

'DURANGO,' STORM-SWEPT, REACHES PORT, ALL WELL

Left Queenstown, After Repairing Engines, on Dec. 18 and Met a Succession of Hurricanes. All the Way Across

There was a general sigh of relief yesterday afternoon when Cabot Tower signalled that the Durango, was coming.

She was making a long passage from the Old Country and shipping people generally were anxious about her.

Of course every one had the greatest confidence in Captain Chambers for he is a man of no mean ability or little experience, but the waters of the Atlantic are so strewn with mines, and Old Father Neptune has been in such ugly moods of late, that disaster is liable to overtake the staunchest vessel or the most capable captain.

The signal proved, however, that neither the mine or the storm had claimed the Durango and that those on board had not been obliged to raise their hats to Davy Jones.

Well Fed Up.

That the ship had a turbulent trip could be seen at a glance when she entered port, for she was coated with ice, and being high out of the water indicated that she was a target for the squalls and seas.

The Durango had made two attempts to reach St. John's, the time occupying twenty-seven days, and during the latter part of the trip she ran into weather such as no one on board had ever seen before.

"It took us 6 days to make 120 miles," said Capt. Chambers to our representative on boarding the ship, "and perhaps you can imagine the conditions."

"At times while the engines were going at full speed ahead, the steamer not only made no progress, but was actually driven back, so heavy was the wind."

Engine Trouble.

The Durango left Liverpool on Wednesday, Dec. 4th for St. John's with 410 tons general cargo, and on the following Saturday at 8 when 190 miles past Queenstown the engineers reported that the bolts of the crank

shaft had worked loose. They endeavored to tighten them and succeeded somewhat, but the ship expected stormy weather and Capt. Chambers knew that to attempt to cross the Atlantic with these bolts working loose was suicidal, so he returned to Queenstown, and it was well he did.

Reaching Queenstown, Sunday, 13th, the new bolts were put in and other parts made more secure.

She was delayed there five days leaving again on Friday, Dec. 18th. On reaching the open sea the storms sprang up and from that time, until port was reached yesterday afternoon there was a succession of gales.

Succession of Gales.

The further west the worse the hurricanes. Huge waves swept over with great violence and officers and men had to use extreme caution to prevent themselves being swept overboard or injured against the sides of the ship.

On several occasions it seemed that the steamer would not live, but Providence watched over her, and she remained afloat.

Three times she was obliged to lay to, once for nearly 36 hours.

Four days were spent covering the distance between 39 and 43 west and from the Banks it took 8 days.

Last Sunday night was a howler. At 6 p.m. the glass fell quickly, going down to 28.20. The storm broke over her soon after, and it was an anxious night for all.

Steering Gear Gave Out.

The frost was intense, and to make matters worse one of the rods of the steering gear broke, and was only repaired after great difficulty.

The steamer had to lay to again, as to keep steam on her was courting death.

At 8 a.m. Monday she got under way and remained under steam until the anchor was dropped in the harbor.

Yesterday morning a little snow fell, and she also met slob ice and steamed through it for about 80 miles.

Her cargo is considerably damaged, caused by the knocking about of the ship by the waves.

The Durango has 30 packages mail and a small cargo for this port.

Revolution In Albania "Put-Up-Job"

Fomented by Austria and Turkey to Distract Attention of Italy and Balkan States.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Revolution in Albania is extending. The assertion is made that it is being fomented by certain Austria-Turkish elements, with the object of forcing Serbia and Montenegro to supply some of their troops along the Albanian frontier. Another object it is said, is to engage Italy more deeply in Albania, thus distracting her from attention to the main conflict.

Rome newspapers urge the Government not to fall into the trap, and to reserve all its energies for the conservation of Italy's supreme interests in the European War.

Deserted Missing Vessel

Kristian Hott, a foreman, 31 years old, was arrested by Detectives Byrne and Lawlor yesterday as an alien suspect.

The man is a native of Sweden and was discharged this morning.

The man was a sailor on the French steamer referred to elsewhere as being overdue from St. John's to Bridgewater, and deserted her while she was here.

Child's Escape

A girl coasting over Carter's Hill narrowly escaped being killed by the street car last evening.

The motor man saw the child and applied the brakes but could not stop the car.

The girl escaped by a hair's breadth.

Boy Thieves

A 15-year-old-boy of LeMarchant Road was arrested yesterday charged with stealing a slide valued at \$1.50, the property of Israel Williams.

Another 15-year-old laborer of James St. was arrested for stealing a pair of over shoes valued at \$1.80 from James Hickey.

Both pleaded guilty and were remanded.

There will be another card tourney at the British Club Rooms this evening, to which all are invited. Valuable prizes will be donated.

Volunteer Writes Home From Ft. George

Men are Having a Good Time in Barracks, Altho Weather is Very Bad.

Private Herman Noseworthy writes his father and mother from Fort George, Inverness-shire as follows:

Just a line to let you know I received the box alright, but had to pay two shillings and four pence more for it; but I did not expect such a large box and such a variety; the gloves are just grand.

We are in barracks now and having a great time; it is very cold, the snow being about one foot deep.

About going to the front, I don't think we are; I expect we will wait for the other five hundred, and by the time they get as much drill and experience as we have it will mean some time yet.

How is little Graham? I would love to see him now.

I hope you received the two pounds I sent you last mail; you will get gold for it; I will be sending you some more later on. I know you are paying my insurance alright.

I had my photo taken at Salisbury. Will get them in a couple of days and will send them.

May God be with us till we meet again.

HERMAN.

'Stephano' Passengers

The following passengers arrived by the Stephano yesterday:

From New York—F. M. Dix and three steerage.

From Halifax—A. Moulton, J. D. Orr, E. Dickson, G. Brocklehurst, C. O'Flaherty and four steerage.

Irish Dance

The Irish Dance at the O'Donell wing takes place tonight and an enjoyable time is in store for all who attend, as the committee in charge have spared no pains to make it a success.

The music will be furnished by Myron and O'Grady.

Mr. A. Moulton arrived by the Stephano yesterday on business.

Schr. St Elmo Near The Rocks

Caught in the Ice Which is Forcing Her on the Rocks.

Yesterday we reported the schr. St. Elmo in the ice off Bonavista Bay. Her position since is evidently serious, judging from the messages which appear below.

Minister of Marine Piccott arranged with Messrs. Bowring Brothers for the Prospero to go to her aid.

The messages are:—"To Minister of Fisheries—" "Open Hall, via King's Cove—Schr. St. Elmo drifting in ice near Western Head, B.B. Captain still on board. Remainder of crew landed with difficulty. Two of them hauled through surf. Send assistance immediately. "EDGAR DOMINY."

To Inspector General—"King's Cove,—Informed schooner caught in slob ice off Tickle Cove, sup posed St. Elmo, Captain Dominy, drifting near sunken reef; heavy sea. "CONST. R. PITTMAN."

Prospero Rescues Schr. Gordon W.

Bowring's Coastal Department had the following wire this morning:

"Trinity—Picked up schr. Gordon W. 70 tons, owned by T. & M. Winter, bound to Green's Harbor, six miles from Grate's Point, jammed in the ice, and towed her to Trinity. "A. KEAN."

Russians Slam The Austrians In Uzsok Pass

Braved Fierce Storm, Took Enemy in Flank and Rear and Put Him to Rout.

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—General headquarters have issued the following official communication:

"On the left bank of the Vistula rifle and artillery fire continues. Round about South Barjmwow we have been in many separate engagements.

"In Galicia no essential modifications are noted.

"At Uzsok Pass the Austrians retreated, but were attacked by our cavalry, which fell on their flank and rear, after having made their way by the mountain paths obstructed by snow, and this notwithstanding the violent storm.

"In this attack we captured about ten officers and 450 soldiers."

"THE KISS" SONG AT THE NICKEL

A high-class programme has been arranged for the Nickel Theatre today, including a three reel Gaumont special "Who Killed George Lambert." It is thrilling and sensational and certain to give pleasure to all.

"A Decree of Justice" is a western melo-drama replete with exciting situations: the acting is perfect and the story immense. There will be a full reel of Mutual Weekly with a large number of interesting news items.

The comedy is by the Keystone Co. "A Barnyard Filtration." There is a matinee every afternoon for ladies and children.

Miss Margaret Ayer will repeat her great success, "The Kiss," today and this will be the last opportunity to hear it. Her rendition of it last night was perfect and she was thunderously applauded.

Capt. John Lewis, who was visiting the city, returned home last evening.

'Bruce' Delayed

The s.s. Bruce did not reach Port-aux-Basques from Sydney until seven last evening, because of being late in leaving North Sydney. She landed two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Pike.

Lands The Crews Of Ships Sunk By The Germans

One Hundred Men From French And British Vessels Put Ashore At Los Palmas.

Los Palmas, Jan. 6.—The German steamer Otavi landed here a hundred sailors, transferred to her by the German auxiliary cruiser, Kronprinz Wilhelm, representing the crews of four French and British vessels captured and sunk by the warship.

The vessels which fell into the hands of the Germans were, the French steamer Mont Agel, sunk on Dec. 4th, the British steamer Bellevue, sunk the same day; the French sailing vessel, Anne Marie sunk on Sept. 17th, and the French ship Union sunk Nov. 22nd.

Another Big Order Manufacture Shells Placed In Canada

Value of This War-time Business is Estimated at Over Twenty Million Dollars.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—An additional order for approximately one million eighteen hundred shrapnel shells has been received from the Imperial Government through the Militia Department at Ottawa.

The order just to hand brings the total number of shells to be manufactured in Canada to 1,800,000 and the value of the business is estimated between \$2,000,000 and \$23,000,000 by Col. A. Bertram, who is chairman of the shell committee here.

S.U.F. Install Their Officers

Interesting Ceremony Presided Over By Grandmaster Cliff.

The officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 5, S.U.F. were installed at the British Hall last night by the Worthy Grand Master, Bro. J. A. Cliff, K. C., assisted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. C. Phillips.

The officers for the present year are:— Worthy Master—Bro. W. Mugford. Chief Officer—Bro. J. J. Coaker. Second Officer—Bro. A. Whitten. Quartermaster—Bro. J. Billard. Lookout—Bro. W. Duffell. Purser—Bro. J. Curnew.

Secretary—Bro. A. E. Withlycombe. Chaplain—A. G. Johnson. Committee—Robert LeDrew, Chairman. Geo. Long, J. Learning, W. Noseworthy, Peter Summers, Jacob Bartlett.

Six members of the St. John's Lodge are serving with the 1st Newfoundland Contingent, and one with the Nav at Reserves.

P.T.E. CHANNING RETURNS HOME VIA HALIFAX

He was taken ill on Nov. 7th, the day after the King reviewed the troops at Salisbury Plains and was placed in camp hospital.

Later he was transferred to other hospitals.

On Dec. 15th he went to Avonmouth and joined the S.S. Principala for Halifax, with twenty-four others.

The sea trip occupied fifteen days. Twice his ship was held up by British warships, and a fire broke out in her bunker which caused some delay.

He suffered from pneumonia and is now almost as well as ever.

Quick Run

The schr. H. R. Silver, Capt. D. Undahl, arrived in ballast this morning after a quick run of two days and twenty hours from Halifax.

The Silver loads fish at Alan Goodridge & Sons.

WAR COSTS THE U. S. A. GREAT SUM

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991,492 against \$2,250,822,664 for the like period in 1913. Despite this showing, however, the November trade balance in favor of the United States was \$69,411,271, and for the eleven month period \$193,372,036.

The most striking demonstration of the effect of the war shown in the statement is the decrease of Germany's \$48,072,784 consumption in November, 1913, to \$42,136 in November of this year. For Belgium the decrease was from \$3,999,169 in 1913, to \$121,816 this year.

Imports from Germany did not show the same result. In 1913 the United States bought \$14,256,993 during November in the German markets, and in 1914, \$11,920,680 during the same month.

During the eleven month period, German imports fell from \$165,039,267 in 1913 to \$140,708,938 this year; while exports to Germany decreased from \$318,720,256 to \$156,100,951.

In the grand geographical division of export commerce the figures show clearly the effect of the war. To Europe the United States sent substantially increased shipments throughout the eleven months, the figures being \$1,342,965,152 in 1913, and \$1,148,791,535 in 1914. To all other divisions there was a marked decrease, North America falling from \$559,857,350 to \$449,986,804; South America, from \$134,668,103 to \$85,641,502; Asia from \$113,256,227 to \$88,618,322; Oceania from \$73,968,851 to \$71,322,168, and Africa from \$26,139,481 to \$23,632,748.



SOROSIS SHOES

The name SOROSIS on a pair of Shoes is a Guarantee of Quality, Style and Fit. As a wear-resister, and a shape-retainer the Sorosis has a high reputation with particular women.

A shipment of these celebrated Shoes has just come to hand. Below we list the styles we are showing.

Buttoned
Dongola, with Self Tip.
Dongola Vamp, Gray Cloth Top.
Tan Vamp, Brown Cloth Top.
Tan Vamp, Fancy Fawn Top.
Pat. Leather, Black & White Top.

Laced
Dongola, Patent Tip.
Dongola, Self Tip.
Gun Metal.

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SNOWBALLERS ARE SUMMONED

Sergt. Noseworthy summoned a number of boys for throwing snowballs on the public street; the lads had to pay costs.

Tidewaiters' Annual

The 51st Annual meeting of the Tidewaiter's, Boatmen and Lockers' Club takes place tomorrow evening.

Volunteer Gets Diphtheria in Camps

John J. Ellis one of the 1st Contingent, did not go to Fort George with the others as he contracted diphtheria and spent some weeks in an isolated hospital at Salisbury.

He is now well again. He writes that he could not be treated better anywhere than he was in the hospital.

He is a bricklayer by trade and was employed building shacks on the Plain. He does not know if he will be sent to Inverness.

Sagona Clear

Hon. J. C. Crosbie had a message this morning from Change Islands that the Sagona was making good headway through the run.

The Fogata is Still at Fogo.

M.C.L.I. Debate

The Methodist College Literary Institute opens its 48th annual session tomorrow evening in the Institute Room in the College.

The present session promises to be of great interest.

Tomorrow night's debate will be: "Is the war the result of economic or military pressure?"

MUST COLLECT MONEY IN FUTURE

Const. Forsey summoned a female holder of a license this morning for selling liquor to a man and not receiving the money. She was fined \$10 and costs.

Prospero arrived at Catalina at 4.15 a.m. and left again at 6.30.

\$40,000,000 In War Supplies Bought In Canada

Orders Call for Clothing, Arms and Equipment and Keep Many Factories Busy.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—It is estimated that some thirty-five to forty million dollars have been spent by the Canadian, British, French and Russian Governments in Canada, for war contracts. This includes clothing, arms and equipment.

The Canadian Government has so far spent in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000 on equipment for the first and second contingents. This does not include pay for the soldiers, rations, separation allowances or pensions.

The British, French and Russian Governments it is estimated, have up to date let contracts for some fifteen to twenty million dollars more.

The disbursment of this amount of money has meant that many industries and many factories which would otherwise have been shut down will be able to run full time all winter.

The pensions to be paid after the war are estimated to amount to about \$10,000,000 for every 80,000 who leave for the war.

SHIPPING

S.S. Stephano sails again Saturday.

S.S. Amphitrite has cleared from Bonne Bay with 325 bbls. salt bulk fish for Farquhar & Co., Halifax.

Schr. Waegwoltie, 5 days from Lunenburg, arrived this morning with a cargo of oil to Tessier & Co.

Schr. A. N. Rafuse, 16 days from New York, arrived this morning with hard coal to A. Harvey & Co.

The schr. J. J. Flaherty left Woods Island yesterday for Gloucester with 1335 bbls. herring for the Gorton Pew Co.

SEE IT RISING!

What? Why? The Mail and Advocate circulation, that's what. Second to none just at present. Bear this fact in mind when advertising!

Wonderful Results From the A. I. C., The World's Cure

The remedy discovered at far Labrador has given relief to many a sufferer; hundreds testifying of this great remedy. Another gives her testimonial from the City.

Couldn't Eat a Half Meal. St. John's, Oct. 12, 1914.

I have been troubled with indigestion for a number of years, in fact I have been so bad I couldn't eat half a meal of anything.

A friend advised me to try A.I.C. and one half plat bottle cured me. I couldn't believe I could be cured in such a short time and now I can eat anything, and food does not trouble me in the least. I think I am perfectly cured. I haven't felt indigestion this month.

I recommend this medicine to all sufferers from indigestion. You are at liberty to use my name, and anyone not believing this statement can write or consult me personally.

MRS. GEORGE WELLS, St. John's.

Sold at St. John's by M. J. Malone, M. Kent, Walter Gossie, J. C. Ryan, J. Healey, C. F. Eagan, Soper & Moore, Wholesale Agent.

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The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine—decl.

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