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RUSSIANS TRUNCING PRZEMYSL

Deserters From the Fortress Say That its Defenders are Being Hard Hit by Epidemics of Sickness

MEDICAL AND FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE OUT

Paris Officially Reports That the Allied Forces are Making Considerable Progress in Western Belgium

(Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Oct. 27.—The fighting is particularly heavy at the entrance of the Yser and in the region of Lens.

In this part of the front the Allied forces have not fallen back anywhere, but have continued to progress in the region between Ypres and Roulers.

In the regions of Soissons and Berry-au-Bac an artillery duel has turned to our advantage, and resulted in the destruction of several German batteries.

Taken the Offensive.

In the region east of Nancy between the forest of Bezange and of Parroy we have taken the offensive and thrown the enemy beyond the frontier.

In Russia, on the San and South of Przemysl, the Russian offensive is growing. Deserters from Przemysl affirm that many men are falling victims to epidemics, and that medical supplies and provisions have given out.

Everybody is obliged to work constantly at the fortifications which are quickly destroyed by continual Russian artillery which keeps going even during the night by means of powerful searchlights.

Being Hard Hit.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The Russian bombardment of the fortress of Przemysl in Galicia, says a despatch from Petrograd, was conducted during the night, aided by strong searchlights. Deserters from the fortress say that many of the defenders are succumbing to epidemics, and that medicine and provisions are virtually exhausted.

FOURTEEN SAILORS DROWN WHEN 'MANCHESTER COMMERCE' IS SUNK BY A MINE OFF IRELAND

Force of the Explosion Shook the Big Steamer Like a Chip and She Sank Within Seven Minutes—Officers and Sailors Acted With Admirable Coolness in Terrible Situation

Fleetwood, Eng., Oct. 28.—The trawler "City of London," has arrived here with the survivors of the steamer Manchester Commerce, Captain Payne Thirteen of the crew of the steamer were drowned, while thirty others were saved by that trawler.

Second officer Gee told the story of the disaster.

Off Tory Island.

He said the explosion occurred when the ship was twenty miles from Tory Island (off the North Coast of Ireland) on the trade route from Manchester to Canada.

The explosion shook the vessel as if it were only chip wood. There was no doubt in anybody's mind as to what had happened.

Sank in Seven Minutes.

The ship began to sink at once and was beneath the waves seven minutes after striking the mine.

Officers and crew exhibited greatest coolness under the circumstances.

We were only able to launch one life boat when the ship gave a sudden lurch and went down.

The captain and officers who were at that moment preparing to launch the other boats jumped into the water to save themselves by swimming to the single boat already launched.

Carried Down With Ship.

Several of them were carried down with the ship.

I was swimming for twenty minutes before I was picked up.

DE WET AND BEYERS HEAD REBELLION OF BOERS IN UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Gets British Order For 600 Houses

American Concern to Manufacture Buildings 20x60 Presumably for Housing War Victims.

Bay City, Michigan, Oct. 28.—A local manufacturing concern today closed negotiations with the British Government for the manufacture of six hundred houses each twenty by sixty feet, which it is presumed are to be used in housing war refugees in England.

The order calls for houses complete and ready for erection.

It is said the six hundred houses will accommodate eighteen hundred persons.

ALLIES MAKE SLOW STEADY PROGRESS

Drive Enemy Back Beyond the Frontier in the Nancy District

Paris, Oct. 27.—To-night's official announcement says that there is nothing to report, except some progress on the part of the Allies to the south of Dixmude.

London, Oct. 27.—A despatch from Paris says:—"Again to-day there is no marked change to report in the general situation, though the impression remains favorable, and it is said that the Allies have advanced slightly between Ypres and Roulers, and about Soissons.

In the Nancy district the enemy has been driven back beyond the frontier.

MUST CLEAR OUT OF BRITISH CHINA

Pekin, Oct. 27.—The authorities at Hong Kong and other British possessions in China, to-day issued orders for the expulsion from British territory of all German and Austrian subjects, except those of military age, who will be detained.

The order is to be effective on November 1st.

With the Maritz Uprising Crushed, the Government of the Union is Now Faced With a New and More Serious Rebellion—Town of Heilbron Seized by the Rebels, Who are Stopping Trains and Disarming Members of the Citizens' Defence Force Found on Board—De Wet Was Understood to Have Offered His Services To Great Britain

London, Oct. 28.—Another rebellion has broken out in South Africa.

General Christian De Wet and General Christian Beyers have taken the lead of the rebels in the Orange Free State and the Western Transvaal.

Having put down the rebellion in the Northern Province of Cape Colony, led by Maritz, the Government of the Union of South Africa is now faced by the more serious rising under De Wet and Beyers, the latter of whom resigned command of the Union forces when Premier Botha decided to take up arms against Germany.

According to official report armed rebellions are already in existence. The town of Heilbron in the northern part of the Orange River Colony has been seized and the Government officials taken prisoners, while the trains have been stopped and armed citizens of the defense force have been taken from them and disarmed.

The Union Government has issued a proclamation to the people announcing these events and explaining that, although it was aware of these rebellious preparations, it had been taking steps to preserve peace without bloodshed.

"Now," continues the proclamation: "The duty of the Government is clear; it is determined to deal with the matter with a firm hand and is taking all the necessary steps to this end.

The very great majority of citizens in every Province of the Union are thoroughly loyal and detest the very idea of rebellion.

"When they are aware of the situation they will undoubtedly give the Government every assistance in restoring order and will carefully abstain from giving the rebellious movement any encouragement or support."

De Wet is the cavalry leader who gave the British so much trouble in the South African War. It was announced that he had offered his services to Great Britain.

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100 MINERS LOST LIVES

In an Explosion in an Illinois Coal Mine—Thirty Bodies Are Recovered

Royalston, Illinois, Oct. 27.—A hundred or more miners were killed, it is believed in the Mitchell coal mine here today, when an explosion occurred in the lower level of the mine, soon after 300 men begun work.

Of those who entered the mine 100 escaped, but 30 bodies were soon brought to the surface.

More than 100 other men are known to be imprisoned in the lower level, cut off from rescue by fire.

It is thought that all those shut off by the wall of flame in the interior soon burned to death.

CASUALTY LIST; BRITISH OFFICERS

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NINETEEN TO NINE

German Naval Losses. Six armored cruisers—Mainz, Köln, Ariadne, Hela, the Koenigsberg, Louise and an unknown cruiser left in a sinking condition on August 28.

Two protected cruisers—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and the Cap Trafalgar.

Seven torpedo boat destroyers—V-187, and another sunk August 28, S-115, S-17, S-115, S-119, and S-126. One German submarine—U-15. One Austrian cruiser. Several Austrian torpedo boats.

One Austrian submarine sunk Sept. 18. German torpedo boat S-90 destroyed by Japanese Oct. 19.

Allies' Naval Losses. Seven British cruisers—Amphion, Pathfinder, Hawke, Hogue, Aboukir, Cressy, Pegasus. Australian submarine lost by accident. Russian cruiser Pallada.

And the seven seas are practically safe to the commerce of Britain and her Allies.

PORTUGAL MAKES PREPARATIONS

Lisbon, Oct. 27.—Portugal is excited at the possibility of taking part in the war as the ally of Britain under the Treaty which required this country, if asked, to supply 10,000 troops.

The Government, anticipating a winter campaign, has ordered 10,000 thick uniforms, and is buying great numbers of mules.

The Annie E. Larder has arrived at Burgeo after a passage of 36 days from Pernambuco.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and moderate rains from westward, colder with local snow flurries. Thursty westerly wind; fair.

How Happy We'd Be If It Were But True

Report Says the Japs Have Taken the Leipzig Into Vancouver as a Prize.

Vancouver, Oct. 28.—Rumors are again floating around regarding the German cruiser Leipzig.

This time it is said, on what resembles good authority, that the Leipzig was towed into Esquimalt Harbor this morning by a Japanese warship.

NAVY RUINED GERMAN GUNS

Accurate Fire of British Fleet Put German Artillery Out of Action

Paris, Oct. 26.—Reports are current here, and generally credited, that the German attempt to mount their heavy artillery along the coast for offensive operations against the British gunboats which are supporting the extreme left of the allied line, has utterly failed.

The guns have been dismantled by wonderfully accurate shooting from the fleet and from the guns of the naval brigade, now in action along the coast.

AUSTRALIA SEEKS LOAN OF \$100,000,000

Needed to Make Provision Against Short Crop

London, Oct. 26.—In consequence of disastrous effects produced by the drought in Australia, the Commonwealth Government is about to raise a loan in London amounting, it is stated to about twenty millions sterling, primarily with a view to meeting Federal and State demands which will shortly devolve upon it.

Although rains have fallen in some districts to relieve pastoralists in general, the wheat position is not appreciably altered, especially in the Victoria and Riverina district of New South Wales and it is unlikely that there will be a surplus for export in the forthcoming crop.

It is also stated that in view of its increased responsibilities in the Pacific, the Commonwealth Government has decided to raise a special force for service in the new tropical possessions captured from Germany.

SLAYING THEM WITHOUT MERCY, BRITISH MOWED DOWN GERMANS WHO ATTACKED THEIR TRENCHES

The Forces Fought at Night in the Glare of Burning Bushes—Germans Advanced in Masses and Fell by the Hundred—British Went For Them With the Bayonet Refusing Quarter

London, Oct. 28.—The correspondent of The Times in Northern France sends the following regarding the fighting in Belgium under Tuesday's date:

"The British fire at Ypres after a glorious stand for five days against overwhelming odds drove the enemy back fifteen miles. The German forces were commanded by the Bavarian Crown Prince, who, it is reported, has been wounded.

Captured Langemarck. "The British forces captured Langemarck, five miles Northeast of Ypres, on Friday, after inflicting enormous losses on the enemy and established themselves in entrenched positions beyond the village.

"At night after the roar of cannon had ceased there was suddenly a shrill whistle and bushes soaked in petroleum broke into flames throwing a glare over the scene.

"Masses of men sprung up from the beat crops within a few hundred yards of our trenches and with the bugle sound, and a yell and a song, they came forward to our position.

British Were Ready. "Though taken by surprise, our brave men were not unprepared. They took their places in the trenches and held them, pouring a terrific fire into the advancing hosts.

"Answering with rifle and machine guns, the enemy advanced, still with the bugle playing amid shout of 'Hoch! Hoch!'

"They were in dense masses and they fell by hundreds.

"They got within thirty yards of the trenches when they recoiled; then came three blasts of a whistle sounding the retreat.

Cold Steel for Them. "Our men sprang out of the trenches and went in among them with the bayonets.

"The slaughter was terrible and there were many hand-to-hand encounters.

"In the dim glare of the burning bushes, some of the enemy threw down their arms and pleaded for mercy.

No Quarter Given. "No quarter whatever was given on either side, the work was too desperate for that.

"Bayonet and bullet did their work and the enemy was driven back on Roulers.

"A battery and several machine guns captured and thousands of prisoners taken, including a General and several other officers."

GERMAN ATTEMPT CHECKED

Enemy Has Failed in His Manoeuvre to Turn the Left Flank of the Allies—Frightful German Losses

GREAT WORK DONE BY THE BELGIANS

Germans Reported to Have Eight Army Corps—Over 300,000 Men—Operating in Western Belgium

London, Oct. 28.—A despatch from north-eastern France says that the Germans were yesterday afternoon in a great part driven back across the Yser River, with heavy losses, by the French infantry, aided by fire of the Montforts.

When the Belgians undertook the defence of the Yser they held it for a week. Then by sheer weight of Artillery and men the Germans pushed the Belgians back but not before they paid the full cost for the temporary gain.

At last two army corps faced the Belgians. Their object was to force their right into France and thus succeed in turning the Allies left. It cost the Belgians 1000 casualties to prevent the attainment of their object.

Have Big Force. It is reported from reliable authority that the German Emperor had placed eight army corps in this section of the field and their losses have been frightful and their successes practically nil.

Towards the end of last week the situation was doubtful, but now there is no reason to fear. Failure on the contrary for first class success may be looked for which will place the Germans finally on the defensive in the West.

Great progress is being made in the reorganization of the Belgian army.

What Berlin says. Berlin, Oct. 28.—The battle of the Yser canal near Ypres and south-westerly from Lille is proceeding with

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NOTICE!

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland will be convened at Catalina on the morning of November 14th next. Every Local Council and District Council of the F.P.U. should endeavor to be represented. Every Chairman of a Local Council and all the Officers of District Councils are members of the Supreme Council and in event of such Officers not being able to attend, Councils may appoint a substitute.

By order of
W. F. COAKER,
Président F.P.U.

St. John's, Oct. 4th, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Fishermen's Union Trading Co., Ltd., will be held at Catalina on the 16th day of November next.

By order of
W. W. HALFYARD, Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Publishing Co., Ltd., will be held at Catalina on the 16th day of November next.

By order of
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St. John's, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Trinity District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at Catalina on the 14th day of November next.

By order of
J. G. STONE,
District Chairman.

Catalina, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Fogo District Council of the F.P.U. will (by special permission of the President) be held at Catalina on the 17th day of November next.

By order of
W. W. HALFYARD,
District Chairman.

St. John's, Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Twillingate District Council of the F.P.U. will (by permission of the President) be held at Catalina on the 17th day of November next.

By order of
W. B. JENNINGS,
District Chairman.

Moriton's Hr., Oct. 1st, 1914.

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of Bonavista District Council of the F.P.U. will (by permission of the President) be held at Catalina on the 16th day of November next.

By order of
R. G. WINSOR,
District Chairman.

Wesleyville, Oct. 1st, 1914.

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BLIGHT OF WAR MARS THE EAST

Where Once Were Fertile,
Well-tilled Fields, is Now
a Vast Are Drenched in
Blood

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—The blighting hand of war has fallen relentlessly on 300-odd verst (260 miles)—that is the distance from Warsaw to Jaroslaw, Galicia, via Lublin, Russian Poland. Just a year ago the fertile soil beyond Lublin gave bounteous products to thousands of industrious peasants, but today it presents an area bathed in human blood and in many places covered far and wide, disabled and useless implements of war. Devastation is everywhere.

Trenches and Graves
Past Lublin the first village which suffered is Travnik, where begin lines of trenches and common graves, while a little further up is Lopenniki, half of which has been destroyed by fire. In the midst of the ruins rises unscathed a beautiful Gothic temple. From Lopenniki commences a long series of common graves which have been decorated with crosses by Jeleznik, the local priest.

You proceed to Krasnostaw, past the hamlet of Zuidvorpie. Two-thirds of Krasnostaw has been destroyed, while further up, in the direction of Rawa-Ruska, are lying the debris of Grubeshow, Krasnobrod, Lushchow, and in the direction of Krasnik, Eesbeets, and Toorobeen. The square composed of Krasnik, Krasnostaw, Rawa and Joroslaw is one uninterrupted field of battle, from the horrors of which only Zamost and three other villages had a miraculous escape. The fields of devastated Senlaw present an atrocious and repulsive spectacle with bodies of horses and men everywhere.

Almost Unscathed
Leaving this harrowing scene you reach Jaroslaw, where not a single window was smashed nor a person hurt. The fortress here is up to date, and numerous Russian trophies are contained therein. It is a picturesque town of 250,000 inhabitants, situated on the left bank of the San. Its inhabitants, although mostly Austrian subjects, speak Russian more fluently than do the Poles of Warsaw.

As soon as the Russian troops approached the garrison and discharged a few volleys, the entire Austrian defensive force of 30,000 fled in panic. The administration of urban affairs has been taken over by the Russians, and the population seem to hail with joy the new order of things.

Beyond Karoslaw recommences an area of ruins. The roads are completely blocked, and it is impossible to travel further.

"THE SAUCY ARETHUSA"

THE ARETHUSA, the ship which played so important a part in the fight of Heligoland, bears a famous name. In the great French war there was a famous frigate, "The Saucy Arethusia," which fought an action with a French vessel which was immortalized in one of Dibdin's most celebrated sea-songs. The Admiralty have ordered the following verses from that song to be engraved upon a brass plate and fixed in a conspicuous place in H.M.S. Arethusia of today:

Come all ye jolly sailors bold,
Whose hearts are cast in honor's mould,
While English glory I unfold,
Huzza for the Arethusia!
Her men are staunch,
To their fav'rite launch,
And when the foe shall meet our fire,
Sooner than strike we'll all expire
On board of the Arethusia.
And, now we've driven the foe ashore
Never to fight with Britons more,
Let each fill his glass,
To his favourite lass;
A health to our captain and officers true,
And all that belong to the jovial crew
On board of the Arethusia.

All the ships which took part in the action off Heligoland, are to have the words "Heligoland, Aug. 28th, 1914," painted in gold lettering in some convenient place.

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German Army Units

The following details of the strength of various formations in the German armies are worth keeping for purposes of reference:

One company—170 men.
One battalion—4 companies.
One regiment—3 battalions (12 companies).
One squadron—180 men.
One cavalry regiment—4 squadrons.
One brigade—2 regiments (6 battalions).
One cavalry brigade—2 regiments.
One battery—6 guns or howitzers.
One division—2 brigades (12 battalions plus 12 batteries, 4 ammunition columns plus machine gun battery plus 1 company pioneers (270, plus 4 squadrons plus 1 bearer company, plus a bridging train, plus staff (100).

One corps—2 divisions plus heavy artillery plus telegraph detachment plus ammunition columns plus 1 rifle battalion plus staff (330).

One cavalry division—2 division—3 brigades (6 regiments), plus 3 battalions plus 1 machine gun battery plus pioneer detachment plus ammunition column.

Division—17,000 men, 4,000 horses, 500 vehicles, or 12 battalions, 4 squadrons, 12 batteries.

Corps—36,000 men, 9,000 horses, 1,200 vehicles, or 25 battalions, 8 squadrons, 24 batteries.

Cavalry division—5,000 men, 5,300 horses, 200 vehicles, or 24 squadrons, 2 batteries.

An army corps complete, with its ammunition columns and trains, 41,000 men, 14,000 horses, 2,400 vehicles.

KILTIES AVENGE FRENCH WOMAN

Wiped Out Every One of a
Band of Uhlans They
Caught in a Bedroom

London, October 26.—From France comes a tale of summary justice done to a band of diabolical Uhlans by Highlanders.

A Highland patrol sergeant and a dozen of his men discovered 14 saddled horses tethered in a farmyard not far from the battlefield. "They heard loud laughter in coarse voices coming from a bedroom above.

Believing something was wrong, the sergeant and his men crept silently up the stairs and listened before the door of the bedroom from which came the commotion. What they heard made them gasp with rage.

In a moment they had launched themselves through the half open door. The work inside was sharp and bloody. The Highlanders had discovered the unconscious form of a young girl lying bound across the bed.

With blood aflame, the Highlanders drove into the scheming devils who were the girl's captors, ramming home their bayonets with savage joy. Some of the wretches tried to escape by the windows, but they were given no quarter, and not an Uhlan was left alive to tell the story of how a French girl's honor was avenged by the "Kilties."

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EXPERIENCES OF MEDICAL MAN

Had to Take Ambulance and
Supplies Along Road Under
Heavy Shell Fire—
Working at Night

A British officer in the Army Service Corps, in a letter to his father dated September 17 writes the following vivid account of the conditions under which the A.S.C. is working:

There has been a great battle raging all along the front a distance of about 120 miles. Our division is about in the centre, and we have had a hard time. As regards our own A.S.C. work, we load up the horse wagons of the train from the M.T. vehicles in this town, which is the refilling point.

Under Fire All Day.

The whole road from here to the river Aisne is under very heavy shell fire all day, and it is only at dusk possible to move out. Even then we often come under shellfire; the guns are laid by angles; the distance is, of course, known, and at frequent intervals during the night shells are fired on the road or at the village on the way or at the bridge-head 4½ miles from here.

The enemy in his retirement blew up the bridge over the river, and our engineers have built a pontoon one to replace it. This bridge, though, is under the enemy's guns, who shell it with great accuracy.

Pitch Dark Night.

Last night on starting out, a pitch-dark night and raining hard, we could see the frequent flashes of the enemy's artillery and hear and see the bursting shells. The whole of the road is lined with dead horses, and the smell is too dreadful for words.

We had to halt for some little time, as a village through which we had to pass was being shelled. These high explosive shells make a most terrifying noise and do dreadful damage when they hit something.

Difficult Work.

When the shelling stopped we moved on and finally reached the river. It was impossible to get loaded wagons across a very shaky pontoon bridge in pitch-darkness, with very steep banks down to it and no side rails on it. The supplies had therefore, to be dumped on this side. This was a matter of great difficulty in the dark and wet, a very narrow road, choked in places by dead horses, ambulances and pontoons also there waiting to go forward, and a perpetual stream of wounded men being carried or helped past, going in the opposite direction.

So black was it that I could not see my hand before my face, and one would walk right into a horse without seeing it. The only thing which showed up was the white bandages of the wounded.

Getting the wagons round in the darkness and the crowd at bridge-head was very difficult, and often the wheel was blocked by coming up against a dead horse.

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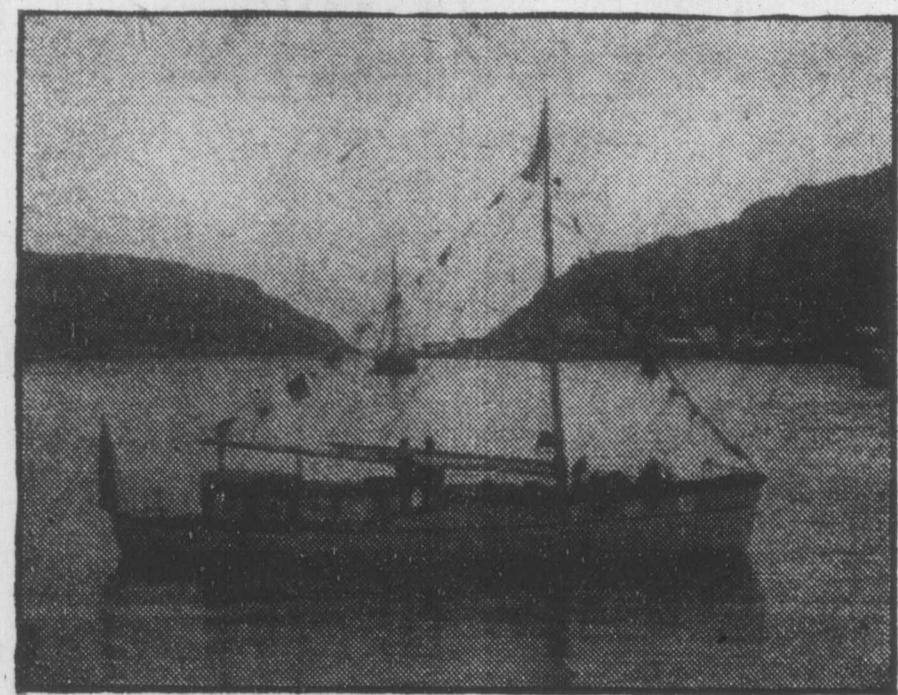
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Petrograd, Oct. 24.—It is difficult to summarize the crowded events of the last few days, during which I have travelled about in the rear of the main Russo-German fighting line. The first stage of the gigantic battle that began last week is being fought out in Poland, and the German-Austrian advance has been met by the determined impact of a strong Russian force.

Hopeful Outlook.
All that can be said for the present is that while this is regarded as the most serious moment of the campaign, the general outlook is most hopeful for the Russians. At several important points the Germans have been compelled to retire.

My chief impression formed is that of the extraordinary fine quality of the Russian soldier. During the last few days I have seen thousands of soldiers and spoken to scores of them. I have seen them in various circumstances. I have seen Cossack patrols in warm, hooded overcoats cantering through the forests in the twilight or at early morning; Cossacks in camp, smoking around their bivouac fire, and have come across long military trains at wayside stations, where soldiers stretched their legs after almost interminable journeys and where they bought bread and cigarettes and asked for the latest news of the war.

Splendid Chaps.
One cannot help being struck by their fine physique and hearty, open manner. They are cheerful when marching through the streets of a town, when strolling along in charge of transports and munching turnips within sound of a cannonade, and even cheerful when suffering from wounds. Such magnificent soldiers as those deserve to win.

All is quiet at Warsaw. The Germans who were sixteen versts from Lavelle have been repulsed and driven back forty versts.

Father Benson Dies In London
Was Noted and Popular English Priest of the Church of Rome

London, October 19.—The death was announced to-day of the Very Rev. Monsignor Hugh Benson.

Monsignor Benson—he was better known as Father Hugh Benson—formed one of the famous literary trio, the sons of the Right Rev. Dr. Edward Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1883 to 1896, his brothers being Arthur C. Benson, the essayist, and E. F. Benson, the novelist, who is the author of "Dodo" and other well-known books.

Monsignor Benson was born on November 18, 1871. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, read for orders in the Church of England, and joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1903. He was ordained in Rome in 1904, and at the time of his death he was a priest in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Westminster.

He was famous as a pulpit orator and had given courses of Lenten addresses in Rome to cosmopolitan and crowded congregations. In 1911 he was appointed Private Chamberlain to His Holiness the late Pope Pius.

As an author, his works had marked mystical and psychical tendencies. Some of his best known books are: "The Light Invisible," "History of Richard Raynal," "Solitary," "By What Authority," "The Religion of the Plain Man," "The Necromancers," "An Average Man," "Confessions of a Convert," "The King's Achievement," "The Queen's Tragedy," and "None Other Gods."

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BATTLING DAY AND NIGHT FROM INVISIBLE TRENCHES

Tens of Thousands of French and German Soldiers Seldom See Each Other in the Fight—Dig Themselves in Like Moles

St. Mihiel, France, via Metz, Berlin, The Hague and London, October 24.—Fighting day and night from deep trenches whose wonderfully effective entanglements of barbed wire, steel sharp-pointed rods and sharp pointed stakes which are almost touching, the thousands of men comprising the German left and the French opposing wing seldom see each other. Probably never before has there been staged a battle so theatrically set as the present. The line of battle runs wavyhanded for miles through dense forests, over and around high hills and across deep valleys traversed with running streams of water.

Contest All Attempts.
The French stubbornly contest every attempt of the Germans to advance. Lines of trenches are extended a foot at a time. The thousands of each side dig themselves in like field moles. They cover every movement. Even the guns are hidden and their location cannot be ascertained by the opposing forces, as their smokeless powder leaves no trace.

And in the open country the trenches are so constructed as to be invisible to an aviator unless he flies very low. When he does fly low, he seldom returns to report. But there

are always volunteers on both sides to attempt it. They go out and most of them are killed. A few are captured alive and they are treated with the consideration their daring demands.

The Hidden Cannon.
The hills and valleys constantly reverberate with the booming of the hidden cannon. Many of the shells are wasted because the target is of necessity a guess. Yet many fall true and kill the forces hidden in the wooded country or buried in the trenches.

There is only scattering rifle fire. The troops have no target at which to aim from their trenches, and they leave the fighting to the big guns. It is when attempted sorties and charges are made that the infantry get into action. Most of these assaults are made at night, and it was a result of one of these that the position was taken. Then the Germans advance in close mass formation, firing from their hip and ending their work with desperate bayonet charges, which are usually effective.

Day in Trenches.
I was able to spend an entire day in the German trenches, which have been constructed to prevent the French armies, with headquarters at Toul and Nancy, attempting a flanking attack.

In one of the trenches the soldiers had organized a singing society. The whole scene was wonderfully picturesque. A thick fog hid the French trenches, a hundred yards away. The ghost like figures of the greenish grey clad figures in the trenches were strangely silhouetted in the mist.

Must Come Out And Do Battle Or Be Bottled Up During War

Jap Battleship Hizen Catches the German Warship in Honolulu Harbor and Waits Outside For Her

Honolulu, Oct. 22.—Standing just outside the three mile limit, her searchlights constantly illuminating the entrance to Honolulu harbor, the Japanese battleship Hizen kept patrol last night, while anchored in the roads the German warship Geier awaited the verdict of port officials as to how long she may remain in the harbor for repairs.

While the port officials have been

uncommunicative regarding this time allowance, two reports have gained credence. One is that the repairs will be completed within a few days, when she must leave port and face her enemy, lying in wait without, or interne here for the remainder of the war.

The Hizen appeared off the harbor late yesterday, fully coated and provisioned, fourteen days out from Yokosuka, a naval depot near Yokohama. Her commander, Capt. Hatanami, when instructed by Rear Admiral Moore to preserve neutrality, said he would do so, and also declared that he had no intention of entering the harbor.

MYSTERIOUS ACTS MAKE BRITISH SUSPECT PLAN TO DESTROY SUEZ CANAL

And Powers Are Notified Great Britain Will Remove All German and Austrian Ships Taking Refuge There

London, October 26.—The British Foreign Office has sent a Note to all Foreign Powers, formally notifying them of the Government's intention to remove from the Suez Canal have not already been detained on account of hostile acts.

The British Government takes the position that the German and Austrian vessels, which have interned themselves in the Canal, and the waters immediately adjoining are putting the Canal ports to a use that was never contemplated by the Canal Convention.

These vessels all have their crews on board, and it is reported here that a number of accidents have occurred which have led the Government to believe that these alien enemies contemplate an attempt to destroy the Canal.

It has not been decided what will be done with these vessels. They have not previously been interfered with by the Government, because there was no desire to establish a precedent in connection with them. It is believed that all will now be sent to British ports, and their future passed on by the Prize Courts. The following official statement

has been given out by the Press Bureau:—

"The Egyptian Government is taking steps to remove from the Suez Canal all of the enemy's ships which have been long enough in the Canal ports to show that they have no intention of departing in the ordinary way, and which, apparently, are putting the Canal to a use inconsistent with its objects."

"The British Government denies the conventional reports of free access to the Canal and denies the right these enemy's ships imply, that they can use the Canal for an indefinite time for the purpose of escaping capture."

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Sealing Commission

WE learn that the Government intends to appoint the three Judges of the Supreme Court to be a Commission to enquire into the loss of the 253 heroes who died on the ice and sank in the Southern Cross last Spring and to recommend legislation to prevent such disasters in the future.

Now we have every respect for the three Judges of the Supreme Court, but we unhesitatingly state in no way would such a Commission be qualified to deal with this matter. One legal man of course is necessary on such a Commission, but not three.

We therefore take this opportunity to inform the Premier that the F.P.U. will take no part in such an enquiry, nor will the fishermen come forward in any way to give information, if the matter is to be dealt with by the three Judges of the Supreme Court or any other Court.

The Commission must be a strong one, composed of three men—one a leading legal man, another a qualified ship builder and another a qualified sealer. Nothing short of this will suffice, and any attempt to muddle this serious life and death matter by appointing a Commission that would bring in a report which would not thoroughly go to the root of the evils and be competent to recommend drastic reforms to prevent such awful catastrophes in the future would but inflame the whole country and do more harm than any one in the Government is able to comprehend.

Pit Props

FISHERMEN are being asked to cut and rind pit props and haul them to the bank for \$3 per cord. If men work for this figure the country will be denuded of its prime timber along the coast line and the men employed will not earn enough to pay for their food. Nothing less than \$4 per cord should be accepted and no man should engage to cut this timber at less than \$4 per cord with the rind off.

The contractor who engages to procure this timber at a figure that will not permit them to pay \$4 rinded on the bank should be considered an enemy and oppressor of the people.

We advise all loggers to refuse to handle this timber unless \$4 is paid. According to offer made sometime ago the contractors are well able to pay the cutters \$4. At any lower figure the cutting of this timber would prove a curse rather than a benefit, for by cutting this timber in such large quantities the supply which is little enough for fishery purposes will be destroyed and in a few years timber in the areas where these pit props are to be cut will be as scarce as gold mines, and it will be an expensive business for the fishermen to secure their requirements.

Once the forests have been depleted by cutting a steamer load of pit props, sacrifices will have to be made for years after to provide timber supplies for the fishery—therefore, the fishermen that cut pit props for \$2 rinded on the bank, is but cutting off his right hand with his left.

Let all demand \$4 and the man that cuts at less should be publicly ex-

posed as an enemy of the country of the worse type.

Those who need pit props must be prepared to pay a decent price for the value includes the timber as well as the labor, for timber is now of considerable value to every fisherman.

The Government should fix a price of \$4 as the minimum price for pit props and thus protect the poor man's interest and ensure some return to the country for the depletion of its valuable timber.

The Price of Fish

LABRADOR fish (soft) has reached its lowest price and all buyers apparently are determined to offer \$3.50 for the balance of the voyage. A t Twillingate. Change Islands and other ports in Green Bay the planters are receiving \$3.50 cash. The Trading Co. has purchased a quantity in Green Bay which is to be shipped to Lunenburg and another cargo is being purchased in Conception Bay by the Trading Co. at the same prices for the same Canadian port, consequently very little more soft Labrador fish is to be disposed of here.

Shore fish in outports is now being eagerly purchased at \$5.75 and \$6. No more Shore fish will be sold here at less than \$6 and before the 30th of November all will be eager to purchase all available here at \$6.50.

One of the lessons taught by this year's fish buying at St. John's is the robbery practiced in what is called a West India cull. We unhesitatingly state that two-thirds of the fish taken West India this year is Maderia fish and will be packed in drums for the Brazilian market. The fishermen have been robbed of fully \$200,000 this fall on the cull. There can be no honesty in a cull that allows the buyer to do as he wishes with a seller's fish. We have seen splendid fish thrown out as West India that always in our 30 years experience of fish buying went as Maderia or Talqual.

The combine arranged this cull this season to suit their own purposes and we would today inform the Premier and the country and the world that the trade at St. John's this fall has robbed \$200,000 from the fishermen through the so-called cull of West India. We have seen this fish picked over in the stores after coming from the wharf and in many cases two-thirds of it went into drums for Brazil.

There is no one to blame but the Government. The Union members of the House of Assembly pointed those evils out time and again last winter in the House but all to no avail.

We know of buyers who ordered the cutters to recall West India fish on the wharf this Fall when complaint of unfair treatment had been made and out of about 10 or 12 culls, two quintals was actually taken back as No. 1 at a price two dollars higher than it was being taken for as cullage.

None of the Shore fish shipped here this fall fetched on an average more than \$5.50 and much of it averaged but \$5.

The fishermen's tax on Shore fish through war conditions amounts to at least \$2 per qtl, for if there was no war fish would easily be worth that much more to the producers.

Add to this tax the increased taxes on every article used by the people, the tax on flour, tea, sugar, pork, beef, kero oil, hay, &c., and it will be found that another dollar on each quintal of fish has been taken off which goes into the Government chest to be wasted and in some cases thrown away.

Yet some people who have more cheek than common sense want to know why the fishermen are not full of eagerness to enrol as soldiers or sailors to fight the Germans. No worse Germans exist than those who would rob the fishermen of \$200,000 through a cull of fish or rob another \$200,000 as a grab on flour.

There are those on Water Street today who gave large sums for the Patriotic Fund who are making \$2 per brl. profit on flour, and the fishermen don't forget those who made from \$12 to \$15 extra grab on a barrel of sugar since the war opened.

One East End firm bought 35,000 brls. of flour at \$5 and sold much of it at \$7; another West End firm bought 14,000 brls. of flour at from \$4.55 to \$5 and is selling it today at \$7.

Yet the fishermen are asked to enlist to fight Germans who some think would oppress the people of Newfoundland if the British flag was hauled down, but would the Germans oppress the people any worse than some of our Patriots are now and have been oppressing them?

Even the Government is cutting the widows' dole down to one dollar a quarter. We know of widows on the northside of Bonavista Bay who were cut from \$5 to \$2 and from \$2 to \$1 per quarter. Yesterday we published a letter from one Mrs. Howell of Fox Cove, near Newtown, wherein she states that since the war she has been cut \$2 on a dole of \$6 per quarter. At Newport an old woman who received \$2 has been cut to \$1.

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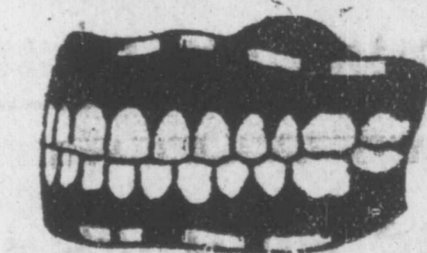
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There's the peace of a certain Warless Land that he knows about on his face and he reads his services over a dead German with the same tender tones and the same smile of hope that he has for the dead soldier who sleeps in the red, white and blue of France.

I first saw him as he passed thro' the village square in his robes that had once been white. His surplice was slashed with the mud of hundreds of automobiles which dash through the narrow, wet streets. On his feet were army shoes, as muddy as any soldier's. But he raised his face as he chanted a service from a book in his hands and when I saw his smile, I forgot the grim. Behind him marched four men, guarded by soldiers. Even before I knew who or what they were I say that there was something especially evil and gruesome about them. A French officer explained the procession to me:

The Little Priest of Soissons. (By Berton Baley.)

The Little Priest of Soissons
Tolls in war's red lake,
His eyes are filled with sorrow,
His heart is one dull ache;
But still he smiles most tenderly
For his dear Master's sake.

His frock is splashed and muddy,
And weary are his feet;
But ever gentle are his hands,
His voice forever sweet,
And dying soldiers smile to hear
The prayers his lips repeat.

The Little Priest of Soissons
Has met his people's need,
His is a soul beyond all caste,
All blood, or race, or breed;
He labors only to fulfill
The Saviour's simple creed.

The lands are torn with conflict,
The skies are bleak above,
But 'mid the desolation stands
The Quiet figure of
The Little Priest of Soissons,
Whose only thought is love.

"These men are Germans who were caught wearing civilians clothes. Maybe they were spies; who knows? But they are worse than spies. They were caught looting the French and German dead out there on the battlefield. They are being taken out now to be shot."

It was a thing to shudder over, but the little clergyman marched on with the look of hope and mercy on his face as if he knew Someone Who knows the weakness of humanity so well that he might have pity even on a man who had robbed the dead.

The next time that I saw the little clergyman was at the entrance to the Red Cross hospital. Three caskets stood in the high hallway which opened on to the street. A line of French soldiers stood at attention, facing the doorway. A Red Cross Ambulance drew up, and the soldiers broke their



rigid formation to make way for five wounded soldiers who were carried past the coffins where three dead soldiers rested.

The soldiers reformed again. There was evidently a hitch in the proceedings. The hurch was across the street and, by the glances of the officers towards the hurch door, I could see they were waiting for the clergyman. Then I saw him come to the door.

Five women and two little girls, all in black, were following him, persistently, and speaking to him. He stopped and spoke a moment with each woman. They knelt, one at a time, on the sidewalk, as he raised his hand in blessing, over each mourned beheaded head. He held his hands on the heads of the little girls and raised his face upwards as if he were telling Someone to take special notice of two little folks who needed extra care.

Marches More Than Soldiers. All this time the soldiers were waiting. The priest walked across the street, through the mud, his soldier's shoes spattering the dirt on to his surplice, the officers saluted, the sol-

diers raised the caskets, the little priest led off through the slush, and the three dead soldiers of France were started on their last march.

I've seen the little priest a score of times since then. He marches more than any soldier. There are scores of dead to bury; there are dozens of stories and confessions to hear from dying men in the hospital; there are the broken-hearted women and children of the village, who have lost their soldier loved ones, to be comforted, and his task was so great that it seemed to me that if I were the little priest and saw so much of such terrible sorrow in a world gone so far away I would take off my white robe and fold it away and say, "God has forgotten us. What's the use?"

Only I know by the little clergyman's face that He knows that God has not forgotten us, even though the cannon of men who are hungry to kill are sounding above the chant of the funeral services, and even though each crash means more broken hearts and more dead to bury.

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"THE NATAL NEWSLETTER"

A COPY dated September 12th, of the "Natal Newsletter" (the unofficial organ of His Majesty's ship Natal) has been wafted ashore, says the Morning Post. It is a chirpy little cyclo-style periodical of eight pages, containing all the usual features.

Among the comments and news items are the following:
"Water, water, everywhere, and not a ship to sink."
"The combination of 'L' class destroyers and Heligoland seems to make a — of a mix up."
Germans in Paris.

Press Bureau (later)
"Last message should read: 'Germans in plaster of paris.'
"The doings of the fleet for the past fortnight are a prohibited topic, so may not be discussed. In writing home it is best to say: 'Dear Belinda, —Very busy this week. See last Thursday's papers.'"

The bewilderment of the Fleet at the news of the war ashore, is represented in an article headed "Poldhu and Norddeutsch," it says:
The daily Press messages are as like unto each other as the Harris sausage and its German kinsman. The component parts are theoretically similar, but mysteriously different. When Poldhu says the Umpteenth Army Corps got a good-sized dent in the front rank," Norddeutsch tells us that the Tiddley-Um-Pomn Husars added another glorious paragaffe to "Willie's War Book." Both armies capture the same towns several times weekly. Just like "Beggars my Neighbor." Until everything is over and Conan Doyle has written a book about it we shan't know who has won.

"P.S.—No news of the High Sea Fleet in either."

BRITAIN LIKES RUSSIA'S ACT

In Making Permanent the Prohibition of the Sale of Intoxicants—Teetotal by Pen Stroke

London, Oct. 26.—A great impression has been made on English opinion by the Czar's attempt to make Russia temperate and an almost teetotal empire at one stroke. So much for despotism.

People ask how long it will take under constitutional government for the people to get a bottle of red wine in France or a glass of beer in England. Yet Germany asks the world to believe that Russians are still barbarians.

For the Government to deprive itself voluntarily of \$465,000,000 of revenue in peace time is unprecedented, and to do so in war time, when several millions of men are in the field, is almost incredible.

London writers acclaim the Czar's act as "a splendid illustration of a New Russia created by the war." They say the Sovereign and the people are showing unitedly an example to the whole world in discipline and self-restraint.

This is the Kaiser's unconscious work. He may well be proud of it. English temperance leaders urge that the closing hours of London hotels should be greatly extended, particularly in the morning, when women mostly drink.

FORGING AHEAD!

That is the position of The Mail and Advocate, as each issue sees a larger sale. What about that WANT ADVT!

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CLOSELY WATCH SOUTHERN PORTS

Capt. Moore, of the Waterwitch, Tells of British Naval Activities off Coast of South America

Capt. Moore of Crosbie's Waterwitch says that numbers of German and Austrian, principally German, steamers are detained in Brazilian ports, afraid to leave and that German trade, which was extensive with that country before the outbreak of war is now nil.

When he left Bahia more than a score of the enemy's steamers were lying idle in the port. They dared not put to sea, because just off the harbor a couple of British warships are quietly steaming about, prepared for action and ready to pounce upon them.

Had to Stay There.

One German steamer managed to sneak into Bahia by painting her funnel like the Prince Line and otherwise altering her appearance. But she has not been able to leave and when the Waterwitch got underway for home she was anchored with the others.

British and neutral shipping arriving there from Santos and Rio de Janeiro report even worse conditions at the more southern places. There, too, British warships are keeping vigil with the result that German and Austrian trade is paralyzed.

German Watched.

The same applies to Pernambuco. One of the ships guarding that port is H. M. S. training ship Cornwall, on which is Lieut. Colville, son-in-law of Mr. J. W. Withers, of this City. In a naval battle the Cornwall would not be of much service, but for chasing merchantmen she is as good as the best.

Capt. Moore says that in a remote place like St. John's we are hardly able to appreciate the great work of the British Navy, but if we could see what has transpired in such places as Bahia, our opinion of the Navy would be increased a hundred times.

ELABORATE SHOW AT THE NICKEL

Comedy, Tragedy and Travogue All Figure

An elaborate programme has been arranged for the Nickel Theatre this evening, and no doubt it will attract large audiences.

There are no less than six different pictures including a two reel film. The latter is by the Lubin Co. and is entitled "A Cruel Revenge." It is a film of gorgeous scenes, the story is romantic, the acting and photography superb. It is an exceedingly clever presentation.

"A Glimpse of Los Angeles" is a charming travogue. "Peggy's Invitation" is a great social drama, in which the well known actress Marguerite Snow plays the leading role. "The End of the Circle" is a western melo-drama full of interest.

There are two comedies. One is "Capers of Cupid by the Vitagraph Co." and "A Misplaced Foot" by the Keystone artists.

Mr. Arthur C. Huskins will repeat Donnie Mary of Argyle for the last time. Those who have not yet heard him in this delightful song should hear it.

WEDDING BELLS

Martin-Stringer.

A very pretty wedding took place at Grate's Cove Friday evening, Oct. 23, when Mr. Thomas Martin and Miss Katherine Stringer, a popular young couple, of Grate's Cove, were united in matrimony, the Rev. Mr. Higgitt officiating.

The bride, charmingly dressed, was attended by Mrs. Absolom Hodder, and Misses Maud Avery, Virtue Benson and Jane Noel.

Messrs J. Hodden, C. S. Benson, E. Martin and E. Stansford acted as groomsmen.

After the nuptial knot was tied, a short address was given by the pastor, then the bridal party proceeded to their future residence where a reception was held and the health of the bride and groom enthusiastically toasted.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the recipients of many useful present evidencing the esteem in which they are held among their friends.

Chinaman Arrested

Hung Wee, a 26-year-old Chinaman of Theatre Hill, was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing \$30.31 and a \$12 suit of clothes from Kong Lee, and an \$8 overcoat from Goo Kee.

He pleaded guilty this morning and for the two charges was fined \$100 or 4 months in jail.

BISHOP JONES RETURNS HOME

Speak Admiringly of the Spirit the British People Are Displaying

His Lordship Bishop Jones arrived by the Carthaginian this morning and is enjoying excellent health though the trip was a stormy one.

His Lordship informed our reporter that he regretted very much not being able to be present when the Newfoundland regiment arrived at Plymouth, but many friends of the Old Colony were present and gave the lads a warm welcome.

His Lordship was in communication with Capt. Franklin and also visited the War Office. He had to be in Liverpool on Saturday week, and as there was some delay in the landing of the troops he could not see them. Although there is excitement in England because of the war, the people are coping with conditions in a splendid manner.

The splendid treatment which the Belgians receive is an object lesson to the whole world.

Not one of the refugees goes unprovided for. If they were Britain's own people they could not be better treated, and a bond of friendship has been made which time is not likely to break.

We are glad to see Bishop Jones home again, and trust that his trip has been beneficial to his health.

THE LENGTH OF WARS.

Following is a table showing the time occupied in deciding some of the big struggles of the past fifty or sixty years:

Wars	Duration	Years in Days
Crimean	1854-65	734
United States Civil	1861-65	2,456
Franco-German	1870-71	405
Russo-Turkish	1877-78	334
Spanish-American	1898	101
Boer	1899-1902	962
Russo-Japanese	1904-05	576
Balkan	1912	302

GERMAN ATTEMPT CHECKED

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the same stubbornness. Yesterday the German troops made progress.

On the other battlefield in the western theatre no important events have occurred. To the west of Augustow the attack of the Germans is slowly proceeding. To the south-west of Warsaw our troops have repulsed all attacks. Strong Russian forces are north of Ivangorod.

A new Russian army corps has crossed the Vistula.

SUICIDED?

London, Oct. 27.—A despatch from Rotterdam says that General Von Bessler, conqueror of Antwerp is dead.

It is said that he shot himself on Thursday in a room at Bruges.

Fogota arrived at Badgers Quay at 8.50 a.m. and left at 9.25.

CANADA PROUD OF HER FORCE

Lt.-Col. Langton, First Transport Officer, Tells of Embarkation of Troops

Toronto, Oct. 26.—The transports that left Quebec carrying the Canadian contingent, if placed end to end, would cover a distance of three miles. Running in column line ahead, and four cables apart, the length of the line would be fifteen miles. Side by side the total beam of the vessels is 2,000 feet. The total length of the ships is 15,783 feet. The total gross tonnage of the vessels is 317,847.

These were facts given out by Lieut.-Col. J. G. Langton, secretary of the Sterling Trust Corporation, Toronto, who was first railway transport officer responsible for the movement of troops to Valcartier, and then became assistant director-general of embarkation, having charge of the movement of troops from the camp and the appointment of the men to the several ships comprising the convoy. Now that the Canadians have safely landed on the other side of the Atlantic, Lieut.-Col. Langton is free to speak.

Thirty Vessels.

There were 30 vessels used to transport the men. They were: The Adania, Athenia, Alaunia, Arcadian, Bermudian, Cassandria, Carribean, Corinthian, Franconia, Grampan, Ivernia, Lapland, Laurentic, Lakonia, Manitou, Monmouth, Montreal, Montezuma, Megantic, Scotian, Sicilian, Scandinavian, Saxonia, Royal George, Royal Edward, Tyrolia, Tunisian, Ruthenia, Virginia, Zealand. In addition there was the Florizel, used to transport the Newfoundlanders.

"The outward movement from the camp started with the departure of the artillery by route march on September 22, in the evening, and the last transport left the Quebec docks on October 1," said Lieut.-Col. Langton. "The loading of the transports started on September 23. The mounted units left camp by road, the infantry by train. The loading of the transports continued day and night.

Great Material.

"No one could be associated with the camp and not be struck with the kind of material Canada sent."

Although other railroads took troops from different parts of Canada to Quebec, the C. N. R. handled them from that city into Valcartier camp. It took 117 trains to handle them, outside of the regular trains.

Gravenstein Apples, very best pack of No. 1s, 2s and 3s; last chance to buy Gravensteins this season. Remember Snap Apple Night is Saturday. Also Bananas, Cal. Oranges, Grapes and Plums, Siberian Crabs, Cocoanuts, at very lowest wholesale prices. Outport orders given personal and strict attention at GLEESON'S, 108 Water Street, Est.—oct28.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

FRANCE'S NEW BIG BATTLESHIP

Is 24,800 Tons and Carries Twelve Big Guns

Bordeaux, Oct. 26.—The super-dreadnought Normandie, one of the most powerful battleships ever built by France, has been successfully launched. It will be placed in commission as soon as possible for service against the German fleet.

The French Government must have hastened the completion of the Normandie, for she was not expected to be ready before 1916. She is described in the French navy list as being 574 feet long, 91 feet 10 inches in beam, 30 feet draught, and 24,800 tons displacement.

She embodied a bold idea of the French battleship builders in that she has three quadruple turrets, instead of the usual five turrets. There are twelve big guns, 13.5 inches, in these turrets, and the whole of them may be fired at once as a broadside on either side of the ship. The Normandie has also 24 5.5-inch quick-firing guns.

At Rest

The remains of the late John Hart were interred at Bevedere cemetery yesterday. The prayers at the Cathedral were read by Rev. Dr. Greene.

\$9,500 a Shot Cost Of Firing Big Guns

Each Weighs One Hundred and Twenty-five Tons

New York, Oct. 26.—Some of the details of the construction of the new famous German 42-centimeter siege gun, which is credited with reducing the fortifications of Antwerp, are related by Hugh McAtamney, advertising agent of this city, who said they were told to him by a German conversant with the Krupp works.

The gun is said to weigh 125 tons, and each shot one ton. It takes three quarters of a ton of powder to fire it. The length of the piece is 63.9 feet, and its range 28 miles.

The cost of each shot is 38,000 marks, or \$9,500, and the cost of the gun 1,850,000 marks, or \$462,000. Mr. McAtamney said. The life of the gun is 120 rounds and its capacity one shot every ten minutes. The shot is fired through electrical control from a distance of 1,300 feet.

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"CARTHAGINIAN" FROM LIVERPOOL

The Allan liner Carthaginian, Capt. Ogilvie, arrived at 8 o'clock this morning, after a passage of 9 days. She left Liverpool on Sunday night week and had a stormy passage across and was detained by fog outside.

She brought 600 tons general cargo, 18 bags, 10 baskets mail matter and the following passengers:—Rt. Rev. His Lordship Bishop Jones, Capt. R. Finner, 6 intermediate and 1 steerage.

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COAST TO COAST PROTESTS RAISED

Naval Reservists Also Demand That They be Allowed to Aid Navy

Ottawa, Ont., October 26.—The enlistment of the second Canadian Contingent for service overseas is marked by strong complaints from the various divisional areas and military districts. These complaints, however, are in their nature gratifying, for they refer to the small numbers which each military area is called upon to supply. From all points come protests to the effect that in many cases over double the number allotted to districts have already offered themselves.

To British Columbia has been given the task of raising two battalions. Apparently, however, this is not considered a task at all, for a strong complaint has been received by the department asking that the number allotted be increased to a brigade, as there are plenty of first-class recruits to make up that number. The department was compelled to remind that province that it had been given two battalions, and that there were eight other provinces to be considered, and only 16,000 men to be raised for the infantry branch of the second force.

Similar protests have been received from Toronto, Winnipeg and many other points. It is very clear that there are plenty of men in Canada.

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Former Reservists wishing to join under these conditions (namely, for one year) are requested to communicate with the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Calypso."

(Sgd.) A. MacDERMOTT, Lieutenant-Commander. oct27,6i

Recruits Required

Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve.

500 Recruits are required immediately for Active Service in Europe.

Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 35 and must be either Fishermen or Seamen.

Period of service for this special force will be for one year from date of enrolling. Free passes to St. John's can be obtained from Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, Customs Officials, or by application to H.M.S. "Calypso."

A. MacDERMOTT, Lieutenant-Commander. oct26,6i

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