

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. E. M. Jackman left by last evening's express for New York.

The schr. L.H.B. will sail to-day for Alicante with codfish for G. M. Barr.

Two more of our policemen will leave at the end of the month to join the Volunteers. All honor to them.

Commissioner J. J. Mullaly left by last evening's express for Omaha, U.S.A., for a protracted stay there.

Yesterday a case of diptheria was reported from Walsh's square. The patient, a girl, aged 11, was sent to hospital.

The motor boat "A. F. Goodridge" is now receiving a thorough overhaul to hull and engines and will begin the work of freighting in April.

Capt. English, Sr., who has been confined to his home for some weeks past suffering from a severe attack of lagrippe, is now on the mending hand.

It is expected that the S. S. San Onofre in tow of the S. S. San Gregoria should reach here to-day. Both ships were reported yesterday about 200 miles distant from Cape Race.

An unfortunate drunk, tumbling along Water Street last night, fell heavily on the ice and cut his face badly. It was thought his nose was broken and he was taken to the Police Station, where he was looked after.

Mr. Mark Downton of Pennywell Road, who was so badly burned about the hands while trying to quench the flames which attacked a little girl named Osbourne at her home recently, is still confined to his home and is being attended by a doctor.

INFORMATION WANTED AT CITY HALL

A few days ago a letter was received from Frans Franssens, a French non-commissioned officer who is now interned at Riga, Gassterland, Frieland, asking for information as to the whereabouts of his father, Pierre Ange Franssens, from Newfoundland. A brother of above named Michael is serving with the army around Belgium.

Weather and Ice Conditions

LaSalle—Wind N., weather fine, ice fight inshore, lakes in the offing, no report of seals.

Seal Cove—Wind N.W., weather fine and cold; bay full of ice; no seals seen.

Tilt Cove—N. W., strong, cold, bay clearing.

Nipper's Hr.—Strong N. W. winds all night, moderating this morning; bay clear.

Change Islands—Strong N. W. cold, with snow flurries.

Fogo—Wind N.W., good breeze, very cold and snow falling.

Greenspond—Strong breeze N. N. W., ice moving off.

Bonavista—Wind N.W., clear, cold. About four miles heavy slob on south of bay, outside that limit there is good deal of water to be seen. East of Cape conditions are good for steamers getting north.

Catalina—Wind N.N.W., fine weather, north side of bay clear of ice.

Codroy—Wind N. W., moderate, lots of ice, very little water to be seen.

Flower's Cove—N. W. winds, fair and cold, Straits still full of ice.

March 6th—From Quebec. Heath Point—Cloudy N. E., light close packed ice everywhere.

Magdalen Islands—Clear N. W., no water in north side. Pleasant Bay clear of ice.

Cape Ray—Cloudy N. W., light packed inshore.

Flat Point—Clear W., light open everywhere.

Point Amour—Clear N. E. heavy close packed distant.

OBITUARY

CAPT. JAMES WILSON. Capt. James Wilson, one of our best known master mariners, passed away at his home, Cochrane Street, yesterday after a protracted illness, at the age of 68 years. Deceased was born in St. Austle, Cornwall, England, and came to this country in 1871 as mate of the brigantine Harriett, and for many years sailed from Bowring Bros. his last command being the brig. Imogene. Owing to ill-health, Capt. Wilson retired from sea-going, and of late years has been assistant Examiner of Masters and Mates for Newfoundland. A widow, two daughters and one son are left to mourn, to whom general sympathy is offered.

Excellent Concert Last Night

The College Hall Was Crowded to Hear Comrades' Glee Club—Financial Returns Are Very Satisfactory

The appreciation of their efforts in such a worthy cause as the assisting financially of the city orphanages, shown last night by the splendid attendance at the College Hall, must indeed have been gratifying to the members of the Comrades' Glee Club. The concert was one of unusual excellence and was thoroughly enjoyed, as evidenced by the applause with which each item was greeted. The part songs and choruses were splendidly given, particularly "The Comrades' Song of Hope," the rendition of which would have done credit to a much more aspiring musical body. In the individual numbers the performers, one and all, ably sustained their reputations, and the solos in the National Anthem were admirably rendered by Mrs. King and Miss Mare. To Mr. F. J. King, who acted as conductor, and to the Glee Club, congratulations are due on the providing of such a feast of music. The programme was:—

Chorus, "Ye Mariners of England;" Violin Solo, "Balladen Polonaise" Miss Johnson; Quartet, "Cheer Up, Companions," Messrs F. Seymour, W. H. Peters, J. A. Young and C. J. Fox; Songs (a), "Black Roses," (b) "Unmindful of the Roses," (c) "Birthday Song" Mrs. King; Duet, "The Lord is a Man of War," Messrs F. Ruggles and F. J. King; Chorus, "March of the Men of Harlech," Interval of five minutes. Chorus, "The Comrades' Song of Hope;" Song, "I Wept, Beloved in My Dreams," Miss Mare; Quartet, "The Lass That Loves a Sailor," Messrs J. W. Dewling, H. Taylor, Ruggles, and F. Bradshaw; Recitation, "The Uncle," Rev. W. H. Thomas; Quartet, "A Capstan Chorus," Messrs F. Cornick, R. Bogan, C. Howlett and C. J. Fox; Song, "I Live For You," Mr. Arthur Williams; Chorus, "Rule Britannia."

GOD SAVE THE KING

DESTRUCTION AT LAWN

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had the following message Monday evening: "At Lawn on Saturday and Sunday the storm was very heavy with high tide and caused great destruction. Grant's rear store containing two traps and other stuff, Ambrose Lamb's storage, with flour and coal, all completely lost. Other stages and flukes were wrecked and five dories broken up."

MORE DESTRUCTION REPORTED

Mr. C. C. Pitman of Lamaline wired the following message yesterday to the Marine and Fisheries Department:—"Great destruction of fishery property along the coast in Sunday's gale. Two dwelling houses at Mick's Cove were completely destroyed with sea and a store at Lord's Cove containing codtraps, etc., demolished."

SHE BURNT HIS PANTS

Last night Detective Sgt. Byrne made an arrest for theft, the accused being a domestic with Mr. Joseph Felich who lives on Bond Street. During the past 48 hours Mr. Felich found that he could not locate a pants which he generally wore and in the pockets of which he had \$60.00 in cash. He searched his house but could get no trace of it and then decided to call the police to his aid. The officers set to work and after some time found that the pants had been burnt by somebody in the house. The buttons were found in the ashes vim and Mr. Felich recognized them as those that were in the pants. Suspicion fell on the servant who was arrested under warrant last night.

SEALING NOTES.

The steamers Terra Nova and Eagle sailed at 9 a.m. for Westleyville to clear for the seal fishery.

The Bloodhound will sail to-day for Pool's Island likely and will leave there Saturday for the voyage. The Erik sails to-day for Pool's Island to sail thence for the seal fishery Saturday.

The Sam Blandford and Neptune sailed this morning to Bonavista Bay to clear for the seal fishery.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 4.30 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers:—E. F. Wilkie, W. H. Collins, Dr. R. E. Estel, Dr. Leon Izgur, R. G. Angel, J. C. Dunne, J. A. Pumphrey, C. A. White, E. W. Long, Capt. J. Petties, Miss A. Griffin, Dr. J. G. Knowlton, G. Selars.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

MARCH 8

DR. CARSON introduced Bill to establish town council, 1834.

John Kent gave notice of first License Bill, 1834.

Dr. Kielly, M.H.A., died, 1855.

A sham battle in the city, between Volunteers and Regulars, took place to-day at the Long Bridge. It was a most exciting encounter, and the whole city was present. During the same evening, in the House, Mr. Bennett humorously alluded to the fight by asking Major Renouf for a list of the killed, wounded and missing, 1866.

Robert Walsh, Harbor Grace, died suddenly here, 1881.

Governor McCallum visited seal steaming, followed by sealers' parade to Prince of Wales' Rink, where the Governor addressed the men, 1899.

Henry Ward Beecher died, 1887.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

Letters received in the City yesterday from St. Mary's Bay say that much damage was done Saturday and Sunday by the high tide and sea caused by the storm. At St. Vincent's Mr. John Gibbons' store was carried away with a stock of salt in it, as well as a lot of fishing gear. His stage and flukes were also swept away. The storm and succeeding sea was far worse than that which caused the loss of the Southern Cross. In some parts of St. Mary's Bay there never was seen such a terrible sea.

FOUND THE BOOTS.

Monday the Mail and Advocate exclusively referred to a theft from Martin Feltham, of the Neptune, who had a new pair of skin boots valued at \$6.00 taken from his berth. Yesterday Sgt. Mackey and Const. Whalen located the thief on the Erik, found the boots, and brought the prisoner to the lock-up.

ANOTHER SCHOONER LOST, CREW SAVED

The Fisheries Department, Monday, had the following message from St. Pierre: "Schooner Montana of St. John's, is a total loss in St. Pierre Roads on March 4th; crew saved and proceeding to Lamaline on March 5th for St. John's. All papers lost from vessel."

DIANA ARRIVES AT ST. LAWRENCE.

Mrs. Thos. Lynch yesterday had a message from her son Max Pike, wireless operator on the Diana, saying that the ship had arrived at St. Lawrence, all well, and was to leave last night for Channel. She had the full force of the big storms of Saturday and Sunday.

The schr. Salandra, which went ashore at Trepassy and was refloated, lost her anchors and will come on here with her fish cargo, which she landed at St. Jacques. She sustained no damage.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers had indoor exercises yesterday forenoon and then a route march through the city. Some 150 were present in the parade and the lads were much admired as they marched down Water Street. Rifle practice was participated in at the Southside Range in the afternoon, and at the Highlanders' Armory at night.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Job left by the express yesterday on a short visit to the United States.

Passionist Fathers who will preach a mission at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's in this city will leave for here by the Stephano sailing from New York to-morrow.

The S.S. Prospero sailed West at 10 a.m. to-day taking as passengers: H. Gibbons, W. Matthews, S. Hearn, C. Tobin, Miss Gibbons, A. B. Orr and 10 steerage.

Masses were celebrated at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's at 7.30 and 8.30 a.m. Blessed ashes were distributed to the faithful after each mass. The Lenten Devotions begin to-night at 7.30 with Rosary Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

News Withheld From this Paper

Monday evening the Marine and Fisheries Department had a message from St. Pierre as to the loss of the schr. "Montana." Our reporter being unable to get to the Marine and Fisheries office yesterday as he generally does 'phoned the Department for any news that might be around and was told that there was absolutely nothing there. Yet we see that this message was in since Monday evening.

Now this low down, mean, sneakish treatment is not good enough and The Mail and Advocate doesn't intend to stand for it. We have just as much right to the public news going through Government office as the most hide bound Government journal, and we intend to get it or know the reason why.

We would ask the Deputy or whoever is in charge of the M. & F. Office at present to enquire as to why the information as to the "Montana" was withheld from this paper. Whether the denial of information came from someone in authority or some under-strapper fearful of giving information we don't know, but we intend to see to it in future that this paper is given ordinary decent treatment at the hands of government officials, whom we as well as the taxpayers are keeping in their comfortable jobs and who are likely to forget occasionally that they are the servants not the masters of the public.

W.P.A.

List of subscribers to W. P. A. Fund of Westleyville Branch, including Brookfield and Pound Cove.

Table listing names and amounts for W.P.A. Fund subscribers, including Capt. E. Bishop (\$10.00), Mrs. W. C. Winsor (5.00), etc.

N. WINSOR, Pres. L. WINSOR, Treas.

In Aid of the Sick and Wounded and of our Soldiers and Sailors at the Front.

Table listing items for the fund, including Kelligrews (17 prs. socks), Spout Cove (34 prs. socks), etc.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

A charming programme has been arranged for the Nickel theatre to-day which is certain to attract large audiences. The principal feature is the "New Exploits of Elaine." Today's episode is most thrilling and is even better than last weeks. Hundreds of citizens, young and old, are now interested in this brilliant story and are anxious to see to-day's chapter. There is a beautiful three-part social drama entitled "The Sands of Time." This is a dainty story which is sure to please all. The confedy is a keystone "Mabel won and Lost." By attending the Nickel to-day the public will be helping to swell the funds of our two charitable societies as the Nickel receipts during Lent will be given to them.

THE CRESCENT

The Crescent Picture Palace is showing "Man and his Master" to-day. This great feature is produced in two reels by the Biograph Company. It depicts the troubles caused by a strike. Louise Vale as the mill-owner's daughter and Jack Dumeir as the foreman are supported by a strong cast. "Dreamy Dud in the Swim" is a film of comic cartoons. "The Journey's End" is a fine jungle zoo, wild animal drama. "Scenes in and around a Santa Fe" is a film of beautiful and interesting scenes. "Sophile and the Faker" is a very funny Essanay comedy. "The Confession of Madame Barastoff" a great three reel Russian military feature is coming to the Crescent.

Charleston Shows Its Patriotism

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your much read paper to make a few remarks. First I must say, eight of our brave boys have gone forth to do their duty for King and Country. The first was Edgar Quinton, R.N.R., who is on active service; the others have joined since. A Fry is also on service. H. P. Matthews, L. J. Matthews, H. Prince and C. Prince are training in England. The others, William Fry, and Albert Taylor, are volunteers and are training at Ayr, Scotland. During the past two months A. Taylor has been promoted to rank of Corporal. If every little place responded to the call as good as Charleston for their population, England should feel proud of her sons. We were unable to hold a concert this year owing to our boys being away. We held one in 1914, of which the proceeds went towards the Patriotic Fund. The man have started to build a school here, which is badly needed. We hope to see it ready for use before long. The C.E.W.A. have not been working of late owing to not having a suitable place to hold their annual sale of work. In conclusion we can only hope that this terrible war will soon be at an end and that our brave boys will return safely home. May God bless and help them in all dangers. This is the prayer of one interested. Charleston, Feb. 9, 1916. COM.

HEAVY SENTENCES FOR TRADING WITH ENEMY.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Three officials of the London branch of the Pownes Glove Company, an American concern, to-day pleaded guilty to the charge of trading with alien enemies of Great Britain. W. F. Rignen was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. E. F. Rignen and W. G. Rignen to pay a fine of \$2,500. The Rignens were charged with entering into contracts with a German concern and attempting to evade provisions of the Alien Trading Act by providing for payments after the war.

Petleys, Smith's Sound—20 prs. socks. Green's Harbour—92 prs. socks. Salvage and Bishop's Hr.—19 prs. socks. Arnold's Cove—25 prs. socks. Gander Bay—15 prs. socks. Greenspond—10 prs. socks. Lethbridge—4 prs. socks. Unmarked brin parcel—24 shirts, and sample. Fortune Bay—18 shirts, 15 razors, socks. Heart's Content—84 prs. socks, 1 pr. mitts, 24 shirts, old linen. Long Pond—50 prs. socks. Harbor Breton—22 shirts, 42 prs. socks, 16 prs. mitts. Package received in December from Harbor Breton—19 handkerchiefs, 1 night shirt, 21 prs. socks.

ANNIE H. HAYWARD, Convener. Packing and Shipping Committee.

Citizens, Attention! Read and Digest

Some few weeks ago at a regular week-end meeting of our self-elected Civic Board some questions were asked relative to Mr. Longley and the new pipes supplied the City.—We herewith reproduce the questions and answers with some comment thereon.—Are you satisfied Mr. Gosling has protected your interests? Are you willing to allow him force his new charter on you without your knowing what it is?

Q. How many water pipes, and what sizes, were condemned from shipments of 1915.

A. In an average condition.

What an answer to the above question. We doubt very much if it is satisfactory to the enquirer and must certainly say it is not so to the average taxpayer who can only regard it as idiotic.

Q. Who, or what firm of engineers inspected said pipes before they were shipped?

A. None.

This answer, if true, shows a glaring lack of business ability on the part of the board, and we feel sure none of the members, had they purchased these pipes for their own private use would have accepted them without an Inspector's Certificate. Apart from this, how can Chairman Gosling reconcile the above answer with the one he gave Commission. Morris at the regular weekly meeting last year. Mr. Morris did not think the City would save anything and would be pleased if it came out even in the transaction when Mr. Longley was paid his commission, etc. He hoped the balance would not be on the wrong side. Mr. Gosling's reply was to the effect that Mr. Longley was acting in the capacity of Agent for the City and would inspect the pipes, etc., for which he would be paid. At which meeting was Mr. Gosling quoting facts? Granting his words to Mr. Morris to be correct, the question arises, did Mr. Longley do the work he was paid to do, namely inspect the water pipes? On the whole it appears to us in the face of these verifiable answers, that Mr. Longley was instructed to inspect the pipes but omitted doing so, and his Dear Friend was trying to cover this omission with flimsy excuses.

Q. What Commission did the Board pay Mr. Longley for the purchase of said pipes? A. The amount paid Mr. Longley for services were included for his purchase of the pipes. Just so, but doesn't it strike the ordinary man in the street that \$50.00 per day (which we understand is the salary Mr. Longley was drawing while in the employ of the City) was rather a little too much for acting as agent to purchase \$35,000 worth of pipes? Q. Has the Purchasing Department power to buy without consulting the Board? A. No.

To our mind this is the first intelligent answer to these questions and goes to prove there is no such office as Purchasing Department. Why should the Board try and blindfold the citizens of St. John's with such tommyrot.

Q. Will local agents have an opportunity to quote or tender for imported requirements for civic use. A. Yes.

What are we to infer from this? Will all future requirements be put to Public Tender and advertised for, which undoubtedly they should be and said tenders opened in presence of at least three members of the Board at the date appointed. If our memory serves us right we haven't seen tenders asked for since the present board appointed themselves to take care of civic affairs. Is this honest towards our local business men? Q. Is Mr. Longley acting as Purchasing Agent for the Board at New York and if said Mr. Longley has a free hand to suggest et ceteras for the water supply of the City. A. Not in any way.

Look at the above answer given by Chairman Gosling to Mr. Morris, that lie is named. Longley is their Agent. Salvage and Bishop's Hr.—19 prs. socks.

A. Read the Act. We notice the Act gives the City power to do so, but it is up to every Insurance Company and Taxpayer to make full enquiries into such an action on the part of the present board, as it is constituted this is a most serious matter. Perhaps the learned oracle of the 'Star' Office will be able to explain all this away for his Simon Pure friend—Gosling.

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TURKS GIVE VENT TO HISTORIC SPITE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The news agency despatch from Athens to-day says:—

"Turkish authorities for some unaccountable reason set fire to town of Vourla, on the Gulf of Smyrna, largely inhabited by Greeks, according to despatches received here to-day.

Greek residents had been warned several days in advance and were taken off by Greek ships. The town was completely destroyed.

SALVATION BANDS COMPOSED OF WOMEN

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—Salvation Army bands, composed of women, will soon be a common sight in Canadian cities. Over 300 of their male musicians have joined bands in the various overseas contingents and more than 3,000 members of the Salvation Army have enlisted in the ranks. Kingston will have one of the first women bands, according to announcement here.

Mr. A. Salter has received word this a.m. that the Bell Island curlers had left there for this City early this morning. Games will be played between the visitors and City teams during the afternoon and night. All visitors will be welcomed.

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