

"VICTORY" FLOUR THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S.
Last night Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke gave a delightful programme which was greatly appreciated by the crowd, the songs and dances being of a high-class order. The pictures too were most interesting. The competition takes place on Thursday night instead of Friday. There is quite a staff of workmen busy preparing for the pantomime which will open on Xmas Day at 1.30 and there will be two shows at night. The pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast" will be one of the most gorgeous ever presented, the costumes are beautiful, the songs and dances and spectacular effects wonderful. Mrs. Rossley has always presented great pantomime but this time will excel all, because she has the assistance of Mr. Ballard Brown and the one and only Madge Locke who will play the part of the Prince with Bonnie Rossley as Beauty.

THE FOGOTA HERE

The S.S. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, arrived here at 11.30 to-day from the north. The ship had fine weather on the run north to Change Islands and on the return had a succession of snow squalls and high winds with a very heavy sea. She brought a full freight including a deck load and it consisted of 2500 drums and 300 casks of fish, with herring, oil, &c., as well. Her passengers were Capt. E. Bishop, Adjt. Woodfrey, S.A. Messrs. E. Mews, J. Hynes, J. Taylor, J. Symonds, Mesdames W. Bishop, W. Winsor, J. Winsor, Misses M. Arnot, E. Winsor and 14 second class.

DAMAGED SCHR. TOWED HERE

The S.S. Fogota towed here from Catalina to-day the schr. "Molega." This vessel was bound from Little Bay to St. John's with a cargo of 2500 qtls codfish for the Monroe Export Co., and in the stormy weather prevailing a few weeks ago she strained badly in the high sea running and ran into Loo Cove where she rode out the storm with both anchors down. The vessel leaked badly and all the time the pumps had to be kept going on her to keep her free of water. Her skipper made every effort to get to St. John's and worked her along to Catalina, where the Fogota took her.

The tow was a very difficult one, as a heavy sea ran yesterday, and the heavy wire hawsers run out from the ship to the schooner parted no less than three times on the way yesterday. By the exertion of the utmost care only could the tow on each occasion be resumed, and only by skilful management was Capt. Dalton able to accomplish it. It is feared that some of the vessel's cargo is damaged by water.

LOCAL ITEMS

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A DENIAL FROM SUPT. JONES

Takes Exception to Our Remarks About Indian Seamen Being Turned Adrift—Left His Clothing Behind Him at Institute

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 20th., 1915.
(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Kindly permit me to correct the statement re "The full blooded Indian found on Water Street," which appeared in your paper of this date.

The man arrived here by the Red Cross steamer on December 9th and registered for bed only, as C. Hood of New York. He paid for his bed and subsequently two and three days at a time. We had no knowledge that he was out of funds. He was just a transient. However, I discovered that he wanted a ship, and as I had had inquiries for men, I sent him on two separate days to the firms. On both occasions we never saw him again till he was found in bed at 11 p.m. each night. He paid for his bed as usual on Friday and went out on Saturday morning, leaving his suitcase and other things in his room. We neither saw him or heard of him until I read the item in your paper.

I can assure you that he was not turned adrift as your report states, for his room has been kept for him. I shall be glad if you will give this denial as prominent a place in your next issue as you did the complaint.

Yours very truly,
W. H. JONES,
Supt. of Institute.

ELECTIONS AT BELL ISLAND.

BELL ISLAND, Dec. 20.—Magistrate Power, this evening declared the result of the election for the Bell Island Country Council, at the Court House. There were 26 nominations and the elected are:

- Andrew Murphy 235
- Edward Bennett 235
- John Connors 219
- Peter Fitzgerald 196
- Richard T. Kent 187
- John Kennedy 172
- David Jackman 157
- William Bennett, Sr. 156
- Charles F. Taylor 153

VOLUNTEERS GOOD RIFLEMEN.

Yesterday the volunteers who were shooting at the South Side Range did excellent work and Private J. George made the possible at 200 yards range, this being very good as conditions were not at all favorable for good shooting. "H" Co. are proving already their efficiency with the rifle as the following scores will show. At 200 yards out of a possible 20 the following scores were made:—

G. H. Parsons, 19; J. G. Brown, 19; L. Boone, 18; H. Hayter, 17; J. R. Woodbridge, 17; A. Adams, 16; W. Hallyard, 16; S. Martin, 15; F. Rowe, 14; W. Sheppard, 14; E. J. Strickland, 14; G. Samms, 13; J. McGrath, 13; W. E. Swaffield, 11.

In two shots at 200 yards; two at 500; one at the figure and one at the moving man the scores out of a possible 120 were:—Corp. E. Ellis, 109; J. O. Newman, 106; W. Oake, 100; J. Clarke, 97; W. J. Hiseock, 92; B. Bursley, 92; J. Snow, 91; H. Smith, 91; J. Gibbenhuck, 91; F. Saunders, 90; W. J. Pillely, 90; W. Caines, 86; M. Parry, 82; E. Broderick, 80; A. Humphries, 78; A. House, 77; W. LeDrew, 76; S. Mugford, 72; W. E. Antle, 71; R. Mercer, 69; L. M. Shortall, 65; A. Hynes, 57.

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OFFICIAL FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Second Lieut. Richard J. Sheppard, St. John's; influenza, serious, Suva, Nov. 26.

930 Private Gordon Clarence Bastow 203 Pleasant Street; gunshot wound in left side, Dec. 5.

526 Private Hugh Pierson Bowden, Wesleyville; arrived in Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital, Perth, Scotland, Pyrexia.

Additional Information.

60 C.Y.M.S. Chas. C. Oke, 114 Quidi Vidi Road; previously reported dangerously ill of dysentery; next report out of danger. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; dysentery.

1218 Private Thos. M. Hussey, South River, C.B.; previously reported with dysentery severe, Alexandria. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; dysentery.

645 L. C. Hamor Gardiner, British Harbor, T.B.; previously reported, dysentery. Now, Jaudice severe; at 19th General Hospital, Alexandria.

939 Private James Vardy, Hickman's Harbor, T.B.; dysentery, slight, Alexandria. Now, arrived at Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital, Perth, Scotland; dysentery.

499 Private Robert B. Marlin, Manuels; previously reported, Pyrexia, uncertain origin, slight. Now, arrived at Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital, Perth, Scotland; Pyrexia.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

PRIZE DAY AT LITLEDALE

Yesterday was prize day at Little-dale Academy and a large number of the parents and friends of the young lady students were present, and included Mr. P. F. Moore, M.H.A., Dr. Burke, Mr. P. Berrigan and others. His Grace Archbishop Roche, who was accompanied by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., was also present as well as Rev. Monsignor St. John of Torbay, Rev. J. Pippy and other priests. A splendid programme had been arranged and delighted all present especially the Chorus of Welcome to His Grace who distributed the prizes and congratulated the good ladies in charge as well as the pupils on the excellent results achieved for the year.

BODY COMES BY FOGOTA

The body of Mr. Mews, an aged man and a well known and respected resident of St. John's formerly, arrived here by the Fogota and was taken charge of by undertaker Collier. Mr. Mews died at Horwood a couple of days ago. The remains were accompanied by Mr. Edward Mews, son of the deceased, who is manager of the Horwood Lumber Co.'s establishment at Horwood.

CREW OF STRANDED VESSEL HERE

The crew of the wrecked Danish vessel "Lavengro" arrived here by the S.S. Fogota to-day and will be sent to their homes later. This vessel, as already announced, went ashore in a thick snow squall at Burnt Point, Seldom, about two weeks ago. She was bound from Fogto to Naples and is a very large vessel with a capacity of 1400 casks of fish. The ship is a total wreck, the bottom being practically torn out of her by the rocks. The Captain and Mate are still standing by the wreck which has been stripped of sails and other gear, and the hull will be sold for the benefit of whom it may concern. The crew had an ugly time of it in getting out of the ship in the high sea running, but saved all their belongings when the weather became moderate. All the cargo of fish has been saved, a good deal of it in a damaged condition.

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The D. and C. Ritcey, Capt. Ritcey, is now loading codfish for Pernambuco at the Monroe Export Co.'s wharf and sails Thursday.

B.F.C. PUPILS HOLD PRIZE DAY

College Well Represented in 'Ous' Some 150 Having Enlisted For Active Service—Operetta "Britannia and Her Sons" Well Received

At the Casino theatre last evening, a large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils of Bishop Field College gathered for the presentation of prizes. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson were present and an excellent entertainment had been prepared.

The programme opened with drills by the College Co., C.L.B., under Lieut. Cluett, and by the kindergarten class, all of which were well executed. Mr. R. R. Wood, Principal of the College, then read his report, which showed that the splendid reputation established in the past had been ably upheld during the last year in both the fields of athletics and learning. He also referred to the fact that over 150 men now serving King and Country claim Field College as their Alma Mater.

The institution and proved that their teaching in patriotism had not been neglected. The operetta, "Britannia and Her Sons," was then presented, the leading roles being ably sustained by Miss Dunfield, C. Williams, A. Perlin, C. Stein, W. Anderson, E. Jerrett, E. Reid and H. Snow, the last two rendering their solos very creditably. The choruses by the College Choir were also nicely given.

The presentation of prizes followed, by His Excellency. His Lordship, Bishop Jones, acting as chairman, the others on the platform being Rev. Canon Bolt, W. W. Blackall, Supt. of C. of E. schools, H. W. LeMessurier, Esq., B. E. S. Dunfield, Esq., and the teaching staff of the college, Messrs. House, Samson, Cluett, Blackall, Stirling and Scammell.

Before distributing the prizes His Excellency addressed the scholars in an encouraging manner, referring to the great benefits to be derived from education, his speech at the conclusion being of a highly patriotic nature and which was received with warm applause. A vote of thanks proposed by H. W. LeMessurier Esq., was tendered His Excellency by the Lord Bishop and carried by acclamation, when proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C. presided to-day. The seaman of the schr. Catherine White, who refused duty on board, was remanded until the ship is ready to sail.

Two drunks were both fined \$1 or 3 days and a disorderly was fined \$5 or 14 days. A drunk for the sixth time was fined \$2 or 7 days.

A labourer, who broke a pane of glass in Mrs. M. Healey's window, was fined \$2 or 7 days.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers had indoor drill yesterday at the Armoury and a squad had rifle practice at the South Side range. There are now 2661 names on the roll, the following having enlisted yesterday:

- George Fudge, Herring Neck.
- Richard Allan, St. John's.
- Silas Lewis, St. John's.
- William James, St. John's.
- Levi Blake, St. John's.
- Bertram Hart, Champneys East.
- Harry Walters, Champneys East.

REMOVAL NOTICE!

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ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

SHIPPING

The barqn. Clutha, Capt. Moore, has reached Bahia after a run of 60 days, all well. She was delayed by bad weather.

The schr. Leita J. Schwartz, left here yesterday with 3060 qtls codfish shipped by Smith Co. Ltd.

The S.S. Prospero left Tilt Cove going north at 7 p.m. yesterday.

The Portia left Burin at 9.10 a.m. to-day, going West.

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Joyce, left here to-day with her salt cargo on board for Hr. Breton and after discharging will load coal for Tilt Cove thence returning to Sydney, and loading coal for St. John's.

The S.S. Beatrice, Capt. McKenzie, will leave here to-day for North Sydney and will then proceed to Halifax to get ready to go to England, where she will be commissioned by the British Government.

The oil tanker Nascamano left New York Saturday for this port and on arrival will take on board the oil cargo of the Shabonee which will be pumped from one ship to the other. The transfer of the cargo should be made in about 30 hours.

The barqn. Alembic, Capt. Coward, arrived here last night at 10.30 after a run of 10 days from New York. The ship has been in the American port for several months past where engines of the newest and best type were installed and she will be a far more speedy and efficient vessel than heretofore.

GREEK EMBARGO NOW RAISED

We learn from Mr. W. S. Monroe that the schr. "Jullanne" did not leave Gibraltar for Patras, Greece, until yesterday, showing that beyond peradventure the Allies and Greece have reached a satisfactory conclusion. To-day the Colonial Secretary forwarded to us the appended note which verifies the statement made above:

Dec. 21, 1915.
Sir,—I beg to inform you that His Excellency the Governor is in receipt of a telegram from the Secretary of State intimating that cargoes of fish for Greece, detained in the Mediterranean, have now been allowed to proceed.

This intimation will, no doubt, be interesting to the public.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

To-day Const. Collins had to remove a stoker of the Shebonee from a down town saloon, where he was creating a disturbance. He later attacked the officer on the street, but was quickly marched to the lock-up.

PLEASING PRESENTATION

Mr. J. M. Darcy, who is severing his connection with the Reid Nfld. Co. and taking a position with the Imperial Tobacco Co., was yesterday waited on by his fellow employees and presented with the following address and a handsome present.

"St. John's, Nfld.,
December 18th, 1915.
"J. M. Darcy, Esq.,
"We, your fellow labourers, cannot allow you to part from us without asking you to accept our congratulations on your new appointment, and to assure you of the very high regard entertained by us."
"We earnestly hope the future will bring you happiness and prosperity. We feel assured that in your new sphere of labour you will always prove worthy of any confidence that may be reposed in you."
"We beg to offer you as a token of respect, as well as friendship, this little memento, and also wish you a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year."

(Signed) J. R. DUNN,
F. A. MOORE,
J. W. CAMPBELL,
F. JONES,
S. THOMAS.

War Messages.

Hospital Ship Sunk in Channel

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The Toronto Star this afternoon says, the H.M.S. Cambria has, apparently, been lost in the English Channel, where another, the L. and N.W.R. boat Anglia, was recently sunk. Like the Anglia, the Cambria was probably a hospital ship. The first word of the disaster was received here in a cable from Lieut. Harmer of Toronto, a man who was aboard the vessel. The cable was addressed to his father, Robert Harmer, and reads:—

"Ship lost. Am safe. Don't worry. Best wishes. Dr. Charles E. Harmer."
The Cambria was a London and North-western Railway Line vessel. She was laid down in 1897, and had a gross tonnage of 1,842, length 328 feet was used apparently as a naval auxiliary, and has apparently been plying recently between France and Dover.

RESULTS OF DERBY'S RECRUITING SCHEME

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The eagerly awaited figures on Earl Derby's recruiting scheme will not be available to-morrow, as expected. Premier Asquith explained in the Commons this afternoon that the complexity of classifying the figures made it impossible to complete the work last week but Earl Derby hoped to send in the general result to-night. The cabinet had decided that under these circumstances no considered statement could be made in the Commons to-morrow but he hoped to make it before adjournment.

LADY TRAVELLERS MUST STAY AT HOME

LONDON, Dec. 20 (official)—The Press Bureau has issued the following notice:—Of the large number of ladies who have proceeded to Egypt, it has been decided to request the General Officer commanding, that, until further notice, no more passports be issued to Ladies to enable them to travel, or to winter in Egypt. Possessors of valid passports will be warned that they will not be allowed to disembark, without permission from the General Officer commanding in Egypt.

FROM LONDON TO NEW YORK

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Invited in the Commons this evening to prevent others from following the example of some Britishers who recently transferred their capital and business offices to New York, thus escaping British taxation, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna remarked that his attention had been called to the circumstances, but that he was not prepared to act as was suggested.

THE PARLIAMENT BILL

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Bill to prolong the life of the present Parliament was brought up in the Commons to-day. Premier Asquith suggested that as a compromise, the present Parliament be extended for eight months instead of a year, as previously proposed. This was accepted by a vote of 153 to 23.

A LONG-LIVED RUMOR

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The long-lived rumour of the destruction of the German submarine which sank the Cunard liner Lusitania, was buried in the Commons this afternoon.

BOER REBEL PARDONED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—General De Will who was convicted of treason at Bloemfontein, in the Union of South Africa, last June, has been released from prison, as have other high treason prisoners, on payment of their fines and on condition they abstain from participating in politics and that they never attend nor take part in public meetings, and that they do not leave their districts without permission.

Bulgars Seize Red Cross Stores

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A news agency despatch from Salonika says that Bulgar troops have seized the American Red Cross stores at Monastir, after tearing down the American flag, according to advices received here to-day.

Mrs. Walter Farwell, wife of a Chicago war correspondent, who was in Monastir doing newspaper work, and Dr. Forbes, of the Red Cross, have been arrested by Bulgar officers, the despatch stated, in an attack on the Red Cross establishment. The report says that Mrs. Farwell and Dr. Forbes were subjected to rough handling by Bulgar soldiers.

Edward Stuart, chief of the American Red Cross force in Serbia, on Saturday appealed to the American State Department through Consul Kohl, to demand that Mrs. Farwell and Dr. Forbes be allowed to leave Monastir.

Turk Troops on Greek Border

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Telegraphing from Salonika, the Daily Mail correspondent says: "Everything points to the belief that, despite Greece's protest, the forces of the Austro-Germans and Turks and Bulgarians, will cross the Greek frontier directly they are ready."

It is reliably reported that the Turks have concentrated two divisions with cavalry and artillery close to the Greek frontier at Nevrokop and Kustendal.

Bulgars and Germans Quarrel

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A cable from London to the Herald says that the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Athens telegraphs that General von Mackenzien, with his army weakened, is insisting that the Bulgarians shall join in an attack on Salonika, which the Allies are making impracticable, while King Ferdinand has reiterated his pledge that his troops will not invade Greece.

A despatch from Sofia reports the arrival there of twenty-four 7½ inch guns to be used in the reduction of Salonika.

The Greek army is now so disposed that it can strike speedily and effectively, at any point, for there is not the slightest doubt that if the Bulgars violate Greek territory the Hellenic troops will attack them.

PROGRESSIVE CHINESE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Tong King Chong, President of the Chinese Republic Association, received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, to-night which stated that five Chinese provinces had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

AT KUT-EL-AMARA

LONDON, Dec. 21.—That parties of the British Mesopotamian army that are holding positions on Tigris River at Kut-el-Amara have been saluting forth to attack Turkish advanced trenches is announced officially to-night in the operations of this expeditionary force.

The losses of Turks since Dec. 1st, are estimated to have been at least 2,500.

SLIGHT CASUALTIES

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The total British casualties from the Salonika expedition into Serbia was only 1,278. These figures were given to the Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, who said that a total of only one officer and 85 men of other ranks had been killed.

"WHEN ROUGES FALL OUT"

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A Rome despatch to the Havas Agency, dated Dec. 20th, says the newspaper Secolo has received from its "serch" Macedonian correspondent, the following:—"Russophile Bulgarian deserters report that discontent with the arrogance of the German officers is increasing in the Bulgarian army, near Strumetz, and that a Bulgarian soldier fired three revolver shots at General Theodoreff. He missed his aim, but killed the General's aide-de-camp. The soldier was hanged."