

TWENTY-THREE KNOTS.

AMBURG AMERICAN COMPANY LAUNCH A GREAT SHIP.

The Deutschland Expected to be the Fastest Ship Afloat—Another Miracle Asked at the Launching—Divine Blessing asked on Friend ship that does not exist

St. John, Jan. 10.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland was successfully launched at the Vulkan dock yard at noon today in the presence of Emperor William and many notable people. The minister of foreign affairs, Count von Bülow, christened the vessel. In his speech Count von Bülow dwelt upon the powerful development of the Hamburg-American line, which, he said, with the North German Lloyd, had, during half a century, grown to be the greatest shipping company in the world. The new ship today added to their fleet, he continued, was to run on that high road of North Atlantic traffic which connected Germany with a friendly nation, the United States.

The Deutschland was intended to be the most powerful ship in the world and to surpass in speed all vessels afloat. After breaking a bottle of champagne across the steamer's bows, Count von Bülow said: "God bless and protect this ship. Protect the friendship and commerce between us and the United States."

This statement was greeted with hearty applause.

The minister then called for cheers for the "leader of the nation, the Emperor."

The Deutschland is a twin screw, 16,000 ton vessel, with engines of 35,000 horse power and guaranteed to have a speed of 23 knots.

ST. ANDREWS GOSSIP.

Items Personal and Otherwise from the Border.

St. Andrews, Jan. 13.—The South African war is the prevailing topic of conversation just now. The daily newspapers are eagerly looked for every day and their war columns scanned very anxiously.

St. Andrews has contributed one volunteer in the second contingent, in the person of E. T. Mallory, eldest son of W. E. Mallory, stable keeper in St. John's, who has acquired the art of telegraphing here, and has been regarded as one of the best operators on the C. P. R. The military people have promised to keep his situation for him until he returns.

W. Vern Lamb, medical student at McGill, also of St. Andrews, was a volunteer in the first contingent. He was examined and sworn in, and then started for home to bid his friends farewell. He was greatly chagrined on arrival home to receive a telegram stating that his measurements were not satisfactory. The young man had wired to his aunt (Miss Maria Lamb) in California, who is his legal guardian, for permission to go to the front, and she had sent her consent, the telegram from her reaching him soon after the notification of his rejection.

Charles A. Richardson, school teacher of St. Andrews, also sent in his application to the recruiting office, but finding that his measurements were not satisfactory, he has decided to go to the front, and she had sent her consent, the telegram from her reaching him soon after the notification of his rejection.

Miss Lillian Morris, daughter of Mr. W. B. Morris, offered her services as a trained nurse, but they were not accepted. The young woman is now engaged in assisting duties in Boston.

The public schools reopen on Monday, Miss Jessie Dunstan, of St. Stephen, taking the place of Miss Algar, who has returned leave of absence.

Miss Wade, teacher in the intermediate department, and Mrs. Fred Daye, common school teacher, both spent their holidays in St. John.

Miss Mary Cougle, of West End, St. John, is here attending school.

Warren Stinson and Robert Clarke have returned to their studies in Kerr's business college, St. John.

Miss Hibbard is taking a commercial course at Seaside.

Charlton Berrie, son of Rev. J. C. Berrie, is also at the Seaside educational institution.

Mrs. John Burton, who was critically ill last week, is improving.

Mrs. Eliza Robertson, of St. John, is spending the winter with her son, Mr. W. A. Robertson.

Miss M. R. Holt, of Boston, is visiting in Seaside.

Mrs. O. R. Lane and children, of Cambridge, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Odell.

Mr. Wm. Linton died at Chatham on Saturday of peritonitis after a couple of days illness. He was 68 years of age and leaves a widow and family. The neighbors found them in such a deplorable condition that a subscription was taken up in their behalf and about \$70 realized.

The members of the Independent Order of Foresters held a clan supper in their hall on Monday evening, to which they very considerably invited members of the Canadian Forester body. They spent a pleasant evening.

Rev. A. W. Mahon, Presbyterian, and Rev. J. C. Berrie, Methodist, are holding union services in connection with the week of prayer meeting alternately in the Methodist church and Memorial hall.

At the Christmas tree entertainment in All Saints' school-room, the superintendent, Mr. MacMaster, was presented with an ink stand by his fellow-teachers.

Mr. Peter McLean, of Chatham, who recently underwent an operation in St. John for the removal of an abscess, has lost the sight of his left eye as a consequence.

The growing time has reached St. Andrews if the customs statistics are to be believed. The gross receipts of the office here in 1899 amounted to \$2,775.93, against \$1,884 in 1898 and \$2,291.41 in 1897. The harbor master's receipts also show an appreciable increase, being over double what they were two years ago.

W. A. Holt, a returned Klondiker, who opened a larrigan factory here a few months ago, has met with such signal success that he proposes erecting a tannery to tan his hides. He has recently purchased a

lot of land on the harbor front from W. A. Robertson, & Co., for this purpose. Mr. Holt is an enterprising young man and deserves the success he is winning.

The total value of the fishing catch at Grand Manan during 1899 was about \$200,000. Add to this \$44,352, the value of the fisheries in the West Isles district, and \$316,428, the value of the mainland fisheries of Charlotte, and it will be seen that the fishing industry is a very remunerative one.

A desire has been expressed, among the young men here that the town should have a military organization. Thirty years ago St. Andrews could boast of the finest military companies in the province, but the military spirit was permitted to subside. When the government took away the guns and equipment, it died altogether. Now there is a desire for another military company. It is likely that the minister of militia will be approached on the subject.

James McDowell, St. Andrews' enterprising barber, has purchased the Healey property on Water street, and is having it fitted up as a business stand and dwelling.

The turnips are being rushed to the Boston market by the farmers, prices having advanced slightly.

Sir William Van Horne is the holder of six weir licenses and Sir Hibbard Tupper the holder of one weir license at St. Andrews, so that their fishermen are in very satisfactory company.

Ross Backerton, the 13-year-old son of Thos. Backerton, Bayville, died on Monday night after a prolonged illness, which was aggravated somewhat by injuries he received a few months ago while leading a frisky colt out of the barn.

Charlotte County Council will meet in annual session on Tuesday next.

A very pleasant Christmas tree entertainment was held a few evenings ago at Bayville. Santa Claus was present in the person of C. B. Lawrence, and distributed gifts to everybody.

J. E. Cunningham, of Boston, son-in-law of Mr. Angus Kennedy, the well-known bonfire, is visiting at Kennedy's Hotel, recuperating from a ten weeks' illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Cunningham was formerly a popular C. P. R. conductor.

Amos Greenlaw, who has been confined to his house for several weeks with a serious form of illness, is out again.

SEAMEN'S MISSION REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

Mr. President and Members of Managing Committee:

In presenting our report for month of December, we desire to say that the work for the month has been pushed with the usual vigor. The number of men stopping with us has not been as great as during the summer months, still we have no reason to complain. Numbers of men have gone to sea warmly clad and well provided for the cold weather. The attendance at our services (especially on Sunday evenings) has been much larger than during the summer months, and the interest has been shown on the part of these men. On each Sunday evening there have been professed conversions.

If we were not here these men would be without religious instruction on the Lord's day, as they do not feel at home in the churches on account of their not being as well dressed as the majority of church attendance.

The tract and visiting committee are still attending faithfully to their duties, and the attendance at religious readings, etc., is distributed to the seamen in port. Numbers of our members visit the public hospital, where there are quite a few of our people.

We were also able, through the courtesy of Dr. McLaughlin, to have religious services at the funeral of the sailor who died from injuries received by falling on board his vessel about two weeks ago. Rev. Mr. Mahon kindly reading the beautiful service of the Church of England on that occasion for us.

We have also fitted up a place on Water street where we can at present accommodate 15 gentlemen, and we have six more bunks that we can make ready as soon as there is a demand for them. Last several nights we have put up from 16 to 18 men. If this place were not there we do not know what many of these men would do. Mr. McLaughlin has been placed in charge of that part of our work and it is splendidly.

I would also like to speak of the many expressions of kindness and real help that we have received from so many members of the managing committee during the past and preceding months.

We also desire to acknowledge the following contributions, papers and magazines: Rev. J. deSoyres, Daily Mail, Globe, Graphic, etc.; C. K. Macdonald, McAlpine; J. H. Walker, Kings Highway, R. A. H. Morrow, G. U. Hay, E. M. Hobbs, Mrs. Hoar, Miss Dakin, Mrs. H. Thomas, Thelma Circle, Kings Highway, Rev. Mrs. H. C. Tilley, 1 quilt, Mrs. Allison; bedding and dishes, Mrs. Hoar; 1 set castors, Mrs. H. Thomas; beds, bedclothes, Rev. J. M. Davenport; 1 turkey, Mrs. McNeill; mince pies, Mrs. C. A. McDonald; turkey, Mrs. Walker; 1 directory, Messrs. McAlpine; 1 poker, Mr. Graham; clothing, Mrs. R. W. Magee, also for the Christmas treat; cake from Mrs. Seymour, G. Mitchell, Mrs. C. A. McDonald, Mrs. G. (Dr.) Walker, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Tuck, Miss Smith, Mrs. McLean, Lady Tilley, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. McNeill, Miss Bellie, Miss Lovett, Mrs. Graham; candy, Mrs. Joseph Allison; 1 tree, comfort bags and candy, Stone church; socks, Mrs. A. O. Skinner; 4 caps, Mrs. (Dr.) Walker; 2 pairs mitts, W. 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