

## ANOTHER NAVAL VETERAN

Last evening we had the honour of a short conversation with Mr. Leonard Miller, son of Mr. James Miller of Fogo. Mr. Miller joined H. M. Navy in October 1914, has served 26 months with the colours and has experienced some fighting and many hair-breadth escapes. One of the ships on which he served was torpedoed to be aft. The watertight bulkhead and his ship managed reach the port of Lancaster. Mr. Miller and another Newfoundland Mr. Gordon Ash, were in the big Jutland Battle. They were on H.M.S. Amsterdam and Mr. Miller had the proud distinction of being quartermaster on her. The Amsterdam carries 16 15-inch guns and was one of the lucky ships to get in fighting range of the Germans before they scurried back to cover. The Amsterdam fired 550 shells, and is credited with putting six German ships out of commission.

The "Amsterdam" was hit by one 12-inch shell, which killed 65 men and destroyed the kit of 400 sailors. The effect of the shell was terrible, causing the big ship to tumble like a leaf shaken with the wind. Otherwise no damage was received and she remained at the scene of conflict till there was no enemy to shoot at.

Then we asked Mr. Miller if he thought Beatty acted wisely in giving battle to the Germans when the Grand Fleet was such a distance from him and he was faced with such superior ships and guns. He said: "The Germans were in their full strength about 20 miles from their mine fields and in his opinion nothing would draw them any further from that protection. The Germans are good shots but they knew they couldn't stand up for us to plunk them with our big guns."

Mr. Miller has a month's furlough; he arrived here the 12th inst. and will be returning to his ship when the month expires. He has a wife and family and three children, who reside on Charlton St., this city. Mr. Miller, here that he is, is only too glad to be able to do his bit to help the Empire and to his native land to ward off the threatened depredations and cruelties of the Hun, but what gives him anxiety and heart-aches are the thoughts of wife and family having to exist on such a small allowance as is meted out to our men who serve in the navy. Mr. Miller, when he joined the navy, was getting \$75 per month. Now as a petty officer he gets 52 cents per day, the ordinary sailor gets 26 cents.

Isn't it a crying shame for there to be such a difference in the pay of the soldier and sailor, who are equally giving their time and their lives to keep those who stay at home in comparative comfort and ease. How can the Government and the Recruiting Committee expect to get recruits to fight our battles when such a condition of things prevails. Come gentlemen. If men and more men are required to bring this war to an end with honor to Newfoundland and the Empire, (and we believe they are required) remove the greatest stumbling block to recruiting, which, for the navy, is small pay as compared with the soldiers, and for the soldier and sailor alike who have dependants, the long upon me for the necessities of life dread fear of leaving them in want become paupers and objects of charity. Many men reason thus—ity."

## BURNT HEAD NOTES.

The funeral of the late Mr. Abram Bishop took place on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m. and was largely attended by people of all denominations. The C.E.A.A. of Brigus (Lodge No. 2. 4) of which the deceased was a member also attended the funeral, and drew him to the Church. The C. E. A. A. Band, under the leadership of Mr. Malcolm Bishop of Burnt Head, played some very suitable hymns for that occasion. The deceased was also a respected member of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Burnt Head Council. This has been the first privilege we have had to host the flag on our new F. P. U. Hall and we regret to say that it should be for the death of one of our members. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. R. H. Caldwell, curate of that place. The deceased was the son of the late Henry William Bishop and Mrs. Emma Bishop. He leaves behind him, a mother, six sisters and three brothers to mourn their sad loss. To the heart-broken family we extend the deepest sympathy.

Every year the father calleth,  
Some loved one to endless rest;  
And the heart though filled with anguish,  
Can but cry, "He knoweth best."

We have also lost another of our Union members in the person of Wm. Butler Jr. Shortly after the war broke he joined the R. N. Reserve and after serving on different ships, he joined the H. M. Ship Ladybird. While serving on her he was taken with Brain Tumor and died in hospital at Ismailia, Suez Canal, being 22 years of age. He was a good Union man and beloved by all who knew him. He was also a member of Prince of Wales I. O. L. O. Cupids. To the widowed mother and sister the blow is doubly hard as his elder brother, Nathaniel was killed in action "Somewhere in France," about two weeks previous. Those who are left mourn the death of our two Heroes with the deepest sympathy of all.

Man now his virtue's diadem  
Puts on, and Proudly wears;  
Great thoughts, great feelings, came  
To them.

Mrs. S. Butler and family leave by to-morrow's train to spend a few weeks with her son, George A. Butler, Book-keeper at Ayres & Sons, St. John's. We hear George A. is going to remove to Marystown, Placentia Bay, and his old friends all wish him success.

We had our annual Missionary Meeting on the 6th inst. the speakers being Rev. Mr. Rusted, of Upper Island Cove and the Rev. E. K. H. Caldwell; quite a large congregation attended, the collection being a proof of the same.

The weather has been very mild of late and it looks as if it will be a poor winter for the "Woodiers."

"I would gladly volunteer, for I con- sidering it my duty to do so, but under existing conditions I can't run the risk of letting those who are depend- ant upon me for the necessities of life dread fear of leaving them in want become paupers and objects of charity. Many men reason thus—ity."

## Rev. C. V. Cogan at the Front

Rev. Cyril V. Cogan, so well and favourably known here, who was Rector of St. Mary's Church, South Side, and who is now Chaplain at the front in France with His Majesty's forces, writes a kindly letter to a gentleman in the city, which we were privileged to peruse yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cogan has not forgotten old friends in far off St. John's and his letter, in a touching manner, evidences the fact. We read:

"Last night among my letter brought up to the trenches I found a Newfoundland paper. I regret to see my good old friend, your—the recipients—father, has passed away. I wish you to accept my deep sympathy. Time brings many things along. After Gallipoli and Egypt I find myself upon the Somme front. I can tell you we are going through it. One hears of his friends going one after another and one also waits for his own. I little thought 10 years ago I should be writing to you from the bottom of a trench, with German shells coming over like mad. It is all so terribly sad. We are going on very well but the end is not yet. Several Newfoundlanders have passed wounded through my hands lately. You may be sure I spared no pains to do all I possibly could for them. They have indeed proved themselves to be magnificent lads, and may I be spared to pour out my heart about them from some platform or pulpit in the Old Land yet. The casualty lists of July 1st, and since have been heavy and splendid fellows like Donnelly, Cliff and Elsbary and scores of others have gone. Please God I shall meet you again. I often think of the happy times we had together. Please excuse the pencil and writing. A trench with water four or five feet deep in places is not so comfortable or convenient as the study at dear old St. Mary's. I hear that Rev. Clayton of St. Thomas's is in France, but I gather he is working in a base hospital down by Havre."

REMEMBERED DEAD HERO.

Fire Constable Gladney of the Central Station was yesterday in receipt of a communication from the Carpenters' Union in reference to his son the late Sgt. Edward F. Gladney who was killed in the big drive of "Ours" on July 1st. Sgt. Gladney was a member of the Union and it came as an agreeable surprise to his father to know from the letter he received that the Union had kept the Sergeant in good standing in the organization while he was absent. The Union also handed Mrs. Gladney the amount of mortality money apportioned for deceased members and accompanying this was a kindly note of condolence from the members. Sgt. Gladney went to the front with the first contingent, and was all through the Gallipoli campaign and the fiercest fighting on the French front.

Mr. Gladney is very thankful to the Union for the kindness and thoughtfulness they have evinced towards him.

TERRIBLE VOYAGE.

Captain Rumsey, of the Winifred arrived from Oporto this morning at nine o'clock after a terrific passage of sixty days. Never in his 77 trips has he made such a voyage. The longest he has ever made was 44 days. The weather was encountered just before entering the Gulf stream and with head winds and storms the vessel has been buffeted about ever since. A dory struck Capt. Rumsey on the side and with other accidents he was laid up for several weeks. He is still plucky though and intends to keep to his vessel on her next voyage. Of all the schooners he has captained some twenty-four, he has never lost one, and he describes his present vessel as the best seaboat of the lot.

COAL THE TOPIC.

Almost everybody along Water St. to-day are discussing the possibility of a shortage in the coal supply. Most people say that if an attempt is made to advance the price of the large stock now held in the City the Government should step in and compel dealers to sell at the figures they now quote and not allow them to hold the supply for a rise. Furthermore it is contended that foreign steamers coming here short of coal should only be afforded enough to take them to Sydney, so that they may not deplete the stocks held here. Last January steamers which arrived short of the fuel took away over 20,000 tons. This should not be allowed while the present stringency lasts.

A STORM APPROACHING.

No. 3 Storm Signal has been ordered up to-day. This indicates a gale at first from the east, and it is likely it will be stormy to-night.

## Church Services.

Church of England Cathedral—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., also on the 1st Sunday of the month at 7 and 11 (Choral). Other services at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church (Casey Street)—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.; Preacher, The Rector; Sunday Schools, 2.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi—Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's West—Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

METHODIST.

Gower St.—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.

George St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.

Cochrane St.—11, Rev. D. D. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond.

Wesley—11, Rev. Dr. Bond; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's (Presbyterian)—11 and 6.30, Rev. Gordon Dickie.

Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army Citadel (New Gower Street)—7 a.m., Knee Drill; 11 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Revival Service. All are welcome. E. Brace, Adjt.

GOWER STREET—The Gower St. Methodist Sunday School anniversary service will be held to-morrow in Gower Street Church. The children will meet at 10.30 in the morning at the school and then assemble in the Church at 11, when the Rev. N. M. Guy the Sunday School Secretary for St. John's District, will preach. The afternoon service will be as usual; Christmas gift service. The Superintendent and officers are expecting a big rally at this service. If everyone men, women and children, belonging to school or congregation, will bring a parcel of good things the pile will be large, it is hoped the largest they have yet seen, as the needs are many.

The evening service will be held at 6.30, and the preacher will be the pastor, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon. Mr. Ruggie will sing at the morning service and Mrs. King at the evening service.

GEORGE STREET—George Street Sunday School holds its Annual Christmas service on Sunday afternoon at 3.45. A special feature of 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.

COCHRANE STREET—At Cochrane Street Centennial Church to-morrow evening, the Rev. Dr. Bond takes as his subject: "Shall your brethren go to war while ye sit still?" Visitors welcome.

WESLEY—To all who are visiting the city, to all who have no particular church affiliations, the ushers and people of Wesley extend an invitation to attend the services on Sunday Class meetings for men at 10 a.m. The Pastor will preach on the subject: "The Traces of God." Young people and volunteers are especially invited.

THE KIRK—Rev. Gordon Dickie's subject in the morning will be "Quietness and Strength" and in the evening "Good Soldiers of the King and Kingdom."

ADVENTIST—At the Adventist Church, Cookstown Road, Sunday night, the subject will be: "The Witness Within." Interesting and helpful. All are welcome. Evangelist, R. A. Hubley.

C.M.B.C.—The Class will meet at the Synod Building to-morrow at 2 p.m. Subject: "The End of Time."

GEORGE ST. A. B. C.—The Class will join the Sunday School to-morrow afternoon in the annual Christmas service. Members are expected to be present with their gifts for the poor. Visitors are also welcome.

STOLEN TUB OF BUTTER.

The light-handed people practising on the City will lift anything movable. A few evenings ago a lot of butter owned by a well-known merchant was left on the side-walk opposite his premises. After dark, before it was removed to the Store, someone walked off with a large package worth \$15.

## Southside Road is Dangerous

Whenever an alarm of fire is received from the Eastern Section of the South Side, it is with some misgivings that our brave firemen go that way with their heavy apparatus. The roadway from Withycombe's factory east is narrow and in going there in daylight is bad enough, but for the firefighters to traverse it at night is risky in the extreme. People will rush to outbreaks of fire whether they are serious or otherwise and to give mettlesome horses of the department their head in going through such a narrow thoroughfare is risky though unavoidable, for promptness in such emergencies for the trained firemen is everything. But there is another danger and that is the evident insecurity of the roadbed. On the northern or lower side of the road there are several faulty sections, where old piles placed there many years ago keep up the roadway. With heavy ponderous engines, hose reels and ladder trucks rumbling over this, the danger of a sudden "give" of the earth is always present. There is a drop here to the foreshore below of 40 or 50 feet and what the result would be, if such an accident occurred, can be conjectured. The section between the public wharf and Upper Dundee Room is all piled and this is about the worst part of the road, as it is all held in place by these old shores or piles. Another dangerous spot, particularly in winter, is that opposite Morey & Co.'s premises, for the water runs from the hill over the roadway and freezing coats it with ice. It is steep and sliding here and most insecure for the horses. Concrete retaining walls have been placed in some parts, but until the whole place is similarly strengthened there is ever present the danger of a catastrophe.

FEARED HE WAS LOST.

When the story reached the city of the supposed loss of the Canadian cruiser "Grille" it was feared that several Newfoundlanders who were believed to be on board the ship had been lost. It was believed by Mrs. Finney of Princes Street that her son Mr. James Finney, an engineer, who is in the service for some years, was on the ship and his mother was naturally in great trepidation and was greatly relieved when news of the ship's safety was received. Thursday night there was also excitement at Portugal Cove, where it was known that Naval Reservist Fredk. Churchill was on her and possibly several others. Thursday night Mr. Roy Hussey, the well-known cabman of the cove, drove to the city, on seeing the apprehension of the people with friends in the service and on hearing the good news of the ship's safety telephoned to the Cove from the town thus relieving the anxiety felt there. It is hoped that no Newfoundlanders are among the six poor fellows reported lost.

AT THE CRESCENT.

"A song in the dark" is the headliner at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day, a great photo drama produced in two reels by the Essanay Company. "The Switchman's Story," a civic war drama by the Kalem Company. "Roses of Memory," a pathetic social drama by the Edison Company and a very funny Selig comedy: "A Boarding House Ham." Professor McCarthy plays a new programme of music for this big week-end variety show. Be sure and see it.

CUT WITH AXE.

By the train which arrived last night there came from Open Hill, B.B. a man named Lamuel Murphy, who was the victim of a serious accident yesterday. While cutting wood with a sharp axe it slipped and inflicted a deep gash in his left arm, severing some of the leading veins and tendons. He lost much blood, was attended by Dr. Lewisconte, and on arrival here was conveyed to Hospital by Mr. J. Whiteway.

A JEWELLER ASSIGNED.

We learn to-day that Mr. Joseph Roper, the well-known jeweller and watchmaker of Water Street has assigned. His liabilities, we learn, amount to \$45,000, and it is likely that the estate will be wound up in due course.

SCHOONER HARBORS HERE.

The schr. Horwood Young, Capt. Pat. Dover, arrived here to-day from Sydney on her way to Change Islands with coal. The vessel also called at Marystown, the home port, and put in here as there is a head wind prevailing and indications of a storm.

An express with mails brought along by the Kyle and Sagana arrived here at 4 p.m. yesterday.

## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

### FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

2nd. Lieut. Cyril C. Duley, 51 Rennie's Mill Road. At 2nd. Red Cross Hospital, Rouen, December 12th. Wounds multiple. (Previously reported wounded, Dec. 8th.)

2453 Lt. Corp. Heber Angel, 130 Hamilton St. Admitted Wandsworth. (Previously reported, gunshot wounds in right thigh, arm and face, slight, Rouen, Dec. 4th.)

1829 Corporal Frederick J. Wornel, 81 Long's Hill. Admitted Wandsworth; bronchitis.

GOES TO POORHOUSE.

Edward Scott, to whom we have repeatedly referred of late, and who has no home, and is starving and destitute came to the Police Station again last night for shelter. Recently the man was liberated from the Penitentiary, where he had been looked after for 10 days. Thursday night he slept in the woods in the suburbs, having no where else to go, and would have done again last night, but that the ground was covered with snow. The authorities now recognize that if the man is not cared for he will die of hunger and exposure.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., before whom he appeared to-day as a vagrant will, if possible, have him placed in the Poor Asylum, but if no vacancy is there he will go to the "Pen." for 30 days.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NOTES.

Wednesday and Thursday of next week a Christmas Tree will be held in Canon Wood Hall for the Sunday School children. The donors to the Tree are members of the congregation. The key-note of the services in the Anglican Churches to-morrow is the place of the Christian Priesthood in the preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the Scriptures for the day emphasize the point.

At St. Thomas' after the evening service there will be a preparation service for the Christmas Communion.

A SPLENDID VESSEL.

The fine, new Lunenburg schooner "Asquith" arrived here this morning coal laden from Sydney after a good run. She is a splendid 3 top-mast schooner of 275 tons, launched on the 31st of May, and is a fast sailer and a vessel of very pretty lines and when finished discharging will be fish-laden by the Monroe Export Coy. for Brazil.

SEAMAN WENT OVERBOARD.

Two of the seaman of the "John," Baine Johnston's new vessel, deserted from her yesterday and a warrant was taken by the Captain for their arrest. One was captured and the other fell overboard while in his "cup" and narrowly escaped drowning. The police found this man in his home yesterday, but his clothing was saturated, and they could not take him until the apparel had dried. He was also put on board.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

## LOCAL ITEMS

The Prospero left LaScie at 8 a.m. to-day, going North.

The Portia left Bonne Bay at 6.50 a.m. to-day, coming East.

The Olinda arrived at Perna-buco to-day after a very good run of 29 days.

The Danish schr. Sophie cleared from Bonne Bay for Cork, Ireland, with 884,100 lbs. codfish.

The schr. Hy. A. Nickerson cleared from Nipper's Hr. for Gloucester with 1431 brls. herring.

There was a very high tide in the harbor to-day, indicative of a storm so knowing people say.

A man arrested last night for maltreating his wife was before court to-day. The couple have decided to separate.

Mr. Lamb, the well known truckman of Freshwater Road, was taken to hospital in the ambulance to-day and is dangerously ill.

One of the large rotary snow plows all ready for work when occasion requires is now at Bishop's Falls. The other is in St. John's being made ready and a third is in course of construction here.

Mrs. W. G. Gosling desires to acknowledge with many thanks, the following contributions to the Ch. of Eng. Orphanage—G. R. Lilly, Esq. \$5; Mrs. A. E. Hickman (for Christmas Fund), \$10.

Yesterday in the Central District Court Mr. F. J. Morris, K. C., who presided, announced that no civil business but that already pending, would be heard by the Court until after the Christmas holidays.

The crew of the schr. Roma, owned by Baine Johnston & Coy, which place of the Christian Priesthood in the preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the Scriptures for the day emphasize the point.

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