

YESTERDAY'S Late Messages

Austro-German Losses Said To Be Enormous

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—From a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph according to a private message from Kiev, the number of prisoners taken by the Russians in the last weeks' fighting, is much greater than was supposed from the official report. It is said there are ten thousand more in the rear of the fighting line, this number is exclusive of the wounded, whom the enemy are abandoning wholesale. Prisoners declare that the Austro-Germans have lost one hundred thousand wounded.

Everything O.K. Says Bulgar Minister

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Despatches from Sofia, says the Overseas News Agency report that the Greek Government has asked the Entente Powers to withdraw restrictions upon trade with Greek ports.

M. Toncheff, the Bulgarian Minister of Finance, states that the relations between Greece and Bulgaria are excellent, and that relations with Roumania likewise are good.

British Steamer Eluded Submarine

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A news agency despatch from Barcelona today, says that the British steamer Tafna eluded a German submarine that pursued her several miles in the Mediterranean, and arrived here today.

Huerta Gets Into Hot Water

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 12.—Genl. Victoriano Huerta, former purchasing agent, Jose B. Rattner, and ten others were indicted here late today by the Federal Grand Jury for conspiracy to violate neutrality laws.

Easy Money

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Jesse Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran, have been matched here on March 3rd for a purse of \$45,000.

Artillery Duel Near The Greek Border

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Heavy cannonading was heard during the day from the direction of Doiran across the northern Greek border, says a Havas despatch from Athens, under Tuesday's date.

Apparently an artillery duel was in progress, says the correspondent, but no official communication that this was the case was received.

Awarded Distinguished Service Order

LONDON, Jan. 12 (Toronto Globe). The Official Gazette states that Lieut. Col. Kenneth Duff Dunbar has been awarded the distinguished Service Order for the torpedoing of a German auxiliary vessel protected by a screen of small craft on Dec. 22nd.

This is the first news of the exploit that has reached the public.

Safeguarding The Employees

LONDON, Jan. 12.—As a concession to the Labor opposition to compulsion, Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today the Government will introduce an amendment preventing employers from using the measure as a weapon against employees.

Sunk By Submarine

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A news agency despatch from Leith, Scotland, today says the steamer Yaquir has been sunk by a submarine.

Motion Reject Bill Badly Defeated

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The House of Commons defeated William C. Anderson's motion to reject the Military Service Bill, by a vote of 431 to 39.

BIG ROBBERY AT ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL, Minn., January 7.—Approximately a million dollars worth of negotiable internal revenue stamps and several thousand dollars in cash, were stolen last night by robbers, who skillfully blew open a vault in the old Federal building at Fifth and Wabash streets, gathered up the loot and escaped without arousing an alarm.

From Our Naval Lads

Letter from R. N. R. John Burrage, son of William and Emily Burrage, New Perlican.

Alexandria
Nov. 20th, 1915.

Dear Mother—It is with pleasure I pen to you the following lines. It seems to me that the few moments I spend writing you a line are the most enjoyable moments I have.

I don't mean to say that I am unhappy but they seem to bring me in touch and make me feel that I am in communion with the dear folks at home.

Well mother, dear, since writing you the last line from Liverpool we have had a round about trip. We left there with over two thousand soldiers on board, called at Gibraltar, proceeded to Malta where we stayed one day. When we entered Malta Harbor part of the French fleet were lying at anchor and as we passed up between the lines of battleships they all began to play their bands. With the noise of music and cheers of the three troop ships you can easily imagine how lively it was. Malta is a lovely place. I think it is the most fortified place next to Gibraltar ever I saw.

We left there on Monday and arrived here on Thursday. Some of our troops disembarked yesterday and a lot went this morning and we have only a few on board now. We hear that we are going to take a lot across to Salonika. If we do we shall have a snug pay day when we leave the ship.

The soldiers we had on board were a jolly lot and we had lots of noise coming along. I am writing this on my birthday. I wonder if I will spend the next one away from home.

Say me to dear father. Hope you are all well. Remember me to Joseph, Peter, Lucy and Jimmie. I expect it will be Christmas before you get this. I don't expect I shall spend a very happy one this year. Let us pray God that it may be the last year of this great war.

This is a wonderful hot place, we have to wear all whites. We are not allowed to wear uniforms on our ships, so they took away our serge suits. The company gave me two suits of overalls, a pair of rubber boots (which I haven't had on), a new oil coat (a dandy). Sou. Westor, and a cap, so that with my other kit makes a full load. I can only hope you are all well, as I don't get any letters from home. Tell Peter to say me to the girl (don't know who she is though.) Say me to Mr. Godfrey, tell him I will write him soon.

Tell father not to work too hard and may Providence spare you all.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT THE NICKEL.

"THE DEATH RAY,"
Ninth Episode of "THE EXPLOITS OF ELAINE,"
in which the indomitable CRAIG KENNEDY still battles with defeat and is again the victor.

"HIS SUPERFICIAL WIFE."—A powerful two-part social drama.
"DROPPINGTON'S DEVILISH DEED."—Chester Conklin in a Keystone.

A BEAUTIFUL THREE-PART ESSANEY PRODUCTION.
"THE AWAKENING HOUR."
A girl with the world at her feet awakens to the love of her childhood sweetheart. Neil Craig and Joseph Totten are featured.

YOU ARE ALWAYS SURE OF A GOOD SHOW AT THE NICKEL.

and may this Christmas and New Year be the most enjoyable and blessed time ever you spent. Write to the Eagle as usual. I will get some letters when I get back again. We are as comfortable as usual. I can tell you I am little fat. Hope we shall soon have the luck to sink a submarine. I suppose you don't get any gulls this year. Miss me eh!

I would like to be near to be able to give you a Christmas Xmas, but take this one instead.

Your loving and obedient son,
JOHN BURRAGE.

Hare Bay Council Ready for 1916

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—We are glad to report that the Hare Bay Council is now in good standing, in fact the best since our Council was opened. We have 50 now on the roll and feel sure of having 30 more by the end of 1916.

Recently we held our annual meeting and elected the following officers for 1916:

- Theop. Wells, Chairman.
- Arthur Saunders, Dep. Chairman.
- Samuel Ford, Secretary.
- Martin Ford, Treasurer.
- Joseph Wells, Door Guard.
- Wishing Pres. Coaker, the F.P.U. and The Mail and Advocate every success in their great work.

F.P.U. COUNCIL.
Hare Bay, Jan. 2, '16.

WEDDING BELLS

WHELLOR-SMITH
At Friday's Bay on New Year's Day a very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Methodist Church by the Rev. H. A. Skillingham, when Mr. Titus Whellor and Miss Mary Eliza Smith, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride looked charming, attired in a dress of white silk and hat to match. She was given away by Mr. Geo. Ings, a friend of the groom.

After the ceremony the bridal party retired to the home of the groom, where a sumptuous feast awaited them after which an enjoyable evening was spent. The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents. We wish the newly wedded couple much joy and happiness through their wedded life.

Yesterday for the third time a cargo of salt bulk codfish was shipped to Cork, Ireland, from Bonne Bay, and may see in this great possibilities for increased business with the Old Land.

LOCAL ITEMS

The promoters of the Soldiers' and Sailors' dinner wish to thank all those who so kindly contributed to make the dinner a success.

St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class will be addressed this evening by Rev. H. Uphill, Rector of St. Mary's. The class meets at eight o'clock and all are cordially invited.

The Boot and Shoe Factory closed down Monday so that attention can be given the boilers and machinery. This is the annual overhaul but as the place is busy all will resume work next week.

Only two men, mailman Roy Hussey and another, got in to the City today from Portugal Cove. They were hours getting their horses through the drifts, which fill the road, and say the storm of last night was very severe in that section. A terrible sea ran in Conception Bay and the steamer did not get over from Bell Island until 12.30 p.m. today.

The topic at the M.C.L.I. tonight will be—"Is a co-operative business more adapted to promote the welfare of mankind than a competitive business." Leaders will be Messrs. G. Grimes and H. E. Cowan.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of cheque for \$20.00 from William J. Ellis, Esq., being first instalment of a donation of \$100.00 which he has kindly promised for the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Const. Crocker arrived here by last night's train from Bay de Verde with an unfortunate woman named Sutton, for the Lunatic Asylum. She has been demented for some time and tried to suicide twice, once by attempting to throw herself over a cliff and later by hanging.

ROSSLEY'S.

There will be a matinee at Rossley's to-day. Jack and Jill will be presented and it is declared by all who have seen it to be the best yet. There are numerous of dances, lots of songs and plenty of fun for all. Miss Madge Locke in her songs and dances is much admired. Mr. Ballard Brown as the giant is seen at his best. The girls and children all go through their various parts splendidly. Bonnie Rossley in her songs and dances is very dainty and sweet. Jack and Marie Rossley, old favorites, have the crowd in roars all the time. A clean clever show. Don't miss seeing the pantomime, Jack and Jill.

NOTICE

THE First Annual Convention of the Conception Bay District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at BAY ROBERTS on MONDAY, the 18th instant. The Convention will open at 4 p.m. at the F.P.U. Hall. All Officers of District Councils and Local Councils of the F.P.U. in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Grace, Carbonear and Bay-de-Verde are members of the Conception Bay District Council and should be present at the Convention. Any such Council through its Delegates, may by resolution bring any matter before the Convention. A Permanent Official, to attend to Union matters in Conception Bay will be selected.

W. F. COAKER,
Chairman C.B.D.C.

St. John's, January 3rd, 1916.

Notice!

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay-de-Verde District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at LOWER ISLAND COVE on the 19th instant, at 11 a.m., after the arrival of the train from Carbonear. All Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.

A. G. HUDSON,
Chairman.

WHEN WILL PEACE BE DECLARED?

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The correct answer or nearest to correct as to the date peace is declared and VICTORY for the Allies given, will receive at our office from FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD.,

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Send your answer in quickly, the first correct answer gets the first prize.

Our decision will be final.

Guess when the war will end, it costs you nothing, as you will likely be buying a high grade flour, anyway.

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