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War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A.M.

OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
The Governor, Newfoundland:

Headquarters report: We exploded a mine at Fricourt, causing the enemy considerable damage, and unusual artillery activity. We replied effectively. Elsewhere in France there is intense artillery activity along the entire front. At Hartmannswillerkopf the French carried enemy trenches, capturing about 100 prisoners.

In Galicia fighting of a desperate character continues at some points.

In Egypt, operations on Christmas Day against 3,000 Tripolitan Arabs, near Mersummatru, proved a complete success. The enemy left 200 dead. Ships' gun fire gave effective support.

General Townshend reports that attack and bombardment of Kutelamara has entirely ceased since Christmas Day.

BONAR LAW.

AVIATOR KILLED.

PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 29.
Lieut. Rogers, of the Royal Flying Corps, was killed to-day, when his aeroplane plunged to the earth.

COMPULSORY SERVICE; PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
Evening newspapers to-day all concede the decision of the Cabinet in favor of compulsory service. The Westminster Gazette, which frequently voices ministerial opinion, says the only man who would have the right to resign under present circumstances, is the man who has conscientious objections to compulsory service, and in any circumstances who is willing to face all military consequences of the shortage of men rather than consent to yield the principle. Others, the newspaper contends, are needed at their posts to see that compulsion is administered, so that the military demand for men will not swamp the demand of industries equally important for winning the war. It hopes the Government Bill will be purely a measure confined to the period of the present war. The

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California Tinned Fruits!

150 cases just in by S. S. Stephano.
PEACHES, 2½ lb. tins.
PEARS, 2½ lb. tins.
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25 cases Campbell's Soups, 12c. tin.
20 cases Fresh Eggs.
100 brls. Apples—Kings, Wagners, Ben Davis.

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FRESH OYSTERS.
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500 bbls No. 1 Hay.

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GEENSE & CHICKEN
by rail to-day.

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SUNKIST
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ORANGES,
12 cases only—150 count,
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APPLES,
20 brls. No. 3 Spl. Kings.
Also full line Wagners,
Baldwins, Starks, etc., etc.
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the loss of one life. The despatches did not state the cause. It is believed she either struck a mine or foundered in a storm. Despatches from Penzance, Cornwall, to-day, reported wreckage from the Norwegian steamer Heidrun, and a body, about which was strapped one of the Heidrun's life belts, washed ashore at Mullion. The Heidrun is believed to have gone down in a storm, perhaps after striking a mine.

ANDREW ROSS DEAD.
WELLINGTON, New Zealand,
December 29.
Andrew Ross, known as King of the Cocos Islands, is dead.

Thrilling Experience in the Trenches.

PRIVATE JAMES MOORE WRITES.
Appended is an interesting letter from Private Jimmie Moore to his mother Mrs. Edward Moore, of Hoylston, in which he tells of the hardships our Nfld. soldiers suffered and how they fought the Turks against great odds in the trenches on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Private Moore left here with the first contingent. He was attached to B Company and was one of the last of "Ours" to be severely wounded in the Dardanelles. He is now in hospital at Malta.

St. Ignatius Hospital, Malta,
December 9th, 1915.

Dear Mother,—I know you are anxious for news of me, so I have done my best not to keep you waiting. Well, you know before this, or rather before this letter reaches you, that I have been wounded, but you must not take that to heart, as worse could have happened. All danger has now passed. The last letter I wrote was about one week before leaving the Peninsula so, they may be nearly home by now. We had a most trying time of it for a few days and it is wonderful how our boys stuck to it. We were just finishing up two weeks in the trenches when on Friday, Nov. 26th, in the evening it began to rain. Though the showers only lasted for a few hours, it left two feet of water and mud in the trenches. The next night (Saturday), it rained again in torrents. Then followed a snow storm and a spurt of frost in turn, so that within the course of 48 hours we had to contend with and endure various kinds of adverse and severe weather. Well, we were in a terrible state in the trenches and suffered untold hardships. Drenched through and caked with mud, our boys held on bravely through it all. At times we were up to our necks and were expecting to be relieved on Sunday night, but were disappointed and had to make the best of it. The unfortunate part of it all was that our blankets and the most of our packs were either washed away or in the bottom of the trench, covered in

Mud, Snow and Water,
so the most of us kept sentry all night. On Monday the Turks let some of us have a taste of their shrapnel. While trying to get some water for dinner they "got" me in the left thigh with one piece of shrapnel. The shrapnel pieces are about as large as grapes and goodness knows how many pieces are in one shell. The shells

are timed to burst in the air and to send contents forward. On Wednesday, Dec. 1st, I got aboard a large hospital ship and on Tuesday, the 7th inst., arrived here at Malta. I went under an operation that same night, had my side opened and the shrapnel extracted. It must have played some mischief with my bones or something was done with the bullet, as it is almost flattened out. I have it in my possession now and will try to send it to you for a souvenir. Malta is a fine place with its white buildings and white marble steps leading down to the waterfront. The Gondolas can be seen gliding about in hundreds. The English use it as a Naval base for the Mediterranean. A few minutes ago I got my wound dressed. It caused some pain. The sisters here are good and kind and do all in their power for us. I am the only Newfoundland here, but I believe there are more in other hospitals. The sisters seemed a bit surprised with me, and one laughingly asked me was that where all the good Nfld. dogs came from. I do not know how long I will be here, but it will be at least for a couple of months. I expect I'll have a job to find my regiment again, as when I got wounded, we were expecting to go back to England with our division, which is the 29th, to be refitted. The regiment was not very strong lately, as a lot of our boys were stricken with dysentery and were being constantly removed to hospital and our reserves did not come out. I suppose you have mailed me some letters. I will try to get in touch with some one who will forward them to me. I will now close by wishing you and father and all at home a Happy Xmas. I am, your loving son,
JIM.

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Poor Asylum Treat.

The Annual Treat to the inmates of the Poor Asylum was held at that institution yesterday afternoon. A special feast of good things was provided by the ladies of the mission and thanks to the activities of a city business man and his friends the men of the institution were supplied with pipes and tobacco. An excellent concert programme was given, the performers being Misses Strang, Shea, Allen and Barron, Messrs. Benning, Halley and Fox, to whom the ladies of the mission are deeply grateful as well as to those who rendered assistance by contributions of cash and kind.

Wedding Bells.

WHEELER-McDONALD.
A quiet but very pretty wedding took place on Sunday, December 26, at the residence of Rev. J. J. St. John, P. P., of Torbay, when Jennie, daughter of Mrs. J. Wheeler, Torbay Road, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Philip, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Portugal Cove Road. The bride was attired in cream lustre and veil with wreath of orange blossoms and was attended by her sister, Sophie, who was also attired in cream lustre; the groom was attended by his brother, Michael. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father St. John, after which the happy young couple drove to the residence of the bride's mother where a sumptuous supper was served to the relatives and many friends of the bride and groom. After supper games, etc., were indulged in until morning. The bride and groom were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. The Telegram joins in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McDonald many years of happiness.

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Our Fur Department has had a wonderful Cleaning Up.

And while we are now practically out of those cheap Imitation Fur Sets, we have some wonderful values to offer in a limited number of Real Fur Sets, all this season's importations, which would make the best kind of Xmas Boxes. We have also offering at Cost and less, some Dyedquirrel Throwovers, some Grey Foxeline Throwovers, Scarves and Muffs, and a few other odd Necklets.

Our Rubber Footwear Department

is doing a strong business selling the highest grade Canadian Rubbers at low prices. We offer this week Ladies' "Rubber Leaf", superior quality. Waterproof Buttoned Gaiters only \$1.75 pair.

A Cheap Floor Oil Cloth

is now an expensive article. We have just imported a lot of Congoleum Fancy Floor Coverings, 2 yards wide, over which, we are told, you can run steam rollers, etc., without doing any damage. These take the place of Linoleums and have been selling in town at \$1.00 yard. Our Sale Price is 85c. yard. It is economy to buy them.

ROOM PAPERS.

While we don't take much stock as regard these, owing to advance costs, still on account of scarcity of Room Papers in town we now offer some cheaper English Papers to our retail trade, at the request of many of our customers. These we usually just handle by the bale.

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