

OBITUARY

2nd. LIEUT. S. C. NORRIS.

In the death on the field of glory of Second Lieutenant Samuel Casiner Norris, Newfoundland loses an esteemed and worthy son, and the Empire a brave and loyal young officer.

St John's Municipal Council Tenders.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until THURSDAY, 19th inst., at 4 p.m., for the purchase of that building known as the "Coffin House."

The structure is to be removed within fourteen days after the sale, and the place cleaned up to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

The Council does not bind itself to accept any tender. By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Secy.-Treas.

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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until THURSDAY, 19th inst., at 4 p.m., for certain curb and gutter-work to be done on Rennie's Mill Road.

All information relating to the same can be secured on application at the office of the City Engineer.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Secy.-Treas.

Mr. F. J. Woods Defends Himself from the Attack of "One Who Knows"

Brands as a Deliberate Falsehood the Charges Made Yesterday That he Had Received Hundreds of Dollars from Steam Ship Owners—Admits Taking Sixty Dollars but Did so Thinking it Was Given Him as a Xmas Gift for Services Rendered After Hours

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir—A letter signed "One Who Knows" appeared in your issue of yesterday wherein the writer states that he holds proof that I have drawn hundreds of dollars from steam owners which were paid me through Mr. A. McLachlan. The statement is a deliberate untruth, and made for the purpose of trying to discredit the justice of the claim of the Firemen to be paid a fair day's pay.

It is however, correct, that I did receive money from Mr. A. McLachlan, a sum amounting to sixty dollars, and no more. The facts connected with the payment of this amount are: Some few years ago Mr. McLachlan asked me, did those interested in shipping here ever pay me anything for all the work I had done for them, as both he and they were aware that I repeatedly remained away from my home all night with no sleep until the following night for the purpose of getting ships of the port to sea. This was not a part of my duty as President and Delegate of the Union. I told him that they had not. Mr. McLachlan then said he would take the matter up with them and see what he could get me for a Christmas box. A short time afterwards Mr. McLachlan brought me sixty dollars as a Christmas box from the ship owners. Before he gave it to me he asked me to sign a receipt for it, which I did. He told me at the time that A. Harvey & Company did not contribute anything because they considered it to be a part of my duty to get their ships away at all hours.

These are the facts connected with the payment of money to me by Mr. McLachlan. I received no other money from or through Mr. McLachlan. The payment of this amount to me was known to the members of the Union because I took occasion to inform them of it. It was a source of pride and pleasure to me to think that my work met with the approval of both employer and employee.

It is a mean and contemptible act on the part of "One Who Knows" to deliberately suppress the truth. He has not the manhood to write over his own signature, but seeks like a hired assassin to stab me without letting his identity be known. He takes the revenge of the coward when he penned that slander against me. The question may be fairly asked, "Did those ship owners, men of honour and principal, deliberately plan to get me in their toils in presenting me with what I was informed was a Christmas box?" I

knew that my work in their behalf deserved recognition, while I did not look for it. Now it looks very much as if masquerading under the guise of rewarding me for night after night out of my bed, they were so goulsh as to take advantage of the season when the angel announced two thousand years ago "Peace on earth to men of good will," to lay a trap for me. To what depths of infamy can some employers descend?

Some Think He Was a Spy

Hr. Grace Standard Comments on Strange Disappearance of Man Perine From Bay Roberts—Said he Was Seen in St. John's About the Time of His Disappearance From Cable City

The Perine case is as much a mystery as ever. The search made at Bay Roberts for the body of the supposed suicide has not so far as we can learn thrown any light on his disappearance. An advertisement signed Martha was for days in one of the St. John's papers, asking him to communicate with her in order to obtain the money necessary for his passage home and other expenses. So far as known, it has not been ascertained that he is alive any more than that he is dead. The man belonged, it is said, to the United States. He was not a member of the W. U. T. Co.'s staff nor in any way connected with it. He came there in company with another man supposed—and for what we know rightly so—to be making some researches of an electrical nature; and seems in some unaccountable way to have been left there stranded for months. He was not, however, destitute, nor did he seem despondent. There is some talk of his having been seen in St. John's about the time of his disappearance, having gone there in company with a woman. There are some persons who were inclined to think all these circumstances were a blind and that he was a spy. We cannot tell. We have not the means of judging. We do know that people generally think that our Governmental and other authorities are altogether too careless in this matter of precautions against espionage, as well as in making general preparedness for what may happen. We notice that the "Harmony" has brought a man from one of the Moravian settlements to be interned. For what we are aware, he may be as innocent as a lamb. But the error, if an error, is on the safe side. We have from the outset held that the Moravian missions should be put in the hands of British missionaries, and the ones of Enemy origin interned or sent to the Mother Country or to their own land. Newfoundlanders should not rest satisfied till all German or quasi-German enterprises, missionary or others, are taken out of the hands of men of German birth. War time is the best to make the change. Our Government has plenty of time to do so. It need not be done hastily. Better do it in war time than later on, for more reasons than one. We should bear in mind that no matter how excellent these men may be that "blood is thicker than water," and that they cannot be expected in peace time or war time to be so enthusiastic in building up amongst their own people there are amongst the Esquimaux love for British institutions and the British cause, as if they were British people. These settlements left in their hands far removed from our own settlements moved to us to be necessarily more or less of the nature of an impertum in imperio. We say all this without intending to cast a slur on these men or on the praiseworthy work they are doing on our lonely, rugged Labrador coast or in other parts of the world. But safety and regard for British homogeneity urge that if we are to err at all, as we certainly often shall, the erring should be on the safe, the British side.—Hr. Grace Standard, Friday, Oct. 13, 1916.

Yours truly, F. J. WOODS, President and Delegate Firemen's Protective Union, St. John's, Oct. 17, '16.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Prospero sails to-morrow for the northward.

The Gaspe arrived at Alicante on Sunday after a good run. All well.

The schr. Benevolence, Capt. Burden, arrived here this morning from Lunenburg to Geo. M. Barr and will be loaded for Europe with codfish.

The Florizel will sail for Halifax and New York at noon to-morrow. The ship takes fully 15,000 barrels of fish oil, etc. and a large number of passengers.

Ex-Const. Sparks, who for some years has been acting as policeman in Victoria Park, is seriously ill at his home, and fears for his recovery are entertained.

When the Diana to-day arrived in port the five Union firemen on the ship cleared out of her as the result of the strike now on and if work in their own line is not obtainable will try other avocations.

Little Mildred Cornick, daughter of Mr. Hy. Cornick, of Bowring Bros. office, who was suddenly stricken with appendicitis on Saturday was successfully operated on in the General Hospital yesterday and is very much improved.

All yesterday afternoon Consts. Spears and Bruce with Sgt. Mackey and several fishermen were out fishing for the bodies of the two boys Murphy and Moore who were drowned at Fort Amherst, Sunday. They were not recovered and another effort to get them will be made to-day.

PROWLING SCAMPS ABOUT

During the past couple of nights there has been ample evidence that scamps of the first water are prowling about the streets. They can't be seen by observant people in certain sections of the city and the police will be on the alert and will show no mercy to any who are caught. Last night a lady of the higher levels was followed to her door by a scoundrel who attempted to seize her, but who was frightened away when the lady made an outcry.

CAPT. CONNORS MASTER

The schr. "Maggie Belle" has been loaded by Monroe & Co. with 3,500 qts Labrador fish for Gibraltar for orders. This ship will be commanded by Capt. Connors, who, for some time past, has been mate of the Mildred. Capt. Connors is a good navigator and a skillful mariner and his many friends here wish him a successful career as master.

DEAD BODY FOUND AT TREPASSEY.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice had the following message to-day from Magistrate Giovannetti at Trepassey:—"The unrecognizable body of a drowned man of about 6 feet was found to-day and is supposedly one of the crew of the "Donnie Lass."

THE SUSU SAILED

The S.S. Susu sailed at 10 a.m. to-day for the Northward taking a full freight and as passengers:—C. Langham, R. Parsons, Lance Corp C. M. Oke, Miss Edgar, Rev. Parsons, Capt. F. Doyle, W. Abbott, W. Moulard, C. Norris, Pte. J. West, S. P. Fallerton and four steerage.

A Pleasing Presentation

Mr. T. F. Armstrong, late of the sub-station was this forenoon presented by Mr. J. W. Morris, Supt. of the Reid Nfld. Co.'s Electrical Department on behalf of the employees with a handsome Eastman camera. The presentation was accompanied by best wishes for the future, and Mr. Armstrong who has taken a position on the Electrical Department of the Nfld. American Fish Co. at Bay Bulls, thanked Mr. Morris and the other donors for their very nice gift and reciprocated the kindly sentiments entertained for him.

THE IMPOUNDER AGAIN

Before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., to-day in the Magistrate's Court, Impounder Dessart took action against John Coady for rescuing or taking from his possession some cattle, which he had found grazing in Buckmaster's meadow. Mr. Carter, B.L., appeared for Dessart, and Mr. Higgins, B.L. for defendant. The defence was based on the fact that the animals were being looked after by a competent attendant and that they were not cattle at large within the meaning of the act. His Honour supported the contention of Mr. Higgins and the case was dismissed.

MUNICIPAL SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council was held last night at which Mayor Gosling presided. Plans of the new St. Joseph's Church were submitted and approved. The matter of testing the water wastage from mains came in for lengthy discussion and the Engineer fully explained the system.

A detailed plan of improvements in the conduct of the city's health regulations was submitted by Councillor Tait and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Fresh Successes For British Forces

LONDON, Oct. 16.—General Haig's troops have won fresh successes in the Thiepval region of the Somme front, and are now confronted by two great obstacles to an advance, the powerful fortified Stiff and Schwaben redoubts. After heavy artillery preparation the British army swung forward in this sector on Saturday, and advanced on both positions. North of Stiff redoubt two lines of German trenches were cleared for advance of 200 yards north, and west of the Schwaben redoubt the enemy was thrust back a distance.

Entente Consuls To Act in Union

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Entente Consuls at Cannes, the capital of Crete, have been instructed to act in union says an official statement issued here to-day, which says that only Crete is the question of official recognition as yet. Official circles in London have received no word regarding recognition of the new cabinet at Athens by the Entente.

Situation is Excellent

LONDON, Oct. 16.—A wireless message from Petrograd to-day says that the Teutonic lines in Dobruja have been withdrawn to the vicinity of Dobrich in southern portion of the province. King Ferdinand of Roumania has been in a visit to Dobruja, where the situation, the message declares, is excellent.

Postage Rate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The conclusion of the convention providing for a 2 cent letter rate between the States and New Zealand was announced to-day by the Post Office Dept. New Zealand is approximately 7,000 miles from the eastern coast of the United States.

New Greek Government Recognized by France

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A news agency despatch from London says that the new nationalist government set up on the island of Crete by former Premier Venizelos has been recognized by the French Consul. The Consul has made a formal call on the Venizelos government.

British Casualties

LONDON, Oct. 16.—In last week 5,372 British soldiers and 313 British officers, total 5,685, were killed in fighting on all front where there are British troops. The War Office announced the total wounded and missing last week was 24,994. Of this number 1,023 were officers.

The Portia left Hr. Breton at 9:30 a.m., bound west.

The Trouble at Windsor Lake

George Tucker of St. Philip's, a man who worked at the water pipes on the Cove Road during the recent unpleasantness there called at our office Saturday and gave the following version of the incident. He says that John Sommerton, of Portugal Cove, over whose dismissal the row occurred, is a good workman who was engaged with Mr. Miller all the summer, until he went to work at the pipe laying. He worked under the supervision of a foreman, whom Tucker calls Mr. Chaney. The men who had to work in the trenches where there was water used rubber boots, but as Sommerton had none Mr. Kearsy, another foreman, told him to put a plank in the trench to save himself from getting wet feet. This Sommerton did, but when Chaney came along he told Sommerton to take the plank away, and then becoming excited Chaney told Sommerton to go and "get his time" or in effect dismissed him. Sommerton then threw his pick and shovel over the pipes and as he owned the tools was about to take them away, when Chaney, who claimed that the tools were not Sommerton's rushed towards him and seizing a pick-axe raised it above Sommerton's head, swearing he would kill him. All the men in the trench then jumped out to save Sommerton from injury or possible death, when Mr. Cleveland, the contractor, rushed to the office near and returning to the men threatened to "down" Sommerton or any others who would approach him. The men believed that he intended to shoot and later asked for their time and quit work. The arrival of the police tended to calm the men but a serious affray was narrowly averted. Tucker asks the very pertinent question to whether the police would have been as indulgent as they were to Cleveland had he been a Newfoundland, armed with a revolver and threatening to shoot. He contends that Cleveland should have been arrested.

A SENSATIONAL REMOUR

There was a rumour current to-day that a sensational suicide had occurred in one of the Bays. Mr. Hutchings, Deputy Minister of Justice, whom we phoned before going to press knew nothing of any such happening.

FOR SALE.

Schooner "UNION CLUB," 29 tons, built by J. West & Sons in 1913, constructed for bounty, beauty, sails as good as new; also new running gear and ground ackling. Docked in September, and painted. Reason for selling being too small; will be sold at reasonable price. Apply to J. W. WEST, Carmanville South, Fogo Dist. Oct 17, 12.

WANTED—A Young Man

as Assistant in a nearby northern outport business. Must have had experience, also some knowledge of Bookkeeping required. An outport man preferred. Apply A.B.C., this office, stating salary required; applications treated confidentially. Must be able to give reference. Oct 17, 4i, eod

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Spars, in good condition, 58 x 65 feet, taken out of a 70 ton schooner. Apply to PATRICK RIGGS, B.D.V.—Oct 17, 4i

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OUR THEATRES

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FLOUR. JUST RECEIVED PER "CATHERINE MILLS" AND "JEAN" 4500 BARRELS. KEHLOR'S OGIIVIE'S WINDSOR PATENT NEPTUNE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD ROYAL STANDARD. HARVEY & CO., LTD. (WHOLESALE ONLY)

DEATHS. ELLIOTT—Killed in action "somewhere in France," on July 1st. Private John Edward Elliott, only son of John and Elizabeth Elliott, 38 Goodview Street. READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE V. C. and British Colonel Dark, Mixed IS GREAT. TRY IT At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

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