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When the Lusitania crisis was at its height many persons expressed their relief that Congress was not in session. Those persons felt that had the chosen representatives of the people been meeting in Washington, much irresponsible, bellicose and politico-patriotic speeches would have been uttered for constituent consumption. They feared that such wild oratory would bring results that might afterward prove regrettable.

Now Congress is in session and again there is a grave international problem facing the Administration. Congress in revolt did not breathe forth fire. Congress was restrained and appeared to be impressed with its responsibility to the Nation. Although its members doubtless knew that if the Nation should go to war at the present time the people would probably rally to the support of the Government and reelect the Democratic Administration, they played the role of forebearance. Congressmen usually are hair-triggered on questions of National honor. This week they showed that they could forego patriotic oratory and were willing to count the cost of war. As pointed out more in detail yesterday, this was a remarkable situation, irrespective of certain Congressmen's views that the submarine raised only a technicality in international law.

While Congress may be commended for its sobriety and its evidence of maturity, there is, however, only one position for the Nation to take at the present moment in regard to the Administration's foreign policy.

And that is to give it unanimous support.

It goes without saying that every sober-minded citizen does not want war if it can be honestly avoided. President Wilson himself has made it manifest that he realizes to the full what a calamity it would be to a Nation. The country is convinced that he has used, and will use, every legitimate means to keep this country from being drawn into the world-wide conflagration.

The United States occupies an extremely trying position to-day. As the largest Neutral Nation at peace, upon it naturally rests the grave responsibility of being the champion of the rights of neutral Nations, their world-wide trade and their citizens, Nations under what is known as international law.

Two courses are open to us. We can strenuously defend international law and use all our power to restrain any belligerent seeking to defy the laws of humanity, even if it leads us to the greatest sacrifice. Or we can abandon our position as the champion of neutral rights and allow any belligerent to establish the evil precedent of committing the most atrocious acts upon humanity.

No man can hesitate between those two courses. We cannot permit any outrage to human rights covered by international law. So far President Wilson has strenuously and consistently protested against the violation of human rights, as his action in the Lusitania case has evidenced. He has insisted that Germany must answer our demands.

A few weeks ago it appeared as if the Lusitania tragedy would, under no circumstances, be repeated. Suddenly Germany announced that she would sink all armed belligerent merchant vessels. As pointed out in these columns recently, a few weapons upon a merchant vessel does not make her a warship any more than a cargo of Naval stores on a battleship makes that vessel a craft of commerce.

To send the citizens of neutral Nations to a watery grave because they travelled on a vessel that merely carried a small armament is to defy international law. Germany asked us to agree to this defiance. To agree to a change in the status of merchant vessels during a war would anyway be as unfair as if we suddenly put an embargo upon arms. It would deliberately be taking sides in the contest.

At the bottom of all this controversy over international law is the submarine. Before the war began it was never considered by the Nations that the submarine would be used as a destroyer of commerce. The submarine cannot possibly make adequate provision for the crews and passengers of the destroyed merchant vessels.

In war times 50 and 100 years ago no one ever thought of destroying a merchant vessel without placing the passengers and crew on another vessel so that they could be landed in safety. Capt. Semmes of the Alabama could have done much more damage to our commerce had he not observed the recognized international law of the sea and transhipped all persons

from destroyed vessels to a place of safety, thus giving the Naval officers of the North clues as to his whereabouts and making his own destruction only a matter of time.

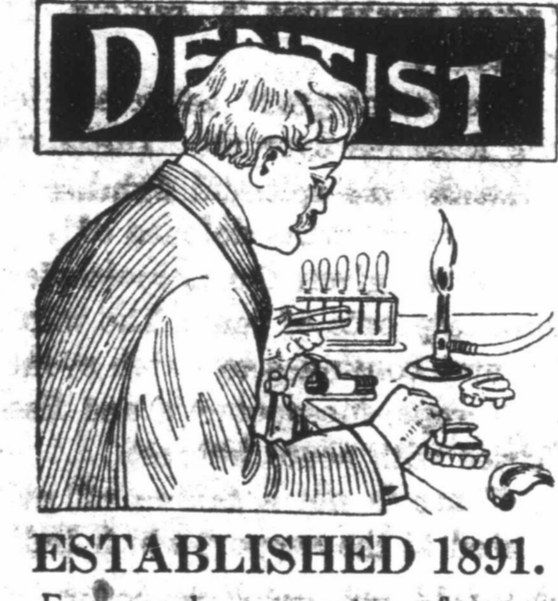
It was therefore a great shock to humanity when the Lusitania was heartlessly destroyed with all on board. Since the days of piracy there has been no such exhibition of wanton cruelty on the high seas. Now, if the submarine which destroyed the Lusitania had been a warship probably the Germans would have rescued the passengers and crew. The fault lay in the use of a submarine for such dastardly work. The fault lies with the threatened use of the submarine now.

The United States cannot and will not recognize the submarine as a legitimate destroyer of commerce, because the submarine cannot recognize the rights of humanity. The submarine does not rate a mere legal technicality; it is an outlaw.

—Uncle Dudley in the Boston Globe.

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HOME RULE FOR IRELAND MARCH 17?

Rumors From Abroad Hint Action Before War is Ended—Significant Comment in Official Paper

By C. O'CONNELL GALVIN.

Things of a momentous nature may be happening in Ireland by next St. Patrick's Day.

Rumors coming from sources which are not entirely ignorant of what is passing in high state circles on the other side of the Atlantic are floating across, hinting that there is a possibility of the Home Rule Act being put in operation in Ireland without waiting for the end of the war, and that March 17th next, Ireland's national holiday, may witness some events of surpassing interest to the Irish race the world over.

The current issue of "Ireland," which is the official organ in America of the Irish Parliamentary party, has the following significant editorial, with the caption, "Is Home Rule at Hand?"

It would not be at all surprising if the question of what is to be done about Home Rule came up before many weeks, notwithstanding the very natural desire of British parties to put all else aside during the continuance of the war.

Whatever may underlie the speech of Mr. Campbell, there is no avoiding the fact that Ireland is in many ways being treated as if Home Rule were an accomplished fact. In the arrangements about recruiting, the Derby scheme was applied to Great Britain, but not to Ireland.

When it was made known that while Home Rule was hung up Ireland would not think of assenting to compulsory measures, opponents of Home Rule grumbled a little, and even went so far as to threaten Mr. Redmond that unless he yielded Home Rule would be destroyed; but the Coalition government ruled that what the Irish Party decided Great Britain must endorse.

After that, when the Irish party voted against conscription in Britain, they were told in so many words that they should no longer consider themselves as being in London but as being in Ireland and should govern themselves accordingly. They did. They withdrew from participation in the discussion of the measure.

Surely the wise statesman-like thing for the British government to do would be to serve notice that a further postponement of the operation of Home Rule beyond the seventeenth of March will not be sought, but that an honest and a final effort will be made to confer upon the country the boon that has been earned.

Ireland has been generous. Ireland has been patient. If Mr. Asquith is capable of a stroke of statesmanship the equal of that with which Mr. Redmond astonished the world at the outbreak of war, he might give Ireland Home Rule on St. Patrick's Day and win for himself and his country's allies a moral support equivalent to the strength of many an army corps.

Since the war began down to the present hour, Ireland has indeed proved her claim to such an act of statesmanship as that hinted in this quoted article. By every test that could be applied to any race or nation, Ireland has played true in her compact with Great Britain.

It is now for Britain to meet the test of proving true to her compact with the Irish people.

Swiss Cols. Acquitted

ZURICH, via Paris, March 5.—Col. Reichel, Swiss Federal Auditor, in the course of his charge for the prosecution against the two Swiss Colonels, whose acquittal has already been announced on the charge of communicating secret military documents to the German and Austrian attaches in Switzerland, said he strongly condemned the too friendly relations of one of the Colonels with the Attachés, and added that, to explain his sentiment in this regard, he need only point to the fate of Belgium, "whose adversaries have never been able, with any show of reason, to reproach her with anything, except certain relations which her general staff is supposed to have had with foreign powers. If one of the belligerents," he concluded, "wished to find a pretext for attacking Switzerland, it could also invoke the communication by Swiss officials of confidential documents to its enemies."

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Weekly Budget of News From Flat Island, B.B.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

The Loyal Orange Lodge of Fair Island, B.B., held its annual parade on the 23rd of January and everything passed off splendidly. The day was all that could be desired, and the roads entirely free of snow. The brethren assembled at their Lodge room at 9.30 a.m. and at 10.20 a.m. the procession was in readiness and marched to the Church of England, where Divine Service was held and a splendid sermon was read to them by I. G. Hoskins, teacher of that place, on "Unity and Brotherly Love."

Special hymns were sung suitable for the service. The singing was rich and of a melodious sound. A large congregation attended and all were familiar with the hymns. After the service the procession marched around the Island, volleys of musketry greeting them all along the route. They then paraded to their lodge and sang the National Anthem before entering their room, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of by a large number of people. An enjoyable time was spent by all present, retirement being at a late hour.

The society of the United Fishermen of Fair Island held its annual parade on the 23rd, February having a glorious day for it. The brethren assembled at their hall 10 a.m. and were in readiness at 11.20 a.m. They marched to the Church of England, where in instructive sermon on "Duty and Unity" was read to them by the teacher of that place.

After service the procession marched to Brother Louis Brown's house. He being a member of the order and being unable to attend owing to sick-

ness, we sang a hymn to him and then marched around the harbour.

On returning to the hall we sat in to the tables where every one satisfied the inner man.

Dancing opened up at 7.30 p.m. with music played by different players. Good order was kept and I have no doubt in saying that the night was spent enjoyable by all who attended. The hall closed at 5 a.m. in the morning.

Feb. 19.—St. Stephen's Annual Parish meeting was held in St. Barnabas school room at 8 p.m. Saturday fortnight. Mr. William Firmage was elected rector, warden, and Mr. Malcolm Rogers re-elected peoples warden and a vestry of ten parishioners was appointed.

Feb. 25th—Last Friday morning the Angel of death visited this little settlement and claimed for its victim Mr. Louis Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, aged 28 years. He was the youngest of twelve children, and was a member of the S. U. F. Society. He leaves to mourn him a mother, father, three brothers and one sister, the latter who is at present residing in some part of the United States as a nurse. His coffin was covered with wreaths showing the esteem in which he was held. His funeral was attended by upwards of three hundred people, the S. U. F. following. Service was conducted by I. G. Hoskins (teacher).

The remains were laid to rest in Church of England cemetery. The sympathy of the whole place goes out to the sorrowing wife and grief-stricken parents.

Nld. Nurse on the Firing Line

18th Gen. Hospital,
B. E. F., France,
Jan. 12, 1916.

Dear Mother,—Just a line or two to let you know I am doing well. It seems a long time since I wrote to you but I have been changing over to night duty again and waiting to feel a bit settled. We had a very busy night last night. There was a convey in and we got 138 patients, so you see we had quite enough to do to wash and feed them and get their dressings done, etc., as well as our usual work. Though 138 is not a large convey we often admit many more than that in one night. Well, anyhow you must not blame me if I don't write a long letter this morning as I am feeling dead sleepy.

I am in bed writing this, so I think I shall stop now and go to sleep, for we are sure to have a busy night again to-night. I hope to be able to write a longer one next time.

Deakin is well and sends her love. She thinks baby John is a fine boy and says she longs to hug him. So I tell her she may do so after the war if he does not object. Hope you are not working too hard in the shop and that you have nice dresses. We have had stoves put in our bed rooms to-day, until now we have heated our rooms with oil lamps. Now good-bye and write me a newsy letter the next time. Best love to you and Aunt Betty and all. Tell Tom and Leah I am going to write soon.

From your loving
MONA.

They then parade for some distance around the Harbour, and returning to the Orange Hall partook of a sumptuous feast of well-made rabbit soup.

At 8 p.m. a concert was held in the Orange Lodge under the planning of Miss Edna M. Dominey and Miss Henrietta Parsons. The former, teacher at Paul's Island; the latter at Sydney. I. G. Hoskins, acted as chairman, and the programme consisted of songs, dialogues, recitations and dancing, etc. The children who rendered the different times performed their parts well. The dialogues performed by the young ladies and young men were very interesting, as well as amusing. The best of all was the Eskimo dance by Mr. Job Hunt who did it to perfection, baiting his hook and reeling it up and still dancing, violin giving him tune. Nearly everybody spoiled their face laughing at him. Splendid songs were sung.

The concert was brought to a close at 11 p.m. by the singing of the National Anthem. The promoters of the concert were highly praised and so were the helpers. We wish them every success in their work.

ISRAEL G. HOSKINS
Teacher,
Fair Island, March 4, 1916.

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(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—On January 22nd Mr. Moses Noseworthy (one of our oldest and strongest members) passed away. He will be missed from our ranks, but our loss is his gain.

On Monday, February 21st, we had our annual parade which proved a grand success; although it was one of the stormiest days of the winter, it began to snow in the early, but as we were determined to be true to our Union we would not let trifles hinder us. So at 2 p.m. we met at our Union Hall with some visiting members from Little Harbour and Burgoyne's Cove Councils. We then formed up and marched down to White Rock Meth. Church where we were given a sermon by the Rev. J. W. Winsor, the Rev. Gentleman taking for his text the 16th and 18th verses of the 18th chapter of St. John's Gospel.

After service we wended our way back to the hall through the snow, where we found it much more comfortable. Our good lady friends had the tables set ready for tea, to which we did ample justice.

In the late evening the weather cleared off fine, and a good crowd gathered around.

On February 28th Mr. John Stone

M.H.A., came from Snook's Hr. to Snook's Brook and on that night held a meeting in the Union Hall at Foster's Point. Our chairman being away our Deputy Chairman opened the meeting, after which our worthy District Chairman took the platform and held the attention of all present for full two hours and a half.

The members were surprised at our District Chairman because he is almost another Mr. Coaker. He told us many interesting items as regards the U. T. Company and the U. P. Co. and the Exporting Co. The members asked him some questions, which were answered very cheerfully by our worthy friend.

Well, Mr. Editor, we are still marching on to victory, because some of our strongest enemies are becoming our greatest friends, because they are aware that the day will come when they will have to go with the tide of unionism. We are glad to see the way the Editor of *The Mail and Advocate* handled Mosdell. Sir, I think the Daily Star will soon be like the "Chronicle," down and out. Wishing Mr. Coaker and the Union every success.

I am still in good health and enjoying myself o.k. I only wish I was taking a more active part in this game.

I must close now as I have no time to write more. Wish you and family every happiness, with kind regards.

Sincerely yours
H. P. SHORT.

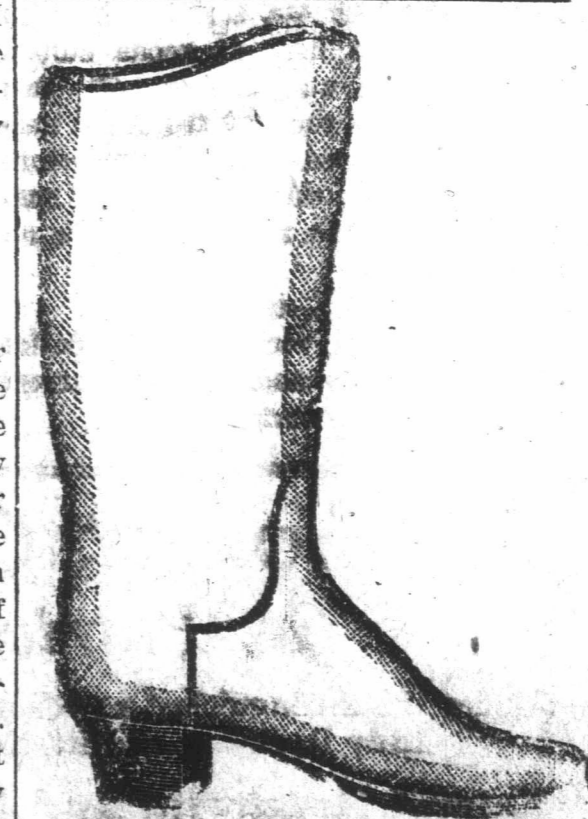
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—Current Opinion.

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It has been a very fine week of weather but blowing hard this morning from the Eastward. We are having a nice warm winter, quite a change from the kind of one I have been used to, but it is warm weather we want at sea. The nights are little chilly but the days are fine and warm. This is a fine place to spend a winter but it must be very warm in the summer.

As regards the war there is very little I can tell any more than what you know as you get just as much news as I do, but we all know it is still raging as fierce or even fiercer than ever, and I believe it will last

sometime yet. It may end this year but I doubt it. I hope it will, there will be some lives lost before the object which we have given so many lives for is gained. We may wonder sometimes if it is worth the sacrifice we are making, but when we look on the other side and see the spirit of that people which would rule the world if they could, we can truthfully say that no sacrifice is too great. I believe it to be only right and just that we should fight for our country and freedom even though it may cost so many lives. The world would get on without us, but it cannot get on without the principles for which we believe England to be fighting for. God Bless England.

As you already know since leaving home I have been trying to lead a better life. There are many trials and temptations but God's grace is sufficient to carry us through, and I have also seen a little more of the world and its doings. What a contrast from our quiet homes in Hart's Hr. I have seen quite a lot since leaving home which I never would have seen there.

