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Heavy Fighting on The Western Front

Big Guns Have Been Roaring incessantly For Days—Mining Operations Have Also Played a Prominent Part in Recent Battles—Germans Have Succeeded in Capturing an Additional Half Mile of French Trenches—Huns Entered a British Trench But Were Quickly Driven Out—Russians Making Steady Progress in the Caucasus and Take Large Number of Turkish Prisoners

London, Feb. 15.—The whole western fighting front is the scene of heavy engagements. At some points big guns have been roaring incessantly for days, infantry has been engaged in hand to hand struggles and grenade fighting; mining operations have also played a prominent part in the battles, while airmen have fought each other above the lines and have been canonaded from below by anti-aircraft guns.

The Germans captured an additional half mile of French trenches around Tohure in Champagne district. Their artillery bombardments in the neighborhood of Nassignes and Nevarin have been answered in the same kind by the French. To the north of Soissons, around Terny and along the River Aisne the Germans started infantry attacks.

To the south of Somme the Germans endeavoured to surround the outpost trenches but was resisted under the heavy fire of the French. In the upper Alsace the Germans turned loose their guns on the trenches of the French had recaptured from them. The French during the night had evacuated them and the shelling did no other damage than to shatter emplacements.

Seventeen fights in the air are reported by the British along their lines in Flanders and in addition there have been great activity south of Labassee, where the Germans have applied several mines. Heavy bombardments and an infantry attack in that section is also reported.

The Germans succeeded in entering a British trench but they were driven out almost immediately.

In Albania, Arzen River, which

HOUSE AGAIN

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Col. House, President Wilson's personal representative, spent the week-end in London. There was a meeting of various prominent personages, among whom was one of the Cabinet Ministers.

CRUISER ARETHUSA STRIKES A MINE

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The British cruiser Arethusa struck a mine today off the east coast of England, according to a statement issued by the British Official Press Bureau. It is feared the statement adds that the vessel will be a total wreck.

MILAN BOMBED; 6 KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A despatch from Milan says six persons were killed and several injured by bombs dropped from aeroplanes which appeared over the city this morning.

The despatch says several aeroplanes took part in the raid.

NOTIFIES WASHINGTON OF HER FUTURE SUB POLICY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Austria's formal notification of her intention to sink without warning armed merchantships after March 1st, was received today by the State Dept. and is substantially the same as that received from Germany.

ETON'S ANNUAL JUNIOR MILE RACE

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Prince Henry, third son of King George, ran fourth today in the annual junior mile race at Eton. His time was four minutes and fifty-four seconds. The winner was a young school boy named Rie. The race was a most strenuous one, owing to wind and rain.

runs westward across central Albania and empties into the Bay of Durazzo has been reached by the Austro-Hungarian vanguards, according to Vienna. The Bulgars have occupied Elbassan, an important town in central Albania.

There have been no important events on the eastern front, but the Russians in the Caucasus occupied one of the Erzerum forts and have taken a large number of Turkish prisoners. Several Turkish batteries on the Trebizond coast of the Black Sea have been silenced by Russian warships.

British War Office Denies Claims Made by Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A British official statement issued to-night denies the capture of 40 British troops in Flanders, as reported in a German official statement. On Sunday it records there were many engagements in the air and much activity by the Germans all along the Labassee Canal. The text follows:

"German wireless reports say that 40 British prisoners were captured in fighting near Pilkem. We have eleven men missing from this fighting, of whom eight are believed to have been killed. These men were lost in pursuing the Germans back into their trenches. Yesterday there were 17 fighting in the air and the result was that one of these large hostile double engine machines was driven down in the enemy's lines. The enemy has been very active mining south of the Labassee Canal. Seven mines were exploded by him during the past 24 hours. South of Fosse mine explosions were preceded by heavy bombardment, followed by small infantry attack. A few men got into our front trench, but were immediately driven out by hand grenades."

FROM THE BLACK SEA

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.—An official statement issued to-day concerning the Black Sea fleet, says that on Wednesday and Thursday several vessels fought successfully with the Turkish coast batteries at Vitez, between Cape Laros and Noronist, reducing four of the Turkish batteries to silence. They also captured a Turkish sailing ship with a crew of 25 men, and sank eight supply ships on Friday.

MORE MAIL MATTER SEIZED BY BRITISH

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Holland-American line freighter Zanddyk, from Rotterdam, reported on her arrival here to-day that she had been taken into the Downs by a British patrol boat, and that all but two of 145 bags of Dutch mails which she had carried, were removed and not returned.

Italy to Declare War On Germany

This is Expected to Have a Big Moral Effect on Roumania and Greece and Will Help to Clear up Certain Difficulties With Italy's Allies

London, Feb. 15.—The rumor is current in political circles here, says a Morning Post despatch from Rome, that the Italian Government will declare war upon Germany in March. The moral effect of such a declaration upon Greece and Roumania, it is believed, would be considerable and would finally clear up certain difficulties with Italy's Allies.

According to a Telegraph despatch from Bucharest negotiations are under way between Germany and Roumania for the purchase of supplies and grain which Roumania still has left.

The belief here in diplomatic circles is that Germany will adopt an aggressive attitude when she begins her attack on Saloniki.

AT VIENNA

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14.—A despatch received here from Vienna says that King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, arrived there, and was received at the station by Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, heir-apparent to the throne.

ELECTRIC COMPANY WORKS DESTROYED

SCHENTADY, N.Y., Feb. 14.—General Electric Company's works were wrecked by fire to-day.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUNDS

In Future all Appeals For Help Will be Made in the Form of a Certificate Approved of by the Belgian and British Governments

London, Feb. 15.—It is officially announced that in order to obtain better co-ordination in appeals on behalf of the Belgians and to prevent any waste in public generosity and effort and the misapplication of funds obtained in response to such appeals, the Belgian and British Governments have decided to make arrangements, giving official recognition only to such appeals as approved of by the two Governments.

Official recognition is to be given in the form of a certificate issued by the Local Government Board. This certificate is to be issued only after the Belgian Government has been consulted.

The public, therefore, are advised not to subscribe to appeals on behalf of the Belgians not bearing this official certificate.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH

To Governor, Newfoundland: LONDON, Feb. 14.—The light cruiser Arethusa struck a mine off the east coast, and it is feared is a total wreck. About ten lives have been lost.

There was considerable fighting in France last week. The French have retaken notable portion of trenches captured by the enemy south of Frise. Counter-attacks were repulsed. West of Vimy the enemy penetrated some sectors of the French trenches, but were afterwards driven out by a grenade attack. Three hundred metres of enemy trenches were captured at Mesnil Ridge, in Champagne. Counter-attacks were defeated. The enemy also attacked, unsuccessfully, on the Yser Canal and north-east of Soissons. The enemy penetrated the British lines near Pilkem, but were driven out by bombing attack.

The Russians have captured the important position of Uteczko, and have crossed to west bank of the Dniester.

In the Caucasus the Russians still progress in Erzerum region. Latest reports announce the capture of 700 Turkish regulars and seven guns. Bombardment caused an explosion in Erzerum fort.

General Smith-Dorrien is returning to England owing to ill health. General Smuts is appointed to the command of the British forces in East Africa.

BONAR LAW.

PARIS, Feb. 14 (official)—In Artois the day was marked by a number of German attacks from Hill 140 up to Neuville La Folle road. During the morning the first attempt failed west of Hill 140. In the evening, after a fierce bombardment, the enemy attacked our positions on four different points. Three of these attacks were shattered and broken off by our cross-fires. During the fourth the enemy managed to gain a footing in our trench west of Hill 140, but was immediately thrown out by a counter-attack, which inflicted heavy losses on the Germans in killed and wounded. A German plane, shelled by our batteries, grounded east of Givency, a mass of flame. Elsewhere there was artillery activity, especially in Soissons and Chassigny districts.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—According to a British official statement issued to-night late advices have been received from the commander of the troops in Mesopotamia, Lieut-General Lake, to the effect that the weather has cleared and that he has reports dated Sunday from General Aylmer, who is in command of the relieving forces assisting General Townshend, whose troops are beleaguered in Kut-el-Amara.

Arethusa Was In the Battle of Heligoland

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The British cruiser Arethusa struck a mine today off the east coast of England, according to a statement issued by the British Official Press Bureau. It is feared, the statement adds, the vessel will be a total wreck. About ten men were lost in the sinking of the cruiser. The statement says: "His Majesty's ship Arethusa, Commodore Reginald Y. Tyrwhite, has struck a mine off the east coast. It is feared she will become a total wreck. About 10 men were lost."

The Arethusa was a light cruiser displacing 3,600 tons. She was 410 feet long, 39 feet beam, and had a mean draft of 14 feet, and was built at Chatham in 1913-14. The cruiser was armed with two 6-inch guns fore and aft, and six 4-inch guns on broad side. She was also equipped with four torpedo tubes.

The Arethusa had not been 24 hours out of the hands of the builders before she was called upon to take part in one of the most important naval battles in the North Sea since the war began. That engagement was off Heligoland in August, 1914. In this battle three German cruisers, the Mainz, Koeln and Aridane, and two German torpedo boat destroyers were sunk. The Arethusa, which was one of the vessels composing the British fleet when it went into action, was rather severely handled, and after the battle was over had to be taken in tow.

How they fired the deadly missiles which sank the Blucher was explained to the party of foreign journalists who were visiting the Fleet last January, by an officer: "First we let go that one, he said, then this one. It was this one that hit the Blucher amidships, lying off there about 1500 yards. The thing that impressed me after we hit her was the deadly stillness. It was terribly still until the great big ship threw up her bow, turned clean over and sank." Scars of battle were pointed out by the officers all over the Arethusa. The upper works were literally peppered with shrapnel, but the scars have been neatly bandaged with two-inch riveted steel plates, so that the Arethusa was again in shape for another fray.

Will Recruit Women for Farm Work

London, Feb. 15.—An endeavor to overcome the difficulty caused by the shortage of men for farm work the Government has decided, says The Daily News, to inaugurate a campaign to recruit women for this work. Recruiting will be along popular lines which has had success in getting men for the army.

It is proposed that an armet be issued to women willing to undertake farm work, that they also will be entitled to wear a special uniform. Every village in the country will be canvassed by committees of women. It is hoped by such a canvass to raise a body of 400,000 women who are ready to engage in agricultural work.

PENSION FOR FISHERMEN'S WIDOWS

London, Feb. 15.—The Board of Trade has announced a pension plan whereby widows of fishermen killed in the war will receive £300 in addition to £26 for each child under 14 years of age; while the wife of any fisherman who is interned will receive one pound weekly.

General Aylmer reports the situation as unchanged and General Townshend reports the fight over Kut-el-Amara of an aeroplane, which dropped two bombs without doing any damage.

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Will Institute Air Defense Dept. in Charge of Field Marshall Viscount French

A Cold Wave Strikes New York

New York, Feb. 15.—Eight persons died here yesterday as a result of a cold wave which sent the mercury down to two degrees above zero.

VISCOUNT RIDLEY DEAD

London, Feb. 15.—Viscount Ridley is dead after a serious operation.

SIR WM. TURNER DEAD

London, Feb. 15.—Sir William Turner, Principal of Edinburgh University, is dead.

MORE MAIL MATTER HELD UP AT FALMOUTH

London, Feb. 15.—A Reuter despatch from The Hague says the South American mail on board the Dutch steamer Galria, which sailed from Amsterdam on February 14 for Buenos Aires, has been detained at Falmouth.

AFRICAN RULER DEAD

London, Feb. 15.—From Livingstone Rhodesia, the death is announced of Lewanika, King of Barotzland, a powerful native ruler friendly to the British.

MEMBER ITALIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON FOUND DEAD

London, Feb. 15.—Chevalier Roberto Centaro, First Secretary of the Italian Embassy in London and formerly Second Secretary of the Italian Embassy at Washington, was found dead in a West End Hotel to-day. A revolver lay beside the body.

FRENCH PREMIER WELL RECEIVED IN ROME

Paris, Feb. 15.—Aristide Briand, the French Premier, arrived in Paris to-night from his visit to Italy. Later he received a number of political leaders and told them how deeply he had been touched by the reception accorded him by King Victor Emmanuel and Italian Government people.

RUSSIANS MAKE BIG CAPTURE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.—On the Caucasus front, after an explosion caused the day before by our artillery in one of the Erzerum forts, we captured the fort.

Pursuing the Turks, our troops again captured numerous prisoners, six guns and a large quantity of munitions.

NOW THEN, WHO IS GOING TO BEAT HIM?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Wilson to-day formally gave his consent that his name be used as candidate for renomination.

WILL IMMEDIATELY SEEK NEW VOTE OF CREDIT

LONDON, Feb. 14.—It is expected the next vote of credit will be introduced soon after Parliament reassembles to-morrow.

Jaffrey—How do you suppose that dear old man remembered exactly how much he paid for his gold tooth, which he bought forty years ago? Agnes—Why, I s'pose he carried it in his head.

Belgians and Germans Meet Heavy Losses in German E. Africa

London, Feb. 15.—Advices to Reuter's state that according to a wireless despatch received at Elizabethville an action between the Belgians who are invading German East Africa in the Lake Kivu district, and the German force which opposed them; heavy losses have resulted on both sides.

Details are lacking, but it is said that the fighting still continues.

Will Tell Russia What Britain is Doing in the War

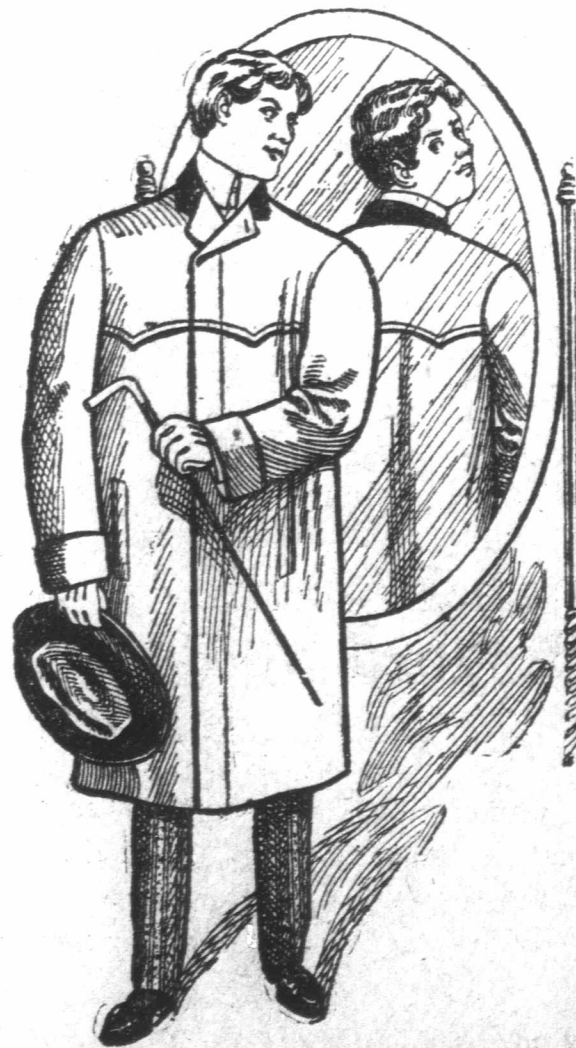
Petrograd, via London, Feb. 15.—A commission of prominent literary men from Russia left to-day for England, on the invitation of the British Government, to make a tour of inspection and to observe the war work being carried out in Great Britain, in order that on their return to Russia they may deliver lectures to the troops and civilians, giving their impressions of the part Great Britain is really playing in the waging of the war.

The commission includes Nemirovich Danchenko, the veteran war correspondent; Russkoestovo Yegeroff, the foreign editor of The Novoe Vreya; and Count Alexis Tolstoi, a leading novelist.

Italian Cities Bombed by Enemy Air Raiders

Rome, Feb. 15.—Austrian aeroplanes this morning bombed Monsea, ten miles northeast of Milan, killing one person and injuring five. Attacks were also made on Norgamo and Trevitio, but no damage done. Another squadron of six aeroplanes appeared about the same time over Brescia, but were driven off by anti-aircraft guns.

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GETTING READY FOR WAR

Germany did not want war and Germany was not trying to start a war, but—Germany according to the testimony of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line, took the trouble as far back as the fall of 1913 to make arrangements with the Hamburg-American line for furnishing supplies to German warships from United States ports after the war should start. The significant fact is that no other nation among all the belligerents was making preparations down to the smallest details for the present war nearly a year before the war began.

—Springfield-Union.
If you are too deaf to hear the angels singing in this world, you'll have no ears for music over yonder.

OUR SHORT STORY

DAWSON OF DANTZIC

By **WALTER LENNOX**

LATER, we heard further details of Dawson of Dantzig.

His trips to the French colony were frequent; and he always returned thence with a cargo of contraband, chiefly liquids and tobacco. He had for some years traded on the superstition of the coves and creeks by pretence to special healing powers in virtue of being "the seventh son of the seventh,"—a large number of his clientele being Celts. In addition to this Christian science performance, Caleb prescribed for his patients, his prescription costing the victim one dollar per bottle.

The medical practitioner in whose bailiwick Dantzig was located finally came to clash with his Esculapian rival; and the Medical Board reported unfavourably on Caleb's diplomas. His prescriptions? were analyzed, and were found to contain a medium of low grade rum, traces of snake-root, and a large proportion of aqua pura. Caleb's medical career was cut short.

He then went back to the old game of smuggling, and evidently pulled off some very nifty jobs. His latest (if proved to be his last) was of recent performance.

The Government cruiser "Fremona" lay off Point May in a dense fog. Towards nightfall, the "chug-chug" of a motor craft was heard close by; and the officer on watch shot out the customary warning. The motor-craft stopped just within hailing distance. "What craft is that?" megaphoned the vigilant protector of the revenue. The answer was wafted back through the foggy stillness: "Corona," Dr. Baxter, from Point aux Morts, bound to Horton's Cove!

The motor moved out of hailing distance. The helmsman, still looking scared: "Pretty close call, boy!" The boy was one of the tribe of Caleb, the helmsman. Just then, she swung over to the E.N.E. heading for Dantzig, where next morning a lagoon was drained out, and sundry packages deposited in a subaqueous cache.

When the "Fremona" reached Horton's Cove two days later, the "Corona" was there. "Hadt' been in commission for weeks," so Dr. Baxter informed the revenue officers.

Inspector Halley was amazed! The officer on duty began to wonder when his dismissal would come! Captain Clark paced the bridge, indulging in language which had a decidedly sulphurous flavour!

When grading commenced on Section 12 of the S.S. & W. we were bothered pretty badly with "lay offs" usually on Mondays. Booze victims were numerous; and we had had three or four abortive strikes engineered by soused foremen.

McKinley's gangs were demoralized; weather was getting bad, and we were working on a time contract. The forfeit would mean disaster to the contractor.

Fletcher came into the office at headquarters late one Saturday night, while McKinley was endangering the dry timber by brimstone language, sat for a while; and when McKinley had got through with all the swearwords in his vocabulary, he remarked:

"Why don't you get after the booze plant, Mr. Mac?" McKinley snapped out: "That's what we've been trying to do for weeks. We fired all that McLean gang at the Crossing two weeks ago; last Saturday, we put Costello out of commission; now we are up against it again. There's nothing coming in over road."

"Well," rejoined Fletcher, "I

suppose there's an extra twenty-five a month for detective service, eh?"

"Yes, fifty," said McKinley. "I'm on." We all thought Fletcher was joking.

"The joint is right here; it is a travelling concern with small stocks,—one night stands!" He beckoned to McKinley, and as they got outside, he pointed to an old chap with an empty nunny-bag under his arm. "Get Grierson to follow that bag!"

Grierson felt aggrieved that "numskulls like Fletcher" should be trespassing upon the preserves of a detective, but he followed out McKinley's instructions and trailed the bag.

Meanwhile Fletcher had located Inspector Halley over the phone, and described in detail the surroundings of the plant at Dantzig. "Oh! that's all buncombe" was the final sentence from the phone.

Sunday was a day of rest for the hardworked staff of the cruiser; and Halley, who was a good church goer, assisted at the services. Presumably he had given Fletcher's message prayerful consideration, for when amber midnight smiles in dream of dawn, the "Fremona" was heading for Dantzig.

Grierson's nocturnal tramp of eight miles was not particularly pleasant. He arrived at Dantzig by sunrise, surveyed the prospect, and wished Fletcher to the demitition bow-wows.

"Guess, that chap's gone batty" was his report to McKinley.

McKinley became superlatively swearsome; and that extra fifty would not likely be on the month's pay-sheet.

When Fletcher accompanied by detective Grierson, rounded the bluff leading to Dantzig early on Monday morning, there was a steamer in the offing.

"Something doing, Grierson," said Fletcher, radiant with smiles. There was. The crew of the "Fremona" were digging away at the outlet of the lagoon; and when Inspector Halley came over to shake hands with Fletcher, he chuckled:

"Guess we've struck the lode!"

When the lagoon was dried out, the secret of the smuggling business was revealed. A large cellar-like excavation, heavily timbered, and covered with caulked hatches, was found near the outlet. When the hatches were raised, it was found to contain enough liquid goods to equip a Third Avenue Bar.

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the "Fremona." It was Caleb Dawson of Dantzig, alias Michel Sabourin, of Paimpol,—who had bluffed customs' officials for two generations, humbugged the countryside with spurious drugs, faked the maps of supposed pirates' treasures. He had, at last fallen a victim to the perceptive faculty of George Fletcher. Fletcher is now Superintendent of construction of the S.S. & W. Railway; and Caleb Dawson, sometime of Dantzig, is a permanent guest at the Lakeside Bridewell.

THE END.

Parliament Doing Business as Usual at the New Stand

The Members Are Busy and Serious in Their New Quarters.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Parliament is doing business as usual—at a new stand. Men have worked miracles during the past sixty hours through-out the large Victoria Museum Building. The Museum has gone. The fossils, meteors, fragments of rock and geological curios which so thrill the scientist and so daze the layman, have been packed in cotton, boxed and trucked away to outer darkness. The thrub and bustle of legislation in the making, has succeeded. Telegraph instruments are clicking, typewriters rattling, telephones ringing, and messengers hurrying hither and thither.

At one o'clock this afternoon His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, dropped in to learn how his law makers were being provided for. He found the House of Commons in the auditorium of the Museum and the Senate Chamber in the room which previously housed a display of invertebrate fossils.

The orthodox crimson carpet adorns the floor of the Upper Chamber, while a green covering marks the new Commons hall. The Press Gallery is accommodated by three tiers of seats behind the Speaker's chair in the Commons.

Much of the salvaged furniture is in use. The Speaker has been provided with the handsome chair of the Governor-General, taken from the Privy Council Chamber for the time. Rows of tables front the seats of members who used the front benches in the former House. The Senate mace is still in commission. In the front corridor the Parliament post office with the boxes salvaged from the fire has been re-organized, and is handling mail as usual. Quarters sub-divided by beaver board have been supplied the Leaders, the Ministers, the Chief Whips, Hansard and the Press Gallery. Even a reading room has been located and plans are under way, while the restaurant and barber shop are to be fitted up in the old Ashbury College Building on Argyle Avenue, just across the road from the Museum Building.

Busy and Serious.

Parliament is busy—and serious. There is still much to impress that solemnity. Deputy Speaker Rhodes was in the chair, denoting the absence of Hon. Mr. Seignin, who is at Quebec attending the last sad rites of his late guests. Mr. Rhodes came to a dramatic halt this afternoon. When calling the questions on the order paper he came unexpectedly upon three bearing the name of Mr. B. Law, the member for Yarmouth, who lost his life in the conflagration. Mr. Sinclair, of Guysboro, asked them for his former colleague.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, returned from his trip to the front, entered the Chamber and took his seat in silence. There was none of the customary cheering and hilarity which greets a returning member.

Before the orders of the day were called, Messrs E. M. Macdonald and J. H. Sinclair took occasion to pay tribute, on behalf of Nova Scotia's representation in the House, to the late Mr. B. B. Law. Mr. Macdonald, in a series of touching references, pointed out that Mr. Law was the dean of the Liberal members from the Maritime Provinces, and recalled that his last words in the Chamber had been in advocacy of the industry which interested vitally the constituency whence he came. Mr. Macdonald feelingly expressed the sympathy of his fellow members with the bereaved widow and family.

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Bait Sceptre Wrested From Newfoundland

Island Colony Vessel Owners and Skippers Fairly Beg Massachusetts Bay Dealers for Frozen Herring

It is a fact that without Massachusetts Bay bait the Newfoundland early bankers, which operate off the South coast, Rose Blanche, Channel, and other favored spots, would be unable to prosecute their winter and early spring cod fishery, which last year through the aid of Massachusetts bait shipped to them, was the most prosperous in its history.

They Beg for Massachusetts Bay Bait

It is also a fact that Newfoundland vessel owners and skippers have been fairly begging Massachusetts concerns for bait all winter. Squid they want—Massachusetts bay squid—caught in the fall and put in the freezers right alive. "Squid bait means big fishing, and the Newfoundlanders know it. No wonder they are so eager for it.

Last year several cargoes were sent them, and also the year before.

Now they want more—they want all they can get. They have begged for it, written for it and cabled for it—and the price has been no object. Their big vessels which have come here during the winter with cargoes of salt herring have hung on and almost refused to sail for home until safely hayed down in their holds was their spring's supply of frozen squid bait.

Besides this and what has been previously shipped, there is now being loaded, all to urgent orders over one million pounds of this squid bait.

And Massachusetts dealers are glad to sell it to them, glad that they have it to sell to them, and will sell it to them as long as they call for it, and the supply lasts: for "that's business."

This bait supply is controlled by Gloucester, Provincetown and Boston fish men, who are also greatly interested in the ownership of Massachusetts fishing vessels.

Beside the bait, since the "Free Fish" era has come in force, the Newfoundland crafts have been practically able to make Massachusetts bay harbors "free" ports. They have come here with their green fish or herring fares, sold them, then loaded with what they pleased and gone home with it. And there has been no objection heard.

The Other Side of the Slate

But look at the other side of it, Newfoundland, always strict on her bait laws, is as strict as ever. One would never think to read her bait provisions—as binding on her own people who would venture to sell outside as to the offender if caught—that she was in the position of having to beg Massachusetts for bait as is actually the case.

In spite of all the privileges accorded her here under the new tariff law, in spite of all the bait help accorded her vessels and firms by Massachusetts bait producers, in spite of the fact that the bills of one local fishing concern alone amounted in Newfoundland last year to a clean half million dollars and was paid in cold cash—Yankee gold—Newfoundland has not one white lifted or offered to lift her bait barrier in return for favors received.

In spite of all the friendly offices, an American fishing vessel, down to

the eastward on a trip and her bait fished out, or spoiled on account of bad weather, cannot go to any place in the Island Colony, except in the Treaty Coast, and get even bait enough to enable her to make a "saving trip" before going home. There's no "welcome, stranger, what can we do for you?" It is a case of "nothing doing." So stringent are the restrictions that even the herring cargo brought here in the winter time by her own or any British vessels must be certified as going for food supply and not for bait. An American gasoline auxiliary fishing vessel is practically tabooed in any of her ports except on the Treaty Coast.

It is being comonly talked now in all New England fish centers that it is about time that Newfoundland "loosened up."

As it stands to-day, Massachusetts Bay is the premier bait centre of the Atlantic coast. Many thousand pounds have already been sent this season to Newfoundland to make her winter and spring fishery possible, and now American fishing vessels are loading a million pounds of the choicest kind of bait to still farther help out the vessel owners, skippers and fishermen of Newfoundland, which is the same as helping Newfoundland itself.

Who is the Good Samaritan?

Programme for Monday and Tuesday at THE NICKEL.

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The eighth installment of that wonderful series,

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WERNESDAY:—14th episode of ELAINE—FRIDAY:—Charlie Chaplin in "WORK."

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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All our Furs Reduced down far below the regular prices.
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Ladies' Velvet Blouse, trimmed with pretty lace. \$1.60. Reg. \$1.90 value.
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In several leading shades, 25c. per yard.
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Children's Tweed Dresses, \$1.90 up.
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Child's Shepherd Check Dresses, 55c.
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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.

MEN'S SHORT COATS
\$2.70 & \$3.90 each. Regular \$3.20 and \$4.50 values.
MEN'S VESTS
Corduroys, Serges and Tweeds to clear at 60c. each. Chiefly in small sizes.

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Men's Negligee Shirts, made of strong Repp material; French Cuffs, Double stitched. Reinforced back and front. Full regulation size. Regular \$1.75 value. \$1.35.
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Not Many in the Lot. While they last you can secure them from \$1.20 to \$2.00 each, which is 20 per cent. under regular prices.

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Remainders in odd sizes of a lot which cannot be duplicated. Regular \$4.50 \$3.00 value. Each.

BROWN BLANKET SPECIAL!
\$2.50 per pair.
With the present tendency for advancing prices it will be some time before an offer like this will come again.

BOOT SPECIALS!
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Men's Gun Metal Boots. Regular \$3.20 value. \$2.80. Pair.
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ANOTHER TOBACCO FACTORY
We hear to-day from very good authority that there is a likelihood of another tobacco manufacturing concern being established in St. John's. The idea is to manufacture, not alone tobaccos, but also cigars and cigarettes, and American capitalists are we hear at the head of the scheme. Many people of means, residents of St. John's, are putting money in the new proposition and a site on which to build a factory has been solicited. The new building will be larger, we hear, than the Imperial, and will employ a large number of operatives. It is said that a commencement in its erection will be made in the early Spring.

THE KYLE RETURNING
The S.S. Kyle at noon to-day was 40 miles S. W. by S. of Channel Head on her way back to Port aux Basques. The ship reached Louisburg and is returning with mails and passengers. She is meeting some slob ice.

16 BELOW IN CITY.
Late last night and early this morning the weather was the coldest recorded in the city for the winter. At 9 o'clock, at the King's Bridge, the glass registered zero. It fell then rapidly and early this morning the thermometer registered 16 below zero. The lowest previously was 10 below.

TICKLE FILLED WITH ICE.
To-day the Tickle is filled with ice between Bell Island and Portugal Cove and the Euphrates, which put out, could not get across. Saturday the Progress went to Clarke's Beach with 90 miners from the Island, became frozen up there, and the men cannot get back. A few more frosty nights and the whole bay will be frozen over.

REGIMENT VS. C. L. B.
The line-up in to-night's hockey game between teams from the C.L.B. and Volunteers will be:
C. L. B. goal Lt. Ayre
Hunt point Lt. Rendell
Marshall cover Pte. Crawford
Holtan rover Pte. Carter
Goudie right Pte. Chafe
Phillips centre Pte. C. Ellis
Rendell left
Downton
Play starts at 8.30 and a good game is expected.

A FIRE ALARM.
At 12.55 to-day an alarm of fire was turned in from box 26, bringing the West and Central men to the house of a man named Clarke, corner of Lime and New Gower Streets. An oil stove in one of the rooms had blazed up, filling the house with smoke, and people passing imagined a fire to be in progress. No damage was done, nor were the firemen's required.

RECEIVED HIS PARCELS
Mr. John R. Robertson yesterday morning had a cablegram from his son Eric of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment saying that he had received all the letters and parcels which had been sent him. From this it would appear as if all of our boys have now received the letters and parcels sent them by their friends and which have in many cases been months on the way.

RUMORED M. WHITE SERIOUSLY HURT.
Rumour has it that Mr. M. White, of this city, who has resided the past 15 years or more in Boston, not long since was the victim of a dangerous accident in that city. The story is that Mr. White, who is a tinsmith by trade, met a serious accident in the elevator of the firm for which he works and lost one of his legs as a result. He is a young man, well known and liked here and is a son of the late John White who was for many years storekeeper with Rothwell and Browning.

Indian Prince Gets the Military Cross
India's youngest war prince has just won the Military Cross for marked gallantry. He is Second Lieutenant Reno Jodha Jang Bahadur, of the Thirty-ninth Garhwal Rifles, grandson of the Maharajah of Nepal. The official account of his bravery says: "During a faint attack north of the La Basse Canal he commanded a double company with great ability and conspicuous gallantry in face of a severe fire from rifles, machine guns, hand grenades and bombs. His bravery was previously observed on September 25, when he led his men with marked gallantry right up to the German wire under heavy rifle and machine gun fire."

The price is now in a London hospital recovering from two wounds received in the La Basse encounter. He is twenty-five years old.

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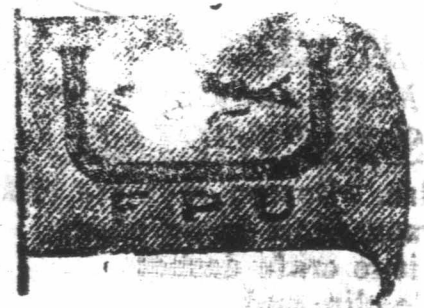
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FIENDISH ACTIVITIES

THE belief is now firmly settled in the minds of the people of Ottawa that the destruction of the magnificent pile which sheltered the Canadian Parliament was the work of Hun conspirators. That the work was carefully and perfectly planned is evident from the testimony of several members of Parliament and of Chief Graham of the Ottawa Fire Brigade who states positively that previous to the conflagration, and during the course of it, several explosions of an unusual nature were heard, as if fuses had been set in various parts of the building.

That this was no ordinary fire is proved by the awful headway which the fire gained almost instantaneously; and under ordinary conditions no such loss of life could have occurred.

It now transpires that several suspicious characters had been in Ottawa for some days previous to the destruction of the Parliament Buildings; and on the evening of the disaster the member for Picotou, Mr. E. M. MacDonald, saw a stranger in the lobby leading to the House of Commons. He acted so singularly that Mr. MacDonald remarked the conduct of the unknown man to some of his colleagues; but before any alarm could have been given, the fire had started in the Reading Room which was in the rear of the building.

The splendid Library—one of the most valuable in America—was saved; though it seems some 50,000 volumes have been practically lost through the action of smoke and water. Had the Library shared the fate of the rest of the building, the loss would have been irreparable. It is just possible that some of the volumes injured or destroyed can be duplicated.

The activities of the Hun have not yet ceased apparently, as several fires have since occurred in Ottawa. On the day following the destruction of the Parliament Buildings, the Manufacturing Plant of Grant, Holden & Graham was fired. This firm was engaged in the manufacture of tents, tarpaulins, and military clothing. The destruction of this plant will be a serious handicap to the Militia Department as there is an urgent demand for military supplies at the moment. It is hoped, however,

MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS!

AND in these latter days has risen W. F. Coaker, who ranks with the GREATEST of the land in his efforts and achievements on behalf of his fellow-countrymen. To him (Coaker) belongs all the credit of initiating and directing the wonderful movement which has put our Toilers of the Sea in a position to enjoy to the full the benefits secured for them by his great predecessors. —MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

SYSTEMATIC HUMBUGGING

GERMANY evidently realizes that the President of the United States is a very plastic gentleman, and it has governed itself accordingly. Germany's last "note" to the United States practically refuses to meet the demands of President Wilson. The message which comes from Berlin says "you must not attempt to humiliate Germany," and it adds that Germany has reached "the extreme limit" of concession to the United States. It is thought in diplomatic circles that the parting of the ways is close at hand, unless America backs down.

The Berlin press now regards the situation as decidedly grave; and it is almost unanimous in the declaration that America's last proposals are absolutely unacceptable to Germany, as their acceptance would signify the abandonment of the entire German submarine campaign against the commerce of the Allies.

The Berliner Tagblatt—one of the most influential papers in Germany says: "Many persons believed that the Lusitania matter had been settled long ago; but it has now assumed a very critical stage. Following the long oral and written negotiations, the case is back where it began, namely, the demands of the American note that Germany indemnify the Lusitania victims, not voluntarily, but as an admission that the torpedoing of the vessel was illegal."

To this, says another Berlin paper, there can be only one answer—a flat refusal.

The trucking German Ambassador to Washington—Von Bernstorff—seems at last to have got "between the devil and the deep sea." How will he extricate himself from the position? He seems to be trying to use the American Senate to prevent a breach in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany in case President Wilson should determine that these friendly relations cannot continue. It may be that the issue may yet become one of patriotism between the Senate and the President.

GLEANINGS GONE BY DAYS

FEBRUARY 15
 FIRST meeting Irish Volunteers, 1782.

House of Assembly voted £100 for night police, to do duty in the city, 1852.

Alexander D. Brown, born, in Dundee, 1855.

David Goss, storekeeper at Baine, Johnston & Co.'s, died, 1875.

United States battleship Maine, Capt. Sigsbee, blown up in Havana harbor, 1898.

William McGrath, blacksmith, died, 1891.

Court House officials report seeing a ghost on the premises, 1890.

that some other firm will be able to meet the requirements of the Department. The firm will, it is understood, instal a new plant in a leased building so as to keep up with the orders which it has on hand.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

LIFE AND HISTORY OF THE COD

NOT till the discoveries made by Professor G. O. Sars, the Norwegian scientist, did we know anything about the life and history of the codfish which is now our greatest source of wealth. Even when Professor Sars' discoveries were made public by means of lectures and other media, the world of science seemed to pay little attention to the value of the discoveries which this great scientist had made.

The drawings and descriptions of cod ova which were exhibited at the Great International Fisheries Exhibition in London in 1883 even seemed to attract little attention.

Professor Prince of the Canadian Fisheries Department continued the work undertaken by Professor Sars, and to him we are indebted for the interesting account of fish life which we now give. We can barely summarize Professor Prince's work; but we believe that even the summary which we give will prove of the greatest value to all who are interested in our fisheries.

The time has come when we must give more attention to the scientific side of the fishery question; and with the establishment of the Fishery Schools which we expect soon to see initiated, we may hope for better things from the great industry which has for centuries been the mainstay of the Colony.

Each female cod produces an enormous number of eggs which resemble pellets, of such colorless transparency as to be practically invisible in the water. On the Banks and off the coast of Labrador, these floating eggs may occur in such numbers as to impart frequently a dull milky aspect to the surface of the waters as though a film of mucilage floated along the surface of the sea.

It has been ascertained that one female fish contained nine millions of eggs.

The female cod is, contrary to the rule in most fishes, smaller than the male when fully grown. The fish congregate near the surface of the water at the spawning time, or even so late as February and May. Off the coast of Labrador and around the Magdalen Islands the spawning schools crowd so thickly together that a vessel may be impeded in her progress trying to pass through them.

No well defined areas in the sea can be distinguished as cod spawning grounds; but the regions around our coast and Labrador vary from two to two hundred miles from the shore. Of course much depends upon the currents and tides, and doubtless from the presence of ice; and it has been found that the spawning fish prefer warmer waters than the male fish.

The eggs scatter widely and may descend to a depth of many fathoms, though the most favourable areas are those in which they float within one or two fathoms of the surface. All the eggs are not deposited at once.

While the ripe female cod scatter their eggs near the surface, the male fish congregate below, and the streams of minute sperms which they eject like jets of cream, ascend and fertilize the eggs. The proportion of the sexes on the spawning grounds has not been determined; but according to the observations of Professor Sars as noticed in Norwegian waters, there are more female fish near the surface than males.

The eggs are wafted about by the water, and in a period varying from one week to four weeks, according to the temperature, the young fish, less than one-sixth of an inch long emerge into the open sea, floating back downwards and exhibiting four black transverse bands along the slender worm-like body. Within two or three days the young fish have vigour enough to swim in the right position, progressing by sharp wriggling motions. A swollen ball of yolk protrudes from the under side, and upon that fluid yolk-sac has already disappeared and the fish is slightly longer and appears deeper in the body owing to a long fin along the back having grown in height.

About this time the eyes appear, a black patch appears at each side of the body and the two first cross bands of dark color break up, but the second and third bands remain, and the little fish descends to some depth to what is known as the mid-water habitat. The food of the larval cod consists of minute crab-like copepods until they attain the age of five or six weeks. They then begin to move towards the shore in myriads. Within six months these cod reach a length of about five or six inches. When a year old the codlings may be a foot in length, and in the course of the season, they migrate seawards. The cod comes to maturity in about three years—being then about two feet in length and then develop spawn.

Some years ago we witnessed a hatching process at Dildo Island (an experiment conducted by the late Adolf Neilsen). This business, as well as the incubation of lobsters was abandoned, because "people did not believe in it." Had Professor Neilsen received the support to which his efforts were entitled, we should ere this have advanced far on the way of scientific propagation; and our young fishermen would have learned a good deal in the way of fish culture. We hope that when scientific methods are again undertaken that they will receive greater encouragement than in the past. We must get away from the "rule of thumb" process, if we are to keep abreast of the times.

Annual Parade at Hant's Hr.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—On Thursday, Jan. 20, the day appointed for our annual parade we met at the Orange Hall at 10 a.m. When all were ready we left the hall headed by Tobias Critch. Although the day was cold and frosty and the wind high we paraded in to Orange town and down to Custard Head, from there to Caplin Cove and Western Point and back to the hall. After a few words from our own chairman and a few remarks from the New Chelsea chairman, A. Harris, we got ready for dinner.

About 4 p.m. the ladies came along and set the tables for tea. After tea we had a few addresses from Captain Rodway of the Salvation Army, the Rev. Mr. James and A. Target, M.H.A. and a few more eloquent speakers. Bandmaster Ezra Gulliford and his bandmen from the Orange Association gave us excellent music on the parade.

The affair terminated at 12 o'clock and everybody was more than pleased with the time spent. Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor,

B. C.
 Hant's Hr., Feb. 1, 1916.

FISHERMEN, ATTENTION!

FIRST CLASS INVESTMENT.

38 per cent. Dividends in Four Years.

THE new issue of Shares in the Fishermen's Union Trading Company, Limited, are now offered to the members of the F.P.U. Those Shares represent the additional Capital of \$150,000 recently authorized. The Shares are \$10 each. The new capital is to be used to extend the Company's business. A dividend of 10 per cent. has been declared for 1915. Thirty-eight per cent. dividends has been paid during the four years the Company has been in operation. The Company also possess a Reserve Fund equal to 40 per cent. of its capital and if it was possible to place the Trading Company's shares on the stock market, one share would easily fetch \$15. No better or safer investment exist in the Colony. Why bank your earnings at 3 per cent. when such a first-class investment is obtainable? Apply to Agents of the Trading Company where stores are operated or to the

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THE SILENT PIPER

TOUCHSTONE

In The London Daily Mail

A HIGHLAND soldier lay in hospital. His hand was shattered. "I would have given my leg," he said, "I would have given them both my legs, if they had only spared my hand so that I might play the pipes again."

Lad, I could blow the pipes sae sweet
 Ye'd thought 'twas Orpheus come again,
 For I could make men smile or greet,
 Sae blithe, sae sad, the liftin' strain.
 Aye, and my pibroch's wild appeal
 Has played men on to do an' dare;
 But thae auld tunes I loved sae weel
 Shall wake beneath my hands nae mair.

How mony a bonnie lad and lass
 Hae danced the gowden hours awa'
 That aye too swiftly seemed to pass

A Crimean Hero Dies Aged 102

BOSTON, February 3. — Edward Power, a veteran of the Crimean War, who was awarded a Victoria medal for his valiant services, died last night at the home of his son, Maurice Power, 37 Parker St., Charlestown. He was 102 years old.

Mr. Power was a native of New Ross, County Wexford, Ire. He enlisted in the 62nd Regiment in 1854, escaping the active part of the

campaign of which the battles of Alma, Balaclava and Inkerman were the results, but in time to participate in the awful privations and struggles of the great siege and the fearful life in the trenches.

In the assault on Sebastopol, Power was severely wounded. At the conclusion of peace the 62nd Regiment was sent to Halifax, N.S., where Mr. Power's term of service expired. He re-enlisted in the 73rd Highlanders and afterwards served in the 60th Rifles, but saw no further war service except during the Fenian raids. Later he joined the Canadian Royal Rifles and was for a time in the military police, from which he was discharged with a pension. He joined the British Navy and Veterans' Association in 1897.

Besides the Victoria medal Mr. Power was also the possessor of the British War Medal with the Sebastopol clasp, the Turkish War Medal, the Medal of the Fenian Raid, and one for long service and good conduct.

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Russia already has had cause to congratulate herself on the possession of the great bird of war, the Sikorsky biplane: England has put to most efficient service the "America," built for the purpose of a peaceful flight across the Atlantic before the war started; and now there is building the greatest aeroplane—an armed dreadnought of the skies—ever launched from the daring imagination of a mechanical dreamer. And built in America, at that!

Building for the Air.
All of the great nations, whether at peace or at war, are bending their mechanical genius to the increasing mastery of the air. Britain has an army of men busy fashioning the newest thing in airships, and this, with her purchases in other countries, has enabled her to have in the vicinity of London alone 2000 planes. France, technically, is far ahead of all other countries in aerial construction, the recently produced military machines being marvels of ingenuity. The great Vedrine has perfected a type intended for swift flight and defence and offence. It has been called the "flying fish," a somewhat pacific name, which has given place among the imaginative writers to the "Devil Fish of the Aerial Ocean."

The Czar, proud of the possession of the greatest of aeroplanes, posed for the photographer on the bow of the Sikorsky machine, which resembled nothing so much as a flying yacht. It weighs 3½ tons and on its trial carried 17 passengers. In war service it carries a quarter of a ton of explosives. How effective it is in the business of war may be gleaned by this cable of July 5 last:

"A giant Russian aeroplane of Mourometz type flew along the River San and threw 10 bombs on the German trains, setting them afire. One train filled with artillery shells was destroyed; 3000 shells were destroyed; many men were killed and a long stretch of railroad was rendered useless. Lieut. Baske, who commanded the operation, declares the marksmanship excelled anything known in the world of aviation."

The "Canada," built in Toronto for war service, and the gigantic "America," from the Curtiss yards at Buffalo, each surpass the Russian titan. The "America," which properly can be called the first "battleship" aeroplane, is the largest in the world and a direct development of the first "America," the twin-engine flying boat which was to cross the Atlantic in the summer of 1914.

"At the time the 'America' evoked much admiration and also much criticism, for she embodied several features which were a radical departure from previous practice," comments Baron Ladislas D'Orey in the Scientific American. "Prominent among these was the disposition of the propelling apparatus, which consisted of two 90-horsepower water-cooled V-type engines, each driving a pusher air-screw and mounted on either side of the longitudinal air between the supporting planes.

"America" carried about 1100 pounds. "Built for purposes of peace, 'America' was soon to play an important role in the great war. In November, 1914, the boat was purchased by the British admiralty and put in commission with a coast defence aeroplane squadron.

"Her usefulness became soon evident in connection with the troop transports which were plying the English Channel; for, owing to her greater carrying power, and, consequently, greater radius, the 'America' was particularly fit for acting as a scout against submarines.

"How successful this American-made flying boat was in the task allotted to her can be judged from the fact that she has destroyed three German submarines, while none of the latter has ever been able to attack successfully a British transport in the Channel.

"The British admiralty quickly grasped the importance of this wonderful fighting instrument, and soon an order for 12, then one for 20, flying boats of the 'America' class was placed with her builders.

"It is beyond question that these machines have played a very notable part in Great Britain's anti-submarine campaign, first checking, then—as their number was increased—almost completely paralyzing Germany's undersea boats, wherever they were pitted against the vigilance of the eye-from-above."

American Giant of Airships.
But the new "America," shaped at Buffalo, is a triple screw triplane flying-boat, weighing fully equipped, 21,150 pounds. See how thoroughly it overshadows the Russian giant!

The inner arrangement of the boat consists of (1) a conning tower containing the controls and the navigating instruments; (2) of a cabin, fitted as quarters for a crew of eight, and containing the fuel tanks, ammunition and stores.

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The superstructure of this battleship-aeroplane consists of the supporting planes, the propelling apparatus and the steering organs.

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To Act as Messengers.
They will also act as messengers all along the fighting front, and owing to their size, being merely pocket editions of the standard machines, will be used with the British fleet."

"In addition to the 'Canada' tractor or land aeroplanes, a number of hydro-aeroplanes have been ordered by the British government. These are about the same as the other air-de-

stroyers, but will be used for convoying and submarine hunting. They have a speed of about 75 miles an hour, are driven by two 160-horsepower Curtiss motors, and, with the stabilizer and new bomb-dropping device, will prove a deadly foe to the U-boats.

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Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Safety of Austro-Hungarian Subjects.

February 14, 1916.
(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith Despatch No. 24, of the 13th January, from the Secretary of State, with copy of correspondence relating to the question of the safety of Austro-Hungarian subjects taking passage by the S.S. GOLCONDA. The reply by Sir Edward Grey is certainly interesting, and I shall be glad if you will publish the correspondence in the columns of your paper.

Yours truly,
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary

Newfoundland
No. 24.
Downing Street,
January 13, 1916.
Sir,—I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of correspondence relating to the question of the safety of Austro-Hungarian subjects who are being repatriated from India in the steamship GOLCONDA.

I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) A. BONAR LAW,
Governor.

Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.
The Foreign Office issue the following for publication:—
Correspondence with the Austro-Hungarian Government, through the intermediary of the United States Embassy, relating to the safety of Austro-Hungarian subjects who are being repatriated from India on the S.S. GOLCONDA.

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Copy
Vienna, Dec. 7, 1915.
With reference to the esteemed Note Verbal No. 3973, dated 27th ultimo, and in continuation of its Note Verbal No. 113613 of the same date in regard to the position made by the Rev. O. R. Handmann on behalf of the married men of B. Camp at Ahmednagar, relative to the repatriation of their wives and children, the I. and R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs would feel much obliged if the American Embassy in London could be requested to transmit the enclosed copy of the aforesaid petition to the British Government and to inform them that the I. and R. Government will hold them responsible for the lives and well-being of these passengers, the majority of whom are better class people—who are being forcibly repatriated in war time and against the will of their husbands and fathers.

Regarding Para. 7 of the petition, the Ministry would be greatly obliged if the American Embassy in London could also be asked to inquire from the British Government the names of the ports at which the steamer will call on her journey, and to instruct the American Consuls there to kindly assist the passengers in the best way possible as it will in all probability be forbidden them to land and to visit the American Consul.

To the American Embassy.
Copy. No. 3422.
To—The Consul for the United States of America, Bombay.
From—Rev. O. R. Handmann, Prisoner of War, B. Camp, Ahmednagar.

Sir,—As our wives and children are being repatriated within a very short time, we take the liberty to approach on their behalf, asking you to give your full assistance, in kind compliance with the following suggestions in our minds:

1. That suitable and sufficient accommodation in cabins be provided, including a sufficient number of stewards.
2. That a European doctor be in attendance during the whole voyage.
3. That proper attention be given to the question of food on board, with special regard to sick ladies and to children.
4. That all belligerent nations be duly and in time advised of the name.

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route and date of departure of the steamer.

5. That the steamer bear distinct signs denoting its purpose.

6. That everything be done to assure the safety of the passengers.

7. That in every port at which the steamer calls the American Consul be requested to come on board to enquire after the welfare of the passengers and to eventually redress any grievances.

8. That the passengers be allowed to despatch letters from the various ports.

9. That at the port of destination all necessary arrangements be made to receive the passengers and to assist them in their onward journey.

10. That the American Consul, Bombay, be advised by wire of the safe arrival of the steamer for our information.

We shall feel much obliged to you for giving your attention to the above the authorities concerned, and further we shall be thankful, if you would kindly come on board ship at the time of embarkation.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) O. R. HANDMANN, on behalf of married men, B. Camp, Ahmednagar, 1st. September 1915.
Ser.—C. 1336.

Copy.
No. 1943/P.
Immediate.
Your Excellency.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Note of the 3rd. instant, transmitting a Note Verbal of the 7th. December 1915 from the Austro-Hungarian Government. With the Note is enclosed a petition from an Austro-Hungarian subject now on his way as a prisoner-of-war from India to the country in the S. S. GOLCONDA due here in a few days time. Some of the requests in the Petition would have received favourable consideration had it reached His Majesty's Government in time and some of them have no doubt been conceded as a matter of course.

With regard to that portion of the petition which asks that special precautions may be taken to prevent danger to the lives of the GOLCONDA passengers by submarine attack, I feel bound to express my astonishment that the Austro-Hungarian Government themselves, one of the authors of the danger, should have thought it seemly to endorse this request. Not content, however, with doing this, the Austro-Hungarian Government further state that they will hold His Majesty's Government responsible for the lives and well-being of those passengers, “the majority of whom are better class people.” I am at a loss to know why “better-class people” should be thought more entitled to protection from submarine attack than any other non-combatants, but, however, that may be, the only danger of the character indicated, which threatens any of the passengers on the GOLCONDA is one for which the Austro-Hungarian and German Governments are also responsible. It is they and they only who have instituted and carry on a novel and inhuman form of warfare, which disregards all the hitherto accepted principles of international law and necessarily endangers the lives of non-combatants. By asking for special precautions to protect one of their own subjects on board a British merchant vessel, the Austro-Hungarian Government recognize what is the inevitable consequence of their submarine policy and admit that the outrages by which the Lusitania, the Persia, and numbers of other ships have been sunk without warning, were not the result of the casual brutalities of the officers of enemy submarines, but part of the settled and premeditated policy of the Governments whom they serve.

It is needless to add that His Majesty's Government do not propose to take any precautions on behalf of Austro-Hungarian subjects which they do not take on behalf of their own, and that if they suffer any injury from submarine attack on the part of His Majesty's enemies, the responsibility must rest solely with those who have made such attacks part of their ordinary methods of warfare. The proper and sufficient protection from this danger is that Austro-Hungary and Germany should observe ordinary rules of humanity in their methods of warfare.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,
E. GREY.

C.L.B. GRAND DANCE in the C.C.C. New Dance Hall, on TUESDAY, Feb. 16. Music by the Battalion Band. Dancing 8.45. Tickets—Gen's, 80c.; Lady's, 60c. on sale at Gus Wadden's, Alan Goodridge & Sons, The Armoury, and James Baird, Ltd. R. G. ASH, Chairman; W. R. MOTT, Secretary.—Feb 15, 11

Thursday Night's Hockey Games

On Thursday night at the Prince's Rink another series of hockey games will be run off, and by attending those who for any reason have not gone to the front, may assist the men who have, as the proceeds will be donated to the W. P. A. for the providing of comforts for our Soldiers and Sailors. The opening game will be followed by a contest in which the veterans of the East and West Ends will compete. The latter hope to turn the tables this time and a great exhibition is assured, as their opponents are equally bent on success. The line-up will be:

East	goal	West
Hearn	point	Duff
N. Vinnicombe	cover	A. Hayward
G. Herder	cover	Hutchings
Marshall	cover	Dickinson
W. J. Higgins	left	James
Simms	right	W. Herder
J. Vinnicombe	centre	Tessier

Teas will be served during the evening by Mrs. Jno. Harvey and other ladies of the W. P. A. who are prepared to cater to those, no matter how large the number, who may visit their tables.

Many a man burns his bridges behind him without carrying any fire insurance.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.

The attendances at the Nickel Theatre, yesterday afternoon and last evening, were large and all were highly delighted with the pictures. The wonderful “Who Pays” was even more interesting than in the past, the acting of Ruth Roland being particularly good; Henry King, who plays with her, was also in fine form. “The Goddess” was very popular again. This has well earned the name of being the most beautiful of all the serials. The comedy was a very funny one. This evening the programme will be repeated. To-morrow the best holiday bill for the season will be presented. The doors will open at 2 o'clock and all lovers of the movies should attend.

THE CRESCENT.

The Crescent Picture Palace is putting on a big holiday programme to-morrow, a three-reel Broadway star feature: “The Way of the Transgressor.” A stirring war drama of heroic love is “The Corporal's Daughter” with winsome Gladys Hallette, and a very funny comedy. Two full shows Wednesday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock, and two shows in the evening commencing at 7.15 o'clock. Yesterday's big show is being repeated to-day. Don't miss seeing the “Selig News Pictorial,” a reel of interesting world happenings, including a war picture of Serbs holding trenches under Austrian fire, a great Essanay feature in two reels “Above the Abyss” and other pictures.

Mechanics' Nominate Officers

The Mechanics' Society held its regular meeting last night, a large number of members being present. After the adoption of the Treasurer's report which showed this institution to be free from all debt, the following officers were nominated for the ensuing year:
President—Mr. M. A. Colbert.
Vice-Pres.—F. Gushue.
1st. Asst. V.P.—A. H. O'Keefe.
2nd. Asst. V.P.—John Preston.
1st. Treasurer—M. W. Myrick.
2nd. Treasurer—Thos. Dunn.
3rd. Treasurer—Wm. MacKay.
Secretary—Jas. A. Leahy.
Grand Marshal—F. Stapleton.
Mr. John Scott who has been President for the past five years declined re-nomination. The election of officers takes place on March 3rd.

MEIGLE MAKES LOUISBURG

The S.S. Meigle, owing to heavy ice, could not reach Sydney and arrived at Louisburg yesterday afternoon. Capt. Parsons wired that the ship met with very stormy weather on the run from Placentia with intense frost. The Meigle will take coal at Louisburg for Placentia.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Yesterday forenoon the Magisterial Enquiry into the Thompson fire was concluded before F. J. Morris, K.C. The accused who was released on bail was committed for trial to the Supreme Court.

LOCAL ITEMS

Most of the sealing steamers are now being made ready for the sealing voyage and all are getting their wireless equipment installed. Most of the fleet will go to the front.

All over the city yesterday, owing to the intense frost there were many water pipes frozen, owing the intense frost of the past few nights and days and plumbers are kept busy as a result.

The banker Metamora, Capt. John Lewis, is now being made ready for the fishing voyage and should get away the latter part of the week. It is likely she will take frozen herring from this port for bait.

The barqtn. Minnie left here this morning towed by the Ingraham on her way to Brazil. Owing however, to the presence of so much slob ice outside the vessel could not proceed and was towed back again to port.

Last evening a resident of Flower's Hill became drunk on Water Street West and acted in a very disorderly manner. Officer Kelly arrested him and he resisted so violently that he had to be handcuffed. Mr. Hutchings, K.C. to-day fined him \$2 or 7 days.

There will be some interesting hockey played to-night in the C. C. C. Armoury. Teams commanded by A. Lacey and J. Murphy will contest and the hockey and basket ball teams being well matched will give interesting exhibitions during the season.

It is not at all unlikely that when next the St. Bon's team play in the League Hockey matches there will be a considerable change in the line up. Capt. Higgins, it is not likely can play owing to his recent accident, and it is possible that Hearn will replace Power in goal.

To-day, a steamer has been signalled all the forenoon. A ship is now about 20 miles due east of this port making her way along, but there is an ocean filled with very heavy slob ice and she is necessarily making slow progress. It is believed to be the S.S. Damore, now some 15 days from Liverpool to this port.

MUST GO TO LOUISBURG

Last night word was had that the S.S. Floriz was a few miles off Low Point in heavy ice and would likely run to Louisburg to load coal for St. John's.

ARTIC WEATHER PREVAILS

It was again intensely cold across country last night with the glass registering 20 below zero at Quarry. It was five below at Quarry and Humbornmouth, and at Bishop's Falls it was 30 and 33 this morning with indications that it would be colder. This place like Conn River is one of the coldest spots in the island. Messages received here yesterday stated that at 5.30 a.m. on Sunday the thermometer registered 50 below zero at the Falls which would be by far the lowest on record. It registered 44 below at Bishop's Falls on Feb. 12th, 1903.

CABOT STRAITS ICE BLOCKED

Messages from the Kyle and Meigle, as well as from private sources, received yesterday stated that Cabot Strait was filled with heavy Gulf ice, so that shipping could not make or leave Sydney Harbor. It is likely traffic will be closed as far as Sydney is concerned for some time to come, and that Louisburg will be availed of for the handling of freight and passengers.

IN AID OF W.P.A.

VETERAN and LADIES' HOCKEY MATCHES IN AID OF THE W.P.A. PRINCE'S RINK Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 7.30.

NOTICE

For the information of the general public—H. M. S. “CALYPSO” has been re-named “BRITON.”
A. MACDERMOTT,
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Victorias Defeat the Feildians

VICTORIAS WIN.

Last night's hockey game between the Victorias and Feildians was one of the best for the season and resulted in a win for the former by a score of 4 goals to 3. Play was fast all through, and clean, those penalized being sent off for minor offences. A feature of the game was the goal tending by Hunt and Strang both of whom gave a splendid exhibition. Brien played well for the Vics and Rendell for his first appearance in the game this season, got in some fine work. Messrs. C. Ellis and J. McKenzie were timekeepers, Mr. G. Herder referee and the players were:

Feildians	goal	Victorias
Strang	point	Hunt
Rendell	cover	Ford
Bennett	cover	Loak
Pearce	cover	Coultas
Winter	centre	Red
White	right	Brien
Bugden	left	King

The list of goals and penalties follows.

- #### FIRST HALF Goals.
1. Ford, (V.)—4 mins.
 2. Rendell, (F.)—16 mins.
 3. Brien, (V.)—23 mins.
 4. King, (V.)—26 mins.
 5. White, (F.)—29½ mins.
- #### Penalties.
1. Brien, (V.)—2 mins.
 2. Bugden, (F.)—2 mins.
 3. Coultas, (V.)—3 mins.
 4. King, (V.)—3 mins.
 5. Pearce, (F.)—3 mins.
- #### SECOND HALF Goals.
1. Ford, (V.)—5 mins.
 2. Bennett, (F.)—26 mins.
- #### Penalties.
1. Bennett, (F.)—2 mins.

SHIPPING

The S.S. Viking hauled over to this side from the South Side to-day to get ready for the seal fishery.

The S.S. Ladh Sybil, Capt. Marshall has arrived at Alicante after a very good run, fish laden from this port.

The S.S. Kyle which left Port aux Basques yesterday morning for Sydney was five miles N. E. of Scatterie last evening in a tight jam and she also will go to Louisburg.

The S.S. Loch Tay is now receiving part of the bunker coal she requires from the cargo of the schr. Eddie Thierault, and the Cabot will also contribute to the 400 tons the ship requires. She should get away to-night for New York.

JURY FINDS TRUE BILL

In the matter of the Roberts' barratry case the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon, after some hours deliberation, found a True Bill against the accused.

THE GRECIANA DISABLED

Yesterday the Furness Withy Co. were advised that the Greciana was reported 140 miles West of the Fastnet Rock with her steering gear disabled. The ship was coming this way with a large cargo, having left Glasgow quite recently, and she will now be indefinitely delayed on the other side.

The Lantern Exhibition to be given to-night in the Presbyterian Hall will be of a patriotic nature and will no doubt draw a large audience. It will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and splendid pictures of our Regiment will be shown, as well as of Lieut. Donnelly, Sgt. Greene, Pte. Hynes and Reservist Greene. All who attend will spend a most enjoyable evening.

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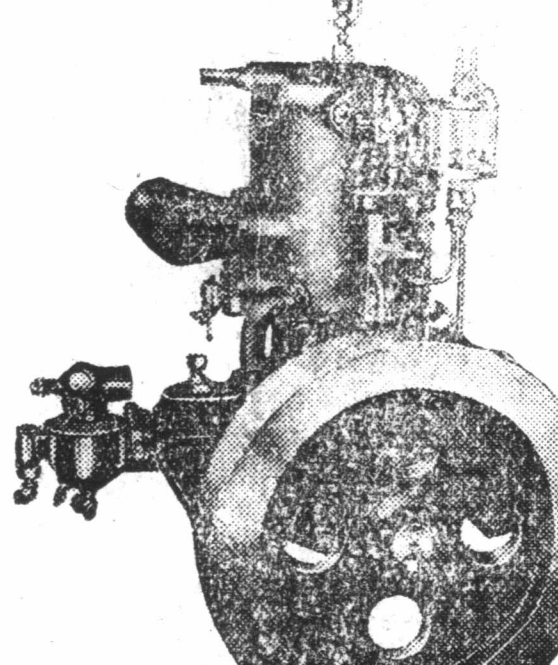
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