

Serious Accident!

This morning, a laborer named James Sinnott, of Battery Road, aged 32, was the victim of a serious accident, and now lies at the General Hospital in a precarious condition. He had been engaged since yesterday afternoon putting coal on board the s.s. Perugia at A. Harvey & Co.'s wharf. At 10 o'clock this forenoon, Delegate McGrath, of the Longshoremen's Union, confronted Sinnott with the fact that he was in arrears, and ordered him to pay up right away or else discontinue work. The unfortunate laborer had no money on him and quit work. Sinnott then went to put on his coat, which was hung up in the coal shed. On leaving, he went towards the rear of the shed instead of going through the regular exit, with the result that he fell through an open hatchway, a distance of about fifteen feet and landed on his back. It was awfully dark in the shed and Sinnott did not see the open hatchway. He was picked up by workmen and brought to a room in Harvey's Bakery, where soon after the victim slightly regained consciousness and was attended by Dr. Mitchell, who found that the patient's back, especially the spine, was seriously injured, and at once ordered him to hospital where he was taken in the ambulance.

Nld. Rhodes' Scholar Wins Distinctions

By the last English Mail, Mr. H. Crawford, Purchasing Agent of the R. N. Co., received a letter from his son, E. H. Crawford, Rhodes' Scholar, now at Oxford University, conveying the information that he had been elected "Honorary Fellow" of the Royal Colonial Institute, London. He also stated that he had successfully passed his Law Preliminary after a course of only two months and four days. This latter will enable him to finish his studies within three years from the time of entering instead of four years which is the usual period.

We extend congratulations to Mr. Crawford on the honours received, and also his father on the brilliant success of his son, who is upholding, with honor, his native land, and reflecting credit on his Alma Mater, St. Bonaventure's College.

Slide Thieves Sent to Prison.

Two lads who were arrested in the early part of the week, charged with the larceny of some slides, and were remanded while the police were investigating in an endeavour to accredit the slide thieves with other larcenies, were arraigned before Judge Knight to-day, convicted and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle is in port. The Bruce was due at Port aux Pasques this morning, she was not reported owing to the line being interrupted. The Clyde is detained at Fogo by ice. The Ethie left Flat Island at 4 p.m. yesterday, going west. The Glencoe left Burgeo at 8 a.m. to-day, going west. The Home has not been reported to-day. The Lintrose leaves North Sydney to-night.

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Here and There.

SUPREME COURT OPENS.—The January Sessions of the Supreme Court will open at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local from Carbonear via Brigus, arrived in the city at 12:45 p.m. to-day.

Orders Taken for Guaranties.—Strictly Fresh Local Eggs at BASTOW'S. Phone 304. 35.31

EATHER.—A light south-west wind prevails along the line of rail-day, with the temperature ranging from 10 to 25 above.

One 10 cent bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine will make 3 quarts of Ginger Wine.

MONGOLIAN.—The Allan Liner Mongolian left Liverpool for this port at noon on Saturday last.

NELIE M. SAILS.—The schr. Nelie M. Capt. Taylor, sails to-day for Pernambuco taking 6,000 packages of codfish from the Monroe Export Co.

EXPRESS DUE.—The express with the Bruce and Lintrose passengers and mails is due in the city at 5 p.m. to-day.

Headquarters for Cake**JOHN B. AYRE.****This Date in History.**

JANUARY 7.
Full Moon—Jan. 1.
Days Past—6 To Come—358.
SIR THOMAS LAWRENCE died 1830, aged 81. One of the fashionable portrait painters of his day. He enjoyed the friendship of George IV. and painted most of the Sovereigns of Europe and many other notable personages with great charm and distinction.

LOSS OF CALAIS 1558. Calais had been in the possession of the English for over 200 years, but fell on this date to a sudden attack by the French and England lost what was regarded then as the most important possession of the Crown.

WOUNDED.
He lies upon his bed of pain.
Despite of nurses' deft and kind.
He is unhappy; it is plain
That something weighs upon his mind.

Ask him his dearest wish to name,
And, smiling even on the rack,
He tells, without a trace of shame,
How he is anxious to get back.

Poor soul! What wonder he should yearn
With all a sick man's fierce desire,
To home and kindred to return,
Deep in some peaceful English shire.

Right valiantly he played his part;
He gave his country of his best,
Nor blame him if to-day his heart
Sighs for a place of peace and rest!

But voice your thoughts and you shall see
A broader smile o'erspread his face,
You have, despite your sympathy,
Misunderstood the hero's case.

His words are simple, terse and plain:
"Go home? A likely thing to do!
I'm wretch! to get back again
Through this bloomin' business through!"

TOUCHSTONE.**Newfoundland Troops**

Where to Send Comforts for the Contingent.

A sub-committee of the Dominions War Contingents Advisory Committee has been formed with Lord Islington as chairman, to do all that is possible for the comfort and interests generally of the Newfoundland Contingent.

This sub-committee wish it to be known that they are now ready to receive contributions in kind (Cardigans, shirts, socks, mufflers, wollen gloves, thumb and index finger separate—undershirts and drawers, cholera belts, handkerchiefs, housewives, cigarettes, pipes and tobacco, and chocolate), or in money, to enable them to carry out their work.

Lady Louisa Fielding has lent a room in her house, 48, Grosvenor-gardens, for the storage of such articles, and when the Contingent proceeds on active service, it is proposed to work through the agency of the Field Force Fund.

Gifts of clothes, etc., should be sent to 48, Grosvenor-gardens, marked "Newfoundland War Contingent."

Contributions in money should be sent to the secretary, Mr. H. F. Batterbee, Colonial Office, Downing-street, S. W.; or direct to the Bank of Montreal, Waterloo-place, S. W., to the credit of the account of the Newfoundland War Contingent Committee.

Concert For Belgian Fund.

Under the auspices of the St. Bon's Ladies' Association, a very successful tea and concert in aid of the Belgian Fund, was held at the Aula Maxima yesterday afternoon. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental selections contributed by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Strang (2), Herder, Ryan, Anderson, Johnson; Messrs. J. L. Slattery, C. Fox, A. Bailey, S. O'Leary and C. Reining, who sang the Marsellaise in French; Miss O'Dea and Master Jim Bradshaw contributed recitations, which were well received, particularly the "Charge of the Light Brigade" by Master Bradshaw, who is only five years old. The accompanists during the evening were Mrs. Bradshaw, Miss Anderson and Mr. J. L. Slattery. After the concert tea, were served by the ladies of the Association, and the proceeds, which amounted to a considerable sum, will be devoted to the Belgian Fund as before mentioned.

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Three-Hundred and Sixty-Four Guns

On Heligoland Island, also Protected by Ten Rows of Mines, Says American Consul.

New York, December 31.—Richard Wackerow, who has just completed seven years' service as United States Consul at Breslau, Germany, arrived yesterday on the Italian liner Duca d'Aosta, from Genoa, accompanied by his wife. After resigning his post Mr. Wackerow travelled through Germany and Belgium to get material for lectures which, he believes, will help swing public feeling in this country round to the side of Germany.

"The most interesting part of my tour," he said, "was to the island of Heligoland. The Germans have built concrete platforms for the 42-centimetre guns they have mounted, which are of the disappearing type, made by the Krupp last September. 'It would be impossible for the British ships to get by Heligoland, and they know it.' The island is protected by ten rows of mines, sunk at varying depths, as well as by 242 torpedo boat destroyers, with the German fleet at the back. There are 364 guns on Heligoland, of which 142 are of the big gun type."

Mr. Wackerow said that Germany had 600,000 prisoners of the Allied armies. Eight hundred thousand Germans had been killed since the war began. At present Germany had 2,000,000 men under arms, and she would have 2,000,000 more ready by February. By the spring she would have a total of 8,000,000 men on the battlefield.

Mr. Wackerow added that the Germans were confident that they would win. He was in Antwerp three weeks ago. He saw there the forts that had been rebuilt on the land side of the city and the concrete mounds along the Scheldt on which the Germans had mounted big Krupp guns.

Conscript Armies.

Napoleon, in 1798, first brought conscription into force; then it was adopted by Prussia after their defeat by the French at Jena in 1806. In most countries where conscription is in vogue every man on reaching a certain age—from nineteen to twenty-one—has to undergo a period of military training. This prevails in France and Germany; but in Russia a certain number of men is required only, and if this is exceeded the authorities decide from whom full service shall be exacted. Of course, certain men are excused, such as the only sons or eldest sons of clergymen, etc.

In Spain and Portugal every man is not directly called upon, but each locality is obliged to furnish a certain number, the men being chosen by ballot. There is no standing army in Switzerland, but all able-bodied citizens serve in the militia, which is called upon to train a few weeks every year. Although compulsory service is the law of the land, the army in the Netherlands is mainly composed of volunteers.

It is considered by some people that conscription is unpopular, but in the rural districts of the countries where conscription is in force the inhabitants look forward to the time when they will be called upon as the only exciting change in their lives.

The best conscriptive countries have so legislated that when the conscript leaves the army suitable employment is found for him; also, another point in his favor, his period of service is not long as that of the volunteer.—Northern Weekly Gazette.

Aviator's Deadly Weapons.

French airmen have now four terrible weapons of destruction for use in aeroplane fighting. They are:—

(1) The steel arrows, "les fleches," 6 inch long, grooved to ensure straight downward flight, about an ounce in weight, and carried in a box which launches 1,000 at a time. Dropped from an average flying height, one of these will hit its man with a driving force of 100 lbs. It will go clean through a rider and his horse. The airmen carry several thousand on each flight. An airman was recently mentioned in despatches for the skill and daring with which he used his bombs and arrows.

(2) The quick-firing air gun. This is carried in many of the French monoplane. Two have been mounted on biplanes in order to command the whole field of flight. They have accounted for many of the enemy's machines.

(3) The shell pistol, reserved for action against the Zeppelins. A lucky shot from one of these will put a Zeppelin out of action.

(4) The dynamite bomb. This weighs 90 lbs., and is dropped by the airman or his observer. This has been used for blowing up bridges.

MRS. H. HIGGINS will resume her Dressmaking Classes on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11th and 12th. "Sunnyside," Monkstown Road.—Jan. 7.

Officers of Sunken German Ship Jailed.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Copenhagen says: "The Hamburg Echo quotes the Norddeutsche Volksblatt as saying:

"At a court-martial in Wilhelmshaven on Dec. 23, the captain and commander of the German cruiser Rorich, which sank after striking a mine while returning from the raid on Yarmouth with the loss of over 300 lives, were accused of disobedience of orders or negligence occasioning the loss of the ship and with manslaughter. The two officers were found guilty. Captain Vieper was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a fortress and Commander Cleve to one year's imprisonment.—Boston Post, 28th.

GERMAN GENERAL ORDERS.

(From Life, New York.)

Until further notice the following scale will be in force:
For dropping a bomb on a hospital, one Iron Cross.
For dropping a bomb on a church, two Iron Crosses.
For dropping a bomb on a cathedral, ten Iron Crosses.

This is for the encouragement of culture.

The old scale of one Iron Cross for killing a child, two for killing a woman, and five for killing a Red Cross nurse will still be in force.

Commanders are urged to levy the utmost fine on captured towns which the places can stand. The Fatherland needs the money.

Use the white flag whenever possible for the purpose of luring on detachments of the enemy. A white flag is only a scrap of linen.

Mine-layers should always be disguised as hospital ships.

Continue the good work of annihilating all the contemptible little armies you can find, particularly of the treacherous English. God will continue brilliantly to support you.

PAPA WILHELM.

FOGOTA CLEAR.—Messrs. Crosbie & Co. received a message to-day stating that the Fogota, which was detained by ice at Fogo is now clear. Also that the Sagona, which left Change Islands on Tuesday morning, coming south, is now detained by ice at Stag Harbor Run.

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Religious Service at Mt. Clare.

Sunday morning, December 6, a beautiful scene was enacted in the convent chapel of Mt. St. Clare when seven young ladies received the habit and white veil of the order of the Sisters of St. Francis from the hands of Right Reverend Bishop Davis of Davenport, and sixteen students of the institution received the sacrament of confirmation.

At precisely 7 o'clock His Excellency, accompanied by Rev. Father Murray, pastor of St. Patrick's parish, entered the sacred edifice which had been made beautiful by loving hearts and skillful hands. The lights and flowers were appropriately selected all contrived to make more impressive, that sacred of all oblations, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and that yet truly sublime oblation, the consecration of one's self to God, as the infusion of the gifts of the Spirit in Confirmation.

Those clothed as novices are: Catherine Thompson, Glendale, now Sister M. Antoinette; Miss Gina Ledwell, Ferryland, Newfoundland, now Sister M. Patrice; Katie Walsh, Ferryland, Newfoundland, now Sister M. Teresene; Anna Connors, Dorchester, Iowa, now Sister M. Matthew; Miss Marie Victor, Iowa, now Sister M. Paul; Miss Frances Ryan, St. John's, Newfoundland, now Sister M. Philip; Mary Carbage, Bell Island, Newfoundland, now Sister M. Joseph.—Cape Herald.

As can be seen in the list of novices referred to, four are from foundlanders, including one from John's East, viz., Miss Frances, a well known young lady of St. Hill, now sister M. Philip.

Hr. Grace Noted

Messrs. W. A. Munn and D. are in town on a visit to their friends.

The barq. Calidra is being fitted with fish by Messrs. Munn & Co. market.

To-day, Old Christmas Day, being observed as a holy day by Catholic citizens.

The annual meeting of the Convention Bay British Society took place Monday night. The Treasurer's report showed the society to be in flourishing condition, and also King Edward or Juvenile B. There are a total of 200 members on the roll. After the other business had been finished, the election of officers for 1915 took place. The officers were as follows: President, Bro. Bert Rogers, elected; Vice-President, C. D. Garland, elected; Treasurer, Bro. Albert Heath, re-elected; Secretary, Bro. W. A. McKay, re-elected; Committee, Bros. Robert, re-elected; Thos. Courage, Fred Snow, Jas. Mitter, Robert Sheppard, Richard Wm. Harris, Edward Quinn, Le Stirling; Grand Marshal, Bro. Wells; Hall-keeper, M. French, elected. The Guardians for the Society were: Bros. Albert, ers, C. D. Garland, Albert Heat, A. McKay and Robert Tetford.

Past President, Rogers, who again been called to the chair, 18 years in office, eight of that in the President's chair, and only been out of office for two. He is receiving the congratulations of his friends, on having been elected to fill the important office of President.

Hr. Grace, Jan. 6, 1915.

Caught In Storm.

The schr. Robert J. Dale, C. Lohnes, entered port yesterday noon from Louisburg. The had a rough time and while in Sunday's storm got her jibboom two jibs carried away. She by a cargo of coals to Colin Camp.

ICE BROKEN UP.—A south wind prevailed north yesterday, in consequence the ice started break up. This will enable the Prospero to get north, and also the vessels that were ice bound in Green Bay.

