

'MORWENNA' DISCHARGED AT 'BRITISH' PORT IN FRANCE

Havre Has Been Placed Entirely in the Hands of the British Authorities For Army Distribution Purposes

BRITISH SUPPLY CENTRE IN FRANCE

Great Army Bakeries Are Located There and Hospital Ships Convey Wounded Thence to Hospitals in England

The Black Diamond steamer Morwenna, Captain Holmes, arrived yesterday afternoon from her trip to Europe, and the many friends of those on board are glad to see them again. The Morwenna, it will be remembered, took a cargo of hay and oats to Havre, France, for use of the British Army horses at the front, and a report was one time circulated that the steamer had been the victim of a German mine. We were able to deny this rumor some time ago.

The Germans, no doubt would have been tickled to death to have sunk the Morwenna because of the nature of her cargo, but instead of being worried looking for the enemy's mines, Captain Holmes says his trip was a delightful one.

Loaded at Charlottetown. The Morwenna loaded at Charlottetown, P.E.I. and then called at Sydney for coal.

After leaving, a strong N.W. wind sprang up which was favorable and in ten days she arrived at her destination Havre, France.

It was Christmas morning when she arrived and as it was not definitely known that she was a British transport, there was some delay in discharging. The captain had to go to the Admiralty and report. The following Monday unloading commenced and she was there ten days.

The long detention was because the Christmas season was on and two Sundays were included in the time though she worked part of one Sunday.

British France. The great port of Havre has been placed entirely at the disposal of the British. The French Customs have been abandoned and the British authorities have absolute control. The present war has cemented the two great Nations of France and England together in such a manner that year will not break the ties.

The French people have a wonderfully high opinion of England. The Union Jack and the British soldier or sailor are almost worshipped by the Frenchmen, and they are deserving of it, Captain Holmes says, for the British are "playing the game" manfully and honourably.

Havre is the distributing point for the British army supplies. There officers, men, horses, provisions and ammunition are landed from England before going to the front.

Four immense trains leave Havre daily with supplies and men for the British army.

Two elaborate hospital ships make daily trips from Havre and Southampton, taking wounded to the British port and returning with fresh men. Scores of big liners call at Havre daily with men and supplies.

The soldiers are cheerful and happy all anxious to get to the firing line, while many wounded are out of sorts because they have to return home.

What appeals to the civilian is the wonderful system of the British army. Englishmen think Kitchener the greatest soldier the world has ever saw and they are not far out.

The minutest details have all been thought out and arranged and it is no wonder the French people have such a high opinion of our army authorities.

Handling the Wounded.

The arrangements for handling the wounded are marvellous. While Kitchener's aim in life may be to cause death and destruction to the enemy his care for the wounded and suffering has demonstrated to all that inside the strong massive frame, and working in harmony with the iron will and dogged determination is a heart as gentle as that of a babe.

England cannot be reproached because of her treatment of the wounded, whether of her own, her allies, or of the enemy.

Newfoundlanders everywhere will be gratified to know that one of the surgeons on the hospital ship plying between Havre and Southampton is one of our "boys," Dr. Hal Chaplin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chaplin.

The discharging of the Morwenna was done by Frenchmen principally and a few German prisoners, the latter being made work for their keep.

STRIKE HARD FOR FREEDOM

Strike hard for freedom true sons of Britannia.

Let your foemen fast feel the weight of your blow:

Arise in your might and smite the proud champion,

Who scoffed at thy might and considered thee slow.

Strike! Sons of Erin, you scorn the taskmasters,

Strike! Sons of Scotland with your bayonets of steel,

Strike for your hearths and your homes you proud Welshmen,

Strike! Sons of England and force them to yield.

Strike home you exiles of O'er-Sea's Dominions,

Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, all

And last but not least, our brave Terra Novans,

Who know naught of fear and death cannot appal.

P. E. K.

Big Holiday Bill At Nickel, Monday

The Nickel Theatre was crowded yesterday, hundreds of ladies and children being in attendance, as all were anxious to see "Dick Whittington and his Cat."

Miss Ayre, the soloist, made a tremendous hit yesterday in her beautiful song. It is one of the finest numbers yet rendered and those who have not heard it should do so to-day.

The first general holiday on Monday will be observed with a programme that will please all patrons. The pictures, which will be shown, are especially good and lovers of the Nickel are assured a pleasant time.

Pleasant Event For Theatre-Goers

Theatre-goers are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the grand variety entertainment and delightful comic operetta, "Idle Ben" which will be presented by the pupils of the Christian Brothers Schools, under the direction of Prof. Hutton in the Casino Theatre on Monday night. The C.C.C. Band will be present and Bandmaster Bulley has prepared a special programme for the occasion, including selections from the operas. The proceeds are for the Holy Cross Schools, and the public will no doubt avail of this opportunity to again demonstrate their interest in education; their appreciation of the work of their self-sacrificing brothers, and their cordial support of the efforts of the boys.

Job's Earlshead, 30 days from Brazil, passed Cape Race inwards at 9 a.m.

S.S. Durango, Capt. Chambers, arrived from Halifax this afternoon. She was delayed by ice several days.

To-day is the last opportunity to secure tickets for the performance of quality, Casino Theatre, Monday night. Hasten to the Atlantic Bookstore, for delay means regret—Jan. 23, 11

but if some of the Morwenna's men had their way they would have to work without their keep and show no favors either.

The Army Bakeries.

Quite close to where the Morwenna discharged were the bakeries for the British soldiers. Immense ovens of mud had been built and hundreds of men were busy night and day. Thousands of loaves of bread are turned out daily and hurried out to the front. The food supplied our soldiers is the very best obtainable. Kitchener knows they have long hours and hard work, and he is very careful that they are well fed.

From Havre the Morwenna crossed to Portland in the English Channel for bunker and was detained there a few days as coal is not to be had easily. This port is closed excepting for three hours daily—8 a.m. to 9 noon to 1 p.m. and an hour before sunset. At other hours steamers can neither enter or leave.

Visited Salisbury Plains.

Being detained there Capt. Holmes decided to run up to Salisbury Plains to see his brother-in-law, Capt. Stacey who is a Canadian Volunteer. The conditions at the Plains were fearful. The mud being up to one's knees. In places around the Salisbury Water was over a foot above the ground.

The Morwenna had a pleasant run out, getting off to Cape Race in eight days. She met the ice Wednesday, but dodged the dangerous parts and reached St. John's without mishap.

It is not known in what service the Morwenna will be engaged next.

South Africa Repels Attempted German Invasion

Enemy's Attempted Advance Into Union Territory, Has Been Checked Says an Official Statement.

London, Jan. 23.—A statement by the Governor General of the Union of South Africa, issued by the Official Press Bureau, relates the recent operations to repel an attempted German invasion.

The statement concludes: "The line of the Orange River is now entirely in our possession and the enemy's advance into our territory, near the Eastern Border of German South West Africa, has been checked."

OBITUARY

John N. Ash.

There passed peacefully away on Jan. 19th, at the age of 73 years, at his residence Harbor Grace, Mr. John N. Ash, Sr., leaving a wife, two sons, three daughters and a number of grandchildren. Mrs. W. H. Smith of H. Grace, Mrs. J. C. Noseworthy, wife of J. C. Noseworthy of the firm of A. H. Murray, and the wife of Rev. W. T. Payne of Canada, to mourn the loss of a loving and kind father, after nearly two years of paralysis. His first wife predeceased him nine years ago. English and Canadian papers please copy.

At Rest

The remains of the late William Lewis, pilot, were interred at the C.E. Cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev. A. Clayton officiating.

A large number of mourners were present, including a deputation from the S.O.E.

Don't forget the Grand Patriotic Concert in the Methodist College Hall on Monday night. Proceeds in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Candy for sale. Reserved seat tickets for sale at Dick's & Co. 50c. and 30c. General admission, 20c. Tickets will also be for sale at the College Hall on Monday afternoon.

MURDEROUS MISTAKES

It was at Beacon Hill during the Boer War that there happened one of the saddest incidents in the history of the British army.

The East Surreys were in a hollow between two hills, creeping up the valley. The West Surrey Regiment, half a mile away, caught sight of the crouching figures, and took them for Boers.

In a moment a heavy volley rang out, and it was not until an officer realizing the mistake, rushed out in front of the West Surreys that the firing ceased.

A nurse, writing afterward from the Escourt Hospital, said it was pitiful to see the West Surreys coming in one after another, bringing cigarette dainties, any present they could find for the wounded men, then hearing their groans, turn away, saying "God forgive us! This is our work!"

In such a gigantic conflict as this present war, with battle lines stretching 100 miles and more, similar mistakes are bound to occur. When the French were fighting near Muelhausen one regiment got far in advance of the others, and was ordered to go back. As they returned some of them, comrades fired at them, under the impression that they were Germans. Twenty men were killed and a large number wounded.

It was this blunder which caused General Joffre to have cards printed in colors showing the uniforms and head-dress of the various branches of the French service. These have been distributed all through the army.

Another case happened in Belgium. We have it on fairly good authority that a Saxon regiment fired upon some Bavarians taking them for Belgians. As it was dark at the time the mistake is hardly to be wondered at.

THE CALL TO LIBERTY.

London News and Leader.—It would be pleasant to believe that the eloquent appeal to the German people to shake off the uniformed tyranny which is hurrying them to destruction with which the New York Times concludes its prophecy of war against Germany would not be without effect. There is no reason to suppose that it will be—always. There are plenty of Germans in the United States who will not turn a deaf ear to the call of freedom; there are thousands in Germany itself even now—the unsuppressed audacities of the Vorwärts are the outward sign of their silent existence—who want only the moment to answer it.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

WILL GET AFTER WATER WASTERS

Commissioners Instruct Solicitor to Proceed Against Negligent Citizens

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commissioners took place last evening, when the various matters brought forward were discussed and handled in a business-like manner.

Mr. Gosling presided and Messrs. Withers, Anderson, McGrath, Mullaly, Jackman, Bradshaw, McNamara and Harris were also present.

Com. McGrath again referred to the collecting of certain taxes, which did not meet his approval. This matter will be discussed again later.

The cleaning of the streets was again brought forward. Com. McGrath spoke plainly. Some of the inspectors are doing their work as they should and it is about time that the system was altered. The Sanitary Committee will pay attention to this question. I. G. Sullivan, as requested, submitted names of firemen who assisted expert Longley in his inspection of the water service.

They will be paid for their work.

Thuckman Have Gleevance. James Wilcox, Plymouth Road, complained of defective drainage causing damage to his residence.

Referred to the Engineer.

Jonas Barter, President T.P.U. asked that Mundy's Pond Rd. be cleared of snow, it being impassable to horses at present. He also complained of no taxpayers hauling ice at a cheaper rate than those who paid taxes.

All the Commissioners favored action being taken immediately on the latter matter. Those who have not paid their taxes will be asked to do so without delay.

H. Reid wrote re his building, Lower Battery. A report is being prepared on this question, and Mr. Reid's letter will be dealt with later.

Mr. Clapp's Complaint.

W. M. Clapp called attention to the treatment given him by the city, in permitting a cab stand in front of his property, which affected the rental and value. He suggested that the City provide a suitable stand, with telephone, as in other cities.

Several of the Commissioners spoke in support of Mr. Clapp's argument and a committee will consider.

Honora J. Power asked for position of typewriter. Her application will be filed.

The Solicitor reported on J. Murphy's claim for \$40. According to solicitor the Council is not liable as there was no negligence.

W. Goude, Duckworth St., will be asked to repair wall in front of house, which is in a dangerous condition, the work to be done under the Engineer's supervision.

Water Wasted.

The Water Inspector reported on and gave the names of several who are using defective water pipes, resulting in abnormal waste—one concern alone wasting 34,000 daily.

The Solicitor was ordered to take the matter in hands and prosecute the delinquents forthwith, if defects are not repaired.

There was some discussion as to the breaking of 1,000 tons of stone, for macadamizing purposes. The general opinion was that considering labor conditions, it would be advisable to have it broken by hand instead of by machine.

Com. Mullaly moved that the bonus for the Secretary be cancelled. The motion was not seconded.

Chairman Gosling reported that a deputation had called on the Premier relative to raising a loan to make improvements to the Water Service as suggested by Mr. Longley. The Premier received the delegation himself and requested that the matter be submitted by letter when he will place it before the Executive.

With the passing of pay rolls, the meeting adjourned.

WAR ON THE CHILDREN.

London Express.—We in England have within the last few days been taught that war as the Teutons wage it means baby-killing, and the little children of our own blood murdered and maimed by German shells in Scarborough and Harlepool must surely quicken our sympathy with the Belgian children.

AKIN TO BRITISH.

London Chronicle.—Great Britain can only view the conference (of Scandinavian Kings) with unqualified satisfaction. We have a great deal of Scandinavian blood in our veins; and the Scandinavian habit of mind, liberty-loving, order-loving, and sea-loving, is perhaps more akin to the British than any other in Europe. Both our religious and our political institutions have been more spontaneously paralleled in Scandinavia than anywhere else.

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Chemical Engine Turns Somersault

And Firemen Come Within an Ace of Losing Their Lives

Supt. Dunn, Sergt. Neary and Fireman Boggan of the Central Station and Chief Trebble of the Eastern Station narrowly escaped being killed while proceeding to the fire at Plymouth Road yesterday afternoon.

While driving along just East of Devon Row the chemical engine sheered on the ice and toppled over, throwing the men off.

Supt. Dunn was cut about the face Mr. Neary had the front of one of his boots torn off and his foot injured, while Mr. Boggan hurt his hip and was obliged to proceed home.

The vehicle was considerably damaged and is in need of repairs. Fortunately for all the apparatus was going at a slow speed.

VOLUNTEER LIST

IS NOW CLOSE ON THOUSAND MARK

Thirteen Men Recruited Yesterday, Eleven Being From St. John's—Hard at Work at Various Drills

The number of Volunteers for the army is 908. Thirteen went forward yesterday, including eleven from St. John's.

The names of yesterday's volunteers are:—

St. John's.—Ralph Dwyer, Jno. Walsh, Patk. G. Shortall, Albert Tucker, Chas. Brennan, Jas. Ryall, Ed. Noseworthy, Wm. Fowler, P. J. Crotty, Jas. Squires, F. Spurrell; Engle—Rennie White; Kelligrews.—Fred. Dawe.

Country Tramp.

Yesterday morning the different platoons of volunteers took a tramp countrywards. They paraded on the parade grounds first to practise extended order drill, but it was impossible for them to make any headway with it, as the ground was soft and they would sink to their ankles in mud, so the different platoon commanders decided to take a route march.

They went in the direction of Black Marsh Road and beyond the Consumption Camps. They returned home by way of Mundy Pond and LeMarchant Road.

Bayonet Drill.

In the afternoon the regiment in charge of Lieut. Ayre proceeded to Buckmaster's Field and spent the evening in skirmishing and bayonet charges. Hundreds of spectators viewed them while they were going through the different movements.

A squad shot over the 500 yds. range on the South Side yesterday afternoon and some excellent scores were made. R. Fowlow, of Trinity, made the most of that distance, the first one of the second contingent to do so.

A squad from No. 7 platoon had miniature shooting at the Highlanders' Armoury last night.

At 10 o'clock this morning No. 1 and No. 2 sections of No. 5 platoon had another round at the 200 yds distance, at the Range, and at 2 o'clock Nos. 3 and 4 section of the same platoon had the different platoons yesterday, but owing to other business, the examiner was unable to be present. oon had the same practice.

Called Off.

A competition was to be held because it was called off until next week.

The competition will consist of piling arms, fixing bayonets, manual exercises and marching.

No. 3 platoon is the present holders of the trophy, but the other platoons say it will be easy to beat them next week.

All the platoons have improved considerably and a keen competition is expected. About 150 Volunteers have been fitted out with their great coats and boots. The rest will be supplied within the next few days. The picket duty squad were again doing duty last night. Nothing of any stirring nature occurred, but they kept a keen look out.

The recruits are still coming in and the doctors were again busy last night giving them their medical examination. McVey was at the Armoury yesterday and took a number of photos of the platoons and of the guard.

There will be the weekly church parade to-morrow.

SCRAPS OF PAPER.

Westminster Gazette.—We see by the example of Belgium that all the rules laid down recently at The Hague become scraps of paper when they conflict with what is assumed to be German necessity. It is this claim of might, set up in defiance of all the efforts made in recent years to humanize life and keep war within limits, which is the great offence; and this we must make an end of, whatever the cost and sacrifice may be.

GREAT SALE WASH DRESSES

WE have more of these on hand than we care to have. In order to clear them out as quickly as possible, we have made a big slaughter on the prices. NOTE THE REDUCTIONS



Ladies' Striped Print & Gingham Wash Dresses

- Regular \$1.50. Selling now for \$1.00.
- Regular \$1.50. Selling now for \$1.30.
- Regular \$1.75. Selling now for \$1.45.
- Regular \$1.75. Selling now for \$1.50.
- Regular \$2.00. Selling now for \$1.70.
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Fancy Colored and Striped Crepe Dresses

- Regular \$2.00. Selling now for \$1.70.
- Regular \$2.50. Selling now for \$1.75.
- Regular \$3.00. Selling now for \$2.00.

American Linen Dresses, in Tan, Pale Blue and Helio, \$4.00 for \$2.50.

Special American Ratine Dresses, assorted. Regular \$6.00 for \$3.00.

Colored Poplin Dresses, in Tan and Pale Blue, \$3.00 for \$2.50.

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White Pique Dresses, Paisley trimmed, \$3.00 for \$2.50.

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White Embroidered Lawn Dresses, \$2.50 for \$2.00.

Childs' American Gingham Dresses, to fit children from 2 to 6 years. Special Linen, Regular 45c., now 37c.

Childs' and Misses' Superior Quality Gingham and Zephyr Dresses, to fit children from 6 to 14 years. Regular 85c. to \$2.10. Selling now for 70c. to \$1.80.

Special Line Misses' American Gingham Sailor Dresses to fit from 14 to 20 years. Regular \$1.65 to \$1.95. Selling now for \$1.10.

Misses' Blue Linen with White Pin Stripe, Sailor Dresses, with White Pique Collar and Cuffs, 39 to 48 inches. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. Selling now for \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Misses' White Voile Dresses, 39 to 48 inches. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. Now only \$1.50.

Misses' Colored Crepe and Dark Cotton Dresses, 39 to 48 in. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. Now only \$1.50.

Special Line Misses White Dresses. Regular \$1.60. Now only \$1.00.

See Display in Showroom.

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