

**THREE SEALERS IN WITH FULL LOADS**

Eagle, Bloodhound and Neptune Make Port Well Fished—Seals Are in Prime Condition and With Coaker's Price Crews Will Make a Good Bill

**THE S.S. EAGLE**

At 6.15 p.m. yesterday the S.S. Eagle, Capt. Edmund Bishop, arrived here, the second of the fleet to enter St. John's harbor. The ship left Pool's Island on Saturday the 11th inst. in company with the Neptune and went East and struck the hoods next day, Sunday, then she steered a N.W. course and soon struck the main patch but like the Sable Island, had to wait until the 15th to kill, when 15,000 were panned on the 16th 2000 and 17th 8000, which was practically enough to load the ship. While killing the only ship near was the Neptune but soon after the Neptune, Bloodhound and others came in and the patch estimated by Capt. Bishop at about 250,000 was soon cut up. As the ship was jammed for nearly a week the men had to haul the pelts to the ship and Monday morning last the Eagle being loaded bore up for St. John's. Owing to the storms shelter had to be taken at Seldom and Pool's Island. Like the Sable Island she struck the haws N.E. of the Funks. Capt. Bishop and crew are well and we extend them hearty congratulations on the success of the spring.

**THE S.S. NEPTUNE**



**CAPT. GEORGE BARBOUR**

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. George Barbour, arrived here about 7.50, shortly after the Eagle, last evening. She reports for 33,000 prime young harps. Her story is practically identical with that of the Sable Island and Eagle. She struck the whitecoats on Tuesday, March 14th, and next day panned 16,000, on the next about 10,000, and daily the kill continued for four days until the load or more was secured. Like the Eagle, the seals had to be hauled for three miles or more to the ship, rendering the loading of the ship difficult. The ship struck the fat some 50 miles S.E. of Groais Islands and Capt. Barbour says he lost about 100 pans owing mostly to rafting ice, which was later broken up by a swell heaving in and the flags carried away and lost. Some of the pans that could not be handled were given the Bloodhound. The weather was mostly fine but there was a heavy snow storm on Monday the 20th, though all the men were on board. The ship leaks somewhat in the bows and at the rudder post. The men are all well and no serious accident happened during the voyage.

**THE S.S. BLOODHOUND**

The S.S. Bloodhound, Capt. Geo. Whiteley, arrived at Hr. Grace at 7.15 last evening, the third ship to arrive from the sealfishery, and hauls for 25,000 seals, on which we congratulate her owners, Baine Johnston & Co., and Capt. George Whiteley, whose first spring as master this is.

**MORE SEALING MESSAGES**

The following messages were received last night by Messrs. Bowring Bros. from their fleet now out:—  
**VIKING**—5 miles S.E. of Deadman's Island; total on board 4,400; now work west; we have lost 15 pans, mostly through rafting ice.  
**RANGER**—Men have panned to day 500; 6,000 still on ice.  
**TERRA NOVA**—Killed to-day 350 bedlamers and old harps; full below; getting some on deck.  
**FLORIZEL**—About 2,000 young hoods on deck; several pans out.  
 Official Sealing News  
 Wireless to the Postmaster General:—  
**VIA FOGO**—Samuel Blandford, Florizel, Erik and Terra Nova re-

**OUR THEATRES**

**AT THE CRESCENT**

Friday and Saturday the Crescent Picture Palace presents a Knickerbocker Star Feature in 3 acts, entitled "The Kick Out," featuring Ralph Stuart, the well known Broadway artist, supported by Geo. W. Howard and Mac Barnes. "The Claim of Honour," a splendid drama by the Biograph players. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Drew are featured in a great Vitagraph comedy, entitled "Mr. Blink of Bohemia." There will be extra pictures for the children at the Saturday matinee.

**CAPT. CONRAD DIED SUDDENLY.**

Many will remember Capt. Arch. Conrad, who for many years was a familiar and popular figure in the marine circles in St. John's. Capt. Conrad freighted fish to market in his own schooner the Canada from this port for a lengthy period, and made hosts of friends here. He was last here about two years ago.

Mr. James Byrne, of Florin Street, a friend of the Captain and his family, had a letter a few days ago from the Captain's daughter, Miss Eva Conrad, now residing at Fuvon, saying that her father had died suddenly on board the Canada at Trinidad.

This sad news will be heard with regret by many here.

**SUPPLIED CIGARETTES TO OUR BOYS.**

Several times in the columns of the Mail and Advocate we have referred to Mr. C. Colombos, of Malta, with whom Mr. Simon Faure of this city has business connections. Mr. Faure had a letter from Private Edward Faure, of "Ons"—his brother—now at Suez, saying that Mr. Colombos, who has a branch establishment for the manufacture of cigarettes, tobaccos, etc., at Cairo, has forwarded cigarettes and tobaccos to the writer, Sgt. E. Higgins and others, and will go to visit the Newfoundland lancers personally. People wishing to send this class of goods, instead of shipping at St. John's, would find it more convenient and, possibly safer, by ordering on Mr. Colombos, through Mr. Faure, which several have already done with great satisfaction.

**WILL GET REWARDS.**

Some time ago, new which the Mail and Advocate quoted, was received in the City to the effect that it was expected that Sgt. John Fitzgerald, who was killed in action at Gallipoli, would receive posthumous awards for bravery. We hear that the deceased Sergeant has been recommended for either a V.C. or D.C.M., as a recognition of gallantry before his death. The news, we learn, has been confirmed, and all the friends of the dead soldier will learn of this with pleasure. John was for year a popular officer of the C.C.C.

**M. C. L. I. DEBATE**

The M. C. L. I. last night debated the subject "His religion conferred greater benefit upon the world than science." Mr. Gillingham was the leader of the affirmative and delivered a most logical and effective address, and was ably supported by Messrs. Joyce and Matthews. Mr. Lester Curtis led the negative contention and also acquitted himself admirably, being ably seconded by Messrs. A. Edgcombe and O. S. Winter. The affirmative won on a vote by a small margin. The annual meeting will be held next week.

**S.S. KYLE'S PASSENGERS**

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 4.30 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers:—W. H. Doherty, W. Scott, E. C. Perry, Mrs. J. Scott, S. Gushue, Miss May Scott, F. Scott, A. B. Morine, E. M. Smith, Miss Annie Scott.

port crews aboard and well.

**VIA CAPE RAY**—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal, all well; no men on ice.

**Got Salvos of Musketry**

When the S.S. Eagle was entering port last evening the people of the North Battery assembled and greeted Captain Bishop and his hardy crew with ringing cheers and salvos of musketry which could be heard all over the harbor.

Seal Cove reports to-day: Wind W., fine; Bay (White Bay) full of ice. Lots of seals seen; none killed.

LaScie reports to the Fisheries Department:—Light, N.W. winds, ice tight in shore but loose in the offing. Two steamers in sight 15 miles N.E. from Cape John.

**HEARS OF HOW HIS BOAT WAS STOLEN**

The World is a Small Place After All—A Story of Two Welshmen, a Boat and a Newfoundland Soldier

Just a couple of months before the war broke out a Dutch schooner was in this harbor of St. John's and lay in the stream near the South Side. All on board were natives of Holland, except two, who were Welshmen. These two were ashore one night late, and could find no boat to take them aboard their vessel, and appropriated one moored to a wharf on the South Side, and owned by Private Stanley Cook, of that place, a member of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment. On boarding their vessel they set the boat adrift and next day it was found on the fishing ground by two St. John's fishermen and brought to port. Mr. Cook, after a while, found the boat, and paid the men who had it \$5 for securing it.

The Dutch vessel sailed away and Mr. Cook never knew how his boat had come adrift, though he often puzzled over the matter.

When our "boys" were on Gallipoli they became chummy with the brave lads from Australia and one night, shortly after the campaign opened, some of our lads, including Stan. Cook, were fraternizing with the Anzacs, when some of them began to enquire about Newfoundland and strange to say, as a result of the queries put by the Australians with regard to Terra Nova, Private Cook heard, to his surprise, the story of how his boat—a valuable one by the way—came to be found on the fishing grounds, the resort of the St. John's fishers for cod. It was told by the two identical Welshmen, who had been here in the Dutchman, and who had no idea of who the owner of the boat was, nor did not dream he was an auditor among the lads in khaki then assembled in camp. They related to their brother soldiers of Australia that they had been in St. John's just prior to the outbreak of the war, told of the city and its people and incidentally mentioned the episode of the stealing of the boat. Private Cook, on recovering from his surprise, advanced and equally to the surprise of all present, said he was the owner of the boat, the temporary disappearance of which had mystified him so much, and all were struck with the peculiar coincidence of his learning the truth in such a place, and under such circumstances.

The Welshmen, after leaving here, knocked about the world some time, and just before the war, finding themselves under the Southern Cross, enlisted when hostilities broke out in one of the first Australian contingents, and in due course came to the Dardanelles.

Though there is not much in the circumstance of the "stealing" of the boat, there is a peculiarity in its eluciddation, and the incident goes to prove that, after all, the world is not such a big place as many us imagine.

**EVANGELICAL MEETINGS**

The services at the Adventist Church, Cookstown Road, are proving of more than ordinary interest. The subjects under discussion are practical, prophetic and doctrinal, covering the various aspects of Christian life. To-night the subject will be: "Is Sunday the Sabbath?" A question box is hung at the door and all questions are given due consideration. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**The W.P.A.**

Allandale Road, St. John's.  
 Dear Lady Davidson,  
 Enclosed please find cheque for \$261.00 from the ladies of St. Bonaventure's Association, amount being realized as follows:  
 Half net proceeds of Concert and dramatic entertainment on St. Patrick's Night ..... \$140.00  
 Tea served at Sewing Circle by Members of the Assoc. .... 61.80  
 Donation toward teas from M. J. O. .... 5.00  
 Needle cases made and sold by Mrs. W. J. Carroll ..... 12.00  
 Sale of Postcards ..... 2.00  
 Personal effort of Miss Florence Delgado ..... 20.00  
 Personal effort of Miss A. Coughlan ..... 18.00  
 Personal effort of Mrs. D. A. Flynn ..... 7.20  
 \$261.00

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**THE BRUTE!**

She—"Did you like those biscuits I baked for breakfast this morning?"  
 He—"Yes, indeed. Why they were almost good enough to eat."

**LOCAL ITEMS**

A young woman of Hayward Avenue, aged 19, and a girl of Field Street, aged 13, were taken to hospital yesterday ill of diphtheria.

We would draw the attention of the Civic Commission to that portion of Newtown Road near Belvedere. Funerals frequently pass this way and it is in a disreputable condition.

The schr. Luconia, a fine vessel was recently purchased in Boston by Mr. W. Morris of Three Arms, N.D.B., for their trade. Knowing from past experience of the value of motor engines he installed at Boston on the vessel two Bridgeport engines which will make a clipper of her.

Mr. Wm. Brikett and his son Harold left here by the Prospero last evening, having come from Old Perican to go to Burgeo where they will go into the business of refining codliver oil. Mr. Brikett is an expert at the work and should succeed.

A man named Squires of the S.S. Sable Island met with a nasty accident this spring. He slipped and fell while going to the stokehold, his head struck one of the angle irons and a deep wound was inflicted which caused serious loss of blood. He was attended by a doctor on arrival.

To-day, accompanied by Mr. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, Frs. Robert, Vincent and Columbia went to the South Side to see the seal pelts being landed. The sight to them was quite a unique one and they were greatly interested in what they saw.

The Highlanders are holding a meeting this evening in the Presbyterian Hall at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the question of forming a reserve company to consist of ex-members, and the older members of A Co. This company will be similar to the ones already formed in connection with the other city brigades. It is hoped that all those eligible for membership will attend.

**ST THOMAS'S M. B. C.**

At the meeting of St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class last night a large gathering of men listened to a very instructive and eloquent address from the Rector, Rev. Dr. Jones, who took as his subject: "The man who said he would and couldn't." All present spent a most beneficial hour and no doubt the lecturer must have an effect for good upon their lives. After the address a beautiful solo was given by Mr. H. J. Earle. Next Thursday night the Llewlyn Club meets when Mr. H. E. Cowan will speak.

**WAR TO LAST FOR FIVE YEARS**

Writer Says Even if War Closed This Year the Entente Powers Could Not Demobilize For at Least Three Years to Come

Mr. James Atkinson, dry goods man, of Water Street, by last mail, had a letter from his brother, Mr. Thos. Atkinson, who is a quarter-master in the Northumberland Royal Artillery. There is much of interest in the missive, and amongst other things is an opinion as to the duration of the war from a source which the writer deems should be qualified to speak with some degree of accuracy on this very important topic.

A selected number of the men receive lectures on the principles of Economy from an expert, who, he says, has studied war condition existing among all the belligerents from the economic standpoint. Our enemies, he opines, still possess great resources, which should enable them to continue the struggle for a lengthy period to come and he thinks that the war will last at least five years. He also holds that, even if the war closed this year, the Entente Powers could not completely demobilize for at least three years to come, so unsettled will the situation remain.

**CURLING CLUB'S PRESENTATION**

Last night the members of the St. John's Curling Club had a pleasant evening, when the medals and other trophies won for the season were presented by President H. W. LeMessurier. The presentation was interspersed with songs, and at the close the Comrades Glee Club gave a nice concert consisting of quartets, choruses and solos. The sum of \$45 was collected among the Curlers and handed the Glee Club to be placed to the credit of the Fund for the City Orphanages.

In the Council yesterday the several Bills being dealt with by that body were put through the Committee stage with the exception of one, viz., the Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council during the existence of a State of War to take Possession of Articles of Commerce Unreasonably Withheld." A clause in this empowering the Judges of the Supreme Court to fix the price of certain commercial commodities was strenuously opposed by Hon. John Harvey who deprecated the principle of calling in such a capacity, holding that it lessened the dignity of the occupants of the Supreme Tribunal, and was, he thought, beyond the sphere of their official duties. He took a similar stand on this Bill, in this respect, as he did in the fixing of the price of Labrador fish, when it was before the House last session.

Hons. Mr. Bishop, Mr. Squires, the President and Mr. Anderson were heard pro and con and the committee rose, further consideration of the Bill being deferred to the next sitting which occurs at 4.30 p.m. Monday.

**TWO MORE DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAKS**

Dr. Brehm had a message yesterday saying that three cases of diphtheria had developed at Fox Hr., P. B., and that one death had occurred. Dr. McDonald at the instance of Mr. W. Walsh, M. H. A., is looking after the outbreak.

At John's Pond, St. Mary's Bay, an outbreak of diphtheria has also occurred. It is confined to one residence where there are one or two cases. Dr. Hogan is looking after the patients.

**Dom. Govt. Bill in Aid Prohibition Legislation in Provinces**

Best Way to Serve Provincial Interests is to Leage Legislation to Enact Prohibition Legislation While Parliament Will Protect Such Laws When Passed From all Outside Interference—Rev. Dr. Albert Moore Endorses the Principle of the Legislation—Bill Read a First Time

OTTAWA, March 25.—The Government's bill in aid of provincial legislation prohibiting the sale or use of intoxicating liquors was brought down in the House to-day by Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice. An explanation of the bill was given but as usual on introduction there was no discussion. Already, however, has some endorsement of the principle of the legislation from Rev. Dr. Albert Moore who has been prominently connected with the temperance movement in Canada for years past.

The Minister of Justice said that after consideration of the subject he had decided that as each province had ample power to enact prohibition within its own territory the best way to serve provincial interests was to leave it to the legislatures to enact such legislation while Parliament would protect such laws when passed from all outside interference. A law of this kind would have more authority behind it than Dominion-wide legislation. What was proposed was to constitute it an offence on the part of anybody to knowingly send intoxicating liquor into any province which had adopted laws for the prohibition of its sale or use when such liquor was to be used or dealt with in violation of these laws. Each province would thus decide for itself as to what extent it desired restriction of the liquor traffic and the Dominion legislation would be enacted to protect. Penalties were provided and prosecution could take place either where the liquor was despatched from, or the place to which it was sent. There was a special section calling on the court dealing with such infractions of the law to take judicial cognizance of the law of the particular province against which the offence had taken place. No special provision was made as to who should enforce the law, this being left to the operation of law in general.

To Hon. Chas. Marcell, Mr. Doherty stated that transportation companies carrying liquor into a province where prohibition existed would be offenders against the proposed act. The act was also wide enough to cover the sending of liquor into a municipality where prohibition was in force. The Minister told Mr. Knowles of Moose Jaw, that he had no doubt that the law was within the constitutional powers of the Dominion and he assured Mr. Cavell that it provided against the importation of liquor from a foreign country into a province to be used in contraventions of the law of that province. What was proposed was not a delegation of Dominion powers to the provinces, the minister also stated. The bill was given a first reading.

**Will Stand by Coaker in Spite Of All Enemeis**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
 Dear Sir,—Please oblige me by inserting on your esteemed paper a few remarks concerning the annual parade and entertainment of this Council on Feb. 29th. Leaving the L. O. L. Hall we paraded west to the end of the town, then back to the Methodist Church where the Rev. Mr. Boyd preached to us an eloquent sermon. After leaving the church we paraded east to the end of the town, back again to the Hall where refreshments had been provided for us. After all had been served we entered upon our programme. A special feature of the proceedings were the addresses delivered by the Chairman and also by the Rev. Mr. Boyd. Songs and recitations were also given by our good young

**SOLDIER JUMPS OVER PIER**

Was Recently Invalided Home and Suffers From Effects of Injuries Received—Was Rescued by Const. Bruce in Quick Time

At 7.20 last evening, a Volunteer, who went away in the 1st Newfoundland Contingent, and who was recently invalided home, jumped overboard in Ayre's Cove. Const. Bruce saw the man and went to his aid. He was assisted by Mr. T. J. Murphy, B.I., who lowered the officer over the wharf with a rope around him and the unfortunate man was rescued and taken to the Police Station, where he was looked after.

He suffers from a sore leg, and constant brooding over the trouble, it is thought, affected him mentally. To-day he came before Mr. F. J. Morris, J.P., in Court, and was discharged. His Honor commented on the young soldier's unfortunate state, and will see to it that the proper authorities look after him.

We hear to-day that the seals of the Sable Island, Eagle and Neptune are turning out well, the average weight being over 50 lbs.

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friends. The gratitude of all must indeed be extended to the good people of this place who helped us so liberally with refreshments. This Council is more than ever determined to stand by Coaker and the Union.

Charlotte Town, March 20th., 1916.

**WHERE TO GET THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE**

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 Mrs. Joy—New Gower Street.  
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 Mrs. Collins—Foot Patrick Street, Water Street West.  
 Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street.  
 P. J. Morgan—Pennywell Road.  
 Chas. Truscott—New Gower Street.  
 Capt. Murphy—Water St. West.  
 Miss Flett—Cor. Gower and Prescott streets.  
 Royal Tobacco Store, Water Street.  
 Patrick Malone, Central Street.  
 B. Jackman, 54 New Gower Street.  
 Miss McCordle, Duckworth St. East.  
 Miss Waddleton, Waldegrave St.

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