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## BRITISH AND GERMAN CRUISERS FIGHT BATTLE ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

**Signal Success Still Continues To Attend The Army Of The Belgians  
In Its Many Engagements With The German Invaders In The Field ;  
Belgians Victorious At The Battle Of Hain--Liege Forts Still Hold Out**

## TURKEY DECLARES HER NEUTRALITY====BIG BATTLE LIKELY OCCUR SOON

### British Cruiser Chased German Ship All Day Suffolk Heads Enemy Off

The Berwick Came Upon the Karlsruhe Taking Coal From the Kronprinz Wilhelm and Both German Ships Fled—The Suffolk Later Engaged the German Cruiser

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 13.—Out of the maze of rumors touching affairs war like off the Nova Scotian coast since the visit of the Essex to this port, there came this afternoon an official statement from an officer of H. M. cruiser Suffolk now coaling at the dockyard, Halifax.

The gist of the statement was that on Friday last the British cruiser Berwick had an engagement with the German cruiser Karlsruhe off the American coast. The cruisers exchanged shots. The Berwick escaped injury, and it was thought the Karlsruhe did as well. On Friday morning the Suffolk came upon the Karlsruhe just as she was in the act of beginning to take coal on the high seas from the German liner, Kronprinz Wilhelm. The two German ships separated and took to flight, leaving some boats in the water.

The Suffolk chased the Karlsruhe from eleven in the morning till five in the evening when she lost the German's smoke beyond the sky line.

Meanwhile the Suffolk wirelessed the Berwick which was coming in an opposite direction from the chase and she headed off the Karlsruhe, and the engagement ensued.

The statement of the officer went on to say that this coaling on the sky cannot last forever. They are bottled up over here till the war is over, and sooner or later we will get them.

There are two German cruisers in these waters as far as we know, the Karlsruhe and Dresden.

On Saturday the Suffolk captured a prize in the German tank steamer Leda worth \$30,000. The Germans did not know that war had been declared, but said "we are glad we are captured by British and not by French."

The Suffolk towed her prize into Bermuda a day or two ago.

The Suffolk picked up the British cruiser Good Hope by wireless in these waters, and with her will be the Drake and King Alfred. They are heavier cruisers than the squadron of which the Suffolk is the flagship.

The Good Hope is coming to Halifax to-morrow afternoon for coal.

### Turkey Asserts Officially She Will Remain Neutral

London, Aug. 13.—The Ottoman Embassy to-day denied the report that Turkey had purchased the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau.

The British Foreign Office has been notified that Turkey would remain absolutely neutral.

### Australia Offers a Force To the Mother Country

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 13.—The war spirit has spread rapidly throughout the Australian Commonwealth and there have been numerous patriotic manifestations on behalf of the British Empire. A request is being made to the British Government that the Commonwealth may be allowed to raise a force to be known as the Australian Imperial Expeditionary force.

### Jap Fleet to Help Allies In Attack on Tsin Tau

London, Aug. 13.—A Central News despatch from Shanghai says the German Minister at Tokio reports that an arrangement between the Japanese Government and the British Government and Russian Ambassadors has been effected.

Japan will assist the British and French fleet in the attack upon Tsin Tau, the German naval base in the far east.

Tsin Tau is garrisoned by 5,000 German troops and reservists. British subjects have been expelled.

### Russians Route The Austrians Defeating Force of 12,000 Men

Paris, Aug. 13.—A St. Petersburg despatch to The Matin which reports a decisive defeat of the Austrians by Russian troops on the Dniester River, says that 4,000 infantry and 8,000 cavalry were routed.

The B.I.S. annual outing set down for Sept. 3rd, has been postponed indefinitely.

No. 3 Division of the St. John Ambulance Corps meets in the British Hall this evening at 8.30.

### AMBASSADOR FOR AUSTRIA HAS LEFT ROME

Reason Given Was That His Health Was Bad and That He Was Forced to Take a Rest

### OTHER REASONS GIVEN

And it is Understood That His Withdrawal is Due to Failure to Get Italy to Help Triple Alliance

Paris, Aug. 13.—A despatch from Rome declares that the departure of the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador Italy, Kabekon Morey de Japom is stated to be for reasons of health but is really due to the impossible situation resulting from the failure of his efforts to obtain Italian support for Austria and Germany.

### German East Fleet Bottled Up

London, Aug. 14.—A Hong Kong correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is reported there that the British fleet in the Far East has succeeded in cornering the German Far Eastern Squadron.

Weight is given to this report, the correspondent adds, by the fact that German shipping along the coast is resuming on a normal basis.

### Russians Capture Many Ships

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—Seventy-three German, and twelve Austrian steamships have been seized by the Russians.

### 30,000 EGGS SENT TO ENGLAND

New York, Aug. 13.—In the refrigerators of the American liner New York when she sails for London to-morrow will be 36,000 dozen of eggs, the first American eggs for the English markets since the beginning of the European war.

The eggs cost twenty-five cents a dozen here.

### Captain of German Cruiser Expects Pacific Fight Any Day

Says There Are Now Eight Vessels Belonging to Belligerent Powers in the Western American Waters—Expects Wipe Out All Enemies Himself

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—According to the captain of the German cruiser Leipzig, now off this port, eight war vessels flying the flags of belligerent nations are on the Pacific coast, each daily expecting a conflict with one or more of its adversaries.

That he is optimistic concerning the outcome of any engagement in which his command may be involved, may be shown in his remarks to Baron Von Schaak, acting Consul for Germany, who visited the Leipzig yesterday, accompanied by newspaper men: "It would not take us long to beat them," he said. "I believe we could dispose of them at the rate of one a day."

### EUROPE'S FATEFUL HOUR NIGH

Much of the Fortune of the War Will Hinge on One Great Battle Between the Germans and the Allies

### FIGHT MUST COME VERY SOON NOW

French and Belgians Claim Success in All the Outpost Fighting to Date—Other Side Not Known as Berlin is Silent

London, Aug. 14.—The hour of battle which will have much to do with settling the future of Europe draws appreciably nearer.

Reports of engagements which, when the main armies meet, will be considered insignificant have been coming in all day, showing that cavalry screens sometimes accompanied by infantry, whose duty it is to find out what is going on have come into contact in Northern Belgium near Haeln and on the French frontier near Othain.

The meeting of these reconnoitering parties forces has resulted in some pretty severe fighting in which, according to the French and Belgian official accounts, the allies scored further successes.

The other side of the story has still to be told, for Berlin remains silent. In fact the German War Office has had little to say since it reported the capture of the City of Liege.

The position around the fortress is somewhat veiled in mystery.

The Germans have resumed their attacks on the forts, but how they are progressing has not been communicated to the outside world.

Norwegian schooner Laura, 49 days from Cadiz to Seal Islands with a cargo of salt, arrived yesterday. She was unable to reach her destination owing to ice.

### AWFUL HORRORS OF THE FIGHTING NEAR MULHAUSEN

German Loss Was Eight to Ten Thousand and Hospitals couldn't Care For All the Wounded

### BUILDINGS UTILISED

But Even Churches, Schools and Hotels Couldn't Provide the Necessary Accommodation

London, Aug. 13.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraphs Company from Basel, Switzerland, says that following the terrible battle at Muelhausen, hospital facilities proved inadequate to care for the wounded.

Not only were all the hospitals filled but the schools, churches and hotels were occupied to capacity; even then it was found necessary to charter special trains to convey the wounded to Muelhausen and Studwig and other towns.

The latest estimates place the German loss at from eight to ten thousand.

### SAYS HE SAW MASTS OF SEVEN SUNKEN GERMAN MEN OF WAR

London, Aug. 14.—A despatch to The Chronicle from West Hartlepool says the captain of the Danish steamer Huldameask declares he passed seven sunken German ships 15 miles off Spurn Head, at the Northeast entrance of the Humber.

Only the masts of the vessels were above water and he believes they were German men of war.

### FORTS FIRED ON A JAP STEAMER

Shanghai, Aug. 13.—A Japanese steamer, the Shinkoku Maru, was seriously damaged to-day and one of the crew killed by a cannon shot fired from the British fort at Hong Kong while the vessel was entering harbor.

The Shinkoku Maru paid no heed to the harbor regulations and a warning shot was fired over her bow but she did not stop and a third shell then struck her amidships.

### INVESTIGATING CONSPIRACIES TO BOOST PRICES

New York, Aug. 13.—An investigation of an alleged conspiracy to increase the price of food in New York city was begun to-day.

District Attorney Whitman announced that wholesalers, retailers and others having a knowledge of food prices, will be given an opportunity of appearing to tell their version of the upward trend of prices.

### 50 VESSELS KEPT AT GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar, Aug. 13.—More than fifty vessels of all nationalities have been stopped here and their sailing prevented.

### Three British Warships Added to the Squadron Guarding Atlantic Route

The Armored Cruisers Drake, King Alfred and Good Hope Now in North American Waters—Are All Big Ships, Heavily Armored and of Good Speed

THE cruisers Drake, King Alfred and Good Hope, which are now believed to be in North American waters to prevent British shipping being interfered with by the Germans, are splendid ships, half as large again as the Lancaster, now in port.

There is very little difference between these three big ships: Drake—14,000 tons, dimensions 500x71x26, h.p. 31,456, built in Pembroke, launched in 1901, completed 1902, and cost £1,002,777. Guns, two 9.2 in., sixteen 6 in., twelve 12-pounders, five 3-pounders, two torpedo tubes, steams 24.11 knots, coal capacity 2500 tons, and a crew of 900.

Good Hope—14,100 tons, dimensions 500 ft. 71x26, I.H.P. 31,071, built at Govan in 1901, completed 1902, cost £990,759. Guns, two 9.2 in., sixteen 6 in., twelve 12-pounders, five 3-pounders, two torpedo tubes, steams 23.5 knots, coal capacity 2500 tons, and a crew of 900.

King Alfred—14,100 tons, dimensions 500 ft., 71x26, I.H.P. 30,893, built at Barrow in 1901 and completed in 1903, cost £978,125. Guns, two 9.2 in., sixteen 6 in., twelve 12-pounders, five 3-pounders, two torpedo tubes, steams 23.46 knots, coal capacity 2500 tons and a crew of 900.

### First Considerable Battle Of War, Won by Belgians Defeating 5,000 Germans

Tremendous Slaughter Amongst the Vanquished, 200 Dead German Soldiers Being Counted in an Area Fifty Yards Square—Belgians Secure Great Quantities of Loot on the Battlefield

Brussels, Aug. 13.—Fighting yesterday between the Belgian and the German armies in the vicinity of Diest lasted the entire day and constituted the first considerable battle of the war which will be known as the battle of Haeln.

Shells were still falling at half past seven in the evening on the roads around Diest.

The battle centred around Haeln, in the Belgian Province of Limburg, extending to Diest, in the North of the Province of Brabant, after passing round Zeelhem.

At seven o'clock last evening all the country between the three towns mentioned was cleared of German troops except the dead and wounded who were thickly strewn about the fire zone.

200 Dead Germans in Space 50 Yards Square  
Upwards of two hundred dead German soldiers were counted in a space of fifty yards square.

The church, brewery and some houses of Haeln were set afire and two bridges over the Demer were destroyed by Belgian engineers.

Great quantities of loot were collected on the battle field. Many horses were also captured.

The strength of the German column was about five thousand men.

Brussels, Aug. 14.—Details from Diest of the first great engagement of the war where the Belgian left gained an advantage have been received.

Over 1,000 Men in the German Force  
The Germans had over 10,000 men, composed of cavalry, artillery and a small force of infantry.

The Belgians consisted of a cavalry division with a mixed brigade and several machine guns to the answer of the Germans' fire.

The Belgians' effective force amounted to 7,000 men.

Probably the aim of the Germans was to hurl themselves north of Stroud at Tirlmont in order to turn the Belgian army.

The Belgian commander was made fully aware of this movement from aeroplane and cavalry reconnaissances. He allowed the enemy to advance while he manoeuvred the Belgian troops into favorable positions and then poured in a fire extremely deadly at a range of 2000 metres. This played havoc with the German cavalry which continued advancing on Haeln and Cortenaeken.

Belgians Displayed Great Courage and Daring  
The countryside was intersected with hedges and hillocks, but nevertheless the two sides met fiercely. The Belgians displayed great courage and daring.

The Germans hurled themselves against the barricades endeavoring to carry them, but the Belgians shot the Germans down coolly and with deadly precision.

The attack on the bridges was as savage as on the barricades. German officers could be seen pressing their men forward to meet certain death from the cannon. Men and horses fell like flies until, when almost shattered, the order to retreat was given.

The German defeat was complete.

The Germans finally retreated along the banks of the river in the greatest disorder.

The German losses were over a thousand.

London, Aug. 13.—A Brussels correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. reports that the Germans have been completely routed and are being pursued with cavalry and infantry.

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**Field-Marshal French  
Inspector-General of Forces**

**THE** appointment of Field Marshal Sir John French to be Inspector-General of the Forces, is apparently a sort of composite post created to meet the extraordinary demands of the hour in England. Unusually the Inspector-General of the Forces is not considered so high an office as that which Sir John French held as Chief of the Imperial General Staff (first military member), which gives him second place in the Army Council, the new body which exercises control over all the military matters of the Empire.

It has, however, the executive work in hand as compared with the more deliberate side of the Army Council, and it is in this that the secret of the appointment is to be sought. For Sir John French is the most dashing of all the British Generals.

**Did Effective Work**

His work in the South African war at the head of the cavalry division that made possible the advance of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener up the two republics, first to Bloemfontein and then to Pretoria, had in it all the brilliance of a Prince Rupert.

It is a curious fact that though he is the beau ideal of a cavalry officer he started in the fighting line in the navy. He soon transferred to the Hussars in 1874, and ten years after saw his first active service in the Sudan campaign in the 19th Hussars. He participated in the battle of Abu Klea, Gubat and Metemeh.

In 1899 he was appointed to command a cavalry division in Natal, commanded the troops at the battle of Elandslaagte, and the cavalry at Rorfontein and Lombard's Kop. He commanded a cavalry division in South Africa from 1900 until 1902, was mentioned in despatches and promoted to the rank of Major-General.

**Much Active Service**

He led the cavalry force in the operations which culminated in the relief of Kimberley, and was with Lord Roberts' forces throughout the operations ending in the capture of Bloemfontein and Pretoria.

It fell to the lot of General French to reorganize to a large extent the soldiery that was placed at his disposal from foot up to mounted infantry. By no other means could the Boers be rounded up and attacked and it is a tribute to the splendid resources of General French that he was able so quickly to form out of the material an almost ideal mounted infantry division.

This spirit of making the most out of his human stuff has, no doubt, been a large factor in the selection of General French for the present post as his undaunted dash and personal courage, which has the added value of being catching for those under him.

**Important Offices**

After the war General French commanded the First Army Corps from 1901 to 1907, and was then appointed Inspector-General of the Forces, a position he relinquished in 1911 on his appointment as Field Marshal and to which he is again appointed on the eve of a possible expedition to the Continent. That is evidently the significance of the new command.

With Lord Kitchener in the post of Secretary for War, these two heroes of African campaigns should make a great team.

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New York, Aug. 12.—The falling off in steerage passengers from abroad last week as compared with the same week of a year ago was 300,000 which, according to the steamship agents and contractors, means a corresponding decrease in supply for the labor market.

Should the war continue any length of time, the impression prevails that unskilled labor will be at a premium for some time to come.

Already the heads of corporations employing large forces of laborers and contractors and city officials engaged on public works are worried over the effects of the European war on the labor market.

It is generally conceded that immigration for a year or more will be seriously affected, which will work hardships on the class of laboring men in Europe who are needed here in subway and other construction work.

These men are bound to suffer, it is said, because the war will close down industries.

**JILTED LOVER  
SHOOTS A GIRL**

A sad tragedy, the result of unrequited love and an interrupted courtship, occurred in Govan. The victim was a young woman twenty-four years of age, named Jeannie Galbraith, who resided with her parents at Dumbarton road, Whiteinch, and her assailant was Gus Olsson, who resided at Riversdale Cottages, Scotstoun. The tragedy took place on a path which leads from Govan wharf to Renfrew road. Olsson, it is said, fired two shots at the girl, who died immediately after, and then gave himself up to the police.

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I realise as I read your paper, and our other locals that yours is the only splay one now "going." It gives us not only local news but as much of other countries as is possible to pile in, making it a very interesting paper brim full of just the sort of reading we should have to keep us in touch with the outside world. This is just the sort of paper needed.

Wishing you every success and eagerly awaiting your next issue.

"MANNY WALKER,"  
Fortune, Aug. 10, '14.

**STOWAWAY FOUND  
DEAD AMONGST  
THE BUNKER COAL**

Trimmers working on the steamer "Mottisfont" arrived from Australia, in the Queen Alexandra Dock, at Cardiff, discovered the body of a man which must have lain buried in the bunker coals for over six months, for this coal had not been touched since the ship bunkered at Sunderland on the eve of her outward voyage. The man could not have been a trimmer, or he would have been missed at once; nor could he have been a member of the crew, for his absence from the muster-roll was called would have been noticed. The man may have fallen, or strayed there, and been asleep when coals were teemed over him. He may have been a stowaway who chose a dangerous hiding-place. No clue to his identity or to how he came in the bunkers has been found.

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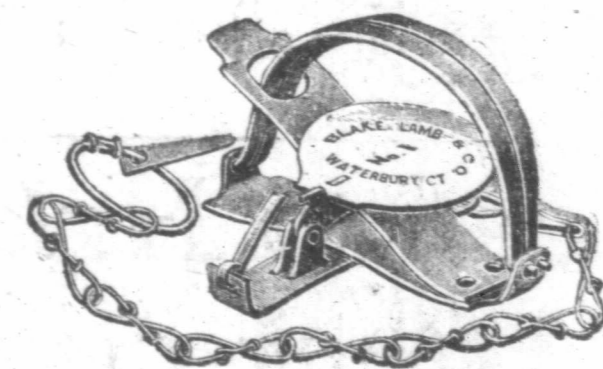
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Nothing in the Present Situation to Justify Any General Advance in Cost of Food

**LOWER IN SOME CASES**

Flour Took a Temporary Advance But it is Expected to Drop Again in a Few Days

New York, Aug. 10.—Retail prices of meats and other staple food products in Washington Market have not been materially affected by the war. Apparently there is enough of everything, with a few exceptions, and consequently it is admitted that there is no good reason for general advances at present.

It is expected that within a few days prices will go up on imported foodstuffs, French wines and German beer may become practically prohibitive.

**No Changes**

"We have made no change in prices at all," said a representative of Park & Tilford yesterday, "but there will undoubtedly be increases on certain imported food articles in a few days."

During the past ten days the retail price of meat in Washington Market has gone up about two cents. The best cut of sirloin is 27 cents a pound. Porter house steak is quoted at 32 cents, and the first cut of roast beef at 27 cents. Lamb and mutton remain the same, while the best frozen chickens are cheaper than in two years. Frozen chickens cost 22 cents two years ago. They now sell at 17 and 18 cents per pound.

**Beef Cheaper**

There has been some talk to the effect that beef would be cheaper because England would be unable to

**CARBAJAL READY  
TO HAND OVER  
GOVERNMENT**

To General Carranza—Articles Said to Have Been Signed Already

Mexico City, Aug. 13.—A prolonged Cabinet meeting adjourned just before midnight, President Carrabal and his ministers separated, going in different directions, and it is believed they will journey to Villa De Guadalupe to catch a special train which has had steam since 7 o'clock last night and is still at the Buenavista station in this city.

It is reported that President Carrabal transferred his authority to Eduardo Eturbide, Governor of the Federal District, and that the latter today will sign the articles of capitulation with General Carranza.

Governor Eturbide returned to the city early to-day after an auto trip to Tlalapatla, a suburb of the capital, where he went to arrange the details of the capitulation.

It is though possible that the articles may have been signed last night.

get Argentina beef, and more of it would therefore come to this country. "England will have to have beef," said E. Joseph of 141 West street, "and mark me, she'll get it from Argentina. I do not see how we are going to get it, but I do not believe that beef is going to be much higher here."

Hind ribs of Argentine beef that brought 11 cents wholesale two weeks ago quoted yesterday at 14 cents per pound.

An advance of 50 to 60 cents per barrel for flour has been made as a result of the erratic wheat market. The continued inability of shippers to send flour abroad may result in a great decrease in the price here.

The American hen is behaving herself nicely these days. Eggs—lots of them—were quoted yesterday in Washington Market at 32 cents per dozen.

**ALLIED FLEETS  
RULE THE WAVES  
IN MEDITERRANEAN**

France Has the Bulk of Her Fleet There and the Safety of the Trade Routes is Assured

**ATLANTIC ALSO SAFE**

And Shippers Are Told Not to be Nervous About Sending Along Their Cargoes as Usual

London, Aug. 13.—The war between the nations of Europe to-day became further regularized with the formal declaration of war against Austria-Hungary by Great Britain.

The strength of the British fleet in the Mediterranean is unknown as no movements of the warships have been made public since the first outbreak of hostilities. It is known, however, that France has the bulk of her fleet in the Mediterranean, so that no apprehension exists regarding the safety of the trade routes through that sea, now that it seems certain that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau are out of action.

**Encourages Shipping**

The official Press Bureau describing to-day the disposition of the British cruisers in the Atlantic and elsewhere, expressly urges the trade of all nations doing business with Great Britain to send their cargoes confidently and boldly to sea in British or neutral ships in all directions except in the North Sea, where, owing to mines and the probability of naval operations, no guarantee can be given, although yesterday the passenger service was again running.

In the field of land operations, little change occurred since yesterday.

**Only One Side**

It must be remembered when considering all the public reports of the

**BELGIANS NOW  
ON THE OFFENSIVE**

Drive Back the Germans and Recapture Ground That Had Been Lost

Paris, Aug. 13.—An official communication states that the forts of Liege are still holding out and that the Belgian troops to the West of the city have resumed the offensive and after a lively struggle drove the Germans back and recaptured the ground that had been lost.

The Belgians have blown up a number of bridges and railway lines at the German rear in Landen district, thus cutting them from the base of supplies.

Rev. S. M. Stewart, of Ungava, will officiate and preach at Matins and Evensong at St. Mary's Church on Sunday.

military operations that these despatches emanate almost exclusively from the side of the allied French and Belgian armies. There is nothing whatever from the German and Austrian side relating to military movements and dispositions, and only occasionally a brief item describing the result of past engagements is made public in those quarters.

The strict censorship which is exercised over the whole field makes it difficult to estimate the value of the news received.

**Struggle Still On**

The struggle for possession of the Belgian forts surrounding Liege has recommenced, and the reports of artillery and cavalry engagements are taken to indicate the possible beginning of a great battle on Belgian soil.

The bulk of the German forces is believed to be concentrated on the frontier between Liege and Luxembourg, leading to the conclusion that Germany's frontier facing Russia can be only lightly guarded, probably by newly organized armies composed of reservists called to the colors.

**GERMAN BALTIC  
FLEET IS ACTIVE**

Swedish Ports Report Sighting of Warships Manoeuvring in Many Directions

London, Aug. 13.—It was announced at Stockholm that two German warships were observed off Landsort Island in the Baltic yesterday and to-day.

Gotland reports say that German war vessels were frequently cruising in that vicinity.

Advices from Finland indicate that the Russian fleet still control Finlan Gulf.

A party of Britishers suspected of espionage were arrested yesterday.

**BRITISH SEIZE  
GERMAN STEAMER**

New York, Aug. 13.—Confirmation of the report that the German tank steamer Leda was captured by a British cruiser was brought here to-day when the steamer Bermudian arrived from Bermuda.

Officers of the Bermudian said that when they left Bermuda the Leda was the only prize in port.

**GERMAN SHIPS  
OFF U.S. COAST**

Beaufort, N.C., Aug. 13.—German warships have been cruising off the North Carolina coast, about forty miles to sea the last three days, according to the commander of the United States fish commission steamer Fish Hawk, which has been operating off Beaufort.

**FRENCH RAILWAY  
TRAFFIC BETTER**

Paris, Aug. 13.—Ordinary traffic is greater on all parts of the French railways with the exception of the Eastern lines, and this will be resumed soon.

**FRENCH RETREAT  
WAS ONLY CAUSED  
BY BIGGER ARMY**

London, Aug. 13.—A despatch from the French foreign minister was issued from the French Embassy here to-day and reiterates that the French troops behind Muelhausen, Alsace, have retired, but victoriously, having resisted the entire German army corps.

**WAR DIRECTORY**

DIEST, where the Belgians are reported to have defeated a German army, is a fortified town of Belgium, situated in the Province of Brabant. It has a population of 8,000.

DNIESTER RIVER, where Russian forces gained a battle with the Austrians, is a river of Austria and Russia flowing into the Black Sea. Its course is 800 miles long.

TIRLEMONT, the scene of a lively clash between Belgian and German troops is in the Province of Brabant, Belgium, and 25 miles east of Brussels.

PONT-A-MOUSSON, shelled by long distance German artillery fire is a town in France just south of the German Province of Lorraine. It has blast furnaces and ironworks and a population of 14,000.

MEURTHE ET MOSELLE, a province or department of Northern France having a population of 560,000. It has considerable manufactures of cast and sheet iron; of iron and steel goods and of earthenware and glass.

**GERMAN CAVALRY ROUTED**

Brussels, Aug. 13.—Yesterday at Tirlemont the Belgian lancers lost twenty-five killed, including the capture of Knopper and Lieut. Count Vander Burch, while fighting against 2000 German Uhlans.

The latter lost twenty killed. The lancers were checked by machine guns but the Belgian infantry stopped the Germans.

**GERMAN MENACE  
BRUSSELS CITY**

Movements Show Intention of Attacking Belgian Capital or of Invading France

London, Aug. 13.—The Telegraph's military correspondent at Paris declares that several German army corps are assembled around Metz and form a triangle from Metz to Treves and Luxembourg and Namur province. The German right flank, says a correspondent, rests on the left bank. This army threatens to attack Brussels or invade France in the direction of Mons in the Belgian province of Hainault.

**GERMAN SPY  
WAS NEAR KING**

London, Aug. 13.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Brussels says a German spy was caught in close proximity to King Albert, who is at Louvain.

**DENMARK TO KEEP  
OUT OF STRUGGLE**

Any Other Course Would be Disastrous—Doing big War Trade with Combatants

Copenhagen, Aug. 13.—In political circles it is considered that the neutrality of Denmark must be maintained at all costs, otherwise the economic distress which is already acute will be accentuated.

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### OUR POINT OF VIEW

#### EXHAUST COLONY'S RESOURCES

ONCE more the so-called Premier has uttered a sentence that will become famous as another of the unwise and better-left unsaid utterances of Sir Edward Morris. Only two years ago he astonished the country by a statement delivered publicly in England wherein he declared Newfoundland fishermen could man ten Dreadnoughts and those fishermen he further spoke of as "His People." Four years ago he stated five branch railways would be completed for \$4,000,000 while time has shown that he was only \$6,000,000 out.

On Wednesday night he went so far as to state that he would exhaust the resources of the Colony before he would permit England to be beaten by Germany. Every man present passed sentence immediately upon the speaker and that sentence was: Why fool and codd us longer; have you not exhausted the Colony's resources completely, in fact so completely as to cause all to realize that only great men devoted sincerely to the country's best interests can alone save us from national bankruptcy?

The Premier wanted to intimate in a veiled way that the country was bankrupt and her resources exhausted and yesterday the universal opinion was that Morris, whether intentionally or otherwise had made a serious slip which compelled even his close friends to admit, that more harmful words could not have been uttered at such a time.

Another feeling universally prevalent since Wednesday night's meeting is, that the meeting was a political trick, solely engineered in order to bolster up the rotten position Sir Edward now finds himself in. Sir Edward openly stated that the object of the meeting was to endorse what the Government had done. The Governor made the same statement. The public were invited to attend a meeting called by the Governor for the purpose of taking action respecting the formation of a corps of citizens to aid in the war if need be.

The true object was to bolster up a rotten minority government that has shown particularly during the last two weeks that it is incapable of protecting the public interest in a time that demands sound judgment and

### HYMN BEFORE ACTION

(Rudyard Kipling)  
The earth is full of anger,  
The seas are dark with wrath;  
The Nations in their harness  
Go up against our path!  
Ere yet we loose the legions—  
Ere yet we draw the blade,  
Jehovah of the Thunders  
Lord God of Battles, aid!

High lust and froward bearing,  
Proud heart, rebellious brow—  
Deaf ear and soul uncaring,  
We seek Thy mercy now:  
The sinner that forswore Thee,  
The fool that passed Thee by,  
Our times are known before  
Thee—  
Lord, grant us strength to die!

For those who kneel beside us  
At altars not Thine own,  
Who lack the lights that guide us,  
Lord, let their faith atone;  
If wrong we did to call them,  
By honor bound they came;  
Let not Thy wrath befall them,  
But deal to us the blame.

From panic, pride, and terror,  
Revenge that knows no rein—  
Light haste and lawless error,  
Protest us yet again,  
Cloak Thou our undeserving  
Make from the shuddering breath,  
In silence and unswerving  
To taste Thy lesser death!

E'en now their vanguard  
gather,  
E'en now we face the fray—  
As Thou didst help our fathers,  
Help Thou our host to-day!  
Fulfilled of signs and wonder,  
In life, in death made clear,  
Jehovah of the Thunders,  
Lord God of Battles, hear!

constructive ability at the hands of the rulers of the Colony.

Another highly indiscreet action was that of using the Governor as a tool in order to codd and fool the people. The Governor acted as a partizan of the strongest hue when he consented to preside over a meeting called by a Grabball Party to cover up the scandalous lack of ability in a Grabball Government demonstrated so completely since the war opened.

The Governor refused to allow the scalars to parade through the grounds at Government House three years ago when two thousand of admirers of St. John's, asked to pass through in order to sing the National Anthem. The Governor refused permission because the toilers belonged to a Union and his action may be construed as favoring a political institution—but now he brazenly invites the public to attend a public meeting which he knew was nothing more or less than a political meeting attempted in order to whitewash his Ministers blunder in taking no action since the war to safeguard and protect the commercial interest of the people and to save the poor from being fleeced by a few get-rich-quick provision dealers.

Such an indiscreet action is nothing short of an outrage upon the constitution and in entire sympathy with his action last March in appointing two abjectly defeated candidates to positions as Ministers of the Crown and Members of the Executive Government—positions robbed from the people by Morris with the contrivance of a Governor Davidson.

There is a rod in pickle for Governor Davidson and it won't be long before he will be taught that even poor foolish Newfoundland fishermen have courage and independence enough to take to task a Governor that places party advantage before his duty to the people and constitution.

During our visit North we were amazed to behold such indignation expressed against the Governor for placing Blandford and Squires into the offices so ignominiously stolen from the electorate and the people's determination was to see it through before many months.

The recent action of the Governor in presiding at a meeting called expressly to endorse arrangements already concluded by the Government, but which the people believed was a patriotic effort to show that public sentiment was with Great Britain in her struggle against Germany, will but bring the people's feeling to boiling point against any longer continuance of the service of Governor Davidson in this Colony.

That Premier Morris did not realize the serious position he was placing the Governor, both at the meeting on Wednesday and by asking the



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Governor to appoint two badly defeated discredited politicians to high positions of emolument in the face of the direct and emphatic refusal of the electorate expressed only three months previous, is but in keeping with many of his other public actions which teach with proof that the man is unfit to occupy the high position a minority vote of the electorate permit him to hold under the old-fashioned constitution that guides the Colony.

The Governor is no child and he will have to thank himself for walking into the trap that now holds him in its grip.

Yesterday the town citizens were furious when they considered what had taken place and how the Governor had been used to fool them at such a time of national peril.

If the Governor wished the meeting to represent all political views and opinions and present a solid front, how is it he was supported on the platform solely and only by Government supporters and not one man of the Opposition Party which represented a majority of the electorate? Why was Mr. Kent not asked to be present? Does he not represent as much as Mr. Gosling or A. S. Squires? Why was not the representative of the 40,000 fishermen invited?

That gentleman has been invited to Government House and to meet the Governor General of Canada when he visited St. John's but declined, but that is no reason why he should decline to be present at a meeting of patriots who wished to back up Mother England in her hour of need.

A serious blunder has been made by Governor Davidson and an unpardonable crime against the Commonwealth has been committed by Premier Morris and the electorate will be furious when the facts are in their possession.

Seven-eighths of the intelligent men of St. John's endorse the position taken by us in reference to the calling together of the Legislature in order to enact legislation to protect the public welfare and never was the Government more unpopular than it is to-day.

It is Morris's own seeking. He has played with fire in order to see whether Coaker and the Trading Co. could not be wiped out, and in return he must take the consequences of his ill-advised action. The public wish is that he should "get out" and who knows how soon that wish will be realized. Unless Governor Davidson secured a pledge from the Premier when he was asked to appoint Squires and Blandford to the vacant Departmental positions, which pledge provided for an appeal by those two men to some districts before the end of the year, then Governor Davidson's days of usefulness are gone, for as sure as the sun shines petitions asking for his recall will be signed before February and forwarded to the Home Government.

Newfoundland will not tolerate any action by political tricksters that tend to weaken the public control over public men, and everyone now admits that unless some pledge was secured from Morris by the Governor, that no greater crime could have been committed against the people's liberties and the constitution than that which happened last March when two men badly defeated at the polls were permitted to rob two Departmental positions in spite of the wishes of the electorate.

Never before has a Governor so forget his duty to the people, and his action in convening and presiding over a Morris political meeting on Wednesday will never be forgotten by the people. Morris and the Governor openly and brazenly stated that the meeting was intended to endorse what the Government had done, it being so, the whole affair was nothing but poor bluff, and an outrageous insult to the whole country, for how could a meeting of St. John's citizens bind the public of Newfoundland? The only power competent to do so is the House of Assembly and

representatives of the people.

We would not be surprised to find Governor Davidson permitting Morris to ignore the laws of the land and refuse to call the House together for two years, if it suited Morris's political ends. What has been done is just as ridiculous, yet it has been done apparently with impunity.

Governor Davidson better leave Newfoundland before the House meets again, for in case he doesn't he will be subject to a continued discussion while the House is in session on the part of the representatives of the fishermen.

The men who turned down Squires and Blandford last October with such large majorities will demand action at the hands of their representatives of the strongest character in reference to those appointments when the House meets, and Governor Davidson with his increased salary and his blue ribbon title will not escape their censure.

There is little hope of the people's wishes prevailing while such a man represents the King in this Colony.

Things are going from bad to worse and a big upheaval will be the outcome, for the people everywhere realize that whatever can be done through bluff, falsehood and trickery to maintain in power the present gang of spendthrifts and constitution smashers will be utilized, for very few now have confidence in seeing much done by the Governor to keep the gang in their proper place.

When a Governor goes so far as to pray his Government to raise his pay some \$4000 and his prayer is granted, that man's power for good becomes a thing of the past. An increase in the pay of a Governor should never have been asked by a Governor for himself. The increase should have been granted only to an incoming Governor. When a man asks for \$4000 and gets it, he is sure to be as considerate as possible to his benefactors. It was an outrageous position for any Governor to place himself in and consequently the public are now realizing the consequences.

As for assistance to the Empire, the F.P.U. will die to a man to uphold British supremacy and crush Germany. If the need come 20,000 fishermen will be found ready and willing to die to uphold what their fathers fought for in days of yore. There will be no need of public meetings, backed with bluff and deception in order to secure the aid of the Union Party or fishermen if the hour of trial presents itself. All will willingly die to uphold the flag so dear to them and so lovingly cherished by their fathers.

Let England's hour of necessity come, and she will find in Newfoundland 20,000 of the primest warriors ever born, ready to do or die. That day is yet far off and the Colony's chief duty now is to put her house in order and arrange things so that in event of the hour of necessity arising Terra Nova's sons will be strong and healthy and prepared to meet the foe.

Half starved men will be useless as fighters. Thousands through the failure of the fishery will have to fight starvation, an enemy fifty times more to be dreaded than the Ger-

mans on the field of battle or the seas.

Let us endeavor to prevent this greater monster—starvation—from attacking our brave army of fishermen, and if we do, there will be no coaxing required if England's necessities later call for their services.

### THE GERMAN MENACE

OUR mother country, England, and the republic of France, the two foremost nations of Europe, have been forced to take part in what may be the greatest war of history, and out of which they both may come dismantled, perhaps totally unfit to continue in the proud position of leaders of humanity and civilization. A position threatened is as bad as the actual experience. In fact we would prefer being degraded in the scale of nations to resting under the daily menace of it—as we have been for years.

And whence comes this menace? It comes from Germany, most of all from the German navy, modelled on our own. We are living in the twentieth century, under free government, supposed to be living at a time when enlightened public opinion must govern the destinies of Europe. Instead of that England and France have alongside of them a great and growing nation, highly civilized, highly organized, and yet under a feudal system of one-man government with a fighting machine that is the last word that science and all the knowledge and experience of the past can devise. That man is absolutely irresponsible—claims that he holds divine right, and therefore that he is entitled to control the destinies of his own people and by consequence those of his neighbors.

This is an intolerable condition and must come to an end, or British supremacy must come to an end. And therefore, if not gladly, the British people will of necessity be forced to seek by any and every means to end it. It is intolerable that a fourteenth century feudalism should, with the most highly organized and strongest fighting machine, rule the civilization of the twentieth century. That is the issue.

No matter how sensible the war lord may be, the risk is too great. The Kaiser has grown into a homicidal egotist, and such a man in responsible position is highly dangerous. He is developing a son and successor on the same lines!

We not only, therefore, arraign the system and the man before the bar of the public opinion of the world, but we would also like to see our own people, our own country, our own Government join with over-seas Dominions of the British Empire in helping the Mother Country end this insistent menace.

We also arraign the people of Germany, before the public opinion of the world, for continuing this system and this menace. We concede to them the leadership in science, in criticism, in art, in industrial organization, and we recognize in them a strong sentiment for the uplift of humanity; but the English nations owe it to themselves to say to the German people that they must put modern responsible government in place of feudal military rule, and until it is done, and as long as we are menaced by it, we will not lay down the sword once it is unsheathed. And we believe what is a menace to us is equally a menace to the United States. They have a taste of the same kind of tyranny in another form in Mexico.

A mere postponement of the stupendous issue will not do. The menace will still be there. We have suffered because it was not settled earlier. It has helped to disrupt our home politics and the home politics of England; thousands and thousands of Canadians, of Englishmen, of Americans, are to-day financially ruined because of the present disturbance; many more are likely to be.

We have no hostility toward Germany or even toward its royal family, least of all toward the German

people. We pledge to these people, every assistance in wiping out a military system that tyrannizes over them and aspires to world-wide domination. There must be room for Germany in the sun and we would offer only good wishes to any German democracy established in South America.

But henceforward the best efforts of the whole British Empire must be consecrated to the substitution of modern government for the obsolete and dangerous system that now rules Germany. If the German people can't do it, we will all turn in and help them. The die is cast against the German menace of one-man military rule. England had been craven had she failed to accept the challenge thrown in front of her.

### MONSTROUS VANITY

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"Never was war so righteous as the war against Germany now; never any state in the world so clamored for punishment. But be it remembered Europe's quarrel will be with Germany as a state, not the German people; with the system, not with the race. Older tradition in Germany is pacific and the civilizing tradition and temperament of the mass of the Ger-

man people is kindly, sane and amiable.

"A disaster to the German army, if it is not accompanied by such a memorable wrong as dismemberment or intolerable indignity, will mean restoration for the greatest people in Europe to fellowship among the western nations. The role of England in this huge struggle is as plain as daylight; we have to fight if only on account of the Luxemburg outrage; we have to fight, for if we do not fight England will cease to be a country to be proud of. It will be a dirt bath to escape from. But it is inconceivable that we should not fight, and having fought, then in the hour of victory it will be for us to save the liberated Germans from vindictive treatment, to secure for this great people their right to a place in the sun as one united German-speaking state. First, we have to save ourselves and Europe, and then we have to stand between the German on the one hand and Cossack revenge on the other."

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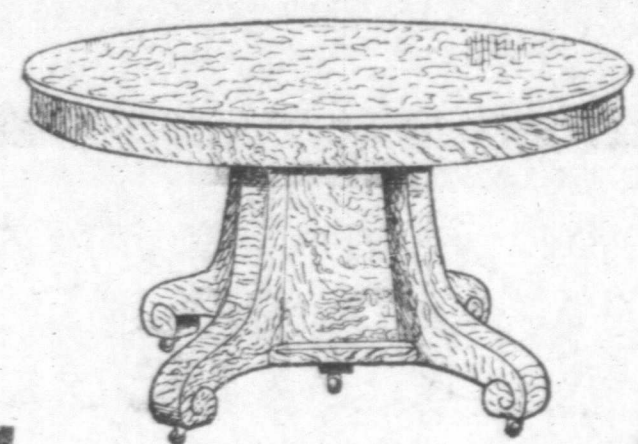
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## The Meteor Flag of England

BY REV. HAROLD T. ROE

THE arrogant pride of Germany has drawn her into conflict with the great Powers. Her sharp diplomacy, trickery, subterfuge and cunning manoeuvres prior to the open declaration of war have lost her the respect of all nations. Germany has broken faith with Europe in a manner almost akin to treachery, and all the dramatic speeches of the Kaiser, his loud protestations of innocence and the assertion that he has grasped the sword with clean hands are mere froth and gush easily detected by all who have eyes to see.

Great Britain had no other alternative but war. Her alliance with France and her faith with Russia demanded it. England's honor was at stake, and never in all the records of her national history has that honor been allowed to fail.

It is a fortunate thing that in this most hateful hour of all her destiny England has at her disposal the services of men like Asquith, Grey and Churchill. Lord Kitchener as Secretary of War is a tremendous asset to the Empire. He is no figurehead official, but a practical man of affairs who has acquired his military knowledge on many a hard fought field in numerous campaigns.

Sir John French, who is in command of the field forces, has held the post of Inspector-General of the forces since 1907. The present efficiency of the regular army is largely due to his splendid efforts and great organizing abilities. "Tommy Atkins" puts supreme confidence in him, and is prepared to "swear by French." There was no general in the British Army who came through the South African war with greater credit than the present Commander-in-Chief Sir John French.

The Empire's navy is considered by those in authority to be in first-class fighting condition. For some years now England has maintained what is called the "Two-power Standard" and thus she has two ships to every one of Germany. Events so far go to show that Great Britain's part in the mighty conflict will be largely naval warfare, and the world awaits to see if the Jack Tar of today has the splendid dash and courage, pluck and venture which made the days of Rodney, Blake and Nelson great and glorious and unfurled the British flag in every breeze.

All sober-minded, right-thinking men hate war with bitter hatred. The blood shed and the slaughter, the pain and the tragedy, the widows and the orphans are fearful things to contemplate. But when British freedom

is threatened and her national honor is at stake—her sons and daughters with united voice declare that they are ready, if not eager, to pay the heavy price.

As an Englishman of not quite four years residence in Canada it stirs and thrills my heart to see how this Dominion, with the utmost heartiness and grandest loyalty has demonstrated to the world her entire readiness to give her men and money to the dear old land—the Mother of us all.

"Old England's sons are English yet, Old England's hearts are strong; And still she wears her coronet Afame with sword and song. As in their pride our fathers died, If need be, so die we; So wield we still, gainsay who will, The sceptre of the sea."

During the late South African war the British Empire gave the world an unrivalled object lesson in steadfastness and unity. It is this matchless bond of union which constitutes today both our glory and our strength. Ireland may also reach the point of civil war; India and Africa manifest unrest; Canada may grumble at Churchill for meddling with Canadian affairs; Australia and New Zealand have their little points of difference, but the instant danger points its finger to yonder little island set in the silver sea—our quibbles cease, discussion

## Belgium Women Help Men Fight Back The Invader

Armed Themselves With Rifles and Fought Side by Side With Husbands and Sons in the Forefront of Battle—How Belgians Overwhelmed a German Force

Brussels (via London), Aug. 10.—Astounding news comes from Seraing, where the Belgian women are arming themselves with rifles and joining with the men to resist the German invasion. The German forces were caught between the outer forts near Seraing, where are situated the coal and iron works of John Cockerill. Here the women workers engaged pushing along the coal trucks at the mines came out and, arming themselves with rifles took their stand side by side with the men and fought back the Germans.

Confirmatory news comes of the strategic abandonment of two old forts held by the Belgians, as scarcely considered by them worth holding.

## Great Britain Inspired By Heroic Fight of Belgium

And Even the Germans Have Been Sadly Surprised by it, so Some Captives Admit—Belgian Resistance Is Giving the Invader an Unexpected Check

London, Aug. 10.—The theme of everyone's talk is Belgium's heroic check to Germany at Liege.

Every scrap of news about the gallant defense of Liege is eagerly read here. The Paris correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says: "German officers made prisoners by the Belgians confess they had not foreseen the resistance of Liege. One said: 'We were all convinced Liege would not defend itself and therefore a certain plan of the German staff has been hampered by the stubborn resistance of the Belgian army.'"

"The morale of the Belgian army and the whole population has been

excellent and the brutality of the Germans towards peaceable citizens at Vise has aroused furious indignation. The fierce, unexpected, resistance will oblige the German army to stop and revictual and replenish stores.

"Should the German army finally succeed in gaining possession of Liege, it will find in its path an entrenched camp at Namur which the Belgians are prepared to defend as vigorously as Liege. The Belgian army is thus fulfilling completely and brilliantly its proper task, which is checking the forward march of the German army."

The Germans fell into the trap, and getting within the circle of the most powerful Belgian fortifications, the German army was subjected to a withering fire before which it was impossible for them to stand. It is estimated that the Germans have already lost 80,000 men in front of Liege, and the commanding officer at Liege states he is confident that the invaders will lose four times this number before they get in—then entry will only be effected over the dead bodies of the Belgian army of defence.

The Belgian forces have been deeply inspired by the presence of King Albert, who, in placing himself at the head of his forces, has simply become their idol.

What spectre of the past, That frightful form of dread Has ever darker shadow cast Across the paths we tread Than has this panic-conjured God, The offspring of a craven fear Around those altar nations kneel Awaiting his consenting nod, His war-approving voice to hear; To whom for help they may appeal?

Shame of the heathen mind That it should fashion thus A god with evil passions blind:— What greater shame for us That we who Christian faith profess, Assert the brotherhood of man And make our neighbor's need our own;— That we should ask our God to bless A royal butcher's bloody plan With faces turned toward Heaven's throne!

—Isaac Bassett Choate, in the Boston Transcript.

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NEWS OF THE CITY AND THE OUTPORTS.

COMMITTEE TO ENLIST VOLUNTEERS

The Governor Nominates Citizens to Undertake Important Task

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen as the Committee of Citizens to raise the First Newfoundland Regiment:

- C. P. Ayre, Esq., N. Andrews, Esq. (or C. Hunt, Esq.), Fred Angel, Esq., Hon. J. R. Bennett, Hon. E. R. Browning, John Browning, Esq., D. Baird, Esq., H. Baird, Esq., W. W. Blackall, Esq., Vincent Burke, Esq., Hon. M. P. Cashin, L. G. Chafe, Esq., M. Chaplin, Esq., J. A. Clift, Esq., K.C. (or C. Duder, Esq.), W. F. Coaker, Esq., M. H.A., Tasker-Cook, Esq., Lt. Col. Coaroy (or Major Carty), W. J. Ellis, Esq., W. Frew, Esq., A. C. Goodridge, Esq., R. F. Goodridge, Esq., W. G. Gosling, Esq., W. B. Grieve, Esq., Hon. John Harris, C. McK. Harvey, Esq., Hon. John Harvey, J. C. Hepburn, Esq., A. Hiscock, Esq., Major Hutchings (or Hon. R. A. Squires), W. H. Hynes, Esq., E. M. Jackman, Esq., W. C. Job, Esq., Dr. L. E. Keegan, J. M. Kent, Esq., K.C., M.H.A., Hon. G. Knowling, Dr. W. F. Lloyd, M.H.A., Lieut. Commander A. MacDermott, P. T. McGrath, Esq., T. McNeil, Esq., A. Macpherson, Esq., Dr. Cluny Macpherson, Frank Morris, Esq., M.H.A., J. W. Morris, Esq., H. Mosdell, Esq., J. S. Munn, Esq., Sir J. Outerbridge, Lt. Col. Paterson (or Capt. Mackay), W. D. Reid, Esq., H. D. Reid, Esq., R. G. Reid, Esq., Lt. Col. Rendell (or Major Franklin), W. H. Rennie, Esq., Hon. J. A. Robinson, Hon. J. D. Ryan, J. Sullivan, Esq., Hon. M. G. Winter, Dr. Wakefield (or Lieut. W. Rendell).

NICKEL SHOW IS GOOD ONE

The Nickel show arranged for this evening is an interesting and lengthy one. There is a two-reel feature and four other pictures. "Love's Sunset" is a Vitagraph release in two parts. It is an impressive and striking social drama in which the two clever and popular artists, Clara Kimball Young and Earl Williams are seen in attractive roles. It is a splendid picture which found great favor in New York when first presented there. "A Gala Day Parade at Yokohama, Japan" is a delightful travelogue. "The Tomboy" is a film dealing with circus life with a wild west show. "Mixed Identities" and "The Zulu King" are both comedies. Mr. Dewitt C. Carins sings "To Have, to Hold, to Love." Extra pictures will be given at the children's matinee to-morrow. The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission takes place this evening. Sagona returned to Twillingate this morning, having been as far as Nain.

Military Work Routine But British Fleet Holds Supremacy of the Seas

Belligerent Armies Manoeuvring in Various Parts of the Theatre of War—Admiralty Urges Shippers to Send Out Ships as Usual—Scandinavian Provisions Poured into England

Brussels, Aug. 14.—This city had a report to-night that the forts had succeeded in silencing all the big German guns, but little credence is placed in this. It may be that for the moment the invaders have stopped their onslaught, either to recuperate or adopt some new means of gaining their object. Lorraine for the present seems to have been left out of the fighting, while Alsace, like Western France, is the scene of engagements between the advanced guards of the main German and French armies. The Austrian army has commenced to move into Russian Poland. Nothing comes from the Russo-German frontier, but much the same is going on there as in the other theatres of war. The Russian and German cavalry are busy trying to discover what the main armies are doing. The British Navy has now virtually cleared the trade routes of German and Austrian ships, and has them so closely watched that the Admiralty advises ship-owners to send out vessels as usual. Ships from all parts of the world are arriving at English ports, and what is more important, steamers with provisions are coming from Scandinavian ports.

H.M.S. BRITANNIA WAS REPORTED OFF CAPE RACE

The big British first class battleship Britannia, Capt. Montague E. Browning, M.V.O., Commander Ernest A. Taylor, was reported off Cape Race yesterday by wireless. The Britannia is 16,350 tons, and carries 18 guns, and steams 18.5 knots. She has been attached to the Home fleet, and last week left with the North Sea squadron. If it be true that she is in these waters, then the British authorities evidently do not fear much the German fleet in the North Sea.

NEW FIRST AID CLASS FORMED

A meeting for the purpose of forming new first aid classes was held at the British Hall last evening. The attendance was so large that it was decided to form two classes. Mr. Ezra Lodge, assistant Inspector of Methodist schools, was appointed chairman, and Mr. Warwick Smith, secretary. Meetings will be held on Tuesday nights, and next Tuesday at 8 o'clock the first lecture will be given in the First Aid room at the British Hall. In consequence of the war, great interest is being taken in the ambulance work.

BALL GAME FOR TO-MORROW

What promises to be the most exciting game for the season will take place to-morrow afternoon when the Red Lions will play the Wanderers at 3 o'clock. To-day the blue and white aggregation have not lost a game, while the Red Lions lost one. A win therefore for the Lions to-morrow will tie them for first place. To-morrow's game should therefore produce fast snappy ball.

SHIPPING

- Fogata left Gander Bay at 7.50.
- Portia left Lamaline at 9.50 a.m.
- Prospero left Herring Neck at 8.35.
- Bruce left Basques at 12.35 a.m.
- Lintrose arrived at Basques at 6.30 a.m.
- Morwenna left Sydney at 5 p.m. yesterday and is due to-morrow morning.

KAVANAGH TAKES UP CHALLENGE

J. Kavanagh, who won the six-mile road race at Mount Cashel sports, has accepted the challenge of H. Hill, who came third, to meet him in a similar contest. The race will take place on Thursday night next on St. Bon's campus, starting at 6.45. Spectators will be charged a small admission fee and the proceeds will be given to Mount Cashel orphanage.

FLORIZEL HERE FROM NEW YORK

S.S. Florizel arrived at 6.30 last evening from New York via Halifax. The following passengers arrived by her: From New York—F. and Mrs. Cawley, Rev. Dr. F. and Mrs. Gardner, L. C. and Mrs. Goodale, Miss Hanna Lundrigan, Mrs. P. J. O'Connell, Mr. Rice, S. A. Richie, Miss E. C. Richie, A. E. and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. J. F. Spracklin, Miss Aggie Spracklin, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Tait, M. G. and Mrs. Thomas, R. B. Williams and 7 steerage. From Halifax—D. Hunter, M. K. Ellis, D. C. Quince, F. H. Hue, H. S. Roadhouse and 7 steerage.

MISS PIKE WON A GOLD MEDAL

By mail last week word was received from the New England Conservatory of Music that Miss Flora M. Pike, of this city, daughter of Mr. M. Pike, Steer's Grocery, had made a brilliant success at that institution, securing 85 per cent. of the marks which entitles her to a gold medal. We congratulate the young lady and her friends. Miss Pike returns to continue her studies next month.

BLAZE OCCURS IN A CITY RINK

At 2.15 a.m. an alarm of fire sounded from box 13, calling the Eastern and Central Companies to the Prince's Rink, the watchman at Harvey's butter factory having discovered a fire in the rink. A couple of streams of water were applied and soon had it extinguished. The blaze was near where the ladies enter the rink and was probably caused by a cigarette being dropped. The floor of the promenade and a small portion of the skating floor were burned and the ceiling was blackened by smoke. Repairs are now being made and roller skating will not be interfered with.

FOOD PRICES HAVE SOARED

Flour that sold in Canada six days ago at \$6 is now \$7.25. Sugar is \$7.25 to-day in New York. Price here wholesale to-day is 7c. Beef has advanced \$10 per barrel. Price to-day here is \$30. Pork advanced \$5 since the war opened, and pork is the same price locally as beef. Sugar and molasses will still go higher in price. Cod oil is worth about \$75. Five Dollars cash is being paid here to-day for cod fish, but it is likely the price will go to \$7 or \$8 before the close of the season. No fisherman should sell fish or lobsters yet while. Lobsters should also fetch good prices by the end of the year.

SOME FISHERY RETURNS FOR 1914

District	1914	1913
Placentia & St. Mary's	30965	43170
Burin	7415	66300
Fortune Bay	27470	32040
St. George's	4745	2625
St. Barbe	9780	15840
Twillingate	2165	10140
Pogo	6000	16440
Bonavista	5750	11610
Trinity	4290	11465
Bay de Verde	9000	11465
Carbonear	1410	1220
Hr. Grace	3325	4390
Port de Grave	465	330
Hr. Main	135	1160
Ferryland	6865	14000
Straits	4500	15600

The following comparative returns of the codfishery up to Aug. 1st were posted at the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday:

CANADA WILL SEND SECOND CONTINGENT

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—It is quite probable, says Colonel Hughes, that another contingent of 5,000 or 10,000 men will be recruited for foreign service if it is seen that they are required. However, this is a matter that will be definitely settled later. Pay at the rate of \$2.00 per day with ten cents per day for allowances will be paid, starting to-morrow, for all those who are chosen to make up the 25,000 from this number will be chosen 21,000 to go to the seat of war. They will be chosen on their merits alone as soldiers.

War News

(Continued From Page 1)

GERMAN VICTORY REPORTED

Shanghai Aug. 14.—A naval battle has been fought on the South China Sea and won by German warships according to reports received here.

Two warships carrying many wounded and showing marks of a severe engagement limped into Hong Kong to-day. Reports telling of their arrival have not identified them definitely but they are either the British cruisers Hampshire and Minataur or the French cruiser Duplex and Montcalm. The German ships which are said to have been engaged in the battle are believed to be the cruisers Gensinau and Scarns.

TWO AMBASSADORS HOLD CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 13.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times says that much interest has been excited by the conference recently held between the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Montono, and the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Savinoff. The Times regards the fact of the reported purchase of the German cruiser Goeben by Turkey as true. The Turkish Embassy here believe the news to be correct.

GERMAN GENERAL FOR AUSTRILIANS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—The Austrian troops on the Russian frontier have been placed under the command of a German general. This news has been confirmed as certain. Checkmate regiments are being transported to French territory.

FRENCH ASSIST TRADE ON SEAS

Paris, Aug. 13.—To encourage commerce during the war the French government, it is announced, will cover the war risks on importations and exportations by sea. Vessels under the French flag will be covered for eighty per cent. of their value while the total value of cargoes under the French flag or of cargoes of its allies or neutral states will be covered in consideration of a premium.

LONG DISTANCE ARTILLERY FIRE DID MUCH DAMAGE

London, Aug. 13.—A despatch to The Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris says that at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, Pont-a-Meurthe a town in the department of Meurthe et Moselle, sixteen miles Southwest of Metz, was bombarded by heavy artillery from a considerable distance. Shells falling in the town streets killed and wounded many of the inhabitants and wrecked a large number of houses.

CANADA MAKES SPLENDID OFFER

Food and Fodder Even More Valuable to the Mother Country Than Men. London, Aug. 13.—Referring to the Dominion's gift of one million sacks of flour and Alberta's gift of one and a half million bushels of oats, the Westminster Gazette says that Canada can do no better service to the Empire at the present moment than that of ensuring supplies for the troops and civilians of this country shall be adequate, not even the sending of men to fight at the front could be of more real importance to the issue of the war. There is no room for anxiety about food supplies as there are ample for months to come and when they are used they will be replaced by incoming cargoes. The confidence with which Canada offers the products of her harvest in the sure belief that their transportation will present no real difficulty, will go as far as any action could to allay the least symptoms of panic.

GERMAN CAVALRY WERE PUT TO ROUT

Paris, Aug. 13.—An official communication, published here to-day, says: "A division of Belgian Cavalry supported by a brigade of infantry and by artillery, engaged and defeated, near the fortress of Diest, 18 miles North-east of Louvain, a division of German cavalry also supported by infantry and artillery."

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Germany Mobilises 25 Extra Divisions Totalling 500,000

London, Aug. 13.—A St. Petersburg despatch to The Daily Mail says it is reported in newspapers here that Germany has formed 25 reserve divisions each of 20,000 men, and six batteries with 31 reserves of cavalry regiments, which constitute the main part of the German forces on the Russian frontier. A special meeting of the Rifle Club will be held in the secretary's office, Board of Trade building, on Monday evening next.

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BELGIANS CHECK GERMAN TROOPS

Brussels, Aug. 13.—Belgian and French troops have effected a junction south of Brussels. The German advance into the Belgian provinces of Limbourg and Brabant has been checked. Germans will bring up heavy artillery against Liege.



GENERAL POST OFFICE. Notice to Postmasters

Payments to families of the Newfoundland Naval Reserve is being made by means of British Postal Orders and when presented to any Newfoundland Post Office they should be cashed when received by the payee date stamped by the Postmaster and forwarded as cash to the General Post Office when remitting for stamps, &c., or they may be forwarded as Money Order remittance or for deposit to the Bank of Montreal. The orders are in sterling and should be cashed at the rate of \$4.86 to the £. H. J. B. WOODS, Postmaster General. August 14, 1914.—3i, eod

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