

### ROLL OF VOLUNTEERS STEADILY MOUNTS UP

Fourteen Recruits Offered Last Night, Bringing the Total up to Five Hundred and Eighty-seven—Response From the Outports

First Week.	
Monday	182
Tuesday	153
Wednesday	98
Thursday	51
Friday	30
514	
Second Week.	
Monday	43
Tuesday	16
Wednesday	14
73	
Total.	
587	

**Fourteen New Recruits.**  
Last night fourteen new recruits came forward and volunteered, ten of whom are residents of the city.

Many had thought the limit had been reached in St. John's, but last night showed that there are others who could not resist the appeal for men.

Whether our Second Contingent goes to the front or not, England will be 500 men stronger when terms of peace are discussed.

Beside this volunteering on the part of the colonies must have a depressing effect on the enemy—for before hostilities began it was openly declared by the Germans that Braents Colonies would not only aid her, but were likely to cause trouble.

**Bit of a Difference.**  
So far not a single German colony has gone to the aid of the Fatherland while England's will be responsible for about half a million men—not such a 'contemptible' little army in itself.

To-day victory is in the air, and were our recruiting powers not strained almost to the utmost we feel sure there would be a rush to-night.

There are still a number of young men who have not responded to the call, and to them we say 'Go forward.'

What a great thing it would be for the Old Colony if we could say that every eligible man volunteered.

**Offer, Anyway.**  
Of course all will not be accepted but that is their misfortune rather than their fault. By offering their services they prove their willingness to help on the cause. It is no disgrace to be 'turned down.'

The outports will yet be heard from. Last evening Captain Montgomerie had a message from the Magistrate at Old Perlican, saying that one young man had volunteered there and requesting instructions as to when he could be sent to St. John's.

We hear reports from other places that recruits are rallying round the flag. In a week's time there will probably be a good showing.

Recruiting and drilling will continue this evening.

Last night a squad had some miniature rifle practice at the Highlander's Armoury and did good work.

#### Last Night's Volunteers.

- Those who volunteered last night were:
- Jas. Elsworth, Carmanville, N.D.B.
  - Wm. Gaulton.
  - Kenneth French, Brigus, C.B.
  - Peter Bennett.
  - Jno. McCarthy.
  - Jas. Jos. Pike, Avondale.
  - Jas. Jos. Gladney.
  - Jno. W. Harvey.
  - Wm. Hayse.
  - Jno. W. Maddick.
  - Ed. Frampton.
  - Jno. A. Antle.
  - Cecil R. MacGregor.
  - Wm. Kearley, Topsail.

#### Reserve Force Committee Meets

Decides to Start at Once on Work of Equipping the Volunteers.

The Reserve Force Committee met at the Board of Trade Rooms last evening, the chair being occupied by Sir Joseph Outerbridge.

The Government announced, thru the Finance Committee, its willingness to approve of any decision reached in matters of uniforms for the Second Contingent.

Arrangements for equipping the Volunteers will be undertaken immediately.

Various other matters were discussed and a report will be presented to the Patriotic Association which meets at the C.L.B. Armoury to-morrow evening.

Schr. Carl has left Marystown for Alicante with 2800 qtls. fish.

Schr. Annie M. Parker has left Woods Island for Gloucester with 1200 bbls. herring.

### NEWFOUNDLAND WIRELESS MAN IN N. RUSSIA

W. J. Sinnott is Operator on the "Canada"—Once the "Earl Grey"—Now at Archangel

### German Designs On Newfoundland

Germans Regard this Country as of Great Military Value.

(Special to the Montreal Star from Its London Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 5.—German designs on Newfoundland, as disclosed in the Canadian Gazette are much discussed.

The Daily Chronicle notes how busy German spies have been in the Colony, which strategically commands the eastern entrance to Canada.

The experience of Thomas Cantley, general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, show the Krupp's, and, therefore, the German Government, know every detail of the island's potential usefulness as a military base for terrorizing and possibly invading Canada.

The question arises: How far is St. John's being used as a spy centre?

Ever since war broke out there has been considerable discussion in this city as to Germans and other enemy subjects residing here or once residents of St. John's.

It will be remembered that, some time ago, this paper republished from the North Sydney Herald an article alleging that a well-known man, now deceased, who resided here was an agent of the Kaiser. This article brought down on us a storm of hostile criticism. Recent events in England, however, have proven that stranger things than this have occurred in the German espionage business.

Lately there has been considerable discussion over the fact that two enemy subjects hold property on the line of the city water mains. Do the authorities know this and are they taking any action in the matter?

### PORTUGAL COVE COUNCIL MEETS

Portugal Cove Council meets on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

All members are requested to attend.

S.S. Mongolian leaves Philadelphia to-day for St. John's.

Mr. W. J. Sinnott, chief wireless operator on the Earl Grey, now the Canada, which has been sold to the Russian Government, writes a friend in the city from Archangel, Russia, Nov. 5th.

Mr. Sinnott says: Doubtless you will be somewhat surprised to hear from me all the way out here, in Archangel. I left Halifax October 7th, 1914 on the H.M.C.S. Earl Grey for here, and we arrived after a very stormy passage across the "her-ring pond."

**Renamed "Canada."**

The Grey was re-christened by the Russian authorities on the first of November, as Canada. They now own her for good.

They will use her for an ice-breaker during the winter months, but after that I cannot say where or what they will put her at.

It is very cold here just now, and it is getting colder every day. All the river here is frozen over hard, and we have quite a job keeping it clear, but the Grey can do it alright.

**Russians Good Sailors**

The new Russian crew we have are very good, in fact it would be hard to find a better crew, anywhere, even in dear old Newfoundland.

I will be on her as wireless operator for the next six months, when they will pay all my expenses home. There are only three Englishmen on her, the Chief Engineer the other operator and myself.

I hope that all my old friends are quite well in St. John's. Please remember me to them all. We have the thermometer down to twenty-five below zero this evening, so you see it is not too warm here. With best regards to yourself, and all my friends at home.

### FOR SALE—The Fast Sailing Schooner "Grace D. Day," 39 tons, Built Sable River, N.S. Vessel and gear in good order and condition. Apply to HARVEY & CO., (or to Cap- tain on board.)—dec10,26,15

### GERMAN'S SUICIDAL ATTEMPT

Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz Inconso-lable at Losing Kaiser's Favor Tries to Take His Own Life

New York, Dec. 7.—A cable to the Herald from the Hague says: "It is positively asserted in Brussels that Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz recently made an attempt on his life."

"Inconso-lable at having lost the Kaiser's favor, it is said he travelled to the front and there subjected himself continually to a withering fire from the Allies' trenches, and he was wounded slightly by a shrapnel splinter. He gave the impression, I am told of a desperate man anxious to lose his life.

#### Attempts Suicide.

Eventually his staff advised him to go back to Brussels, where he found a telegram from the Kaiser announcing the appointment of his successor, General Bissing. Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz then took a room under an assumed name at the palace hotel, near the Gar du Nord, rumor says, and tried to shoot himself through his heart. His effort failed and he was prevented from making a second attempt, on the following. The Kaiser gave him a sham appointment as military adviser to the Sultan to 'save his face.'

#### Officers Mutiny.

"An incident of the gravest importance occurred at Antwerp on Thursday when officers came from headquarters that all Landsturm officers, numbering about one hundred, were to leave immediately for the front on the Yser. The officers it is understood, flatly refused to move.

"We are landsturmiers," they said, "we have families at home. We are not here to fight, but only to guard the towns. If the regular army is exhausted Germany must make peace."

#### Off to Constantinople.

London, Dec. 6.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says that Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz, who reorganized the Turkish army, has left Berlin for Constantinople.

Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz, according to a recent despatch from Berlin, was relieved of his position as military governor of the portions of Belgium under German control, and attached for the remainder of the war to the entourage of the Sultan of Turkey.

In 1883, Baron Von Der Goltz was sent to re-construct the Turkish Army, and remained at this work for thirteen years.

#### Hague Report.

London, Dec. 7-8, 4.9 a.m.—A despatch to the Daily Express from The Hague says that Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goltz who has been governor of the territory in Belgium occupied by the Germans, but who is said now to be on his way to Constantinople, to take charge of the Turkish troops, attempted to commit suicide when he received a telegram from Emperor William, announcing the appointment of his successor in Belgium. The correspondent gives as the basis for his despatch, reports received at the Hague from Brussels.

"It is said that Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz," the correspondent declares "took a room in the Palace Hotel in Brussels under an assumed name and tried to shoot himself, but hotel servants forcibly broke into his room and disarmed him."

The correspondent gives another Brussels report, which says that one hundred Landsturm officers mutinied when ordered to the front last Thursday and declined to go. They declared, he says, that their military duties were confined to the guarding of towns. Headquarters ordered them to be sent back to Germany for trial.

### Exploits Local Council Officers

The Exploits Local Council held their annual meeting on December 4th.

This Council is a wide-awake, fully determined one, and in spite of all opposition means to stand by the motto of the F.P.U. We regard the F.P.U. as a great blessing to fishermen and laborers, and an uplift to the country generally.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

- Chairman—M. P. Dalton, re-elected;
  - Secretary—A. A. Lilly;
  - Treasurer—Alex. Wells;
  - Deputy—Richard Milley;
  - Door-Guard—Samuel Budgell.
- M. P. DALTON Chairman.

Several volunteers arrived from Conception Bay by last night's train, and will enrol this evening.



### Christmas Cards and Calendars

"To the Soldier and Sailor Boys of Newfoundland"

Glad to fight for Britain's honor,  
Boldly have they taken stand  
For the cause of RIGHT and FREEDOM,  
For the cause of Motherland;  
Proud to greet you!  
God defend you!  
Loyal sons of Newfoundland."

That is one of the Seasonable Greetings on our Local Views and Artistic Post Cards, and we have others of like character. Better get a few in time for the next home mail.

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### Calendars for 1915

The Calendars for the coming year are exceedingly artistic and attractive. Many very original designs.

### Something New!

We show a charming lot of

Combination Handkerchief and Glove Sachets.  
Combination Xmas Cards and Sachets.

These unique goods are put up by the Zenobia people, and are scented with their exquisite perfumes.

**Our Toy Dept., Second Floor  
IS NOW IN FULL SWING.**

Be Sure to Visit Our Book Department



### ONE DAY'S VICTORIES

South Atlantic and Persian Gulf Successes Coupled With Good News From France

London, Dec. 10.—The victory of the Falkland Islands and the success of the Indian troops on the Gulf of Persia have for the moment overshadowed, so far as England is concerned at any rate, the larger events which have taken place on the Continent of Europe.

The sinking of the German cruisers materially lessens the menace to British shipping, while the success of the Indian forces has given Great Britain control of the Persian Gulf and of the Delta of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and threatens that part of Turkey on which German railway builders have had their eyes set for many years.

With this good news for the Allies comes what is considered here as a favorable French communication of the operations in Flanders and France. There is also given a somewhat clearer view of what is taking place along the Russo-German front.

Flanders is at present considered safe from German attacks which, when they do materialize, it is believed here will be directed more at the French centre.

As the result of the Sultan's proclamation of a Holy War serious uprisings are threatened against the Italians in Tripoli and the Turkish Ambassador at Rome has hastened to assure the Italian Government that the Sublime Porte is trying to avert it.

#### READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

#### DEATHS

MUGFORD—This morning at 10.15 at his late residence 12 Barron Street, William J. Mugford, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

### Germans Get Dose Of Own Medicine

British or Japanese Squadron Sinks Three of Their Merchantmen off The Argentine.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 10.—Three German merchantmen were sunk by British or Japanese warships off the Coast of Terra del Fuego last Sunday, according to advices just received here.

The information is contained in a wireless despatch to the Ministry of Marine from the Commandant of the Argentine War Transport Piedra Buena.

The message said a division of warships which the commander believed to have been English or Japanese, on the morning of December 6th, sank one of the Germans in the Roadstead of Pictou Island, and two other steamers were sent to the bottom the same evening outside the harbor of Pantalón near Cape Sampo.

### Patriotic Meeting Set For Tonight

Don't forget the Patriotic Meeting in the British Hall tonight.

Sir E. P. Morris and Mr. Coaker will address the gathering.

It is expected a thronged hall will hear the speeches of those two political opponents when they discourse on a topic on which there can be no question of disagreement.

Let it not be thought for a moment that the political hatchet has been buried between these two warriors. Those instruments are still above ground, but will be left outside the door, when the warriors enter to talk, not of politics, but of patriotism.

S.S. Stephano sailed at 2.30 p.m., taking a large freight and the following passengers:—Mrs. King, Miss B. Whitten, A. Drummond, Miss S. Taylor and 5 steerage.

### Native-Born A Volunteer In W. Canada

Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings has received a letter from Allan A. Chafe of this city who was formerly a member of the Methodist Guards, who says he has joined the Canadian Overseas Forces and is in Camp at Victoria Park, Calgary.

He is a member of H. Co., 31st Battalion. The writer says he has found the drilling he received when a private of the Methodist Guards, this city, to be of great benefit to him.

He wishes to be remembered to all his friends in St. John's.

#### Our Xmas Number

We will issue our usual 'Xmas Number on Xmas Eve. It will contain some interesting article and several illustrations. Our advertisers should prepare their ads. for this issue which will be 16 pages and number 10,000 copies.

#### OBITUARY

##### W. J. MUGFORD.

There passed away this morning a respected citizen in the person of Mr. William J. Mugford, formerly of Portland, Me.

Mr. Mugford lived beyond the allotted span of three score years and ten, and was seventy-seven years of age, most of which he had spent at the fishery. Well respected, he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn the loss of a genial and whole-souled example of manliness.

Two sons, Eliza, in Port-de-Grave, and Robert who resides in town, and two daughters, Miss Mugford, and Mrs. Fillier are left to feel the sorrow which but time can heal.

To the bereaved family and friends The Mail and Advocate extends sincere sympathy.

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## POSTPONED SAILING

The sailing of the S. S. PORTIA, for usual Western Ports, has been postponed until **FRI-DAY**, the 11th. at 10 a.m. Freight will be received until 4 this evening.

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