

LOCAL ITEMS

The S.S. Sable Island sailed for Sydney yesterday afternoon. The schr. Nobility arrived here today after a run of six days from Halifax, laden with gasoline and kerosene.

I. G. Sullivan, who had been ill a few days with a severe cold, is improving and will be about again shortly.

The Neptune should finish discharging today. Some 28,000 seals had been landed from her up to 6 p.m. yesterday, with an average of 42 lbs.

Job Bros. & Co. had a wireless message last night from the S. S. Samuel Blandford stating that she had procured 1,000 harps yesterday and her catch is now reported at 21,000.

Eleven young men from various outports arrived here by yesterday's train to enter the Volunteer Force. They enlisted at their own home towns and on arrival were escorted by a company of the volunteers in training, to the armoury.

An effort is said to be made to raise the "Desola" if the report of Diver W. Butler, who goes under her today, is at all favorable. Experienced men, who have worked in the ship, believe that the bottom is so badly damaged by the acid which she held, that will be impossible to raise her.

Mr. Bancroft of the 'Hermitage' Topsis arrived in the City yesterday. He is feeling unwell and has been ill for some time past and come here to consult a physician. Mr. Bancroft was formerly a school teacher and since was sub-collector at Bonne Bay and is well known and respected all over the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Butler of Codner arrived in the City yesterday. Mr. Butler is one of Codner's most energetic and industrious citizens. He combines the business of blacksmith and store-keeper and is realizing that measure of success his industry merits. He is well and favourably known in the city.

Mr. John G. Higgins, B. L. will leave here tomorrow to join the St. Francis Xavier Ambulance Unit, in which already several Newfoundlanders have volunteered to serve. Mr. Higgins is the third member of the legal fraternity to go on active service. Capt. Carty and Summers preceding him. We congratulate Mr. Higgins and wish him success.

We regret to learn that our old friend Mr. Charles Bight, is at present confined to his bed suffering from a severe cold. Skipper Charlie though on the declining side of life has still much of the old vim and push which characterised him in the old days at the seal and cod fishery, where he always occupied a prominent place. His enterprise is lately manifested by the erection of a saw mill operated by motor power. We wish him a speedy recovery and much success in his new line of industry.

The wild man from Brigus was playing his usual role on the outgoing train on Saturday evening past. This time he made his presence obnoxious by insulting in his vilest language the popular insurance agent, Mr. Bryden, as well as Private O'Keefe, who had just been invalided home from England. It is about time that some steps were taken to protect the traveling public from such chronic embodiment of rowdiness, as this fellow is continually proving himself to be while picnicing around at the expense of the taxpayers, who he takes special delight in abusing.

SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS To-day the young man who was arrested a week ago and brought before Court on a charge of stealing six watches from the Royal Stores, valued at \$8.50 and who was remanded for a week pleaded guilty to the theft was sentenced by F. J. Morris, K.C. Mr. Brady, B.L., put up a strong plea for leniency, but the Judge held that consisting the number larcenies perpetrated recently that he could not in any way condone the prisoner's offence, held that the public must be protected in their property and imposed the sentence. When he did so the prisoner's mother who was present became much affected, embraced her son, crying as if her heart would break and becoming faint had to be led away by the court officials.

HOW COULD HE KNOW Ross Block—"Would your wife believe anything you might say?" Bill Et Rod—"I don't know, I never get a chance to say anything."

OUTPORT MEDICOS SHOW POOR TACT

To Rush Patients to Hospital For Mere Trivial Cases—In Many Cases Don't Even Notify Mr. Whiteway—Many Cases Recently Arrived Could Wait For Weeks

Mr. Eli Whiteway who is accountable for taking patients, who arrive here, to hospital, asks us to say that of late a very unfair practice prevails amongst outport doctors in rushing patients to hospital here indiscriminately, most of whom are only slightly ill and who can wait until beds or cots in the institution are vacant. Yesterday there were 12 volunteers, men who should have precedence to go to hospital, some of them being pretty sick men and needing prompt attention, but they could not be admitted there, being absolutely no beds vacant. Circulars have been sent over the country saying that none but urgent cases, accidents &c. may be sent, but despite this the most trivial cases, many without certificates and who could afford to wait for weeks, are sent forward by doctors, who, often, also have not the courtesy to notify Mr. Whiteway. As a result of this there are many people kept in boarding houses for weeks, causing them inconvenience and unnecessary expense, who might be in their homes and who need not come forward until word is sent them that beds are ready for them.

In our opinion there is only one cure for this confusion and unnecessary hardship, and that is to build hospitals in the more populous outports so that so many patients need not be sent to Hospital here.

THE Nfld. AMERICAN PACKING COMPANY

The fine schooner "Harry Montagu" which came here yesterday from Halifax has been purchased by the Nfld. American Packing Co. She is a fine vessel of 111 tons, is only six years old and will be used by the company for a while as a general freighter, but will later fish on the Banks. She has on board a large gasoline hoisting engine with other apparatus to be used at Bay Bulls, where a large fishing plant is to be built by the company, and plans of which it was our privilege to see to-day.

Mr. E. St. John Howley, the general manager; and Mr. W. J. Ellis, contractor and builder; leave by the Stepano for New York to-night to arrange all details as regards the building of the plant at Bay Bulls. The people of Bay Bulls and right along the Southern Shore to Trepassay are enthusiastic over this new business enterprise, which must mean much for them. Mr. Howley tells us that the Company has also taken over a premises at Lawn and will erect a substation at Witless Bay. The Company is financed by Wm. Shillabur and E. Searies of the firm of Thos. H. Hubbard & Co. who financed the Peary Polar expedition, possibly the most influential people amongst American financiers to-day. When Mr. Howley returns the work of putting up the Bay Bulls plant will be conducted with despatch.

A VETERAN SEAL SKINNER

Mr. Wm. J. Ford of Water Street West is a veteran seal skinner and retired from the work this year. He has been made an honorary life member of the Seal Skimmers' Union and has a splendid career behind him. For 42 springs he has been a skinner and estimates that he has taken the "jackets" off over 200,000 seals in his time. Mr. Ford is still a man of enterprise and energy and can tell many interesting stories of by-gone times.

OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS

Wireless to the Postmaster General. Via Fogo—Erik and Samuel Blandford report their crews aboard and all well. Via Cape Ray—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal report their crews aboard and all well.

THE STEPHANO'S PASSENGERS

The Stepano sails at midnight taking a freight of fish, oil &c. equal to 10,000 barrels, and the following saloon passengers for Halifax and New York—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brehm, Mrs. Scott, Dr. A. and Mrs. Ryan, R. J. Coleman, T. Smythe, E. St. John Howley and wife, F. J. Orchard, M. G. Winter, W. J. Ellis, Miss C. Timmons, Miss Elsie Doyle, T. Sheaver, T. Winter, J. Crawford, Dr. Isgar and 50 second class.

BIRTHS.

PARKER—At 15 Ellsworth Avenue, Toronto, on April 1st, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Watney Parker. Mrs. Parker is the only daughter of Susie and the late Thos. Mowdell of Bay Roberts.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers yesterday, under Lieut. O'Grady, had a march across Lemarchant Road and afterwards were put through platoon drill in Buckmaster's Field. There was also rifle practice on the South Side. There are now 3,274 on the roster, with the addition of the following:

- St. John's—Peter Duke, C. H. Thompson, Geo. H. Parsons, Gordon Bears, Wm. Wilson, David Morrissey, Lemarchant, Road and afterwards were put through platoon drill in Buckmaster's Field. There was also rifle practice on the South Side. There are now 3,274 on the roster, with the addition of the following: St. John's—Peter Duke, C. H. Thompson, Geo. H. Parsons, Gordon Bears, Wm. Wilson, David Morrissey, Frank H. Taylor, Douglas Gillard, T. J. Keah, Heber Angel, Wm. E. Campbell, Jno. M. J. Curtin; Cutwell Arm, Long Island, N.D.B.—Levi Norman; Brigus—Jas. H. Newell, Jos. Kelly, Bonaventure, T.B.—Geo. Dewling; Petty Hr.—Wm. Kielly; Collier's, C.B.—Daniel Phillips; Trinity—Austin Somerton, Peter Coleridge; Twillingate—Agustus Bulger; French Bay, Twillingate—Jno. Rodgers; Twillingate—Arthur Oxford; Burnt Arm, Botwood—Lawrence Tarant, Robt. Pope; Grand Falls—Patk. Power, Thos. Southcott; Norris Arm—Wm. T. Langdon; Springdale—Aubrey Holmes; Bishop's Falls—Jno. Lewis.

A PATRIOTIC SPIRIT ABROAD

The Daily News says this morning that Mr. John Hussey, of Knowling's, to whom we referred yesterday is the third of his family to enlist and was encouraged to do so by his invalid father. Another case is that of Mr. J. Vaughan of Leslie Street, who has three brothers at the front with our Regiment. The patriotic sentiment now abroad deserves encouragement. Our people are realizing the value of help for the old land and there is an inclination to flock to the colours. Another illustration of patriotism was given a few days ago by Mr. John Walsh of Field Street, who, though married and with several children, enlisted. He has two brothers at the front, one with the 1st Nfld. contingent and another who joined the British service at Aldershot.

"BLOODHOUND'S" TURN OUT

The S.S. Bloodhound arrived here at 11.50 a.m. to-day from Hr. Grace. The ship turned out 18,593 seals, including 200 bedlamers, weighing 454 3-4 tons. Her crew of 170 men shared \$102.15. The seals averaged 58 lbs.

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THE "ERIK" ARRIVES LOADED

The S.S. Erik, Capt. Nath Kean, which passed Bacallieu at 7 a.m. to-day, arrived in port at 1.30 p.m. to-day with a full load of seals, approximately 24,000 prime harps. She is the second last of the fleet to arrive from the Northern seal fishery, the only ship now out being the Samuel Blandford. We congratulate the owners of the ship, Jas. Baird Ltd., and her captain upon the success of the voyage.

NEWFOUNDLAND NAVAL RESERVIST DROWNED.

Yesterday, Commander McDermott of the H.M.S. "Briton" had a telegram from the Admiralty stating that Alexander Chauk, seaman, of the Royal Naval Reserve on H.M.S. "Racer," had been drowned in a boat accident. This poor fellow, who was a native of Little Catalina, sailed with the First Contingent on the "Franconia." His mother and other relatives reside at Little Catalina, and will have the sympathy of the whole country, in which the Mail and Advocate joins.

DIED UNDER SAD CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., had the following message to-day from Magistrate Miffen of Greenspond: "The remains of Wm. Cross, Badger's Quay, have just been brought here. Apparently he was returning from St. John's via Gambo alone and fell through the ice at Iron Rock Tickle. After a great struggle he got out of the water but died by the shore. Am holding an enquiry."

ELOQUENT LECTURE BY REV. DR. JONES

Tells of His Experiences as a Missionary in Western America—Classes the Mormons as the Greatest Menace to Christianity in New World

There was a large audience in the Congregational Lecture Room last night to hear the lecture given by Rev. Dr. Jones which was a discourse which will not soon be forgotten by his auditors. Following the singing of a hymn, a short reading and offering of prayer by Rev. W. H. Thomas, and the solo, "Peace and Rest", by Miss Steele; the chairman, Mr. H. R. Brookes, delivered a brief address and introduced the lecturer. In eloquent manner, Rev. Dr. Jones dealt with his subject, "Experiences in Western America as a Missionary," discussing, as only one with first-hand knowledge, could, the following problems, viz: the Emigrant, 2. the Indian, 3. the cowboy, 4. the Miner, and lastly, the Mormon, classing the latter as probably the greatest menace of all to Christianity in the Western world. The address was noted for its literary excellence, fervour and enthusiasm. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. H. E. Cowan, was seconded by Mr. Geo. Langmead and passed by acclamation. The lecture was under the auspices of the Girls' Guild, and a collection was taken up in aid of the Congregational Home Missions. Proceedings closed with a hymn and Benediction by Rev. W. H. Thomas.

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VOICE FROM BELOW: "Are you a good girl now, dear?" DEFLIANT DAUGHTER OF THE HOUSE (sent upstairs for naughtiness): "Not I've 'bit on you hat, and I've 'bit on you coat, and now I'm waiting for more 'bit."—Fussing Show.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY

This forenoon the attention of F. J. Morris, K.C., was held for 2 hours in trying the case of a young woman, a domestic formerly in the home of Mr. Frelich, who is charged with the larceny of \$60 and who some time ago was released on bail. Several witnesses for the prosecution were examined. The young woman pleaded not guilty and is ably defended by Mr. Gibbs, K.C. Supt. Grimes prosecutes. The case was adjourned till to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE "EAGLES" TURN OUT

The S.S. Eagle, Capt. Bishop, finished discharging her seals last night. Her turn out was 33,126 young harps, 272 old harps, 2 old hoods; total, 33,400. Net value, \$74,252.49; gross weight, 647 tons, 12 cwt., 16 lbs.; nett, 623 tons, 18 cwt., 3 qrs., 27 lbs. Her crew of 184 men shared \$133.78. Average weight of seals, 42 1-3 lbs.

HAS RESUMED DUTY

Yesterday Mr. H. E. Cowan had a telegram saying that his brother, Pte. G. Cowan, who had been on furlough in London, was leaving for France to-morrow to again take up active service. Pte. Cowan is a member of the Thirteenth Battalion Royal Canadian Highlanders and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is enjoying the best of health.

The Reid Nfld. Co's Bay boats are now being got ready for the summer service and will sail from here about the end of the month.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL The great attraction at the Nickel Theatre to-day will be "The Exploits of Elaine," the greatest serial ever shown in St. John's. To-day's episode is most thrilling; it is entitled "The Ear in the Wall." Another great picture to-day is "The Lie," which is a romance of fisher folk. It is a most impressive story of the sea. "The Dignified Family" is a three-act social drama of great merit which will appeal to all. The comedy is "Mr. Jarr and the Ladies Cup." All should attend to-day and see these grand pictures. The profits at the Nickel all through the Lenten season will be devoted to charity.

HELD UP BY POLICE.

Monday night a very respectable young man, who holds a responsible position in a West End concern, and whose duties keep him late in the office sometimes, while returning home at 2 a.m. was "held up" by the police on three different occasions as he proceeded home. He was held by the arm by one officer till another came up and identified him, when he was released. Near the Bank of Montreal he was again stopped and questioned and released, when his credentials were examined. Later on he was again stopped and on this occasion, when he was allowed to proceed, the officer accompanied him to his home. The police, of course, are looking for the author of the recent larcenies, and have a perfect right to suspect any person on the streets at a late hour.

Impossible Here While Morris Rules

Thrift and Production Are Unknown Quantities to Morris Gang—Boodle, Graft and Grab is Their Motto—Fancy Our Agricultural Experts Talking Economy!

OTTAWA, March 30.—"Thrift and production" is to be the cry this spring. The Government intends to impress upon the people of the Dominion the necessity there exists for this. The departments of finance and agriculture will conduct the arrangement, and there will be an advertising propaganda in the newspapers of Canada similar to the campaign conducted by the finance department in connection with the recent war loan.

The strongest possible effort will be made to induce the people to increase production of all kinds, principally food, and the produce of garden and farm. Thrift and economy will also be advocated in order to promote savings in order to assist in financing future war loans. The campaign will extend over six or eight weeks, and it will be begun at once in the west.

Greece Wants Allies To Leave Saloniki

BERLIN, April 4.—The report that the Greek Government has requested the withdrawal of the French and British forces from Salonika, is reiterated in an Athens despatch received by the Overseas Agency, which says that the Greek Government has declared that the Entente Powers will be held responsible for further bombardments of Salonika by German airships, in case the request of Greece is not complied with. Furthermore, it is said, that refusal by the Entente Powers to comply with the wishes of Greece will be considered as an unfriendly act toward the Greek Government.

Enormous Profits

TORONTO, April 4.—The annual report of the Steel Company of Canada shows profits for year ending December 31, 1915, after deducting charges for repairs, maintenance and improvements of \$3,230,452, or six times the profit registered in 1914.

German Plane Brought Down at Souchez

LONDON, April 4.—An official this evening says that yesterday a German machine was shot down by one of our aviators behind our lines, south of Souchez. The pilot and observer were both killed. To-day artillery on both sides has been active about Souchez, Angres, St. Eloi and Ypres. There has been some mining activity about Neuville St. Vaast, Hulluch, and Hohenzollern Redoubt. "I sleep like a log." "With a saw going through it."

Flaw in Make-Up Gives Spy Away

German Posed as a British Colonel and Was Moving Around Inside the British Lines—Tommy Atkins Spots Him in Quick Time

LONDON, March 28.—A young British officer in one of the machine gun batteries who is back from the front on a few days' leave told the following story:— The other day they caught a German spy. He was dressed in the uniform of a British colonel and was moving around inside the British lines asking where certain battalions were located, about the situation of various camps and for other particulars. Early in the course of his activities a soldier was told to watch him, and after his game had been revealed, he was taken prisoner, and duly disposed of next morning. There had been one tiny flaw on his get-up as a British colonel, and that was the fact that he was wearing a Tommy's cap! The subaltern who told this described himself as "frightfully fit" in spite of having been slightly gassed recently. It seems that one day when the Hun was sending over their noxious fumes, he became curious to find out 'how it smelt,' and, with this idea, took off his mask for a moment with unpleasant consequences.

Around Verdun

PARIS, April 4.—No infantry attacks were made last night by the Germans in the Verdun region, the War Office announced this afternoon. The French continued their heavy bombardment along the Douaumont-Vaux front north-east of Verdun. The response was feeble. There were violent artillery exchanges near Avocourt and Malancourt.

Victims of Air Raids Buried With Honors

LONDON, April 4.—The funerals of twenty-four victims of Friday night's Zeppelin raid took place to-day in an East Coast town. The entire town was in mourning, and business was suspended during the passage of the procession to the cemetery for interment of the bodies.

RATHER PREMATURE

Willie—"They say Dr. Bump is very quick to set a bill." Mrs. Jones—"Quick! He is premature, I happened to mention to him this morning that I am going to a bachelor supper tonight." Willie—"Yes?" Mrs. Jones—"And this afternoon I received a bill for tomorrow morning's services."

Difficult to Suit

A counter irritant—The woman who doesn't know what she wants, but insists on asking for it.

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TONNAGE QUESTION

THE celebrations in Germany over the return of the commerce-raider Moeve were presumably made to hearten the people of Germany for a while. But the exploits of the Moeve are by no means such as to warrant any misgivings on our part. It simply indicates that the complete sealing up of ports is well nigh impossible. There are several instances on record of ships escaping from a blockade, and the escape of Admiral Bruix from Brest with twenty-five ships of the line through the blockade established by Lord Bridgeport more than a century ago is historic. It may also be recalled that between 1703 and 1800 the British lost over 4000 vessels by capture; so that the Huns have introduced nothing new in the way of blockade running; nor have they established any naval precedent, as they claim in their American "notes."

The Americans themselves should be acquainted with several facts in the history of their own fighting days. The Alabama, which was a ship of about 1600 tons, destroyed according to a British statement, over 20 million dollars worth of American shipping! In the letters of Semmes, who commanded the raider, there is a list of 63 captures made by him; fifty-two of these were burned at sea. It is a very remarkable thing that in all the captures made by the Alabama not a single life was sacrificed among the non-combatants. No so with the "exploits of the Moeve." It remained for Germany in the present conflict to set up a new precedent by murdering innocent neutrals at sea in order to sink an enemy's ship.

THE OTHER TWO.

Willie—"There's a new baby up at our house." Mrs. Jones—"Ah, what's his name?" Willie—"We dunno yet. He can't talk." "How many sisters have you got, Willie?" "Three, and all grown up." "Are they all single?" "No, only one, the other two's twins."

BOTH SATISFIED

"The best thing that ever happened to me," sneered the young man to his former employer, "was when you fired me. I went out and got a regular job." "That's all right," replied the old boss, "I'm glad your satisfied. Firing you didn't hurt our firm a bit."

BEFORE AND AFTER.

Edith—"I shouldn't think you'd want to marry such a forgetful man as Jack." Ethel—"But he says the reason he forgets things is because he's thinking so constantly of me that he cannot remember anything else." Edith—"Oh, I see. You don't expect to have any trouble after you're married."

In Wilson's Footsteps

Mistress—"Dinah, I haven't seen your husband about for some time. Is he ill?" "Dinah—"No, indeed, missus. 'Taint that, he's jes simply too proud to work."

LINEN SHOWER! Altho' Linen Goods have advanced considerably, we will sell AT REDUCED PRICES White Linen Table Covers, from \$1.60 to \$3.50. Unbleached Linen Table Covers, from .50c. Tray and Side Board Cloths. DAMASKS. Unbleached Table Damask, from .25c. White Table, "Extra Value," from .35c. to \$1.20. TOWELLINGS. White Linen Towelling, .10c. and 12c. HOLLANDS. Finest White Hollands, from .11c. to 25c. PILLOW COTTON. Extra Value, 40 and 42 in. .25c. and 30c. BUTCHERS' LINEN. Very Fine, 40 and 38 in. .35c. and 45c. Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe Limited. 315 WATER STREET 315 Agents for Ungars Laundry & Dye Works.