

Feels Sorry for the Stay-at-Homes

Trooper O'Keefe Writes Racy Letter—Says all Newfoundland's Sons Should Rally to Avenge the Death of Those Who Have Fallen in Defence of the Flag

Mr. Peter Maher, of the Reid Nfd. Co.'s sub-station, after date of February 24th, received a very interesting letter from Trooper Andrew O'Keefe from "somewhere in France" by last mail.

He heard some very good news of "Ours" in the Dardanelles. He met an Australian who had a brother there and who had a letter from him, in which the writer said that the Newfoundland soldiers were held in great esteem by the Australians for their pluck and daring.

Although he is in a Canadian Regiment he says he is still a Newfoundland and his heart and soul are with our brave boys wherever they may be. He noticed in the casualty list given by our papers the names of Frank Roberts and young Blyde killed.

He noted the discouraging news in the papers he received from Mr. Maher that recruiting was on the wane here but believes that it will not last long and that our boys will not have it said of them that they failed to respond to their country's call in her hour of direst necessity.

He says though he has had four months' experience of the strenuous and perilous life of the trenches in France, without any intention of boasting, he would not exchange places with any of the boys remaining at home.

Matters in France, when he wrote, were getting more lively with the approaching disappearance of winter, and the snap and vim characteristic of the British and Colonial were in evidence, so that when the Teutons make their promised big Spring drive, they would find themselves up against

LOCAL ITEMS

Toronto (noon)—West winds, clearing. Friday, northerly winds and cold.

Up to this morning the Florizel had turned out 22,000 seals. They average 54 lbs.

Seal Cove to-day reports weather fair and mild; Bay clear of ice and a few seals seen.

Tuesday's outgoing express left Crabbs at 5.50 this a.m. Yesterday's left Gambo at 9.10 a.m. The express inward is due here tomorrow.

M.C.L.I.—The Annual Meeting will be held THIS EVENING at 7.45. A full attendance requested.

Mr. Mark Pike of Steer Bros. grocery store has been laid off ill of a severe attack of grippe for several days past and is being attended by a doctor.

We hear that Hon. W. C. Job will arrive here shortly from New York to remain on a visit for a month or so. Mr. Job will be cordially welcomed by his many friends here.

Const. Humber arrived here at midnight from Manuels with a man named Walter Rendell who has been mentally affected for some time past. He was taken to the asylum to-day.

The S.S. Cabot, Capt. Jacob Kean, which went down to Wesleyville with the crew of the Sable Island returned to-day and will sail again this p.m. with the Neptune's crew.

Mrs. Samuel Squires of Spruce Hill Road, Topsail, entered the General Hospital last Thursday and was operated on for internal trouble. We are pleased to hear she is much improved to-day.

A man named Bishop, baggage man with the Reid Nfd. Co., while coupling cars this morning in the railway yard had one of his hands badly crushed and had to be driven to hospital for treatment.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had a wire to-day saying that the schr. Swan, owned by McLellan of Placentia, went ashore at Clay Point, Codroy, yesterday, with 168 qts. green fish on board and became a total wreck.

Austin Summerton of Trinity, son of Magistrate Summerton of that place, recently enlisted and will go to the front. His brother Fred was killed in action and another brother was wounded and Austin will go forward to avenge them if possible.

This morning about 2 o'clock Const. Forsey found a boy resident of the West End wandering about the streets. He has a home but is a wayward lad and in court to-day he was released under suspended sentence. If found on the streets again he will be punished.

At 9 a.m. to-day an alarm of fire was sent in from box 37 for a blaze at the residence of Patrick Lewis' house on Beaumont Street. The Western and Central men responded and finding the roof on fire near one of the windows quenched the blaze with the chemical. The damage done was slight.

Master Wallace Herder until recently of Knowling's dry goods store, son of Mr. H. G. Herder, who not long since enlisted, has worked well to secure recruits for our Second Battalion. Within a week or so he prevailed on at least 10 young chaps to don the khaki and deserves credit for his loyalty and devotion.

the best army of fighting men in the world, waiting to demonstrate Britain's supremacy on land as well as on sea. He asks Mr. Maher to give his regards to all at home and impresses on him the great favour he will confer by keeping on sending the home papers. He says he would sooner lose his rations of rum and meat than miss them. He asks Mr. Maher to give his address to some old friends here with the request that they drop him a line occasionally, as he gets very few letters from here, and it is disheartening and disappointing to him to have the mail man pass him by.

Trooper O'Keefe says he never was in better health and never felt more like a scrap with the Sausage and Sauer-Kraut eaters than at present, and hopes that he will soon have that pleasure. With kind regards to Mr. Maher and all chums and friends in St. John's he closes his interesting letter.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

The mid-week programme at the Nickel Theatre yesterday attracted large audiences both afternoon and evening. The principal film was "The Exploits of Elaine," the episode being highly sensational. It was closely followed by all "The Dignified Family" and "The Lie" were cleverly acted dramas which were greatly admired. The comedy was a very funny one and kept the audience in good humour. This evening the programme will be repeated, and we feel sure it will attract large audiences. By attending the Nickel these days patrons are helping on the work of our charitable societies.

BISHOP POWER RETURNS FROM SOUTH

We take the following from the Catholic Register of Toronto: "A few weeks ago we announced the return of His Lordship Bishop Power, of St. George's, from the South, where he had spent the severe months of the winter. While the improvements in His Lordship's health was very substantial and has, we are glad to say, continued since his return, it was not such as to enable him to take up the duties of Acting President of the Catholic Church Extension Society, in which he did such excellent work. This, and the necessity for his early return to his diocese have obliged His Lordship to relinquish a work which he had only undertaken temporarily. The Rev. Thomas O'Donnell, Pastor of St. Ann's Church in this city, has been appointed to fill the office of Acting President pending the appointment of a permanent President by the Holy See."

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

A very interesting discourse was given last night on Revelation, Chapt. 12, at the S. D. A. Church, Coowstown Road. The speaker dwelt with emphasis on the thought of the great controversy between sin and righteousness. This controversy began in the heart of Lucifer in the heavenly courts, and will culminate here on earth when Satan is cast into the "lake of fire" to be destroyed.—Rev. 20 10; Eze. 28; 15-17.

The concluding thought was, there is a period of persecution yet in future for the remnant church, but the faithful, although confronted by a United apostasy will meet with a glorious triumph at the appearing of Christ. This chapter makes it plain, said the speaker, that the issue in this warfare is the Law of God; also that the struggle would intensify as we approached the end, resulting in a complete vindication of gospel principles. Rev. 15: 2, 3.

The meetings to-night and to-morrow respectively are: "Baptism" and "How the Apostles kept Sunday." All are welcome.

KYLE'S PASSENGER'S

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 last evening, with the following passengers:—A. K. Lumsden, F. F. Osen, R. Laracy, G. Neal, Miss A. O'Brien.

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OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS

Wireless in the Postmaster General. Via Fogo—Samuel Bhandford reports her crew aboard last night, and all well.

Via Cape Ray—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal report their crews aboard last night, and all well.

NEPTUNE AND BLOODHOUND'S CARGOES

Neptune The Neptune finished discharging yesterday afternoon, her turn-out being 34,601 young harps, 327 old harps and 1 bedlamer, a total of 34,929 seals, valued at \$78,348.81 nett. The crew of 194 men shared \$134.27. Gross tonnage 688 tons, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. The net weight of the catch was 663 tons, 12 cwt., 3 qrs., the seals averaging 43 1-2 lbs.

Bloodhound The turnout of the Bloodhound was 18,388 young harps, 6 young hoods, 78 bedlamers, 108 old harps and 13 old hoods, a total of 18,593, valued at \$3,941.20 nett and weightings, gross 468 tons, 0 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs; nett 454 tons 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs. The average weight of the seals was 54 1-3 pounds and their crew of 176 men shared \$102.15.

Mr. John J. Higgins will leave to join the St. Francis Xavier Unit at Antigonish Tuesday next. Mr. D. M. Baird will take up his duties in connection with the Cot Fund, and they began under encouraging conditions yesterday, when \$200 were contributed by the Captain, officers and crew of the Bloodhound.

Save the Wrappers, they are valuable. \$10.00 will be given for the person saving the most for 1916. M. A. DUFFY, SOLE AGENT. Agents Wanted.

LOCAL ITEMS

The S.S. Durley Chime is now at Louisburg loading freight for the Reid Nfd. Co. for this port and the S.S. Sheba will also likely make a trip here from North Sydney with freight.

It is said that the owners of the Fogota and Lady Bybil have libelled the S.S. Carley which they recently brought into Halifax for \$80,000.

The Passionist Fathers now here will leave for Argentina on Easter Saturday and will give missions at that place, Fox Hr. and Red Isld. They will remain in Placentia Bay for about a month.

The schr. Independence II, recently purchased at Gloucester by Mr. Hiscock of Brigus, will be brought here shortly, a crew to bring her down left by the Stephano. The vessel is a fine one of 145 tons gross, and was built in 1904.

A lady named Ebsary of this city who makes a specialty of raising poultry has a white Plymouth Rock which a few days ago laid an egg weighing 5 oz. and which when broken contained 3 yolks. The same hen since laid 3 eggs, two of which weighed 4 1/2 oz. each and one of which contained 2 yolks. This certainly is some hen and these are paltry sizeable eggs.

Miss Mary McGrath, daughter of Mr. T. McGrath of the East End, and Miss Elsie Doyle, niece of the late Hon. John Harris, left by the Stephano last night, the former to go with the St. Francis Xavier Hospital Unit and the latter to serve with the English military hospital organization. Both are to be congratulated on their loyal and self sacrificing spirit.

Mrs. Innis, wife of the Manager of the Bank of Nova Nova Scotia at Bonne Bay, entered the General Hospital last week and has since undergone an operation for internal trouble of a serious nature, and is reported to be doing well to-day. Mrs. Innis must have suffered great inconvenience on her way here, she was brought across the country from Bonne Bay to Deer Lake, a distance of 40 miles, by dogs and kotmatics and for a lady in her state of health the trip must indeed be very distressing. She is the daughter of Mr. Reed, postal telegraph operator at Bonne Bay, who is at present in town. We wish Mrs. Innis a speedy recovery.

We regret to learn that our old friend, Mr. C. Hains of Middle Eight is confined to his bed suffering from a severe cold. Skipper Charlie though on the declining side of life has still much of the old vim and push which characterized him in the old days at the seal and cod fishery, where he always occupied a prominent place. His enterprise is lately manifested by the erection of a saw mill operated by motor power. We wish him a speedy recovery and much success in his new line of industry.

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OVER-NIGHT WAR MESSAGES

Turks Defeated By British

LONDON, April 5.—Victory for the British over the Turks on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, has been reported by Genl. Lake, Commander of the British forces there. The Turkish entrenched position at Umme-el-Henna, was attacked and carried at 5 o'clock this morning by the Tigris Corps, General Lake telegraphed that operations were proceeding satisfactorily. Umme-el-Henna is on the Tigris River, about 20 miles below Kut-el-Amara, where the British force under General Townshend is beleaguered.

Forwarding the Pieces As Proof Positive

NEW YORK, April 5.—According to a London despatch to the International News Service, published here to-day, Walter H. Page, the American Ambassador to Britain, announced to-day that analysis of the fragments of the torpedo found in the Channel liner Sussex, have proved conclusively that they were German. The fragments have been forwarded to Washington, it was also stated.

Through Carbon Copy Wireless

LONDON, April 5.—That another Zeppelin, in addition to L-15, was hit in the recent raid on England, was the statement made by Harold J. Tennant in the Commons to-day. Tennant would not specify the place where the airship was hit, but said he had received knowledge of it through a carbon copy of a wireless message sent by the Commander of the Zeppelin, which was picked up on the ground.

Miners Seek Better Conditions

KENSINGTON, Penna., April 5.—Thirty-eight coal mines in the Allegheny and Kiskiminetta Valleys, were closed to-day, because of a strike of eight thousand miners for recognition of the Union, which they recently joined. They want an eight-hour day and a conference with the operators to settle a number of important matters.

Anglo-French Squadron Destroy Smyrna Forts

NEW YORK, April 5.—A news agency despatch from Athens to-day says one of the Anglo-French squadrons had destroyed forts St. Zaki and St. George, at the entrance to Smyrna Harbour, quoting the newspaper "Nea Helles" as its authority.

The Work of a Sub

LONDON, April 5.—The crew of the Norwegian steamship Arena, of 1,109 tons has been taken to Ymuiden by the trawler Aretur. A despatch from Ymuiden says that the Arena was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

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LATEST! WAR MESSAGES

Spain Protests

MADRID, April 6.—The Spanish Government has sent a Note to Germany in which a protest is made against the torpedoing of the French steamer Sussex, with the death of Spanish subjects as a result. The Note also discusses the navigation rights of neutrals.

Manuel Asks For Commission

PARIS, April 6.—It is reported from London that, now that Portugal is formally at war with Germany, ex-King Manuel of Portugal has asked for a commission in the British army, and that he will be divorced very soon from his wife, formerly Princess Augustine Victoria of Hohenzollern.

Czar Voices His Protests

PETROGRAD, April 6.—Emperor Nicholas has sent a telegram to the Chief of the Red Cross Service which expresses profound indignation over the sinking of the Russian Hospital Ship "Portugall," and declares the whole world should hear of this outrage.

A Wail From Berlin

BERLIN, April 6.—The "Vossische Zeitung," referring to the Verdan operations, says: "For the moment our position may seem discouraging, but there is still entire confidence in the strength of the German army. Let us not be pessimistic, so that we may not weaken the resistance of our soldiers."

Lone Zep Raider Turned Tail and Fleed

LONDON, April 6.—The increasing effectiveness of Great Britain's aircraft defences was demonstrated last night when a single Zeppelin, which undertook the fifth raid in six days, was prevented from penetrating the north-east coast, and was forced to flee, after the briefest visit of the kind yet made. The night was clear with moonlight and without wind. Searchlights discovered the raider coming over the sea, and never once lost him during his stay. As he reached the coast he was flying comparatively low and the smallest guns found him such an easy target that he was forced to rise to a great height, the larger guns then found the range, and aided by searchlights, they surrounded the Zeppelin with a terrific hail of shrapnel and high explosive shells. After manoeuvring near a south-east coast town for about ten minutes, during which only a few bombs were dropped, the raider was seen to turn and to sail homeward.

QUEENSTOWN, April 6.—The British steamer Zent, 3,890 tons, has been torpedoed without warning west of the Fastnet. Forty-eight members of the crew are missing and supposed to be drowned. Two men were killed.

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French Official

PARIS, April 6.—The War Office this afternoon announced the capture by the French of a large portion of the position north of Acocourt, known as "Bois Carre" or Square Woods. This ground was captured in some of the fighting which went on last yesterday afternoon, and last night in the Verdun region, west of the Meuse.

The official statement to-day says that at one point along the Acocourt-Bethincourt line, the Germans succeeded in penetrating the French positions. Two attacks were made by the German troops against the French positions north of Callette Wood, but they were without result.

A CRUEL PROCEEDING

This forenoon an old man named Purcell whole going up Hamilton St. from Water Street collapsed and fell to the ground. The man had been loaded up with leaden coils which were wound about his person, and which he was taking to the Knitting Mills. He carried full 120 lbs and the weight was too much for him. Several men and well known clergyman went to his aid and the latter truly remarked that there were laws to protect animals but nothing to protect humans from inhuman treatment.

POLICE RESIGNING, POOR PAY THE CAUSE

Const. Mercer, one of the most efficient officers in the West End, has resigned from the force and will soon be leaving the ranks. He has a good record and leaves because he cannot support himself on the pay given. Most of the other younger officers of the Western Section, we hear, will strength of the German army. Let us not be pessimistic, so that we may not weaken the resistance of our soldiers. Const. Mercer, one of the most efficient officers in the West End, has resigned from the force and will soon be leaving the ranks. He has a good record and leaves because he cannot support himself on the pay given. Most of the other younger officers of the Western Section, we hear, will strength of the German army. Let us not be pessimistic, so that we may not weaken the resistance of our soldiers.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., presided to-day. Eight drunks arrested yesterday evening were discharged. Two men drunk and disorderly in their own houses were released under bonds and the case of the domestic, charged with stealing \$60 from Mr. R. Frelich occupied the attention of the court all the forenoon and was adjourned until to-morrow.

Last evening a party who spends a good portion of his time in the penitentiary was arrested by Const. Nugent. He alleged that a bottle had been stolen from him and made a pass at a citizen whom he blamed for it. The latter countered to the nose and brought the claret in streams from the prisoner.

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