

RECRUIT LIST SOARS STEADILY

Nine Volunteers Last Night Brought the Total up to Six Hundred and Eighty-Three

| First Week. | |
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| Monday | 182 |
| Tuesday | 153 |
| Wednesday | 98 |
| Thursday | 51 |
| Friday | 30 |

| Second Week. | |
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| Monday | 43 |
| Tuesday | 16 |
| Wednesday | 14 |
| Thursday | 17 |
| Friday | 7 |

| Third Week. | |
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| Monday | 42 |
| Tuesday | 10 |
| Wednesday | 11 |
| Thursday | 9 |

Total 683

Recruiting continued last evening when nine additional names were added to the list, bringing the total up to 683.

Those who entered their names last evening were: Henry Miffen, Bonavista. Chas. Parsons, Gordon Ivany, Ralph Goff, Corbett Pittman, New Perlican, Wm. Ollerhead, Heart's Content, M. Fleming, Hy. Raynes, Ernest Noseworthy, Hr. Grace.

Recruiting will be continued at the usual hour to-night.

Hard at Work

The day unit of the second Newfoundland contingent has been hard at drill since Monday. Nearly 250 are being instructed, with new recruits being added every day.

The volunteers of the day unit parade at 9 o'clock each morning. They are divided up into three platoons, consisting of about 70 men each.

The morning is occupied by the volunteers being instructed in turnings, gymnastic exercises and musketry practice by different instructors until 1 o'clock, when they are dismissed for dinner.

They parade again at 2.30 when the roll is called, and the evenings are occupied in section marching and manual exercises.

There are two intervals of fifteen minutes during the day. One at eleven o'clock and the other at four o'clock.

At the Armouries

Different sections in turn parade to the Newfoundland Highlander's Armoury and are given instruction in target practise and musketry.

There is a large shed being built at the South Side range and when completed the Volunteers will practise shooting there. The Volunteers are being sworn in daily.

Orders for the day are read at 5.45; the parade is dismissed at 6 o'clock.

The Volunteers are a fine body of men and are making great headway in drill. They hope soon to be able to take long country tramps, as to get into the way of marching and skirmishing.

KAISER ENTIRELY QUEERED PLANS

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the corps which made the first attacks on Ypres was almost entirely wiped out under the very eyes of the Kaiser, and regiment after regiment thrown in to make a victory for the Emperor were all badly handled and forced to retire. The German headquarters staff thereupon decided to strike the decisive blow at Arras, but this was vetoed by the Kaiser, who ordered up the Prussian Guard corps from Arras to hurl it upon Ypres.

"The allies, by holding Ypres with such steadfastness, shattered the Kaiser's plans, which in themselves had defeated the plan of the German headquarters staff."

British Cabinet Discusses Raid Of The Germans

London, Dec. 17.—The Cabinet today met in full session to discuss the raid made by German ships on the English coast yesterday.

Premier Asquith, Winston Churchill and Earl Kitchener were among the first members of the Cabinet to appear before the meeting.

All the other Ministers were present.

Carried German Trenches at Point Of The Bayonet

Allies Occupy Territory Between Lombaertzyde and St. George's Taken From Enemy

Paris, Dec. 17.—The French War Office gave out a statement this afternoon as follows:

Between the sea and the Lys we have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet, consolidated our positions at Lombaertzyde and St. George's and occupied territory taken from the enemy.

To the West of Gheluvett we have made progress at some points in the region of Vermelles.

There has been no infantry action along the remainder of the front but we report very effective shooting on the part of our heavy artillery in the environs of Tracy Le Val.

On the Aisne and in Champagne as well as in the Argonne and the region of Verdun in Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing to report.

SNOOKS ARM YOUNG LADY AT THE FRONT

Miss Martha Loder Writes Her Mother From No. 13 Stationary Hospital of British Force in France

Mrs. John Loder, of Snooks' Arm, F.B., has received the following letter from her daughter Martha, who is at the front with the British Expeditionary Force. The letter is dated Nov. 18th, from No. 13 Stationary Hospital, France, where Miss Snook is employed as a nurse.

My Dear Mother, the letter runs, I expect you are very anxious for a word from me and I am sorry to keep you so long waiting, but I have not felt settled enough to begin writing before. We left London last Thursday at 2 p.m. and arrived at Boulogne about 6 the same evening. The crossing was not at all a pleasant one. The little boat rolled and tossed a good deal and we were all quite glad to get on land again. We went on duty in the wards on Saturday.

Working With Friends

There are six of us Londoners all working in the same hospital. I was very glad we were not separated to begin with. We are enjoying the work very much although many of the cases are very bad ones. They are exceedingly patient and good about their treatment which must be very painful for them.

Some of the cases are heart-rending. I am not allowed to say much but I am writing a diary, so perhaps some day in the future we shall be able to go over it together. I can only say that I am thankful that I am a Nurse and am more thankful that I have been accepted for service and am able to do something just now.

Likes the Work

I shall remain out here as long as I am needed and hope I shall keep strong and fit for the work. Perhaps we shall have some of the Newfoundlanders here, if any of them get wounded.

CAPT. RANDELL WILL COMMAND BIG NEW SEALER

New Ship Will be Size of the Stephano or Three Times the Size of His Old Command

Capt. John Randell, the well-known commander of A. Harvey & Co.'s Bellaventure, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of the year.

He has accepted the command of Baine Johnston's new steamer, which is now being built on the other side, and will be ready for next spring's seal fishery.

The new ship will be the latest of the ironclad class of sealing vessels. She is so constructed that she will stand the greatest strain.

She will be 3500 tons or about the size of the Stephano and will carry about three times the cargo of the Bellaventure.

As we stated some time ago, she will be fitted out in first-class style. Capt. Randell has been with Messrs. A. Harvey & Co. for six years, and during that time has done splendid work. We congratulate him on his new appointment.

Operate On Boy To Effect Cure Of Bad Habits

Boy Has Developed Criminal Tendencies, it is Believed to Injure To His Skull

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Clarke L. Borton, a Germantown contractor, has decided to risk his fourteen-year-old son's life in a surgical operation in an effort to cure the boy's criminal tendencies. Judge Gorman consented after sending the boy to the Glen Mills School for committing many robberies. The sentence was withdrawn pending the operation.

The boy J. Wilfrid Borton, is under observation in the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital. It is intended to remove a depression in the boy's skull, disclosed by an X-Ray examination.

"I am convinced said the father, that my son's actions have been influenced by this depression. When he was six years old his head was injured, and his waywardness dates from that period. I believe he does not know right from wrong. Specialists have told me that the boy is not criminal. I am sure he can be cured by an operation."

Adventure Arrives

S.S. Adventure, Capt. Couch, arrived from Sydney with a cargo of coal. After discharging, she will load fish for Alicante and Naples, sailing Jan. 2nd.

I don't think I can say any more tonight. I hope you are all keeping quite well. I am sorry I do not speak French although it is not really necessary. All the other nurses speak it slightly. The people at the Hotel where we stay can speak English, yet I should like to know French.—MON.

Most of Victims At Hartlepool Non-Combatants

Shell Burst Amongst Group of 15 Boys and Fourteen of Them Were Killed

London, Dec. 17.—A majority of the victims at Hartlepool were women and children.

Fifteen school boys were killed by a single shell only one boy in a group escaping. Ten persons were killed by the collapse of a building in which they had taken shelter.

Three Steamers Sunk By Mines In The North Sea

Only One of the Ships Identified—One Believed to be a Passenger Ship

South Shields, Eng., Dec. 1.—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger ship, were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night.

Only one of these three vessels has so far been identified. This is the steamer Ellerwater. Twelve of her crew were saved but seven lost their lives.

The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessels were seen taking to the boats.

The Admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely.

Argentine Warship Takes German Prize After a Hot Chase

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres says the Argentine cruiser Puzosredon, after a hot chase, has seized the German steamer Patagonia in the Gulf of San Jorge.

Many Naturalised Germans Arrested

London, Dec. 17.—All naturalized Germans in the seaport of Sunderland a short distance north of the English towns which were bombarded by the Germans yesterday, were arrested overnight.

Engagement

The engagement has been announced in Pernambuco of Miss I. Marian Duder, daughter of Mr. Charles R. Duder, Ordnance Street, this city, and granddaughter of the late Sir Frederick B. T. Carter, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice, and Administrator of Newfoundland to Frederick C. Walden, Esq., of Henley, England, and now electrician of the Staff of the Western of Brazil Telegraph Co., in Pernambuco, Brazil.

Mrs. (Const.) Simmonds lost a hand bag yesterday afternoon somewhere along Bond St., west of Prescott St., containing a sum of money and the lady would like it returned to this office by the finder.

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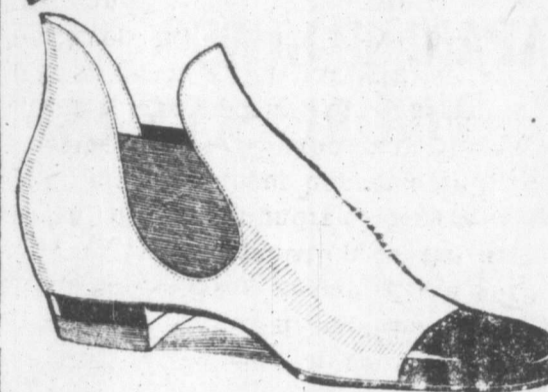
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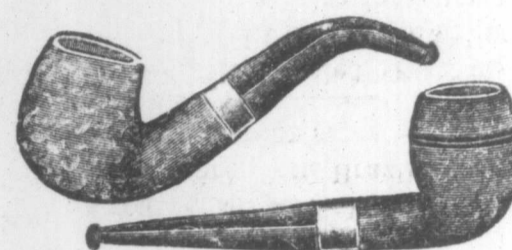
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Useful and Serviceable
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\$5.80, \$6.20, \$7.50.

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6 BATTLESHIPS TO BE ADDED TO OUR NAVY

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tough Warspite, most important of the men-of-war he observed in the Devonport yard:

"Suddenly we—my officer friend and myself—stood alongside a dilapidated looking vessel, which I took to be an obsolete cruiser. My companion briefly introduced this object as His Majesty's super-Dreadnought Warspite, of the Queen Elizabeth class, none of which are in commission as yet. The Warspite will be ready for action, so I learned, within six months. At present she is lying in one of the basins in the yard, submitting to the attentions of many hundreds of workmen, who clamour about her vast hull like veritable ants. On the quay alongside of her are reposing the massive 15.5 guns, ten of which she will carry.

"Even my layman's eye could detect and appreciate the wonderful arrangement of her turrets, which, I am told, is absolutely new. They are laid out somewhat like boxes in a theatre, each jutting outward from the one ahead in such a way that she can fire all ten of her fifteen-point-fives from the bow as well as broadside on.

Torpedo and Mine Proof

"The wonderful slope—flange is the technical word—of her bow, narrow at the water-line and widening in such a way as to offer the least possible resistance to the seas, is indicative of her great speed—twenty-six knots an hour—greater than that of the Mauretania! She displaces 28,000 tons of water. Most important of all, perhaps, is the fact that she has a triple coating of armor below the water-line.

"That and other features which it would be improper to reveal makes her practically immune from any existing torpedo or mine. That is, she may be badly damaged by an explosion below the water-line, but she cannot be sunk by one. Her fuel is oil exclusively, no coal being used aboard her except for culinary purposes.

She and her sisters are real beauties. Of course, the reason she looked so unassuming to my unpractised eye was because she had not been painted and was partly concealed beneath all sorts of scaffolding. Her cost will be close upon \$15,000,000 before she leaves the hands of the en-

HOLLY LEAVES

The Christmas edition of The Holly Leaves will be issued at noon to-morrow. The articles and stories comprise the following:

Lancela, by I. A. Taylor; Life of His Grace Archbishop Howley, by Terra Nova; The White Feather, by E. J. Penney; The Early Coming of the Christian Brothers, by James Murphy; War Poems, by C. T. Chancey, M. A. Devine, R. G. MacDonald and a Hymn for Christmas, selected from His Grace's poems.

It also contains illustrations of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment and the Commanders of the Allied Forces.—11

At Rest

The remains of the late Brendan Cleary were interred at Belvedere Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the funeral being largely attended.

Rev. Fr. Conway conducted the service at the R.C. Cathedral. Deceased who was only 23 years of age and had been an invalid for several years.

Mongolian Sails

S.S. Mongolian sailed for Glasgow at 6.45 last evening, taking the following passengers: A. H. Ridley, W. J. Edgar, W. Coles, J. Pike, J. Mitchell, P. Padley, P. Padley, Misses Curtis and Shelton. She took 650 casks oil as cargo and a large mail.

"LITTLE MYSTERY" ON HER WAY HERE

The English schooner, "Little Mystery," Captain Greete, is now on the way here from Grand Bank to load fish.

The captain is well-known in St. John's, though he has not visited the port for several years. His friends will be delighted to see him.

FOR SALE—We have a quantity of Large Dry Codfish, suitable for eating, which we are retailing at a reasonable figure. Anyone wanting eating fish should see this before buying elsewhere. FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO.—dec18

And to think that such a vessel can be completed in eighteen months!"

SHIPPING

Schr. Bessie Crooks sailed for Brazil to-day.

Portia arrived at Channel at 8 a.m. and left at 9, going northward.

S.S. Bonaventure is now due from Mediterranean ports.

Prospero sa' northward to-morrow evening.

Fogota arrived at Tilting at 8.45 a.m. and left at 10 a.m.

Schr. Freedom with 4214 qtls. fish from Monroe & Co.'s has sailed for Brazil.

Crosbie & Co.'s Waterwitch, Capt. C. P. Moore, left Brazil on Wednesday for St. John's.

S.S. Florizel sailed yesterday afternoon for Halifax and New York. She will not return here for some months.

Schr. Wilfred M., Capt. Parks, finishes loading fish to-day at Alan Goodridge & Sons. The Captain hopes to sail this afternoon.

Six schooners are now at Bonne Bay for herring. The fish are in deep water and consequently there is some delay in loading.

S.S. Beatrice, Capt. Stewart, arrived from Sydney at 10.30 last evening with a cargo of coal to Mullaly & Co. The run occupied 70 hours, stormy weather being met all the way.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES for sale at S. E. Garland's and Ayre & Sons. It contains a list of Newfoundland's Heroes. dec17.21.

Durango Damaged; Had To Put Back

S.S. Durango, Capt. Chambers, which was expected from Liverpool to-morrow, has met with a mishap to her machinery and had to put back to Queensport, probably Queenstown, for repairs.

The Furness Withy Co. had a cablegram this morning that she will leave again to-day for St. John's.

John Neil, son of Mr. Neil, of the West End Fire Station, was taken to the hospital in the ambulance.

G. KNOWLING. Ladies' NEW JACKETS G. KNOWLING.

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New Woollen Underwear, Wolsey Combinations, etc.

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Navy, Black & Tweed
COSTUME SKIRTS,
85c. to \$8.00.

New **MITTS, GLOVES, APRONS, OVERALLS & TEA APRONS**

Girls' New Jackets,
to fit all ages and in large variety of colors. Prices
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Girls' Costume Skirts
in Navy and Black; to fit girls from 9 years to 17 years of age. Price
\$1.10 to \$1.50.

George Knowling.

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