

# "VICTORY" FLOUR--THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

## Aged Widow Meets With a Nasty Accident

An old widow named Finnerty who lives alone in the lower flat of a residence on New Gower Street met with an accident which resulted in serious injuries to herself and from which she may not recover. Her bedroom adjoins the kitchen, in the stove of which was a big fire, and at about 7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Mrs. Wickham who lives in the flat above heard a noise resembling the fall of a body, and rushing down stairs to the old woman's apartments was horrified to find her lying across the stove with her clothing in a blaze. Screaming for help neighbors were quickly on the scene, the old lady who is 75 years of age was taken from her perilous position, the flames were quenched, restoratives were applied and by the time she regained her sense Rev. Fr. Sheehan had arrived from St. Patrick's Deaneary, and Dr. O'Connell was also on the scene. All that was possible was done to modify the sufferings of the woman who was badly burned about the hips and legs and who for a while endured great agony and also suffered from shock. She was constantly attended by the neighbors and well cared for that night and Christmas Day was removed to Hospital.

Had Mrs. Wickham been absent from her home even for a short while the old lady would have been incinerated and the house destroyed.

### SIXTEEN ARRESTS MADE.

There were a considerable number of drunks on the streets on the evening of the 24th and the police had a busy few hours of it. No less than 16 arrests were made, all for drunkenness, and amongst the number was an unfortunate woman who often appears in Court for inebriety and who has been better days. Ten of the drunks arrested were liberated Christmas morning on making deposits of from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Held over till to-day were six old offenders who had not the wherewithal to purchase their liberty. A man was also taken off the streets Christmas Day for drunkenness.

### ATTACKED SGT. FURLONG.

Christmas Eve a Naval Reservist who had been celebrating, became boisterous on New Gower Street and when spoken to by Sgt. Furlong acted in a very disorderly manner and ended by attacking the officer. Furlong, however, is one of the old guard and though a man of quiet temperament can do a bit of "roughhouse" work when necessary. His antagonist soon realized this when he closed with him. Sgt. Furlong held the enraged tar who had to be handcuffed, before being brought to the station. He was released Christmas morning and brought to the Calypso.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—nov23

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 8 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers:—Miss C. Roberts, Miss M. Yudel, S. Ivany, A. Campbell, Dr. Burke, Thomas Youden, E. Ash.

## AWARDS FOR ACTS OF GALLANTRY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY

Christmas Day, 1915. His Excellency the Governor has received notification of Awards for Acts of Gallantry and Devotion to Duty, as follows:

**Military Cross**  
Lieutenant James John Donnelly, Distinguished Conduct Medal No. 266—Sergeant Walter Martin Greene (of Avondale). No. 807—Private Richard Hynes (of Fogo).

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## LOCAL ITEMS

The weather across country since Christmas Eve up to last night has been like that in the City fine and mild. It was a bit stormy last night and this morning.

In one or two instances, Christmas Eve, boys were noticed to be under the influence of drink. These lads of course would not be supplied at liquor stores, but they—being of the vicious class—secured it at least in some cases by stealing parcels of liquor left by men on outport teams. These boys could be seen closely watching the teams standing on George street just at dusk.

In honour of the bravery of Lieut. James Donnelly in winning the Military Cross with our boys on Gallipoli the tower of St. Patrick's Hall was gaily bedecked with bunting yesterday. Lieut. Donnelly is a popular member of the Benevolent Irish Society which has several other members at the front.

**JOHN BULL'S PATRIOTIC PIERRETTES**—New Year's Night. See the "Dance of the Allies" and hear Miss Herder sing "Khaki." Tickets at Atlantic Book Store. Book early.—dec27,31

## OUR THEATRES

**THE CRESCENT.**  
"Rated at Ten Millions" is the great feature the Crescent Picture Palace opens the week with. This modern society drama is produced in three reels by the Lubin Company. The Lubin Stars, Lillie Leslie and Joseph Smally are the principals, supported with a strong cast. The story of a feud is told in "A Pothill Problem," the great emotional actress, May Malatesta features in this strong drama. A fine Vitagraph Comedy is "Mr. Jarr's Magnetic Friend," this is one of the Jarr family series. Mr. Dan Welmar sings a very pretty ballad "In Loveland Days." Don't fail to see "Rated at Ten Millions" its a great picture.

## NOTICE

ALL Trinity District Assessments for the District Council should be sent to the Treasurer, MR. GEORGE FOWLOW, of Phillip, Trinity East.  
J. G. STONE, D.C.  
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## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

DECEMBER 24th, 1915.

- 1020 Private Alwyn Winter Keeping, Forest Road. Seriously ill, enteric, Malta, Dec. 18.
- 1332 Private James Adams, 23 Scott Street. Gunshot wound in knee, serious, Bighi Hospital, Malta, Dec. 17.
- 518 Private Daniel Alexander Des Roches, 5 Livingstone Street. Gunshot wound in leg, Bighi Hospital, Malta, Dec. 17.
- 1143 Private Albert John Myer, 81 South Side. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Jaundice.
- 1323 Private Paul Hugh Lilly, Ex-ploits, N.D.B. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Jaundice.
- 412 Private Kenneth Morris, Lower Island Cove. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Jaundice, Nov. 26th.
- 1004 Private Thomas Ivamy, 98 Springdale St. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Jaundice.
- 598 Private L.-Corp. George Edward Pike, Grand Falls. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Jaundice.
- 1256 Private Frank Hibbert Somerton, Trinity. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 1352 Private Ronald Crummell, 1 Hutchings St. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 1329 Private Richard S. Redmond, Avondale. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 523 Private Francis Ernest LeMesurier, Masonic Terrace. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 1065 Private Arthur Colin Goodyear, Musgrave Hr. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 268 Private Stanley Gordon Tulk, St. George's. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Debility.
- 762 Private Nicholas Prout Hunt, 88 Barnes Road. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Debility.
- 720 Private William George, Bell Island, C.B. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Diarrhoea.
- 904 Private Cyril Henry Tresise, Pensilva, Liskeard, Cornwall. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Diarrhoea.
- 834 Private John Hutton Clouston, Patrick Street. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26; Rheumatism.
- 816 Private John Bertram Young, Forest Road. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26; Rheumatism.
- 42 Private Frank Gordon Best, 20 Holloway Street. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Nov. 26; Diarrhoea and prezia.
- 415 L.-Corp. Wilfred Down Stenlake, Guernsey. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia.

## Xmas Made Happy for the City Poor

The Salvation Army people did good work in caring for the poor of the city this Christmas. The collections in the pots somewhat exceeded that of last year, showing the generous spirit of the people of the city. The making up, arranging, labeling and dispatching of the parcels entailed a deal of work, but this was given willingly by the officers under the supervision of Major Cave who saw that each package contained enough to supply the wants of the family for which it was intended. The number of parcels distributed was 380 and the number of persons assisted 1500.

Each parcel contained potatoes, turnips, meat, bread, sugar, tea, raisins, currants, biscuits, apples, oranges, candies &c. The parcels were handed the recipients at the Army Headquarters, Springdale Street, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Otway presiding at the distribution which was conducted with order and decorum. The officers personally saw that each case was a deserving one.

They do not take credit to themselves for this effort, regarding themselves only in the light of acting agents for the many kind friends who responded so willingly and liberally to their appeal. The officers desire to thank all who contributed in money and material in the relief of so many deserving cases.

The Officers and the Army people generally are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts in affording to those who otherwise would be without it, the good cheer, which Christmas should bring to all.

Friday the S.S. Masconomo arrived here from New York and immediately the work of transferring the oil cargo of the Shabonee on board began. The oil is being pumped into the Masconomo's tanks fore and aft, and when loaded it will be taken back to the port of shipment.

Nov. 26; Dysentery.

162 Private Leonard John Jupp, Storrington, Sussex. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26; Dysentery.

1097 L.-Corp David Manuel Hackett, 31 Pleasant St. Previously reported wounded, next, fit for duty, Oct. 1st. Now, Seriously ill at 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Jaundice.

DECEMBER 25th, 1915.  
156 Private Gordon Greene, Parade Street. Dangerously ill, enteric, Alexandria, Dec. 20.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## LATEST WAR MESSAGES

### From British Headquarters In France

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British statement from the army headquarters in France to-night, says:—

"There has been some mining activity south of LaBassee Canal, where the enemy mine failed to do any damage to our trenches.

North of the Somme our artillery was effective against the enemy's positions.

East of Albert and elsewhere along the front nothing but intermittent minor artillery engagements have occurred.

### BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A British official statement from Delhi issued to-night says that General Townshend reported yesterday that there had been heavy enemy rifle fire supported by artillery, but that no attempt at an assault had been made.

### Graham Frazer Dead

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Graham Frazer, the creator of the steel industry in Canada, died suddenly in New Glasgow on Christmas morning.

### CZAR NICHOLAS THANKS PRESIDENT POINCARÉ

PARIS, Dec. 24.—An official message says Czar Nicholas has wired President Poincaré thanking him by General Pau and rejoicing in the fraternity of arms which unites his army with that of the Allies and France, to which President Poincaré has sent an appropriate reply, at the same time communicating the Czar's message to the French Army.

INFORMATION IS ASKED OF the whereabouts of MISS ANNE MAINE, Heir to Maine's Estate, Harbor Grace, by a person who would like to get her address for the purpose of buying out the Estate.—dec27,31

### DEATH

TUCKER—At the General Hospital early this morning (Dec. 27), Agnes, beloved wife of the late Captain W. H. Tucker. Funeral at Harbor Grace to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, on arrival of the train there.

## GREEK TROOPS REVOLT?

Paris, Dec. 27.—The long leaves of absence now being granted to large numbers of Greek soldiers, are due, not so much to economy, but on account of mutines, which have broken out, says the Petit Parisien. The nearness of their hereditary enemies, the Bulgarians, is exasperating Greek troops to such a degree that their officers have no control over them, the paper declared, adding that Premier Skouloudis is granting extended furloughs in hopes of checking the spirit of revolt.

## Turks Repulsed With Heavy Losses

Delphia, Dec. 27.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kutelamara was driven back on Saturday with heavy losses according to an official report received from General Townshend, British Commander. These reports says: Yesterday the enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our positions, which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from six to eight hundred killed and wounded; our casualties were under 200.

## Asquith to Resign Says Berlin Paper

London, Dec. 27.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that the Zeitung am Mittag of Berlin, makes a feature of a dispatch to the effect that the British Cabinet is on the eve of resignation, and that the Premier and Grey will withdraw, while Kitchener will leave the War Office for Egypt. The new head of Government, says newspaper, will be Lord Haldane, and Lord Fisher will become First Lord of the Admiralty. Commenting on this news the Zeitung am Mittag surmises that "the task of the Haldane Cabinet will be to bring about a hurried peace." A Tripoli despatch to Secolo says: "Italian Liner Port Said has been sunk by a submarine flying the Austrian colors. Six passengers and one member of crew perished; rest saved."

### BIG SILK CARGO

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 24.—The S.S. Empress of Japan, brought here last night 4000 bales of silk, valued at \$2,200,000—the biggest cargo of silk ever brought here.

Aboard the ship were many mementoes of the German warship Emden, among them two of latter's compasses.

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## BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE EXPECTED

New York, Dec. 27.—A cable from the Tribune from Paris says: "Paris believes that the beginning of a new German offensive on the western front is only a matter of days, for last week while their guns battered Allied positions day and night, the Kaiser's troops have been felling out ground in France, probing for some weak spot at which the attack can be launched."

The Russians are gathering their strength for a strong blow at the Teutons, but present indications are that the Czar's forces will not be ready to assume the attack until the spring.

Germany must strike at the Allies in the west before Russian menace diverts her troops to the east, this is why the offensive in France must come without delay.

For this attack French and British are well prepared. Munitions problems have been solved in large part by both nations, that was indicated in September offensive, and since then great stores of ammunition have been accumulated.

### ON THE WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The British official report issued last night says there was normal artillery activity along the front to-day, but nothing special to report.

### JOFFRE ACTIVE

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Joffre continues relentlessly his policy of eliminating from higher commands, all officers who are not maintaining the highest standards of efficiency, both technically and physically.

The latest official contains the names of five Generals of division retired, three are placed on the reserve list, seven brigadiers are placed on reserve, men who have distinguished themselves in recent operations being promoted to their places.

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## Reid- Newfoundland Co.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.

Return Tickets Will be issued between all Stations and Ports of Call at **ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE**, good going Dec. 23 to 25th, and good returning up to Dec. 27th, also good going Dec. 30th to January 1st, and good returning January 3rd.

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