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GERMANS STILL HOLD AMERICAN CITIZENS

Washington is Asking Through The Spanish Embassy at Berlin Regarding The Detention of 72 Former U. S. Consuls and Families. The "Overt Act" Not Yet Perpetrated.

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Enquiry has been sent to Germany through the Spanish Embassy at Berlin regarding the delay in the departure of the second train of former American officials from Germany for Switzerland. It was announced officially today. The train should have left Munich early this week carrying 86 former American consuls and their families and an unknown number of other Americans.

AMERICANS IN AUSTRIA WARNED TO LEAVE.

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, Feb. 16.—Americans in Austria have been warned from Washington to leave that country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Associated Press this morning says the British Admiralty's decision to permit neutral vessels sailing from American ports for Europe to undergo examination at Halifax instead of at Kirkwall or Falmouth brought immediate relief today to the congested cargo situation at New York. Steamships of Dutch and Scandinavian lines which have been held in this port on account of the submarine blockade made preparations to sail by the new route and it is expected that several will get away before the end of the week. By stopping for examination at Halifax ships bound for Holland and Scandinavian countries will be able to skirt the northern boundary of blockade

ARRIVED SAFELY IN ENGLAND

The safe arrival in England is announced of Lt. Col. H. D. Johnson, M. D., and nursing sister Nicholson, daughter of Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., both of whom sailed on the same ship after a short furlough at their homes here. They are en route for France.

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR AT FAIRFIELD

A very enjoyable entertainment and basket social was held by the people of the parish of Fairfield in the cheese factory at that place, now being utilized as a hall and church. Preceding the entertainment Sgt. W. G. Bruce who recently returned from the front, gave a splendid account of his experiences, portraying in a most pleasing manner incidents from the time he left Valcartier, until he got into the firing line. He showed a number of souvenirs during his address which made it much more interesting. Sergt. Bruce who is an excellent speaker was listened to with the closest interest and appreciation. The vocalists of the evening were Misses Lucy Blanchard and Georgie Kelly, Charlottetown, Mr. J. P. MacInnis and the pastor, Rev. Father Bernard Gillis, D. D., Rev. Father Theodore Gallant, Sturgeon, was the accompanist of the evening. That accomplished comedian, Mr. J. Austin Trahaner fairly brought down the house in monologue and song. He was compelled to respond to insistent entreaties of which his clever act, was certainly deserving. The baskets were auctioned by Mr. Coughlin, of the Department of Agriculture, in a capable manner about \$150 being realized. The proceeds will go towards the building of a new parish church to replace that recently destroyed by fire. Both the pastor and people are deserving of the highest praise for the success of the affair.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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A NAVAL BATTLE WITH THREE RIDERS

British Cruiser Amethyst Fought Three German Raiders, Sinking one and Battering the Others, one of which was Beached. Amethyst but Slightly Damaged had one Man Killed.

(Special to The Guardian.) RIO JANIERO, Feb. 16.—An officer of the British cruiser, Glasgow, has confirmed reports of a recent naval battle off Ferdinand-de-Noronha, 125 miles off the east extremity of Brazil, according to the newspaper Fun. The Glasgow, however, took no part in the engagement. Her commander received a report of the fighting only on the following day through a wireless message from the British cruiser Amethyst which alone gave battle to the German raiders. Before six o'clock in the evening the Amethyst sighted some steamer which she signalled to come nearer. They did so and then it was seen that the vessels were not two as at first supposed but three large steamers. They were manoeuvring and clearing

600,000 BOY SCOUTS READY FOR U. S. WAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Six hundred thousand boy scouts throughout United States have been ordered by National Council of their organization to prepare for active service in the event of war.

OUR GLASS AND POTTERY PROSPECTS

Sir Charles Dalton, who returned from Ottawa on Thursday was looking after the interests of the province. As already reported Sir Charles along with the Hon. J. A. McDonald waited upon Mr. McNeilly, Chief Supt. of the Canadian Government Railways with reference to the restoration of wireless to the Prince Edward Car Ferry. Mr. McNeilly gave favourable consideration to the suggestion, and forthwith gave instruction to have the wireless restored, which has now been done.

OUR GLASS SAND.

On arrival at Ottawa, Sir Charles, in company with Senator McLean visited the Mines Department to ascertain the progress being made with the experiments with Island sand for glass manufacture. They were shown samples of glass made from the sand. This sand was obtained from Black Pond, King's County, where there are millions of tons accessible for use. This sand is pronounced superior to all but one sample the Department has experimented with, and is superior to the Belgian sand and the sand imported from the United States. It is almost free from iron and suitable for the highest grade of window glass or other articles where superior quality is essential. The one sample that was better than ours was obtained from France and is suitable for the finest work, such as lenses for eye glasses, opera glasses, etc. The official promised to correspond with the Dominion Glass Company asking them to take 500 to 1000 pounds to give the sand a thorough test in behalf of the Government. This will be done as soon as the sand can be forwarded to Montreal. This company imports large quantities of sand from the United States and from different parts of the Dominion. The result of this practical test will give an idea of the value of the sand when compared with sand imported from other countries. There should be sufficient "live wires" in this province to take this important matter in hand with a view to starting this new industry in our midst instead of shipping the raw material to employ labour elsewhere.

Pottery Clay.

The visitors then made enquiries regarding our clay deposits, samples from near Wellington having been forwarded for testing purposes. The Department declared the one of the best clays known to make fine quality of brick tiles and pottery of the highest quality. They were shown some samples of fancy pottery made from our clay. When finished and completed, the official promised to forward these to the Government for inspection and exhibition. The clay is not only of the best possible quality for pottery, but is the right material from which to make paints of different shades. The prospective wealth to be obtained from these two raw materials is enormous. It is estimated that to erect a glass factory \$50,000 would be required for plant.

\$200,000 FIRE IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16.—Four firemen were injured in a blaze which last night completely destroyed the five-story Scott Bathgate Wholesale building on Notre Dame Street causing loss to various wholesale firms estimated at two hundred thousand dollars with insurance unknown.

VERY ENTERTAINING MINSTREL SHOW

And Grand Concert Last Evening by St. Dunstan's Club.

The most enjoyable affair in the line of entertainment held in Charlottetown for some time was the Minstrel Show and Concert given in the Khaki Hall by the Choral Club of St. Dunstan's Cathedral last evening. That something especially good was expected was evident from the large audience present, the hall being packed to its utmost capacity, many being called to stand. A minstrel show is always a big attraction, but when the ring is composed of a beauteous bevy of bright young belles, charmingly made up for the occasion, with only a couple of the male species to keep the black face jokes a-bubbling and another to act as interlocutor, why something exceptionally good may be expected. And last evening the audience did get something especially good. The songs and choruses went with a fine swing and the jokes and local hits made the old hall re-echo with laughter.

Messrs. J. Austin Trahaner and Ivan Hughes in their comical make-up proved themselves masters of the art of mirth productions and they fired off their jokes with such fine aim that they found the mark every time. Mr. Ivan Reddin made a tip-top interlocutor. The young ladies deserve much credit in their first attempt in the minstrel line. Misses Lucy Blanchard and Rose Ryan as the comedienne were a good pair and the amusement they provided made up no small share of the fun, especially the latter's able step dancing. The vocal contingent was composed of the following: Misses Angie Dolron, Minnie McCourt, Nora Jenkins, Gertrude McDonald, Louise Lyons, Bessie Blanchard, Georgie Kelly, Aggie Trahaner, Antonette Blanchard, Hazel Moran, Mabel Murphy, Zilla Arsenault, Marion Griffith. The programme opened with a big medley, then followed songs and choruses by Misses Kelly, H. Moran, M. McCourt, B. Blanchard, R. Ryan, Z. Blanchard, Messrs. I. Hughes and J. A. Trahaner, a reading by Miss G. Kelly and dance by Mr. I. Hughes. The second part, following an intermission and sale of candy, comprised a trio by the S. D. C. three splendid solos by Messrs. R. Ward and Chas. Earle. The latter was encored no less than three times as was also Mr. J. A. Trahaner. A violin solo by H. W. Webb also brought a vociferous encore. Mrs. B. Brown proved an efficient pianist. The National Anthem brought the affair to a close. The proceeds are for a most laudable cause—in aid of the poor.

N.B. NOMINATIONS TAKE PLACE TO-DAY

Full Straight Party Tickets will be Nominated. No Independents.

(Special to The Guardian.) MONCTON, Feb. 16.—Tomorrow Saturday is official provincial Nomination Day. So far as can be learned tonight there are complete government and opposition tickets in every county. A feature of the entire absence so far of so-called independent candidates on either side.

'GERMAN BARBARITY AND FRENCH HEROISM'

To be Symbolised in Souvenir to be Presented to Rome.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A Parliamentary delegation will go to Rome on Friday to return the visit paid by Italian Deputies to Paris and London in 1916. The delegation will carry with it what is officially described as "a symbol of German barbarity and French heroism." This souvenir consists of the bell from Rheims Cathedral and a stone from Forest Faux on the Verdun front.

U. S. AND AUSTRIA HUNGARY SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Negotiations between American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna and the Austro-Hungarian government have been broken, according to the Berliner Tageblatt as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Copenhagen today.

LATEST WAR NEWS

(Special to The Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 16.—The Teutonic attack in Galicia east of Lemberg on Wednesday was repulsed. The statement says: Western Front—The enemy's attack against our positions south of the village of Kadarovitz, southeast of Zlochoff, mentioned yesterday was repulsed. In the Carpathians a snowstorm continued at several points. On the Rumanian front infantry firing is proceeding. On the Caucasian front there is no change. GERMAN REPORT. BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The Germans began an attack in Champagne yesterday. The war office announces that they captured ground half a mile deep over a front of 1-2 miles and took 258 prisoners.

EIGHT RECRUITS AT THURSDAY'S MEETINGS

Recruiting meetings were held Thursday night at Cape Traverse, Lot 65, Sealestown, Bradabane, Centreville and Fredericton. Four recruits were secured. At Cape Traverse the speakers were Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Rev. J. J. Macdonald, Dr. Dougherty, Gordon Dawson and Mr. Robertson, whose son has been killed in action. The musical programme included solos by Mrs. Straugh, the accompaniments being played by Mrs. Crosby. One recruit, Albert Robertson, was secured. At Lot 65 Mr. Fred Hagan presided. The other speakers were Hon. D. A. MacKinnon and Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan. One recruit, Horace Clarke, was secured. At Sealestown the speakers were Judge Stewart, who presided, and E. T. Carboneil. There were no recruits. At Bradabane the speakers were Rev. F. H. Littlejohns, Col. Davison and Mr. C. H. Chandler. Two recruits were secured. At Centreville, Rev. R. G. Fulton and Lieut. McQueen spoke. At Fredericton the speakers were Capt. Campbell and Private Chaisson.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*\*John McQuillan & Co. will pay the highest cash price for potatoes and will take them every mid day. 4448-2-16M81. \*\*The Auction Sale on the farm of Seymour Scott, Meadow Bank, takes place Wednesday, February 22nd, at 1 o'clock p.m. Further particulars later. 4463. \*\*INCORRECT.—The rumor regarding the floor in Pownall Hall falling through is incorrect, as the floor slightly sagged owing to some chores being removed, and has been jacked back to its place and re-chored and everything is in readiness for tomorrow night. 4455.

THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY

Situation is Unchanged with Exception of Freight Congestion Owing to Submarine Blockade. Unofficial Report Received of Release of American Seamen from Germany which Obviated Necessity of Sending a Note.

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Unofficial advice that Germany has released 72 American seamen held prisoners when brought in by the prize ship Farrowdale, reached officials today, just as a peremptory demand was about to be made on the Berlin government for the freeing of Americans. A note embodying this demand had been prepared and approved by President Wilson but if the official confirmation of Germany's reported action is received it is probable the communication will not be despatched. The news probably caused a slight relaxation of the tension over the German American relation. Some gratification was apparent among officials also because of word that the German government has modified its orders which would have compelled the retirement from Belgium of American relief workers. Many serious problems yet remain, however, and were to be discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. Prominent among these was the congestion of freight at Atlantic ports caused by the suspension of sailings by merchant vessels. This condition was emphasized by limited railroad embargoes on freight shipments to those ports, imposed by railroads yesterday. The President is deliberating slowly the next move of the United States but many administration officials believe that his appeal to Congress for authority to use further means to protect American lives and property now is only a matter of days. Even if this act should be delayed longer, no doubt is felt that he will make an address on the international situation within the three weeks remaining of the Congressional session.

RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

There was a large meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association last night. A good deal of routine business was transacted. Mr. James Penfield, M. L. A., gave an interesting report of his recent visit to Ottawa followed by a general discussion by members. The advisability of closing the stores on Saturday afternoons instead of Mondays during the summer was discussed and it was finally decided to continue the Monday afternoon closing. A resolution asking the government to continue the Highland service on the West and East Rivers was unanimously adopted.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARGET IN COWS

KEPT GERMAN PUBLIC IN DARK.

ZURICH, February 14.—Via Paris—Although it proved to be impossible to keep secret the intention of the German Government to inaugurate unrestricted submarine warfare, the Associated Press having received information in Berlin of the forthcoming action as long as four weeks in advance of the official announcement, the German public remained almost entirely in the dark. A rigid censorship was enforced, and only a few persons knew of the significance of the frequent conferences among political, military and naval authorities with Emperor William at Great Headquarters. Even the conference on the Emperor's birthday, at which the decision was definitely reached, was heralded throughout Germany as being merely the customary love feast.

With the publication of the announcement the rumor immediately came into circulation that Foreign Secretary Zimmermann had held out until the last against unrestricted submarine warfare, giving in only when an open breach with General Ludendorff, Field Marshal von Hindenburg's chief of staff, threatened. This rumor was denied by those in

OFFICIAL CHANGES IN OLD 105TH BATT.

A correspondent to The Examiner says:—The staff officers of the new 104th are as follows: Officer Commanding, Lieut. Col. A. E. Inge; 2nd in Command, Major T. H. E. Inman; Adjutant, Capt. G. E. Full; Quartermaster, Capt. G. H. Stanley; Paymaster, Capt. L. Moore; Medical Officer, Capt. A. E. Gardiner; Transport Officer, Capt. W. C. Cook; Lewis Gun officer, Lieut. B. P. McLaine; All above of the 105th; Signalling Officer, Lieut. Nicholson, 104th. Of the four Company Commanders, the 104th get two, Majors commanding A and B Companies, and the 105th get two captains, commanding C and D Companies. Of the four seconds in command of Companies, we get two and the 104th get the other two. Of the sixteen platoon commanders, eight are from the 104th and eight from the 105th. In addition about fourteen supernumerary officers will be carried, the 105th supplying five or six and the 104th eight or nine. Arrangements in respect to Chaplains have not been announced. Our Regimental Sgt. Major, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, Orderly Room Sergeant, Orderly Room Clerk, Armourer Sergeant and Sergeant Tailor all retain their places on the staff. We supply two of the Company Sgt. Majors and two of the Company Quarter Master Sgts., while the 104th supplies an equal number. It is also learned that Major T. E. McNutt, who was major of the 105th, is now commanding officer of C. Co., 13th Reserve Battalion, in Bramshott. Major McNutt has won first class certificates in musketry and anti-gas operations.

authority, who claimed that Dr. Zimmerman made up his mind some time ago for more vigorous use of submarines, and is now one of the most enthusiastic champions of this policy.

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