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## Great Battle For Verdun is Now Beginning

**Battle Now Raging Along a 25 Mile Front—Is the First Large Scale Offensive in Champagne Since September—German Forces Number 300,000 and Are Trying to Wrest Important Roads From French—Military Men Think Germans Will Not Attempt to Capture Verdun by Storm—Attacks so Far Have Cost the Germans Heavy Losses**

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The great battle raging along the 25 mile front from Etain to Malancourt, north-east of Verdun, is being followed with great interest by the public. It disposes effectively of the question whether or not the Germans would make an early offensive. The battle is the first on a large scale since the offensive in Champagne in September, and is believed to be a forerunner of stirring, and perhaps decisive events. The principle fighting centres is the rough and thickly wooded country between Etain and Damvillers. Here some 200,000 Germans, the Crown Prince's best infantry, are trying to wrest from the French the important roads which would enable them to make their way through the Meuse.

The battle as yet is only beginning, but it is said to have cost the assailers of the French heavy casualties, without any appreciable advantage having been attained. The Germans have been making preparations for a big stroke at Verdun so openly during the past month that the French had every chance to get ready for them. The attacks, up to the present, only involve advanced lines, which are at least two miles beyond the outer defences of the fortress. Military opinion here is inclined to doubt that the Germans will attempt to carry Verdun by storm. It is pointed out that besides the formidable works of the fortress, it is further protected by a field army, under the command of General Humbert, an exceptionally energetic officer. The prevailing view is that the Germans, feeling the strength of the defences and the resistance they will meet with, may discourage them from proceeding to take the citadel by force, even with the help of their greatest guns.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Troops belonging to seven German army corps, under Crown Prince Frederick William, are engaged along a 25 mile front north of Verdun in a desperate effort to drive back the French defending forces, and probably with a view to the capture of the great fortress of Verdun. There has been very heavy fighting for a considerable

period in this district of the French war zone, but within the last few days the attacks of the Germans have taken on additional strength and the battle line has been extended. It now reaches from Malancourt, on the west to Etain on the east, with Verdun in the centre. Only a few miles southward the Germans claim to have made important advances and to some extent this is admitted by the French War Office, which describes the battle as one increasing in intensity. German preparations were extensive. The bombardment of the French positions with thousands of shells was uninterrupted. As the French had foreseen this battle, all their available guns were called into action and they responded in kind to the heavy shelling of the Germans. While at some points the French were unable to resist the onslaughts of the attacking forces, along much of the front, according to the Paris communication, the attacks were well sustained and very heavy losses inflicted on the Germans.

Another British steamer, the Westburn, has put into port flying the German flag, with a German prize crew on board. This vessel reached Santa Cruz, Teneriffe. She had aboard 20 prisoners, taken from various British vessels which have been sunk by German raiders. The British barques Edinburgh and Belgian and the steamers Luxembourg and the Westburn, after departure from Liverpool, were last reported passing Cape St. Vincent and Cape Verde on February 4. The Flemenco left Newport, England for Valparaiso on Jan. 21; the Horace Fleet left Buenos Aires on Jan. 26 for Liverpool; the barque Edinburgh sailed from Rangoon on Sept. 22 for Liverpool. The Luxembourg and Flemenco had been placed on the overdue list. The Cambridge cannot be identified.

### ANOTHER STEAMER CRIPPLED BY BOMB EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A news agency despatch from Queenstown, Ireland, to-day, says that the British freight steamer Strathelyde, 4,417 tons, was towed into Queenstown today, badly damaged. No one was allowed on board, but it was rumoured that a bomb explosion had occurred on board.

She was built in 1906, and was owned in Glasgow. Her skipper is Captain Watt. The shipping register shows that the vessel left Philadelphia for Manchester on January 18th.

## SPEED WITH SUFFICIENT GUN POWER NOW CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF BRITISH NAVAL STRATEGY

**Press Correspondent as he Stood on Control Bridge of Battle Cruiser sees the Fastest Squadron Ever Gathered Under One Flag Appear in View as Fog Lifted—All Ready to Rush at German Fleet as Soon as it Comes Into North Sea**

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Speed with sufficient gun power to cause necessary destruction is now the cardinal principle of British naval strategy. Battle cruisers, an unknown quantity at the beginning of the war, have proven this principle to the satisfaction of every man aboard battle cruiser fleet which was visited this week in the North Sea by a correspondent of the Associated Press.

New battle cruisers before the war were not exactly objects of pride to their officers and crews on account of voracity with which they consumed coal and service on them was not popular and Government harassed with demands for a reduction in naval expenditure had no reason to favor these refinements of super-dreadnaught school.

To prove that the battle cruiser had redeemed its unfortunate early reputation it is only necessary to point to the activities of this type of fighting craft since the

war began. Battle cruisers brought Von Spee's career to a full stop. They were the only big ships which succeeded in getting into the North Sea engagements, so it is not surprising that these monsters, the biggest fighting machines afloat, are idolized by officers and men who fight on them.

Battle cruisers now form the nucleus of Britain's first line of naval offence. There are many new ships among the light cruisers attached to this squadron, but virtually every battle cruiser in it has been blooded, to use the navy's equivalent for army's baptism fire, and sailors manning them show the pride and poise of veterans.

When the mist lifted for a few minutes as the correspondent stood on control bridge of one of the battle cruisers the fastest fleet capable of actual offensive operations ever gathered together under one flag appeared in view. There were more than one hundred war vessels in the fleet arranged in squadrons with battle cruisers surrounded by their screen of faithful destroyers occupying a place of honor but with every section down to the humble rusty but vitally necessary colliers mark for flying start of the eagerly awaited coming out of the German fleet is signalled.

## MILITARY SERVICE BILL IS CAUSING FRICTION AND MAY MAKE SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE

**Tribunals Sitting to Hear Claims For Exemption Have a Difficult Task—Many Postponements Granted—Papers Claim This Will Lead to Earlier Call on Married Men**

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The operation of the Compulsory Military Act is proving to be anything but smooth, and the measure may be destined to make much trouble for the authorities. The tribunals, which are sitting all over the country to hear claims for exemption, are having a strenuous time. The volume of applications is enormous and despite the prolonged sitting these tribunals are unable to overtake the mass of appeals.

Very few actual exemptions have yet been granted, but in numerous cases they have been put back for periods varying from two to six months. These postponements are causing intense dissatisfaction. Newspapers complain that men are wanted now, not at some indefinite time in the future and that these wholesale postponements mean an earlier call on the married men.

### HUN FLEET MAY YET MAKE A DASH

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A special London cable to the Tribune says a high naval authority told the Tribune correspondent to-day he believed it was widely held in Admiralty circles that the German fleet may make a dash for the open sea at any time now, giving as a reason for this, not only the pressure of political opinion in Germany, but the innumerable recent reports all pointing to the preparation of a combined German naval and aeroplane and military offensive, with the object of forcing peace and impressing neutrals.

### RUBBING IT IN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Austria has asked the United States for additional information on her protest against the attack by an Austrian submarine on the American tanker Petrölette, several weeks ago. Such information as this Government has will be furnished promptly.

## WILL AMERICA SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY IS QUESTION OF THE HOUR?

**ONLY 10,395 IRISH EMIGRATED IN 1915**

LONDON, Feb. 24.—According to statistics just issued 10,395 Irish emigrated in 1915, approximately half the number of previous year. Only 25 per cent were of military age, the great majority being women and children.

Congress Grows Uneasy Under Strain—Lansing and Wilson Determined There Will be No Prolonged Negotiations Over Dispute Pending With Berlin—Washington Will Take no Action Till Reply to States Request Sent Last Week is Received

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The agitation in Congress for action in warning Americans off armed ships of European belligerents has suddenly grown to such proportions that today the Democrats of the Foreign Affairs Committee voted to canvass the sentiment of the House on the several pending resolutions of that nature. The sentiment in the Senate in favour of some such action was also openly expressed, but at the end of the day of surprises tension and agitation such as had not been seen in Congress for some time, word came that President Wilson was still unalterably opposed to any such action by Congress. He believed he would only be embarrassed thereby in his negotiations with Germany by such widely circulated suggestions. The situation has reached a point, it is believed, that the President would soon lay it before Congress and Secretary Lansing might in some way define the attitude of the Government.

A communication from Senator Stone that the time had been fixed within which the United States would expect Germany to signify her intention to abandon her announced intention to sink armed merchantships without warning, was read. A statement was made officially that nothing had been determined on. The situation, though grave, was still a waiting one and that no final policy would be announced until Berlin was heard from.

## OFFICIAL

**ST. PIERRE BULLETIN**

PARIS, Feb. 23 (via St. Pierre).—The Paris bulletin of 2 p.m. announces heavy fighting going on between Brabant and Herbobois, on a 15 kilometre front. The French have evacuated Hammit village. A desperate struggle is raging.

### NEW MINISTER

LONDON, Feb. 23.—In the Commons to-day, the Premier officially announced the appointment of Lord Cecil as War Trade Minister.

### GAINS IN AFRICA

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Andrew Bonar Law announced in the Commons to-day that 730,000 square miles of German territory in Africa have been captured.

### GERMAN ADMIRAL VON POHL DIES IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Admiral Von Pohl, whose retirement on account of ill health from the position of commander of the German battle fleet, announced two days ago, has died in Berlin.

### AUSTRIA TO TREAT MONTENEGRO AS CAPTURED TERRITORY

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.—A despatch from Budapest quotes the Pester Lloyd as stating that the Austrian Government has decided to treat Montenegro as a conquered country, instead of one which has surrendered, if after the lapse of a few days King Nicholas persists in ignoring all inquiries addressed to him by the Austrian Government.

### GERMAN BANKS FACING FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A despatch from the Daily Express correspondent in Geneva says: "A banker just returned here after spending several months in Germany, tells me that the principal banks in the chief towns of the Rhine and also in Munich and Dresden, are in serious financial difficulties, and some big crashes may be expected within the next three months. The losses involved will be at least £180,000,000, the banker added, and if the war continues another nine months, Germany would be ruined financially."

## British Blockade of Germany Failed Says Swedes

**FOODS RIOTS BREAK OUT 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 Bergedorf, a suburb of Hamburg, where a women's meeting was held in front of the burgomaster'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.

### BERLIN KEEPS UP GAME WITH WILSON

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A news agency despatch from Washington, published here this afternoon, says: "The appearance of President Wilson before Congress in the next few days to announce his desire to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, was forecasted this afternoon by high administration officials. This action is certain to follow, said one of the officials, if intimations coming from German sources are correct. Those intimations are that the German Foreign Office is sending instructions to Ambassador Bernstorff to play for further delay in the terminating of the Lusitania dispute and for long discussion on technicalities over the armed merchantmen decree, scheduled to go into effect on March 1st."

### ADMIRAL MEUX TO ACT AS ADVISER TO NEW WAR TRADE MINISTER

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Daily Express says it understands that Admiral Sir Haworth Meux, Commander-in-Chief of the British fleet at Portsmouth, will act as naval adviser of Lord Robert Cecil, the new War Trade Minister.

Viscount Middleton, in the Lords, yesterday expressed the belief that an Air Minister, with a seat in the Cabinet would be appointed before long.

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Swedish Press and Business Men Says the Blockade Was Made Effective Too Late—Germany Laid in Sufficient Stocks of War and Other Materials Sufficient For Two Years They Say—The Suggestion That Germany Has Been Smuggling Through Sweden is Bitterly Resented by the Swedes—Swedish Trade Has Been Practically Paralyzed by the War

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24.—The British blockade of Germany has failed, because it came too late, according to the Swedish Press and Swedish business. As far as Sweden and other Scandinavian countries are concerned, the blockade only became real effective last April. For eight months prior to that time or since the very start, the Germans anticipated Britain's tactics, and are purchasing quantities of military supplies especially copper, cotton, antimony and tin through Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

Importers here are convinced that by the time the blockade was perfected Germany had stored up such quantities of these and other war materials as to meet all her needs for possibly two years.

The claims made by the British Government that great quantities of war material have been smuggled into Germany through Sweden are bitterly resented by Swedish merchants. These claims, which have been given as a reason for placing all sorts of restrictions on Swedish mercantile trade, are based on statistics proving the great increases of Swedish imports from Britain and America. Swedish merchants point out that prior to the war Sweden was a heavy purchaser of German goods. The war practically paralyzed this trade and the country has had to turn to other markets.

The opinion expressed here is that as far as the Scandinavian countries are concerned, Britain has only succeeded in creating ill-feeling among neutrals by her blockade, without seriously injuring Germany.

### ATTENDS HIS FIRST CABINET MEETING

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil to-day attended the Cabinet meeting for the first time in his capacity as Minister of Blockade.

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## PORTUGAL SEIZES 36 GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN INTERNED SHIPS

**Seizure Was Made Without Any Warning Been Given—Action of Naval Commander Was Totally Unexpected and Created no Little Surprise Among Government Authorities at Lisbon—Portuguese Colors Hoisted on Seized Ships and Act Was Accompanied by a Salvo of 21 Guns From Portuguese Fleet**

LISBON, Feb. 24.—Captain Leote Rego, commander of the naval division here, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, apparently of his own initiative, took forcible possession of 36 German and Austrian vessels lying in Tagus River. He hoisted the Portuguese colors on them and saluted them

action, pending receipt of Germany's reply to the requests of the United States, made last week through Ambassador von Bernstorff, for assurances that the notice of intention to sink armed merchantmen without warning after February 29, does not nullify the previous pledges given in the Arabic and Lusitania negotiations. A reply is expected momentarily. The Cabinet is expected to review the situation on Friday if it has arrived, to consider the German reply.

with a 21 gun salvo from the Portuguese fleet. It is said that the act of Captain Rego in seizing the interned vessels was totally unexpected by the Government authorities, who were unaware of the step until it had been carried out.

Despite many rumors since the outbreak of the war that Portugal was on the point of declaring a state of war with the Central Empires, on account of her treaty relations with Great Britain, no such declaration was ever made. The Portuguese Congress, by resolution on August 8, 1914 and November 23 of the same year, decided that Portugal would co-operate with the Allies whenever that step seemed necessary.

The Portuguese treaty with Great Britain requires that the latter be supplied with ten thousand Portuguese troops when she is at war. The last critical Portuguese reference to the attitude of the nation with regard to hostilities was the statement made on January 3rd last by the President of the Republic at a reception of members of Parliament, when he manifested a desire that a sacred union of all parties be maintained during the war so that the Allies may have reason to be satisfied with the services rendered by the Portuguese nation.



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## FLYING 7,000 FEET IN THE AIR BRITISH AND FRENCH "TERRORS OF THE AIR" FIGHT TO A FINISH

### British Strategy Was Best and After a Sharp Battle Hun Plane Was Dashed to Earth—It Went Clean Through Roof of Dug Out and Was Buried Many Feet in Ground

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A remarkable description of a battle in midair between an officer of the Royal British Flying Corps and a German airman, I remember doing was looking at my watch—12.45. The incident over, contained in the following letter written by the British aviator to the Times.

"Yesterday being the first fine day, I had instructions to go up in an F.E. with 'P.' as observer, to take some photographs over —. It was about the most unpleasant job going, as the numerous woods about there are absolutely bristling with 'Archies' of no mean prowess, as I can testify, having had, perforce, to sample some of their wares on many a reconnaissance of late.

"It took us roughly an hour to get up to 9,000 feet, which time we spent between — and — climbing, climbing and climbing still. The air was pretty full of machines, it being the first fine day for some considerable time. We saw no Huns, though we afterwards heard that there were three hanging about behind their lines, and worrying a number of our fellows doing photographs. Twenty to 12 found us east of —, not far short of 10,000 feet up, and distinctly chilly.

**Strategy in Air Battle.**  
"A biplane and a monoplane appeared east of us, the biplane leading, with ample evidence of being in a hurry, with the monoplane—which appeared to be one of our Morans type—overhauling it hands over fists. We were about 2,500 feet above the 'buses,' and when within about a mile I got a glimpse of the monoplane's top wing. Black crosses on a white base. Good enough!

"Down went the F.E.'s nose almost vertically; 2,000 feet we came down while the air speed indicator went up to 100 m. p. h. and then stuck—not having been designed for the purpose of exceeding recognized limits. I expected the F.E. to fold up under the strain any moment, but she stood it like a rock! By this time the other two machines were almost vertically below us—the Hun had caught up the biplane and was emptying his gun into it at 50 yards' range. It subsequently transpired that just at this moment he had put three bullets in the observer's arm and one through the main petrol tank, with the result that the precious fluid was pouring all over the pilot and fuselage.

"I started pulling the F.E. out of her nose dive about 2,000 feet above the Hun, as too sudden a shock would inevitably have crumpled her up. The consequence was that we found ourselves above and behind the unfortunate Teuton, and within 20 yards of him. To my mind, he never saw us until we opened fire. Twenty rounds of lead were planted into the back of his neck, though they apparently did not hit him. He then turned his attention to us, turning left-handed and passing directly below us. This necessitated our getting on to a perpendicular bank and doing a complete circuit to see where he'd go to. The little beggar was describing circuits round us while we did a sort of 'inner circle,' conducted, of course, with a perpendicular bank. The net, owing to the fact that our speed was so great and that we were doing complete turns in about twice the length of our machines, the centrifugal force was so great 'P.' couldn't hold the machine gun on its mounting it swung down, and, though the whole gun only weighs 28 pounds, he could not pull it up square.

"Things being at the moment distinctly unsatisfactory we weren't sorry to see the Hun head for home. After him we went, both diving lustily, while 'P.' more familiarly known as 'Pongo,' gave him the rest of the drum—another 28 rounds.

**Quicker Than "Archie."**  
"I was beginning to get a little anxious, as we were getting very low and expecting 'Archie' to get us any minute, when we got him. A lucky shot found its billet, and the pilot was no more. The evolutions that machine described falling 7,000 feet with no man at the wheel, were extraordinary, viewed from above—first wheels up, then right way again, a loop, several cartwheels, a nose dive, more loops, and several turns onto and off its back, sideways, until it was lost to sight almost on the ground. Good enough!

"By this time another F.E., a British scout, and two Q. C.'s had arrived, but—fortunately for me—too late to claim a share in the finale. The next morning I remember doing was looking at my watch—12.45. The incident over, contained in the following letter written by the British aviator to the Times.

"The speaker was Private Seymour, who wears on his hat the badge of the 121st Battalion, Western-Infantry. "I received my honorable discharge from the 106th Company of the United States Coast Artillery at Fort Wayne, Wash., some months ago.

"When we received our discharges—thirty-eight of us—the Colonel of our regiment said—'boys, if you have nothing else to do, or have made no definite plans for future, do me a favor and go and fight for Canada. We loved the old Colonel and many of us gave the matter serious thought. The result was that to-day thirty-two of that thirty-eight are wearing khaki and ready to do or die, if necessary for Canada. And there are many more, who are strong for our brothers. Your battles are our battles and we will go through thick and thin to beat the Germans."

## Says Americans Are Eager Fight for Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C. Feb. 19.—"You Canadians should not be sharp in your criticism of old Uncle Sam in his attitude in connection with the scrap across the pond. It must be remembered that there are two or three hundred Americans who have joined the Western Irish Battalion and we are only too glad to do our part to whip the Germans."

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## Attorney General Was Arrested

Sir F. E. Smith's Visit to Winston Churchill Got Him Into Trouble

LONDON, Feb. 19.—London gossip is busying itself with the story of Sir Frederick E. Smith's misadventures in France in the course of the trip which the Attorney-General took in company with Andrew Bonar Law, David Lloyd George and others. When the members of the party had accomplished the special business which took them to Paris, Sir Frederick conceived the idea of paying a visit to his friend Winston Spencer Churchill, who is doing duty as major of his regiment at the front. Borrowing a fast motorcar, Sir Frederick was speedily in touch with Mr. Churchill, with whom he had a talk lasting so long that it was impossible for the Attorney-General to return to Paris the same day. He, accordingly, took a room in a certain village and retired to rest.

He was rudely awakened by a military police officer who requested to see his permit to be within the military lines. Sir Frederick had omitted to provide himself with a military pass, and though the Colonel's uniform, which he had worn on leaving Paris, had got him into the lines, the fact that he was Attorney-General and Cabinet Minister was not sufficient to make his stay there altogether pleasant. As a matter of fact, he was put under arrest by the Provost Marshal.

Sir Frederick told the officer that he was a Cabinet Minister and also held the military rank of Colonel. "Am I speaking to a soldier or a civilian?" asked the Provost Marshal. Sir Frederick's knowledge of both civil and military law led him to select the quality of civilian as the best issue out of his dilemma, and, according to the authorities here, he was well advised in doing so.

A good deal of telegraph was done before the Attorney-General was allowed to return to Paris, and there is a story that before he was allowed to go the British commander-in-chief read him a lesson his carelessness.

## Van Horn Found Sane by Physicians

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—It was learned to-day that Werner Van Horn, an officer of the German Landwehr, who is accused of having attempted to wreck a railroad bridge across the international boundary at Vanceboro, Maine, has been declared sane by three physicians who recently examined him. Van Horn is in the East Cambridge jail.

The examination was made at the request of the federal district attorney's office after the latter had reported that Van Horn had shown nervous symptoms. According to a statement issued by Van Horn's counsel to-night the physicians agreed that they found no indication of insanity in the prisoner and it is understood that a report to that effect has been made by the district attorney to the Department of Justice in Washington.

of the fabric and plane, though the crosses from the wings had already been collared—and a few regimental buttons from his tunic, which we shared out to the mechanic and sergeant, with us."

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## War Messages.

### Raider Moewe Still Active

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A despatch received from Santa Cruz, Canary Islands, says that the British steamer Westburn put in there for repairs, flying the German flag, with a prize crew of seven men and one officer. The officer is believed to belong to the German raider Moewe.

In addition to her own crew there are 296 prisoners on the Westburn which were taken from various British vessels.

The Westburn left Liverpool on Jan. 21st for Buenos Aires. She was a vessel of 3,300 tons, built in 1893, owned by J. Westall, of Sunderland. The prisoners on board came from the British steamers Flemenco, Horace, Clan MacTavish and Cambridge.

The fact that the steamer Westburn has prisoners on board from the British steamer Can MacTavish, which was sunk after an exciting battle by the German raider Moewe, off the West Coast of Africa, in January, seemingly would indicate that the Flemenco, Horace, Edinburgh and Luxembourg had met a similar fate.

The Moewe, which captured the British South African liner Appam, which was later taken into Hampton Roads by a German prize crew, in addition to disposing of the Clan MacTavish, destroyed six other steamers. The Corbridge, which is probably the Cambridge referred to in the London despatch, was a trader. So also were the Author, Ariadne, Drumonby, Farrington, Luxembourg and Flemenco. The two latter were the largest two mentioned in the London despatch, both of them carried passengers.

The Flemenco, which belong to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, was a vessel of 4,540 tons and the Luxembourg was owned by the Belgium National Transportation Company, Antwerp. She displaced 4,332 gross tons. The Flemenco was built in 1905 and the Luxembourg in 1908. The Horace was built in 1895 and was a vessel of 3,335 tons and belonged to the Liverpool and Brazil River Plate Steam Navigation Company. The Corbridge was owned by the Corbridge Steamship Company, of Cardiff. She is a vessel of 3,687 tons. The Edinburgh was a three-masted barque of 1,473 tons. She was built in 1885. Her home port was London.

An Eastern scientist claims a cure for hay fever. This may be the same authority who claims we sleep too much.

### Snowden, British Socialist, Again Talks Peace

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 has 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.

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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, therefore, 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 country was at one, and would remain of one mind, in demanding that the conditions of peace should be such as to secure permanent attainment of national aim. 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. Asquith concluded his address as follows, his words evoking applause from every corner of the House: "I have stated in clear, direct, explicit, emphatic language what are the terms on which we are prepared to make peace. I will repeat them. They are familiar to our Allies, and well-known to the German Chancellor. What I said on November 9th, 1914 I repeat now:

"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 sight of attainment, and not until then, shall we, or any of our Allies, abate by one jot our prosecution of the war."

### PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON FRUIT IMPORTS

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, was asked in the Commons to-day what restrictions he proposed to place on importation of fruit, and when they would take effect. He said that he would not make any definite statement, except that any restriction imposed would not apply to fruit from British Dominions, Colonies or Dependencies.

### 3 KILLED ON STEAMER AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 23.—Excitement has been raised in Brazil through the putting into port at Maranhao, of the Holt line steamer Tennyson, badly damaged, as the result of an explosion believed by some to have been caused through an internal machine in her bunkers, while bound from Rio de la Plata for New York. Three men of the crew, an American, an Englishman and a Hollander were killed by explosion.

The S.S. Prospero left here at 10 a.m. yesterday for the Westward with a large freight and small passenger list.

### HEAVY FIGHTING NORTH OF VERDUN

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Fighting of great violence is in progress from the right bank of the Meuse to a point south-east of the Herbs forest, the War Office announced to-day.

North of Verdun there were infantry actions on a front of ten miles. East of Zeppolis the French were enabled by a counter-attack to retake a great portion of the forest of Causes north of Beaumont.

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- Mrs. Fortune—Corner Water Street and Alexander Street.
- A. McCoubrey—(tinsmith) New Gower Street.
- Mrs. Joy—New Gower Street.
- Mr. Ryan—Casey Street.
- Mrs. Collins—Foot Patrick Street, Water Street West.
- Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street.
- P. J. Morgan—Pennywell Road.
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### THE BURGOE BANKERS RACES TO-NIGHT

The following report of the vessels cleared for the Western fishery up to the 15th instant, has been received by the Board of Trade from Sub-Collector Cunningham of Burgoe:—  
 Nellie Moulton, R. Moulton, Burgoe, 14; Belle of Burgoe, R. Moulton, Burgoe, 14; Anita C. R. Moulton, Burgoe, 10; Globe, W. Webb, Recontre, 10; Lelia, T. Moulton, Burgoe, 14; Marget T. Hy. Clement, Burgoe, 12; Protector, R. Moulton, Burgoe, 17; Isabelle, R. Moulton, Burgoe, 12; Nahada, Harvey & Co., Belleoram, 18; Hazard, Hy. Clement, Burgoe, 14; Lucid, Samways & Co., Burgoe, 14; Pretty Mary, R. Moulton Ltd., Burgoe, 14; S.S. Annie, Samways & Co., Burgoe, 16.

### UNREGISTERED BOATS.

Two Brothers, Penney & Sons, Fox Isld., 5; Edna W., Penny & Sons, Fox Isld., 3; Meemie, T. Moulton, Fox Isld., 3; Morning Star, R. Moulton Ltd., Burgoe, 7.  
 The tonnage of the above vessels is 941 tons and the crews aggregate 214 men.

### CAPT. CARROL O.K.

The schr. Passport, we learn to-day from Job Bros., and of which Capt. Wm. Carrol is the skipper and which vessel was making a very long passage is O.K. She had very stormy weather and entered St. Pierre with her sails torn and other minor damage and sailed yesterday for Halifax.

### THIRTY DAYS FOR THEFT

Last evening the police arrested a man named John McGrath, who Tuesday last, in passing near Mr. F. Fitzpatrick's grocery on Monroe Street swiped an oil cask, and to-day he pleaded guilty and was sent down by Mr. Hutchings, K.C., for 30 days.

### MR. ELI WHITWAY TO-DAY WROTE TO CAPT. TIMWELL OF THE RECORD OFFICE, LONDON, ENGLAND, ASKING HIM TO TRACE HIS SON, ALDER WHITWAY, WHO WAS AT THE DARDANELLES WITH OUR BOYS.

Mr. Whitway has not received a line from his son since October 19th, 1915, and is naturally he and his wife are anxious about him.

### THE MANY FRIEND OF INSPECTOR W. O'BRIEN OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE SORRY TO HEAR THAT HE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO HIS HOME FOR A MONTH PAST.

The Inspector has been seriously ill of a cold and complication, but we are glad to-day to hear shows signs of improvement.

# Union Trading Co's First Annual Sale!

UNEXCELLED because of the extraordinary values that are being offered at Surprisingly Low Prices despite the recent advances that have taken place. Included in this sale you will find a number of oddments that come in for every-day use, all reduced down as to make a Genuine Bargain-Giving Event. Our advertisement does not cover all. To know the Big Savings you will effect give us a call.

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Dark Fancy Blouses, Low Collar. To clear at... 50c.

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Fancy Colored Blouses, High Collar. To clear at 40c.

**JAPANESE SILK**  
 In several leading shades, 25c. per yard.  
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Child's Blue Serge Dresses, 70c.

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 Men's Tweed Overcoats. Reg. \$7.00 value. \$6.00 Now.  
 Men's Mottled Blanket Overcoats. Reg. \$15.00 \$13.00 Odd sizes only. Now

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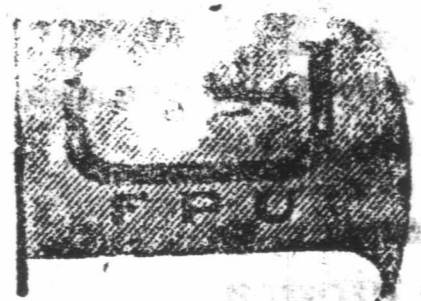
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**SHIPPING PROBLEM**

THAT we are not the only country in which the shipping problem has reached a critical stage is evidenced by recent exchanges. The London press considers the situation very serious; and the London Daily Telegraph says: "In consequence of the withdrawal of enemy ships of a tonnage of about six-and-a-half million tons, of the requisitioning of bottoms for naval and military purposes by the Allies, and, to a small extent, of the losses suffered by ourselves, our friends and neutrals, as a result of the enemy's submarine policy of piracy, there are not enough vessels for the quantity of goods to be carried by sea."

The law of supply and demand has driven up freights to a fabulous level; and that movement has been to the profit of British as well as Allied and neutral shipowners. It is world-wide in character; and many nations are suffering from its results.

We have suffered locally to a greater extent than any other section of the British Dominions; as the sea is our only highway for the transportation of goods; and all our larger ships have been sold, with huge profits to the owners. We doubt if this were really a wise course; but our local "patriots"—the one-hundred per cent. variety—deemed it necessary to unload their argosies on the Russian Government.

We know enough, to warrant the assertion, that, had our patriotic stock-holders been alive to the requirements of our local trade these vessels need not have been sold. Apart from the actual loss of the vessels, we have now a large number of captains, officers, engineers and seamen who are unable to secure employment. These are a class who can ill afford to lose the means of a livelihood.

"We have," continues the London paper, "got into a vicious circle; that the price of everything we need is rising."

This is quite noticeable here; and to add to the gravity of the situation, the Morris Government allowed additional storage and other things to increase the cost of our much-needed commodities. The prices of everything will continue to rise until the upward movement in freight rates is checked. We need only refer to the coal situation. Next year con-

**MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS!**

NO one would think of accusing him (COAKER) of being a spell-bound demagogue. In his (COAKER'S) manner, he (COAKER) is, if anything inclined to be somewhat quiet and retiring. BUT BEHIND EVERYTHING HE SAYS THERE IS A CHARACTER THAT IMPRESSES THE LISTENER WITH THE FACT THAT COAKER HAS A WHOLE SOUL'D INTEREST IN HIS GREAT WORK AND THAT HE HAS ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN ITS ULTIMATE SUCCESS. — MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

HE has the knack of infecting all who come in contact with him with his own enthusiasm for and faith in the great cause. And because his (COAKER'S) people have FOUND COAKER FAITHFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS TO THE TRUST THEY REPOSED IN HIM (Coaker) he (Coaker) IS BOUND TO RISE IN THE ESTEEM OF THE FISHERMEN AND TO BIND THEM TO HIM (Coaker) WITH THE BONDS OF AFFECTION. For in this respect it always happens that to him that hath much more is given.—MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

ditions will be worse, unless some effort is made to stay the rapacity of those who are reaping rich harvests from the anomalous condition of affairs that now exists.

We think that it is imperative for the Government to get busy and face the situation without fear or favor. There has been too much trucking to the pocket book in this Colony; and those who reap the harvests should be made to unload some of their accumulations. The people are suffering from the rapacity of the few who have become enriched by the selling of vessels which should have been kept in the trade.

We notice that the people in the neighboring Province have held on to their ice-breakers, and we have it on the best authority that both the Seal and the Sable I might have been sold, had their owners so wished.

It is time for us to awaken from apathy for the welfare of the toiler, and to do something that will make life less hard. There seems to be a spirit of callousness abroad; and we are piling burdens upon the backs of the proletariat without discrimination. The magistrates do not worry about the condition of the workers; and this will ultimately result in disaster or all concerned.

**THE NEW CHARTER**

MR. GOSLING and the Civic Board, whether knowingly or otherwise, have selected a very poor champion of their high-handed methods in Mosdell, the ever ready to serve at any price. Mosdell says on Tuesday, that the New Civic Charter should not be submitted to the people at this stage. No; according to this intellectual know all of Adelaide Street, the rank and file of the taxpayers should keep still and wait till this Charter is railroaded through the House of Assembly and then WHEN IT IS TOO LATE they may talk and say what they like about it. This is Mosdell's idea of what the taxpayers should do in the premises; but needless to say it is not the opinion of the man on the street.

He then goes on to tell us "that the Commission has no power to change the present civic bye laws and pretends to none." Well for Heaven's sake if they are not going to change the present laws, what in God's name are they working three years for? Will Mosdell tell us quick?

"The Commission does not propose to apply to our civic affairs the new charter that it has drawn up," says Mosdell. Now will Mosdell tell us what they have drawn it up for? Was it for the fun of working after hours? If they are not going to apply it, what's the idea in drawing it up?

"The new charter," says Mosdell, "will never have the force of law until approved of by the House of Assembly." Sure we know that. It is against this being done that we protest. We think the taxpayers of this City should have a say in the matter as

well as the House of Assembly. It affects and effects directly the individual householder of this City. It is not because of the fact that the members of the House of Assembly are going to debate the matter, that it is going to be acceptable to the great majority of the taxpayers of St. John's.

Further on in his much labored defense of Mr. Gosling, Mosdell says:

"And when the Legislature meets next month this Charter is to be submitted to it for consideration. It will be debated and, if necessary, amended, so that its provisions, in the opinion of the majority of our legislators, bear equally on all classes of our citizens."

In the Legislature the new Charter will be considered and discussed by citizens of St. John's, by lawyers and public men of long experience and will as far as possible be pruned of all objectionable features.

"After it has undergone this scrutiny and has been assented to by city and outport members alike the Legislature can decide whether or not it is necessary or wise to have a Plebiscite on the Charter."

Now we would like to ask Mosdell how many citizens of St. John's are members of the House of Assembly? How many of them have such great experience in civic matters as to entitle them to pass a binding judgment on this new Charter?

Now as regards the House of Assembly granting a Plebiscite on the matter, what guarantee, we ask, have the citizens of this City got that such a Plebiscite will be granted? Is Mosdell in a position to speak for the House of Assembly? If he is, let him come out like a little man and say so.

"The Government of this country," says Mosdell, "gave the present Civic Commission a mandate to prepare a charter for this city and they are responsible to the Government and to the Government only for the fulfilment of that task."

That may be so; but have the Government of this country been empowered by the taxpayers of this City to let twelve reformers get together and stay in power two years over their original term? Have the Government of this country been empowered by the taxpayers of this City to let Mr. Gosling and his helpers run this City as they think it should be run? Did the taxpayers of this City empower the Government to let Mr. Gosling spend thousands of dollars on experimental Tardevia pavements? Did the taxpayers of this City empower the Government to let Gosling and Co. collect and spend the revenues of this City as they thought best? We ask did they?

No; they did not; and what's more they are determined this high handed procedure of Gosling and his coterie shall cease. Mosdell may labor for weeks trying to drag in side issues, but the real facts remain, and the taxpay-

ers of this City think it is time that Mr. Gosling came off his high perch and remembered that he is servant of the people and not a dictator.

Mosdell ever anxious to belittle the work of The Mail and Advocate says:

"The Mail and Advocate is evidently working hard to fake up a plot against the public weal, in order that it may pose as the champion of the people. That is an old and time-worn trick of the noble president and one that has served him and his personal interests well in the past, but it is too obvious to pass muster with our citizens just now."

That the common man, the man in the overalls, is with us, is best proven by the above quotation from Mosdell's Merchants' Rag.

The taxpayers of this City will never see Mosdell posing as a champion of the people. No fear of it. Mosdell will be always seen where the blue blooded Czars are and where the money is to be had. The people of this city have stood this kind of thing too long now, and it is about time that it was ended.

Commission form of government to our mind is the best form of city government. We will support it to-morrow; provided that it has the support of the majority of citizens. We certainly refuse to support twelve men who represent to one but their selves and who seem to think that the taxpayers should feel honored that they consented to look after the affairs of the City for a year or two to the detriment of their own business WE DON'T THINK.

It is this rotten system of toadying and bowing to a few that has left our city laborers where they are to-day and the quicker they follow the example of the fishermen and shake these cheap exploiters off the better it will be for themselves and their children.

We are quite prepared to give the Commissioners all the credit that is due them, but we think it is time for them to realize that the taxpayers of this City have a voice in saying what rules and regulations should govern the civic administration. If this kind of lording it over the common man goes on much longer the latter will be blessed if he is allowed but to live.

**SHOULD LOOK AHEAD**

The London Daily Telegraph

THIS is the last war with physical weapons in which the enemy will engage for many a long year. The highly-educated and well-filled population behind the farung battle lines stand already prepared for economic war with a carefully-devised organization. In that struggle the United States, rich with accumulated war profits, and, therefore, more powerful than in the past will join. Japan's position as manufacturer and trader will also be improved by the present upheaval. When the armies pile their arms and the ravines resume their peace routine, the old competition of the factory, the mart, and the counting-house will be resumed with an intensity unknown before, because Europe will be poorer, and wealth, therefore, the more desirable. In such a contest there can be no armistices, no surrenders with all their honors, and no peace treaties; the industrial war must continue to the end without respite and without mercy. It behooves us in this country to look ahead, and endeavor to prepare for this fierce and long-continued struggle. The burden of the battle will fall eventually on the lads of to-day who are becoming young men. Are they being drilled for the fight?

August Sempert, whose auto killed a cow in Portland, Ore., tried to persuade the jury that the cow should have worn a red tail-light, but they disagreed with him and fined him \$100.

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**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

FEBRUARY 21

ADMIRAL and Governor Sir Francis Pickmore died in St. John's, 1818.

Newfoundland Temperance League organized here, 1872.

Rev. R. Tierney ordained here, 1878.

Jury in Wadden rape case disgraced, 1899.

S. E. Garland opened new bookstore, 1894.

Hon. John Harris appointed to Legislative Council, 1892.

Six-mile skating race won in Parade Rink by Frank Simms—time, 27 minutes 56 seconds, 1885.

John Patrick, tailor, died, 1887.

A man named Norris, and his son, burnt to death in their house, at Grates' Cove, 1890.

Capt. William Wilcox died at Brigus, 1888.

William and Andrew Jordan (two brothers), tailors and clothiers, smothered by smoke in their house on Water Street, 1895.

R. W. McIntyre took charge of Terra Nova Foundry, 1899.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

A child with its heart on the outside of its body was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kitterman of Corydon, Ind. It lived 23 hours with its heart beating normally.

"Musky" novels are responsible for many unhappy marriages, 250 California librarians in convention believe. Women read sentimental novels and are hurt if their husbands do not constantly make love in the approved style, they say.

According to R. B. Wolverton, U.S. radio expert, the high steel towers, hitherto thought to be indispensable as a part of the outfit of a wireless station, are not necessary at all. He says that a wire stretched along the ground for about 500 feet will answer the purpose quite as well as the elevated antenna. He claims to have successfully "picked up" messages from various distant stations with this simple attachment. Improvements of great value may be expected in wireless telegraphy and telephony if this discovery proves to be what he claims.

**RETROSPECT**

O.H. I'm gone back to the days of youth.

I am a child once more,  
And 'neath my father's sheltering roof  
And near the old hall door.

I watch this cloudy evening fall  
After a day of rain;  
Blue mists, sweet mists of summer pall  
The horizon's mountain chain.

The damp stands in the long green grass

As thick as morning's tears;  
And dreamy scents of fragrance pass  
That breathe of other years.

—Bronte Poems," edited by A. C. Benson.

A Lyle, Minn., man who had just been knocked down by an auto, called frantically for assistance, crying that he was bleeding to death. On examination, however, it was found that the "blood" stain came from a bottle of wine in his pocket.

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Our Combination Lath and Spring Bed, with Wool Top Mattress, only \$6.95 complete. Our 731 Bed, with Woven Wire Spring and Wool Top Mattress, only \$7.50.

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### Says Threatened Advance on Egypt Is Pure Bluff

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Take Jönsson, former Rumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and pro Entente leader, coming to the New York American from Bucharest, says: "I believe that Germany must take a last desperate effort to force peace next Summer, by a stupendous effort on either the French or Russian front. Her menace to Salonika is pure bluff, while the threatened advance against Egypt is ephemeral. "As for Rumania, I have always been of the opinion that we committed a grave error when we failed to intervene on the side of the Allies the moment Bulgaria attacked Serbia. I can only hope that in the face of the present crisis we will not repeat the same fault. "Rumania seeks to provoke no one, but I cannot believe she will lower her colors before the violation of her sovereign rights. Her army is bubbling with patriotism and confidence and it is certain that those who would have her pursue a course contrary to her own interests will arrive at nothing. "Absalom's death proved the genuineness of his hair. "It is a noticeable fact that some men who do not have to pay the income tax are the ones who indorse it so enthusiastically.



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### Famous Dwarf Dies at Liverpool

NEWARK, Feb. 19.—Major Newell, the famous dwarf, who appeared in budget shows of the early days, died last week in Liverpool, according to a telegram received here to-day by his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Newell. The fact of his death was telegraphed to Countess Tom Thumb, who communicated with Mrs. Newell. "Major" Newell, whose name in private life was Edmund Newell, Jr., was sixty years old. He was only 24 inches tall and weighed 27 pounds when he married Minnie Warren, another famous midget even smaller than he. She died a year later and at the age of 35, he married again. Having grown by that time to four feet he picked a wife of normal stature. She survives him, with two children, both of whom are known on the English stage.

### LAW M.P., LOST LIFE SAVING DOCUMENTS

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—That B. B. Law, member for Yarmouth, lost his life in the Commons fire in an effort to rescue some valuable papers which were in his overcoat pocket is evident from information given Dr. T. B. Flint, Clerk of the Commons, by a messenger named Bailey. This man states that Mr. Law got out of the telephone booth and downstairs into the messengers' corridor safely. There he met Bailey and asked him if he thought it possible to secure his coat, which contained certain valuable documents. Bailey did not care to risk it, and Mr. Law disappeared in the direction of the winding iron stairway to the Commons floor. That was the last seen of him.

### FAIR COMPENSATION TO SHELL WORKERS

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 15.—The report that the British Minister of Munitions has approved of the proposal of the trades congress representatives that a fair wage clause be inserted in Canadian shell contracts lacks official confirmation here.

It is possible that some intimation may be on the way, but it is pointed out here that the practical application of a clause such as is

proposed would involve a number of difficulties.

The attitude of the British Government all along has been that in the filling of orders placed by them in Canada fair compensation should be given to the workers, an attitude with which the Dominion Government has been in full sympathy.

You can never tell. The college student with the broadest shoulders isn't always the one who carries off the most honors.

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## Canada Watching Spies Says Lord Shaughnessy Hopes United States Will Keep Out of the War.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—The busiest, most forward man in all Canada stepped forward with right hand outstretched and a genial smile when a staff correspondent of "The Sun" was ushered into his private office this afternoon—the private office of the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Lord Shaughnessy of Montreal and Ashford. "I am thoroughly glad to see you," he said in his rapid, positive way. "The Sun" and I are excellent friends. Through it I keep track of my old workmates and playmates in New York, like Fred Underwood of the Erie. I don't give interviews very often, partly because I haven't the time and partly because I am not sure that my views are especially interesting. But if there is anything I can say that will be of interest to "The Sun" or to the people in America I shall be very pleased indeed.

Standing at that moment squarely in the path of a bar of sunshine that cleaved its way through the whirling snowflakes in the Rue Osborne outside the great terminal of the Canadian Pacific Lord Shaughnessy was an interesting study in virility and vigor.

**His Wonderful Vigor.**

Turning into his sixty-third year after nearly a half century of tremendous activity he looked not a day older than 45. No streaks of gray show in his close clipped reddish hair or in his small, neat, reddish mustache and imperial. His face is lineless and glowing with healthy color. His eyes, clear blue, have a singularly penetrating quality in their glance. They snap with energy. Humor reveals itself at the corners of his small mouth.

"How successfully is Canada carrying her share of the empire's war burden?" asked the interviewer.

"Canada," said Lord Shaughnessy, "is in a much better position now, commercially, industrially and financially, than she was a year ago. The great improvement is due partly to the increased business arising because of war conditions, but mostly to the bountiful corps with which the Dominion has been favored. The purchasing power of the producer has increased and is reflected in the general improvement in merchandising and traffic.

"I look for a continuance of this activity for some months to come. Of course, like all countries where agriculture is the basis of wealth and prosperity, the question of crops will again become vital. But I cannot help feeling that we have passed over the worst period, have surmounted the most formidable obstacles and that Canada is on the up grade—again a brave, strong young nation.

"I hope that we will move with caution and conservatism, being careful to glimpse what is around the corner before we leap too far. Perhaps I am not as optimistic as I should be, but I try to look at things from a business man's standpoint. There is no more reason to close one's eye to unfavorable signs than to shut them to favorable ones. I have tried to strike a balance and I find that it is distinctly promising for Canada."

"Many men of affairs have given their notion of the probable duration of the war. What is yours, Lord Shaughnessy?"

"I am a railroad man, not a prophet," replied the big boss of the C.P.R. "My opinion is worth as much or as little as any other man's. Personally, I look for a long war. We are up against a perfectly equipped, scientific, capable foe. It will take time to bring him to a proper sense of his unrighteousness. But to that sense he will be brought.

"No sane man can doubt that in the end the empire and its allies will win a signal triumph for civilization. Canada is determined to do her part. She is shouldering her burdens resolutely and the fire of her loyalty to the empire is blazing in every province. Whatever she is asked to do she will do."

**Chary of U. S. Topic.**

"How have you sensed Canada's attitude toward the United States; does Canada hope the United States will enter the war on the side of the Allies, or stay out of it?"

"That is a topic I would rather not go into," said Lord Shaughnessy. "The attitude of the United States is a matter too exclusively for the determination of your Government to make the comments of outsiders discreet or pertinent. However, I may say that throughout Canada there is a feeling that the United States has a perfect right to do what she pleases and there is not appreciable resentment against your continued neutrality.

"There is a very strong current of opinion, indeed, that it is much better for the United States to stay out than

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ANNOUNCES the removal of his LAW OFFICES to the New BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA Building at the corner of Beck's Cove and Water Street, and the formation of a PARTNERSHIP for general practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Notaries, with MR. J. A. WINTER, eldest son of the late Sir James S. Winter, K.C., under the firm name of Squires & Winter.  
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### Last Night's Entertainments

**C.M.B.C. Hold their Annual Social Gathering in Synod Hall—Gower Street Mission Band Has Enjoyable Musicals in College Hall**

Last night a very large audience was present in the Synod Hall at the annual entertainment of the C.M.B.C. which was a complete success. The chair was occupied by Rev. Canon White who made a brief and fluent address, after which an excellent programme of songs, instrumental pieces, recitations &c. were rendered by Misses Stafford, M. Mitchell, Skinner, Messrs. S. W. Cornick, F. Cornick, F. Seymour, McCowan, Chafe, Walker, H. M. S. Briton's String Band.

A very clever exhibition of ventriloquism was given by Mr. Wheeler and a sketch presented by Mesdames H. Outerbridge and Colville earned for the talented performers the praise received. The accompanists were Miss Harvey and Mr. A. Crocker. Teas were served by the ladies identified with the church work.

After the concert His Lordship Bishop Jones addressed all present in an eloquent and impressive manner on the objects of the Class and the excellent work it had performed and was performing, after which the singing of the National Anthem closed a most enjoyable entertainment. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of literature for the Harbour Mission. Much of the success of the entertainment is due to the activity of Rev. J. Brinton, chairman of the Class.

The College Hall was filled with a very appreciative audience last night for the musicals held under the auspices of the Gower Street Mission Band. The programme, an excellent one splendidly rendered, was given by the following:

- Piano Solo—Mr. Christian.
  - Violin Solo—Miss Johnson.
  - Reading—Miss Duley.
  - Solo—Mrs. King.
  - Solo—Miss Herder.
  - Selection—"Briton" String Band.
  - Piano Solo—Mr. Kendall.
  - French Horn Solo—Mr. Bulley.
  - Reading—Miss Hanlin.
  - Song—P. F. Moore.
  - Double Quartette—Glee Club.
- Hearty applause was frequently given and encores were general. Teacandies, flowers &c. were sold during the evening by the following ladies: Mesdames E. Taylor, W. Peters, A. Diamond, G. Peters, R. Kendall, Butt, Inkpen, Bowden, F. Parsons and Hansford; Misses M. Chaplin, C. Joyce, Penny, Blatch, J. Roper, J. Bennett, Dicks, L. Roper, M. Dingle, Butt, Atwill, Pippy, F. Moore, I. Soper, Worrell, Cummings, James, Squires, S. Roper, A. Chaplin, Leesman and Moore. Rev. Mr. Hemmeon acted as "master of ceremonies" and to his efforts and those of Miss Cauncey, president of the band, who the attendant success was in a large measure due. Part of the proceeds will be donate to the Red Cross Fund.

The police are still busy enquiring into recent larcenies committed in the city. The police are in possession of a number of keys found on the woman who was arrested a few days ago.

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### OUR VOLUNTEERS

**THE NICKEL.**  
The holiday programme at the Nickel theatre yesterday attracted immense audiences, the theatre being filled for each performance. The pictures had been specially arranged and afforded pleasure to all. The New Exploits of Elaine opened splendidly and it bids fair to become even more popular than the other. The characters were perfectly sustained and the general opinion was that it was the finest serial ever given in this city. The Vitagraph all-star film in three acts was also a beautiful one and was closely followed. The balance of the programme was excellent the music was perfect, and everyone who attended spent an enjoyable time. This evening it will be repeated.

### Pleasing Presentation

On Tuesday evening a deputation from the congregation of St. Thomas's Church, consisting of Hon. M. G. Winter, Hon. R. Watson, Mr. Reginald Dowden, and Mr. James Lawrence, waited upon the Rev. Arthur Clayton, at the Curate's House, on Forest Rd., and presented him, on behalf of the Vestry and Congregation, with a very handsome gentleman's dressing case.

Mr. Watson, who formally made the presentation referred to the esteem in which the Rev. Gentleman was held in the parish, expressed the hope that while at the front he may meet some of the volunteers from St. Thomas's and wished Mr. Clayton a successful interview at the War Office, good health while on active service, and in general the best of good luck.

Mr. Clayton replied, expressing his warm thanks for such a handsome and useful gift, hoped that he might be so fortunate as to come in contact with the Newfoundland Regiment at the front, and said he would never forget the warm hearts of the people of St. Thomas's Parish, with whom he had been in such close connection during the past four years.

### CURLING

**Newfoundland versus Halifax**  
Secretary Salter received a night message from J. L. Slattery this morning from Halifax to the effect that the Newfoundland Boys defeated the Mayflower Curlers yesterday afternoon by 11 to 9. The following is the messages, viz:—

"Good match this afternoon, defeated Mayflower Team.  
Halifax versus Nfld.  
Poley ..... Bradshaw  
Crand ..... Cowan  
Davidson ..... Bennett  
Martin (skip) ..... Peters  
9 11  
"All in good form, very good ending."

Skip Martin (who is Mayor of Halifax) and his team are recognized giants in the game but that team of Newfoundlanders are hard to beat. Well done and well played. Sorry we all could not have seen the game.

### THREE HURT

**IN COASTING ACCIDENT**  
While coasting down over Brazil's Square last night Samuel Haynes, his wife and Miss King collided violently with a telephone pole. The three people had a bob-slide, in which they were enjoying runs over the square with Miss D. House and Mr. J. Cooper, and as they came over the hill at great speed lost control of the slide. Mr. Hynes who was steering was rendered unconscious, Miss Haynes received several nasty wounds on the face and head as well as Miss King, but the others escaped with a shaking up. Head Const. Peet and the police doing duty helped them to their homes where the doctor attended them.

### DEATH

**GIBBS**—Last evening after a short illness, fortified by rites of Holy Church, Margaret, relict of the late John Gibbs, aged 72 years. Funeral on to-morrow, Friday, at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 23 Prescott Street. Friends will please accept this the only intimation. No flowers.  
—R. I. P.

### The Salvation Army and the Great War

**Col. Otway Delivers Interesting Lecture in the Great Part Played in the World War by the Army—Lecture Was Illustrated and Thoroughly Enjoyed**

Last night Lieut. Colonel Otway delivered an interesting and instructive, illustrative lecture on "The Salvation Army and the Great War." Long before the time announced for the lecture the Livingstone Street Hall was filled to its utmost capacity.

At eight o'clock the service commenced with singing the old familiar hymn "Rock of Ages," which was illustrated with highly coloured pictures, after which Mrs. Colonel Otway offered prayer. Then the lecturer stated that the object of the lecture is not to again rehearse the well-known cause of this great and terrible conflict, but to show in particular a little of the work of the Salvation Army in connection therewith.

The speaker continued as stated—it is not my object to speak of the cause, yet we do well to continually remind ourselves that this is unique in the history of the world for several reasons, viz:

1. The Continent contains twenty million of well equipped troops.
2. There are eleven Nations involved in the fearful crisis.
3. The Cause—The Broken Treaty.

The Colonel also referred to Bernard's writings, especially the phrase Germany's War Power or Downfall and stated no doubt it would be the latter.

The first views shown on the canvas were that of their Majesties President Poincaré, King Albert, King Victor Emmanuel, Lord Kitchener and Sir Jno. French, also a glimpse of the Army work for Naval and Military men in normal times of War. The Naval and Military League has for its object the linking together of all Salvationists in Naval and Military Forces throughout the world, enrolling them as League and organizing them for aggressive Christian work among their fellows. The Army has fifteen Homes for Soldiers and Sailors, at the Chief Naval and Military basis of the world. They provide safe and clean lodgings, wholesome, well cooked food, and instruction to the moral and spiritual influence exercised by contact with the officers, meetings are held.

Lord Fisher, the creator of the present British Navy.—Some few months ago Lord Fisher, visited Local Committees in England, in connection with the Prince of Wales Fund, to see how things were being done, to cheer up the wives of Soldiers and Sailors. The Chairman informed that before the committee had been formed, the Salvation Army Officers had come forward and suggested that the Army should undertake this particular work and that he had sent twenty women, who had tender hearts and cheerful countenances, to do the work. Lord Fisher, hearing this, clapped his hands and said, "Splendid. This is the best arrangement I have heard of; yet, I will tell the King about it."

Nearly the whole of Belgium is in the hands of the enemy. Belgium Soldiers have to be accommodated in French and English Hospitals.

Many thousands are brought to England, and accommodated in English Hospitals. The Belgium Governor entered into an arrangement with the Salvation Army, to receive every one of their wounded soldiers on discharge from hospitals. When a man is ready for discharge, the Hospital Authorities have instructions to communicate with the Salvation Army Social Headquarters, who arrange for the nearest Army Officers to receive the convalescent, and see him into the train for London. Here he is met by officers, and taken to the Social Institutions, where he remains for a few days. Belgium Military Medical Men then examine him, and decide whether he is fit to return to the front. The Army has received over 10,000 wounded men in this way.

Commander Eva Booth has established through the United States, a system of collecting old linen for making bandages, every Corps being a collecting depot for this. At New York over three thousand are engaged cutting linen into bandages, and preparing their medical necessities. A sterilising plant has been set up, through which all the linen is passed, before being packed for the front.

Some time ago the second batch of six ambulances and a wagon were dedicated by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, who graciously consented to have the cars named, "The Queen Alexandra's Unit." All the men, both drivers and bears, are trained, and disciplined Salvationists, as well as being skilled in motor driving and first aid to the wounded.

There were also several of 'Ours' showing during training and embarkation for the Old Land.

The Band rendered appropriate selections. At 10 p.m. the meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem. So thoroughly well pleased were all present that the lecture will be repeated at the Citadel to-night, when no doubt the building will be filled, long before eight o'clock, the time for commencing the lecture.

### OBITUARY

**MRS. MARGARET GIBBS**

We record to-day with feelings of sincere regret the passing of an esteemed and highly respected resident of St. John's in the person of Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, relict of the late John Gibbs, at her residence 23 Prescott Street.

The deceased lady had been only ill for about a week and had reached her 72nd year at the time of her death. Of a kindly, generous and affable disposition she will be regretted by a large circle of friends. Always charitable and sympathetic to those in distress her death will be sincerely deplored by many of the poor in our midst and many sincere prayers for the humble beneficiaries of her undemonstrated liberality will be offered up for the eternal repose of her soul.

The deceased leaves to mourn her six children and a number of grandchildren. Included in the former are Hon. M. P. Gibbs, the well known and popular K.C. and a member of the Legislative Council, and Mr. John Gibbs, of H.M. Customs.

To the bereaved family **The Mail and Advocate** extends its sincere sympathy.

Next week the crews of the sealers going to the Gulf will sign on and all will get away for Channel the first week in March.

The members of the T. A. Club are busy getting ready for their annual billiard tournament, the opening games of which will be played next week. There are some fine cue wielders in the T.A. ranks and interesting contests are looked forward to.

**WE understand that the Congregational Ladies' Aid Society intend holding a Social on WEDNESDAY evening, March 1st. As these gatherings are very popular we would advise all who wish to spend a delightful evening to keep this date in mind.**  
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### Holy Name Society Minstrel Concert

**Members Spend Enjoyable Evening—Clever Exhibition of Local Talent Seen—Aula Maxima Filled With Appreciative Audience**

Last night a very enjoyable entertainment was given at the Aula Maxima by the members of the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral. It took the shape of a Negro Minstrel Concert and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. Though an impromptu affair, the performers having had less than a week's practice, it was a clever exhibition and showed that the Society has much talent to draw from.

Messrs Wiseman and Woodford kept all laughing, as Edmen; Mr. James Lynch did excellently as Brother Johnson and nicely rendered Negro melodies were given by Messrs P. Redmond, J. Wiseman, R. Stamp, Woodford, J. Cronin, W. Walsh and others. Miss Ryall contributed some special vocal numbers very creditably and danced the Highland Fling in costume. Some clever sketches were also given. Miss Petrie presided at the piano in her usual proficient manner, and Mr. T. Donnelly accompanied with the concert flute. The singing of "Rule Britannia" and the "National Anthem" brought concert to a close.

### W.P.A.

**In Aid of the Sick and Wounded and of Our Soldiers and Sailors at the Front.**

Subscriptions may be sent to Lady Davidson, Mrs. Emerson, Treasurer, or to any of the following ladies of the Finance Committee—Mrs. Ayre, Mrs. Garrett Byrne, Miss Browning, Mrs. Duley, Mrs. Edens, Miss Hayward, Mrs. Archibald Macpherson and Mrs. Herbert Rendell.

- Amount acknowledged ..... \$23,201.10
- Part proceeds entertainment at the Methodist College, per S. T. Harrington, Esq. 10.00
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- Proceeds of Gramophone Concert held at Petty Hr., per H. A. French, Seymour Chafe and Howard Chafe ..... 17.00
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- Collected at Bay du Nord by Bridget Farrell ..... 13.00
- Proceeds of Rink Supper, per Miss Mary McKay ..... 110.00
- Sale of Cushion at Wabana per Mrs. F. Ryan ..... 1.10
- Offertory collection of the Black Preceptor, L.O.A. from Grand Falls, per Rev. T. E. Loder ..... 13.00
- Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Placentia, (for Red Cross Work) ..... 2.50
- Miss Ethel Lamb, per Daily Star ..... 5.00
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- Jno. Sullivan, Jr. .... 5.00
- Wm. V. H. Sullivan ..... 5.00
- Leonard Sullivan ..... 5.00
- Miss Lillian Sullivan ..... 5.00
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KATHERINE EMERSON,  
Hon. Treasurer

The Bell Island Branch has just forwarded to headquarters a further contribution of 80 shirts, 68 pairs of socks, 13 pairs of mitts, 3 gun covers.

The Stephano arrived at Halifax at midnight Tuesday, going up in 49 hours.

The Florizel left Louisburg at 6 p.m. yesterday and is due here this evening.

**READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE**

### LOCAL ITEMS

Rev. Father Nangle and Mr. David Jackman arrived here yesterday on a short visit from Bell Island.

Rev. Father Gough who had been in the city returned to Portugal Cove yesterday.

The volunteers had drill in the armoury yesterday forenoon and were given leave later to enjoy the half holiday, resuming their work this morning.

The Victorias and St. Bon's will meet in the League hockey match to-morrow night and a good game is looked for.

At St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class this evening the subject of the lecture to be delivered will be "The teaching of Jesus concerning the State."

Sgt. E. Furlong, who was operated on in the hospital last week, is making good progress, a fact which his friends will hear with pleasure.

The ice at the Parade Rink yesterday afternoon was in splendid condition and the many skaters who attended enjoyed themselves to the full. The Terra Nova Band was in attendance and rendered splendid music to the delight of the many skaters and spectators.

### YESTERDAY'S FUNERALS

**Mrs. W. T. Long**  
The funeral of the late Mrs. Long, wife of Sgt. W. T. Long of the Terra Nova Constabulary, took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by large number of citizens. Mr. S. Collier had charge of the undertaking and interment was at the Church of England Cemetery. Rev. J. Brinton officiated at the graveside.

**Mr. Joseph O'Brien**  
The funeral of the late Joseph O'Brien, of Outer Cove, took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a concourse of people of the Eastern settlements. The deceased had been President of the Torbay Total Abstinence Society for many years. Undertaker Nash had charge of the obsequies and Rt. Rev. Monsignor St. John performed the last religious rites. Interment was at the Cemetery in Torbay.

### Patriotic Carnival Will be Held To-night

The Grand Carnival to be held to-night at the Prince's Rink under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, in aid of the Red Cross Division of the W.P.A. is expected to be more enjoyable than any ever held there. The programme will include championship and all-comers' races in which some of our fastest skaters will compete, and also a ladies "potato" race, for which there are already eight contestants.

The C. C. C. band will be in attendance, the ladies of the W.P.A. will serve teas, and an item of the programme which will alone be worth the admission fee will be the hockey match between the Yarmouth Coons and Citizens. The former will reach town to-day and the line-up will be:

**Yarmouth**  
Hunt ..... goal ..... Mellors  
Ford ..... point ..... Dooks  
Higgins ..... cover ..... Moke  
Mews ..... rover ..... Maten  
Winter ..... centre ..... Cooley  
Stick ..... right ..... Sykes  
White ..... left ..... Brown

Masqueraders are requested to enter by the southern door, near the Curling Rink.

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### Felldians Win in Play Off

**Fastest Game For the Season—Boys in Blue Now in Running For First Place—Game a Clean One and Was Well Contested**

The Felldians after a play-off defeated the Terra Novas last night by 4 goals to 3. Mr. G. Herder was referee, P. J. Grace and F. Brien, time-keepers and the players were:

Felldians	goal	Terra Novas
Strang	Duley	
Rendell	Tobin	
Pearce	Watts	
Bennett	Stick	
Winter	Johnson	
Bugden	Sellars	
White	Trappell	

The game was fast all through but in the first round the Felldians had the best of play securing 2 goals, while their opponents failed to reach the net. In the second, the Terra Novas bucked up and when the teams tied on three goals excitement ran high. Strang and Duley in goal both did excellent work and in fact all the players showed up well, but the victory for the Felldians is due to Bugden who sent in the deciding goal after one of the prettiest runs for the season. Play was clean throughout the game and only one penalty was handed out, Winter getting two minutes' rest for slashing. At full time the score was 3 to 3 and the first play off saw no change, but after 3 minutes of the second Bugden sent in the winning goal. The goals were scored in the following order:

- First Half**
1. White (F.)—4 mins.
  2. Bennett (F.)—10 mins.
- Second Half**
1. Watts (T.N.)—10 mins.
  2. Trappell (T.N.)—16 mins.
  3. Stick (T.N.)—18 mins.
  4. White (F.)—20 mins.
- Play-Off**  
(1st Period.)  
Nil  
(2nd Period.)  
1. Bugden (F.)—3 mins.

### GOAT KILLERS SENTENCED

To-day sentence was imposed by Mr. Hutchings, K.C., on the men implicated in the famous goat killing episode. Messrs. Ring and Hackett were each fined \$2.00 or 7 days for killing animals in the hearing of the animals about to be slaughtered. The charge against Duffet and Simms was for aiding in this contravention of the act. Duffet, the principal was fined \$4.00 or 14 days in the aggregate, and Simms, \$2.00 or 7 days.

### PRIVATE KEARNEY ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

The residence of Pte. W. Kearney, who recently returned from the Dardanelles wounded, was the scene last night of an enjoyable time. The young soldier entertained his friends most hospitably. Dancing and music were indulged in and the health of the young soldier was honoured and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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**H. A. SAUNDERS,**  
Superintendent.

Feb 24, 31

### Grand Carnival!

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson.)

**In aid of the Red Cross Division of the W.P.A., in the Prince Wales' Rink, this Thursday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m.**

By permission of the Lieut. Colonel, the C. C. C. Band will be in attendance.

The following events will be run off during the evening:—Championship Race, Hockey Match between the Yarmouth Coons and the City, Ladies' Potato Race, also an All-Comers' Race.

**MASQUERADERS WILL ENTER BY THE SOUTHERN DOOR NEAR THE CURLING RINK.**

Teas will be served during the evening by the ladies of the W.P.A. General Admission, 20c.; Reserved Seats, 50c.

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