

## SOME FRENCH SOLDIERS FLED BEFORE THE ENEMY

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### ITALY WANTS EXPLANATION FROM AUSTRIA

London, Aug. 29.—A Paris correspondent of the Express sends the following despatch, "I am informed that Italy will put an ultimatum to Austria requiring an explanation of Austrian mobilization on the Italian frontier. Only a brief period will be given for an answer and within a short time the Italian troops are expected to be in Trieste."

### SUDDEN DEATH OF BANK FISHER

George Ross Drops Dead On Board the Banker 'Preceptor'

Capt. J. MacDonald, master of the Gloucester banking schooner Preceptor, came to town this morning from Portugal Cove and reported the death of one of his crew, George Ross, 54 years of age.

Mr. Ross was standing on the deck at the time. He dropped, and when his chums reached his side he was dead.

Death, which was due to heart failure, was instantaneous. The deceased did not speak after he had fallen. He often complained of being unwell at times, but on the day of his death was apparently in good health.

Capt. MacDonald decided to come to land to inter the body. The vessel was on the banks at the time.

Portugal Cove was reached at 7 last evening, and arrangements made for the funeral.

Interment will be in the C.E. Cemetery, Rev. Canon Smith officiating.

### Patriotic Fund

Previously acknowledged \$8,150.00  
Messrs Ayre & Sons, Ltd. 1,000.00  
Eric S. Ayre 200.00  
David Stott 100.00  
Mrs. W. W. Willis 25.00  
W. W. Willis 25.00  
The Newfoundland Baseball League, per J. J. Grace 50.00  
W. O. Carnell 10.00  
\$9,550.00

J. S. MUNN, Hon. Treas.

### LEAVE 'PORTIA' TO VOLUNTEER

Several of Officers of Bowring Coaster Decide to Enlist

The war fever has struck the Bowring coaster Portia, which arrived Saturday night and most of the young men on her have signified their intention of volunteering for the front.

The chief officer, Mr. Connors; the purser, Mr. C. White; Third Engineer Lawlor and Bosun Whelan and several of the stewards and others are anxious to enlist.

This morning Mate Connors and Purser White waited on Hon. E. R. Bowring and made known to him their intention. Mr. Bowring realized that it would be inconceivable the firm but he would not stand in their way and promised to do what he could for them when they returned.

### MAILMAN HAD NARROW SHAVE

When Freight Truck Hit Side of Building in Which He Worked

Hon. H. J. B. Woods, Postmaster General, received the following message from Mr. A. W. Shano, the Newfoundland Postal Officer at North Sydney, yesterday:

"An I.C.R. train collided with a big baggage truck to-day at 4 p.m., striking the corner of one building, and doing a lot of damage to the whole building. I have reported the matter to the agents, and will report as soon as he goes over the damage, but work will not be interfered with in replacing and repairing. Barely escaped with my life. Was all alone in the office at the time."

The Florized arrived at Halifax at 10 a.m. to-day.

### WANTED.

To Charter: Schooner to freight about 1500 qts. Fish from Flower's Cove, about 15th September. Apply to STEER BROS. Office.

### RESERVISTS CAUSE SCANDAL

Principals in Row at Adelaide Street—Fined This Morning

Several Naval Reservists were very "noisy" at Adelaide St. Saturday afternoon. One, who last year gave the police considerable trouble and was fined \$20, wanted to fight.

The police on duty there preferred the disorderly to leave the neighborhood, and a couple of chums undertook to take him away.

He remonstrated however, and in the end the police were obliged to arrest him, and three others as well. A large crowd of people congregated and the conduct of the Reservists brought on them the condemnation of all.

Their conduct was a disgrace to the uniform they wore.

This morning they were before the Magistrate. Three were fined \$5 or 14 days each, and the other \$1 or 5 days.

### GRAIN LADEN STEAMER ASHORE

On Keppel Island, Near Port Saunders in Straits of Belle Isle

The Deputy Minister of Customs, Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, received the following message from the sub-collector at Port Saunders:

"Steamer ashore one mile west of Keppel Island. Believed to be British with cargo. Boat from ship just left here for King's Cove; water smooth; will likely float at high tide."

Later, Mr. LeMessurier received the following: "Ship referred to in previous message struck iceberg in the Straits and was forced to run ashore. Her name is the Floriston, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, from Montreal to Avonmouth, England,—wheat laden, and will probably become a total wreck."

Yesterday word came that the Floriston was hard aground; fore peak and No. 1 hold full of water; No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 dry; water smooth at present. Cargo, 180,000 bushels of grain. Everything orderly.

Similar messages were received by the Inspector General.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had word this morning that the S.S. Floriston is still on the rocks. The Floriston is 3429 tons gross, 2236 net, built at Newcastle in 1899.

She is 325 feet long, 46 wide and 28 deep, and owned by R. Chapman & Sons Ltd. She is the same size as the Othello.

Capt. A. E. Kennedy, a Scotchman, is her captain.

### Was Remanded

Dr. F. W. Foster, of Truro, who was brought to town last week charged with having certain foxes in his possession, taken during the close season, was before the Magistrate this morning and was remanded.

### 'Galatea' Abandoned

Word was received Saturday that Baird's Galatea, Capt. Vatcher, bound from Alicante here, had been abandoned at sea. The crew are safe and taken to Cardiff.

The Galatea loaded fish at Placentia Bay, and was returning home when she met with disaster.

Master Gus Power, son of Mr. Power, wharfinger at Baird's, was a passenger on the Galatea.

### Magistrate's Court

A 25 year old laborer, Carter's Hill, loose and disorderly conduct, and insulting females, was fined \$50 or 50 days.

Four Naval Reservists of Trinity Bay were charged with being drunk and disorderly; three were fined \$5 or 14 days each and the other \$1 or 5 days.

A 75 year old laborer, charged with using insulting language towards a woman, has to find two bonds in \$100 each.

Dr. Foster, who is charged with having foxes in his possession unlawfully, was remanded.

A chauffeur was charged with driving without a license and also without a light; the hearing was postponed for the present.

### Double Header

There will be a double header at St. George's Field, Wednesday. The Shamrocks and B.I.S. compete first, and the Cubs and Wanderers in the second contest.

Stephano left New York on time, Saturday.

S.S. Cacouna left Charlottetown at 10 a.m. Sunday for Sydney and St. John's.




### RONALD LEGGE IS A VOLUNTEER

Richard Fry and Frank Adams Also Offer Their Services

Mr. Ronald Legge, son of Mr. Legge, C. E. teacher Petty Harbor and brother of Rev. E. A. E. Legge, St. Phillip's, who resides at Brandon, Manitoba, has volunteered and was one of thirty-five selected.

Writing his father, he says: "If I were home I would have been among the first to volunteer for Newfoundland."

He has been a member of the Canadian Dragoons, and now joins the First Western Canadian Contingent.

Richard Fry, of Glace Bay, age 24, son of Augustus Fry, of Briggs; and Frank Adams, of Whitney Pier, aged 25, son of James Adams, of Harbor Grace, have volunteered at Sydney to fight with the Canadians.

They are strong young Newfoundlanders and all are certain that they will give a good account of themselves.

### THE ROYAL BANK GIVES \$50,000

Montreal, Aug. 26.—The Royal Bank of Canada announces that the directors have voted \$50,000 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The donation is given unconditionally, and is to be distributed according as the officials in charge of the fund may decide.

### EXPECT LONG RESISTANCE

Tokio, Aug. 31.—Military experts here are said not to expect the fall of Kiao Chow before the end of November, except by voluntary capitulation. Its defences are reported to be most formidable and virtually impregnable from the sea.

### DEATHS

WHITE—Died this morning at one o'clock, after a short illness, Marion, the darling child of Adjutant and Mrs. J. W. White, aged 1 year and 10 months.

### GERMAN TROOP WAS WIPED OUT

London, Aug. 31.—An official statement issued in Paris says the situation in the main remains the same.

After a period of calm the battle has been resumed. A regiment of the enemy's infantry, essaying to cross the Meuse, was almost completely annihilated.

### SIGN OF COD BUT NO BAIT

A 22. From J. Cunningham (Commodore to Red Island)—No traps but 60 dories, skiffs and boats are fishing. The catch for last week was 384 quintals.

There is a good sign of cod but none of squid and very little bait is procurable. No bankers or schoongers from the grounds arrived this week.

### PORTIA ARRIVES

The Bowring coaster Portia, Capt. Joe Kean, returned from the westward at midnight Saturday, after a quick run. Excellent weather prevailed throughout. She brought a small freight and the following passengers: Messrs. Peel, Thistle, Costello, Vigus, Barter, Mathuson, Lawlor; Misses. Howlett, Crew, Pike, Parnell, Woods and 29 in steerage.

### 'Little Secret' Clears

Schr. Little Secret cleared from Marystown for Oporto Saturday with 2920 qts. fish from the Marystown Trading Co.

### Patriotic Action

The 'Freemason', London, Aug. 15, says: The North British and Mercantile Insurance Co. have granted leaves of absence, with full salary, to all members of the Territorial Force on their staff.

### WEATHER REPORT

Moderate to fresh winds shifting to westerly, showery to-day. Tuesday fair.

### GERMANY TO GET WINGS CLIPPED

Says Methuen Who Calls on All Able-Bodied Britons To Assist

London, Aug. 30.—Field Marshal Methuen, speaking at Devizes (England) last night, declared the Emperor would find that Germany would get her wings clipped. It might be a long and terrible struggle but the allies would win in the end.

Any reliable man who refused to come forward when the country needed him was nothing but a coward, the speaker said.

### SERVIA READY INVADE AUSTRIA

Rome, Aug. 31.—A telegram from Nish, received in Genoa, says that Serbia is preparing to invade and conquer Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### Conscience Money

Mr. E. W. Lyon begs to acknowledge the receipt of Three Dollars through the mail (anonymous) amount due the late co-partnership of Lyon and Vey.

### Goes North Again

S.S. Bonaventure arrived at North Sydney Saturday. She returns to Hudson Bay with another full cargo.

### Bowring's Nellie Louise, Captain Burke, arrived at Pernambuco, Friday, after a passage of 46 days.

The yacht Lasca is at Bowring's wharf. She will leave for Halifax tomorrow if conditions permit.

Prospero left Seal Cove at 12:30 p.m. yesterday going north.

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