

Yesterday at the House

(Continued from Page 4.) Do you know a gentleman from a fool, returned Dr. Lloyd. The Minister then shouted that he himself was a fisherman and a fisherman's son. After the Minister's bluster subsided Dr. Lloyd took the floor and administered one of the greatest of the many castigations received by M. P. Cashin. He challenged Cashin on any member of the House to say that he ever had laid claim to having any vast knowledge of the fisheries. All that the Minister's argument contained was flippency and blackguardism. I repeat, said Dr. Lloyd blackguardism talk about logic. Now let us see who this fisherman's son is, this practical fisherman. We had a test of him on last Friday and to-day. Here Dr. Lloyd took up the report of the Select Committee and read the decision arrived at by that body, also the signatures of those who signed it. Conspicuous among those names being that of M. P. Cashin. This report was received into this House and adopted, but where do you find him to-day. A representation from a certain firm of ship owners had since been circulated and have such influence upon this son of a fisherman that he is here to-day surrendering all he defended and espoused, and added his signature to a resolution that vindicated Capt. Kean. There was no vindication but on the contrary he was found guilty of a grave error of judgment by two Judges of the Supreme Court. The Doctor again reiterated that the message which was so much responsible for the disaster two years ago was prearranged before leaving port, and if Capt. Kean had not been on the Stephanos the horrible affair would never have happened. He knew how to accept the contumely thrown out by the Minister because he was an old hand at it. Messrs Moulton, Downey and Higgins spoke briefly, falling in line with the amendment. Mr. Grimes in reply to Mr. Higgins pointed out that the principle object of the bill was not only to protect the herd, but to protect life and all other interest. It was only natural for the owners of the Florizel, who also own a fleet of smaller vessels, to say to the captain of the powerful ship, do all you can to forward the interest of our fleet, which he could do by virtue of having a superior ship, which could easily operate disadvantageously to the other ships. It was very inconsistent for the Committee to allow the Florizel to sail and then place a clause preventing her from taking enough of seals to make her trip paying. There was sufficient freighting from here to New York, which was badly needed for the trade for such a ship, and why should the general trade of the country suffer because the owners want to make still larger profits. Thousands of tons of goods for this country was to-day lying in New York which the trade required badly, and still we are asked to make tools of ourselves in this House to gratify the wishes of one firm. He hoped the Government would consider its duty to the country when considering the bill. It was now 6:30 o'clock and further debate was deferred until this evening, the House then adjourned.

LOCAL ITEMS

The schr. Success, Capt. Church-ill, arrived at Barbados from Bahia on Monday to load molasses for Jas. Baird, Ltd. Lieut. O'Grady has introduced instruction in bayonet fighting in the training of our Volunteers, and the men are very eager to learn it. To-day the Lieutenant will begin training a section in this martial art. The Horwood Lumber Co.'s works in the West End have been closed down since Monday, and will be for about a week longer, while repairs are being made to the boilers and machinery. One of the big rotaries had to go over the Topsails several times during the week to clear the rails of snow. It was very stormy there for a few days, mid-winter weather prevailing. The track right along is now clear. The S.S. Meigle is getting a thorough overhaul in the dry dock, and is having her cabins and staterooms painted, etc. She will be in fine condition for the season, and will likely take up the Labrador route. Mr. Arthur Hiscock is to-day celebrating his 62nd birthday. Mr. Hiscock is one of our most popular citizens, is the President of our Regatta Committee, and in the many congratulations which we know will be tendered him to-day, the Mail and Advocate heartily joins. Mr. Jas. J. Galway's new musical and patriotic composition "The Sweethearts" has been set to music as a band march by Mr. John Bennett, the celebrated St. John's bandmaster, of late residing in Montreal. Some of our bands have already received it, and are giving it practice, and all are delighted with the music. To-night at the R. C. Cathedral, there will be Office of Tenebrae at 7:30. To-morrow night, at the same hour, the same service will be held, with a sermon on "Transubstantiation," which, we hear, one of the visiting visiting Passionist Fathers will preach. Friday night, also, there will be Office of Tenebrae, and a sermon on the Crucifixion. COT FUND, GETS \$194 Mr. D. M. Baird, the Treasurer of the Cot Fund, acknowledges with thanks \$194 from the crew of the Erik. The captain headed the list and the crew followed his example. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL In this Chamber at yesterday afternoon's sitting marked progress was made with several bills on the order paper. Hon. Mr. Gibbs delivered a very fluent and interesting speech on Education in this Colony, in which he drew a comparison with other countries, believing that on the whole there is an encouraging prospect for the future of education here if it receives the attention it deserves from the Government of the Colony and public. Some of the sections of the Bill were amended and to-day other amendments introduced will be discussed.

In Hospital In France

Mr. George Snow had the following telegram to-day from Ottawa: "George Charles Snow, 26 Colonial Street: Sincerely regret to inform you that No. 26,544, Private Augustus Reader Snow, Infantry, officially reported admitted to No. 23 General Hospital, Etapes, April 18th, gun-shot wound in thigh. Will send further particulars when received." (Sed.) ADJUTANT-GENERAL. A PLUCKY ACT At 6 p.m. yesterday as Water Street West was crowded with people a horse attached to an express ran away and was making for the sidewalk when Naval Reservist John Furlong jumped out in the street and stopped the animal which dragged him some distance. His pluck likely saved some citizens from being killed or badly injured and he stopped the beast at great risk to himself.

Trade Unions Discuss Charter

Meeting is Addressed by Hon. M. P. Gibbs Who Delivers Interesting Address on Civic Problems - Committee Appointed to Arrange For Future Meetings The Sunday school room of George St. Church was packed with a highly interested and appreciative audience last night—in fact it was too small to contain all who wished to be present—to hear Private Phil Jensen of the Canadian 5th Royal Highlanders of his experience in the greatest of all wars now raging in Europe. The story told by the young soldier, who returned from the great strife after bearing an honorable and brave part in it, thrilled all who heard it. He divided his lecture into three parts: (1) Experiences from Valcartier to France; (2) The Battle of Ypres; (3) Hospital Life in France and England. He glowingly accounted the impressions left upon him in preparing in Canada to enter the fray, the transportation of 33,000 loyal Canadians to Europe to help the old Mother, in her hour of need, the experiences in England and France, the recognition of the Dominion Forces by the King, Roberts and Kitchener, and the splendid part they took in the now famous and bloody struggle around Ypres, where English, Irish, Scotch and Canadians covered themselves with glory. Neuve Chapelle and other spirited and sanguinary actions were described to the edification and interest of his auditors. During the evening selections by a catechism class of girls, under whose auspices Private Jensen delivered his lecture, were given. Miss Whiteway and Miss Pkie being soloists. Mr. Solomon Whiteway, in proposing a vote of thanks, thrilled the whole audience by the following account of Private Jensen's heroic deed, which he received by letter from a friend:—"Private Phil Jensen had nine shrapnel wounds in the back, and when six miles from Hospital he tumbled off the stretcher to give his place to a man who was bleeding to death, to give him his one chance of life. He then started to crawl to the Hospital. When two miles away he became delirious and had no recollections of anything else, but the R. A. M. C. found him sitting against the Hospital wall. Rev. M. W. Guy seconded the vote of thanks, incidentally stating that George St. Church had 92 of its young men with the colours. At the close all cordially shook hands with the brave hero.

Private Jensen Lectures

The speaker referred to the absolute necessity of intelligent discussion in order to find a solution of the many difficulties confronting the problems of Civic Government. The City to-day, said Mr. Gibbs, presents far more graver problems for solution than the general government of the country. The greatest minds in the world were at work endeavouring to cope with the many phases of life found in cities and many are of the opinion that it requires a higher order of intellect to govern a city than a country. The City represents by far the most numerous classes and in themselves they contribute the greatest share of municipal taxation not alone at the present time but the future as well. Consequently this New Charter effected the ratepayers to a very great extent and it is due to themselves as well as their neighbours to watch their interests and if they neglected the opportunity now open to thoroughly discuss it and make such amendments as they think necessary for their protection they would have no one to blame but themselves. They were called together to consider this matter and see that their interests would be protected. The well to do classes as a rule, the speaker said, can always afford to protect their interests and they were always keenly alive to so doing. The labouring masses should now protect themselves from any objectionable section of this New Charter by having clauses eliminated from the Bill. A good deal of misconception was aroused as regards this New Charter said Mr. Gibbs. The Commissioners have given two years of close study and thought to the matter. No doubt they have carefully considered the Bill and they should be asked to explain why they inverted the sections which now find so many enemies amongst our citizens. Mr. Gibbs said he would not be able to discuss the Charter fully at the present time as it would be impossible to do. It would take quite a few meetings to fully and clearly review the many sections in the Bill which effect the wage earner. He proposed having meetings for the next few months to come in order that the Charter can be reviewed section by section and the fullest public ventilation possible be given it. Mr. Gibbs clearly pointed out how the wage earner was effected by all class of legislation and he showed how through indifference laws were permitted to be placed on the Statute Book that had the people being alive to their interests such laws would never have been placed there. Several of the members present made short addresses. At the close of the meeting it was decided that future meetings be held to consider the Charter and a Committee was appointed to arrange matters. Mr. John Cochrane was appointed Chairman and Mr. M. J. Doyle Vice-Chairman. Mr. Gibbs' address lasted an hour and a half, at the close of which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

CELEBRATE THE JEWISH PASSOVER

A reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. I. Villansky last night, at their residence, Chapel Street, to celebrate the second night of the Jewish Passover, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by their friends. The party consisted of about 20 couples, and after supper had been partaken of, which was served as the Jewish Ritual directs, and which was heartily enjoyed by those present, including many people of the city, music and dancing was indulged in until midnight.

MAN BADLY HURT

Some four young men were driving to the city from Petty Hr. Monday night when their horse took fright, the carriage was overturned and all were thrown with great force to the road. One was severely hurt, was rendered unconscious and was treated by Dr. Duncan who put 35 stitches in the wounds in his head and face.

FOGGY IN GULF

Bowring Bros. had a wireless from the Viking last evening which said she had taken on board 1000 of the 2600 old harps killed by her crew recently. She reports it very foggy, but mild.

COMING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We hear that after another few days there will arrive here to bring our volunteers to England, Capt. C. Ayre, Dr. Burden, Lieut. Ger. Ald Harvey, Stan Lumsden and Leo Murphy with 3 Sergeants.

WHO WAS SHE?

As regards the larceny at Mr. Jas. Fanning's residence on Monday, to which the Mail and Advocate alluded yesterday, some of the neighbors say they saw a girl leave the house at 11 a.m. that day. Who she is is not known, but the police will be asked to trace her.

REID CO.'S STEAMER REPORT

Glencoe left St. Jacques at 6.30 p.m. yesterday, in ward. Home left Paradise at 5.50 p.m. yesterday, going West. Kyle is due at Port aux Basques to-day. Sagona leaving Port aux Basques this p.m.

LECTURE IN CASINO

We learn to-day that some young men of the city will have the Casino Theatre and will have Pte. Jensen lecture there on his war experiences. The lecture will be delivered on Empire night, the 24th prox., and the proceeds will go to the Patriotic Fund.

ARRESTED FOR DESERTION

Const. Dempsey last evening arrested a Carboner seaman who deserted from the schr. Lila D. Young now ready for market. He will be held by the police till the vessel is ready to sail.

TRAIN NOTES

Saturday's and Sunday's No. 1 left Crabbies at 8 a.m. to-day. Yesterday's No. 1 left Port Blandford at 8.40 a.m. Passenger special No. 2 left Blandford at 8.45 a.m., due at St. John's 6 p.m. Yesterday's No. 2 left Miller-town Junction at 9.30 a.m. To-day's No. 2 leaving Port-aux-Basques after arrival of Kyle. The Kyle's express is due here at 6 p.m.

MADE A CLEAN Breast of it

We learn to-day that the boy England who was arrested by Const. Symmonds Monday night has made a confession to the police, acknowledging that he was the perpetrator of all the nightly thefts which have occurred since January and which we mentioned yesterday. The detectives—Byrne and Tobin—worked hard all winter on these cases and were out many cold and stormy nights in search of the perpetrator.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

Members of the St. Andrew's Society and their lady and gentleman friends will be given a treat to-night when Rev. W. H. Thomas will lecture on "Scottish Song and Story." The lecture will be delivered with gems of "Scottish songs by well-known vocalists.

TRYING REFLOAT SCHOONER

Men are engaged daily trying to refloat the banker Flirtation which went ashore recently at Port aux Basques with 300 qtls. fish on board. All the moveable gear has been taken off her and some profess to believe that it will be impossible to save the vessel which is badly holed by the rocks. Some 13 men of the crew have left her and engaged at different places in the shore fishery.

S.U.F. WELCOMES HERO BROTHER

Last night St. John's Lodge, S.U.F., No. 5, held a largely attended meeting to welcome Bro. Tibbs who arrived Monday with the returned volunteers and who was seriously wounded at Gallipoli. Two new members were elected and quite a number of volunteers, Naval Reservists and visiting brethren were present. There was a short programme for the reception accorded. Excellent patriotic addresses were made by the W.G.M., Bro. J. A. Clift, Bros. J. C. Phillips, G. House, Joyce, J. J. Coaker, W. H. Goodland, G. H. Langmead, Cook, Hibbs, Morris, Jas. Rendell, J. T. Phillips, J. Briden, A. Johnson, A. Whitten and P. Cowan.

LECTURE REALIZED \$100

In connection with the lecture at George St. Church last night Mr. C. P. Ayre acted as Chairman. Much credit is due to Miss Flossie Whiteway, leader of the Catechism Class, who arranged for the lecture and followed. The net proceeds which amounted to \$100 will be given to the Patriotic Fund.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers spent yesterday in rifle practice at the Southside range, and indoor exercises at the Armoury. The following names were added to the roll: Wm. England, Springdale, N.D.B. Alex. Walters, Port aux Basques. Walter Gillet, Leading Tickers. Jacob Taylor, Boot Hr., N.D.B. Edward Fortune, Jeffries, Bay St. George. Walter Jewer, Botwood. Jas. Hutchings, Botwood. Allan Yates, Cottle's Island, New Bay. Arthur Eddy, Sound Arm, P.B. Benj. Warren, Tack's Beach. Edgar J. Courtney, Tack's Beach. Fred Groves, Hamilton Inlet, Labrador. William French, St. John's. Darius Hunt, St. John's. George Cranford, St. John's. Stephen King, St. John's. George White, St. John's. Edward C. Rodgers, St. John's. Edward J. Bryne, St. John's. Jno. Scanlon, St. John's. Hayward Taylor, St. John's. Hy. Penston, St. John's. Leonard Edens, St. John's. S. Herbert Marshall, St. John's. Jas. King, Southside. Robert Chambers, Pushthrough. Patk. Raymond, Bay Bulls Road. Wm. Walters, Bay Bulls Road. Patk. Fazzelle, Bay Bulls Road. Ron. B. McGrath, Hr. Grace. Jacob Mitchell, Come by Chance.T.B. Patk. Couran, Bell Island. Parrett Jehue, Winterton, T. B.

Blonde Type of Girl Soon be a Curiosity

Even if we are unprepared for war in the matter of army and navy we have prepared ourselves unthinkingly in one way by creating that useful coin the nickel. Every nickel has enough high explosive in it, after proper chemical treatment, to blow off one man's head. The total number of them loose in the United States would give us enough high explosive to make millions of bombs. The war has made such an immense demand for mercury, wherewith to manufacture caps for rifle bullets and "detonators" for large projectiles, especially bombs and hand grenades, that, in the absence of anything suitable to take its place, the price of the metal has gone up nearly 900 percent. This stimulated search for a satisfactory substitute and this has been discovered. It is picrate of nickel. If nickel be dissolved in nitric acid, and picric acid be combined with the mixture, the result is a tremendously sensitive and powerful explosive, so dangerous that it could not be handled with safety except by experts. But the same is true fulminate of mercury. The latter cannot be handled in quantity, but for war purposes is put up in small metal capsules—caps and detonators—for setting off cartridges, bombs, grenades and shells. Picric acid is made by treating carbolic acid with nitric acid, the result, when dried, being yellow crystals that have a very bitter taste. Hence the name, derived from a Greek word, "pikros" meaning bitter. Some of the best known war explosives are picric acid compounds. The British "lyddite" is one of them. The French "melnite" is another. The Japanese "shimrose" is another. Our own "dunnite"—named after an American army officer who invented it—is another. All of these are commonly used in big shells.

NOT TO BE TRUSTED

Jarge (on a visit to London)—"Let's go oop past th' war office, Maria. We might see Kitchener." Maria—"We'll do nothin' o' th' sort More'n likely you two'd get talkin' an' we'd miss our train."

War Messages

Rheims Again Bombarded

PARIS, April 19.—The bombardment of Rheims continues intermittently. On Saturday 28 shells fell in the city during the morning and 40 in the afternoon. On Sunday 5 shells fell within half an hour, while hostile aircraft loitered over the city throughout the day.

Norge Steamer Sunk

LONDON, April 19.—A despatch from Salonika says the Norwegian steamship Terje Viken was sunk on Monday in Casca Bay, 15 miles west of Lisbon, after three explosions on board the vessel. The crew were saved.

Germans Cross Greek Frontier

LONDON, April 19.—A despatch from Salonika says the Germans have crossed the Greek frontier in the neighborhood of Doiran and destroyed the railway culverts, apparently fearing an advance by the Entente Allies.

A War Alphabet

A for our Army so bold and strong, B for the Belgians who have fought so long, C for the credit which our soldiers well earn, D for the duty which they strive hard to learn, E for the enemy which must go down, F for the freedom our boys strive to own, G for the General, he works with might and main, H for the cruel Huns who is causing all the pain, I for Italy who nobly joined the fight, J for the plucky Japs close guarding day and night, K for our noble King so faithful and good, L for the laws which his soldiers uphold, M for machine guns, how loudly they roar, N for the nurses who attend the sick and sore, O for the ones that are taken by our foe, P for the privates that are willing to go, Q for the questions which sound in our ear, R for the responders, how nobly they hear, S for the soldiers who are willing to fight, T for the trenches where they fight both day and night, U for the Union which in future will be, V for the views our soldiers will see, W for the workmen that work day and night, X for the 'excitement when the machine don't work right, Y for the young men who join in the fight, Z for the zeal which inspires me to write. ERNEST BUGDEN. Petley, April 7th., 1916. Its Usual Remark. Master Bilton—"Pa, what does money say when it talks?" Bilton, Sen. (speaking from personal experience)—"Good-bye!"

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