

**Socks For Soldiers Presented By F.P.U.**

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We are asked to acknowledge this list of socks, so far received, from F.P.U. Councils for the Patriotic Association:

Port Rexton	45
Grate's Cove	50
Hant's Hr.	45
Bay de Verde	45
Brownsdale	34
Musgravetown	22
Squid Tickle	22
Broad Cove	24
Spaniard's Bay	24
Scilly Cove	80
Ochro Pt. Cove	40
Jamstown	25
Champsneya	48
Burgoyne's Cove	12
Fogo	28
Flat Island	48
Elleston	96
Southern Bay	22
New Bonaventure	26
Trinity East	23
Newtown	24
Bay Roberts	15
Cat Hr.	30
Joe Batt's Arm	65
Wesleyville	31
Valleyfield	33
Keels	132
Brooklyn's Bay	44
Bona Vista	175
Carbonear (2 prs. mitts)	64
N.W. Arm, Green Bay	13
Cape Island (Fogo Dist.)	12

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**At the R.C. Cathedral**

Fr. Cox preached another powerful sermon at the Cathedral last night. His subject was the one of praise to God by the beneficial enactment of life. Previous to his sermon, the preacher spoke most touchingly of the new honor of Archbishop which has come to our good Monsignor. It was a dignity, but it was also a great responsibility, and one which the people should help him to bear, by giving mutual aid in all the undertakings of the church.

The Te Deum was then sung, followed by benediction, which was intoned by Fr. Cox.

A very large congregation was present.

To-morrow night Fr. Cox will preach at St. Patrick's and in the Cathedral again on Sunday night.

**OBITUARY**

**Arthur B. Peach.**

This genial and very popular station agent at Carbonear passed to his eternal rest yesterday afternoon.

He had been absent from his post for a few days owing to an attack of appendicitis, and an operation had been performed which appeared to be a successful one, but a sudden relapse occurred and death took place within twelve hours.

Mr. Peach, who was in his 59th year, was a son of the late Rev. John S. Peach, so long the "Father of Methodism" in Newfoundland. In his earlier years, Mr. Peach carried on business in Carbonear, but since the railway reached there some 16 years ago, has been in charge of the station, proving a worthy and efficient official for his company and most obliging and courteous to the general travelling public.

Mr. Peach was a man of scholarly instinct and deep thought, and but for the claims of commercial life would have shone in the field of literature.

He leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons, two sisters and one brother in Carbonear, and two brothers—one in Manitoba, the other, Mr. Henry B. Peach (of the Royal Stores) also survive him, to whom, with other friends, the Mail and Advocate joins in condolence.

**FIRE ALARM**

The Octagon Hotel was burnt to the ground yesterday afternoon. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been occasioned by a defective chimney.

Only a few articles that were in the lower part of the premises were saved.

Mr. Poole (the lessee) estimates his loss at \$500 as no insurance was carried on any of the furnishings, with the exception of \$250 on a piano.

The building itself, which is owned by Mr. R. Fowlow, of Trinity and, we learn, is fully covered by insurance.

**Mongolian Leaky**

A wireless message has been received in the city stating that the Allan liner Mongolian, which left here last week (having had repairs effected) was in a leaky condition a thousand miles off Halifax, and making for that port.

**EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYED**

It is the prevailing opinion of the "man on the street," or in fact, anywhere in the city, that, instead of a "Bunco" gathering of supposed employers of labor held in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening last—a general meeting of the "unemployed" should at once be convened and the matter definitely settled.

The Colony has contributed her full share towards the defence of the Empire as well as contributed very largely towards relieving the sufferings of Belgian refugees and other victims of "Kaiser Wilhelm's" bloodthirsty madness, and it now remains for us to look nearer home.

Let all act promptly if we are to pull through.

Tuesday's Daily News in commenting on Monday's disappointing meeting—which ended in the formation of a committee to report as to the "organization of charity"—states that Mr. Gosling (our civic chairman) flatly says "The city is unable to give work," that civic charity is "subversive of economy," and there is no labor that the Council could profitably undertake.

From all accounts, Chairman Gosling seems to have treated all suggestions—through the press and otherwise—in a contemptuous manner, and he questions the citizens have now to deal with is, "Does Gosling voice the sentiments of the Council, or does he speak for himself only?"

The Evening Telegram of Tuesday also throws the responsibility of solving the present labor question on the shoulders of the Commissioners and general Government of the Country.

We are pleased to see our contemporaries have joined with The Mail and Advocate in agitating for prompt action by the powers that be to meet this question of unemployment for the masses, as it presently affects not only St. John's but the entire country.

**Lecture At St. Andrew's Club**

Mr. Sam Thorp, M.Sc., B.A., Science Master of the Methodist College, lectured to the members of St. Andrew's Society in their rooms last night. Taking the North-Eastern Railway of England, the lecturer handed out a literary treat to his hearers and illustrated by charts and maps this railway company's mode of advertising its utility as a commerce carrier to all parts of the globe, its close connection with the coal, iron and ship-building industries at Newcastle, Hull and Sunderland and also dwelt graphically on the romantic and classical countries of the United Kingdom through which the North-Eastern carries thousands of tourists from all parts of the world.

Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby, the defenceless towns that the German cruisers bombarded recently, were also vividly portrayed and altogether a most instructive and pleasant evening was spent in listening to Mr. Thorp.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed and seconded by Messrs M. Parsons and J. A. Carmichael was carried by acclamation.

Mr. T. M. McNeil, vice-president of the Society was chairman, and at the close of the meeting, voiced the sentiments of all present when he said: "We hope you will come back again."

**Sgt. Major Moore**

To show their appreciation of the good work which he has done, the non-commissioned officers of No. 4 company will entertain Staff Battalion Sgt.-Major Moore at Wood's West End restaurant. The affair will take the form of a dinner followed by the usual cheering items. Mr. Moore deserves every bit of recognition and grateful obligation that may be tendered him. He has from the first shown an interest in the Volunteer Movement, and his work in the drilling of the ranks has been well done.

Mr. J. G. Bethune, of Grand Falls, is a Volunteer in this contingent will take the chair at to-night's re-union.

**Numerous Congratulations To Archbishop Elect Mgr. Roche**

His Grace Elect, Archbishop Roche is receiving numerous felicitations on his appointment to the dignity of the Archbishopric.

Yesterday the joy bells at the Cathedral rung out glad music of re-joice, flags were raised in and around the city, and everyone was glad to hear the good news of the good priest now promoted to so lofty and priest now promoted.

The R.C. Cathedral was gaily decorated with bunting yesterday and the bells rang joyously in honor of Archbishop Designate Roche's appointment.

**EXTRA!**

**Special Edition MAIL and ADVOCATE Saturday morning. Whole story Bowring-Kean Episode in one issue. 8 pages devoted to the story. Be sure you get a copy.**

**Spaniard's Bay F.P.U. Convention**

The most important meeting ever held in Conception Bay was that held yesterday at Spaniard's Bay by the F.P.U. 75 delegates from Conception Bay Harbors attended. The Orange Hall there was crowded with delegates and visitors during the eight hours' session of the Convention.

The decisions arrived at were unanimous. The Union in Conception Bay is a unit in its determination to stand by President Coaker in this Bowring-Kean matter and the universal acclaim is we trust Coaker. We will stand at his back. We are ready if he gives the word.

The decisions arrived at regarding Kean will for the present be withheld. Messrs. Coaker, Grimes, Halfyard, Bryant, W. White and C. Lake, who attended the Convention, returned to town at noon. Messrs. John Abbott, M.H.A., J. G. Stone, M.H.A., and A. Targett, M.H.A., also attended. The Convention opened at 3 p.m. yesterday and closed after midnight.

**Alien Subjects Landed at Halifax**

**Enlisted With First Canadian Contingent—Some of Suspects of Austrian and German Birth**

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 20.—There was quite a stir at the steamship terminal to-day when the C.P.R. liner Mis-sissippi docked from Liverpool and fourteen "alien suspects" from the first Canadian contingent at Salisbury Plain disembarked under a strong guard and were marched, each man, handcuffed to a soldier to the Citadel, and there imprisoned. Some of the suspects are admittedly of Austrian and German birth while others of various foreign nationalities are under suspicion of disloyal tendencies. They all enlisted in Canada with various regiments of the first contingent and were taken to England, but there were placed under detention.

**Canadian Ports or Coast Waters May Be Mined**

**Ottawa Issues Warning To Shipping—Mine Sweepers Operate in Pairs**

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The possibility of German mines being strown off Canadian Atlantic or Pacific ports is indicated in an official warning issued by the naval service as to the operations of government mine sweepers. The notice says that "government vessels are sometimes engaged in sweeping operations off ports in Canada. Whilst so engaged they work in pairs, connected by a wire hawser. They show the following signals. A black ball at the foremast head and a similar ball at the yard arm, or where it can best be seen. For the public safety, all other vessels must keep out of the way of vessels flying this signal, and should remember that it is dangerous to pass between vessels of a pair."

**To THE GULF SEALERS!**

**DON'T SIGN any Agreement that contains a clause fixing \$3.75 per cwt. for Seals. Before Sealers will accept \$3.75 the owners of ships will have to prove to the President of the F.P.U. that Seals are not worth more.**

**PERSONAL**

Mr. Frank McNamara was very ill yesterday afternoon, but is a shade better to-day.

Head Constable Dawe left for Clar-entville by last evening's express to enquire into a theft case which occurred there recently.

Mr. Winsor was one of the pioneers who built up business and honorable careers in Newfoundland, and at Aquaforte was much respected as its oldest inhabitant. He had reached the ripe old age of 89 years.

**ENLISTED**

The following volunteers enlisted last night:—Patk. Hogan, Thorburn Road; Jno. White, Bay Bulls Big Pond; Jerry Crowe, Loo Bay; Thos. J. Gosse, Loo Bay; Bert G. Hann, Wesleyville; Geo. P. Simms and Leaton Simms, St. Anthony; Robt. Upward, Harry's Hr.

**RECRUITING**

From the Edinburgh Evening dispatch of Feb. 2nd, we clip the following:—

St. John's, Nfld., Monday—While the Colony of Newfoundland deeply regrets the loss of twenty-five naval reservists on board the Viknor, enlistment both in the naval and military forces continue to be brisk. Substantial detachments are now drilling, and will proceed to England when occasion offers.—Press Association.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

The weather was delightful for the half holiday yesterday and the suburban ponds were thronged with skaters and hockeyists.

The express is due about 9 or 10 o'clock p.m., having left Alexander Bay at 8.45 this a.m.

To-day's local train brought along a patient for the hospital. The woman, whose name is Barbour, comes from Tilton.

People over from Bell Island this morning say that working conditions are normal, and about 600 men are now employed by the D.I. & S. and Nova Scotia Companies there.

Last midnight the store of Mr. Joseph Tonnet, an Assyrian living on the corner of New Gower St. and Bart-er's Hill, was broken into and several dollars worth of goods, cigarettes, cigars, etc., was taken.

Some valuable papers which Mr. Tonnet kept in the shop till, were also taken.

Fortunately all the day's cash had been removed, or else of course that would have gone.

Large numbers of our citizens visited the Cabot Tower yesterday to view the ice blockade now on. Others visited the dock and enjoyed to the full walks countrywards, etc., but the all absorbing topic of conversation everywhere was "Is Abram Kean going to the ice in the Florize?" and "What about three seventy-five for seal fat" and the "labor problem."

**Dr. Kitchen's Lecture**

Dr. Kitchen is lecturing to-night in the Star Hall, and is taking as his subject, "Louvain, in History and Remembrance."

The Rev. Dr. is well-known as one of our most entertaining platform speakers, and as Louvain is one of the most important items in the long programme of German butchery and murder, the subject ought to be interesting.

**AT REST**

The funeral of the late Charles Petrie took place this afternoon from his residence in Lime Street.

A very large number attended, a sufficient testimony to the very friendly spirit in which the deceased was held.

The Requiem Service was conducted by Fr. Mangie, and interment was at Belvedere.

**Pioneer Crosses the Bar**

Mr. Peter Winsor, an old resident of Aquaforte, on the Southern Shore, passed away last evening at his son's residence, Water St., West.

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**THE STRIKE**

The dock labourers want 25c. an hour before they will work at the Desola's cargo.

This is the declaration of President McGrath, of the L.S.P.U. and Delegate Woods told the Mail and Advocate today that the men must get a promise of this wage before going to work.

The regular rate is 35c. an hour for day work, with time and half at night.

**A Pertinent Question**

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Just one word re the Coaker-Bowring controversy.

Why do not Mr. Munn or Mr. Eric Bowring say the cause of the home branch dishonouring their first message to Mr. Coaker? Both are supposed to be gentlemen of word and honour. Let them come out as gallant gentlemen, and not hide away. The public will not bite them.

EAST END.

**THE PRICE OF FAT**

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—The F.P.U. president's advice to Gulf Sealers not to sign on at \$3.75 per cwt. for seals is proving a most destructive bomb hurled amongst the Water Street "Grab-alls." Well done, Coaker, we're with you, and will see you through. Is now the cry of the suburban Gulf sealers, and it will be a case of "who's who in manning the Gulf steamers next week."

OBSERVER.

**SHIPPING NEWS**

The Nascope will probably leave Liverpool to-day for St. John's.

No news of the Adventure's arrival at Sydney has yet been received.

S.S. Tabasco is scheduled to leave Liverpool on Tuesday next.

The Glencoe left Rose Blanche at 10 a.m. yesterday, coming East.

Ethie left Marystown at 7 p.m. yesterday, inward.

S.S. Beothic left Glasgow for here on Monday afternoon last, according to message to Messrs Job, Bros.

As North Sydney is still blocked by ice, the Kyle has to land her passengers at Louisburg.

The S.S. Stephano should reach port early to-morrow morning, as word has been received of her having left Halifax at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The Prospero, it is thought, will be ready to come off dock about the end of the present week, when she will be provisioned for the sealfishery.

The Durango, from Liverpool, is now 8 days out from that port. If ice condition permit, she should reach here at the week's end.

The steamers Terra Nova, Bonaventure, Diana, Erik and Bloodhound are now fitted out for the season's seal fishery.

The S.S. Fogota is still at King's Cove, detained there by ice. The little steamer is now three days hung up at that port, and it is hardly probable she will get further north this season.

The S.S. Portia sailed at noon, taking a full freight and the following passengers:—B. R. Miller, T. Sparkes, R. Durnford, G. Hunn, R. Letts, L. O'Farrell, E. Sainthill, Miss E. Pardy, Mrs. Meehan and 10 in steerage.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Terra Novas and Feildians contest in the League match to-night and a keen game is expected.

Feildians and St. Bon's contested in the Inter-Collegian series this forenoon, the Feildians winning—score 6 to 4.

A suspect named Dominic Trest or Foleg, a fireman, hailing from Moscow, is at the lock-up awaiting enquiry.

A 13-year-old school boy, of King's Road, charged with the larceny of 11 sticks of dynamite, on the 22nd inst., is also detained pending investigation.

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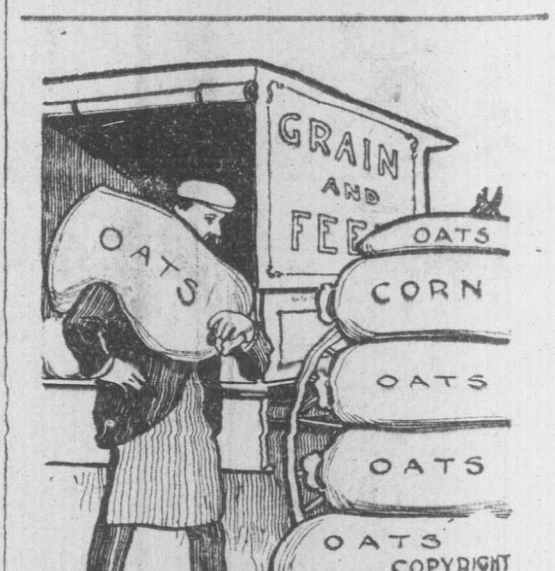
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