

A Letter from the Hon. M.P. Cashin

Mr. Cashin Writes us Relative to a Letter Which we Published on Saturday From Mr. A. J. House, Builder of the Schr. "Lornina"

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir—My attention has been called to an editorial in your paper of Saturday's issue, commenting on a letter from Mr. A. J. House, published in the same issue, dealing with the bounty paid on account of schooner "Lornina."

I wish to say for your information, that in taking over this vessel, my firm was acting agents for H. R. Silver, Ltd., Halifax, who engaged us to wind up business for them here and at Greenspond. We had no financial interests in the matter outside of acting as agents. I remember receiving a letter from Mr. House in reference to the conditions of Lornina but it conveyed strongly the impression that Mr. House was more desirous of seeing his brother holding the vessel than he was in pointing to us lack of requirements for bounty, as he expressly stated that he was anxious his brother should have charge of Lornina coasting in the Colony. Mr. Taylor surveyed the vessel on arrival. It was acting on the suggestion in House's letter, and on the ideas put forward by Mr. Bell, that I employed Mr. Taylor, a first-class shipwright of the city, to put in iron knees and fully fasten the schooner as required under Shipbuilding Act. This work was performed under the supervision of the Deputy Surveyor of Shipping. I also supplied the necessary chains of the Lloyd test, and when the Surveyors pronounced the vessel qualified for bounty, I can safely say with a life time experience of fishing vessels of this type, that no stronger or better vessel ever sailed through the narrows of St. John's.

Mr. House in a desire to have a bit at the Government through me, has gone wide of the mark, and protests too strongly to be convincing. Even if we admit that he did not fasten the vessel as thoroughly as he should, we rectified this by iron kneeling and full treenailing her under official supervision. He admits in his letter that she was strong enough for coasting throughout this Colony in the condition in which she left Greenspond and would probably be considered strong enough for the Halifax trade if his brother had been considered qualified to take charge of her on that coast.

Sincerely, M. P. CASHIN. St. John's, May 8, 1916. A set of prayer beads picked up on Water Street yesterday and left at the Police Station by Head Const. Peet can be had by the owner applying there.

GOOD VALUE

Smoking Tobacco, 15c. per Plug. Dark and Light.

Try it and see if it is what it is christened.

M. A. DUFFY, AGENT.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS MAHER.

We sincerely regret to record the demise of a well known and highly respected citizen in the person of Mr. Frank Maher, the popular engineer, who, only recently, arrived here from the Gulf in the Ranger, in which ship he was chief engineer. He had been ill only a few days and passed away Saturday afternoon at his residence 114 New Gower Street. The report of his sudden passing was heard with sincere regret by most of the people of St. John's, all of whom had a great regard for Frank, whose kindly disposition endeared him to all with whom he was acquainted. His employers, Messrs Bowring Bros, and the officials of the concern, held the deceased in the highest esteem. He is survived by a widow and eight children, as well as five brothers, Rev. Father A. Maher of St. Lawrence, John of the Agriculture and Mines Dept., William, Thomas and Edmund in the United States. To the bereaved family and other relatives The Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

PRISONERS SENTENCED

To-day the prisoner Job Roberts who was convicted Friday night on a charge of conspiracy to defraud Insurance Co. was before the Supreme Court. The Full Bench were present and the Chief Justice sentenced the prisoner to one year, stating that the Jury's recommendation to mercy and his Counsel's plea for clemency had weighed with him. In the case of Thos. Rees who pleaded guilty to an atrocious crime committed at Bell Island, was sentenced to fourteen years with hard labour.

CHARGED WITH MORE LARCENIES

The three boys implicated in stealing lead and a boat owned by Mr. Wm. Campbell were before court Saturday afternoon, when they were further charged with breaking the locks of two railway cars at Waterford Bridge; the larceny of a watch from P. Walsh, and the stealing of groceries and tobacco from Nicholas Dalton and Rd. Doyle. There were further remedied.

FLEET OF NEW VESSELS WILL BE PURCHASED FOR Nfld. TRADE.

Mr. Stephen Butler, shipwright, is at present in New York and will remain there for the next six weeks. Mr. Butler will superintend the repairs to be given in New York to the Neptune and which will be very extensive. He will also look over two or three large vessels which will be purchased by local merchants at New York, and in this connection we hear that a regular fleet of sailing vessels will be bought either at New York or other U. S. ports to be used as fish and coal carriers for the Newfoundland trade, a proceeding made necessary by the increasing shortage in steam tonnage. Most of the vessels which are under consideration will be comparatively new and some, it is said, will be equipped with motors.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 9:30 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers—Capt. H. Butt, W. E. Leroux, H. H. Curragh, A. N. Marsten, H. L. R. Feester, J. D. Metcalfe, Miss M. Peel, E. L. Ashbourne, Mrs. T. Peel, M. Basha, J. Smith, R. Fudge, T. R. Horwood, R. A. Ratchford.

A Big Fire at Newtown, B.B.

Shop and Contents of Stanley Gill Are Destroyed—Nearby Houses Were in Danger—Were Saved by Energetic Action of Bucket Brigades

People who came here by the Fogota say that the fire which destroyed the shop and contents of Stanley Gill at Newtown, B.B., recently came near being a serious affair. It occurred at 10:30 in the morning when the whole place was wrapped in slumber. When the fire was discovered the people, as quickly as possible, rushed to the scene, but the flames had too much headway to admit of anything being saved. A stiff breeze blew and two houses quite near and to leeward of the burning shop had a narrow escape. They were on fire several times from the heat but the people formed bucket brigades and kept them drenched with water until all danger was past. Mr. Gill had \$3,000 insurance on the shop and stock. How the fire occurred is not known.

PRIZES PRESENTED FOR SHOOTING.

On Saturday before being dismissed the volunteers were addressed by Capt. W. H. Rennie of the Musketry Committee, who presented the prizes donated by R. B. Job Esq. to the winners in the recent shooting competitions, Ptes Hoddinott, J. E. Moores, Angal and Stevenson. The successful marksmen and also Mr. Job were heartily cheered by the other volunteers. The prizes offered by Mr. K. Blair will be shot for shortly. Capt Rennie will be pleased to hear from others who may wish to follow the example of Messrs. Job and Blair.

BIG VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE

Yesterday forenoon over 500 volunteers lined up at the Armoury and marched to service at the following places of worship, C. of E. Cathedral, R. C. Cathedral, the Kirk, George's Street Church and S. A. Citadel. The different sections returned to the armoury and were dismissed after service and there was no parade through the city as had been intended.

C.C.C. Hold An Important Meeting

An important meeting of the officers and a large number of members of the Catholic Cadet Corps was held after last mass in the Armoury yesterday. Capt. Doyle presided and the idea is to form new companies of the older boys, as owing to enlistments for the war the strength of the Corps was reduced almost to the vanishing point, as far as the older lads of the Corps are concerned. Thorough repairs will be given the armoury and some new features will be added, including an up-to-date gymnasium, shower baths for the boys for use after athletic exercises. There will be a general reorganization of the Corps and Thursday evening another meeting will be held in St. Patrick's Hall to further consider the matters spoken of yesterday.

REID CO.'S STEAMER REPORT

Argyle leaving Placentia to-day for West. Clyde on her way to Lewisport. Dundee arrived at Port Blandford 3:20 p.m. yesterday; sailing this a.m. Ethie left Port aux-Basques at 9:35 p.m. Saturday for North Sydney.

Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 8:40 a.m. to-day. Home at St. John's. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 9:30 a.m. yesterday; arrived at North Sydney at 3:30 Saturday, sailed at 1 a.m.; I.C.R., arrived at 7:50 p.m. Petrel arrived at Clarenville at 9:35 a.m. yesterday. Sagona arrived at Humbermouth at 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

B. L. S. ATHLETIC ASS'N.

Yesterday the annual meeting of the B. L. S. Athletic Association was held, when the following officers were elected: Chairman—W. J. Higgins. Vice-Chairman—A. Doyle. Secretary—J. Campbell. Treasurer—H. Power. Advisory Committee—J. P. Crotty, N. J. Vinnicombe, E. Brophy, J. McGrath.

PORTIA BACK FROM WESTWARD.

The S.S. Portia, Capt. Joe Kean, arrived here at 2 p.m. yesterday from the Westward after a good round trip. She had foggy weather all through but no stormy weather was encountered. She brought a small freight, and as passengers D. Nosh, Const. O'Flaherty, A. Hillier, B. Brazil, W. Collins, J. English, A. Power, N. Carrigan, J. Roche, James English, E. English, A. Watson, T. J. Bonis, E. Flemming, H. Peders, Slater Agnes, Mrs. E. Kennedy and 50 second class.

FINE BANKING TRIP.

Messrs. D. and J. Burke's new banker, the "Marshall Adams" arrived at Bay of Islands a couple of days ago with 150 qts fish. She is fishing of that place and has to date 950 landed for 10 dorles.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.

There is another big and interesting programme at the Nickel theatre to-day and to-morrow. The feature is "Hearts Ablaze" in three acts, by the artistes of the Vitagraph Co. Julia Swayne Gordon, L. Rodger Lyton, Leo Delaney and other well known actors appear in this drama. It is a powerful story of human interest and all lovers of high-class pictures should attend. There are other interesting films, and the popular vocalists—Bert Stanley and Jack Lane—will be heard in new songs. On Wednesday there will be presented the first episode of "The Romance of Elaine." Friday, Charlie Chaplin will appear in a two-act comic, "A Jitney Elopement." This will be a big week at the Nickel, and patrons should not miss a change.

THE CRESCENT

Don't fail to attend the Crescent Picture Palace to-day, the headliner is a great Diamond special, a three-reel feature: "The Clause in the Constitution," which is a political drama of more than ordinary interest. Isabel Rea features in "Love's Rescue," which is a strong Biograph drama. Miss Rea being supported with the very best Biograph artistes. The Essanay Co. presents one of their funniest Western comedies: "Snakeville's Twins." Mr. Frank DeGroot sings "The Billowy Sea," a corking bass number.

DR. H. A. SMITH

SPECIALIST will resume practice on MAY 9th. may5,6,8,3i

British Theatre To-day "Creation" Program.

Crowded Audiences At British Hall Show Their Appreciation Of Splendid Pictures And Beautiful Story Of The Bible.

To fully sympathize with humanity in its longing for better things we need to study human history from the Bible.

The endeavour of the international Bible Students Association to assist in such study through their "Creation" drama production is meeting with deep appreciation, if crowded houses and words of commendation be taken as evidences. The beautiful closing film of Saturday's production—the bringing back from death of the Shunamite's Son—always suggestive of the power of God to bring world blessing, held the audience spell bound, as it invariably does.

Part 3 at 3 and 8 p.m. today opens with entirely new scenes. The atmosphere of reverence and awe, suggestion of coming "peace and good will to men" seems to be transferred from the picture screen to the faces of the audience as they sit breathlessly watching the Wise Men from the East as they follow the star to the lowly manger of the Babe of Bethlehem, and present their rare gifts. Then we see the almost endless procession wending its way over the hills to the same manger-bed. Thirty three years later comes the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The pictures, themselves, will tell the remainder of the story.

Part 4, to-morrow, concludes this series except the Finale, which will be more fully announced to-morrow. Everything free, as usual.

CATHEDRAL MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Yesterday the members of the C. M. B. C. attended a Communion Service at the Cathedral, and at 9 o'clock the Harbour Mission opened. Following a short service and address by Rev. Canon White, the Mission Boat was launched from Bowring Bros. wharf, and was given a great send-off by the large number assembled. In the afternoon the last session of the class for the season was held, at which the chairman, Rev. J. Brinton, presided and delivered an able discourse on "The Eternal Christ." Next Sunday the closing exercises will take place, when the Class will combine with the C. L. B. at special service in the Cathedral.

WESTERN FISHERY REPORT

Saturday the Board of Trade had the following fishery report under date of April 29th. From J. Long (Jean de Bay ti Beau Bois)—The catch to date is 695 qts. with 500 for last week. The Howard Young (nine dorles) has returned from the Western fishery and reports for 500 qts. A large fleet of boats went to the Gulf but no report has been received from them yet.

Earthquake Shocks at Gull Island

The First Shocked Occurred on April 16—Light Keeper and Family Receive Bad Fright—Second Shock Was More Severe—Followed by Big Tidal Wave

Not often do we record the occurrence of earthquake shocks in this country, but we learn by the Fogota that seismic disturbances occurred at Gull Island on two separate occasions recently. Our informants state that the first occurred on the night of the 16th of April. The tremors were very distinct and continued on this occasion, with intervals between the shocks, of over a minute. The whole Island was rocked and the light-keeper and his wife received a great fright. The second shock occurred in the forenoon of the 18th and was far more severe than the first, as we learn, that in the lightkeeper's house dishes and plates fell and were broken, while the light-tower oscillated perceptibly and a kind of tidal wave occurred as the sea rose to more than average height and great waves were hurled on the shore. This lasted for several minutes and the shocks were felt at intervals. The upheaval seemed to be particularly violent seaward and it is believed that owing to the throwing up of the earth under the water that new shoals have formed in this section.

INJURED VOLUNTEER IN HOSPITAL.

James Yetman, the volunteer who was injured in the fracas at Buckmaster's meadow, Friday evening, is in a pretty bad state and has since been removed from his residence, Battery Road, to Hospital, where he is receiving the best possible attention. The man is more or less paralysed about the body and it is alleged that this was caused by a kick given him while the row was in progress. He was very ill for a while yesterday, and the names of a couple of brother volunteers are associated with the attack on him and they will get into serious trouble.

Were Well Pleased With Petrograd

The men of the "Bonaventure" who returned here Friday, as well as the men of the "Adventure" say that they saw some of the most historic places in Petrograd. All the great churches were visited, and amongst other famous things seen was the carriage in which Alexander, Czar of Russia, was killed by a bomb on the streets of the city over a quarter of a century ago. They also visited the church named after him and say that few streets in the great city which do not contain a shrine at which wayfarers pray. Many of these are erected in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The interiors of some of the churches are very beautiful, and they say, also, that the suburbs of the city are magnificent.

FELL ON FIELD OF HONOUR

In the Canadian casualty lists of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of this month there appear the names of two brave young chaps hailing from this country. Percy King reported killed in action was a son of Mrs. Elizabeth King of Twillingate and joined the Canadians in March, 1915, at Glace Bay. Pioneer Thos. Mercer died on April 11th and was a son of Mr. George Mercer of Port Albert, Fogo District, who also enlisted in Canada. The young man Stevens is reported to be wounded. The whole country will mourn with the parents and friends of these brave young heroes, whose names, like those of their compatriots who have given up their lives in the Empire's service, will be enshrined in the hearts of their loyal fellow countrymen.

TRAIN NOTES

Saturday's No. 1 left Humbermouth at 8:55 a.m. Yesterday's No. 1 left Glenwood at 8:45 a.m. Yesterday's No. 2 left Port aux Basques at 10:40 a.m. yesterday; left Glenwood at 6:35 a.m. and is due at St. John's about 8 p.m. Saturday's freight No. 2 left Tickle Hr. at 8:50 a.m.; due at St. John's 1 p.m.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Olinda left Maceio to-day for Barbados to load molasses for here.

Toronto (noon)—Moderate W. and S.W. winds to-day and Tuesday. Unsettled with locals showers but partly fair.

The S.S. Fogota got a thorough overhaul on the dry dock, the hull and decks being repaired. A new rail was also added to the vessel.

The S.S. Crawley arrived here Saturday evening after a run of 12 days from Cadiz with 6000 tons of salt. She had fair weather all through.

The S.S. Stephano left New York at 6 p.m. Saturday for here via Halifax and is due Thursday. The Herizel will leave New York for here direct Thursday with a full freight.

Mr. Wm. Flynn of Heart's Ease arrived here by yesterday's train by way of Heart's Content on his usual spring visit to the city on business. He says that all round Trinity Bay the people are now getting ready for the fishery.

Mr. Frank Keating, son of Mr. I. S. Keating, Deputy Minister of Finance, left here by the express yesterday for Detroit, Michigan, to take up work as a lithographer. Mr. H. Barnes also went along to the same place. Mr. Barnes has been Treasurer of the B.I.S. A.A. for some time and before his departure he was presented on behalf of the Association with a gold watch and chain. Mr. Jas. P. Crotty making the presentation. Both Mr. and Keating and Mr. Barnes were popular members of the B.I.S. and a large number of members of the Society were at the station and gave them a cordial send off.

THE HARPS ARE EVERYWHERE.

Since this war began the "harps," the green variety we mean, have been practically everywhere and whenever they come into contact with the Huns they left their mark. The crew of the Bonaventure report them in the White sea, but these of the fatty variety which are found in such profusion in Newfoundland. On the 8th of March the Bonaventure passed through an enormous patch of these white coats at the entrance to the White sea, and if the ship was properly equipped her load might have been killed.

WELL DESERVED HONOUR

Amongst a list of commissions for non-coms. and privates in recent English papers to hand occur the name of Pte E. Jeffreys of the 14th Montreal Battalion; He is now Lieutenant Jeffreys and well deserves the honour conferred on him after the gallant work performed by him in the trenches in Flanders and France, done practically since the war began. We congratulate both the young officer and his father, Rev. Mr. Jeffreys of Pouch Cove parsonage, as well as the other friends of the young officer.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

New Union Trader Reaches Port

"Hattie A. Heckman" Recently Purchased by Mr. Coaker Reaches Port—A Splendid Vessel—Proved a Fast Sailer and Will be Valuable Addition to Our Local Fleet

The fine new American schooner "Hattie A. Heckman" recently purchased in Gloucester by W. F. Coaker Esq., for the Union Trading Co., arrived here at 9 p.m. Saturday with a cargo of oil, etc. and a deck load of gasoline from Boston, consigned to the F. P. U. She left Boston Saturday week last at noon and on the run down had mostly southerly winds, but with dense fog the whole way. She did not make any land until Cape Spear was sighted.

The vessel is a splendid sailer and on Thursday last Capt. Loughlan easily took 11 knots out of her on a free wind, but lost his topmast stay-sail in so doing. The vessel is a pretty model, with graceful straight-like lines, is splendidly built, built of American oak and will be used as a trader and general carrier. She is 105 tons gross, 72 nett, and her present skipper, who will command her in future, is a young, able and experienced mariner. He is a native of Burin and is a brother of Mr. Chas. Loughlan, assistant manager of the Union Publishing Co., and a young mariner who bids fair to make his mark in his profession. Numbers of people came to the Union premises to-day to view the new purchase and were delighted with her. She will be fitted with a new Bolinder engine and will be a fast motor boat as well as sailer.

Carpenters Wanted.

Wanted Carpenters, apply to

M. & E. KENNEDY Office Renouf Bldg.

WANTED—A teacher, A.A. Grade, for the Methodist Superior School, Bonavista; salary, \$375.00. Also Teachers for Canale and Bayley's Cove Schools; salaries, \$180.00 each. Apply with testimonials to the CHAIRMAN of the Methodist Board of Education, Bonavista. —may9,3i

WANTED—At once, a Reliable Housekeeper for Hotel at Aguathena, Port-aux-Port. Apply H. McPartridge & Son, Stephenville Crossing, Nfld. —may9,3i

WANTED—A Man to drive an Express wagon. Must be sober, reliable, and recommended. Apply A.B.C. this office. —may4,1f

WANTED—An Experienced Dry Goods Salesman. Apply by letter, stating age, length of experience, where employed, and salary expected, to "CONFIDENTIAL," The Daily Mail and Advocate office. —may2,6i

New Show Room Open Ground Floor; no more climbing Stairs or Elevators. Full line of American Goods Just opened. MIDDY BLOUSES from 65c. LADIES' BLOUSES from 50c. CHILDS' MUSLIN DRESSES. MISSES' LAWN DRESSES. Beautifully trimmed with Embroidery, Insertion and Finest of Lace. —ALSO— We are noted for Stylish Millinery And our New Showroom is Complete with Latest London Styles. Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe Limited. 315 WATER STREET 315 Agents for Ungars Laundry & Dye Works.