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## Both Armies Claim Successes At Verdun And Adjacent Points

French Have Penetrated to Douaumont Which the Germans Stormed and Captured on Feb. 25—Germans However Still Hold Northern Part of Fort—French also Gain over a Mile East of Douaumont Village

### AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE CONTINUES UNABATED

Vienna Claims Italians Are Dislodged From all Positions and That Austrians Have Thrown Back Italians Towards Their Own Territory South East of Trent—British Forces in Mesopotamia Are Rapidly Nearing Kut-el-Amara

LONDON, May 23.—Hard fighting is still in progress between the Austrians and Italians in Tyrol, the French and Germans in the region of Verdun and the Germans and British around LaBassee.

The great offensive of the Austrians against the Italians in southern Tyrol continues unabated, and at several points the Austrians seem to be gradually throwing back the Italians toward their own territory to the southeast of Trent and on the Lavarone Plateau. Vienna says the Italians have been dislodged from all their positions, and adds the Austrians have captured Pima Mandriola and the height immediately to the west of the frontier from the summit as far as Astach (Austico) Valley.

In the region of Verdun both French and Germans claim successes for their arms at various points. An interesting point in the latest French official is a statement that the French have penetrated to Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, which the Germans stormed and captured on February 25, four days after the commencement of the assault on Verdun, and from which all attempts to drive them out have proved futile. The Germans, however, still hold the northern part of Fort Douaumont. A violent attack also has netted for the French the German positions on a front of about a mile and a quarter east of the village of Douaumont, northwest of Verdun. The French have forced out the Germans from positions south of Hill 287, west of Le Mort Homme. Berlin on the other hand says the Germans northwest of Verdun stormed the eastern spur of Hill 304 and held them against repeated counter-attacks. In this fighting the French are declared to have lost heavily in

men killed, and wounded. Admission is made in the Berlin report of the capture by the French of the quarry south of Haudromont, northeast of Verdun. Heavy losses in men were suffered by the British when the Germans took trenches from them over a front of about a mile and a quarter, near Givency on Gohelle and in the counter-attacks to regain them, according to Berlin.

The British operating against the Turks in Mesopotamia are gradually drawing nearer to Kut-el-Amara, where a large number of their officers and men, who recently surrendered, are still being held captive. The British, who have been reinforced by Russian cavalry, have now reached the region immediately south of Kut-el-Amara, with the intervening territory between them and their objective clear of Turks, except for small rear guards near the junction of Shatt-el-Hai and the Tigris River.

### "Was Torpedoed Without Warning"

LONDON, May 23.—The British Admiralty referring to a report sent out from Berlin to the effect that the survivors of the British steamer Cymric, which sank the "May C" asserted that Lynch participated openly in the rebellion, having been seen frequently in Irish uniform in Liberty Hall during the fighting. Court martial sentenced him to death, but General Maxwell, after receipt of the request from the American Embassy, reviewed the sentence and commuted it to ten years' imprisonment.

### Greek Steamer Sunk

LONDON, May 23.—A Lloyd's despatch says the Greek steamer Anasias Coroneos, 1,901 tons has been sunk. The French steamer Languedoc and the Italian barque Erminia have been sunk, according to reports received by Lloyd's. The Languedoc was 1,612 tons gross. Shipping registers do not report her recent movements. The Erminia was 1,544 gross gross tonnage, and sailed from Savona on May 11 for Philadelphia.

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TURKEY: "Life's just one jam thing after another since I joined these Germans!"—Westminster Gazette.

## Temporary Government for Ireland

Rumored Asquith May Propose Advisory Board Consisting of Irishmen of all Parties—More Trials in on Dublin—Lynch Will be Liberated

LONDON, May 22.—Regarding the Lynch case, the Foreign Office said today that General Maxwell, Commanding the Forces in Ireland, had sent a telegram to Asquith which asserted that Lynch participated openly in the rebellion, having been seen frequently in Irish uniform in Liberty Hall during the fighting. Court martial sentenced him to death, but General Maxwell, after receipt of the request from the American Embassy, reviewed the sentence and commuted it to ten years' imprisonment.

DUBLIN, May 22.—It was officially announced today that in addition to the sentence of death imposed on Lynch, a similar sentence was imposed upon Peter Gillingham, but this sentence has been commuted to five years' penal servitude. A number of other persons were also sentenced to various terms of imprisonment. The court martial opened today the private case of John MacNeil, President of the Sinn Fein Volunteers, who was formerly a civil servant in the four courts of Dublin, but is now professor in the Irish university.

LONDON, May 22.—According to the "Evening Standard," influences are working for the settlement of the Irish question by granting Home Rule at the earliest possible moment, with a clean-cut exclusion of Ulster from operations in the Home Rule in the interim.

The newspaper says that Premier Asquith will be presented in the Commons on Thursday. There was no Cabinet meeting today, but Asquith was in consultation with different Ministers, including David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, and with John Redmond, the Irish leader.

### Now Very Near To Kut-el-Amara

General Goringe Operating On South Bank of Tigris Has Now Virtually Reached the City

LONDON, May 22.—A despatch received from General Sir Percy Lake, Commander of the British force in Mesopotamia, shows that the forces of Lieutenant General Goringe operating on the south bank of the Tigris, have now virtually reached Kut-el-Amara. The Turks still occupy Sannayyate.

The official communication issued tonight, concerning operations in this region says that General Lake reports that on May 20th the right south bank of the Tigris, was clear of the enemy as far as Shat-el-Hai, except for a small rear guard covering the bridge over Hala. Some 500 yards below its junction with the Tigris our main force by this bank have reached the line of Magasid Dujailam, on the left north bank. The weather is intensely hot and trying, the temperature during the last few days being over 100 degrees in the shade.

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## Will Present His Statement On Thursday

Asquith Will Address Commons Thursday in Connection With Irish Question—Middleton in Evidence Says he Warned Wimborne and Others of Impending Danger

LONDON, May 22.—In the Irish enquiry, Viscount Middleton gave further evidence of the warning he had given Baron Wimborne, then Lord Lieutenant, Lansdowne and others, of the impending danger; he had told the Under Secretary for Ireland that the situation was so bad that Redmond was in danger of his life. Wimborne, in giving evidence, said he declared he imagined the charge that would be brought against the Irish Government would be one of supreme blindness and irresolution in dealing with the propaganda and hostile demonstration of Sinn Feiners ever since the departure of the Irish Division to the front at the end of last summer. He said that the Irish garrison had been inadequate, and in March of this year he urged on General French the desirability of sending a division of troops to Ireland. Early this year the police report, showed that the Sinn Fein movement was growing, and Lord Wimborne said he then suggested deportation or internment as a remedy. Wimborne caused a stir in the room when he said that the Admiral at Queenstown had received information that Casement had departed from Germany, that his ship was accompanied by two submarines and might be expected off the Irish coast about Easter Sunday, and that this information, he said, had not been communicated to the Irish Government.

The Commission will hold the next meeting on Thursday in Dublin.

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The putting off the statement until Thursday was for the purpose of enabling the Cabinet to thoroughly review the situation.

### Prison Camps Can Be Improved On

Treatment of British Prisoners in Germany Is Somewhat Improved—Many Camps Yet Need Attention.

LONDON, May 22.—Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, stated in the Commons this afternoon that representatives of the United States Government, had been refused permission to visit some of the industrial camps in Germany, where British prisoners were employed. The Minister added that the treatment of prisoners in Germany was somewhat better than formerly, though the situation in some of the working camps and industrial establishments left much to be desired.

A suggestion made by Rowland Hunt, Unionist member, in a question that German prisoners in Great Britain be subjected to most rigorous treatment, short of actual cruelty

## Italy's Hour Has Now Struck

News From the Front Shows Austrians Are Making Elaborate Preparations For Big Offensive Against Entire Venetian Region—Main Italian Army Threatened

ROME, May 23.—Italy's great hour has struck is the theme of comment of the public press. News has been received from the front, and all reports coming from the fighting have been in agreement that the number of Austrian troops now in action have been more than doubled, and that Austrian artillery and especially their heavy long range guns is daily increasing and unmasking an imposing offensive prepared by Austria with the object of reaching the Alps above Vienna, from which the Austrians would be able to dominate the entire Venetian region and threaten the flank and rear of the main Italian army occupying the provinces of Udine and Belluno.

### Look For Peace Before January Next

LONDON, May 23.—Underwriters yesterday charged fifty per cent. to insure against a declaration of peace between Great Britain and Germany before January 1st. This rate indicates the underwriters' opinion of the prospects of an early peace is better than two months ago, when the rate for the same risk was only 30 per cent.

### More Peace Talk

AMSTERDAM, May 23.—The "Nieuwe Machrichten" publishes a wireless despatch from Madrid which says negotiations are in progress there between the Pope and King Alfonso and the Pope and President Wilson for the purpose of arranging an armistice among the belligerent nations with the object of discussing peace terms.

## Hun Attacks On Hill 304 Have Failed

PARIS, May 23.—Fighting continued with extreme violence on both banks of the Meuse along the Verdun front the whole night. Two German attacks on Hill 304 failed completely, the War Office announced this afternoon. The French made further gains within Fort Douaumont. The Germans now hold only a small angle in the north-eastern corner of the fort. The battle around Hill 304 was especially severe. In attacking the positions on the west side of the hill the Germans used liquid gas, the official statement says, and penetrated one of the French trenches, but were dislodged at once. On the east side of the hill the Germans attacked, after intense artillery preparation, but were not permitted to reach the French lines. The principle fighting east of the Meuse was in the sector between Thiaumont and Douaumont. The Germans attacked en masse and succeeded in recouping one of the trenches north of Thiaumont Farm, which had been captured by the French.

ROME, May 22.—The Austrian artillery of all sizes and ranges, with the monster 305 millimetre gun predominating, has transformed the battle-front between Adige and Brenta rivers into an inferno. Notwithstanding the snow-capped mountain barriers, the Austrian infantry are being launched in waves, which military observers say may break against the formidable resistance of the Italians. The Italian troops have now formed their lines of defence and are holding all passes and peaks, from which the Italian officers say, the forward movement of the Austrians has not only been successfully arrested, but the Austrians have been dislodged from several strategic positions taken in the first rush of the offensive.

### Dr. Grenfell at Montreal

MONTREAL, May 23.—Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, C.M.G., the noted Labrador missionary, recently returned from the war. In an address before the Canadian Club in Montreal today, referring to the splendid efficiency of the Army Medical Corps, said that in spite of trench feet, typhoid and other troubles, the actual condition of health of men our army to-day was exactly twice as good as it would have been if they were living in their own homes in Canada.

### Long Jail Terms For Rebel Irishmen

DUBLIN, May 23.—In the following it is officially announced, the sentence of death of the military court-martial has been commuted to penal servitude: ten years servitude, Jeremiah C. Lynch, Peter Gillingham, Thos. Demond Fitzgerald, William Partridge, John Corcoran; five years servitude, Pat. H. Fahet; three years servitude, William Hussey; Michael Fleming, sr.; one year's servitude, Michael Fleming, jr.

## Britain Faced With Serious Food Problem

Breakdown in Home Supplies Will Come if Farmers Don't Alter Their Attitude Over Employment of Female Labor—Situation is Growing Serious

LONDON, May 23.—Francis Dyke Akland, Financial Secretary of Treasury, speaking in the Commons on the agricultural situation today, made a somewhat disturbing statement. It was imperative, Akland said, that farmers should drop their prejudice against the employment of female labor. The breakdown of home supplies was only avoidable thereby. Even as things were going it was now feared Great Britain could not hope to maintain last year's level if more men were swept into the army from farms, and she could only escape famine by diverting the importation of foodstuffs ships, which are so urgently needed for the transport of munitions, and Akland concluded, "We are unable to say whether there will be ships to divert that way."

During the course of the debate following Akland's speech, Rowland Edmund Prothero, of Oxford University expressed the opinion that sooner or later the Government would be compelled to put the country on shorter rations in order to economize the food supplies. He urged the Government to grasp the serious situation forthwith.

### Swede Steamer Sunk

STOCKHOLM, May 23.—The Swedish steamer Rosalind, 877 tons, from Copenhagen to Stugund, in ballast, has been sunk by a mine off the Stockholm Skerries. The crew were saved.

### Danish Steamer Sunk

COPENHAGEN, May 23.—The Danish steamer Oarla, 316 tons, has been sunk by a mine outside Sandhammar Point, on the southern coast of Sweden, according to a Stockholm despatch. The crew were saved.

### Enemy Plane Destroyed

ROME, May 23.—Our Naval Flying Squadron defeated and burned an enemy aeroplane in the Upper Adriatic last night, says a semi-official despatch.

## Austrian Offensive Is Checked

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### Prince of Wales Back From Egypt

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## Hard Fighting In Region West Of Mort Homme

French Official Statement Says German Attacks all Along the Line Were Put Down—In Verdun Region Much Aerial Activity is Reported

PARIS, Official, 3 p.m., May 22nd.—On Berry Au Bac we successfully exploded two mines on Hill 108. In Champagne an emission of asphyxiation gas by the Germans in the zone comprising Souain to Sommeville Road did not give them any result; the wind suddenly changed and the gas was taken back over the enemy's trenches.

On the left bank of the Meuse infantry fighting continued during the night. In the Avocourt Woods our grenadiers scored some points and occupied several blockhouses evacuated by enemy. In the region west of Mort Homme fighting was particularly fierce, several attempts by the enemy to enlarge its progress were stopped and shattered by curtains of fire and by mitrailleuses fire. A very spirited attack launched by our troops enabled us to recapture part of ground lost Saturday night on the right bank. The Germans, several times, launched counter attacks against the captured Haudromont positions taken by us yesterday. All attacks were stopped by our cross firing, the enemy sustaining heavy losses.

At Vaux village frontier a small attack was executed by us, this enabled us to capture a German trench.

At Eparges several German mines were exploded without causing much damage.

In Verdun region our aeroplanes attacked observation balloons. Six of these balloons were brought down in flames. During an air duel one of our pilots brought down a German machine in Eparges region and two other German machines attacked by ours fell, one in German lines near Luançourt Fosse, the other in our lines at Fontenoy. This morning enemy aeroplanes threw bombs on Dunkirk. During the nights of 20th and 22nd several operations were executed by groups of bombarding aeroplanes. Shells were thrown successfully on Metz-Sablons Railway Station, on Munition Depots at Blaches and Chapelotte on Zivonacs in Azanne Itogion and on Jimetz Village, where an important commanding post was installed. Two of our dirigibles sprinkled with bombs the railway station and Railway lines of Breuille and Dun.

### Italian Steamer Sunk

LONDON, May 22.—Lloyd's announced today that the Italian steamer Birmania, a vessel of 2,215 tons, was sunk.

## Liberal Victory In Quebec

Liberals Capture 49 Seats—Twenty-Three Returned by Acclamation—Liberals Have 72 Seats in New House—Conservatives Get Seven Seats

MONTREAL, May 23.—Elections were held in fifty-three ridings of Quebec Province today. Forty-nine Liberals, and four Conservatives were returned. Twenty-three Liberals were elected by acclamation, three Conservatives, with eighty-one seats in Legislature the standing of the two parties is as follows: Liberals 72, Conservatives 7, with two deferred elections, one in Madeline Island and one in Gaspe.

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# HOW A BOSTON MAN WON VICTORIA CROSS

## All Shot to Pieces and gassed, He Manages to Save 11 Men.

Is a Veteran of Many Fights—Was in the Boer War—Took Part in Battle of Transvaal, Relief of Ladysmith, Tugela Heights, Cape Colony and Orange Free State—Was in the Boxer Rebellion in China—Ran the Blockade in the Present European War he Participated in the Battles of Mons, Marne, Neuve Chapelle, Loos, Hill 60 and Ypres—Is the Sole Survivor of His Original Battalion of the Black Watch and is one of Three Survivors Out of 9,600 Men Killed on the Field

The Narrative Below is One of the Most Remarkable War Stories That has yet Appeared Either in This Country or Abroad—It is Told Almost Precisely in the Words of the Soldier Who Received His Priceless Decoration From the Hand of King George Himself, Without any Rhetorical Embellishments—Mr. Trynor is "Strong for the Allies" in Spirit. But it Will be Many Days Before his Battered Body Can Carry Him Again Into Battle—Boston Sunday Herald.

Accompanying this article in the back I'm going to, for I want to help Boston Sunday Herald are photos of the medals he won. His passport bearing the signature of Sir Edward Grey and a description of the Boer War with his photograph.)

Sure, I've got 11 wounds and am knocked out by the gas, but if I was well enough I'd go back again to the trenches and help finish the job!" This is the declaration of John Howard Trynor, who received from the hand of King George of England only a few months ago the treasured Victoria Cross, for valor on the field of battle, in rescuing 11 men, one at a time upon his back, from under the muzzles of German heavy artillery and rifles, and who is now in Boston, recuperating.

**A Real Soldier of Fortune.**  
"Trynor is a typical soldier of fortune. He participated in the quelling of the Boer rebellion in China, He ran the blockade during the Russo-Japanese war, with supplies for the Japs, was captured, lost his steamer and was imprisoned at Port Arthur until the Japs captured the city.

He served four years in the Strathcona Horse during the Boer war, and his service medal shows that he was in the battles of the Transvaal, Relief of Ladysmith, Tugela Heights, Cape Colony and Orange Free State.

**Has Been Riddled With Bullets**  
Enlisting in the Eleventh Battalion of the famous Black Watch in England at the start of the present great European conflict, he participated in the battles of Mons, Marne, Neuve Chapelle, The Loos, Hill 60 and Ypres and in the hospital five times, and now bears upon his body the marks of shrapnel wounds in the head (in which a silver plate three inches square now replaces the bones removed), a bullet wound in the shoulder, two through the lungs, two in the stomach, two in his knee and one through his instep, and he has lost the tip of one finger where a bit of shell struck it.

This man is the sole survivor of his original battalion of the Black Watch and is one of three survivors out of 9,600 men killed on the field. "Out of 92,000 men engaged, we lost 35,000 in the charge at Hill 60. It was a horrible slaughter. "But the worst of all this was the gas. That's what gets you," he says. "I got it good at The Loos, through a leaky helmet—lost my memory, lost my nerve, lost my health. The bullet and shrapnel wounds are nothing compared to the effect of the gas."

**Looks "All Shot to Pieces"**  
Trynor is now 45 years old and looks "all shot to pieces." His wounds have healed, but he still finds it necessary to stop and think hard in order to recall the names of even his dearest relatives, and friends—so deadly is the effect of the gas used by the Germans. Born in the little village of Pettitcodiac, New Brunswick, he was brought to Rockland, Me., when but three years old, and has claimed that city as his home ever since, being now a registered voter there. His usual occupation, when there is no sound of battle on the horizon, is that of a sea captain. He holds unlimited papers, knows the waters and coast line in every part of the world, and will probably take up the, to him, monotonous life on the sea when he is physically able, after peace is declared. "So long as they are fighting over across, however, if I'm able to get

English have now, in a cavalry charge. You don't even have to thrust—it just goes through a man as you ride. It's a lovely sword to use—the old one isn't a patch to it. You just point it at a man and tumble him out of his saddle like a riding school dummy with a practice blade. It's great, riding in a charge like that. And they couldn't seem to do anything to us. I don't think much of the Death's Head Hussars, for all the fuss they make about them. We just played with them.

"Then they sent me back to the Black Watch again and we trekked on and on. We got tired of carrying helmets and lances and such things that we had captured. We used to give them away in the Belgian villages, and I guess they've proved death warrants for many a poor beggar that thanked us for them and gave us things for them, for the Germans have been all over that country since then, and if they found civilians with any helmets—well—

"One time, out toward Lille" (he pronounced it "Lily") "we had got out into very open country and were digging trenches every night. It had got cold then, and wet most of the days. It was no picnic any of the time, and the last was the worst of it. Finally I got a bullet through my arm and my leg—it was like a wasp sting, only worse. I tried to crawl, but I got left behind, and that night I lay out. Lordy, wasn't it cold.

**A Mark for a Philan**  
"All through the night I lay out in the open, and the pain in my leg was so bad that I couldn't have slept even if the cold would have let me. I didn't know where our chaps were; not where I was, and I thought my number was up for sure.

"In the morning some Uhlands came along and one of them saw that I was alive, so he plunked three shots at me, and two of them went into that same leg. See, there's the holes the bullets made—"

Rolling up his trousers, Trynor showed two bullet holes just above the cape of the knee, and one through the instep of his foot.

"He plunked three shots at me, and me lying there too bad to move. That's a Uhlan, all right. "I can tell you what it felt like—only I know the time when that drunken brute was potting at me was the longest year I'll ever live through. You see, I knew he meant to kill me and I couldn't do anything—I just had to wait, as helpless as if I was already dead, while he played with me like a cat with a mouse. But they are all poor shots, and although he aimed at my heart he only hit me in the knee. Their shooting is rotten, always.

"I laid out there 26 hours, all told, before our chaps could come back and get me. It wasn't anybody's fault—they couldn't have got there before—I was just one of the unlucky ones.

**Treated "Like a Tot"**  
"They took me back to some where—don't ask me where it was, for I don't know any more than Adam—and the R. A. M. C. men dressed my leg and put it in splints and I was stuck on one of the ambulance waggons and carted off, out of the way.

"They treated us like toffs all right in the ambulance train and at the hospital—took all sorts of care of us. Don't those doctors and nurses know their business, what? No hall larks about them. "I used to sit in the hospital and look out at the sea, and then I'd lie down and count the lights in the ceiling. There were 326 of them—I've counted them enough to know. Then I'd start counting the gift beads on the wall, and the number of people in the pictures.

"It seemed a year before I got back to the front, but it was only a few weeks, and then I got into it good and plenty. Battles came along in short order. There was Mons, Marne and Neuve Chapelle, then Hill 60, and Ypres."

**"Wipers"—What's in a Name**  
"He called it "Wipers," and said that all English soldiers pronounce it that way.

"At Loos was where I got the gas, through a leaky helmet. Do you know, if someone would invent a gas helmet that was absolutely perfect and couldn't leak, he'd make a fortune. I was in the hospital a long time just on account of the gas, and I didn't get the full force of it at all. If I had, I wouldn't have lived 10 minutes. For months afterward I used to cough up burned pieces of membrane, just from the little gas I got.

"It was at Hill 60 where we had the greatest slaughter of our troops. If anyone tells you that the English army is not doing its full share of the fighting, you tell 'em that they lie. It is the French deserve every bit of the glory they have won, but the English army has been fighting right side by side with all the time. "The Germans have the greatest fighting machine ever known; they have trained their men the best way

possible; they are great fighters, and they are magnificently equipped. But they fight in mass formation, and they have met better men, that's all. Somehow they can't stand the steel.

"German officers don't lead their men, as we do. They drive them, and where a soldier will follow an officer right up to the muzzle of a gun with a bayonet on it, and knows he is sure to get it into him, these Germans don't like to be driven up to them to die. You can't blame 'em.

"But to get back to Hill 60—that's where we lost 35,000 men out of 62,000. The fight started in at 4 in the afternoon. The Germans had the French and Belgians on the run and we were called up to try and stop them, expecting every minute to get the order to retreat, the same as the rest of them were. But we got the order to "Advance" instead. That put hope and spirit into the French and Belgians, and they helped us, of course.

"We met the German line. I could not begin to describe that fight. It was something that is past description. After a few minutes there was very little firing done. It was all with the bayonet. I remember I had four different guns.

"We drove the Germans back about 10 miles and were ordered to stop at 2 o'clock in the morning on an eminence, and we dug in there—dug trenches, you know. Our officers wouldn't let us go on any further, and we couldn't understand it, but later we knew. Just over the ridge where we were was "Death Valley," and the Germans had lined the opposite side, on the hills, with machine guns and artillery. If we had gone in there, we would have lost every man in the corps instead of more than half of them.

"At 4 o'clock that morning we were relieved by fresh troops and taken back to rest up. I was the only man in my company alive when roll was called that morning. I was just a private. Hill 60 was where the Germans were taking us from, and we were brought up again to take that position." We charged that hill that afternoon and took it in the face of machine-gun fire. Our men dropped like grass before a scythe. It was the worst slaughter imaginable.

"In that last charge we lost 20,000 men. I got the shrapnel wounds in my head then, a couple of the others. Later I got my arm full of shrapnel in every-day trench fighting and bombing, but didn't get touched again until Ypres.

"The nearest call I ever had to getting hit, and not getting it, was one morning just at dawn. You know the Germans have a habit, during the night, of coming out of their trenches, crawling over toward ours and surrendering. I stood up one morning to look over "No Man's Land"—that's the space between the trenches—to see if any of the Boches were coming. I had been rolling a cigarette, and was drawing a good puff on it as I stood up. Some sniper saw the fire on the end of the cigarette and he let fly.

"Well, it didn't knock the cigarette out of my mouth, but I felt the heat of the bullet as it whizzed by my nose, and, believe me, I ducked quick. We were in the trenches for 40 hours, 'bat time, in the face of terrific fire, with no food and only the water in our canteen. They couldn't get the supplies to us, or fresh troops for a long while.

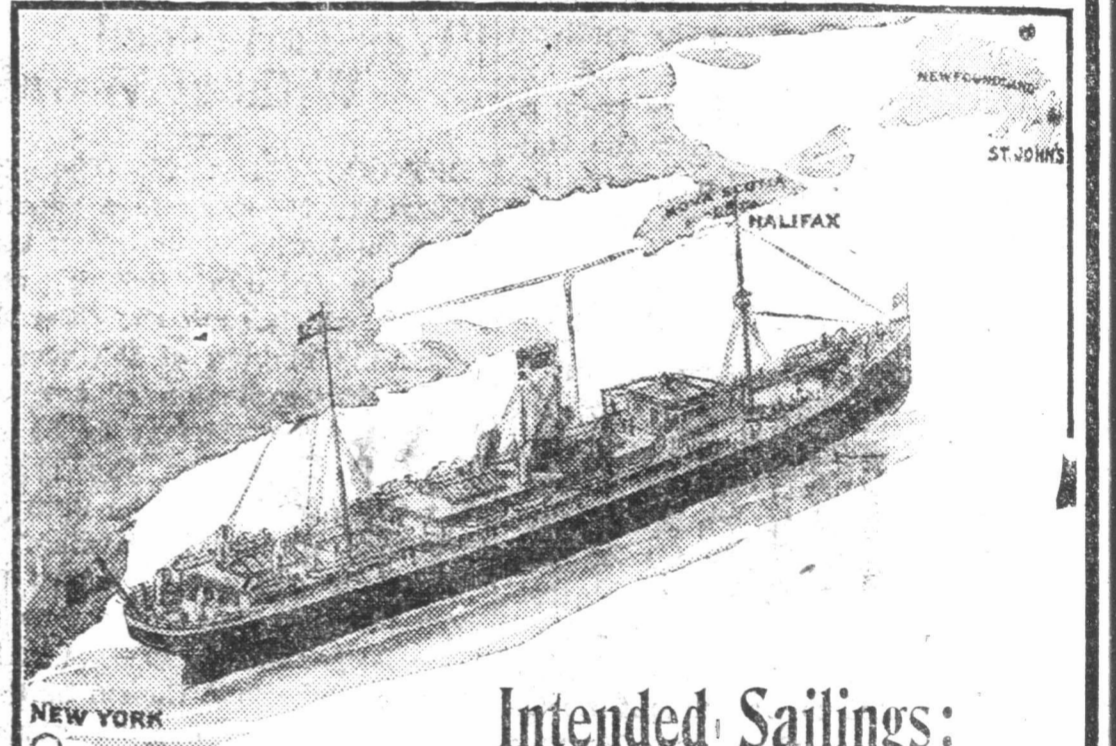
"I had to go to the hospital again, and had been out only two days when the Wipers (Ypres) thing happened. That's where I got the V. C. Ever see one?"


With that he pulled from his pocket the most valued military decoration, in the British empire, a small, rather cheap looking bronze medal with a purple ribbon—but across the bottom of it there were inscribed the magic words, "For Valour."

Besides it, on the long bar, was the Service Medal of the South African fighting of four years, a round, silver piece about the size of an American half-dollar and on the ribbon were five narrow, silver bars bearing each the name of a campaign in which the wearer was engaged: Transvaal, Relief of Ladysmith, Tugela Heights, Cape Colony and Orange Free State.

"This is it," he said, toying with the bronze pendant. "There were thousands of the fellows who deserved more than I did. It's worth about nine cents in American money for the bronze there is in it, but—"

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## America And Japan

**"War With Germany or England Growing Out of Present Crisis, is Unthinkable; But America Must Be Ready For an Attack From the Far East" Next Great Conflict Between Oriental And Occidental Races**

I favor a reasonable enlargement of our army and navy. I do not think that the war has increased or, in the end, will increase the dangers of attack on America. During the continuance of the present war no European power could think of dispatching its army and navy across the ocean to make war on America. However, there is another great power outside Europe, of which I take account. It looks to me as though gains from this great European war might accrue very largely to Japan, while the losses will fall on the European belligerents.

### Japan's Ambition.

Japan has driven Germany out of Asia and taken possession of the strongly fortified naval and commercial base which Germany had established at Kiaohau, and thus secured for herself a new point of departure for the political and commercial, and, perhaps, even the military leadership which she has resolved to establish in China.

It is no doubt the fixed policy of Japan to dominate the Far East and, if possible, to dominate it alone. Vic-

torious over China in war, she has steadily worked to prevent other great powers entrenching themselves there.

Single-handed, she forced Russia back in 1905 and gained for herself Port Arthur and the Liao-Tung peninsula, while in 1910 she annexed the formerly independent state of Korea. And of the other great powers of Europe, Austria and Italy have never possessed a foothold in China, so that Japan's sole supremacy is disputed by Britain at Hong-Kong and France at Tongkin.

Even if we assume that Japan will in the future get the largest share of the trade and commercial concessions of China, and if also we assume that Japan will in the future exercise a controlling influence with the Chinese government, this entire program, whether it is regarded as practical or fantastic, has no element in it of conflict with America, provided only the door is left open in China to American trade and if this door is closed it will not only be America but all the nations of the world which would protest against such commercial exclusiveness.

The war has demonstrated by its vast operations and its titanic forces the utter inadequacy of the American army and navy for national defence.

"So long as we have military and naval forces they should be equal to the function for which we have created them. That function is the defence of the Republic against attack by any foreign nation or nations."

The only standing danger is the possibility of a dispute with any nation which diplomacy fails to adjust.

Owing to substantial agreement in ideals and civilization it ought to be possible for us to settle in this war all disputes with the great nations of Europe, and I mention in particular Britain, France and Germany, since these are the only nations with large navies, and only naval powers could of course attack the United States.

Some years since it was officially declared by the British Government that in making their military and naval plans they took no account of the United States because they assumed that war between the United States and Great Britain was henceforth impossible. I think this sentiment is reciprocated in our country, for the majority of our people are of British descent.

A little reflection, I believe, will also convince us of the practical impossibility of war between the United States and Germany. The millions of people in this country of German descent are constantly interpreting the two nations to one another and mediating between them, so that the bare thought of war suggests something fratricidal and abhorrent.

### Danger From Orient.

As I look into the future I think

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LONDON, May 22.—Around Verdun the German attacks have developed with increasing intensity. The enemy's losses are great, and his gains comparatively small.

On the British front activity has also increased, and there have been several small infantry fights, especially on Vimy Ridge, where the Lancashire Fusiliers took two hundred and fifty yards of the enemy's trenches.

In Italy massed Austrian attacks on the Adige Valley, near Rovereto the Italian front has been withdrawn at certain points and the Austrians

claim to have taken numerous prisoners. In Mesopotamia the Russians are advancing toward Mosul. A force of Russian cavalry have joined General Goring, whose forces have pierced the Essinn position on the Tigris.

A seaplane raid occurred on the Kentish coast on Saturday and three persons were killed. One of the raiders was destroyed.

BONAIR LAW

LONDON, May 23.—A British official statement on the campaign in the Western Zone reads:

"After heavy bombardment all day yesterday (Sunday), becoming most intense in the afternoon, the enemy attacked our positions on the north end of Vimy Ridge and succeeded in penetrating our front line of trenches on a front of about 1,500 yards, the depth of the penetration varies from 100 to 300 yards.

"To-day our artillery subjected the German positions to heavy bombardment on remainder front. We sprang mines near Rochecourt and the Hohenzollern Redoubt quarries. There was mining activities also near Neuville, St. Vaast, and south of Fleurbaix. The artillery on both sides has been active opposite Lens and east of Ypres. We obtained direct hits on an enemy battery east of Blairville.

"Yesterday enemy aeroplanes were active and many were engaged by our machines. Eight were driven off, though none were brought down. One of our reconnaissance machines was forced to land in the enemy's lines."

GERMAN.

BERLIN, May 22.—The capture of several lines of British positions over a front of one and a half miles, near Givenchy en Gosele, was announced to-day by the War Office.

German troops stormed the French positions on the eastern spur of Hill 204, on the Verdun front, and maintained them against repeated counter-attacks, which is said to have cost the French great losses.

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the main problems, not only of America but of the world, are likely to come from the Orient. More than half the human race—more than 900,000,000 out of 1,600,000,000—dwell in Asia and of these over 400,000,000 are in China alone.

The great economic event of the year future will be the opening of China, with its enormous land, its vast undeveloped resources, its teeming, intelligent and highly industrious population.

It is the ambition of Japan, which has already challenged and defeated European advances, to preside over this development. Whether it is brought about through the agency of Japan alone or with the co-operation of European powers, it is likely to have momentous results, not only in the economic field but also in the political and social.

The government of China may be shaken, but Americans will certainly hope that this great people may retain their national independence. In any event, it seems to predict that the superabundant population of China and Japan will spread beyond the mainland and overflow into the islands of the Pacific and the continent of Australasia.

Then will emerge in acute form the rivalry between the white and yellow races, with their conflicting civilizations, religions, social and moral standards. And this world rivalry will first touch the white race in any large way in North and South America.

Of course, no one can foresee the future. It is guess work at best. But there is a difference between guess work based on probabilities and guess work without any basis at all. And so when I am asked why we need to increase our army and navy, I say it is to protect us against such unpredictable explosions as might occur at any time in the course of a great war like that which is now convulsing the civilized world.

### The Peril of War.

The pacifist would have no army or navy at all. The militarist would have a vast army and the strongest navy in the world. I am neither a pacifist nor a militarist. If we lived in Utopia I should be a pacifist. But we live on this half-civilized earth, and the majority of its inhabitants are to-day at war with one another.

Nations are dragged into the conflict against their will. America, now as always, loves peace and is devoted to peaceful pursuits. In this rude world neither innocence nor justice nor any or spiritual perfection will guarantee a nation against attack.

The pacifist's thesis is so high that they can be realized only in celestial spheres. On this terrestrial globe, even the most enlightened and civilized nations must provide for themselves means of defence against the aggressions of other nations who covet their wealth or territory, oppose their national policies or violate their just rights.

This inexorable necessity of self-defence America cannot escape. Like other nations she must protect herself. Heaven grant she may always be able to resist aggressions. She certainly will never be the aggressor.

The spirit of America is happily described by the apostle, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." Pres. Schurman of Cornell University.

### His Doubt.

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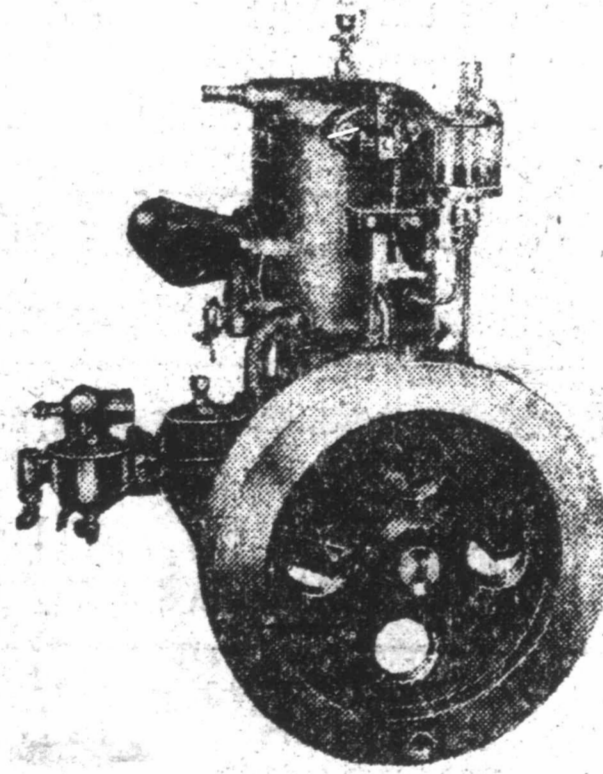
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**CATALINA**

TEN schooner loads of wharf timber and piles have been landed at Catalina for the construction of the pier for the new Union premises. A quarter of a mile along the choicest waterfront in the harbor has been secured by the Union for the erection of the colossal premises. The foundations of two buildings 90 x 90 and 36 x 90 are being prepared, and these buildings will be erected this year. A large salt store capable of storing 20,000 hhgs. will be erected next year. The bakery will also be erected next year. A row of dwelling houses for employees will be erected next year. A large building for manufacturing boneless fish will also be erected next year.

The shipbuilding plant will be erected during the coming fall. Plans for the marine slip are being completed and an engineer will arrive next month to finalize the contract and make a final survey of the site. A cold storage plant on modern lines will also be erected and fresh fish will be collected at Catalina for shipment to Britain in vessels fitted with refrigerators. The Trading Co. is about to finalize a contract for the supply of 150 tons of fresh turbot, salmon and lobsters per week during the fishery season. Two small ships will be built by fish dealers in England to ply between British ports and Catalina fitted with refrigerators. Those vessels will make the run across in eight days and bring this way goods for the Trading Company Motor boats will daily ply to certain ports in Trinity and Bonavista Bays and collect fresh fish which will be stowed in the cold storage depot at Catalina.

The electric plant at Catalina will supply 800 h.p. which will abundantly supply the electric demands of Catalina and Bonavista for many years to come. The whole industry to be operated by the Union at Catalina will use electric power.

The site upon which the new premises is being erected is an ideal site for a large commercial industry. The water is deep and the waterfront is level. A breast work 200 feet long will be erected this year, piers will protrude from the breastwork to accommodate the discharging of twenty schooners at one time. The rail road will run along the front of the premises, being connected with the main line by a spur line two miles long.

A Water Company will be formed next year to supply the town with water from ponds inside of Catalina.

The shipbuilding plant will give employment to a large number of men, as the Company will employ men to provide the necessary timber from the inland forests which will be brought in by train. Considerable shipbuilding timber has already been landed at Catalina.

The work of construction has been retarded somewhat by the want of lumber and framing material. The "Heckman" is due at Catalina with a load of lumber, sawn by the mills at Alexander Bay. Most of the heavy timber is being sawn in Green Bay.

The Union premises at Catalina will be the largest and most modern in the Colony and every labor saving appliance will be utilized to make it convenient and up-to-date.

**FAREWELL**

**MR. R. H. ANDERSON** of the Bank of Nova Scotia will leave for St. John, N.B., by this evening's express. He has been Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in this country for the past nine years. The best wishes of the whole community go with Mr. Anderson to his new sphere of work at St. John where he will manage the Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The firms doing business with the Bank of Nova Scotia here, have shown their appreciation of Mr. Anderson's banking ability by presenting him with a purse of gold, containing something like \$1,000.00, accompanied by a splendid address. The business of the Bank here has greatly increased under Mr. Anderson's management. His departure from St. John's is universally regretted.

The new Manager is a younger man—under forty—who has had some experience of the Newfoundland business. We trust that under his supervision the Bank's business will further increase, and become more and more popular with the people. He succeeds a good man, that was universally respected, and it will not be easy for the new Manager to fill the place made vacant by Mr. Anderson's transfer to St. John, N.B.

**AMERICA'S ECONOMICAL OUTLOOK**

THE old shibboleth "In times of Peace prepare for War" is passing beyond the axiomatic region, and it is being replaced by another whose meaning is explained in a very pertinent manner by James J. Hill, in a recent article published by the New York Times. Mr. Hill assumes that the United States is prepared for war; but he says that the Great Republic is unprepared for peace. He issues a warning to his countrymen to the effect that if they wish to escape consequences great in their disastrous severity, that they should look ahead to the new industrial adjustment of the nations and set their house in order.

The present prosperity of the United States is without doubt the result of abnormal conditions. This is demonstrated by trade statistics. America's imports for 1915 were \$14,000,000 less than in 1913, but exports were more than a billion greater than in 1913, an increase of 42.4 per cent. The volume of American trade with the belligerent nations was larger; but its percentage of the total foreign trade varied but little. In 1915 American exports to the belligerent nations represented 51.5 per cent of the total, while in 1913, when conditions were normal, they were 46.1 per cent.

At the end of the war the United States must do the bulk of its trade with the United Kingdom, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany and Russia; but American trade will meet competition from these countries in the other markets of the world.

After the war there will be a lessened demand in Europe for American products, as the belligerent countries will be unable to send funds out of their exchequers as the construction work which must be done is personal and not national.

Should the commercial union for free trade among the belligerent countries become "un fait accompli" there will necessarily be a heavy tariff imposed upon German goods, if they be not entirely excluded. This would mean that Germany, with her imperative need of outside markets, would have only those fields to operate in which the United States regards as its special preserves at the moment. The countries in the proposed union, which were formerly large customers for the United States, would find it more profitable to trade with one another and with their colonies than with America. The United Kingdom has been a purchaser of more than 30 per cent of American exports, and at the end of the war British merchants will be unable to find gold for their payments and must pay with other commodities; and with a wall of a high scale of wages against them such

as are found in the United States the United Kingdom will find it more profitable to trade with the countries with which she is allied or with her colonies, under a system of a preferential tariff.

Mr. Hill says these obvious conditions should make Americans reflective and help them to clear away their self-deceptions. He says further that the question of economic preparedness is paramount:—"If the black shadow which the war has cast upon the future generations of Europe is not to darken our national life also, we must be prepared to meet these new conditions, not with political oratory, but with the economic weapons by which alone they can be mastered."

He says: "What is best for us to do?" The answer he gives is that the United States must be economically prepared, as the manufacturing interest of the United States has been built up to a point where domestic needs cannot consume the output. The agricultural population of the United States has dwindled to 33.2 per cent, and the rest must be supported on that narrowing foundation. In conclusion of the article he utters these words of warning:—

"Persistence in old policies, generally obstructive, never far-fought or useful, and soon to become impossible, would be worse than folly. Economic preparedness that shall permit our abundant capital to employ itself wisely here, where it would prefer to stay, create new industry, is the test by which the future of our hopes and visions must stand or fall."

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

MAY 23

FIRST Bill under Responsible Government (Revenue Bill) introduced by John Kent, 1855.  
 Irish Insurrection broke out, 1798.  
 James F. McGrath, Governor Penitentiary, born in Placentia, 1859.  
 Foundation stone of Fishermen's Hall, Queen Street, laid, 1861.  
 United States warships Miantonomah and Augusta arrived from Halifax, 1866.  
 Account reached town of the loss of H.M.S. Niobe, at St. Pierre, 1874.  
 James Healey, G.P.O., died suddenly, 1870.  
 H.M.S. Eclipse arrived in port first time, 1875.  
 Edward Shea and William H. Horwood admitted to Bar, 1885.  
 J. Oliphant Fraser admitted to Bar, 1888.  
 Patrick Nash, son of John Nash, Topsail Road, died, 1896.  
 John B. Ayre (Tory) and Sidney Woods (Liberal) returned for Bay de Verde, 1894.  
 The Government contributed £75, and the bank and insurance agents £83, for uniforms for the Phoenix Fire Company, 1865.

MAY 24

Queen Victoria born, 1819.  
 Hon. Stephen Rendell born at Devon, 1819.  
 Foundation stone Colonial Building laid by Governor LeMarchant, 1847.  
 Schr. Caledonia, Capt. P. Delaney, bound to Labrador, struck an iceberg and sank; crew of eighty-two taken off iceberg by Capt. Kennedy, of schr. Jane Ainsley, 1875.  
 Baird's Minstrels opened in the Athenaeum, 1883.  
 Rev. P. O'Donnell and Rev. D. O'Brien ordained, 1863.  
 Foundation stone of first Star of the Sea Hall laid by Bishop Power, 1874.  
 Brooklyn Bridge first opened, 1883.  
 John Casey appointed Poor Commissioner, 1873.  
 A skiff on her way from Witley Bay to St. John's lost and all hands (7 men), 1853.  
 Miss Journeaux, the Jersey heroine, arrived in Curlew from Bay St. George, and was placed in care of Ven. Archdeacon Botwood. The press representatives, Messrs. Gleeson and Furneaux, specially dressed for the occasion, were the first to interview her, 1886.  
 Women's Christian Temperance Union coffee house opened by Lady O'Brien, 1894.  
 Duder's northern premises were sold this day. Twillingate premises were bought by W. H. Leithbridge; Herring Neck premises bought by George J. Carter; Change Islands premises bought by Solomon Roberts; Joe Batt's Arm premises bought by John W. Hodge; Greenspond premises bought by Edwin Edgar, 1895.

**WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES!**

**Statement of Expenditure Under the Head, Department of Agriculture and Mines, On Account of Board of Agriculture for Year Ending June 30th, 1915.**

Brought Forward	\$10,284.35
Hr. Grace Society, keep stallion and 1 boar pig	62.00
Hearts Content Society	93.00
Hant's Hr. Society, grant	85.00
A. Hobbs, sec. King's Cove Society	20.00
James Hynes, sec. St. Brendan's Society	20.00
William Hogan, keep stallion St. Mary's	50.00
Clement Hudson, keep ram Blackhead	5.00
P. D. Hannon, sec. Hr. Main Society	20.00
Martin Hynes, sec. Port au Port Society	20.00
Mannell Hollett, sec. Arnold's Cove Society	20.00
Manuel Hollett, sundries	2.60
Wm. P. Howell, sec. Old Perlican Society	20.00
Wm. Harnett, sec. Channel Society	3.34
P. Henderson & Co., seeds	159.00
S. Hussey, cab hire	1.70
Wm. C. Hendrikson, seeds	12.10
Dr. Wm. Hogan, keep stallion St. Mary's	50.00
Hebner & Sons, thresher	379.22
Edward Howlett, driving bull from Goulds	2.00
S. Ivany, sec. Channel Soc.	10.00
C. G. Jones, sec. Spaniard's Society	20.00
Geo. Knowling, sec. Little River Society	40.00
M. Kean, cab hire	10.20
J. S. Keats, Sec. Merasheen Society	20.00
J. S. Keats, sundries	1.70
P. R. Keating, sec. Placentia Society	20.00
Geo. Knowling, plough	.95
Musgrave Hr.	.95
Isaac King, sec. Broad Cove Society	20.00
King's Cove Society, keep bull	20.00
Matt Kelly, cab hire	2.50
Mark King, keep ram, Broad Cove	5.00
Edward Kelly, cab hire	2.00
C. F. Lester, cartage, stabling animals	225.55
J. L. Lawrence, sec. Bonavista and keep bull	20.00
J. W. Lawrence, keep stallion, 1874	108.33
Francis Lee, sec. Riverhead, St. Mary's	20.00
O. W. Laing, sec. Port Rexton Society	20.00
Thos. Legge, sec. Robinson's Society	20.00
W. Lawlor, cab hire	.50
R. Langlois, sec. Stephenville Crossing Society	20.00
Samuel Lake, sec. Fortune Society	20.00
James Martin, acre sheep	2.00
Mt. Cashel Dairy, 1 bull and 3 pigs	96.20
March's Pt. Society, keep pig	5.00
Martin Hardware Co., ploughs, etc.	59.60
Marystown Society, balance grant	7.58
M'Treal Canada Insur. Co., prem. office furniture	5.10
M. J. Murray, sec. St. Lawrence Society	20.00
Arthur Miles, balance keep Bonavista	3.43
Patrick Martin, sec. Trepassey Soc.	20.00
John Moore, sec. Dildo Soc.	20.00
M. F. Murphy, sec. Argentinia Soc.	20.00
S. E. Mercer, sec. Bay Roberts Society	20.00
Geo. Moss, sec. Daniel's Hr. Society	20.00
M. Mahon, 1 pig	16.00
James Moore, seeds Carbonear	58.50
Michael Mercer, 1 bull	60.75
Musgrave Hr. Society, keep bull	10.00
T. G. Morey, keep bull	28.00
Ferryland	9.30
J. G. McNeil, sundries	7.35
T. McMurdo & Co., sundries	7.35
R. McDonald, sec. St. Alban's Society	20.00
Angus McDonald, keep stallion Little River	100.00
F. McNamara	2.03
A. McDonald, 1 bull	60.00
John Neville, cab hire	31.00
Nfld. Poultry Association, grant	400.00
Nfld. Produce Co., freights	11.50
Norris Pt. Society, keep ram	5.00
George Neal, potatoes	2.00
Rev. J. J. Nolan, sec. Fortune Hr. Society	20.85
Samuel Noftall, keep ram Bay de Verde	5.00
E. E. Noseworthy, sec. Campbell's Cr. Society	20.00
Joe. Noseworthy, cab hire	.88
Nfld. Express Co., expressage	.50

**ARCHANGEL**

At the time of my visit in August about 120 large steamers were in port, and about 300 had arrived since May. An immense number of boats and barges are also engaged in river and canal navigation, many of them carrying as much as 2,000 tons each; these have been diverted largely from the lower Volga river traffic.

Larger preparations than ever are being planned, and it is hoped that the facilities may then be sufficient to take care, with reasonable promptness, of the common business that has developed.

If Archangel were free from ice during the winter it would be one of the finest ports in the world, since it has sixty to seventy miles of river frontage available for ships drawing up to 23 feet. Moreover, through the magnificent system of inland waterways with which the Dwina river is connected, it is possible to ship freight from Archangel by water to nearly all the principal towns of Russia. During the spring, especially, when there is high water in the rivers and canals, there would seem to be no reason why nearly all the immense amount of freight arriving could not be distributed through these interior waterways.

Archangel has become one of the most important wheat-exporting ports of the world; apparently much of the wheat formerly exported from Black sea or Baltic ports is now shipped from here. In August it was said that about 1,000,000 pods (18,000 short tons) was lying in port while 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 pods (270,000 to 360,000 short tons) had been shipped since May.

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John O'Brien, keep bull	15.00
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Reid Newfoundland Co., freight and fares	1,248.52
James Ryan, salary	521.00
O. V. Ross, samples vegetables	1.00
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William Rose, bull	80.00
Joseph Ralph, keep ram	5.00
Clarks' Beach	5.00
J. E. Roberts, sec. Rome Bonne Bay Society	20.00
Ronald Ralph, sec. Alexander Bay Society	20.00
Andrew Roberts, sec. Cape Shore Society	20.00
(To be continued.)	\$13,744.74

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## How Boston Man Won Victoria Cross

(Continued from page 2)

"We were about half way across 'No man's Land' when a big, high explosive shell from one of the German batteries fell short and exploded directly over the end of our sap. It left a hole as big as a house, and in an instant we were all tangled up and left exposed to the German rifle fire in the opposite trench.

"I was the only man in the party who could walk. The rest were knocked out. My left arm was badly hurt, but somehow I managed to get one of the fellows up on my back and lug him into our trenches. I wasn't the pindling looking thing I am now. I weighed 180 pounds then, and was strong as an ox, in spite of the bullets that had hit me. I weigh 120 now.

"Well, when I got to the trench I thought about the 10 other poor devils I had left behind me. They were helpless under the fire of the German rifle, which were going good. I can tell you. So I started back and got a second one. When I got in I found he had been killed right there on my back.

"Well, to make a long story short, I brought in all the other fellows, and one more of them got his death while I was carrying him out. The Germans got me, too, six times, but I lived through it—and when I got out of the hospital in London this is what they gave me, the V. C.

"Know anything about the V. C.? Well, it was established by Queen Victoria back in 1856, to reward the soldiers in the Crimean War. Those crosses were then, and are still, cast from bronze cannon captured at Sebastopol. The design on the cross was worked out by the Prince Consort, and is a crown surmounted by a crowned and fierce-looking lion—he looks it, don't he—and all it says on it is "For Valour." But that's enough, I guess.

"There is probably no metal in the world so jealously guarded as the bronze of those Sebastopol cannon. In the 60 years before this present war only 511 of these crosses were given out. One hundred and eleven were won during the Crimean war, 182 in the Indian mutinies, 78 in the Boer war, and the others in the little one-ring wars which Britain has had to fight in all parts of the world.

"You know, every soldier, even a general himself, has to salute a V. C. man. Only the King is exempt, but he always does salute the V. C."

"Says!" he exclaimed suddenly, interrupting his description of the Victoria Cross. "You want to make it clear that all this talk about the British army not doing its full duty in France is not so. They have been doing it all along, and are still doing it. The French are entitled to all the credit that has been given them, but the English haven't been laggards. They have been everywhere the French have, fight with them, and part of the fighting army. The French people and French soldiers have welcomed them with open arms.

"But the Scotch, the Canadians, the Australians and the Colonials—they sure are the fighters. My lord, how they do like to fight. You know when the Germans first saw the Highlanders, with their kilts, they took them for women and yelled out in derision: 'The ladies are coming.' But when Scotty got to work among them with a bayonet they changed their tone. Now they call the Highlanders 'The ladies of Hell'—and they sure do give it to the Germans. The Germans simply won't stand up to the steel, and those Highlanders will fight, and the pipers will skirl as long as one of them can stand on his feet.

"And the Canadians? Well, they don't take any prisoners. I could tell you why—tell you about what the Germans have done to Canadians, and to Belgian women, and to prisoners—but I'm not going to. I've got to live in this country, you see. But Lord help the Germans when the Canadians get after them. They are big huskies, and they've got some patriotism.

"You know—the Germans hadn't figured on the patriotism of their enemies. They thought they could make 'em run by saying 'Boo' to 'em, and showing up their enormous mass of troops. But there is no run in their make-up, and that is what has put a kink in the Kaiser's plans. The Irishmen are fighting too, as good as the Canadians and the Australians.

"The most dreaded soldier of all is the little Turco. Good Lord—one of these fellows will go right into a German trench at night, armed only with a knife, and he will slash right and left, causing great slaughter and then spring like a monkey back into his own trench and laugh over it all. I've seen a lot of bravery among the French troops. There was one fellow whom I watched through a field glass. The German had a machine-gun on a little knoll, hidden behind a rock. We couldn't reach him to blow the rock up, and he was causing great havoc. Finally a little Frenchman got an empty petrol drum. It is of metal and will turn a bullet. He lay down on his stomach and pushed that drum ahead of him, with the German firing hundreds of shots a minute at him. Finally he got the drum up near the rock, pulled his automatic and 'got' the German and the machine gun.

**Prize for the Blue Cross.**  
"Oh, there's lots of things like that, individual bits of real heroism, but you really ought to say something about the Blue Cross. It is as efficient as the Red Cross in every way. It takes care of the horses, you know. They have horse transports, autos with mattresses for wounded horses, hospitals, etc. The animals get as much care as we fellows do, I can tell you.

"There's one thing they didn't discover until this war, and that is that champagne is the greatest thing in the world to revive a horse. A woman who had a big cellar full of the finest champagne has given it all to the Blue Cross and it is doing great work in making the horses well. They even mend broken legs on horses now, with splints, and so on.

"They have horse hospitals every 20 miles or so along the lines. There are plenty of mules, too, which are even more valuable than horse, for they stand more. The Indian troops have their camels, plenty of them.

"I didn't tell you about the Masonic meeting in a captured German dug-out, did I? Well, one night we organized a lodge and had a meeting there. We gave the third degree to one of the fellows who hadn't been able to get his in England. We made regalia out of bandages and did the thing up in style.

"Right after lodge broke up we were called to advance, and in the first charge the fellow who was worshipful master that night was killed and about half the other members."

"Will the Germans win?" he was asked.  
"No, sir! They will not. I honestly believe, from what I know of the war and what I have seen, that the Germans have shot their last bolt. I have seen German boys of 14 years, and German men of 60, taken prisoners in battle. They have called out their last available man, and at Verdun they have literally thrown them away. They will never take Verdun, if they fight 10 years there."

### HOT ROAST FOR JOHN REDMOND

NEW YORK, May 12.—According to the morning newspapers here, the speedy action of the English authorities in trying and executing four of the leaders of the Irish republic yesterday, was a surprise to Irishmen in this country, who, after the collapse of the movement, hoped some way might be found to save the lives of the leaders.

The fact that the three other signers of the proclamation of the new republic were given only three years, was taken to mean that the several hundred Irishmen, who took part in the revolution, may escape with even lighter sentences.

Following a meeting of leading supporters of the Irish parliamentary party in New York last night, a telegram was sent to John E. Redmond, M.P., which reads:

"Irish in America, contrasting execution of Dublin leaders with treatment in Ulster and South Africa, are revolted by this reversion to savage repression."

It was signed by Captain Stephen MacFarland, president of the New York Municipal Council of the United Irish League.

The Irish papers here say the revolt is still in progress in the country districts of Ireland. They praise the valor and fighting spirit of the rebel forces, and say the attempt to win Irish freedom has been more successful than England admits. The papers print flaming front page articles telling of victories of the revolting troops.

### TERRIBLE 'TED' AGAIN TO TRY

This Time Has a New Platform—Of Course it is "Non-partisan"—"I am it" Seems to be His Motto

OYSTER BAY, N.Y., May 12.—Theodore Roosevelt last night swept aside all doubt as to his attitude toward the Presidential nomination. He is in the fight to the finish.

In a recent letter to Col. Roosevelt, Guy Emerson, National Secretary of the Roosevelt Non-partisan League said:

"The platform that is absolutely vital in our opinion for the safety of the country during the four months

### EMPIRE DAY RED CROSS FUND

Sports Organized by the Boy Scouts.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor (Chief Scout) and the Newfoundland Boy Scout Council.

**REGIMENTAL EVENTS:**  
1/4 Mile Flat Race.  
Tug of War.  
Pick-a-back Race, 75 yards.  
1 Mile Flat Race.  
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Boy Scout Events.  
Refreshment Tents in charge of Ladies of W.P.A.

Come and see the defenders of your King and Country. By doing so you will help to relieve the sufferings of the Sick and Wounded, and get a good afternoon's enjoyment into the bargain.

Admission, 10c.; Grand Stand, 10c. extra. Tickets to be had at McMurdo's Drug Stores and Ice Cream Parlour, Cash's Tobacco Stores, Gray & Goodland's, H. Courtenay's Drug Store and all Boy Scouts.

years which lie ahead is, the platform strongly stated in your recent Chicago speech. We believe that you are the only man now available who can carry that platform into effect and who at the same time has any chance of being elected.

In his reply Col. Roosevelt once more outlines the principles of patriotism and preparedness which he has declared to be the dominant issues and says:

"Your league emphasizes its devotion to these principles and supports me only as representing the principles. This is emphatically the proper attitude to take; and because this is your attitude and because you are working in this spirit I very earnestly approve your work."

It can be said with certainty that behind this declaration is a plain purpose of dissipating all rumours as to Col. Roosevelt's attitude toward other candidates for the Presidential nomination at Chicago and of dispelling all doubt as to his position in the fight.

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Mrs. Hayse—King's Bridge Road.  
Mrs. Brien—Colonial Street.  
James Whelan—Colonial Street.  
F. Fitzpatrick—Gower Street (top of Nunnery Hill).  
Mrs. Organ—Military Road.  
Mr. Parsons—Catherine Street.  
Mr. E. Parsons—Corner Hayward Avenue and McDougall Street.  
Mrs. Wadden—Pleasant Street.  
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A. McCoubrey—(tinsmith) New Gower Street.  
Royal Tobacco Store, Water Street.  
Mrs. Joy—New Gower Street.  
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Mr. Ryan—Casey Street.  
Mrs. Collins—Foot Patrick Street.  
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Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street.  
P. J. Morgan—Pennywell Road.  
Chas. Truscett—New Gower Street.  
Miss Murphy—Water St. West.

### 2 German Machines Are Brought Down

LONDON, May 21.—British aviators fought thirteen combats yesterday, bringing down two German machines.

### Rates Drop 3 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Transatlantic war risks rates have dropped from three per cent. in both New York and London markets during last week.

### Surprise Attack

PARIS, May 21.—The French made a surprise attack on a German trench in Champagne district, and killed or captured all the occupants.

### Around Loos

LONDON, May 21.—Jeremiah Lynch, naturalized American of New York, has been convicted in connection with the Sinn Fein revolt and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. This report was made to the Ambassador this afternoon by American Consul Adams, in Dublin.

### TO ARRIVE in about two weeks: 1000 Sacks P. E. I. BLUE POTATOES.

Would advise customers looking up early for this lot as Blues are going to be very scarce and high.

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**OUR THEATRES**

**THE NICKEL.**  
Nickel theatre yesterday and the popular opinion is that the performance was one of the best ever given at the Nickel. The pictures were all well received particularly the social melo-drama "Cherish and Protect." Bert Stanley, the ragtime singer, was in splendid form and was enthusiastically applauded. This evening the programme will be repeated and those who were unable to attend yesterday should be sure and go. To-morrow will be a big day at the Nickel. It being Empire Day a special program will be given, which includes the pictures of the Newfoundland soldiers at Arr. All the volunteers and their friends should be sure and go. All the films will be of the highest quality.

**THE CRESCENT**  
The Crescent Day programme at the Crescent Picture Palace is a great one. The Lubin Company presents a three reel feature: "Voices from the Past" which is one of their famous Company's best productions. A Biograph melo-drama, "Frederick Holmes Ward" and "On Tour", one of the Edison Grouch chasers. Mr. Frank DeGroot sings the popular patriotic song "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Don't fail to see to-day's big show, the feature is a three-reel Broadway star and Mr. DeGroot sings "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

**EMPIRE DAY RED CROSS FUND**

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T. H. Eastbrook & Co., Ltd.	100.00
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Hendell & Co.	35.00
United States Picture and Portrait Co.	50.00
W. B. Greve	250.00
J. C. Hepburn	10.00
W. G. Goeling	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,793.50</b>

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**THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEET**

The Citizens' Committee appointed to discuss the City Charter met again last night in the Board of Trade Rooms. The attendance was large and representative. The proposed Charter was taken up, and discussed down to section eight. Some amendments were suggested, several of which were approved while others were not considered. On the whole the meeting was business-like, and while the amount of work done will not appear large there was an atmosphere about the meeting which made all feel that they were willing to do the work expected of them. The discussion of the various items occupied up to 10.30 when adjournment was taken until Thursday night next at 8 o'clock.

**RAILWAY CARS TO BE DISINFECTED**

The Reid Nid. Co. have taken a new departure in protecting those who travel over their system from disease germs. The cars will be thoroughly disinfected once a month and the sleeping cars of tenner. Vice-Pres. H. D. Reid has consulted with Dr. Brehm of the Public Health Department and a system approved by both has been formulated and will be put into effect shortly. The public must appreciate this thoroughly.

**LEFT FOR THE FRENCH SHORE.**

A report from A. J. Pearce, sub-collector at Twillingate, to the Board of Trade, yesterday stated the following vessels had left there for the Treaty Shore up to the 13th inst.: Ida, Lizzie May, Lucy Rose, Susan Jane, John Earle, N. Dunelyn, Helen, Ascellus, Strathcona, Annie B. These vessels are of 349 tons aggregate register, and carry 78 persons, including crews.

**REID'S STEAMER REPORT**

Argyle to leave Placentia early, this a.m. for West.  
Clyde left Lewisporte 5.45 p.m. yesterday.  
Dundee left Port Blandford 6 p.m. yesterday.  
Ethie due at Port aux Basques this a.m.  
Glencoe left LaPoile 4.25 p.m. yesterday coming East.  
Home left Lewisporte 5.45 p.m. yesterday.  
Kyle leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Sunday's No. 1.  
Petrol left Clarendville 4.35 p.m. yesterday.  
Meigle left St. John's 10 p.m. yesterday for North Sydney.  
Sagana arrived at Humbermouth 1.40 yesterday. Sailing this p.m.

**TRAIN REPORT.**

Sunday's No. 1 left South Branch 9 a.m.  
Yesterday's No. 1 left Port Blandford 6.45 a.m.  
To-day's No. 2 leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Ethie.

**NORWEGIAN FISHERY**

The following figures of the Norwegian fishery were received yesterday by the Board of Trade:—May 27, 1915, 58,400,000. May 22, 1916, 46,400,000.

**WOMAN SEVERELY HURT**

Mrs. Lush of Gambo arrived by the express last evening and was taken by Mr. Whiteway in the ambulance to the hospital. The woman a few days ago fell over a steep stair way in her home. The woman suffered great pain as a result.

**THE SUSU SAILS**

The Susu left here to-day at 10 a.m. for the north with a full freight and as passengers:—A. H. McMillen, Mrs. Blundon, A. Moore, T. Noftall, Mrs. E. Barbour, N. Frost and 12 steerage.

**TAG DAY**

The young ladies about the city to-day selling patriotic souvenirs for the Red Cross Fund are doing remarkably well. Clad in white with a Red Cross on their bosoms the passers by willingly purchased the pretty souvenirs and we feel assured a large contribution will thus be made to a very worthy object by our patriotic citizens.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

The S.S. Ethie arrived at Port aux Basques at 10.10 this a.m., having left Sydney at 11.30 last night.

The S.S. Portia sails at 7 p.m. for the Westward with several passengers.

Mr. Levi Chafe of the firm of Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, who had been ill of meningitis for 10 days is now able to be about again, though not thoroughly recovered.

The Treasurer of St. Vincent-de-Paul Society wishes gratefully to acknowledge the sum of fifty dollars from J. P. Kielly, Esq., manager of the Nickel theatre.

The Star of the Sea Association are holding a dance to-night in the theatre of their Hall and all look forward to a most enjoyable time. The O'Grady-Myron orchestra will furnish the music.

Quite a number of troutlers will go out by this evening's train for various ponds along the line of railway. This is the first exodus of Watkinson for the season and with fine weather good sport awaits them.

**LOST ON Saturday last on Water Street the sum of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00), the property of a poor fisherman, who had the money—all that he possessed—to purchase supplies. The honest finder will be rewarded on leaving it at this office.**

Several of the City football teams are now getting their men ready for the season's work and a meeting of the League to formulate this year's events will soon be held. The teams have had their ranks depleted through enlistments.

The big show of live stock to be held on the Parade Ground to-morrow between 10 a.m. and noon will be one of the features of Empire Day which will be of much interest. Farmers and others have made a number of entries and all are very much interested in the show.

One of the most interesting of the sports to be held to-morrow on St. George's Field, will be the tug of war between the Volunteers. The preliminary bouts were started yesterday and will conclude to-day, when the winning teams of A. and B. Companies will meet in the finals.

**MR. LOUGHLIN RESIGNS**

Mr. C. T. Loughlin, assistant manager of the Union Publishing Co., is leaving the company at the end of this month and taking a position with one of the leading banks in Canada. He will visit his friends at Flat Island, P.E.I., and spend a couple of weeks home before going to Canada. Mr. Loughlin is leaving with the consent of Mr. Coaker and we wish him every success in the banking business of Canada.

**RELEASED UNDER BONDS**

The man James Furlong who was held for assaulting volunteer Jos. Yetman was to-day released from custody to appear when called on. He gave his own bond in \$1000 and found 2 other sureties in \$500 each.

**CAME FOR ASYLUM**

By the express which arrived last night there came a woman from Grand Falls for the Lunatic Asylum. She was very violent and was kept in a straight jacket all the time.

**MEN SCARCE AT BELL ISLAND.**

People over from Bell Island to-day say that the mines have closed down practically owing to scarcity of labor. There has been a regular exodus of late, and the men will not come back. Some 200 were expected from around the Bay last week, but only 22 returned. The men get only 14¢ cents per hour and this, they say, they will not work for. The same companies employing them give 20 to 22 cents per hour at Sydney, and this anomalous labor situation, the people of the Island say, must be rectified, or men will not be had to go to work. The situation facing the Companies is a serious one and there is only one cure for it—to level up the wage to correspond with that given at the Sydneys.

**PATRIOTIC SPIRIT OF TWO ORPHANS**

Mr. H. J. Earle of Fogo recently had a letter from his daughter, Mrs. C. Wall, who has been residing at Westkirby, Cheshire, enclosed in which was one from a young chap addressed to her. He is now with our troops in the East and Mrs. Wall met the lad and his brother and took great interest in them both. They were orphans and lived with their old Irish granny in Liverpool. They were uneducated but Mrs. Wall took charge of them, taught them how to write, and after the war broke out the lads—with the blood of the "Fighting Race" coursing strongly in their veins—promptly enlisted, one going to France and the other to the Eastern front.

The letter's to Mrs. Wall shows what care that lady must have taken with the two friendless boys, for the missive is written in a fine round hand and in it he thanks his kind benefactor for the pleasure of being able to communicate with her. After acknowledging presents &c. from the lady the young soldier whose name is Jno. Sykes, 14th King's Liverpool Regiment, says that they had the honour of holding the Bulgarians at bay recently and part of the Austrian and German armies menacing Salonika.

He says the defences could not be stronger and if the Huns advance they will get the thrashing of their lives. The weather is grand here, he says, and they go to the trenches in their short sleeves. Religion is not forgotten either by this orphan soldier who stated that he had gone to Confession and received Holy Communion for Easter in the spot in which St. Paul preached to the Thessalonians. Both boys are splendid specimens of manhood and Mrs. Wall took a great liking to them when she first met them, their clear, bright and kindly appearance captivated her.

**"MILESTONES"**

To-morrow night and Thursday night the drama "Milestones" will be produced in the Casino Theatre for the benefit of the Red Cross Fund. People who have not done so yet should get their tickets quickly, as the seats are selling with rare rapidity.

This beautiful play is one which is well worth seeing and none should miss it. Lest we might anticipate the pleasure which the audience will extract from it, we refrain from reviewing its very great merits, but we feel assured that all who have seen it once will certainly wish to do so again. The most clever amateur actors and actresses of the City are in the bill, and the fact that the proceeds go to the Red Cross Fund will, we believe, another great incentive for our patriotic people to fill the theatre to its utmost capacity.

**States Again Protests To Britain**

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A new note to Great Britain, making further protest against interference with American mails, was laid before President Wilson to-day. It will probably be sent to London to-morrow. The general terms of the Note was framed by the State Department, but the President is including some of his own language.

**Turk Army Retreating Towards Bagdad**

LONDON, May 22.—The Daily Chronicle says: "The Turkish Army has begun its retreat towards Bagdad evidently having been given orders to concentrate in that locality in view of the new Russian menace from the north-east."

**WAR MESSAGES**

**New French Minister Appointed For Roumania**

NEW YORK, May 22.—A news agency despatch to-day from Paris says, that M. Blondel, the French Minister to Roumania, is to be succeeded by Col. De Saint Aulaire, now Adjutant Resident General of Morocco, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced to-day.

Rumours were in circulation in Washington on Saturday that the French Minister to Roumania had been recalled, and that the Allies were distrustful of Roumania's attitude because of her newly-negotiated commercial treaties with Austria and Germany.

**British Defeated by Rebellious Tribesmen?**

BERLIN, May 22.—Constantinople advices to the Overseas News Agency, reports the defeat of a British force in a battle with rebellious tribesmen in the province of Darfur, in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. It is stated that the British sent two transports with British and Hindoo troops, to the port of Sudan, in the Red Sea, whence they advanced and attacked the tribesmen, and that they were defeated by the forces under Imam of Darfur.

**Austrians Make Some Big Claims**

BERLIN, May 22.—The Italians have been driven from the entire positions of Lavarone Plateau. The Austrian War Office announcement to-day said that the Italian defeat was steadily becoming more serious. The Austrian lines have been pushed forward rapidly, several additional positions of strategic importance having been captured. The number of Italians taken prisoners has increased to 23,853.

**Evaded the Submarines.**

Mr. Martin Burke of this City, who took a position on the S.S. "Manchester Court" and went to Manchester in her, returned here by Saturday express. He liked the ship well and he says that when they got in the danger zone five merchant ships were sunk by submarines. They were warned to leave the course they were on by a British destroyer and the ship proceeded up around the North of Ireland.

**A DANGEROUS RUNAWAY.**

At 11.30 a.m. to-day a horse attached to a long cart owned by Edward Everett of the Coulds took fright on George's Street, and dashing down Prince's Street, ran into Monroe's Cove, which at that time of day is a busy centre, colliding with a telephone pole there. There the wheels were left behind, and the horse continued on with the cart trailing after. Rushing to Monroe's wharf, the animal ran to the head of the pier, stopped and was captured. Several men working on the wharf had narrow escapes from being hurt.

**570 Fishing Craft Sunk Since Aug. 14**

LONDON, May 22.—The number of British fishing vessels destroyed since the beginning of the war by Britain's enemies, was given as 570 by Francis Ackland, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, in the Commons to-day. The number of lives lost in those vessels is 500. Fishing has gone on as usual within the necessary restrictions.

**Queen of Belgium Gets War Cross**

PARIS, May 22.—President Poincare, is making another visit to the Belgian front, has conferred the War Cross on Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, as an expression of the admiration of the French people for the magnificent courage and untiring devotion to the wounded, which she has never ceased to show under the enemy's fire.

**And It's Coming This Way Too**

MONTREAL, May 22.—Consineau, leader of the Conservative opposition in the Quebec Legislature, was defeated, and only three Conservatives, so far as is known, were elected to-day. This, with the three elected by acclamation, gives the Conservatives only six members in the next House.

**ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE**

**THE IRISHMEN'S BILLIARD DINNER**

The annual billiard dinner of the B. I. S. took place at the Club Rooms in St. Patrick's Hall last night. The Vice-President, Mr. J. L. Slattery, presided and a large number enjoyed the event. The menu was excellent, excellent speeches were made, a splendid dinner was served and musical items were contributed by V. P. Slattery, J. P. Crotty, T. P. Halley, M. McCarthy and C. J. Fox. The toast list was as follows:

"The King"—Prop., the Chairman; Resp., "God Save the King."  
"The Archbishop and Clergy"—Prop., J. C. Pippy; Resp., "The Pope's March."  
"The Christian Brothers"—Prop. Mr. W. J. O'Neill; Resp., Mr. J. P. Crotty.  
"Our Empire and Allies"—Prop. Mr. W. J. Higgins, M.H.A.; Resp., National Ais.  
"The Land We Live In"—Prop. Mr. R. T. McGrath; Resp. Mr. C. E. Hunt.  
"Our Volunteers"—Prop. Mr. C. J. Fox; Resp. Corp. W. Grace.  
"Our Guests"—Prop. Mr. Leo Carter; Resp. Hon. John Anderson, M. L. C.  
"The Ladies"—Prop. Mr. T. P. Halley; Resp. Mr. N. J. Vinnicombe.  
"The Chairman"—Prop. W. J. Higgins; Resp. Mr. J. L. Slattery.

**PROSPERO MEETS ICE**

The Prospero met a lot of ice on the south side of Green Bay and went out around it this trip. The harbors all along were filled and she left Nipper's Hr. at 8.30 a.m. to-day.

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**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Yesterday afternoon the Volunteers had a route march, the Non-Coms class were given instructions and squads had rifle practice at the range on the South Side.

Jno. T. Whelan, St. John's. Elenor Greening, Musgrave town. Hy Buffett, Bay D'Espoir. M. Dunphy, St. John's. Stanley Dreen, St. John's. Peter Whittle, St. John's. Fred Lucas, St. John's. Jas. McCormack, St. John's. Heber Jones, Broad Cove, C.B. Bernard Shaw, Little Heart's Ease. Harold Batten, Barenood.

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