

Southern Cross Enquiry.

(Before Judge Knight.)

Henry W. LeMessurier, sworn-I am Registrar of Shipping for St. John's, Newfoundland. The Southern Cross was registered at Glasgow in 1901 in the name of Murray and Crawford, College St., Glasgow; Daniel Murray of 12 College St., Glasgow and Thomas Crawford, Clyde Buildings, Greenock; Managing owners. Official number 109954; built at Arendel, Norway, 1886, of wood; length 146.5; width 20.7; depth 17.6; gross tonnage 537; net tonnage 225; 90 horse power. Captain who cleared for the Sealfishery in 1914, George Clarke, of Brigus. The Southern Cross cleared from this port for Channel on the 4th day of March last, with a crew of 173 men all told.

Walter Baine Grieve, Sworn-I am a member of the firm of Baine Johnston of St. John's. The said firm are the agents of the Messrs. Murray and Crawford, Ltd., of Glasgow, who were the registered owners of the s.s. Southern Cross. Since the year 1901 the s.s. Southern Cross has been engaged in the sealfishery of Newfoundland. During that period the largest trip of seals brought in by the ship was in 1901 or 1902, amounting to 26,500. The weight of that cargo would be about 460 tons. In the spring of 1913 she brought in about 17,000 seals. I received advice that the ship left Channel for the Gulf sealfishery on the 10th March past. She did not take any additional men from Channel. We had no report from the ship herself, but about the 29th March a message was received from Cape Ray, that a loaded steamer supposed to be the Southern Cross, had passed out of the Gulf. I think there was a report of a steamer passing Gallantry Head received in St. John's, followed by a report sent by the coastal boat Portia, identifying the Southern Cross near Cape Pine. That was, I think, the morning of the 31st of March. The weather conditions on that day became very bad. It blew with unprecedented force from S.E., accompanied by heavy snow drift or blizzard. Since then we have had no report from the ship. No reports of any wreckage, nor any reports of any indications that would point to the loss of the Southern Cross at any particular part of the coast. When the ship failed to arrive within reasonable time after the storm, I concluded that she had gone back to the ice in the Gulf, or as she had some St. Mary's men on board, that the captain had gone to St. Mary's, or that he tried to put his ship to sea with the result that she foundered. She had very high poop, top gallant forecastle and very high bulwarks, so that if she shipped a large quantity of water, she might have foundered before freeing herself of the water. None of the wooden sealers engaged in the sealfishery, as far as I know, have ever had a class at Lloyds. The firm of Baine Johnston and Co., in its connection with Murray and Crawford's ships, had the services of the late Capt. Thomas Linklater, whose duty it was to survey the ships to see that they were kept in first class condition, and effect all necessary repairs. He was a past master in both steam and sailing vessels, and was a practical shipwright as well. Capt. Linklater was lost in the s.s. Erna coming from Scotland to Newfoundland in 1912. After that we did not replace Capt. Linklater, as we had only two ships left, but we availed of the services of Lloyd's surveyor who examined and reported on the ship and ordered repairs, which were effected by Mr. Butler, ship's carpenter. In the spring of the present year the ship was in first class order. From 1902 till 1914 a sum of over \$20,000 was spent upon the Southern Cross on necessary repairs and improvements. During the spring of 1914 the ship was inspected by Lloyd's Surveyor, Mr. Black. The ship was perfectly equipped for the sealfishery. In 1913 or in 1912, or in both years she had been surveyed, and passed to carry passengers to the Labrador and from Labrador.

Obituary

There passed away from our midst to his reward, on Christmas Day, an old and highly respected citizen in the person of Captain John Carroll, at the advanced age of 68 years. Deceased's calling was that of an industrious fisherman and mariner; his labour generally were unanimously rewarded. As a neighbour his readiness to lend aid when opportunity offered, and his ready co-operation in time of stress, are matters of general knowledge. As a citizen he was highly esteemed which was evidenced by the large gathering of representative citizens that followed his remains to their last resting place. He leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, two sons—Patrick and John, two daughters—Lizzie and Josie, two brothers—Joseph and Thomas. Mr. Carroll died fortified with the rites of Holy Church. May the God of forgiveness rest his soul in peace.

Carbonara, Dec. 29th.

Velvet hats continue to predominate in spite of all that is said to the contrary.

Special "NEW YEAR'S DAY" LIST of Bargains FOR THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.**Slides and Sleighs.**

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Assorted patterns in Fancy Photo Frames, plain oak stained and gilt trimmed; assorted patterns. Reg. 20c. ea. Thursday & Saturday **16c**

Pearl Necklets

Beautiful Pearl Necklaces for children; 3 rows of large and small Pearls. Special Thursday & Saturday, each... **6c**

Viscol Dressing

For all kinds of leathers, harness and shoes; in 1/4 pint cans. Special for Thursday & Saturday, each... **18c**

Mohair Boot Laces

Black Tubular Laces, with plain tags, strong quality; 52 inches long. Special 2 doz. for... **8c**

Lanoline and Camphor Ice

A valuable remedy for chapped hands, sore lips, &c. Special, per tin... **5c**

Real Good Values in Footwear.**LADIES' "KOSY" SLIPPERS.**

50 pairs Cherry Red Felt Slippers, soft padded soles, ribbon trimmings; in all sizes. Reg. 85c. pair. Thursday & Saturday... **70c**

LADIES' "JAEGER" SLIPPERS.

All wool tops in pretty plaid designs, stout leather soles; in a full range of sizes. Reg. \$1.00 pair. Thursday & Saturday... **85c**

LADIES' CLOTH SPATS.

In Navy, Fawn and Black, all fitted with strong leather strap; 7 different styles, assorted sizes. Reg. 70c. pair. Thursday & Saturday... **60c**

MEN'S BOOTS.

Black Vici Kid Boots, Blucher styles, raised toe caps; neat comfortable shapes, medium heavy soles; in all sizes. Reg. \$4.85 pair. Thursday & Saturday... **4.45**

Rope Doormats

Strongly knitted Coconut fibre in openwork key patterns; size 17 x 27. Reg. \$1.00 each. Thursday & Saturday... **85c**

Stair Druggut

Smart striped patterns, heavy quality; colors guaranteed fast; 38 inches wide. Reg. 20c. yard. Thursday & Saturday... **16c**

English Long Cloths

Superior quality Longcloth, 36 inches wide; soft Chambray finish, in 42 yard pieces. Special, per yard... **13c**

Ladies' Corsets

A big collection of D. & A. Corsets, 4 different models; 11 styles, low and medium busts, lace tops, 4 and 6 garters; sizes from 20 to 36. Reg. \$1.25 each. Thursday & Saturday... **1.28**

Damask Table Cloths

Pure White Damasked Linen Cloths, size 2 yds. square; beautiful floral designs. Reg. \$1.25 each. Thursday & Saturday... **1.00**

Wool Blankets

All wool, size 60 x 78; extra heavy weight, neat blue borders. Reg. \$3.75 pair. Thursday & Saturday... **3.60**

Ladies' Lined Gloves

In Tan only, superior Kid Gloves, lined with wool, Black Fur tops; in sizes 6 and 6 1/2. Values 85c. pair. Thursday & Saturday... **55c**

Ladies' Hose

Over 200 pairs Black Cashmere and Worsted Hose, assorted ribs; all well finished, spliced heels and toes, seamless. Reg. 55c. pair. Thursday & Saturday... **47c**

Lace Collars

A great assortment of Jabots and Lace Collars in White, Cream and Ecru; fine Laces and Nets in a big variety of pretty styles. Reg. 40c. each. Thursday & Saturday... **32c**

Divided Skirts

Jersey Knit Bloomers, Di-rectoire styles, ribbon trimmings; in colors of Navy, Electric, Purple and Cream. Reg. \$1.50 pair. Thursday & Saturday... **1.20**

Ladies' Aprons

White Muslin Aprons in assorted pretty styles, trimmed with embroidery and lace on bibs and bretelles. Reg. \$1.10 each. Thursday & Saturday... **90c**

Fancy Frillings

Over 500 yards of dainty Frillings for neck and sleeves, Lace, Net and Tulle in White, Cream, Paris and Black. Special Thursday & Saturday, 16c per yard... **16c**

Fancy Linens

A nice collection of White Linen Tray Cloths, Tea Cloths, Sideboard Covers and Duchesse Sets, all lace trimmed, some hemstitched and embroidered. Reg. 40c. each. Thursday & Saturday... **32c**

Children's Velvet Bonnets

Here are dainty little bonnets in Navy and Brown Corduroy Velvet, selling at nearly half their regular prices. Trimmed with self colored Jap Silk. Reg. 65c. each. Thursday & Saturday... **39c**

Men's Shirts

6 doz. Men's Laundered Shirts, short fronts and stiff medium cuffs; open front, perfect fitting collar bands; in all sizes. Reg. \$1.50 each. Thursday & Saturday... **1.35**

Men's Half Hose

Heavy Black Worsted Half Hose, perfectly seamless, spliced heels and toes; assorted patterns. Reg. 35c. pr. Thursday & Saturday... **38c**

Men's Suspenders

6 boxes English made Suspenders, good leather fasteners and elastic webbing; assorted patterns. Reg. 25c. pr. Thursday & Saturday... **20c**

Men's Caps

15 doz. Men's Tweed Winter Caps, light and dark colors, wool knit inside bands; full range of sizes. Special Thursday & Saturday, each... **50c**

Men's Lined Gloves

Black and Tan Kid, lined with warm flannel; well cut, strong dome fastener; assorted sizes. Reg. \$1.00 pair. Thursday & Saturday... **82c**

Men's Smart Ties

A large collection of Hand-made Silk and Paris Ties in various colors; also a selection of Silk Knitted Ties in self colors. Reg. 25c. ea. Thursday & Saturday... **20c**

Hat Bandings

Elaborate designs in Corded Silk Hat Bandings; assorted colors. Reg. 90c. yard. Thursday & Saturday... **24c**

Linen Baskets

LINEN BASKETS—Extra strong White Wickerwork, Regular \$3.20 ea. **2.72**
 CARVERS—Best quality steel; Stag Horn Handles. Reg. \$3.35 each for... **2.66**

LATEST**2.30 P.M.****CONFERENCE ON CUXHAVEN RAID.**

LONDON, To-Day.
 A Berlin despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Co. by way of The Hague, says the German Emperor summoned Prince Henry of Prussia to his headquarters to confer with him and Admiral von Tirpitz, Minister of Marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven. The conference lasted several hours, the Prince returning to Kiel by special train. It is believed in Germany, the despatch adds, that Prince Henry is to be given supreme command of the battleship fleet.

A TOTAL WRECK.

LONDON, To-Day.
 The steamer Montrose, which went ashore on Goodwin Sands, is said to be a total wreck.

The Parker's Cove Fire

Editor Evening Telegram.
 Dear Sir—I will thank you to publish the following subscriptions received by me for James Power and James Hayse, whose houses and belongings were destroyed by fire at Parker's Cove, Placentia Bay, on Nov. 29th.

On behalf of these poor fire sufferers I sincerely thank the kind donors for their ready sympathy and generous contributions, some of which reached the distressed families in time to alleviate their sufferings and cheer their hearts during Christmas tide.

His Excellency Sir Walter E. Davidson, K.C.M.G. ... \$10.00
 Hon. Robert Watson ... 5.00
 Hon. John R. Bennett, Colonial Secretary, on behalf of the Government, \$25 in each case 50.00
 T. B. Carman, Esq., contribution from Bridge Party at City Club, Christmas Eve ... 5.00
 R. B. Comerford, Esq., Heart's Content ... 2.00
 F. J. Morris ... 5.00

Yours faithfully,
 F. J. MORRIS.

St. John's, Dec. 29, 1914.

Crowds to See Pantomime.

Last night there was an immense crowd to see the Pantomime, many having to stand. A large box party also occupied the private box. The show is now running smoothly and everything is going with a swing. It is the very finest production yet offered by the versatile Rossleys, and though they have been with us now four years, on their appearance is the signal for an outburst of applause, testifying to their popularity. The matinee was also very largely attended. The various songs now sung at the Pantomime have every one humming them, for they are catchy and tuneful. The costumes are much admired. Mrs. Rossley had to respond to five encores for the Chocolate Soldier, while the pocket comedian, Aggie Kelly, made another big hit. Baby Squires, the little contortionist, is splendid. Vincent Vernon, operatic star, and Mr. Mack as Santa were loudly applauded.

Star Artists at Nickel To-Day.

THREE SESSIONS NEW YEAR'S DAY.
 The show at the Nickel Theatre to-day and to-night is so arranged that it will afford satisfaction and pleasure to all who attend. It is an all feature programme with the best artists of the day playing the leading characters. With each picture there are attractive and appropriate effects. Miss Margaret Ayre is well worth hearing in her pretty song. On New Year's Day there will be three sessions at 10.20 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. It will be a regular holiday festival show with a choice selection of the latest and best films; the pictures will both entertain and amuse. Miss Ring presides at the piano and Mr. J. F. Ross the effects as usual. Do not fail to visit the Nickel on New Year's Day; start the New Year right by attending the show.

Rossley's West End Theatre

There is at each and every performance always a nice crowd at "our" theatre. The people of the West End are delighted with their nice, cosy little theatre, the very prettiest place in St. John's. When Mr. Rossley gets his player and singer it will be the place to spend an hour or two, and the pictures are the very best obtainable. No expense or trouble will be spared to make it worthy of the name of "our" theatre.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAIT IN COWS.

With the Volunteers.

During the past few days several young men from the outports have enlisted for the Reserve Force of the Newfoundland Regiment. It is pleasing to notice the response from the outports for the Second Contingent as it shows their desire to take part in the defence of the Empire. The members of the First Contingent were mainly from the city, and it seems

only fair that the outports should contribute the majority for the second.

Many who have enlisted have not yet come forward for medical examination. Their doing so at the earliest opportunity would greatly facilitate the work of recruiting.

Excellent progress is being made in drill, and the different squads who have been practising at the Range have shown much skill with the rifle.

Note of Thanks

FROM MR. GEO. WHITTEN.
 South Side,
 Dec. 29th, 1914.

To the Editor Evening Telegram, City.
 Dear Sir—Will you kindly give me space to thank the members of The Journeymen Coopers Union, for their handsome contribution forwarded to me on Christmas Eve, also the many kind friends who assisted me in other ways. The spirit in which same was given shows the sympathy and thoughtfulness they have for one who has been deprived of his sight, and have no means to earn a living.

Trusting God may bring to them all a bright and Prosperous New Year, and thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the use of your valuable columns.
 I am, yours very truly,
 GEORGE C. WHITTEN, per C.

Vessels Icebound.

At present there are considerable ice in Green Bay and four vessels are frozen in, three at Fogo and one at Twillingate. The steamers Sagona and Fogota were trying to cut them out. The heavy slob ice is packed close to the shore and a change of wind is hoped for.

*** BUSINESS AS USUAL ***

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.
 CAPE RACE, To-day.
 Wind S.W., dense fog and rain preceded by snow storm last night; no shipping in sight. Bar. 29.12; ther. 38.

Here and There.

THE JANUSIAN.—We have received a copy of the Janusian, a New Year publication by Mr. V. J. Parsons. It contains much interesting reading matter.

MUSIC AND SONGS by leading vocalists, St. Patrick's Hall, New Year's Night. Select your tickets.—dec30,11

RINK OPENED.—The Prince's Rink was open for skating, the first time for the season, yesterday. The ice was as smooth as glass and on both occasions large concourses of folks were present.

THANKS.—We thank Messrs. Tessier & Co., Agents for Dale & Co., for a very useful desk blotter, and Harry C. Donnelly, Agent for Railway Passenger Assurance Co., for a desk calendar.

Fashion predicts cotton, cotton, everywhere. We will probably walk in cotton, dance in cotton, call in cotton; all to help the cotton growers in the south.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle sailed from Placentia for the westward at 3 p.m. yesterday. The Bruce has not been reported to-day, owing to line interruption. The Dundee is in port.

The Ethie sails for Placentia tomorrow to replace the Argyle on the Bay route while the latter comes here for repairs.

The Dundee left Burgeo at 7 p.m. yesterday, coming east.

The Home returned to Lewisport at 4.20 p.m. yesterday; could not get further north than Fortune Harbor on account of ice.

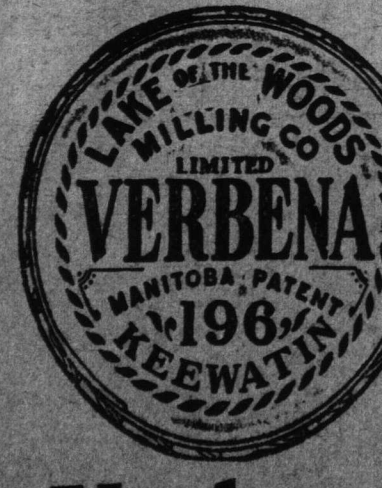
The Lintrose was due at Port aux Basques this morning, not reported owing to line trouble.

The Moile reached Port aux Basques at 4 p.m. yesterday, and was to leave again last night coming here direct.

Here and There.

POLICE COURT.—A vagrant was discharged, and the case of a defective chimney was settled.

A Placentia Bay fisherman was taken in at the Police Station again last night for vagrancy, the fifth time within the past fortnight. Apparently he is without home, friends or money, and for several days past he has been fed through the kindness of Supt. Grimes. The fisherman told a story to the effect that after getting paid off the fall with considerable money for his cargo of codfish, he was in company with other men after which he missed his money. Enquiries are now being made and the matter will come before the court in the course of a few days.

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