

### NEWFOUNDLAND VOLUNTEERS LEAVE TO-DAY ON THE NEPTUNE TO JOIN THE S. S. DOMINION

Two Hundred and Fifty Men—Half of the Second Contingent—Say Good-bye to Families and Friends

#### TOUCHING SCENES OF LEAVE-TAKING

Thousands of Citizens Assemble at the Pier to Bid Goodspeed to Our Gallant Soldiers of the King

The first half of the Second Newfoundland Contingent has left for the old country and the lads take with them the best wishes that they will return safe and sound.

Thousands of earnest prayers ascended today that these brave boys will perform their duty as gentlemen and that they may return to their loved ones.

There are many aching hearts in the city today, and many homes will miss familiar loved forms, but to the parents and friends we say our soldiers have gone as volunteers, gone of their own free will to fight for King and Country, and we trust that before long we may be able to welcome them back and assure them that St. John's assembled to give the ma send off so we will congregate to welcome them home, and the joy of that reunion will more than compensate for the sorrow of today.

#### Will Interfered

It is to be regretted that the arrangements could not be carried out as first intended, but the ice conditions were alone responsible.

The transport ship Dominion was unable to make harbor yesterday, and the authorities were at their wits' end as to how they were to get the soldiers to her.

First they thought of sending them off by one of the Ventures but the steamer was not available. The Hon. W. C. Job then kindly placed the Neptune at the disposal of our military authorities and she was to leave at 7 last evening.

#### Waiting For Daylight

It was thought advisable not to transfer the men in the darkness, and so it was determined not to send out the Neptune until 7 this a.m. These orders were given the men and a half hour later the captain of the Dominion wireless in that a gale from the Eastward was predicted, that his position was dangerous and that the steamer would continue on.

Previous arrangements for the men to leave at 7 a.m. had to be cancelled, and it was not known when they would leave. The expected storm did not come and this morning word was received that the Dominion was still off the port.

The authorities got busy and all arrangements were made for the Neptune to leave at 12.30 p.m.

#### Much Bustle

There was naturally bustle and excitement, but in spite of the rush the arrangements were carried out well.

Word spread quickly this morning and long before the hour of departure thousands of citizens assembled in the vicinity of the Furness Wharf to see the soldiers before they departed. The passage way to the pier was roped off, dozens of police officers and a squad of Volunteers did duty, but in spite of them the crowd reached the pier and the wonder is that scores were not rushed over the wharf.

#### Were Gay Lot

The soldiers were a gay lot. They sang "Tipperary," "Up Brave Boys of Terra Nova," and many other patriotic ditties; they joked one with the other and with friends standing on the pier, and demonstrated that they were anything but down-hearted.

Everyone commented favorably on the splendid appearance of our boys. All young, fresh and strong—the eldest is not thirty years of age—they are equal to any hardship or fatigue that human nature may be expected to undergo.

They are young fellows prominent in athletics, whose bodies have not been weakened by dissipation or excesses and well may Kitchener be proud of them.

The greatest number belong to St. John's and are known personally to most of us. Scores have given up good positions and comfortable homes because they want that proud emblem of British liberty and justice—the Union Jack—to fly as it has for many years unscathed and unbeaten.

#### In Good Humor

There was no sign of sadness on the faces of the soldiers, yet it must not be imagined that they have enlisted lightly or are expecting a picnic.

The war is now in progress six months and all realize the seriousness of the situation. It is because their

King and Country needs them that these young men have left our shores today, and they are prepared, every one of them, to give their lives rather than have our flag dishonored.

But while the soldiers were in the best of humour and spirits, there were many aching hearts in the crowds. Loving mothers and fathers were overcome at the grief of parting, but there was not one parent, we think, who would wish a son back.

We have already had our sad experiences, we know that some of our heroes will not return, but they are in God's keeping, and all believe that they will reap their reward in the next world.

Friends will pray for them and further they will work for them and not alone for them but for the other soldiers whether our own or our allies.

We cannot close without making brief mention of the Messrs. Job and their kindness and thoughtfulness when the authorities were up against it. But their act was only what all who know them expected. They and others along Water Street have demonstrated over and over again their desire to help the cause our Empire has undertaken.

Several friends including a number of photographers went out on the Neptune to bid the boys a final adieu.

### Allies Make Common Cause In Finances

Will Unite Their Financial as Well As Their Material Resources During the War

Paris, Feb. 5.—The following official statement is issued here: The Finance Ministers of Great Britain, France and Russia have met in Paris to examine into financial questions growing out of the war. It is stated that the three Powers have resolved to unite their financial as well as their military resources to carry on the war to victory.

With that idea they decided to propose to their respective Governments that they share equally in the advances made or to be made to countries which are now fighting with them or which might be disposed to take the field shortly for the common cause.

The ministers decided to make all purchases for their countries from neutral nations.

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### Germans Evacuate Portuguese Colony

Native Rising Occurs and Some Europeans Are Killed

Lisbon, Feb. 5.—A semi-official note made public here announces the German forces have evacuated Angola, Portuguese West Africa.

Natives on both banks of the Kunene River have revolted, pillaged the houses of Europeans and killed the Administrator of Missende, his wife and sons.

The Governor of Angola is organizing a punitive expedition.

### French Make Gains In The Kameruns

Occupy Beitana, One of the Ports of The German Colony

Paris, Feb. 4.—After several engagements, French troops on Jan. 29th occupied Beitana, a port situated in the German Colony of Kamerun.

The occupation of this port indicates, according to official announcements, made in Paris today, that the French enveloping movement against the German forces in Kamerun is being continued.

It is one thing to have Victory in your mind, we all pray for it, you can get a barrel in your house by ordering VICTORY FLOUR from your merchants. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES LTD.—Feb 5

### Kaiser Ballasts Submarine U.15

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—Kaiser Wilhelm arrived at Wilhelmshaven this morning, and inspected the German submarine U-21.

Going over the vessel personally, he bestowed the decoration of Iron crosses upon the members of its crew.

### Allied Artillery Halts The German Construction Work

Efficient Shooting Destroys German Batteries and Brings Down Aeroplane

Paris, Feb. 5.—Artillery engagements have occurred in Belgium and north of Arras. West of the road between Lille and Arras we have captured from two to three hundred metres of the enemy's trenches. Near Hebuterne, north of Albert our fire has reached the convoys at assembling points.

By very efficient shooting of our artillery in the valley of the Aisne, German batteries were silenced and caissons blown up.

Men engaged at construction work were dispersed and aeroplanes put to flight in front of Verdun we succeeded in bringing down an aeroplane and taking the aviator prisoner.

In Alsace a German attack near Urholz failed completely.

### FIRE DESTROYS MANUELS' HOUSE

A disastrous fire occurred at Manuels at 9 o'clock Monday night when the residence of John Butler was totally destroyed by fire.

The barn which adjoined the residence was also burned to the ground. The fire started at the roof. The brick chimney ended just under the roof and a tin pipe was on top. The pipe was blown away by the gale and the roof ignited by sparks from the chimney.

The children numbering five were in bed at the time and were brought out in their night clothes just in time to save their lives.

There was no insurance and Mr. Butler is consequently a great loser.

### YOUNG WOMEN WERE REMANDED

The young lady charged with stealing at S. E. Garland's has been further remanded.

The saleslady of H. Blair's was before Judge Knight in camera to-day charged with stealing goods to the value of \$3.50, including a hat and a pair of corsets. She was remanded.

### FIRE IN HOUSE AT SIGNAL HILL

At 6.30 last evening the Eastern and Central men were called to the residence of W. Dowden, truckman, Signal Hill.

The fire started in the kitchen and was caused by the upsetting of a lamp.

The blaze travelled considerably and the contents of the kitchen were badly charred.

The alertness of the firemen saved the building from total destruction.

The building we understand is insured for \$600.

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### PATRIOTIC RALLY HELD BY S.U.F.

Stirring Addresses Given by Messrs. J. M. Kent and H. E. Cowan

The fourth Patriotic Lecture, under the auspices of the Society of United Fishermen took place at the British Hall last evening and in spite of the many other attractions there was a large audience, the hall being three-parts filled.

The W. G. M., Bro. J. A. Chitt, occupied the chair. The audience included many prominent citizens, among them being Sir E. P. Morris.

The speakers were J. M. Kent, K.C. and Mr. H. E. Cowan, both of whom delivered capital addresses which were listened to with the deepest attention by all.

The conduct of Germany for the last forty years was dwelt upon, and it was clearly shown that Germany was responsible for the conflict.

The attitude of the Colonies was referred to and the set of Britain's oldest and smallest Colony in sending more than 2000 of her bravest and strongest to help the Mother Country was warmly applauded.

Dr. Rendell, at the request of the chairman, also delivered a brief address. During the evening songs and recitations were rendered by Mr. W. D. Watson, Miss Langmead and Mr. F. J. King.

The evening was a pleasant and profitable one for all.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation at the close.

Mr. C. R. Rendell of Taleville is at present in the city on business.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF BIBLE SOCIETY

At Meth. College Hall Last Night—Governor Davidson in the Chair

The annual meeting of the St. John's and Newfoundland Auxiliary Bible Society was held at the Methodist College Hall last night and was very largely attended.

His Excellency the Governor presided, Lady Davidson and Capt. Goodridge, A.D.C. The President, Hon. H. J. B. Woods, the secretary, Rev. J. S. Sutherland and Revs. Canon Bolt, Dr. Curtis, Hemmen, Dr. Fenwick, W. H. Thomas, C. H. Barton, Brinton, Cracknell and Whitmarsh.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem and after prayer His Excellency the Governor delivered an interesting address.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented and adopted and addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Brinton and B. D. Hemmen.

Mr. A. Mews moved and Rev. Cracknell seconded the appointment of the following officers and Committees:—

Patron—His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. President—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland.

President—Hon. H. J. B. Woods.

Vice-Presidents—J. E. P. Peters, Esq., Wm. Frew, Esq., R. W. Neyle, Esq., J. Leamon, Esq., Dr. Curtis, Canon Bolt, Brigadier Morehen.

Treasurer—R. Templeton, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. S. Sutherland, M.A.

Recording Secretary—Geo. Bursell, Esq.

Distributing Secretary—John Leamon, Esq.

Committee—All clergymen who are members of the Society, Ensign G. White, Major Cave, Hon. James Angell, Hon. A. F. Goodridge, T. J. Duley, Hon. James Baird, John Steer, W. B. Grieve, P. G. Tessier, R. White, Hon. J. B. Ayre, Arthur Mews, Hon. W. C. Job, John Cowan, William Peters, Archibald Lindsay, Hon. John Harvey, Chas. H. Hutchings, K.C., E. Murray, Jesse Whiteway, Albert Soper, J. A. Chitt, E. Dawe, J. R. Harvey, James H. Thomas, Hon. M. G. Winter, J. J. McKay, John Clouston, Eric Ayre, H. Macpherson, S.E. Garland, Alex. Robertson, A. Marshall, Adj. Oxford, Adj. Hiscock, H. W. La-Messurier.

A vote of thanks proposed by Rev. W. H. Thomas and seconded by Brigadier Morehen was accorded the Chairman, and a vote of thanks was also tendered the ladies who assisted in augmenting the funds.

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### PREMATURE REJOICING OF GERMANS

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The entire German Press view with satisfaction the Admiralty declaration that the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland have been included in the war zone. The headlines of several papers speak of the announcement as "a blockade."

The Agitator Rundschau says: "We have accepted England's battle conditions. We let England play its role and assumed ours with all its rights and obligations. Let him guard himself who feels like coming between us."

The Lokel Anziger declares England's own weapons are being turned against her and when Germany destroys the British yoke under which the world has suffered for centuries it will have accomplished its high historical mission and freed the world from one of its most dangerous enemies."

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### Czar's Forces Have Austrians In Tight Corner

Venice, Feb. 5.—Despatches from Vienna state that 3,000 German troops have arrived in Hungary on their way to Korgmezo in the Carpathians to assist the Hungarian forces said to be threatened with envelopment by the Russian left flank at Jacoben in Southern Bukovina forcing the Russians to retreat towards Badautz.

It is stated that an Austrian advance guard has been annihilated in Uszok Pass.

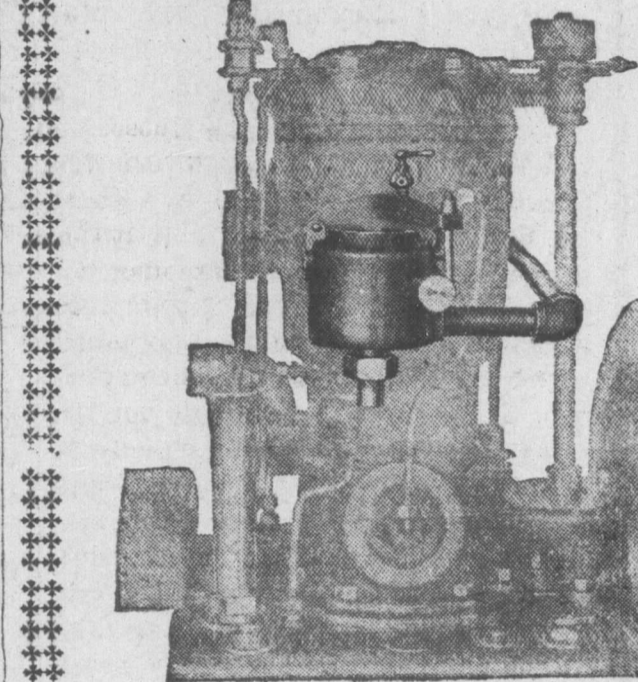
Confirmation is given of the report that 200,000 German troops are being sent from Poland to assist in attempting the relief of Przemyel.

The weekly meeting of the CIVIC Commissioners takes place this evening.

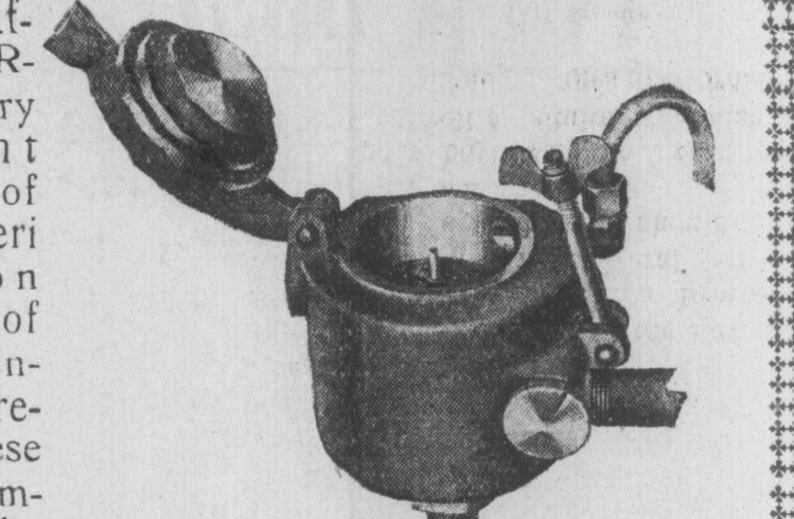
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### WON'T AFFECT THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS

New York, Feb. 5.—That the German Admiralty communication declaring the waters around Great Britain and Ireland a war zone after February 18th would have no effect on the movements of steamers between New York and British and French ports was the general opinion expressed by representatives of shipping companies and made public to-day, almost without exception.

It announced there would be no suspension of sailings after February 18th.

By some agents here it was admitted that there was a possibility of serious risk but no one was inclined to believe that there was anything in the present situation which would call for diplomatic action by the neutral Governments.

### Hockeyist Injured

E. Jerrett, of the Feildians was slightly injured during last night's game. He was able to continue playing as the injury was only slight.

### Diphtheria Case

A case of diphtheria was reported from Cowar St. yesterday. The patient, a boy of 8, was taken to the hospital.

### Arthur Cameron At Nickel Theatre

An elaborate programme has been arranged for the Nickel Theatre this evening, and patrons will be delighted to learn that Arthur Pricestman Cameron, the popular comic singer has been engaged for a season. Mr. Cameron has a number of new comic songs which he will sing in his own peculiar way.

John Bunny will also be seen this evening.

There is a thrilling drama by the Vitagraph artists entitled "The Mystery of the Haunted House," which is in two reels.

There will be a bumper programme at the children's matinee to-morrow.

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### TERRA NOVAS LOSE TO THE FEILDIAN'S

College Boys Victorious in Last Night's Hockey with 11 Goals to 6

The Feildians defeated the Terra Novas at the Prince's Rink last evening by 11 goals to six.

There was a very small attendance, only a handful of spectators being present.

The game was interesting, however, and at times was fast.

Mr. C. Parsons was referee and J. A. Carmichael and C. Ellis timers.

The line up was:—

Feildians	goal	Terra Novas
Hunt	point	Duley
Rendell	point	Tobin
Jerrett	cover	M. Stick
White	rover	Mews
Munn	right	Gear
Payne	centre	Trappnell
E. Jerrett	left	R. Stick

First Half.

1. Trappnell (T.N.), 2½ mins.; 2. Payne (F.), 5 mins.; 3. Payne (F.) 10 mins.; 4. Payne (F.) 15 mins.; 5. Jerrett (F.) 17 mins.; 6. R. Stick, (T.N.), 20 mins.; 7. Payne (F.), 22 mins.; 8. Trappnell (T.N.) 23 mins.

Second Half.

9. Trappnell (T.N.), 5 mins.; 10. Payne (F.), 10 mins.; 11. R. Stick (T.N.), 12 mins.; 12. Jerrett (F.), 15 mins.; 13. Jerrett (F.) 18 mins.; 14. Trappnell (T.N.), 22 mins.; 15. White (F.), 23 mins.; 16. E. Jerrett (F.), 26 mins.; 17. Payne (F.), 27 mins.

Mr. Fred. Brazil, representing the F. B. Wood Co. is now entering the trade with a splendid sample line of local manufactured candy. Mr. Brazil is able to show a line of samples which favorably compares with some of the larger Canadian and American houses. He is meeting with a good measure of success. The F. B. Wood & Co. are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

### 20 VOLUNTEERS FROM BONAVISTA

From Bonavista there are now twenty Volunteers en route for St. John's to offer their services to the King and Country.

### NIGHT SCHOOL IS TO REOPEN IN STAR HALL

As was announced in the R. C. Cathedral on Sunday arrangements are being made for the opening of the night school. The Star of the Sea Society have generously given the fine spacious room in the basement of the Star Hall where the night school classes will be held three nights every week, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30.

Under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Greene and the Christian Brothers, with the assistance of several Catholic gentlemen as teachers, it should meet with every success.

All poor boys who do not attend school, as well as adults, who wish to partake of its advantages are cordially invited to attend.

On Monday night, February 8th, the first class will be held.

The cruiser Fiona, which arrived Wednesday will now undergo extensive renovation before taking up the fishery service again.

The Ladies of the Congregational Aid Society will hold one of their popular Soirees on Wednesday Evening, Feb. 10. Particulars later, Feb 2, 5, 21

### To-night's Match

The Vics. and Bon's are the competitors in the hockey match this evening.

### Turk Lost Battle And Also His Life

Bessan Pasha Executed on Charge of Causing Big Turk Defeat

Petrograd, Feb. 1.—Rissan Pasha, Pasha, commander of the Turkish 11th Army Corps, which was defeated at Kara Urgan, has been put to death by order of Enver Pasha, commander of all the German forces in the Caucasus.

Rissan Pasha was charged with responsibility for the failure of the 11th Army Corps to move to the support of the 19th Army Corps, thereby causing the defeat of both.

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