

HAVE SIGNED ON DURATION OF WAR

Albert and Wm. Joy Again Heard From—Both Now on Mine Sweepers and Enjoying the Life—Complains About Non Receipt of Parcels

Mr. Samuel Joy of New Gower St. last week had letters from his two sons, Albert and William, Naval Reservists, who have been with the fleet ever since the outbreak of the war and who, to their credit be it said, immediately their year of service expired engaged on their respective ships for the duration of the war.

Both lads wrote under date Nov. 15th. Albert is serving on the mine sweeper "Lily Bank" and speaks of the treat of some good old Newfoundland fish sent by him was to him and to several messmates who partook of it.

William Joy, who was formerly on the "Cornwallis" battleship is now on the mine sweeper "Restivo" and he writes a most interesting letter to his sister, Miss M. Joy.

He is more than pleased to get our local papers with all the home news. He sent his photograph in uniform and he certainly looks a credit to the branch of the service in which he is engaged. He also enclosed handsome photos of the Cornwallis with tender running from the ship and filled with men to land on Gallipoli.

CORPORAL R. HICKEY RETURNS

Corporal R. Hickey of the Newfoundland Regiment arrived here by Saturday's express. He was stricken with enteric fever while in the trenches at Gallipoli and after being sent to Malta was later transferred to Wandsworth Hospital, London.

He gives a good account of the work of "Ours" after the landing at Suvla Bay and says the boys, like their comrades of other regiments, are determined to win through at all hazards.

TWO FIRE ALARMS

Two fire alarms occurred yesterday. The first was at the residence of Mr. Martin at the Battery, where soot in the chimney blazed up, and the second occurred at 7.30 p.m. when an alarm from box 36 brought the Western and Central men to the residence of Const. Martin Meyers, McKay Street.

"BREMEN" WAS HERE TWICE

If the German cruiser "Bremen" has been sunk, a ship of the enemy's navy not unknown to the people of St. John's, has met her fate and presumably at the hands of a British submarine or, at least, it is to be hoped so. This ship visited Newfoundland waters some years ago, was in St. John's harbor twice and on each occasion her visits were surrounded by an air of mystery.

OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S. There is a very delightful act at Rossley's to-night by Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke, high-class vocalist, brilliant actress and expert dancer, a brilliant combination very seldom found in one person.

THE CRESCENT. Mr. Dan Delmar sings a classy ballad—"Roses Remind Me of Someone"—at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY. The members of the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral and St. Patrick's attended Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass in both churches yesterday.

NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING KILLED.

While dressing the front windows in R. Templeton's store a couple of days ago Mr. Firth, draper, slipped and falling went completely through the large glass of the window out on the sidewalk.

OUR BANK FISHERY.

Table with columns: No. Ton. Crew. Dry fish. Qtls. Average Catch per Man. 1915. 1914. Increase.

POLICE LOOKED AFTER HER.

A girl named Holihan who had been in Holyrood for some time and whose father is a ne'er-do-well arrived here Saturday evening by train, she having sent adrift by an aunt with whom she lived.

MET HEAVY LOSS

Mr. R. Parsons of Flatrock was a heavy loser by the recent heavy sea which swept into Flatrock. His store with 15 qtls. fish, all his trap gear and other property in it was swept away and by this accident alone he lost over \$500.

PRESENTATION TO POPULAR OFFICERS

Purses of Gold For Lieut. O'Grady and Corporal Luscombe—Instructor Hussey Gets Handsome Wrist Watch—Good Feeling Between Officers and Men

Saturday, Instructor Hussey of the Volunteer Force was presented with a handsome wrist watch by Sergt. Williamson for the men; and Corporal H. Luscombe was given a purse of gold with the following address from the Musketry Committee, the presentation being made by Capt. W. H. Rennie.

"The undersigned members of the St. John's Rifle Association and Musketry Instructors to the First Newfoundland Regiment and Reserve Force, beg you to accept the accompanying gift as a trifling souvenir of your work in connection with the Musketry Instruction of the Regiment.

Additional Information. Second Lieutenant Cyril B. Carter, Church Hill, previously reported wounded, progressing satisfactorily; pronounced out of danger.

LOCAL ITEMS

The two big oil tankers now here, the Muskagee and Shebonee have large cargoes of oil on board. The former has 3,844,000 gallons of Crude oil and naphtha, and the latter, 3,200,000. The latter ship cannot go on the dry dock until the "Queen Margaret" comes off.

Mr. Chas. Prowse of Bannerman Street had a letter from Mr. H. Reeve Nfld. War Contingent Association a few days ago, stating that his son Private W. P. Prowse had been wounded and that he would receive the best possible attention in hospital at London.

T.A. & B.S. SPECIAL MEETING.

Yesterday afternoon a special meeting of the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society was convened and was largely attended. President W. J. Ellis presided and several new members were placed on the roll.

The S.S. Vikka which left here for Alicante fish laden arrived there Thursday morning last and left in the afternoon for Alicante.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

- 171 L. Corp. Charles Edward White, St. John's; dysentery severe; Malta, Nov. 2. 808 Michael Broderick, St. Brendan's, B.B.; dysentery severe, Malta, Dec. 2. 158 Sgt. Norman Alexander McLeod, 149 Gower Street; gunshot wound, no date given. 1144 Private Edward Bewhey, 23 Prince's Street; killed in action, Nov. 30. 295 Private John M. Fitzgerald, 20 Carter's Hill; killed in action, Dec. 1. 1017 Private James Joseph Tibbo, 7 Lime Street; killed in action, Dec. 1. 1125 Private John Robert Merchant, 18 Casey Street; reported wounded, Nov. 30. 298 Private Harry Alex. Tomkinson, Pictou Landing, N.S.; reported wounded, Nov. 30. 339 L. C. Hubert Edgar Ebsary, 147 Southside; reported wounded, Dec. 1. 254 Private Robert Joseph Lahay, Bell Island, C.B.; gunshot wound, no date. Additional Information. Second Lieutenant Cyril B. Carter, Church Hill, previously reported wounded, progressing satisfactorily; pronounced out of danger. 1084 Private Edward White, Twillingate, previously reported wounded and dangerously ill; now out of danger. 52 Private Eric R. A. Chafe, 61 Springdale Street, dangerously ill, enteric; now out of danger. 155 Corporal Michael Vall, St. Mary's, seriously ill, dysentery; now out of danger.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

EMBARGO NOT RAISED

We learn to-day that the schr. "Laura" which left here recently fish laden for Malaga, Spain, has been held up at Gibraltar.

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT.

Saturday evening a boy named Maher was riding down Hamilton St. on a pony's back, in turning into Patrick Street he was thrown and struck the ground on his head. The fall was an ugly one and the boy for a while was rendered unconscious.

FIFTEEN PRISONERS JAILED SATURDAY.

Saturday evening and night the police were kept more busy than for several months past and placed 15 prisoners in the cells. Some seven of these belonged to the Shebonee and other ships in port, and these gave the police some trouble as they let themselves loose after getting ashore.

AGED RESIDENT PASSED AWAY

Mr. Geo. Churchill, one of the oldest fishermen of that section died at Portugal Cove last night in his 82nd year. Mr. Churchill was a well known fisherman, honest and kindly and until recently despite his advanced age enjoyed the best of health.

The Best American Mayo's... 15c Plug. At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

FULL BLOODED INDIAN FOUND ON WATER ST.

Joined Nascope at Montreal—Stayed at Seaman's Institute Till His Funds Were Exhausted—Is Grateful to Police For Kindness Shown

The police on night-watch found a man respectfully dressed walking Water Street at 2.30 a.m. yesterday, and as it was hard to understand him and they saw he was a stranger, they brought him to the Station. He spoke only broken English but yesterday forenoon by sheer close questioning and the exercise of much patience Detective Byrne got his story.

After his funds were exhausted he had to quit there. He is a quiet man of small stature, aged 22, and was very thankful for any kindness the police extended. The treatment accorded this man at the Seaman's Institute is in strange contrast to that practiced at the S.A. Depot and at Seaman's boarding houses.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS COMING

Mr. Gus Keating who was wounded at the Battle of Ypres and one of whose arms have been rendered useless as a result of wounds will arrive here by the Stephano on Wednesday.

THE "HOME'S" REPORT

The S.S. Home arrived at Humbermouth at 5.20 p.m. yesterday. She reports making all ports of call and delivering all the goods on board. Had fairly fine weather. No ice on the coast.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Saturday morning the Volunteers were put through various exercises and marched away Saturday afternoon going through the City accompanied by a drummer from the Nfld. Highlanders, while two members of the Regiment played strong martial and patriotic airs on accordions. The boys also sang patriotic songs and their spirits were gay and all seemed to be pleased to get away.

SLEPT IN BALE BOX

Yesterday a boy named Udle, aged 8 years, of New Gower St., was sent by his mother to purchase medicine, he being given 50 cents to pay for the purchase. He did not turn up home and was found this morning asleep in a bale box at the rear of the Royal Stores.

A HANDSOME SOUVENIR

Mr. Anthony Tooton, photographer, to-day presented to His Grace Archbishop Roche a beautiful souvenir of his consecration as Archbishop. It is a volume of photographs of scenes in the ceremonies taken by the donor and the album is bound in rich Morocco with gilt inscription. It is a reminder of a very happy event in His Grace's career which will undoubtedly be treasured by him.

CITY'S HEALTH REPORT.

Eight cases of diphtheria were reported in the city last week, and one death resulted from the disease. Five residences were disinfected and released from quarantine. Forty cases of diphtheria are now being treated in hospital and two at home.

SHIPPING

The schr. Nellie M. left Pernambuco Saturday for this port. The Portia left St. Joseph's at 8 a.m. to-day going west. The Prospero left Little Bay at 7.50 a.m. going north. The Tabasco leaves here this afternoon with a big freight, mostly codfish for Liverpool. The S.S. Beatrice arrived here this morning from Sydney with a cargo of coal for Morey & Co. The schr. Cold Storage, Capt. Blackwood, arrived from Brooklyn, B.B., to Messrs James Baird Ltd on Saturday with 900 qtls codfish. The schooner made a quick run, having covered the course in 11 hours. We hear that the S.S. Bonaventure on arriving at Gibraltar will be detained there for a while as the Russian Government are negotiating for her and will likely take her over to act with the other ice breakers recently purchased here.

BIG SALE

Our Christmas issue was quickly bought up on Friday and by noon day not a copy was to be had. Hundreds of citizens and many support friends have been to our office since Friday looking for copies, and they are disappointed at not been able to purchase one. We could have sold another 1200 easily. We printed 20,000 copies which have been distributed to every harbor and village in Newfoundland. We are indeed sorry that some of our city friends were unable to get a copy. The matter was original and dealing, as it did, with the affairs of the country was eagerly sought after by citizens generally.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Frank J. Morris, K.C. presided at to-day's sitting of the Police Court. A more than ordinary heavy criminal docket was dealt with. Five drunks were discharged, four others were fined \$1 or 3 days' each and 4 disorderlies were each fined \$5 or 14 days. The Indian, to whom we refer elsewhere, was sent down for 8 days as a vagrant, so that the police may make more enquiries about him. A drunk in charge of a horse was fined \$1 or 3 days. Further proceedings in the Roberts barratry case were begun at noon to-day.

Daring Ruse of British Interned Naval Officer

How Lieutenant-Commander E. Layton, who commanded the submarine E-13, which was bombarded in Danish territorial waters by the enemy, made his escape from Denmark to England, is related by the London Chronicle's Liverpool correspondent. The E-13 was shelled and destroyed while lying helpless where she had stranded on the Danish coast, this breach of Denmark's neutrality being typical of Germany's indifference to the rights of weak nationalities. The British crew were interned at Copenhagen on parole, but the commander refused to promise not to attempt to escape and was kept under close surveillance at the naval barracks. Despite the utmost vigilance and a double guard, however, he managed to escape by an ingenious plan. One night, when all was quiet, he quitted his bed, leaving in his place beneath the sheets, a dummy, and got through the pantry window. The naval barracks were situated on an island off the coast; so in order to get to the mainland of Copenhagen he had to jump into the water and swim for it. From Copenhagen he made his way to Bergen and thence to Newcastle-on-Tyne. Commander Layton had with him a copy of a recent issue of the Sydsvenska Dagbladet which gave further details of the capture. Two other officers also made an attempt to escape the same evening, but they were recaptured before they could get outside the dockyard boundary, where they had endeavored to hide. An officer then went to the commander's room to ask for an explanation, but that officer had already vanished and in his bed lay a doll made up of a large sponge and some cushions. The Journal adds that it was supposed Lieut.-Commander Layton swam out to a motor boat which was in waiting and conveyed him to Malmo or some other place on the coast of Skane.

War Messages.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Details of a narrow escape from death recently of the Queen of Belgium when aviators threw bombs on the village where the Royal couple now reside, are printed by the Petit Journal. Two bombs fell five yards from the King and Queen, but they were not hit by flying fragments.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SANK THE BREMEN

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says, he learns that the torpedoing of the German cruiser Bremen, a German torpedo boat, occurred on Friday night close to Libau, while the Bremen was returning with lights out from an inspection of the entrance to the Finnish Gulf. The correspondent adds, the attack was made by two British submarines.

RUTCHALAMARA BESIEGED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to Constantinople despatches received by way of Amsterdam by Reuters Telegram Company, two British monitors have made successful attempts to break the Turkish lines besieging Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia.

WOUNDED AT DARDANELLES

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The announcement is made that Brigadier-General George Benjamin Hodson, of the Indian Army and Brigadier-General G. D. L. Ryerick, of the Australians, have been wounded in the Dardanelles.

NORGE STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Norwegian steamship Nico has been sunk and eleven survivors, including the pilot, have been landed. The Nico was 712 tons gross and built at Christiania in 1913.

WOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Brigadier-General Holman, of the Sixteenth Cavalry, Indian Army, is reported wounded in a recent battle in France.

ALBERT STANLEY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Albert Stanley, M.P. for North-east Staffordshire, died yesterday.

WOMEN AT THE FRONT

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Women will begin work as motormen in the Berlin street cars next week.

FRENCH IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal French arrived in Paris this evening from the front. He will be received to-morrow afternoon by President Poincare.

JAP. GOVT. UPHELD

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—A vote of want of confidence in the Government was defeated in the House of Representatives by 222 to 132.

GREEKS PROTEST

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Athens correspondent of Reuters is authoritative for the statement that the Greek Government has lodged a formal protest with the Entente Powers against the fortification of Salonika by the Allied forces.

TO ASSURE ALLIES TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A despatch from Salonika states that a representative of the Minister of Railways has taken the necessary measures to assure transportation facilities for the supply of the Allied army troops at the front, in conformity with an agreement between the Greek General Staff and the Generals Commanding the Allied forces. Arrangements are also being made to increase telegraph communications.

STEPHANO DUE WEDNESDAY

The S.S. Stephano left Halifax at 7 o'clock this morning and is due here Wednesday forenoon. She will bring a record freight including large shipment of poultry and other Christmas goods.

The schr. Freedom arrived here to-day from Maceo in 33 days. She made the run from Pernam in 31 days.