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WHAT HAS HAPPENED

A Concise Outline of the Trend of Events Transpired in the War Zone

WAR NOTES.
Another Zeppelin, the L-9, has been reported destroyed in the North Sea.

Half a million war-poems were written in Germany in the days immediately following the outbreak of hostilities.

Over 72,000 British railway employees, twelve per cent. of the whole number, have enlisted.

At the beginning of February there were attached to the British force in France about two hundred chaplains. Of these about one hundred were Church of England, fifty Roman Catholics, and fifty were representative of the Free Churches.

How serious the late rebellion in South Africa really was is indicated by the fact that ten thousand prisoners, taken during the trouble, are being held still, and that the losses in killed and wounded on both sides amounted to a thousand.

Wm. Ruf, a gunner on the United States battleship Texas, broke the world's record, it is announced, in recent target practice off the Virginia Capes. He was credited with eight straight hits with a 14-inch gun, shooting at a moving target twelve miles away.

Up to the end of February bread, flour and coal had risen from fifty to one hundred per cent. in price in England since the beginning of the war. In London poor people, who are forced to buy in small quantities, have been paying at the rate of over \$10 per ton for coal.

Britain, as well as Germany, is feeling the food pinch, and as a result, in Britain, efforts are being made, to employ not only women but

the school children in farm work, and several of the local educational authorities have responded to the appeal made to them by releasing the lads.

Four British airmen dropped eleven bombs on the submarine repair base of the German navy at Ostend, and four more on the military headquarters of Kursaal. It is reported that considerable damage was done. All the machines and pilots returning safely.

A fleet of aeroplanes flew slowly above the cemetery at Lepine, France during the burial of Lieut. Mouchard and Sapper Maillard, who were killed when their aeroplane caught fire and fell.

NAVAL WAR NOTES.

A Liverpool man has offered prizes of \$2,500 for each of the next four German submarines destroyed.

The British steamer Ningehow was chased off Land's End by a submarine, but her speed enabled her to escape.

Even a German report admits a loss of seven submarines since Feb. 8. It is said that the crews of the remaining submarines are exhausted. Capt. J. B. Ransom, of the White Star liner Baltic, who sailed from New York last week, declared that he would fly the British flag all the way across.

All the able-bodied men from St. Pierre Miquelon, the one remaining colony of France in North America, are serving in the French forces. Meantime the fishing fleet of the colony drags idly at anchor while a promising catch of fish is escaping its nets.

A British merchant vessel was between Yarmouth, and Spurr Point when a German airship came up and descending to a low altitude circled over the steamer and dropped three bombs in quick succession. Simultaneously his ship and the three bombs fell into the sea.

The removal of enemy aliens from British merchant ships has reduced by fifteen per cent. the number of seamen available and has led to a shortage of crews. In other words, before the war nearly one in six of the men serving in the British merchant marine owed allegiance to either Germany or Austria.

One of the dangers of navigation at the moment is that of collision (of merchantmen) with warships. It seems that the officers of warships frequently consider that during maneuvers they are exempt from the ordinary rules of the road at sea, and the merchantmen, consequently.

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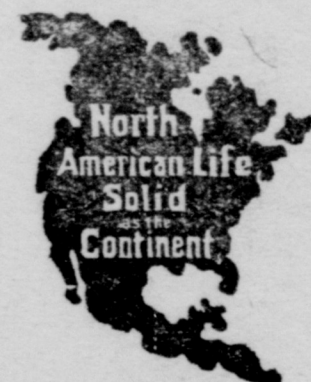
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