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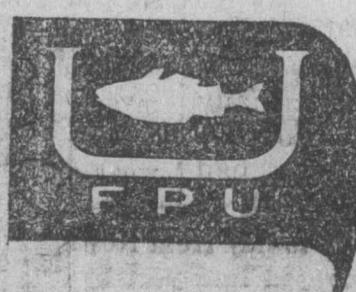
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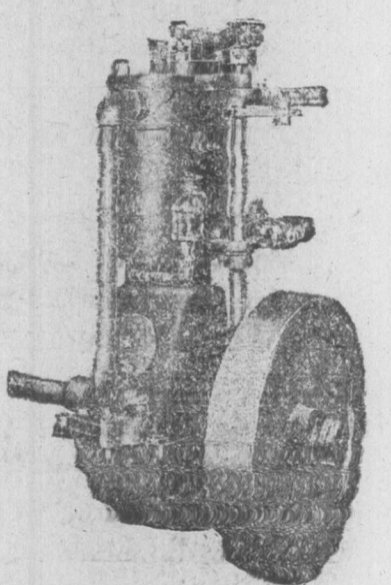


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Letters of Interest

From Mail and Advocate Readers

The Kean Arrest Petitions Signed by Men in Deep Earnest

Ernest Parrott Brings the "Trade Review" Editor to Task

Dear Sir—The following was taken from the Trade Review, March 10. "There have been a number of names published in one of the papers of men who howl for Captain Kean's head, and who say that the captain should not be permitted to take charge of a steamer. But we all know how these names were obtained and we all know that a special commission was inaugurated to get them. A good many people in this country are very impressionable and any soap-box mountebank with sufficient gull and spurious plea may tempt them to sign anything from a temperance pledge up. But suppose all the names published all the names published, as objecting to Captain Kean are genuine, they are one part of the number who believe that Captain Kean is one of our most capable sailing masters and that he is in no way to blame for the disaster of last year. Mr. Editor I think it is time the public or at least those who signed the petitions asking for Kean's arrest to bring this so-called parasite of the press, on the one hand, and to print such an article in the editorial of any paper. I would like to give Devine to understand that the fishermen are not doing howling or growling for everything they see or hear, they are human, neither do they howl for Kean's head as we don't care of hauling such a parcel, for the most of it is only conceit errors of judgment and blunders which have cost precious lives. Regarding Kean having charge of a ship I say no one should have been trusted to his care after such an awful blunder last year. He goes on to say he knows how the names were obtained. No doubt he does, any fool knows that they received the petitions and signed them conscientiously, after weighing the matter fully as it concerned the vessel's lives and they know what they were doing and why they did it. He goes on to say that people are very impressionable and any soap-box mountebank with sufficient gull and spurious plea may tempt up, no doubt he is trying to assail the President of the F.P.U. by this paragraph. But Devine you better beware or you will have to take a dose

Doing Useful and Helpful Work

Dear Sir, I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well and also in the best of spirits. It is a great pleasure to me when I read a letter from you and seeing everything going on so well. We are getting very tough weather, cold winds also blowing. I have a fine job now. I am in the Post Office's mess, working up all the time. I will be able to help you with the house-work when I come home. One of the officers is taking me along with him when we get four days leave. It is terrible when we think of the war, but we hope it will soon come to an end. Our dear father in heaven will take his own time in punishing the Kaiser of Germany for the cruel deeds which he has committed. There are so many poor innocent children and women entering in Belgium, all through him. I am pleased to hear that you are getting the money alright and doing everything for the best. Remember me to the boys, also to Maggie and my little boy. Hope the are all well. God bless you all we meet again. Your husband, ELIJAH PRICE, H. M. S. Carron, Feb. 20th, 1915.

Keep Kean On Shore

Come all ye hardy sealer lads, Ye sons of Newfoundland, Please pay attention to my song So that you might understand. It is concerning Abraham Kean, The man you should know well, The public think through his neglect Those hardy sealers fell. But being Capt. Abraham Kean, And one of the best-learned men, To sea if he is in the fault, Our "powers" don't move a hand. But if it was a poor man's lot, 'Twould be quite a different thing, For as soon as his head was in the west, Those hornets they would sting. For if a poor man through mistake Shot a rabbit a day too soon, He would have to pay fifty dollars fine, Or else go making brooms. But never mind my hardy boys The Union is sure to win, We'll have a Union Government Or we never will give in. Oh think of it ye mothers, Oh think of it ye wives, Through the carelessness of just one man, Your loved ones lost their lives. When'er I think of that sorrowful case The tears fall from my eyes, How must those wives and orphans feel That lost their only joys. And if you will wait fraternally For another moment or so, There's a few more words I would like to say. Its about the Prospero. She is as firm a coastal boat As nowadays is seen, But there's in the Green Bay That would handle her better than Kean. I think I have taken space enough And I won't say any more, But the tollers won't be satisfied 'Till Kean is kept ashore. UNIONIST, Springdale, March 29th, 1915.

Cupids Asks Colonial Secretary Some Pertinent Questions

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your valuable columns to insert the following re Postal Telegraph Office. Last March, while going through the proceedings of the House of Assembly, I saw where a petition was sent from Cupid's asking for a Postal telegraph office to be placed in the Post Office at Cupids, also for a telephone to connect Briggs station with Cupids and Burnt Head. We have anxiously waited to see what was going to be the result of it, consequently a few days ago we were informed by the Colonial Secretary, Hon. John R. Bennett, through our Member, G. F. Grimes, Esq, that the Government would not afford to put a telegraph office in Cupids as it would mean an extra salary to be paid for an operator and that he (Mr. Bennett) interviewed the Anglo Telegraph Co. and they informed him that there was not sufficient trade there to warrant a salary and to compete with the Anglo office, when it could not get returns enough to warrant payment of a salary, the present holder only receiving a commission for the business done. In other words Cupids must do without a postal telegraph office. I wonder what do the hon. gentleman think we are. Are we paying anything into the revenue of the country? I say we are and now to be deprived of the privileges that's due British subjects in this enlightened age as we are told about. It is true we got an Anglo office here, but on what principle is it conducted. First it is placed in a business man's private office, and his son operator. When anyone wants to send a message they very often find the operator gone, perhaps, to St. John's or some other place with no one in his place. I am informed by very good authority that from time to time that messages have been sent from various places to residents of Cupids and that they have not been delivered from anywhere from one to two days afterwards. There are several instances of this kind. I am also informed by parties doing business in St. John's that went to the office to send a message at 10 o'clock and paid for the message and to their great surprise at 12 o'clock the messenger boy came and told them that he could not send the message to Cupids as the operator was in the city. I also know of cases when a doctor is required to set a limb when a man had his arm broken and he found the office closed. These are the things that we, as citizens of Cupids, are up against. Now, I ask the Hon. Gentleman, John R. Bennett, is it justice to us as citizens and to try and cover up the operator at Cupids and tell us that the Government could not afford to grant our request. I say let him drop a few hundred dollars off his salary and give his worthy colleagues the old command. Go and do thou likewise and then the Government will be in a position to give us a public building like they got in Bay Roberts and Spaniard's Bay, a post office and a telegraph office combined, and here in Cupids they can't afford to give our present Postmaster enough to keep body and soul together as it were. Why, I say, it is a disgrace to a government to treat Britain's Old Colony and

Appreciates Pres. Coaker's Visit

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir—I am glad to find you once more at home after your venture up to the Camps, Grand Falls and other places. I feel sure that there were quite a number who were greatly delighted to see you. I believe that the more you travel among your friends and people generally, the more you become endeared to their hearts, and that in itself is sometimes better than riches or position. I suppose you will come to the house again where you will be able to voice the sentiments of our people. We will be glad to see you. How I would like to be able to follow in the footsteps that are sure to come up. It appears that events and the development don't try very hard to keep Capt. Kean ashore this spring and, as it looks now on the front, it was nearly as well they had all stayed on shore. However, time will bring things around again and shape them out. It seems that the Exporting Co. is going to be a grand thing for the fishermen when it gets in working order. There are lots of government officers who have no idea of the extent of business you do in a year. Port Wladford, April 2, 1915.

Willing and Proud

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir—I am sending you a few lines to let you know we are all well here and are eager to play a part in this great war. Kindly publish the enclosed few verses in the Advocate for me. I am now on a ship called the H.M.S. Atlatlan, lately we have been going from place to place on work for the Admiralty. I hope soon to get a crack at the Germans. When we do we will do our part. Best wishes for your success. ARTHUR PELLEY (of Hants Hr. T. B.) England, March 13, 1915.

A Knight and An Amazon

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir—I wish to make a few remarks in reply to a letter appearing in your columns from Miss Sophie White, of this place. She makes reference to a man who is getting a pension here, or as she says gets \$50 a year for nothing. As I am the only one here who receives a pension I feel justified in defending myself from the attacks of Miss White. I am afraid there are many weak spots in Miss White's letter. Will Miss White deny the fact that she has on several occasions opened the mail bag and given out letters to certain parties, while others have to wait until next day for theirs. If Miss White had taken the mail to the Post Office direct instead of going elsewhere I would have got my mail some 14 or 15 hours earlier. Is it true, Miss White, that the mail has often been opened between the two offices and letters dropped and picked up by people, and that you told certain persons not to speak of it? I am prepared to go before Magistrate Miffin and swear to what I have said. JOHN BURY, Loo Cove, B.B., Mar. 26, 1915.

London Advertiser—Germany is sending 1,000,000 pigs to Belgium to be fed. They have had about that number of hogs there since the war began.

Mail and Empire—Commenting on the news that the Kaiser is suffering from sore throat, a correspondent remarks that sore throat is something caused by cold feet.

GRIEVANCE. Cupids, April 5, 1915.

Mr. Murphy Likes To Roast Gosling

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir—Mr. Morris, the salt-maker, has taken umbrage at the idea of Mr. Murphy's "Gosling" and "Bermudian" and says that "I struck below the belt." To offset his egotistic phrase, I will give him a Roland for his Oliver by saying that I've discovered a solar vesicous blow, it is disgusting to hear a person like Mr. Morris, who like myself has sprung from plebeian ancestry, venturing to scolding and sneering. The enough to make the Kaiser weep. I know we had loads, but I never dreamed we had loads, men given to Nels spittle at the feet of every adventurer, who, like the sea-weed, are driven to our shores by the wind's caprice. Every "howl" and every "up-stare" is as welcome to our arms as is the flowers which deck the May. All are bright and shining lights, as questions are asked of their pedigree, whether they came from a "blue school," a prison, or a workhouse. The recommendation necessary is that they are not born in Newfoundland. If they possessed one iota of return more than the average native we could add a mark to their credit, but unfortunately for the country in the main, they are of a common type. Their oft-quoted motto, and with that commendable "touchstone," they reap fortunes and become, like Robinson Crusoe, "lords of all they survey." To them the natives are hewers of wood and drawers of water, while the natives look on, and with few exceptions obey "Gosling's mandate," "bow down ye slaves, bow down." Has Mr. Morris become inoculated with the virus of "Blood Lord" deliver us, for we know not what next may fall from Freedom's pedestal. I ask him in all seriousness to study the past history of his native land, and within its pages he will find epithets hurled at his countrymen by the foreigner which would bring a tinge of red to his cheeks. "Bush horns" and copper-colored natives," bestowed by men who came to our shores with barely the price of "Cock Robin" in their pockets. I could name them. I see the same type around me to-day. Speculators, junk-buyers and other catcher agents who have as much use

Waiting Over There

You were a loving sister But your chair is vacant now And our hearts are moved with sadness While we think of just now. Ah! how lovely are the moments And the hours as they go by, sometimes weeps, sometimes smiles. We shall meet you when we die. You were not spared long with us Just one and twenty years, while so many more are yet to live To spend a life of longer years. May we each in lonely moments Think of that dear sister's prayer, That in Heaven we all may meet. SHE'S WAITING FOR US THERE. —UNION MAN'S DAUGHTER.

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Cut off From the Rest of the World German Meteorologists Are Unable to Make Reliable Weather Forecasts

ABILITY of meteorologists to England. When over the North Sea accurately forecasts the weather she ran into a storm, and her commander made for the nearest friendly port. It is no longer a joke in Germany. It is an extremely serious matter. He knew his direction, but he fact that has altered one of the Kaiser's most important plans of campaign. Being cut off from practically all the rest of the world except Austria and Turkey, the German weather bureau has broken down, and without the weather bureau the Zeppelins are robbed of 50 per cent. of their effectiveness. In other words, the German military authorities being unaware of the weather that is likely to prevail over a given area at a certain time are unable to carry out their Zeppelin manoeuvres with anything like Teutonic thoroughness. The loss of two of these huge airships, the L-3 and the L-4, may be attributed to weather conditions. If their skipper had known in advance the sort of weather they were likely to encounter they might have been saved. The inability to know with reasonable certainty the probabilities is largely responsible for the failure of the Zeppelins to wreak devastation in the British Isles in the past winter.

The Fate of a Zeppelin.
How vital to the success of the Zeppelins is a knowledge of weather conditions is discussed by a writer in the New York Tribune, who, in an article which started out in February loaded with guns and bombs to carry out a campaign of "frightfulness" against

them striking illustrations of the value of international co-operation. The day the war broke out the London Times, for example, appeared without its weather map for the first time in 38 years. Those who missed it supposed, no doubt, that its absence was due to war pressure upon the paper's columns. The fact is that the map was suppressed in order that the German spies in England might not be able to communicate to Berlin the signals that the weather map offered to the experts.

Germany's Imported Weather.
Since that fateful August 4 Germany has been able to get no meteorological statistics from the outside world. It happens, too, that among the things made in Germany is not Germany's weather. It is made in Canada and the United States. In other words, areas of depression that are destined to bring storms and other atmospheric disturbances in Germany first make their appearance in this hemisphere. Ordinarily the news is wired to France, and from the Eiffel Tower is distributed over Europe. Now no such communications appear. Weather news is contraband, and all that the German scientists have to guide them is their own barometers, which will not give them hints more than twelve hours in advance. It can readily be imagined that this is a serious handicap in the prosecution of war upon the most modern and scientific standards.

Importance of Weather News.
The Allies, on the other hand, continue to draw upon all the rest of the world, with the exception of Germany and Austria, for their information regarding the weather. What is known in Canada and the United States, in Russia, and in Japan, is known in London and Paris as fast as the cables will convey the information. No longer is this news sent by wireless, for fear it might be intercepted by Germany. It travels nevertheless, at lightning speed, and we have reason to suppose that it has

been taken advantage of more than once by the Allies. As the writer in the Tribune points out, a storm brewing in Alaska may two or three weeks later "whip the waters of the North Sea into a welter that will defeat a carefully planned German naval raid upon British transports. A few days later the same storm may flood the Germans or the Russians out of their trenches along the Vistula." The immense importance of knowing in advance the probable weather conditions prevailing on a certain day or in a certain week is understood by the Germans, if it has not been emphasized by the Allies.

New Bill For Canadian Teachers

The Ontario Government will pay dollar for dollar with the teachers of the province to provide superannuation for the teaching profession, according to the draft bill submitted to draft bill submitted to the Legislature by Hon. Dr. Pyne early yesterday morning. The measure, which has been under consideration for some time, has been sent to the printers, and 15,000 copies will be printed and circulated. All those interested in the pensioning of teachers, the school boards and the teachers themselves will be given every opportunity to express their views upon the bill or to suggest improvements. With all possible information before them the Government will, it is expected, take the bill up again next session for further legislative action.

Apart from the Government's contribution of two per cent of the teacher's annual salary—the same as the teacher will be called upon to contribute one per cent of the teacher's salary, and will be made responsible for three per cent of the teacher's contribution each month.

Provisions of Bill.
The draft bill provides that the provincial scheme will absorb all local pension funds, etc. and will be compulsory. This is one clause about which a great deal will be said, since it is recognized that the younger teachers, who are looking forward to spending their whole lives in the teaching profession, will not be too pleased with the prospect of parting with two per cent of their annual salary.

The administrative features of the bill are simple, but workable. The local school authorities will deduct from the teacher's salary the amount of the contribution to the fund, add the board's one per cent contribution and turn the whole amount into the Provincial Treasury. The money will go into consolidated revenue and be credited in a special account, together with the Government's two per cent. Interest at four per cent, payable half-yearly, will be allowed, and the pensions of the teachers will be at first charge upon consolidated revenue.

The rates of pension will depend largely upon the term of service of the teacher. At the end of 10 years' service, according to the draft, the teacher will have an absolute right to a pension, although provision will be made for pensions at the end of 15 years' service where ill-health compels retirement. It is expected that the minimum pension will be fixed about \$350 and the maximum at \$1,600.

The draft bill being distributed has been carefully drawn, the work having been done by Prof. Michael MacKenzie and Allan Dymond, Law Clerk of the Legislature. The actuarial features are particularly well worked out.

WORLD'S PAPERS ON THE WAR

Ottawa Citizen.—To the Jews the world over the freedom of Palestine will be an event of even greater significance. The dream of the Zionists, which was shattered when the Young Turks assumed power in Constantinople, will be again revived. The scattered tribes may again unite on sacred soil and Palestine become

in truth the home of the race and its religion. The national aspirations of the Jews, nursed through the centuries, may be at last about to be realized. In the death of an old nation a new one, the oldest in the world, may arise.

Toronto Star.—Great Britain has been straining to make a supreme effort, getting ready tremendous armies, and whatever Canada is going to do ought to be done with energy. Now is the time. Everything depends on what is done in these spring days. If great armies can be poured into France and Belgium—if armies great enough are at Kitchener's disposal—the enemy can be overwhelmed.

Montreal News.—Kitchener's million is on the move—forward; and so are the Germans—rearward.

Brave Deeds

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—Mike O'Leary's exploit, the killing of eight "rains" and the taking of two trenches, brings to mind an exploit performed at the battle of Flanders by a contemporary of O'Leary's named Daniel Hourigan.
Sir Robert Newman, a brave Englishman, while lying wounded on the field of battle was killed by the Russians, an other brave Englishman, a lieutenant named Crosse was about to be treated in the same way when private Hourigan of the 88th. Connaught Rangers rushed forward and killed three of the Russians, and carried the lieutenant to a place of safety. Hourigan's brave deed was published through the British Isles and in the press of Europe his praises were sung. Colonel Shirley rewarded Hourigan by making him a Lance-Corporal on the spot and promised him a medal and recommendations, which he faithfully carried out.

The Crimea produced heroes indeed but amongst them all, there was not one to equal Hourigan. Then, as now, many were the painful scenes, and many were the long vigils in winter trenches amidst the greatest suffering. But British grit held on until the Russian foe was defeated. Here is a song of the times which tells something of the conditions existing in the trenches at home:

"Ye subalterns of England,
Who live a life of ease
How little do ye think upon
Our sufferings o'er the seas."

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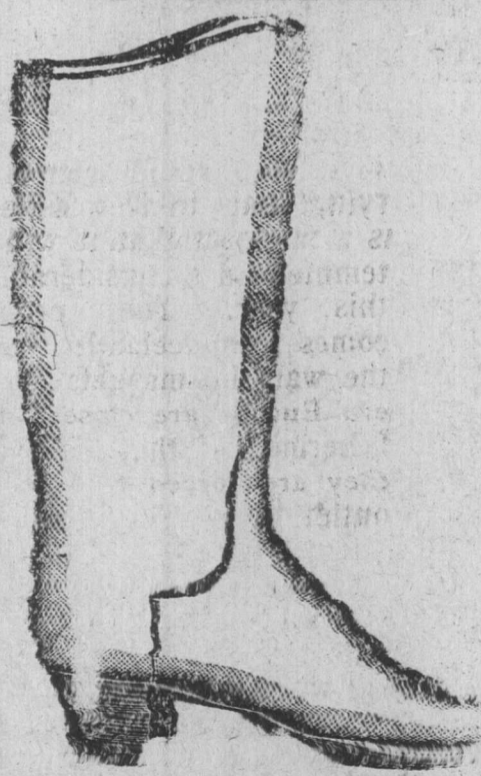


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Desperate Situation in Mexico's Capital

Archbishop Mora Tells of Looting, Rapine and Murder in Capital City—People Face Starvation—Massacre Might Follow Intervention

"One hundred and eighty priests are still in jail in Mexico City," the Archbishop went on, "hundreds of others are scattered through the Republic just as badly off as if they were in jail, because they cannot escape from the towns in which they have been marooned by the bandit bands. Worst in Mexico City.

"The entire nation is suffering from hunger, but the worst situation is in Mexico City, where the 650,000 inhabitants are unable to get food. The Madero revolution imposed Madero money on the people; the Villa regime forced them to take paper bearing the signature of Villa, and now the Carranzistas, under Alvaro Obregon, have declared both the Madero and Villa money illegal and imposed their own money on the people.

"Most of the inhabitants of Mexico City had Madero and Villa money; now it is worthless and they cannot even pay their debts with it, let alone buy food. On the other hand, all the people fear that the Carranza money will be worthless soon, so they refuse to accept it in payment for work or in business deals. If they accept the Carranza paper the merchants refuse to take it in return for goods. Thus the famine is caused not so much by lack of food, which is bad enough, but by the worthless money in circulation there.

When Obregon ordered the levy of 500,000 pesos on the clergy of Mexico City, the priests replied that they did not have the money, but as Obregon announced the funds were to be used to alleviate the condition of the poor, the clergy offered to sell anything and everything belonging to the churches and turn over the resulting moneys to a committee which would distribute them among the poor.

"Obregon accepted this offer, provided the money be given to him, but would not allow the committee to act. This was such complete proof that the Carranza leaders wanted the money for themselves and not for the poor that the priesthood refused to accede

An Emden Exploit

A Story of How the German Commander Induced British Subjects to put the Ship in Condition for Sea

To the long list of authentic narratives, legends and traditions which the Emden and her Bayard-like Captain left behind in the Indian Ocean is now added one brought to The Evening News of Sydney, Australia, by Capt. G. Becket of the British steamer Clan Graham, which reached Australia on Jan. 20, direct from Mauritius, where the Captain heard the story.

The episode happened at the outlying little island of Diego Garcia some weeks before Nov. 9, when the Emden was destroyed by the armored cruiser Sydney at Cocos Islands. In certain respects it is similar to the story of how a United States cruiser captured the island of Guam in the Spanish-American war; but Capt. Spanish-American war; but Capt. Muller sailed away without deceiving his hosts. The story as told in The Evening News runs as follows:

The Emden visited the Island of Diego Garcia which is a dependency of Mauritius. It is not very big, and has no wireless or other telegraphic communication with the outside world and there is only a casual steamer service. As a result of this, war was declared without the knowledge of the inhabitants, and months passed by without the news being heard at Diego Garcia. Capt. von Muller of the Emden, seems to have reckoned on this, and to have turned his knowledge to account.

One morning the Garcians, who, though British subjects, are of French descent, awoke to find a warship in their bay. At once a great commotion commenced on shore, as the visit of a vessel of any description was always a red-letter day. The German flag was flying at the vessel's mast, and presently the name Emden could be distinguished. Soon a boat put out from the cruiser, and Capt. von Muller himself went ashore to pay his respects. Then there commenced a series of entertainments and junketings and the officers and men of the Emden were royally feted.

Fuel Value of Different Woods

The fuel value of two pounds of wood is roughly equivalent to that of one pound of coal. This is given as the result of certain calculations now being made in the forest service laboratory, which show also about how many cords of certain kinds of wood are required to obtain an amount of heat equal to that in a ton of coal.

Certain kinds of wood, such as hickory, oak, beech, birch, hard maple, ash, elm, locust, longleaf pine, and cherry, have fairly high heat values, and only one cord of seasoned wood of these species is required to equal one-ton of good coal.

It takes a cord and a half of short-leaf pine, hemlock, red gum, Douglas fir, sycamore, and soft maple to equal a ton of coal, and two cords of cedar, redwood, poplar, catalpa, Norway pine, spruce, basswood, spruce and white pine.

Equal weights of dry, non-resinous woods, however, are said to have practically the same heat value regardless of species, and as a consequence it can be stated as a general proposition that the heavier the wood the more heat to the cord. Weight for weight, however, there is very little difference between various species; the average heat for all that have been calculated is 4,600 calories, or heat units, per kilogram. A kilogram of resin will develop 9,400 heat units, or about twice the average for wood. As a consequence in resinous woods the increased value varies, of course, with the resin content.

The available heat value of a cord of wood depends on many different factors. It has a relation not only to the amount of resin it contains, but to the amount of moisture present. Furthermore, cords vary as to the amount of solid wood they contain, and some woods are more compact in dimension and occupy less cubic feet of space. A certain proportion of this space is made up of air spaces between the sticks, and this air space may be considered in a cord made of twisted, crooked and knotty sticks. Out of the 128 cubic feet a fair average of solid wood is about 80 cubic feet.

It is pointed out, however, that heat value is not the only test of usefulness in fuel wood, and since 95 per cent of all wood used for fuel is consumed for domestic purposes, largely in farm houses, such factors as rapidity of burning and ease of lighting are important. Each section of the country has its favored woods, and these are said to be, in general, the right ones to use. Hickory, of the non-resinous woods, has the highest fuel value per unit volume of wood, and has other advantages. It burns evenly, and its housewives say, holds heat. The oaks come next, followed by beech, birch, and maple. Pine has a relatively low heat value per unit volume, but has other advantages. It ignites readily and gives out a quick hot flame, but one that soon dies down. This makes it a favorite with rural housekeepers as a summer wood, because it is particularly adapted for hot days in the kitchen.

The fuel qualities of chestnut adapt it particularly to work in brass foundries, where it gives just the required amount of heat and it is therefore in favor. Coastwise vessels in Florida pay twice as much for Florida cut-wood as for any other, because it burns with an even heat, and with a minimum amount of smoke and ash.

The principal disadvantage of the resinous pines is their oily black smoke.

Guelph Herald—Floating mines appear to be as dangerous to navigation on the high seas as floating nines have been to many Canadians who were enamored of mine stocks.

notorboat out alongside the Emden, and the engineers fixed her up. The people were delighted, but the good works of the German skipper did not yet come to an end. He announced that he would carry a mail, and all the people of the island were consequently soon busy writing letters. At the end of a week, when the cruiser sailed, several bulky mail bags were put aboard, and these were faithfully delivered by the Captain. It is probable that they were handed over to one of the intercepted steamers, but at any rate the writers have to cause to complain that their dispatches went astray in the post. The captain was not taking any risks, however, and he refused to show any official communications.

The departure of the Emden was a glorious day, flags were flying every where; and as the echoes of the commander's farewell guns died away there arose cheer after cheer from the unsuspecting people gathered on the shore. Finally the plume-covered late was dropped astern, the blank cartridges in the guns were replaced with shell, and the Emden sailed away to deliver her mail.

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