PROSPERO BACK HAD BOISTEROUS TRIP TO NORTH

Met Heavy Ice Going and Returning—Ice Blocked All White Bay Ports

The Bowring coaster Prospero, Capt. A. Kean, returned from the northward at 9 a.m. yesterday, after a boisterous trip.

She proceeded as far north as Griguet and met heavy ice going and returning.

On the northern run none of the White Bay ports could be reached, but coming back she got within half a mile of Westport and passengers and freight were landed on the ice.

North of Cape Fogo there is a solid jam. The frost was intense, the thermometer on Christmas Day and last Saturday being down to 25 below zero.

The Prospero brought a small freight and the following passengers:

Dr. Allan, Dr. Johnson, J. C. Norris, A. Norris, W. B. Milley, C. F. Taylor, P. Newell, N. Kean, M. L. Parrell, F. etman, J. Hann, Tucker, H. Brown, W. Tiller, Ensign Wells, Rev. Wells, Head Constable Dawe, Coen, N. Lodge, A. Moree, J. Lockyer, T. Moore, M. J. O'Neil, J. F. O'Neil, S. Lockyer;

Mesdames Collins, Fowlow and son, Johnson;

Misses Leslie, Linnegar, Hammond, Burke, Fifield, Perry, Lloyd and 23 second class.

British Reoccupy Walfisch B., Africa

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Cape Town says Walfisch Bay on the Southwest coast of Africa was reoccupied on Christmas Day without opposition by a strong British force.

ALLIED FLEET SHELLS POLA

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—Private despatch received here from Berlin says thirty French and British warships are engaged bombarding Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, also the seaport of Rovigno, fifteen miles away.

Expects War End With Year

Pres. Poincare Says He Looks For Peace Before 1916.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The belief that the year now beginning will see the ending of the war, was expressed by President Poincaire in his address yesterday to the members of the diplomatic corps who went to the Palace Elysee to present the New Year's congratulations to the President.

"I do not doubt next year at this traditional reception we shall celebrate together the establishment of a beneficient peace which will be solidly based on recitude and respect for international treaties, that it will give the necessary security to all nations," said the President.

VALUABLE HELP FROM JAPANESE

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The War Minister, Lieut.-Gen. Oka says that the Japanese have sent arms to Europe to the value of 10,000,000 yen ($5,000,000).

VOLUNTEERS ON PARADE

The principal New Year's Day event was the parade of the Naval Reservists and members of the Second Contingent.

The former numbered fifty and the latter three hundred and with the officers made a total strength of four hundred.

Commander McDermott of H. M. S. Calypso was in charge.

The C. C. C. Band first went to the Calypso wheret hey met the naval lads and played them to the C. L. B. Armouray where they were joined by the C. L. B. Band and the soldiers.

They first marched to Government House where they were inspected by His Excellency the Governor, who, with the Premier, addressed them briefly, congratulating them on their fine appearance.

The battalion then paraded through the city and at the Long Bridge, the bands fell out as their instruments froze up; the officers also fell out, while the soldiers continued on and returned to the C.L.B. Armoury at one o'clock, and were given leave until nine this morning.

Thousands of citizens lined the route as the sailors and soldiers marched past.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

JAMES M. KENT, B.A., K.C.

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A Short Biographical Sketch of His Interesting Career.

James M. Kent, B.A., K.C., the present Leader of the Opposition, was born in St. John's in 1872. He was educated at St. Patrick's Hall by the Christian Brothers and at Clongowes Wood College, Ireland by the Jesuits. He graduated from the Royal University of Ireland obtaining his degree of B.A., at the age of eighteen. He studied law in the office of Sir Wm. Horwood, the present Chief Justice. He was called to the Bar in 1894, elected a Bencher in 1900 and became a K.C. in 1904.

He entered public life in 1904 as a candidate for St. John's East and was elected at the head of the Poll and has been successful in holding this position at three subsequent elections.

In 1907 Sr Edward Morris resigned from the Bond Ministry creating a vacancy in the office of Minister of Justce, which Mr. Kent was called upon to fill. It was a position of much responsibility for a man so young and who had been such a short time in public life, but Mr. Kent filled it with great credit to himself and with lasting benefit to the Colony.

The outstanding features of his work in this Department was his conduct of affairs in relation to claims of the Reid Newfoundland Company against the Colony; and in relation to the Arbitration for submission to the Hague tribunal of the Newfoundland lease in connection with the North Atlantic Fisheries Dispute.

As to the former the Reid Newfoundland Company preferred claims against the Colony aggregating about $1,000,000. Mr. Kent doubtless recognized that in former arbitrations contested with the Reid Newfoundland Company the Colony had been somewhat unfortunate as to the results; thoroughly investigated these claims, insisted that they were without formation and refused to go to arbitration. The claims have not since been prosecuted; and as far as public knowledge goes they have never been heard of.

In connection with the Hague submission he did a tremendous amount of valuable work which has never been fully appreciated or even known. The agreement for submission was largely his work; and was finalized by him at Washington in Conference with the Canadian Minister of Justice, and the British Ambassador Bryce. He showed such a mastery of the subject that he was allowed to prepare the Colony's case at the Hague; but a turn of the political wheel put a new Ministry in control in Newfoundland, which handed this appointment over to Sir A. Aylesworth of Canada.

Some of our most successful legislation owes its origin to Mr. Kent and in particular toe Workmen's Compensation Act; and the Mines' Regulation Act.

He has been thirty-two years a member of the B.I.S., joining it at the age of ten years. He has filled many offices in that society; and was Vice-President from 1901 to 1913, when his increasing public duties compelled him to resign. He has done much good work for the institution and is the author of the history of the Society which is embodied in the Centenary Volume.

As a public speaker, Mr. Kent is clear and logical, showing a deep and intimate knowledge of public affairs. He is fair in criticism and never descends to personalities. As a leader of the Opposition his yearly analysis of the Budget has been most skilful and illuminating and his criticisms of the various financial measures of the Government will be of permanent value to students of our affairs.

Fake Lunatics Are Arrested

Many German Spies Found in the British Asylums.

London, Jan. 2.—In consequence of information gleaned by officers in Berlin before the war several supposed lunatics have been removed from Asylums in England and Scotland to be interned in concentration camps.

It transpires that German naval and military officers falsely certified insane by friendly medicos became inmates of private Asylums under false names and nationality and large sums were being paid for their maintenance

Considerable liberty was allowed them as being without homicidal tendencies, which permitted their carrying on a successful espionage.

BRITISH GET WINTER OUTFIT FROM RUSSIANS

Keene, Ont., Dec. 31.—Charles Payne, a British reservist, who left Peterborough in August to join his old corps, the Wiltshire Regiment, has written to his wife from the trenches at Ypres, stating that the British forces at the front have been supplied with fur coats and cap, the gift of the Russian Government.

GOWER STREET BIBLE CLASS

At the session of the Gower Adult Bible Class to-morrow Sunday, Jan. 3rd. Mr. S. D. Whiteway will address the gathering. Subject—"Reminiscences of 1914. Visitors from the City and outports will be heartily welcomed.

Camp Weather Bad For Troops

Colonials Have To Be Removed From Plain to Houses.

Salisbury Plains, Jan. 2.—Artillery and Cavalry units begin billeting in houses in the villages near the Plains today and much relief is felt by all concerned as the weather continues atrocious and the bad effect on the health of the troops makes the change urgent and it is felt that Ottawa should press the complete adoption of the billeting system.

Nineteen cases of spinal meningitis and six deaths resulting are reported by medical officers.

Bob Sexton Gets New Year's Gift

In recognition of the valuable services rendered Regatta Day when Mr. Bob Sexton, builder of the racer Cadet repaired her so quickly, the members of the C.C. Boat Club decided to make him a little present with the compliments of the season.

The Chairman waited on him a few days ago and presented him with a cheque for $25.00.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. D. Reid left Wednesday afternoon en route to Montreal. He will spend the balance of the winter abroad.

Dr. L. E. Keegan left by Wednesday's express for New York, to have a new artificial leg fitted. Dr. Pritchard will be attached to the General Hospital during his absence.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM

Loyal Residents of St. Anthony and Neighborhood Contributed Over $400 To Cause of the Empire

On Wednesday, the 16th of December, a fair was held at St. Anthony for the benefit of the Patriotic Fund. Lady Davidson very kindly gave her patronage, and the fair realized $470, an amount which included a gift of $50 from Mr. Joseph Moore, and contributions from other friends, and nearby villages. Lock's Cove sent $17 and a buyer as well, while others from outside came to buy also.

The enthusiasm was quite unprecedented. Three men gave the rings off their fingers to be sold for the benefit of the Fund, while one young man gave his watch. It seemed as though every man and woman had had a share in making something. The donations included new snow shoes, dog whips, komatiks, hooked mats, artificial flowers in pots, skin boots, fancy work, cakes, candy, ice cream, milk, cream, dried fish, ducks, carving work, and even a model boat windmill, and a model team of dogs, with real puppies, beautifully stuffed by the donor. One remarkable thing was that everything was sold. A loaf of bread was auctioned for sixty cents, while a cake which a fisherman bought for a dollar and a half, he allowed to be auctioned off over again for the benefit of the Fund.

Concert Given.

A concert was given at the close of the fair, with a reproduction of the old English Morris dances. The dancers were in costume, and there was a clown on a hobby horse thrown in, who created a great deal of amusement.

Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars is a good start, but we consider it only a start. The French Shore is going to do its best to make it up to a thousand dollars. Griguet is now organizing to help on in the work, while Conche, Englee and Cape Norman are expecting to do the same. The smaller villages near these places hope each to have stalls of their own, and every village is going to make its stall the best in the sale. St. Anthony Orange Lodge has granted $120 additional.

Honor to Give.

We realize that we honour ourselves by giving far more than by receiving, and we believe it is a disgrace for any Newfoundlander to have to say, "I gave nothing to my King and Country," when thousands of our fellow men are freely giving their lives for us. These fairs make it possible for every man to say, "I was able to help." Every man and every woman can make and bring something, if it is only a load of firewood, or a loaf of bread. Even the children worked for this fair, while a Committee of ladies got the whole thing up, and managed it, attending even to the donation and refreshments. God bless them.

Every man felt more glad of this effort, when we heard of the bombardment of the English coast, and that the Russians were driven back on Warsaw.

WILFRED GRENFELL.

Presentation To Inspector

Insp. P. Murphy Gets a Pipe and Address From B. I. S.

Inspector Patrick Murphy of the West End was honored by a number of his associates at the B.I.S. Club rooms, New Year's Eve, when the aggregation known as the 5 and 40 punch presented him with an address and pipe.

The ceremony took place in the music room. The address was most appropriate under the circumstances, evidencing good fellowship, breathing patriotism and love of country and referring to the part now being played by the sons of the little Green Isle who are fighting in a just and noble cause in the defence of the Empire and Liberty. It was read by Mr. J. E. Ryan, C.E., while Mr. J. P. Grace made the presentation.

The recipient was visibly effected but in the most appropriate and sincere words thanked the donors for the honours conferred.

Congratulatory speeches were also made by Messrs. J. L. Slattery, E. J. Brophy, Capt. Bonia, Hon. M. P. Cashin, T. P. Halley, N. J. Murphy, M. F. Aylward, M. J. Manning, J. E. Ryan and the Chairman J. H. Dee.

Songs (patriotic) were given by Messrs. Aylward, Slattery and Grace. Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King terminated the interesting event.

The Humber River is now frozen over. Herrings are reported plentiful, but the weather is stormy.

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Albert, King Of The French And Belgians

A Cry That is Tickling the Fancy of a Considerable Number of the Parisians.

Paris, Dec. 31.—"Albert I., King of the French and of the Belgians," was the inscription recently cut on a few sous by a French engraver to amuse himself, says the Oeuvre, and already people who have seen the inscription or heard of it are crying, "That's not such a bad idea."

The Belgian King is great-grandson of the Louis Philippe, and if there were thoughts of returning to a monarchy he would be in the line of succession. He would be a very popular aspirant in view of his course in the war.

One of the honors prepared for him by his Parisian admirers is to change the name of the Avenue du Bois de Boulagne to the Avenue Albert I. This is the thoroughfare by which all sovereigns visiting Paris are conducted from the Bois station to their headquarters in the city.

Tuberculosis Report

December—1914.

Camp	18
Number of patients treated in town	52
Dispensary	54
New Patients	18
Deaths	3
Discharges	2
Number of attendances by—	
Physician	824
Nurses	925

WESLEY SOCIAL WELL ATTENDED

A most enjoyable social was held in the basement of Wesley Church last evening.

The pastor, Rev. H. Royle, occupied the chair and the following assisted in the programme:—

Mrs. Stranger, Miss Pike, Miss Cummings, Master Gushue, Messrs. Watson, Walker and Maunder.

A feature of the entertainment was the recitation of Master Gushue—"The Kaiser's version of the War" which was highly commended by all.

IRISH CONCERT WAS GOOD TIME

The concert at the B.I.S. reading rooms last evening in aid of the Society's Funds was largely attended, among those present being His Excellency the Governor, and Lady Davidson and Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche.

The programme was highly interesting and Mr. J. L. Slattery, who was responsible for it, is to be complimented.

Those who assisted were:—Misses Anderson (3), Miss Mary Ryan, Miss Emily Mare, Miss Mary Morris, Miss Marie Devine; Messrs T. H. O'Neil, J. M. Atkinson, A. Bulley, M. McCarthy, F. Devereaux, T. P. Halley, C. Fox, Stan. O'Leary, J. L. Slattery.

German One End; French at Other

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon relates the coninuance of artillery exchanges with the enemy and of further advances measured by yards of French soldiers at various points of the line of battle.

Counter attacks of the enemy were driven back and in Alsace a certain village is held half by German and half by French troops.

Fighting here has been from house to house and it continues today.

NICKEL CROWDED NEW YEAR'S DAY

The New Year entertainment at the Nickel Theatre attracted large audiences for all the performances, especially the afternoon and evening.

The pictures were clear and were viewed with the greatest interest.

The two-reel feature, the "Civilian" was one of the most exciting ever seen here.

Miss Margaret Ayer gave a very pleasing rendition of "The Last Rose of Summer" and was highly complimented. The big entertainment will be repeated to-day; many were unable to be present yesterday and they should take in the show this evening, as it is one of the finest ever put on. The comedy is by the Keystone Co., and is very funny.

Amphitrite has loaded codfish at Bonne Bay for Halifax.

Would Seek Help Of Japan

Paris, Dec. 31.—Georges Clemenceau, former Premier, in a two column article breaks a lance in favor of Japan's armed intervention in Europe. He says:

"When Kitchener said the war would likely last three years he evidently overlooked the fact that it is taking place chiefly in French territory, and it is therefore France who most suffers from wanton destruction and losses of lives and property."

Therefore, he urges the Allies to take immediate action and call a diplomatic conference for preliminary negotiations, to gain time and have Japan's troops on the European battlefields in early spring.

Lucien Millevoie, Deputy and former chief of the Nationalist party, has a long article urging intervention. He says:

"Europe knows now that the Mikado is not a 'yellow peril,' but that the Kaiser is certainly a 'red peril.' He bombarded the English coast, reddened Belgium with blood, devasted Northern France, and ruined Poland. All can point an eloquent finger at the real barbarian, the real scourge, in poisoning words."

NOTICE--Joseph Small, Lewisporte, has in his possession an Ox, which he found straying. Will owner please communicate.—jan2,1i

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