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600 SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES LOST WHEN TRANSPORT SUNK

Collided With Another Vessel Off the Isle of Wight While En Route to France.

A despatch from London says: The British transport Mendi, carrying South African native laborers, was sunk after a collision on Feb. 21, and 625 persons lost their lives.

Ten of the persons lost were Europeans, according to the announcement on Friday to the South African Parliament by Gen. Louis Botha, the Premier. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight. The official announcement says:

"Premier Botha stated to the South African Parliament on Friday that the transport Mendi, carrying the last batch of the South African native laborers contingent (the rest of whom were landed safely in France), collided with another vessel en route from England to Havre and sank in 25 minutes. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight on Feb. 21. The escort's seachlight could not penetrate the fog, but the survivors were rescued by passing vessels. Twelve European officers and 191 natives were saved. Ten European and 615 natives were lost. Difficulty in obtaining authentic information caused the delay in making the announcement public."

Drink Hot Water With Meals To Stop Stomach Disorders

A Physician's Advice

Thousands of unfortunate people suffer almost daily from dyspepsia, indigestion, fermentation, sour acid stomach, flatulence, gases or distress after eating. If they would only form the agreeable habit of slowly drinking with each meal a glassful of hot water containing a half teaspoonful of pure bisurated magnesia they would soon find their stomach so strengthened and improved that they could eat the richest and most satisfying meals without the least symptom of indigestion.

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GERMAN PEACE TERMS READ LIKE A JOKE

A despatch from Havre says:—The German Government, according to information received here through confidential agents, is considering the publication of Germany's terms of peace. Under these terms, Belgium would be declared independent, subject only to permanent German garrisons at Antwerp, Liege and Namur, and to the control by Germany of ports and railways. Belgium, under the terms, would have no national army, but would be policed by a gendarmerie.

CANADA BUSY BUILDING SHIPS

Shortage of Ocean Tonnage Results in Increased Activity.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Shortage of ocean tonnage and consequent high charter rates have resulted in increased activity in shipyards in Canada with a probability of still greater activity in the near future. Reports so far received here indicate that more than one hundred vessels ranging in size from 250 tons to 6,000 tons steamships are now under construction. Sailing vessels are in the majority and most of them are being built on the coast of Western Nova Scotia. Indeed it is stated that many yards in the Maritime Provinces which had been idle since steam replaced sail have now ships on the stocks.

Two yards at Toronto, those of the Polson and Thor Companies are reported to be building steel steamers and there is activity in shipyards at Port Arthur, and on the Pacific coast. Norwegian capital is said to be interested in steamers now in course of construction.

$21,000,000 IS TOTAL OF PATRIOTIC FUND.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Canadian Patriotic Fund, including Montreal's cash subscriptions, has reached the total of $21,000,000, so Sir Herbert Ames announced here on Friday. The Montreal City Council has not yet decided on the amount of its grant to the fund.

PARENTS KILL THEIR CHILDREN TO PREVENT THEM STARVING

Terrible Conditions Among Prussian Poor Are Described by Socialist Member in Speech in Diet.

A despatch from London says:—"Thus far only fragmentary reports of the remarkable debate in the Prussian Diet on the food crisis have been printed in the German newspapers," says a despatch from Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. "The Vorwaerts, received Friday, contains the following passage from the speech of Herr Hofer (a Socialist member of the Prussian Diet):

"'The mortality among elderly people is increasing at a terrible rate, while epidemics are spreading everywhere owing to the decreased powers of resistance. The situation is much more serious than has been admitted. The number of suicides is increasing, and parents are killing their children owing to their inability to obtain food for them. Yet the price of potatoes, which long ago became generally scarce, is to be increased.'"

LEADING MARKETS

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, March 13.—Manitoba wheat—New No. 1 Northern, $2.05½; No. 2, do., $2.02¾; No. 3, do., $1.96¾; No. 4, $1.85¾, track Bay ports, all rail delivered Montreal freights, No. 1, $2.06.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 74½ to 75½c; No. 3 C.W., 73 to 74c; extra No. 1 feed, 73 to 74c; No. 1 feed, 71½ to 72½c, nominal, all rail delivered en route C.P.R. points only.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.21½, subject to embargo.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 65 to 67c, nominal; No. 3 white, 64 to 66c, nominal, according to freights outside.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, $1.84 to $1.86; No. 3, do., $1.82 to $1.84, according to freights outside.

Peas — No. 2, $2.50, according to freights outside.

Barley—Malting, $1.22 to $1.24.

Buckwheat—$1.28, nominal, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 2, $1.41 to $1.43, according to freights outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents, in jute bags, $9.70; second patents, in jute bags, $9.20; strong bakers', in jute bags, $8.80, Toronto.

Ontario flour—Winter, according to sample, $7.65, in bags, track Toronto, prompt shipment; $7.25 bulk seaboard, export grade.

Millfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, $38; shorts, per ton, $42; good feed flour, per bag, $2.70 to $2.80.

Hay—Extra No. 2, per ton, $12 to $12.50; mixed, per ton, $9 to $11, track Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, $8.50 to $9, track Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 37 to 39c; creamery prints, 43 to 45c; solids, 42 to 43c.

Eggs—New-laid, in cartons, 45 to 46c; out of cartons, 42 to 43c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 23 to 26c; fowl, 20 to 22c; ducks, 22 to 25c; squabs, per doz., $4.00 to $4.50; turkeys, 28 to 33c; geese, 18 to 20c.

Live poultry—Fowl, lb., 18 to 22c; chickens, lb., 18 to 22c.

Cheese—New, large, 25½ to 26c; twins, 26 to 26½c; triplets, 26½ to 26¾c; old, large, 27½c; twins, 27¾ to 28c.

Honey—White clover, 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½c; 5-lb. tins, 13½ to 14c; 10-lb., 13 to 13½c; 60-lb., 12½ to 13c; buckwheat, 60-lb. tins, 9 to 9½c. Comb honey—extra fine and heavy weight, per doz., $2.75; select, $2.50 to $2.75; No. 2, $2 to $2.25.

Beans—Imported, hand-picked, per bush., $6.25; Canadian, hand-picked, per bush., $7.00; Canadian primes, $6.50 to $7.00; Limas, per lb., 12½ to 13c.

Provisions—Wholesale.

Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 26 to 27c; do., heavy, 23 to 24c; cooked, 37 to 38c; rolls, 21 to 22c; breakfast bacon, 27 to 29c; backs, plain, 30 to 31c; boneless, 33 to 34c.

Lard—Pure lard, tierces, 22 to 22½c; tubs, 22¼ to 22½c; pails, 22½ to 23¼c; compound, 17¼ to 17½c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 18 to 18½c per lb; clear bellies, 18 to 18½c.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Mar. 13.—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, $1.30 to $1.35. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 77 to 78c; No. 3, 75 to 76c; extra No. 1 feed, 75 to 76c. Barley—Malting, $1.35. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $9.80; seconds, $9.30; strong bakers', $9.10; Winter patents, choice, $9.25; straight rollers, $8.50 to $8.80; do., bags, $4.10 to $4.25. Rolled oats—Bbls, $7.00 to $7.15; do., bags, 90 lbs., $3.35 to $3.45. Bran—$36.00 to $38.00. Shorts, $39.00 to $40.00. Middlings, $41.00 to $42.00. Mouillie—$45.00 to $50.00. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $13.50 to $14.00. Cheese—Finest westerns, 26½ to 27c; finest easterns, 25½ to 26c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 43½ to 44c; seconds, 40 to 42c. Eggs—Fresh, 43 to 44c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $3.00 to $3.50.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Mar. 13.—Cash prices: Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.87½; No. 2 Northern, $1.84¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.78¾; No. 4, $1.67¾; No. 5, $1.48¾; No. 6, $1.16¾; feed, $1.00. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 62½c; No. 3 C.W., 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 60c; No. 1 feed, 59½c; No. 2 feed, 58½c. Barley—No. 3, $1.04; No. 4, 99c; rejected, 84c; feed, 84c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $2.63½; No. 2 C.W., $2.60½.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Mar. 13.—Wheat—May, $1.88½; July, $1.81; cash—No. 1 hard, $2.07½ to $2.09½; No. 1 Northern, $1.96½ to $2.03½; No. 2, do., $1.94½ to $2.02½. Corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.03¾ to $1.05¼. Oats—No. 3 white, 57 to 59c. Flour—unchanged. Bran—$33 to $34.

Duluth, Mar. 13.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.96½; No. 1 Northern, $1.95½; No. 2, do., $1.89½ to $1.91½; May, $1.89½ asked; July, $1.81¾ asked. Linseed—To arrive, $2.89; May, $2.91; July, $2.92.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, March 13.—Choice heavy steers, $10.75 to $11.25; do., good, $10.10 to $10.50; butchers' cattle, choice, $10.25 to $10.50; do., good, $9.90 to $10.10; do., medium, $9.50 to $9.75; do., common, $8 to $8.90; butchers' bulls, choice, $9.75 to $10.25; do., good bulls, $8.90 to $9.00; do., medium bulls, $7.40 to $8.00; do., rough bulls, $5 to $5.25; butchers' cows, choice, $9.50 to $10; do., good, $8.50 to $8.85; do., medium, $7 to $7.25; stockers, $7 to $8.50; choice feeders, $9 to $10; canners and cutters, $5.25 to $5.50; milkers, good to choice, $85 to $110; do., com. and med., each, $40 to $60; springers, $50 to $110; light ewes, $10 to $10.75; sheep, heavy, $8.50 to $9.50; calves, good to choice, $12 to $13; lambs, choice, $14.25 to $15; do., medium, $10 to $12; hogs, fed and watered, $15.75 to $16; do., weighed off cars, $16.10; do., f.o.b., $14.75 to $14.90.

Montreal, Mar. 13.—Choice steers, $10.75; good, $8 to $10; choice cows and bulls, $9; good cows and bulls, $6 to $8.50; canners' bulls, $5 to $6; canners' bulls, $5; calves, choice milk-fed, $12 to $14; others, $6 to $8; sheep, $8 to $10; lambs, $12 to $13; choice select hogs, off cars, $15.50 to $15.75; sows, $12.00.

COUNT ZEPPELIN REPORTED DEAD

A despatch from London says:—According to a Berlin telegram transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, Count Zeppelin died on Thursday forenoon at Charlottenburg, near Berlin, from inflammation of the lungs.

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TORONTO WINNIPEG

TO RUSH WORK OF ARMING SHIPS

Rights of Americans to Freedom of the Seas to be Protected.

A despatch from Washington says:—President Wilson on Friday ordered the arming of American merchant ships against Germany's ruthless submarine warfare, and at the same time issued a proclamation calling an extra session of Congress to meet April 16th.

The President's decision came suddenly late on Friday afternoon, following the action of the Senate on Thursday in revising its rules to permit prompt action on important questions and the submission of formal opinion by Secretary of State Lansing and Attorney-General Gregory that he has the power to arm merchantmen without action by Congress.

Details of the Government's armed neutrality plans for defending the merchant marine were withheld to avoid endangering Americans and their ships by permitting the information to reach Germany. The only statement at the White House and the Navy Department was that the President was determined to fully protect American rights.

BELGIAN INDUSTRIES ARE TO BE SHUT DOWN

A despatch from Amsterdam says:—The Telegraaf says there will be an almost complete stoppage of industry in Belgium within a few days, the German authorities asserting that this is necessary owing to the lack of coal and transport facilities. Practically the entire population of Belgium will be thus unemployed, with such few exceptions as receive special permission from the civil authorities to continue their businesses.

5,000 FORESTERS WANTED.

More Canadians Called For, Owing to Timber Import Prohibition.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—A call has been issued for 5,000 more Canadians for forestry work in the United Kingdom, as a result of the prohibition of timber imports. They will go over in drafts. Lumbering experience is necessary, but military medical regulations are somewhat relaxed.

DOMINION REVENUE GREATLY INCREASED

War Outlay in 11 Months Double Amount Last Year.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Dominion revenue for the eleven months of the fiscal year totals $205,417,039, as compared with $154,348,809 in the same period last year. For the whole year the estimate is $225,000,000. February revenue was $17,513,475, an increase of about two and three-quarter millions. The eleven months' expenditure on capital account was $239,597,008; on current account, $113,161,357. In the same period war outlay was $217,590,670, about double the amount of last year.

BRITISH AVIATORS STILL MASTERS OF AIR

A despatch from London says:—Replying to a question in the House of Commons on Wednesday, James MacPherson said the Government did not accept the accuracy of the report recently sent from Berlin that the Germans had brought down eighteen aeroplanes on the western front in one day. False statements such as these were made in order to elicit the truth. "I can assure the members," he added, "that we still maintain mastery of the air."

The Doings of the Duffs.