

"VICTORY" FLOUR-- THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

OLD FRIENDS MEET IN TRURO

To Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable and esteemed paper for a few remarks concerning my surprise visit from our jolly sailor boys from home who were delayed here waiting for the next train to St. John, N.B. en route for England. My brother being one of the company, sent me a message to meet him, but I did not get it in time. The train arrived here at 7.30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10th, but the boys were not allowed off. After waiting a considerable time for me without success and being some distance from the station, he had no means to inform me, he chanced to catch a newsboy passing by, whom he asked to inform me that he had arrived, which he soon did, and you may be sure I was very thankful to him. I received a hearty welcome from all the boys, they were a merry crowd, had add kinds of music on board, and were enjoying themselves fine, but were very much disappointed because they could not get off the cars.

The Commanding Officer received many excuses to get permission to leave for a while, but the officer did not think it wise to let them off, fearing they would get lost in town, all being strangers here. I intended to take a few of my old chums out for a while, but seeing he refused others, I gave up the idea, but seeing they were anxious to get off, if only for a few minutes, especially my brother who wished to see his aunt, who is living here, I determined to try, so when my brother introduced me to him, I knew it was my only possible chance, so I explained to him who I was and had been here for a few years and knew the town thoroughly, that we had an aunt living only three minutes walk from the train, he granted my request and said in a case like that he could not very well refuse, if I would promise to bring them back within an hour. I assured him that I would and then set out to find my chums, namely, Arthur Brett, Lot Coffin and my brother Will.

We then left for my aunt's home and she was indeed glad to see them, I tried to do the best I could for them in such a short time and determined to get back in time, which I did. I stayed with them until 11.30 p.m., when I bid them good-bye and God-speed and wished them a safe return. They gave me some letters to post for them.

I may further add, that should another company of our boys be coming this way, if they would wire my address I would gladly meet them and do my best for them.

Thanking you for space and wishing the F.P.C. and its President every success.

JOSEPH BRETT.
Gen. Del., Prince Street,
Truro, N.S.

DISABLED STEAMER TOWED HERE.

At 6 p.m. yesterday the S. S. Sha-bonie, Capt. Chambers, was towed in here by the S. S. Muskogee, Capt. Tilman. The Sha-bonie is under charter to the British Government and while bound across from the United States lost her propeller during a period of very stormy weather.

The ship sent out wireless cables for aid, and shortly after the accident happened Monday the "Muskogee" of the Standard Oil Co. bore down on the disabled ship and took her in tow. The Muskogee was also bound to England laden with oil and is a ship of 7000 tons, while the "Sha-bonie" registers 6,000. The tow to this port was accomplished without accident. Messrs Bowring Bros. are the agents here for both vessels. The Sha-bonie will be given a new propeller as quickly as possible.

THE WARD RENOVATED

Shea ward in the General Hospital which was recently cleaned and renovated was opened yesterday for patients, and Mr. Eli Whiteway had a busy day picking out the most urgent cases waiting in the city to enter the institution. In all 22 males were given beds in the ward and four females were also taken into the institution, and yet there are 50 females waiting to be admitted.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S.

The dance to be held at Mr. Rossley's West End theatre promises to be a big affair and tickets are selling well. The beautiful little theatre is being cleaned, painted and decorated and the floor will be specially polished. There is every convenience for a dance, the plumbing and heating is perfect. Mr. Rossley cannot attend personally to the theatre during the pantomime season. He intends to hold dances and part of the profits will be handed to the W. P. A., so rally round have a good enjoyable time. Mrs. Rossley intends holding a children's fancy dress ball and will offer a prize for the most novel costume. Don't forget the grand Christmas pantomime Beauty and the Beast. The most gorgeous sight ever witnessed here and by your own city children.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

(Before Mr. Hutchings, K.C.)
Rd. Gray was sent down for 30 days for stealing a pair of boots from Mr. Watson's residence, Monkstown Rd. as stated in yesterday's Mail and Advocate.

A party who deliberately broke a pane of glass, worth \$5 in Mr. S. B. Kesner's store, recently and who was summoned by Sgt. Orlphand, was fined \$5 or 14 days.

The hearing of the cases against six store keepers for selling rabbits unfit for food concluded at 5 p.m. yesterday, before F. J. Morris, K.C. The evidence of Inspector O'Brien and several others was taken. One of the defendants was fined \$1 and costs and the cases against the others were dismissed. Messrs. W. McNeill and W. J. Higgins appeared for the defendants.

TABASCO FROM HALIFAX.

The S.S. Tabasco, Capt. Yeoman, arrived here last night from Halifax carrying down in 50 hours. The ship had fine weather on the run and brought along 500 tons cargo, a small mail, but no passengers.

She will sail this evening for Liverpool.

REMOVAL NOTICE!

F. A. MEWS

Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary
Address:
City Chambers
Water Street
(Over Royal Bank of Canada
1st Floor)
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PORTIA'S OUTWARD PASSENGERS.

The Portia sails West at 3 p.m. with a full freight of Xmas goods. Her passengers are Miss Hartigan, Miss B. Dryett, H. Bonnell, Miss Rose, H. Thomhill, Miss Thomhill, Miss Bartlett, Miss Paul, D. Bishop, E. Rowsell, G. Bennett, E. Mitchell, C. Rendell, Miss Avery, Miss Wheeler, G. Hollett, H. Brazill, A. Grant, J. Petite, Revs. Frs. O'Flaherty and Maher, P. Downey, J. Inkpen and 40 second class.

RECEIVED NICE PRESENT.

Yesterday when the volunteers had been dismissed Sgt. Williamson was presented by Instructor Hussey for the men of Numbers 13 and 14 platoons, with a walking stick and cigarette holder. Instructor Hussey in making the presentation spoke of the splendid work of the recipient, who heartily thanked the men for their kindness and appreciation of his work.

SHEA WAS BAYONNETED.

Private Edmund Shea, son of Mr. John P. Shea, of the West End, writing to his brother recently, says he has been in Newbury Hospital Berkshire and was about to leave for a furlough in Scotland. There was one other "bush born" in the Hospital with him, who enlisted, he thinks in Canada, and who also was wounded. Private Shea was shot in the hip and was also bayonneted, a fact which was not known until he wrote this time. When he comes off furlough he will proceed to the front to rejoin the Nfld. Regiment.

WAS POSTPONED TILL LATER DATE

Meeting of Prohibition Committee Called For Last Night Will be Held on Second Monday in January

The closing meeting of the General Prohibition Committee called for last night was postponed till the second Monday in January by which time it is hoped something definite will have been learned regarding the recount. Dr. Mosdell, being unavoidably absent, Mr. W. White was moved to the chair and announced that as the attendance was not so large as expected owing to the stores being open till 10 o'clock, the officers deemed it best to defer consideration of business till the date mentioned. The minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Butler and confirmed, after which Mr. A. W. Martin announced that the sum of \$733.28 had been raised at the opening of the campaign by collectors in various sections of the city besides the sum of \$1500 taken up along Water Street by Hon. J. Harvey, Mr. R. A. Templeton and others. The financial report in full will be presented by Mr. Templeton at next meeting. Secretary Butler referred to the spirit of co-operation displayed by all denominations in the campaign and also to articles appearing in papers abroad stating Newfoundland had set an example to the world in regard to prohibition. He thanked the ward commanders for their work and believed in later years appreciation of their efforts would be read in the schools as history. The Chairman announced that existing committees would remain in being to assist the Government and police in enforcing the prohibition laws, an idea which Mr. Martin heartily concurred. Mr. G. Coughlan in moving that the meeting adjourn gave notice of a resolution to be moved at next meeting that some tangible recognition of Secretary Butler's work be made. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Mr. T. Pope and carried.—"News."

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Yesterday the Volunteers had drill indoors and a number were given their kit. Lieut. Ayre announced that the following promotions as the result of the examinations for non-coms. had been made subject to the approval of the Officer Commanding:

To be Corporals
No. 1939—Pte. S. F. Mew.
No. 1974—Pte. W. Haynes.
No. 1978—Pte. H. L. Luscombe.
No. 1895—Pte. E. Ellis.

To be Lance-Corporals
No. 1665—Pte. H. Smith.
No. 1962—Pte. T. Payne.
No. 1922—Pte. G. Adams.
No. 1958—Pte. V. Walsh.
No. 1973—Pte. R. Taylor.

The number of Volunteers on the roll is now 2653. Luke Murgford of Little Beaver Cove, N.D.B. and Thos. Pedle, St. John's enlisted yesterday.

THE RETURNED RESERVISTS.

The fourteen Naval Reservists who returned from active service a few days ago are:—Messrs Campbell, Parsons, Palford, Mansfield, French Pind, Spraklin, Seviour, Carnochan, O'Neill, Higgins, Clarke, Hayse. Parsons and Pond are invalided. Parsons, who was on the Nioble for a while, was hurt by a fall and is unfit for further service. The other poor chap Pond, who was on the Royal Scot, in the North Sea, has been suffering from aberration for some time and was taken to the Lunatic Asylum last night.

We hear that 50 other Reservists who have done a year's duty will return here shortly.

KAISER HOOTED IN ITALIAN CHAMBER

ROME, Dec. 16.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Carlo Altobelli, Social list member for Naples, delivered an address in which he strongly criticized the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse, in Brussels, and the sinking of the steamers Lusitania, Ancona, Friesland and Bosnia. When the name of Emperor William was mentioned in the speech the entire Chamber hooted.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Butler who recently became demented was taken to the Asylum to-day from her home at Major's Path.

The police made four arrests last night. One was for larceny and the others were drunks.

The Armoury of the C.C.C. is to-day decorated with bunting in celebration of the exploit of Lieut. J. Donnelly and Comrades at Gallipoli. Lieut. Donnelly is one of the most popular officers of the corps.

George Street Sunday School holds its regular Christmas service in the church on Sunday afternoon at 2.30. A special feature in the service will be the gifts presented by the scholars, in which the friends and congregation may participate. Special music for the occasion will be rendered. The workers are expecting a large representation of friends and parents. A collection will be taken as usual.

Engineer Alan Snow left here by Thursday's express for St. John, N.B. on his way to London to spend a week with his brother, now there, and will then go up for his chief's certificate with the idea later of seeking a position in the Navy. Mr. Snow, who has been on a Canadian Government ship in Hudson Bay, has a brother with the Nfld. Regiment in the Dardanelles and another with the Canadians in France.

Yesterday afternoon a young man from an outpost, who had been drinking for some time, and whose head was affected, was quickly taken off the streets by the police. He had bought a revolver at a store, but he, fortunately, was refused cartridges to fit it. It was feared that he might injure himself or someone else and he was removed to-day until his nerves and brain become normal. He was disposed of the weapon.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPPING

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had the following messages yesterday:—"The Nutta sailed from Kerring Neck for Gibraltar with 3600 qtls codfish. The following schooners sailed from Bonne Bay for Gloucester with herring: Ingomar, 1525 lbs; Alfrete, 1450; Gossip, 1430. The Polly Anne arrived at Woods Island from Gloucester. The Ida M. Clarke arrived at Bonne Bay from Halifax. The Jena arrived at Bucksport from Bonne Bay."

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

WANTED — Immediately a Doctor for Barr'd Island, Joe Batt's Arm and Tiltling. Position worth Two Thousand Dollars. For further information apply to "Chairman Doctors' Committee," Joe Batt's Arm.—dec16,3i

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

GROCERIES for Christmas

N WALNUTS
E ALMONDS
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W TABLE PEANUTS
RAISINS.

GLACE CHERRIES, Dessicated COCOANUT, CITRON, LEMON and ORANGE PEELS. Hartley's RASPBERRIES in Tins.

CRISCO, Better and Cheaper than Pure Lard.

SHELLED ALMONDS, SHELLED WALNUTS, NONPARELS, PRESERVED GINGER, LEMON CHEESE, BIRD'S CUSTARD POWDER, FRUIT SALAD.

Selected — TURKEYS and GEESE, N.Y. SAUSAGES by S.S. Stephano.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDINGS, Lge. Bowls \$1.30 ea. MOIR'S, CADBURY'S & GRAY'S Confectionery.

Steer Brothers GROCERY. PHONE 647.

WEEKLY MEETING CIVIC BOARD

Nfld. Clothing Factory Wants More Light—They Will Get it But Other Claims for Damages by the Common People Are Referred to the Engineer

At last night's meeting of the Civic Commission Chairman Gosling presided. Mr. W. White, manager of the Nfld. Clothing Co. wrote complaining of a wooden erection placed on the roof of a building adjoining the factory and obscuring the light.

Mr. Dwyer, who owns the building will be ordered to remove it.

P. K. Warren, New Gower Street, asked again for water service to his butcher's shop.

Decided that the Engineer will act in the matter under the Board's instructions.

S. Thistle and others, Southside, complained that their cellars had been flooded, owing to a pipe which carried off the excess water, being covered over by Messrs. Bowring Bros. when building their new premises.

Referred to the solicitor to report as to responsibility.

Reuben Adey, 98 Merrymeeting Rd. wrote that his cellar had been flooded.

Referred to Engineer.

Mr. Peter Casey, Water Street, wrote for permission to instal a motor to be used in making sausages and for permission to cover a projected building which will have a concrete foundation.

The Engineer will report on the matter and Mr. Casey will be asked for plans.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

A girl of Colonial Street and a boy of Springdale Street ill of diphtheria were taken to Hospital last evening.

A new heating and plumbing plant has been installed at the Western Union Co.'s offices at Bay Roberts. Messrs. Moore & Co. had five men at work there the past two weeks and the job done was excellent.

SHIPPING

The schr. Lita M. Zwartz cleared to-day for Figueira with 3060 qtls. fish shipped by the Smith Co.

We learn that the S.S. Kite is being fitted out by Smith and Co. and will leave in charge of Capt. Howsell shortly, for Green Bay to load herring, after which she will probably return here going to Halifax later to discharge.

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Joyce, which had some repairs made to her engines at the dock premises leaves here this evening for Hr. Breton to discharge her salt cargo from Trapani. She then goes to Sydney to load coal for Tilt Cove and returning will take a cargo here.

WILL DISCHARGE OIL CARGO HERE.

The oil tanker Shebonee has a spare propeller on board and she will have this shipped later, the work to be done by the Reid Nfld. Co. She has 6,500 tons oil on board in tanks and this will be discharged into another ship which will call here for the purpose.

The ship was bound to Dartmouth and the towing ship, the Muskogee was bound to Sweden and Denmark via Kirkwall. She wants 400 tons coal and as she cannot get it here, will likely go to Lousburg for it.

The Muskogee is the biggest oil tankers which ever came to this port and is only two years old, as is also the Shebonee.

The captain of the Muskogee was formerly second officer of the Rosalind, when she came here first and is well-known in port. The chief engineer was here in September last on the S.S. Joseph W. Fordeny, which entered port with her cotton cargo on fire.

(On Account of Whom it May Concern)

AUCTION

On Monday Next the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock, —at the premises of—
MESSRS. HARVEY & CO. LIMITED
23 Brls. Hawkeye Pork

Surveyed and ordered to be sold by Public Auction for the benefit of whom it may concern.

A. S. RENDELL,
Notary Public.
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WHERE TO GET THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

The Mail and Advocate can now be had at the following stores:—
Mayo's—Duckworth Street.
Mrs. Gallivan—Duckworth St. East.
Mrs. Peckford—Foot Signal Hill Rd.
Mr. Gosse—Plymouth Road.
Mrs. Kelly—King's Bridge Road.
Mrs. Hayse—King's Bridge Road.
Mrs. Brien—Colonial Street.
James Whelan—Colonial Street.
F. Fitzpatrick—Gower Street (top of Nunnery Hill).
Mrs. Organ—Military Road.
Mr. Parsons—Catherine Street.
Mr. E. Parsons—Corner Hayward Avenue and McDougall Street.
Mrs. Wadden—Pleasant Street.
Mrs. Ebsary—South Side.
Mrs. Downton—Fleming Street.
Mr. Fitzpatrick—Field Street.
Miss E. Lawlor—Head of Long's Hill.

Mrs. Bulger—Head of Carter's Hill.
M. A. Duffy—Cabot Street.
M. J. James—Cookstown Road.
Mr. Horwood—Barter's Hill.
Popular Store—Casey Street.
Mrs. Tobin—Casey Street.
Mrs. Cummings—Head of Casey St.
Mrs. Healey—Corner Water St. and Hutchings Street.
Mrs. Fortune—Corner Water Street and Alexander Street.
A. McCoubrey—(tinsmith) New Gower Street.
Mrs. Joy—New Gower Street.
Mr. Ryan—Casey Street.
Mrs. Collins—Foot Patrick Street, Water Street West.
Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street.
P. J. Morgan—Pennywell Road.
Axford's—South Side.
Chas. Truscett—New Gower Street.
Miss Murphy—Water St. West.

SHOULD BE BACKED AGAINST THE SAME WALL AND SHOT

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—In the course of a notable address on the murder of Edith Cavell at the Windsor Hall, last week, Hon. James M. Beck, of New York, urged that at the end of the war an international tribunal be appointed to try fairly all the "vons," who authorized the murder of innocent people in pursuance of Germany's policy of terrorism.

This suggestion he followed up with the hope that every one of them found guilty should be backed against the same wall as Miss Cavell and shot an idea that was greeted with great applause.

The rest of Mr. Beck's address was devoted to the Cavell case, showing the utter injustice of it, even under the infamous German laws, and to an eloquent vindication of the Allies cause.

He was also loudly cheered when he declared that the first attempt of Germany to obtain a foothold in Canada would mean war with the United States.

SHIPBUILDING ON THE CLYDE

Only one large passenger liner has been or is likely to be turned out on the Clyde this year. That is the twin-screw geared turbine steamer Actea-roa, which is being fitted out in the Fairfield Basin. She is a vessel of 15,000 tons, owned by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand. All other vessels of this class have been delayed in construction owing to the war. There are at least four of these high-eas liners on hand—an Orient vessel at Clydebank, a Lloyd Sabaudo liner at Dalmaur, and two Canadian Pacific liners Melita and Minnedosa, which Messrs. Harland and Wolff have sub-contracted at White-inch. Practically nothing is being done on these ships at present. Several good-class liners of smaller size have been turned out on the Clyde this year, however.

"SOMETHING DOING"

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 15.—The French cruiser Descarte stopped the Porto Rico liner Coamo a few miles off shore early this morning and sent a visit-and-search party aboard, and took off to the warship four firemen of the Coamo—three Austrians and a German.

The Descarte was looking for Waldmar Hepp, the German Consul here, and John Stubbe, the Austrian Consul, who are reported to be returning to San Juan from New York on the Coamo; but they were not found on board. In making the search the Descarte's officers examined all the passengers, as well as the entire crew. Those Germans and Austrians of the crew who were found to be naturalized American citizens were not molested.

Chief Steward Schaade of the Porto Rico liner Carolina, bound from San Juan to New York, was taken from that vessel by the Descarte last night.

The Coamo and the Carolina are American steamships, owned by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company.

NOTICE

THE NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL BOARD will be placing its orders for Garden and Field Seeds, Fertilizers, &c., early in January. Intending purchasers will therefore please notify the Board of their requirements as early as possible. The Seeds imported by the Board will be of the highest quality and will be sold at cost.

NFLD. AGRICUL. BOARD.
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NOTICE

CLARKE'S BEACH COUNCIL intend holding their Annual Meeting, MONDAY, December 20th. All members in place at time are requested to attend.

S. J. WELLS,
Chairman.