mr. Karl Steppfeldt, manager of the Nord Lloyd, who has taken over the management of the company.

"We have brought a most valuable cargo of dyestuffs to our American friends; dyestuffs which have been so much needed in America and which the ruler of the seas has not allowed the German American public to import. While England will not allow anybody the same right on the ocean, because she rules the waves, we have by means of the submarine commenced to break this rule.

"Great Britain cannot, however, hinder boats such as ours to go and come as we please. Our trips passing over across the ocean was an uneventful one. When danger approached we went below the surface and here we are safely in an American port ready to return in due course.

"I am not in a position to give you full details regarding our trip across the ocean in view of our enemies. Our boat has a displacement of about 2,000 tons and a speed of more than four knots. Needless to say that we are quite unarmed and only a peaceful merchantman."

### Japan Pleased With Treaty

TOKIO, July 15.—The Japanese press regards the new Russo-Japanese convention as a veritable offensive and defensive alliance consolidating the position of Japan and Russia in the Far East and checking renewed activity of Germany and Austria. The newspapers generally express the belief that the terms "territorial rights" and "special interests" used in the convention are comprehensive and comprise those now existing and previously recognized and also those to be recognized in the future. The opinion is voiced that Russia in the future will be able to concentrate her attention on the political situation in the Balkans and in Persia.

### TRAPS DOING WELL

At Ferryland and other parts of the Southern Shore traps are doing very well and as high as 150 qts per day, the men making two and three hauls from their traps sometimes. The line men are doing nothing but trap men share their fish with them in consideration of their assisting the trappers in putting away their catches.

### READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

## AN ALL-STAR PROGRAMME AT THE NICKEL MONDAY AND TUESDAY

### "The Depths."

Edna Mayo and Henry Walthall in the Sixth thrilling episode of the

### "STRANGE CASE OF MARY PAGE."

"THE GIRL WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN." Lenora Hutton in a powerful two-act melo-drama.

"A TELEGRAPHIC TANGLE." A delightful Sidney Drew comedy.

### "THE SPELL OF THE POPPY."

Eugene Pallette in a beautiful two-act social dramatic offering.

Wednesday, "ELAINE." Coming, LOTTIE PICKFORD playing the lead in the new \$800,000.00 continued photoplay, "THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY."

## Demolished Fricourt Shows Power Of New British Heavy Guns

French Official Observer Graphically Describes the Havoc Among the Germans Occupying the Village Before it Was Captured—Everywhere Are Dead—The Artillery Tore the German Ranks to Pieces—Prisoners Say They Were Glad to Surrender

PARIS, July 12.—A French official observer, describing conditions in the village of Fricourt after it had been taken by the British in the recent advance north of the Somme, says:

"Fricourt, like Montabaum, presented a spectacle in ruins which were in a state of such complete disorder as to show the power of the new British heavy guns.

"Everywhere are dead. Behind a demolished parapet a German grenadier still holds a grenade, clutched in his dead hand. Further along is a group of three German infantrymen, torn to pieces by shells and then half covered by falling walls. In every corner and in the holes made by the shells are dead and still more dead. The air is heavy and infected with the odor of the bodies.

"The battle continues not far off and grenade fighting is going on. We plainly hear the repeated explosions of these projectiles. German shells keep falling without cessation on the western end of the village.

"Back of the firing line we come across a group of prisoners from the 186th regiment of Prussian Infantry, of which an entire battalion has surrendered. We pause to interrogate them. I put the following questions to them:

"Where were you before coming here?"  
"In the Champagne facing Tahure."

"How did you come north?"  
"By train two days ago."

"Why did you surrender so quickly?"  
"We were without shelter and the artillery tore our ranks to pieces. We felt ourselves to be in such a complete state of inferiority that nothing remained but to surrender. We then made a hasty decision and raised the white flag."

"Did your commanders tell you of this offensive?"  
"No. When we started we believed we were going to Verdun. It was only when we were on the way that we learned we were to fight against the English."

"Are you satisfied to be out of the conflict?"  
The answer was given enthusiastically in the affirmative.

Describing the character of the new Kitchener army which took part in the battle an officer said:

"Three quarters of my battalions are of the recently formed army. Only one of my battalions belongs to the old army and yet when the test of battle came my new battalions could not be distinguished from the old. They manoeuvred with the expertness of veterans. This homogeneity of the old and new pleased me greatly. Chiefs of other brigades had the same experience. The Germans had thought this new army was a lot of amateur soldiers but they found themselves deceived."

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## HENRY BLAIR.

### Major Morait On the Situation

Allies' Success, he Claims, Has Been Very Scanty up to Date

THINKS DEFENCE IMPREGNABLE

Most Hun Papers Believe Their Troops Cannot be Beaten

BERLIN, July 15, via London, July 16.—The campaign in favor of the resumption of a full-fledged submarine war on commerce goes energetically forward. It was expected that with the adjournment of the Reichstag and the dispersal of politicians to their homes for the summer this agitation by the Navy League publicists, Conservatives and part of the National Liberals would pass the climax and gradually lose its intensity.

On the contrary, reports from all sections of the country indicate that the agitation is continuing with undiminished vigor both above and below the surface. Never a day passes without articles in various newspapers to remind the people that according to the German note, the modification of German submarine methods merely was temporary and contingent upon a modification of the British blockade.

Advocates of the "unrestricted torpedo" appear at every political gathering regarded as suitable soil for their seed. Various newspapers in sympathy with the movement have almost daily rubric for what they call "British postal robberies." And ever and again attention is called to the fact that the blockade has not undergone the slightest modification since the despatch of the latest German note.

The purpose of the agitation is, of course, two-fold. One branch of it is directed toward the resumption of the submarine campaign which is felt to be the only effective naval weapon against Great Britain. The other now has developed openly and avowedly into a movement against the Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, very largely on the ground of internal politics. Some judges of the situation, basing their opinion on the extent and vigor of

### Villa Is Raiding Mexican Villages

Bandit Has Fully Recovered From His Recent Wounds—Washington Will Aid Carranza in Peaceably Restoring Order

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Gen. Bell has reported to the War Department from El Paso that there are rumors that Villa has been seen in the general neighborhood of Cuernavaca, 18 miles south of Parral. He is said to have been seen coming from his headquarters at Cuernavaca and going to the nearby villages where he is reported to have committed various raids. He is described as having no difficulty in mounting his horse, and as having recovered from his recent wounds.

The de facto Government of Mexico was informally notified through Eliseo Arrandondo, Ambassador Designate, to-night that the United States welcomed General Carranza's proposal to adjust all pending differences between the two Governments by direct diplomatic negotiations.

It was evident at the State Department to-day that officials believe an opportunity now has been presented out of which may come a means of giving the defacto Government material aid in restoring order throughout Mexico. It is known that the pacific nature of the Mexican note which brought the crisis between the Governments to an end is construed here as indicating that General Carranza besides being impressed by American military preparations, has been deeply influenced by the pressure and argument brought to bear on him by friends in the United States by European diplomats in Mexico City, and particularly by representatives of many of the Latin-American powers.

### Willie the Wise

Teacher—Who was that who prompted you then?  
Willie—Excuse me, Miss, but I expect it was history repeating itself.

The agitation are inclined to believe the movement will lead not later than September to a revival of the submarine campaign on the old lines.

### AUTO STRIKES CHILD

Shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday opposite the Brewery on Water Street a four-year old child was knocked down by an auto which fortunately was going at slow speed. The driver of the motor stopped his car and drove the youngster home. A doctor was called but his services were not needed, as beyond a shaking up the child was not much the use of the accident.

### TRAPS BADLY TORN

The past week or so as the result of a very strong tide running south 4 traps have been badly torn between Lord's Cove and the North Head of Bay Bulls. In places along the Southern Shore twine has been damaged from a similar cause and the owners have sustained much loss as fish is fairly plentiful.

### PRIVATE SHEA PROGRESSING

Yesterday Mr. M. Shea of Monrope his brother Edmund, of Ours, was wounded severely in the right arm and side. The wounds, however, are not serious. The young soldier is in London and the sender of the message said he had seen him. This is the third time this young man has up the child was not much the use of the accident. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Shea of the West End.

### OPORTO MARKET

This Week:  
Nfd. stocks . . . . . 8,812  
Consumption . . . . . 2,938  
Last Week:  
Nfd. stocks . . . . . 11,750  
Consumption . . . . . 3,642  
The "Paragon" was sent to Figueira and the Maggie Sullivan is outside.