#### BATTERY **FISHERMEN** DO WELL

of Squid

In conversation with some of the fishermen of the North Battery yesterday, we learn that the trap fishery there was a good deal more remunerative the past summer than last. Approximately thirty traps were operated by the fishermen of that place and the high liner was Mr. A. Burt, who for two traps, captured 1,000 qtls., Mr. Reid coming second with 600 qtls. for the same amount of twine, and the average for all the traps would be 200 qtls. each. A severe loss to all the men has been the absolute shortage of squid bait, which has prevailed since August 3rd past.

The men say that this has cost the ishermen of St. John's roughly a loss of \$3000 worth of fish daily for the past five weeks, for in that time practically no fish has been caught with hook and line. It would be as serviceable if such were possible to use stones on the jiggers as herring bait. It has been tried time and again, but absolutely nothing was done on herring.

Though squid was scarce last year, enough was caught to keep the fishermen going, and they caught what fish was to be had. If squid were obtainable there would have been good fishing the past five weeks and to illustrate this we need only refer to an incident in the voyage which occurred on Monday last. Mr Peckford. of the Battery, found a few individual squids in his nets, and taking them to the grounds and using them, he secured \$5 worth of codfish. Had we as they are valuable.. The Messrs cold storage for squid what amount of money could have beeu

Harking back to the days before the present Government was unfortunately elected, what a noise there was Six French made in Morris Manifestos as to cold storage depots for bait. Of course it was all hot air intended to delude the fishermen, and today to their cost they realize the fact. Had we frozen bait today men need not, as they must perforce do, look at their boats idle on the collars, while thousands of dollars worth of finny fruit await them in the water, and which they are not able to secure though official neglect and stupid Governmental blundering. No wonder the toilers say it is about time that a Fishermens' Government were given a chance in Newfoundland.

#### Pogie Fishers Return Home

By the Stephano there came four men, residents of Avondale, who had been fishing for pogie out of New York all the summer. The fishery this season was very poor and the men gave it up on the 25th August. Others who had been fishing from there will return later.

## **A Stupid Proceeding**

Yesterday at 2.30 p.m. two of the Council's employees could be seen taking sand, silt and very filthy material from two open gratings at the head and foot of Lime Street and piling it near on the street to be taken Nipper's Harbor Notes away hours later presumably, by the sanitary teamsters. The stench from the matter poisoned the atmosphere of the whole thoroughfare for hours while the children of the place played around, and the germ-laden air entered the raised windows of the houses in the neighbourhood.

Could anything be more stupid or short sighted than such a proceeding. Why could not such work be done in the early morning when children are asleep and the residences of citizens barred against such a foul and fetid atmosphere. It is inconceivable to think that we pay a costly Health Department to guard against the spread of disease, while on the other hand the Commission which should conserve the health of the city by every possible expedient, does its utmost, as in this instance, to disseminate pestilence. Something should be done soon to infuse a little of common sense into the inert agglomeration known as the Civic Commission of St. John's.

#### Steward Of Stephano Scalded

When the Stephano was about day's run from New York, this trip, one of her stewards, a chap named Brien of St. John's met with a painful acident. He was at work for a short while in thegalley when a vessel of boiling water was accidently upset on his right leg and foot and he was badly scalded. He could not work for the rest of the run and had to consult a doctor on arrival.

#### Stephano From New York

The S.S. Stephano, Capt. Smith, arrived here from New York direct at \$3000 Per Day Lost To 3.30 p.m. yesterday making the run St. John's By Scarcity from port to port in three days and 20 hours. She had splendid weather all through and would be here about four hours earlier but that she had to slow down for that length of time Saturday last, as the bearings became hot aft near the propellor. She brought a full freight and her passen-

> Mr. and Mrs. 'D. Cahill, Miss M Tobin, Mr. A. C. Cardinal, Mr. J. T. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ridnour. Miss N. Williamson, Mr. T. M. Howard, Mr. E. Y. Price, Mr. E. Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Oemstead, Mr. J. H. Coure, Dr. H. V. Wildman, Mr. J. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Smith, Mrs. T. J. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Read, Mrs. E. H. Robsen, Miss E. Robsen, Mrs. F. H. Cole and son and six in steerage.

**\\$&\$&\$&\$&\$&\$&\$&\$** BASEBALL WEDNESDAY CUBS-B.I.S. 3 P.M.—5 CENTS *୍ଞ୍ରି* ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବର ବ୍ୟବ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବର୍ଷ ବ୍ୟବ

To Blow Up The S.S. Desola

We hear that it has been determined later in the season to remove the derelict steamer Desola from her present position near the dry dock wharf by means of explosives. Though the hull is about 30 years old the boilers and engines are comparatively new and of a superior kind, and it is take them apart and have them saved Larder or some local men would no doubt secure the iron in the ship's

## Vessels Chartered

Besides the two French vessels now vessels now here laden with salt there are four others on theway out with the same article for as many consignees. All those vessels have been chartered to load fish for Mediterranean ports, and they shall arrive with the next few days. They are fine vessels, mostly barqueatine rigged and will take large cargoes of the staple. So many foreign vessels in port at

the same time will remind old-timers of the palmy days when fleets of of Spanish vessels visited St. John's early in July to await fish cargoes were as common as our every day 20 cent now is, and when pine-apples, cocoa nuts and other fruits were very plentiful and very cheap, and were vended on the streets by the seamen of these vessels.

That the Russians are in retreat before the Germans, we are forced unwillingly to admit, but we take great pleasure in saying that in foundlanders fire the ship in future. many homes hordes of Germs are in full retreat before White Russian Soap. Try it. It is equally Souvenir box chocolates. Three good for both laundry and bath. pictures of 1st Nfld. Contingent The Cleveland Trading Company on cover—quality "Most excelare agents.—aug31,1iw,tf

Nipper's Hr., Sept. 1.—R. G. Cove up to the present, has returned here. He has secured a fair share of fish. He is now gone to the Treaty Shore, where he will engage in the fall's fishing.

News has been reported that Abram Mills of Burlington has -ap14,eod arrived home from Belle Isle with bumper trip.

nothing whatever in traps. This Rev. Dr. M. Ryan. is the worst season for fish experienced here for at least the past

on this shore to-day. This is the is beautifully framed and is certainfirst gale for some time on this ly a work of art. point. It is hoped that the gale will drive the fish to land if there is any in this vicinity.

here last night with a freight for Capt. Kennedy has done well to date, S. J. Blackler. She is now unloading at his premises.

It is thought that most of the fishermen here will sell their summer's fish green to Mr. A. Tilley He is engaged buying green fish, and is offering what is thought to be a fair price for it.-Cor.

Don't forget to ask your grocer about LaFrance & Satina Tablets. -ap12,tf

### <del>}</del>\$ LOCAL ITEMS

Quite a number of schooners arrived here yesterday from the Westward,

#### Venus and Velvet pencils will give you satisfaction.—ap12,tf

The Home's express with a large foreign mail is due to arrive here tonight.

#### Strawberrys and Cream at WOOD'S Restaurants.

The steamers Neptune and Bonaventure will go on the dry dock in a few days' time for a clean up and re-

#### Strawberrys and Cream at **WOOD'S Restaurants.**

\* \* \* Men were engaged discharging the Stephano last night and the ship will, if posible, leave for New York to-

#### Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—ap12.tf \* \* \*

confined to his home with a painful Should the B.I.S. win the Hartwetites resumed work.

#### Velvet pencils for commercial Simms use.—ap12.tf

Mrs. Byrne, wife of Detective Sergt. Byrne of the Police Department, left here by yesterday's train for Hr. likely a diver will be sent down to Grace where she will remain some time as a guest at Cochrane House.

#### U can get Elastic Cement Roofing Paint in 1, 2, 5 and 10 gallon hull and for which they could easily tins from your dealer .- apl14,eod

While the Stephano was in New York she was twice dry docked and had repairs given to her stern tube and also had her hull under the water line painted. The snip is now in fine condition to perform her service.

#### Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—ap12,tf \* \* \*

Yesterday afternoon a bank fisherman who had taken too much drink became troublesome at Steer's Corner and refused to move for the police Officers Forsey and Hibbet took him in charge and drove him to the Police

#### Everybody's doin' it now. What? Selling Elastic Cement for home ports, when Spanish dollars | Paint. Your dealer sells it in 1, 2, 5 and 10 gallon tins, also in barrels.—ap14.eod

There are still four Spanish stokers on the Stephano and though they are good workers it is conceded they have not the staying power of our men. The local Firemen's Union, we hear, will make an effort to have all New-

# Ask your dealer for Wallace's

There is a vicious Labrador do whom no one about the place seems to own, pestering the people of Colonel Street. The brute is a ferocious Starks who was fishing at Tilt one and has already eaten hens and soon have other pictures of the New the Empire, 10 in the Regiment and 1 cats there. He should be shot before foundland lads; he has moving picture in the Navy. The scroll work beautihe attacks the children about the friends on the other side who have fully executed was done by Mr. Good-

## Elastic Cement Roofing Paint will save you dollars and trouble.

Several young ecclesiastical students. who are preparing for the priest-The catch of fish here is no- hood will leave by the Stephano, gothing to boast over. The highest ing to St. Augustines Seminary, Torhook and liner cannot rise 5 qtls.; onto. They will be accompanied by

The Roll of Honour presented last night to St. John's Lodge, No. 5 S.U.F. is to-day exhibited in the windows of An easterly gale is prevailing Grey and Goodland, Water Street. It

Lake's Banker of Fortune, of which Capt. Walter Kennedy is skipper, bait ed at St. Lawrence vesterday and goes The Ethel B. Clarke arrived to Labrador to finish for the season. landing 2,000 qtls for 8 dories and will likely reach the 3,000 mark. Last year at Labrador he secured 750 qtls.

> The baseball matches which were to have been played between Bell Island and City teams are off for the present, as owing to a rush of business the Islanders cannot get off. They will likely do so about the end of the month, when a good series of games for the inter-town cup may be

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#### Parishioners Of St. Thomas's Meet

An interesting meeting of the parishoners of St. Thomas took place last night at Cowan Ward Hall. Rev. Dr. Jones, the rector, presided, and Mr. F. M. Sterling acted as secretary Rev. Dr. Jones announced the resignation of Mr. F. E. Rendell, as People's Warden, and the appointment of Hon. M. G. Winter, as his Warden.

On motion of Mr. Winter, an appreciation of the services of Mr. Rendell will be placed on the records. Hon. R. Watson, proposed by Mr. Find later, was elected as People's Warden. The following Select Visitry

was then elected by ballot:-Hon. W. C. Job, J. A. Clift, T. Lawrence, F. E. Rendell, W. S Monroe, J. S. Munn, R. Dowden, R. G. Mc-Donald, J. C. Oke, T. Cook, F. M. Stirling and T. Winter.

The Scrutineers were Messrs H. W Lemessurier and Hy. Mott. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Doxology and the imparting of Benediction by the rector.

#### Baseball To-day

The Cubs and B.I.S. play baseball Mr. Charles Ellis, gents furnisher, this afternoon at 3 p.m. If the Cubs who had been for the past two weeks win they play off with the Wanderers. illness, is now fully recovered and has take the Championship. The teams will line upas follows: B. I. S.

Simms Garew
pitcher
Clouston Barnes
catcher
Winter French
1st. base
Crawford Campbell
2nd base
Winter McGrath
3rd base
St. John R. McGrath
s. stop
Tessier Doyle
r. field
Ryall Grace
c. field
Hall Ring
1. field
Messrs. Chesman and Montgomerie

#### OUR THEATRES

will be umpires and Messrs Outer-

bridge and Hiltz scorers.

THE NICKEL The Nickel Theatre has arranged a Trinity ..... 10,830 most attractive programme for to-day, Bay de Verde 38,400 and no doubt it will draw large num- Carbonear. .. 2,675 bers of patrons. The holiday perform- Harbor Grace 6,565 ances are always attractive; to-day is Port de Grave 2,090 a specially good one. The principal Bonavista .... 20,440 picture is "The Million Dollar Mys- Harbor Main.. 580 tery." No one should miss to-day's Straits ..... 12,180 episode, as it is one of the most exciting of the series. There will be three other high class subjects. The popular singers, Messrs. Huskins and Cairns, repeated their songs last evening and were very warmly applauded. They have another treat in store for their friends to-day. The performances begin at 2 p.m. and

## ROSSLEY'S EAST END

How the crowd delighted in the picture of our Newfoundland Regiment last night again. It is a most interesting picture. There are a great many troops shown, inspected by the King, all of which Mr Russell explained, but among the lot there are no finer or more manly tooking than the boys of "ours." Mr. Rossley will pretty well taken note of anything of land himself, and the Lodge greatreal interest in that direction. There | fully appreciate it. is a first class program to-night. On Monday Ian Mackenzie and Company will appear. Ian Mackenzie, the Scottish baritone, is one real singer. Mr. Rossley cabled from New York he has secured some great films and they will be on hand in time. Don't miss seeing your sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts taken in Scotland.

## THE CRESCENT

A holiday bill, which for excellence and variety has never before been matched, will be presented this afternoon and night at this popular movie theatre. A fine Lubin feature will ve "The Downward Path," "The Treasure Grove" is a beautiful drama, and "Her Spanish Cousin" is a very interesting comedy drama; "A Regular Rip," and "Getting the Sack" are two roaring comedies. Harvey Collins will sing some of his best songs and a splendid hour's enjoyment is assured patrons.

## "Kyle's" Passengers

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.55 a.m. to-day, bringing J. Baird, Mis; W. Walsh, Miss L. Cornick, Mrs C. Bellamy, Miss Rose Stares, H. Bartlett, A. E. Vasey, R. Russell, M. F. Hayse, M. and Mrs Healey, W. W. Lane, J. Hammond and H. Henderson.

#### **Our Volunteers**

All yesterday the volunteers were put through various military exercises at the armoury. Malcolm Pitcher of Random, T.B. enlisted, making the number enrolled to date 2,239.

## In Firing Line Again

Mr. John Jackson yesterday a telegram saying that his son, Lieut. A. Jackson had left Etaples, France, fully recovered from the wounds received at Ypres on August 1st, leaving for Flanders to rejoin his regiment on the 6th inst.

He has been a month under treatment at the British hospital base, and the telegram says he is good and fit again for duty.

All will hope to again here of Lt Jackson, and that he will destinguish himself fighting for King and Country we all feel fully assured.

#### Portia's Passengers

The Portia, Capt. Jos. Kean, sailed west at 10 a.m. with a full freight and as passengers:— Messrs. Pierpont, Jones, Richards, Rowe, Miller, Connell, Morrissey, Pippy; Misses Hall, Gamberg, Capt. Holland (S.A.) and 15 steerage.

#### **Train Notes**

The Kyle's express left Basque at 8.45 this a.m. and is due at noon | 400 and 200 qtls cod respectively, ar- | the sacred duty which lies upon the Tuesday's west bound express last evning. left Badger at 9.30 this a.m.

#### Fishery Returns To August 28th premises and will sail for Brazil the

At the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday the following fishery returns compiled by Secretary Payne were posted. They give the statistics up to August 28th and are as follows: 1915 1914 1913 Qtls. Qtls. Qtls. Districts Ferryland .... 25,069 8,795 48,300

Placentia & St Mary's ..... 41,548 36,340 48,760 Burin ......125,702 91,550 89,045 Fortune Bay. 65,090 35,290 47,660 Burgeo and La Poile ..... 32,530 32,624 23,940 I St. George's . . 12,070 4,845 St. Barbe .... 10,545 11,635 Twillingate .. 9.956 10,290 Fogo ..... 9,160 6,000 55,000 16,450 11,465 16.450 7,530 17,000 Total .....425,430 288,080 396.715

## Schr. Reported Missing

Messages received in the city yeserday expressing the fear that the schooner "May" owned by S. Short & Sons of Hant's Hr. had gone ashore at Friday's Cove during the storm of Saturday night last. It is hoped however, the worst has not occurred and that the vessel will turn up all

An interesting inceting of St. John's Lodge No. 5, S.U.F., was held last night, when P. M., W. H. Goodland presented to the Lodge the Roll of Honour with the names of the 11 mem hers who have enlisted in defence of

## F.P.U. Notes

S. S. Can't Lose left Rue au Rue vesterday for Liverpool.

Schr. Florence, from Catalina, discharging a load of soft Labrador fish at A.H. Murray's, which was purchased by the F.P.U. store at Catalina.

Schrs. Norah C. from Tilting and Josephine from Seldom with full cargoes of dry shore fish, shipped by the F.P.U., are now due here.

## Typhoid and Diphtheria

To-day two cases of typhoid were reported to the Health Department. One was a man, a resident of Flower Hill and the other a man of Central Street. A boy, a resident of Topsail Road,

developed diphtheria and is being nursed at home.

## FIRESIDE LANCERS.

First Boarding-House General-"There's one consolation about it; when the war's all over, we'll make the German pay for it."

Second Ditto-"We've got a neutralized one in our top floor back and we ain't 'arf makin' 'im pay for it now!"

## SHIPPING

The Prospero left St. Anthony at 7 a.m. yesterday coming South.

\* \* \* S.S. Argyle arrived at Placentia at

8 a.m. today S.S. Clyde left Beaverton at 5:40 .m. yesterday.

S.S. Dundee left Greenspond 2.30 p.m. yesterday, inward. \* \* \*

S.S. Ethie left Clarenville at 3 p.n yesterday. \* \* \* S.S Glencoe left Grand Bank at 1.

p.m. yesterday, coming east. \* \* \* S.S. Home left Pont aux Basques at 2.45 a.m. today.

S.S. Meigle arrived at Humbermouth at 9.40 last night, reporting N. E. and W. gales all the tri \* \* \*

The schr. R. Fabrieins left Grand Bank for Oporto yesterday with 2015 qtls. codfish.

The schr. J. N. Rafuse arrived at Maceo on Sept. 1st. after a fair runfishladen by the Monroe Export Co. The steamers Storstadt and Kami-

laden for Sydney. The schrs. Virginia, and Fram with | To avert the impending disaster is

stiginia left Bell Isle yesterday, ore

\* \* \* The schr. Freemdom is now loading codfish at the Monroe Export Co's

The S.S. Newfoundland, Capt. Davis, arrived here to Crosbie & Co. at 2 p.m. yesterday with a load of coal from Sydney. She made the run in three days and had fine weather all through.

latter part of the week.

The Anglo-Californian was overhauled by a German submarine on July 4th while carrying a cargo of horses to Great Britain. When she refused to heave to at the command of the submarine, the underwater boat shelled her, killing eight men of the crew, including Captain Parslow, who was shot down, while two Americans, Martin and a man believed to be John Mahoney, of New York were also

Henry Miller in the following story proves how wit can effectually save man from humiliation.

"During the Civil War, at a camp in Ohio, a captain fresh from civil life and grand in a brand new uniform, happened to observe two men shooting at a target.

"Here, boys," said he, 'let me show you how to shoot.'

"Taking a gun in hand, he fired and missed.

"That,' said he to one of the soldiers, is the way you shoot.' "He fired a second shot and hit the

"And that,' said he, 'is the way shoot."'-Youngs Magazine.

bull's eye.

### READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE Some Awful Examples

One man thought he was get ting a great bargain in gasolinebut when his engine refused to work, and he had to row ten miles to his home, in the teeth of a gale, he realized that low prices do not always represent bargains.

Another man bought a rifle for a couple of dollars less than the of France when the war is over? cost of a good one-but when it France broke with the pope rather exploded, and tore off most of his than with the Catholic Church. The fingers, he recognised that a cheap French Church could have got along article is sometimes a dear invest- with the French government and made ment.

Then there was the man who months in bed, with pneumoniaall the slush with dry feet.

The friend wore BEAR BRAND. Moral: If you want to be truly economical, buy Bear Brand Rubbers, the most durable rubbers made. First in style, first in fit, first in wearing qualities—BEAR BRAND.

CLEVELAND TRADING CO. lug30,2iw,tf

Buy GOODS Manufactured in NEW-**FOUNDLAND & keep** the Fathers at work

#### DISHONESTY OF THE CHINESE

Evidently Preying on the Mind of the President, Yuan-Shi-Kai

Peking, China, Aug. 31.—(Correspondence.)-President Yuan Shi-Kai uttered at a recent cabinet meeting an impressive plea for united action in China which made a deep impression upon Chinese officials. Its publication in English today caused much discussion among foreigners. The Peking Gazette characterizes the address as "couched in the usual language of over emphasis," but makes no attempt to discount the seriousness of the dishonesty and inefficiency of Chinese officials which the president denounced as a great menace to the republic at a time when outside pressure is threaten-

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An Impending Disaster. "Our suzerainty in southern Manchuria has gradually gone into the hands of foreigners," said the president. "The foreigner aggressor has come to their doors, but our people are still dallying in the midst of calamities. As I am advanced in age and have received the sacred and weighty trust from the Tsing dynasty. how can I let the country go to ruin when I am assuming the duties of chief executive of the republic? By all means I must save the country.

rived at Grenspond from Labrador | shoulders of every one of us." President Yuan Shi-Kai is less than 60 years old and in the best of health, consequently, his allusion to his old age is largely figurative. State of Korea.

After deploring what he regarded as the mony shortcomings of China, the president continued:

"Some persons may say that on account of our vast country and population, the destruction of our country by an alien people is a matter of impossibility. Look at Korea, the area of which is not much smaller than Japan. Some Japanese papers have stated that of late although China has changed the monarchy into a republican form of government her internal affairs are just as deplorable now as in the late dynasty and that bribery and gambling among officials still prevail.

Forgot Their Ideals. "During the Chino-Japanese war and the Boxer trouble our people were greatly stirred up and determined to 'lie on straw and taste the bitterness' to prepare themselves for future emergencies. But when the anxious time was once passed they forgot everything. It is worth while to note that when the Imperial government was gone, it was the dynasty that passed away and not the

country." Issued A Warning. President Yuan Shi-Kai concluded

his appeal with this warning: "Now the situation of our country is comparable to a small boat wandering on a wild sea. It is not the time for us to pursue our pleasures and let things drift into the course of destruction. Above all, do not forget the national disgrace of May 7. Take off your easy garment and cast away your habitual laziness and go ahead with all your effort to avert the fate of impending disaster so as to protect the people and save the country. "

## Religion in France

The war has been expected to revive religion in France, and no doubt has

revived it. But what is going to be the religion satisfactory terms for itself if the late pope had permitted it. Roman bought Cheap Rubbers, and laugh- Catholics are apt to suppose that a ed at his neighbour, who paid a powerful revival of the religious spirhigher price. The wet weather it in France will mean a return to came—the man with the cheap the conditions that existed before the rubbers spent the next three recent separation of church and state and the taking away of the business whilst his friend walked through of education from the religious orders. But that seems unlikely. The old states broke down. It will not be restored. Recent rules may be modified, but there is more likely to be a revival of faith along new lines than any wholesale reversion to past conditions. As to that there is something significant in the postcript of a letter of a French quartermastersergeant from the trenches in Flanders to friends in New York who had

sent him magazines and topacco. "P.S.-Before seeing death very near, as I did many times since six months, I was not religious at all; now I'm a real Christian. I don't mean Catholic or any other sect. And they are all like me. Iteading and smoking are the only joys in the trenches."

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE