

## Two More Stores Broken Into

Messrs. Ayre & Sons and Marshall Bros. Premises Entered by Night Thieves—Did Not Succeed in Getting Any Booty.

About a week ago we referred to the fact that Messrs. Ayre & Sons' premises were broken into and some \$40.00 in cash stolen. The thief or thieves seem to regard Saturday night or Sunday morning as the favorite time for prosecuting their nefarious work, for the series of thefts committed for months past from private residences and other places seem to have occurred between Saturday night and Monday morning.

Saturday night last the "operators" seemed to be at work earlier than usual. Some time between 10 and 11 o'clock an entrance was made to the office of Ayre & Sons, in the Pitts Building. The thief was evidently looking for money, for all the drawers in the office were pulled out and a hurried search made for cash. The thief evidently feared that he would be surprised, hurried the job and made a quick exit, and without what he came for.

The watchman when making his round of the premises discovered what had occurred and informed Mr. Harold Ayre, who investigated. It appeared that the building was entered by the intruder climbing up the water pipe to a building in the rear, on gaining the roof of which he forced the window and entered the office.

The police were also apprised that a window at the rear of Marshall Bros. had been cut out Saturday night but it is not believed the building had been entered. The Detective Department of the Police Force has been busy of late investigating a number of larcenies and robberies evidently committed by old hands, and though clues are very meagre they are the kind of men not to be discouraged by, this and will no doubt soon land the perpetrators.

### STORMY ALL OVER COUNTRY.

Since Saturday night the weather all over the country has been very stormy. In the city a N.E. gale with snow prevailed and Sunday night and yesterday evening the wind blew a hurricane from the N.W.

The weather across country Sunday night and yesterday morning was the worst experienced for the winter. A snow storm with a N. E. hurricane prevailed west, and near Quarry it was the worst for the season. It was very cold and the glass dropped to 2 below zero.

The Kyle's express had to remain at Kitty's Brook all night owing to the storm.

### VERY SUCCESSFUL SOCIABLE.

The Canon Wood Hall was filled last night for the sociable given by St. Margaret's Guild. It was a most successful entertainment and Rev. Dr. Jones, the Rector and several clergymen were present. A concert of a character which delighted all who attended was given and an address was heard from Rev. Dr. Jones in which he justly praised the good work of the Guild. The C.L.B. band gave a splendid program of music and the proceeds, which amounted to a substantial sum, will in part be devoted to the procuring of comforts for our soldiers and sailors.

### FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY

At 12.10 p.m. yesterday an alarm of fire brought the Western and Central firemen to Stephen's Street where the roof of Wm. Tucker's house was blazing. It was caused by a defective chimney which fired the shingles and a considerable hole was burnt up through the roof. The firemen quickly had a stream of water on it and the blaze was quickly quenched before any extensive damage was done.

## The Best

# American Mayo's...

## 15c Plug.

At the Royal Cigar Store,  
Bank Square, Water Street.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Chief Gunner Freeman, of the Calypso, left here by Sunday's express for England.

The express which left here Sunday evening arrived at Port aux Basques early this morning, having been delayed by the storm of Sunday night.

The Volunteers had drill in the Armoury Saturday and squads had rifle practice at the South Side range. Yesterday being Thanksgiving Day the men had leave until this morning.

One of the big rotary plows went over the Gaff Topsails section of the railway twice yesterday, effectually clearing it of snow. The whole line is now clear and trains are running unimpeded.

St. Andrew's Society will hold its celebration of Burn's Night at their Club rooms this evening and their loyal sons of Auld Scotia have prepared an elaborate programme and will certainly enjoy a good time.

The police made five arrests Saturday evening and night—three drunks and two disorderlies. One of those arrested was an unfortunate woman who often appears in Court, who was found drunk on the street.

The Athletic Association of the C.C.C. will meet to-night when the season's schedule of games will be drawn up. The Hockey and Basketball teams are in good shape and good games are looked for.

At Sunday's meeting of the C.M.B.C. there was a large attendance. Rev. J. Brinton, the Chairman, gave a very interesting address, taking as his subject "Objections to the Creeds." The band of the Class rendered several hymns with much acceptance.

## Letters From Hospital

Mr. James Buckley of the Customs Brokers' Office, had some letters last week from his brother, Private Jack Buckley, now in a convalescent home at Cairo. He has been severely ill, as he suffered from chill from standing in the water in the trenches, and also suffers from Jaundice. He says he is the only Newfoundland in the home in which he has been placed and necessarily feels a bit lonely, but the attendants and doctors are very kind and attentive.

Up to the time he wrote the last letter, Dec. 15th, he had not received a box and parcels sent by his father, brother and aunts, nor can he understand what has become of them. After all that has been said as to shipments sent forward for our lads it looks as if many of them have not yet received them.

### SCHOONER DRIVEN OFF

The little Danish schooner "Thomas", reported off Cape St. Mary's Saturday week, must be having a hard time of it in the successions of storms and gales which have since intervened. She has not yet reached port and was likely driven off the coast. The vessel has not a good stock of grub on board either, as she had to get some supplies from the Annie, as reported in The Mail and Advocate.

### VERY ENJOYABLE SOCIABLE

The Sociable held by the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 5, S.U.F., in the C.C.C. Hall, was largely attended and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson were present, as well as Miss Davidson, and on entering the Hall were welcomed by Mr. Jno. Coaker, Master of the Lodge; and Mr. J. Rendell, Chairman of the Committee. To the music of the C.C.C. Band "On with the Dance" was the order until this morning.

Amongst the guests was Worthy Grand Master J. A. Cliff, K.C., as well as Grand Secretary Phillips. The proceeds will go to the W.P.A.

### BARQTN. LAKE SIMCOE NO DOUBT ALL RIGHT.

The fact that the Danish schooner "Thomas" after over 90 days out from Santa Pola to St. John's has been reported off Cape St. Mary's by the schooner "Annie" and that the "Gray Gordon" had arrived at Bel-leoram Saturday evening from Cadiz, should reassure those who have friends on the Lake Simcoe. The "Thomas" and "Gordon" no doubt had the stormy weather to contend with, which for weeks have been reported on the Atlantic, and of course the Simcoe has the same. She is one of the staunchest of our mercantile fleet and should soon arrive.

## Well Known C.C.C. Boy Heard From

Wm. Fanning Writes From Gallipoli—Tells of Hardships Men Have Suffered—Work of British Airman Described as Marvelous.

Miss Eileen Fanning had a letter Friday from her brother, Bugler Wm. Fanning, with our regiment, and who was one of the principal cornetists in the C.C.C. Band. The letter is dated from Gallipoli, November 8th, and must have been delayed in transmission. When he wrote, he and the other lads of his section had been seven weeks in the trenches and he gives a graphic word-picture of the hardships endured up to that time.

He went forward with "D" Co., and the first morning they landed they were vigorously shelled by the Turks, and 13 of "C" Co. were wounded, some of them severely. Each day afterwards they were under fire—not a day passed that someone was not hit. Shrapnel shells mostly were fired.

He had seen Corporal Belvin and Private Bradley, friends of his, and they were then well. For several nights before he wrote there was incessant firing with bombing and sapping, and the British airman bravely held over the Turkish positions, despite the continuous fire of anti-aircraft guns. He says the daring of these bird men sometimes bordered on recklessness and their performances were witnessed by the troops below with bated breath. If one got a shave once a week he was doing well. Water was very scarce and unfit to drink unless boiled.

He said there was not much variety on the food received—dry bread, tea and bacon for breakfast, roast for dinner and bread again and tea for tea. He described at length the account of Caribou Hill, conducted by Lieut. J. Donnelly, who is the hero of the Regiment. The Turks in that affair had over 100 dead and wounded, and the men in the trenches could hear the cries and groans of the latter. They slept in the dugouts on the bare ground often exposed to the weather, and as it was intensely cold at night they suffered intensely.

He, as well as others, had no change of clothing for seven weeks, so their condition may be imagined, still few of the brave lads grumbled, knowing that something must have gone wrong and that under more fortunate circumstances they would have been supplied with what they required. Up to the time of writing he had neither received a letter or parcel, though his sister and brother, Mr. James Fanning of Cabot Street, have since August last sent parcels of socks, cigarettes, cakes, candies &c., a supply of "Stanfield's" underwear, but none of these have been received by him. Others suffered similarly and all wondered what was wrong with friends at home that nothing was sent to them while other Colonials were well supplied with everything. Bugler Fanning is now in Hospital since Dec. 5th.

## LADIES, ATTENTION!

We will pay five dollars for the five best recipes for preparing Boneless Codfish. The recipes selected will be printed, with the author's name and address attached, and placed inside every box of fish packed by us.

Several thousand sample boxes of our products will be sent, in the near future, to wholesale grocery houses in all the leading cities of the United States.

Prizes will be offered for other recipes from time to time. This, our contest No. 1, will close on Saturday, February 5th, and the names of the ladies, whose recipes are selected, will be published in the local papers shortly thereafter.

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## SHIPPING

The schr. Emily Anderson with coal to Crosbie & Co. arrived here yesterday from Louisbourg after a run of 8 days.

The schr. Beryl M. Corkum arrived here yesterday afternoon, coal-laden to Crosbie & Co. After passing Cape Race Sunday afternoon she was driven to sea by the gale of that night and had a hard time of it, though she sustained no damage.

According to a wireless received here from the S.S. Noordam last night to the Furness Withy Coy. the ship should arrive here this afternoon and we hear will take 700 tons coal from A. J. Harvey & Co. It is believed she left Rotterdam for New York on the 6th inst. and had very stormy weather on the run.

James Baird, Ltd., had a message to-day saying that the Gaspe, Capt. J. L. Vatcher, had arrived at Pernambuco, Saturday, after a run of 29 days. All well. The Annie L. Warren also arrived to the same firm, coal-laden from the same port, after a run of 7 days.

### SAD ACCIDENT AT CONCEPTION.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., to-day received from Magistrate O'Toole of H. Main, news of an awful accident which occurred at Conception Harbor Saturday night last. The house of Maurice Costello was burnt with all its contents and his son, a four-year old boy, lost his life in the fire. The origin is unknown. The mother and a six-months old child were also badly burned, and the woman with only her night clothing on escaped by jumping through an upper window of the house. No further particulars were given.

## Casino Theatre Well Patronized

Both Matinees Well Received Evening Production "Kick In" Draws Enthusiastic Audience.

At the Matinee Saturday afternoon, the performance Saturday night and at yesterday's matinee production of the "Squaw Man" the popular Klark-Urban Coy. had big audiences who were delighted with what they saw and heard and unstintingly praised the efforts of the talented ladies and gentlemen of the Company.

Last night the Company scored one of the greatest successes of their stay here in the production of Willard Mack's great drama "Kick In." A capacity house awaited the entertainers when the curtain was rung up and well might folk be eager to see such a drama as this for there was much about it that appeals to the sensibilities, discloses some very pathetic incidents and is true to life in every particular. With the limitations of space which are necessarily ours to-day, an extended resume of the story of the play is impossible, suffice it to say that it powerfully depicts the harshness of the police in the large American cities, their persecution of suspected people, their often unfair system of espionage and the difficulties they throw in the way of criminals who are or have reformed.

The drama has to do with the stealing of a \$20,000 necklace, which is restored as a result of the honest conduct of reformed crooks, who touch a stony-hearted police commissioner by their appeals and evidences of honesty and sincerity, and are saved by him a long term of imprisonment for a crime which after all was committed by others.

The roles of each player was well sustained and ably performed, the principal parts falling to Messrs. Urban, Patterson, Mills, Brower and Webb and Misses Cecil, Dean who played a dual part with much acceptance (and Misses Clarke and Allan.

To those who have not yet seen "Kick In" we say, either go to to-night's repetition or to-morrow's matinee. It will certainly repay you.

## Curlers Had Big Day Yesterday

Some \$900.00 Was Raised For the Sailors and Soldiers Fund—Games Were Keenly Contested and Watched by Large Number of Citizens.

All yesterday the Curling Rink was filled both with players of the "roarin' game" and spectators, who were incidentally delighted with the keen contests witnessed and showed their patriotism by helping on a worthy national cause.

His Excellency the Governor attended in the forenoon, and to the lady curlers much praise is due for the great success of the day. Mrs. Chesman did good work in the candy stall, and the sale of teas brought liberal returns. The rink was beautifully decorated by Curless Ross and Miller, and the bands of the C.L.B., C.C.C. and Highlanders gave an excellent programme of music. Mr. P. C. O'Driscoll, the veteran curler and popular auctioneer did yeoman service in auctioning off the cakes, candies left over. His efficiency as an auctioneer is unchallenged, but few believed that he possessed the gift of oratory to such a degree as he evinced when he spoke of the efforts of our boys for King and Empire.

As a result of the days it is believed that fully \$900 will be realized for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We notice by the News this morning that Dr. Henry F. Shea, son of the venerable Dr. Henry Shea, of this City, has had the honour of being mentioned by Viscount French in his despatches for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

Dr. Shea who has the rank of Major is another of Terra Nova's sons who is adding lustre to the name of a family highly esteemed in Terra Nova, and honour to the country of his birth. We congratulate the gallant Major and his esteemed father, as well as other relatives in St. John's, on this great distinction for them, as well as the recipient to whom we wish added honours before the great struggle closes.

### PARADE RINK WELL PATRONIZED

Yesterday afternoon and night the parade rink was well patronized, crowds of skaters enjoying themselves on the splendid sheet of ice. The music was rendered by the Terra Nova Band and all were delighted with the time spent.

### THE EAGLE HERE.

The S. S. Eagle, Capt. Couch, arrived here this morning from Sydney after a run of 48 hours with 717 tons of coal to Bowling Bros. She had stormy weather all the trip but proved to be a fine sea boat. She had exceptionally rough in Sunday night's gale and going up had also very stormy weather. She will make several trips to Sydney in the coal trade before going to the seal fishery.

### LADY DAVIDSON WILL OPEN SMELTER.

Mr. W. A. McKay will go out by this evening's train on a short run to Sydney. Next week will begin operations and Lady Davidson will tap the first ore to be treated there by the new process. Mr. Mack is a hustler and operations will be continued with a rush.

### FOUR DIPHTHERIA CASES, ONE CHILD DIES.

Yesterday the Health Authorities were apprised that a little girl named Butler, aged 4, of Scott Street, had developed diphtheria. It died of the disease this morning. A young woman, aged 28, of Mullock Street, developed the disease and will be treated at home. Saturday a girl aged 18 of Allandale Road, ill of the disease, was sent to Hospital, and Sunday a boy aged 8 of Freshwater Road was also sent to Hospital ill of the disease.

## OUR THEATRES

**THE CRESCENT.**  
Don't miss seeing the big picture show the Crescent Picture Palace is putting on to-day. "The Bridge Across" is a two-reel Biograph feature with Jack Drummer as Colonel Randolph. "The Yellow Streak" is a Selig Western drama. "What Money will do" is a Lubin feature showing how justice was meted out to ungrateful children. "The Fresh Agent" and "The Haunted Attic" are two very funny comedies. Mr. Dave Parks, baritone, sings the latest English novelty song, "Ship Ahoy," Hetty King's great London success. Don't miss seeing this show, it's a great one.

### BIG LINER "NOORDAM" HERE

The big Holland-Amsterdam Liner Noordam arrived in port at 8 a.m. to-day and berthed at A. J. Harvey & Co.'s pier. The big ship is one of the largest to visit this port in 15 years, is 13 days out from Rotterdam via Falmouth, from which port she sailed just 11 days ago. Speaking to her commander to-day, Capt. Van-Walraven, he told The Mail and Advocate that since leaving the ship had a succession of W. and S.W. gales with snow, high seas and frost which was so intense that the ship's hull, decks and rigging were thickly coated with ice. She is a magnificent ship, built by Howland and Wolff of Belfast in 1902, is 12,531 tons gross, 7,978 nett, is 350 feet long, 62 wide and 34 deep, her engines are 12,650 h.p. She has twin propellers and can do 24 knots. She has on board 371 passengers, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cabins, and her appointments are of a most palatial order. On the voyage she ran short of coal and when an Admiralty permit is obtained will be given 600 tons of coal by A. J. Harvey & Co.

### CUT WITH AXE

Daniel Tucker of Broad Cove met with a serious accident yesterday while in the country cutting wood. He was about two miles away from his home and while using a very sharp axe on a tree, it slipped as he made a stroke and the sharp blade was buried in the flesh of his leg below the knee. He was alone and taking off his vest he wound it tightly about the injured limb as an artery had been cut. Fortunately for him Richard Squires was also in the country with his pony and met him as he limped along, often stopping to rest and faint from loss of blood. Squires helped him to his slide and drove quickly to the city, never stopping until he reached the General Hospital. Had he not met Squires he must have succumbed before getting home. He will be months laid up as a result of the wound.

### LOOKS LIKE ST. JOHN'S IN SEALING TIMES.

Mr. W. Sinnott of Job's had a letter Saturday from his son Will Marconi now on the "Earl Grey" now with the other ships at Archangel. Will says that his wife is now there and that the frost is terrific, the glass recording from 35 to 40 below zero and all the Ventures are pegging away with the Beothic and Nascoptic and Iceland, keeping the Channel open for the winter and doing it thoroughly.

Just before he wrote a fire occurred on the "Earl Grey" and put her out of commission for a couple of weeks at least. The cabin and Marconi rooms and apparatus were severely damaged and he transferred to the Bruce. It looks like St. John's at sealing times with all the "Ventures" smashing the ice, and he says that all the folks are well.

### HOCKEY SEASON OPENS TO-MORROW.

The Hockey Season will open to-morrow night in the Prince's Rink, when the Terra Novas and Victorias will compete. Both are good, reliable teams and an exciting contest is looked for.

## WAR MESSAGES

### King Nicholas Left Mother and Daughter To Console Each Other

ROME, Jan. 24.—There was an affecting scene last night at the Central station between Queen Helena of Italy and her mother, Queen Milena of Montenegro, who, accompanied by her daughters, reached Rome on her way from Brindisi to Lyons, France, where the Montenegrin court is to take up its residence, and the King discreetly left the mother and daughter, both weeping, to console each other. After spending the night at Rome the members of the Montenegro Royal Family will continue on a special train to Lyons. That the King and Queen met the Montenegrin Queen is taken as an evidence of good faith that Montenegro will cling to the alliance with Italy and the other Entente Powers to the end. The Messagero says that at the last moment Montenegro preferred national honour and accepted guarantees of Italy and the Allies for her national restoration, as in the case of Serbia and Belgium.

### Killed in France

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Brigadier-General Fittou, Aide-de-Camp to the King has been killed in France. Born in 1863, he distinguished himself in the Sudan and Boer campaigns, was mentioned several times in despatches, and received the Distinguished Service Order for services with the Dongola Expeditionary force in 1893. He was married to a daughter of the late Sir Alfred Hickman.

### Large Part of Army Refuse to Surrender

LONDON, Jan. 24.—According to a semi-official communication issued at Budapest, Hungary, a considerable portion of the Montenegrin army refused to surrender, and fierce fighting was resumed yesterday in the mountains.

### Austria Scout Cruiser Sunk by French Sub

ROME, Jan. 24.—The Italian Naval Department has received information that the Austrian scout cruiser of the Nevara type, sunk by a French submarine a week ago, was the cruiser Helgoland, which has been attached to Cattaro base since the outbreak of the war.

### Has Fallen a Victim to War

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The Manchester Courier, established in 1825, one of the oldest Conservative daily newspapers in the Provinces, has fallen a victim to the war, and announces its approaching suspension owing to the rapid rise in the price of paper.

### Will Set Free All Civil Prisoners

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The Overseas Agency says that the German and French Governments have agreed to set free all civil prisoners in both countries, except those subject to military service, arrested for infractions of the law or held as hostages.

### Will be no Speech From the Throne

PARIS, Jan. 24.—An Athens despatch says that the Greek Chamber of Deputies will commence work on Monday without the usual speech from the throne, the government reserving its declaration on the political situation until later.

### A New French Trench Cannon

PARIS, Jan. 24.—President Poincaré and Albert Thomas, Under-Secretary for War, were present at trials on Saturday of a newly-invented trench cannon with bullet-proof shields.

## NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Newfoundland Board of Trade will be held in the Rooms, on TUESDAY, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m.

ERNEST A. PAYN,  
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