NEWFOUNDLANDERS WRITE FROM SALISBURY CAMP

WERE BADLY DAMAGED:

BELIEVES THEY SANK.

London, Dec. 16.-A Cen-

tral News Despatch from

Middlesborough, Yorkshire,

says two of the German war-

ships which bombarded the

English coast were badly

damaged and are believed to

Strenuous Work.

rs attached to the First Royal Mon-

leo. Hunt, Morgan and Hallet.

of The Mail and Advocate.

WITH OUR BOYS

IN TRAINING CAMP

he trade OK

Plain, and says:

terday. They are all well.

plentiful this winter.

I haven't got up to the front yet,

Lots of Rabbits

A correspondent writing from Nor-

'kick' coming from anyone.

Letters Received From Our @@@@@@@ @ @@@@@@@ Volunteer Lads Before Their Detailment to Garrison Duty in the North of Scotland

Private J. Thompson writes Mr. Joh Power from Bustard Camp as fol-

Just a few lines to let you know I am O.K., hoping that you and all the boys are the same. The weather over frosty in the morning, that's all, but we get a lot of rain and it is up over my boots in mud, but I think we will stand it all right.

I was with that chap Mallard from the 'pond', he is camped near by our camp; it is three years since he was in St. John's: I think his name is Jim. How are all the boys and girls, and During the fine days the work is how is Ted Murray? Tell him to send strenuous—the same that is given to me a letter. If you see Bill Mugford a 'regular' force, including night work give him my address and tell him to -but the past week has been so backsend a line as I forget his address. I ward that all nightwork has been have not much news to tell you this abandoned. These plains cover an

I will send you my photo the next by any rock, and not many trees, so

Are they going to send any more for the training of troops. from home? If so tell me when you When we shall be moved from here

before as I had no time. or warned—to be ready for removal. You know I was in the hospital for and, when we leave here, I can asthirty-five days in Plymouth; I was in sure you that none will be anxious Devonport with all our Calypso boys to be moved to canvas or huts. and they are enjoying themselves. The boys from home send best revery good.

From Pte. W. Richards.

Miss Eva Richards, 80 Monroe St. real Regiment, viz: Gus Snow, Don has received the following from her Frapnell, Will Cornick, C. E. Jeffrey. brother Will, formerly printer at The Mail office, who is with the First Newfoundland Contingent.

Writing from Salisbury Plains, he says:

I was very pleased to get a letter from you; it was the first one I got from St. John's. Lam having a very good time over here

We are having lots of drill now, but we can't say when we will be going to the front. It will be a long while yet, I think. We have got our uniforms now. They are like the Canadians By the recent mail Mr. Geo. J. Some delay was also occasioned by tunic. They are the same color as lad a letter from Private John C. iers off the Grey Islands. got our rifles and full equipment for who wishes to be remembered to all following passengers:--Messrs. J carrying our blankets and different his brother members and friends in Moore, R., Hellier, A. Bussey, H little things that we shall have to take he city. Private Cleary is delighted Dean, A. Simms, J. H. Biles, W

It is very peculiar to me to have to ing perfect health. wash my own clothes but I manage Lieut. M. Godden, formerly of Cros- liams, J. Tuff, J. B. Osmond, J. H.

Letters From Relatives. I received a letter from my sister Minnie yesterday from Boston; it was an answer to one I sent her since I came over here, and I got three this evening-one from father too.

I have been down to Salisbury. It is a nice large city; there is a fine crowd of people down there. I think I have told you nearly all for this time, except it will be close on Christ mas by the time you get this.

I don't know what kind of a time I am going to have, but I expect I will be going to London for a few days. think I will close now, with best love.

Pte. W. Skeans Writes.

Billy Skeans, formerly a printer of this city, who is a member of the 1st Royal Montreal Regiment, writes from West Down South Camp, Salis- is' Arm says that rabbits are very S.S. Tabasco leaves Halifax on Satbury Plain, Nov. 30th, as follows: I promised myself on two or three occasions to drop you a few lines

from here, but I really could not find time to write everyone I know. Yesterday (Sunday) being one of the few fine days we get here, I took the boys from home, at Bustard Camp It was certainly great to find so many

familiar faces, and to shake hands once again with chums and former workmates. Saturday week they moved from Pond Farm, a distance of four miles from our camp, to Bustard, which is only two miles from West Down South, and that gives the boys belonging to home, who are attached to various Canadian Regiments, an op-

portunity of more frequent visits, All in Good Health. All the boys are well and enjoying teh experience; of course, they-like the Canadians-don't like the damp

weather, which is pretty bad at times. The main difficulty experienced by all the troops is the keeping dry of clothing, which is an awful drawback.

I am safe in saying that out of the six weeks we have been here there has been no less than four weeks rain. This fact alone hinders to a certain extent the training which is so neces-

sary for this campaign. It is not very pleasant living under | Paris, Dec. 16, (4 p.m.)—In Belgium | Between the Drina there are no canvas in extremely wet weather, but Westende, situated to the north east more Austro-Hungarian troops. the British Government are having a of Lombaertzyde, has been fiercely It is estimated that sixty thousand large number of wooden huts built bombarded by the British fleet. The is the number of prisoners taken by the line, and the people say it ing for Sydney to load coal for this

2 GERMANS SUNK;

BRITISH FLEET IS UNDAMAGED

Yorkshire Evening News reports that two German cruisers were sunk in to-days engagement and that the British flotilla was undamaged.

Belgian Town Was Bombared By British Fleet

Belgians Repulse Attack On S George's-Allies Gain Advantage in Artillery Duels

Paris, Dec. 16 .- The French Was be a great improvement upon present Office to-day gives out an official comconditions. Otherwise we are treat- munication as follows: In Belgium ed fine and on the whole there is no the town of Westend to the Northeas of Lombaertzyde has been violently

bombarded by the British fleet. The Belgian army has repulsed counter attack on St. Georges and oc- Wednesday 11 cupied farms on the left bank of the

Our troops who already have gained ground in the direction of Kleinzillebeke have also made progress but enormous stretch of land, with scarce not so perceptible in the region of St. Eloi, in the region of Arras, in the you can see what an ideal place it is region of the Aisne and in Champagne. There have been artillery engageanswer this. I could not write you s secret, but we have been ordered ments in the course of which we gained a distinct advantage at various points in the Argonne.

There is nothing to report in Woe-

We have repulsed several German gards to all; also the Newfoundland. attacks in the Forest of Mortmere and we have retained all the trenches occupied by us on Dec. 13th. In Alsace we have repulsed an attack to the West of Cernay.

Hoping this will find you and all in 'Prospero' Met With best wishes for the prosperity Wintry Weather On Her Last Trip Give my best regards to all the boys

The Bowring coaster, Prospero, Capt. A. Kean, returned from the northward at 9 last evening, after a boisterous passage. Wintery weather has set in earnest in the northern

only there is a double collar on the Coughlan, Secretary of the T.A.B.S., the rescuing of a couple of mail courour overcoats were. We have also Cleary, one of the Society's members. She brought a full freight and the

with the soldier's life, and is enjoy- Clarke, Ford, E. Jones, S. Parsons, F. G. Wiseman, H. G. Wair, E. Wilbie & Co's office, has our thanks for Small, B. Peel, A. Elliott, J. Eliott, J. ittractive English illustrated papers Cook, H. J. Earle, W. B. Kean, A. received by last mail. He is enjoying Sellars, L. Carew, W. North, Capt. good health and sends Christmas Churchill, Rev. Fr. Donnelly; Mes-Greetings to all the friends at home dames Parsons, Templeton, Kean; Sergt. J. C. B. Goodridge, of the Misses Yates, Hodge, Sterling, Tem-7th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary pleton in saloon and 16 second class.

Force, writes to his sister in this city, from West Down South, Salisbury Herring Plentiful On South-West Coast

but hope to get there soon. I was over to the Newfoundland Camp yes- Sub-Collector Clinton of St. Jacques wired Deputy Minister of Customs Le-I would like to be with the boys; I Messurier yesterday as followseel certain they will make a name "There is the best sign of herring here for many years. Several hauls have been made at Rencontre and Long Hr. and fishermen have been obliged to clear their nets twice

urday for this port.

France to Raise \$60,000,000 Aid the few fine days we get here, I took the opportunity of paying a visit to Folk Made Homeless By The War

(French Official Bulletins)

um the Franco-Belgian troops came Yser.

in the direction of Klein Zillebeke district. and gained five hundred meters. In

A meeting of ministers this morning report. decided to demand of the Houses of Deputies and Senators credits for three hundred million francs so as to aid the poor population in the invest-

ed departments. The Budget commission elected man attack to the west of Cernay, where. unanimously as president Monsieur Clementel, in place of M. Cochery, deceased. The general state of health of M. Deschanel is satisfactory.

Fierce Bombardment.

counterattack on St. George's, and oc-Paris, Dec. 16, (3 p.m.) In Belgi- cupied farms on the left banks of the

out of Nieuport and occupied the line Our troops who have advanced and west of Lombaertzyde via the farm of gained ground in the direction of Klien Zillebeke have also progressed South of Ypres we have attacked but rather slightly in the St. Eloi

Alsace we are still occupying the In Arras, Aisne and Champagne heights dominating Steinback. On the regions, there have been artillery rest of the front there is nothing to duels and we have on several points taken clearly the advantage. In the Argonne there is nothing to

> In Woevre we have repulsed sever-Woods and maintained all the trench-Alsace we have thrown back a Ger

near Thann. Serviana at Belgrade. Servia-King Peter, accompanied by Prince George, entered Belgrade at the head of his troops on Tuesday folk are skating everywhere. at 11 a.m.

for the Overseas Forces, which will Belgian army has repulsed a German the Servians since he war started.

TO THE LIST OF RECRUITS

11 ADDITIONS

Last Night's Volunteers Most ly From the Outports-Total Now Six Hundred and Seventy-Four

First Week.

	1 4.0 many									102
	Tuesday									153
	Wednesda	y								98
	Thursday									
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t.	Second Week.									
	Monday									43
	Tuesday									16
	Wednesda									. 14
r	Thursday									17
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y	. Third Week.									
	Monday									42
a	Tuesday									10
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Total Eleven volunteers signed the roll last evening, making a total of over six hundred and seventy.

Last night's squad was mostly from the outports. They are: St. John's-Brendan Sinnott. Goulds-John McCarthy.

Trinity-James Walters, William

Teo. Tibbs. North Hr., P.B .- Sylvester Brinson. Long Island, N.D.B.-Pierce Caraan, Harvey Mercer. Comfort Cove, N.D.B.-Willis White,

Louis Head. Perry's Cove, B.D.V.-Ml. Reardon.

Volunteer Smoker At Grenfell Hall On Christmas Eve

vaval Reservists and Military Recruits To Be Given a Good Time.

The Committee of the King George he Fifth Institute are holding a smoke social in the Grenfell Hall on Xmas Eve from 8 to 11 and have invited the Vaval Reservists and the members of he Second Nfld. Contingent.

There will be coffee, Xmas cake and ther light refreshments provided at buffet, which it is hoped to make he men who are away from home jolly good Xmas cheer

Any cakes which the ladies of the city would like to send would help and be appreciated by the Manage-

NEWS EXCITES WASHINGTON

U.S. Naval Experts Not Much Impressed by Exploit of German Raiders.

Washington, Dec. 17.-Official and iplomatic Washington was thrilled is it seldom as been since the we began with the news of the bombardment by German cruisers off the East Coast of England.

While Government officials made no ormal comment, the bombardment was discussed in Congressional circles as all naval events abroad have been with particular application to hypohetical situations in which American defences might be involved.

The consensus of opinion among naval men was that the raid by German cruisers was for moral effect and did not screen a general invasion of ingland by Zeppelins and German

Although the vulnerability of Great Britain to such attacks was to some extent emphasised by it, on the other hand experts thought any sustained attack on the English coast would require many more ships than were engaged yesterday, and by the time any effort was made to land an expeditionary force the English fleet could be brought into action.

Northern Bays Are Frozen Over

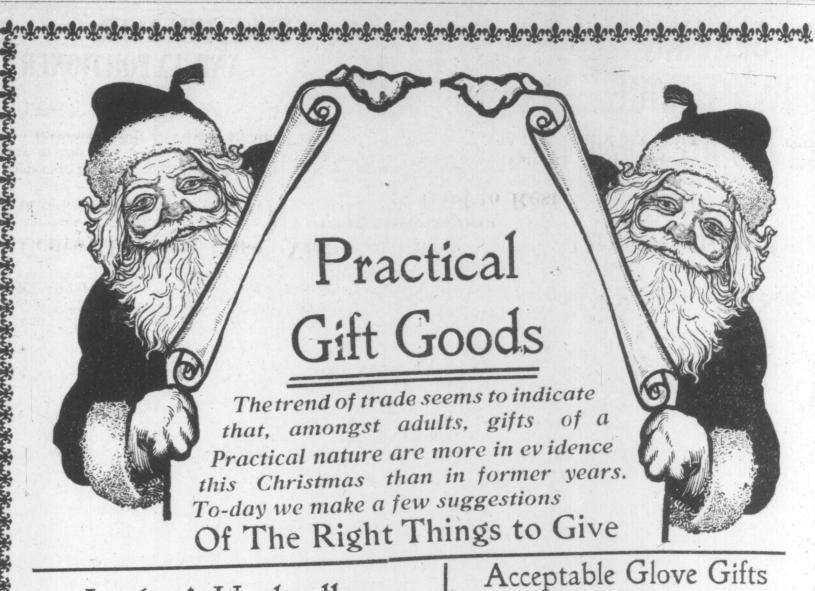
Six to Eight Inches of Ice Made In Recent Frost.

All the Northern Bays are frozen over with ice six to eight inches thick. Horses are driving over them every-

Clarenville, Port Blandford, Gambo, Lewisporte, Botwood and Norris' Arm

The ice is like glass and the young

will the Tritonia. There is no snow anywhere along last ten days has been fine.



Ladies' Umbrellas.

Silk Umbrellas with beau tifully mount ed extra long handles, steel rods. Each in Gift Box.

\$4.80 to \$6.60

H.S. and Embroidered Tea Cloths-40c., 75c., \$1.00 to \$3.10. Embroidered Tea Coseys—85c. Sideboard Cloths-\$1.60 to \$3.50. Stamped Carvers-

> 65c. to \$1.00. Fray Cloths-30c to Sofa Cushions—75c \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 to \$7 Tea Coseys—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 \$2.50,

\$3.50.

Nothing more prac-

tical than a good

pair of Gloves. Our

cut; in cherry & blk, \$2.10. Soft felt, high heels in cherry, brown & black -\$1.30 and \$1.50. 'Kozy" Slipper in brown, beaver and saxe—\$1.10.

Japanese Pressed Silver

Puff Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Candlesticks, Photo Frames, Cigar Boxes, etc.

Useful

Art

Goods

HANDKERCHIEFS

in Boxes, containing 1, 3, 4 and 6. Special Values at 35c., 50c., 65c. to \$1.40.

By the "Prospero"

to Grey Islands in an open boat gate.

or having their boat cut through by

danger of being either frozen to death the City last evening.

Capt. Kean lost no time in hurrying arrived by the Prospero last night.

PERFUMES

Our Specialties are ZENOBIA-55c., 90c. to \$1.80. Grossmith's-70c. to \$1.30.

Bishops Falls Folk

Have Outdoor Rink

Business is brisk at Bishops Falls

Rev. Fr. Donnelly, of Bay de Verde,

RECRUITING.

1st Newfoundland

Regiment.

Ask for a copy of the "Monthly Messenger."



SHARON'S CARGO 2 Men Rescued **WAS PIG IRON**

The loss of the S.S. Sharon, as reported yesterday, will be regretted by When the Prospero was at Conche at present. The young people have many citizens. As we previously an .- coming south it was reported to Cap- swept an open air rink. There are nounced, Capt. Plumb, of the ill-fated tain Kean that two mail couriers who three large electric lights there and

steamer Glace Bay, was chief officer were carrying the mail from Conche every evening large numbers congre-She carried a cargo of pig iron, not were caught in the slob some few coal, as reported in the despatches. miles from the Islands, and were in Mr. T. LeFeuvre, M.H.A.; arrived in

NEED BIGGER P.O. STAFF

to the scene and succeeded in locat-Citizens who had occasion to visit ing the boat. the East End Post Office (Tremont The men were rescued and taken to Hotel) this morning were loud in their Conche. complaints because of the long de- But for the promptness of the Prospero, both men would hardly be alive

The lady employees are not to to-day. blame. The reason is there is not They are very grateful to Capt. sufficient help.

Codroy Barratry Case Victim of Fire

In the alleged barratry case, which s being investigated by Police Inspector Bartlett, at Codroy, it is not any of the people of that place that The remains of the late Patrick All Volunteers not medi-

Thousands of Deer

is a sign of a hard winter.

On the Sagona Is Laid to Rest

Kean for his assistance...

are suspeced. The schr. was of Am- Coady were interred yesterday after- cally examined must report erican register, and manned by a Yan- noon at Belvedere. A large number to the Medical Officers at the of citizens attended, including Captain Kennedy and crew of the Sagona, C.L.B. Armory to-night.

Seen On South Coast Liverpool to-morrow

Thousands of deer are reported from Schr. J. Henry McKenzie has sailed The Clyde will not be able to reach Bay D'espoir and Fortune Bay. The for Alicante with 3900 gtls fish from and explain, otherwise fur-Botwood again this season, neither residents say they never saw them as Alan Goodridge & Sons plentiful before.

The deer have gone out as far as S.S. Bellaventure sailed last even-

Any Volunteer who enrolls.s. Durango may be expected from ed and now wishes his name withdrawn must report to the Recruiting Officer to-night ther action will be taken.

A. MONTGOMERIE. Recruiting Officer.

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