

Fire Destroyed Depot of the Nfld Regiment

Big Blaze Which Lasted Four Hours Wrecks the Quarters of "Ours" Stationed at Ayr—No One Injured—Good Discipline Accomplishes Much

From Pte. Cyril O'Keefe who arrived from Scotland recently, we learn the story of the fire which occurred at the Depot of the 2nd Newfoundland Regiment.

At 10:20 p.m. on Monday, March 6th, Sergt. Bartlett opening the door of his room on the top flat of Newtown Park School, discovered the place in flames. He gave the alarm, and although all the men were in bed, they quickly formed up in well disciplined order on the "fire alarm" being sounded, and under Lieut. F. Mellor, the Orderly Officer, a piquet was made up and a bucket brigade detailed.

In the meantime the fire spread rapidly and when the Ayr Fire Dept. arrived the western end of the Barracks was ablaze. The dangerous section included the Orderly Room, Hospital and Company Offices where all records, etc., were kept. Major Whitaker and Officers directed the fighting of the fire, which was done by the men who were remarkably cool. The gases and smoke filled the top flat and made the work difficult. Lieut. C. Rendell was almost "gassed" during its progress, and Lieut. L. Murphy and Q. M. Sergt. Wolverson, in saving the Company records, were almost suffocated.

All communication and stores were taken in charge by Quartermaster Edwards, who did great work in this connection. The fire lasted for about four hours, and considerable damage was done to the building, while a lot of underclothing etc., was destroyed. None of the men, however, were injured, and this was mainly due to their good discipline. The temporary inconvenience and loss of quarters has been overcome and losses of personal clothing, etc., been rectified. The effects of Sergts. Lawlor, Bartlett and Wolverson are completely lost, as are also those of Pte's N. Loveys and S. Cole, but these are being replaced. The experience was an unpleasant one, but its conclusion is certainly creditable to the officers and men of "Ours."—Daily News.

Schooners Arrive in Port

The schrs. 'Harry Montain' 6 days from Halifax to Colin Campbell, and the 'Seth Jr.' from New York via Louisburg to A. H. Murray & Co. with coal, the 'Edith Marguerite' 9 days to the Nfld. Produce Co., coal laden from Louisburg, arrived in port today. The 'Seth Jr.' was over 70 days frozen up in the ice at Louisburg, where she had put in on her way here.

The schr. 'Gertrude L.' from Catalina for Europe, fish laden, put in here this morning also for her repairs to her rudder case and will resume her voyage in a day or so.

The Death of Mr. Timothy Mitchell

We learn with regret that news was received in the City yesterday of the death of Mr. Timothy Mitchell, formerly of this city, but who for many years has resided in Chicago where he carried on an extensive business. Mr. Mitchell was an uncle of Doctor T. Mitchell of this city and a brother of the late Messrs. Thomas and Bryan Mitchell of St. John's. He will be remembered by many of the old timers here. He was a man very popular in social and business circles, and leaves to mourn him a wife, two daughters and one son. To his relatives *The Mail and Advocate* extends its condolence.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers had drill in the Armoury last night and quite a number have enrolled the past two days. There are now 3,245 names on the roster with the following enlistments: St. John's—Samuel Tulk, Jacob Dewling, Jos. P. O'Driscoll, Jno. H. Squires, Rupert Macklin, M. Lacey, Jas. Yetman, Jno. Jas. Dalton, Chas. Ed. Butler, Chas. Pike, Jas. Stamp, Ralph H. LeMessurier, Jno. P. Sullivan, Jno. R. Hussey, Philip Cole, Jno. Fay, Stan. Walsh, Jas. Walsh, Arthur Lush, Hayward Marshal, Donald M. Turner, Frank Murphy, Jno. Rodgers, Jos. Alyward, Geo. Dowden, Jno. J. Dunphy, Rd. Hall, Herbert A. Vaughan, Geo. W. Collins, Jno. Scott, Hedley Tuft.

Topsail—Frank Parmiter; Port Saunders—Peter Leavis; Goulds, Bay Bulls Rd.—Lloyd Cox; Hickman's Hr., T.B.—Chas. Penney, Herb. Churchill; Pool's Island—Weston Kean; New Bonaventure, B.B.—Wm. J. King; Valleyfield, B.B.—Fred. K. J. Davis; Heart's Delight—Heber Crocker, Job Crocker, Cecil Bryant, Stephen H. Reid, Allan Reid, Jos. E. Reid, Chas. Sharpe; Blaketown—Moses Osbourne; Cape Broyle—Thos. Rossiter.

The Norwegian Fishery Report

Deputy Minister of Customs LeMessurier yesterday had the following report of the Norwegian Fishery

April 3rd, 1916.	
Lofoden	10,700,000
All Others	21,500,000
32,200,000	
April 7th, 1915.	
Lofoden	13,200,000
All Others	29,700,000
42,900,000	

Newfoundland Cargo Sunk

Yesterday's public messages contained the assertion that the British vessel "John Pritchard" had been sunk by a Hun submarine. This vessel, which was bound up the Mediterranean, carried a cargo of fish from Hodge's, of Fogo.

Nfld. Seaman Killed in Action

Mrs. Andrews of Port-de-Grave has had word from the British Authorities that Alfred Andrews, her husband, a Naval Reservist, had undergone an operation for the removal of shrapnel from his shoulder. Nathaniel Mugford, and Wm. Dawe were killed in the action between the Alcantara and the Hun raider Greif.

Armoury Visited By Governor

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Misses Davidson, paid an informal visit to the C.L.B. Armoury yesterday and for quite a time saw the Volunteers go through the various drills. His Excellency showed much interest in what was being done and expressed to the officers his pleasure at the efficiency which the men displayed.

Official Sealing News

Wireless to the Postmaster-General: Via Fogo—Erik and Samuel Blandford report their crews aboard and well. Via Cape Ray—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal report their crews aboard and well.

Legislative Council

The session of the Legislative Council held yesterday afternoon was a short one. Four Bills received a third reading and a Bill sent up from the Assembly received its first reading. Several reports were tabled by Hon. Mr. Bishop and questions were put by Hon. Mr. Anderson as to the Funded Debt of the Colony. An adjournment was then taken till Thursday next.

"Sable Island's" Crew Make \$116.60

The Sable Island finished discharging yesterday, her turn out being 23,707 young harps, 104 old harps, and 5 bedlamers, a total of 23,816 seals, weighing 577 tons, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. gross; 516 tons 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs. nett, valued at \$63,656.09 nett. The crew of 182 men shared \$116.60.

S.S. Terra Nova With 27,000 Seals

The S.S. Terra Nova, Capt. Saml. R. Winsor, arrived here yesterday at 3 p.m. with a full load of prime seals, in all 27,000, which includes 1500 old. The Terra Nova under her skilled commander was one of the first of the ships to strike the fat and like the crews of her companion ships were for days busy killing the harps which were pretty numerous. Owing to the heavy ice it was difficult to pick up the pans and only as late as Friday last were all the seals killed by the crew secured. In two days the crew killed approximately 16,000 and when these were stowed down the ship forced out to the edge of the main patch and another 8000 were slaughtered. On the 24th and 25th these were stowed in the hold when the ship went after the old ones and finished up. The Terra Nova proved a splendid ice and sea boat and was only jammed once during the spring. She has fully the weight of 30,000 seals. We heartily congratulate Capt. Winsor on his success in the seal fishery of 1916.

Hurt on the 'Terra Nova'

While Wm. Kneeb, of Valleyfield, was working on the "Terra Nova" on St. Patrick's Day, and while "fat" was being taken on board the ship, a sling of seals accidentally fell on him and he was very seriously hurt. He was unconscious from the time the accident occurred, 6 a.m. till 4 p.m., and but for the skill of the ship's doctor, a native of Georgia, might have died. The man was severely hurt about the head and internally and could do no work for the rest of the spring. He is now slowly getting better.

For \$670,000 Charlie Chaplin can afford to be as funny as he can.



THE WOUNDED ONE: "Look 'ere, What's the matter with you? I'm only scratched. I want to go on fighting!" THE RESCUER: "I don't care. I promised my girl I'd bring her home a medal, and low's my chance."—Passing Show.

Installation At Whiteway Lodge

The Whiteway Lodge installation ceremony which generally occurs in April 1st was this year postponed till last night when Bro. Wm. Campbell was installed by D.G.M. Clift who was assisted by D.G.M. Duder of the Scottish Jurisdiction. When the ceremony concluded the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows:

W.M.—W. Campbell. I.P.M.—A. Macpherson. S.W.—H. R. Brookes. J.W.—L. P. Chaplin. Chap.—Rev. H. L. Pike. Treas.—T. J. Duley. Secy.—W. Barber. D. of C.—J. W. McNeily. S.D.—H. W. Dickenson. J. D.—C. Tessier. I.G.—W. H. Jones. Organist—F. J. King. Stewards—Lieut. H. Rendell and J. J. Long. Tyler—Geo. Morris. W. Bro. Archibald Macpherson who returned by the Stephano was presented with a Past Master's Jewel by R.W.D.G.M. Clift for Twillingate Lodge to Past Master Patten. Hearty congratulations were extended the newly installed Master and a collection for the Benevolent Fund was taken up.

Passionist Priests At the Front

According to The Catholic Record of Saturday last there are 300 priests of the Passionist Order, 4 of whose members are now preaching missions in St. John's, at the front with the various armies. The paper also states that 600 Benedictines are also with the belligerent forces in the field and that 40 of them have given up their lives on various battlefields.

Up to 6 p.m. yesterday the S.S. Neptune had landed 21,650 seals, the average weight being 42 1/2 lbs.

LOCAL ITEMS

It was very mild and summer like along the railway line last night, the temperature being 10 above freezing.

Miss Fitzgerald, typist and stenographer at Job Bros. & Co. office, has been laid off ill the past few days.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., J.P., presided to-day. A drunk and a man drunk in his brother's house were both discharged.

A lad named Miller arrived here by the train last night for Mount Cashel Orphanage and was looked after on the way by Mr. W. J. Walsh, M.H.A. A Brother met him at the station.

Newfoundlander Drowned

Mr. Abram Moulton who arrived here yesterday by the Stephano, in speaking of his reported to-day told him the story of the sad drowning of his son, Capt. Jas. D. Moulton, with all hands on the schr. 'Maurice R. Shaw', on a voyage from Jacksonville Fla., to Portland, Me. The Captain who was only 29 years old, was Mr. Moulton's eldest son, and the ship and crew went down together. Capt. Moulton was born in this country and was a fine type of seaman. He had been commander several years and was a skillful navigator. Mr. and Mrs. Moulton have the sympathy of their many friends in St. John's in the loss of their son.

Oporto Market

This week.	
Nfld. Stocks	32,782
Consumption	5,738
Last week.	
Nfld. Stocks	38,187
Consumption	5,875

Dr. Lloyd and Mr. Cyril Fox Called to the Bar

To-day a very pleasing function took place in the Supreme Court when Messrs. W. F. Lloyd, D.C.L., and Cyril Fox were called to the Bar. There were present on the Bench Justices Johnson and Kent and the President of the Law Society, D. Morison, Esq., K.C., presented Messrs. Lloyd and Fox, stating that they had satisfied the requirements of the Benchers Society, had qualified to be called and presented both gentlemen to the Court, as having been called to the Bar. His Lordship Justice Johnson then heartily congratulated Dr. Lloyd and also Mr. Fox and welcomed both. He paid a particular meed of praise to Mr. Lloyd for the energy and ability displayed by him in other walks of life and which he felt assured would be a guarantee of the success of his career at the Bar. Similarly he eulogized the work of Mr. Fox and believed that both gentlemen would be an acquisition to the ranks of the legal fraternity in Newfoundland. *The Mail and Advocate* extends to Messrs. Lloyd and Fox its heartiest felicitations wishing them very successful careers.

"Fogota" and "Farley" Arrive At Halifax

Hon. John C. Crosbie had a wire to-day from the Fogota saying that the ship had arrived at Halifax at 11 a.m. with the disabled steamer Farley in tow. She was also accompanied by the S. S. Lady Sybil. The Fogota did good work in successfully accomplishing the salvaging of the steamer.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

By James P. Broomfield

HIGHLAND traditions—We learn that when the Highlanders left their native glens to war, or find homes in other lands, they would throw a stone on a heap, or cairn, and when returning would pick one off the cairn again, but seemingly, by the side of many of the cairns, many left, but few returned.

A Highland dame stood at her door And watched her youngest bairn. In kilt and plaid and jacket red, Turn from the soldiers' cairn— A cairn that told, told by its height, Of many gallant men Who had for kings and country left The comforts of their glens.

With martial stride and fearless eye Three sons had gone before, And left her with an aching heart Beside her lowly door. For Britain's glory they went forth, A glory that hath ta'en The pride of many a Scottish home For many a bloody plain.

Her eldest fell in the Soudan; At Dargai Leslie died; At Modder river Tom was slain By gallant Wauchope's side; And now her youngest, and her all, Has gone, and she's alone; The king gets one more soldier bold, The cairn another stone!

She watches 'till his stalwart form Is lost beyond the trees, And then she turns within her cot, And falling on her knees Prays to the Guardian of us all To favor her last one, Who knows his brother's bloody fate Beside stern duty's gun!

Her hair is white with many cares, Her heart's been cruelly riven, But Britain's army needed men, And she her all hath given; And yet she wonders, simple dame, At nations great and wise, Who cannot for man's brotherhood Some nobler plan devise.

We wonder all—and yet we rush, Aye, ready to the sword, And deeper, wider yawns the wound That soverness wisdom's word; And mothers weep for fearless sons.

Who love the martial row— And stretches far the battle line, While cairns they larger grow.

"I wish you could tell me how to get the money to advertise on a large scale." "I can. Advertise now on a small scale."

SHIPPING

The schr. Marguerite with coal to this port from Louisburg sheltered at Trepassy yesterday.

The Terra Nova will haul into Bowring's South Side to discharge to-day, as the Eagle will finish discharging.

The S.S. Stephano will leave here for Halifax and New York to-morrow night or early Thursday morning.

The schr. John Pritchard referred to elsewhere we found to-day had discharged her fish cargo at a Mediterranean port and was returning to St. John's in ballast when the Huns torpedoed her. She was coming here for another fish cargo.

A MODEST SUGGESTION FOR A NEW HUNNISH CANTICLE

"Kaiser wants new National hymn."—Westminster Gazette Heading. "He shall have it."—Mr. Punch.

God of our Fathers, God of old, Who hast for us such sympathy, Cast as Jon art in German mould, Again we raise our voice to Thee: Omnipotence, we need Thy hand In air, on sea, on land!

The British (Who, Thou knowest, hide Contemptibly upon an isle) No doubt to Thee have also cried, According to their native guile; Presumption could no further go In those who plunged the world in woe.

Thou wouldst not hearken to a Fleet Possessed of that inhuman Race, So cruel, arrogant and base, So steeped in rancour and deceit. 'Twas they, remember, they alone, Who forced this Burden on Thine own!

Bless, rather us! our aims our cause! Bless, rather, us! our arms, our cause! Pour on us Thy protecting love! Sanction our fractures of Thy laws.

By U's beneath, by Zeps above! Bless all our efforts; bless our gas! Deal gently with us should we tend— Presuming as Thy favored Race All flushed to own so great a Friend— To dereliction into grace! Deal gently with us, Lord, should we Once deviate to decency!

And Him, from Whom such blessings flow, Our Wilhelm, first of Sons of Light, Whose one ambition is to show Mankind the rightfulness of Might; Bless Him, and forward His device To make an Earthly Paradise!

And should some other star up there (For all the stellar space is Thine) Demand Thy more immediate care, And thus divert Thee from the Rhine.

Thou needst but mention it, and He Thy Viceroy here will gladly be! —From Punch.

Felt Well Enough.

Husband—There's no use talking, My Dear, saving money doesn't make anyone feel any better. Wife—But I don't want to feel any better.

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Situation in Mexico Serious One

Whole Northern Mexico is in Open Revolt Against Carranza Government—An Unhappy Ending to Watchful Waiting Policy of United States.

EL PASO, Texas, March 23.—Private advices reaching here to-day confirmed the reports that General Louis Herrera had joined the Villistas at Chihuahua, and left little room for doubt that Mexican affairs had reached a point fraught with far-reaching and perhaps serious consequences to the United States. Not only was it accepted here as definite that Herrera had declared against both Carranza and the United States, but it was asserted with equal confidence that Torreón is also in the hands of the Villistas, and that all Northern Mexico is seething with open rebellion against the defunct government. So grave was the situation regarded here that the military authorities planned to-day drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms they might have concealed in their homes and enforce what would be practically martial law in "Little Chihuahua," the heart of El Paso's Mexican section.

All night long El Paso waited for the warning whistles, which would tell that the expected outbreak had occurred. Three hundred soldiers with machine gun detachments waited under arms for any emergency and the police reserves, equipped with rifles, were also held ready. Again and again rumours ran through the town that shooting had been heard in Juarez, but each time they proved baseless. It is understood that government officials here have sent to Washington a recommendation, couched in the strongest terms, urging that steps be taken to disarm all Mexicans along the border, taking the right of forcible entry and search if necessary.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 23.—With the despatch from here of an American expedition to capture Francisco Villa, Columbia has become a haven for hobbes and soldiers of fortune. As a result it was found necessary to-day to swear in a number of deputy sheriffs to assist in guarding property. Military authorities also are discouraging adventurers, fearing that they interrupt the work of the troops at the expeditionary base here. Many of these men have come to the border in the hope that they may be allowed either to enlist in regiments bound for Mexico or to accompany the troops in civilian capacities.

Why not be an optimist? Owing to the general use of rugs, the twentieth century papa hardly ever steps on a carpet tack as he walks with the baby in the dead of night.

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