

# Would Be Welcome to Britain's Sailors

German Squadron Said to Have Sailed Out into North Sea, To Give Battle to Our Fleet

Copenhagen, December 26.—German squadron of considerable size is reported to have sailed out into the Northern Sea early to-day proceeding towards coast of England to give battle to British fleet.

## THE CHRISTMAS EVE SMOKER

The smoking concert held in the King George the Fifth Seaman's Institute on Christmas Eve was attended by over two hundred Volunteers and Naval Reserve, and a jolly good time was spent. The Committee in charge left nothing undone to give the defenders of our Island Home a good time.

The Hall was decorated beautifully with red, white and blue bunting. The pictures on the walls were all draped with flags, the stage was a magnificent sight, decorated with trees and the flags of the Allies in the centre. Every Volunteer on entering the Hall was given a package of cigarettes (Gems) and a box of matches. The restaurant was also nicely arranged with Holly Leaves and bunting, and tables were "loaded down" with all kinds of good things. The lady friends who waited on the Volunteers in serving refreshments were decorated with Union Jacks and colors and they did everything to make the evening enjoyable.

The programme was excellent; all the performers had to respond to encores. Lieut.-Col. Rendell (C.L.B.), was Chairman, and Mr. H. Christian, L.R.A.M., was the accompanist. Among the gathering was Sir Joseph Outerbridge, Hon. John Harvey, the French Consul, Hon. W. C. Job. An item appeared on the programme which nobody knew anything about. It was six ladies from one of our city choirs, they appeared on the stage (masked) and sang three carols: "Noel," "Good King Wenceslas" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

They sang beautifully and the large gathering appreciated their kindness and their singing. They represented the Ladies' Patriotic Association and during their singing the hat was passed around and the sum of \$40 was collected and handed over to one of the ladies towards the Patriotic Association fund.

At nine o'clock His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, K.C. M.G., arrived and "three cheers" were called for him, after which all sang "God Save the King."

His Excellency spoke a few words to the Volunteers and read a telegram which he was sending to the boys at "Fort George" and the Naval Reserve: "Newfoundland wishes them all a Happy Christmas and Bright New Year."

The Institute was for the use of the Volunteers and during the intervals they enjoyed themselves at the swimming pool, bowling alley and the billiard tables. Mr. W. H. Jones and his assistants looked after their guests well and did not let a dull moment arise.

The Volunteers are very grateful for the splendid time and entertainment they received and wish to thank those in charge for their kindness to them.

**Programme.**  
Mandolin and violin selection—Macklin, Laundry and Jago. H.M.S. Calypso.

Song—Mr. Fred M. Ruggles—"Your King and Country Need You."  
Recitation—Mr. T. O'Neill—"How Liege Held the Road."

Song—Mr. H. J. Cornick—"In the Navy."  
Song—Petty Officer J. Collier, H.M.S. Calypso—"It Serves You Right."

Song—Mr. H. W. Stirling—"Soldiers of the King."  
His Excellency the Governor Sir Walter Davidson, K.C.M.G., arrives.

Song—Mr. J. L. Slattery—"Soldiers of the King" (New).  
Song—Mr. Chas. Hutton—"The Veteran."

Violin Solo—Chief Writer F. Jago. H.M.S. Calypso—"Spring Song."  
French Horn—Mr. Arthur Bulley, of C.C.C. Band—"Good Bye" (Loste).

Duet—Messrs. Luxon, Collier, H.M.S. Calypso—"The Golden Wedding."  
Song—Mr. J. O'Neill Farrell—"It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

Song—Mr. W. H. Jones—"Private Tommy Atkins."  
Song—Mr. G. A. Gill, H.M.S. Calypso—"There is No Home Like the Old Home."

Song—Chief Armourer S. Luxon, H.M.S. Calypso—"Homeland Good Bye."  
Song—Mr. H. Courtney—"Red, White and Blue."

The Christmas Music in George Street Church will be repeated on Sunday morning and evening. The Soloists are Miss Colton and Mr. Henry Courtenay. Seating capacity will be provided for any friends wishing to attend, by ushers at the doors.

## MAYOR GOSLING'S KINDLY XMAS ACT

Mayor Gosling's Kindly Xmas Act—Citizens have a high opinion of the present members of the Civic Commission, and the general opinion is that they are the right men.

We have attended nearly all the public meetings of the Board and we think that it would be impossible to get more suitable men, as all have evidenced an earnest desire to benefit the city.

Chairman Gosling and his associates certainly deserve the support of all.

Thursday a little incident happened which will think elevate the Chairman in the eyes of all, if that be possible for he is most highly esteemed. As Chairman of the Board Mr. Gosling is entitled to certain fees for presiding at the arbitrations, and on Christmas Eve he requested Secretary Slattery to distribute the amount due him to the pensioners as a Christmas box. The pensioners are old employees, past their labor, who receive about \$2 per week.

This graceful act on the part of Mr. Gosling, meant that all were able to enjoy a turkey, yesterday, that they probably would not have had otherwise.

The recipients are very grateful for the gift, and will not soon forget it.

## Trawler Sunk By Mine

Grimsby, Dec. 26.—The trawler Ocaña has been sunk by a mine and eight men drowned.

## PRESENT FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Thursday afternoon the employees of Parker & Monroe's stock room department presented an address and gold fountain pen, to one of their number, Leo Moore, who has volunteered for the front with our second contingent. The address was couched in beautiful and patriotic language, and was suitably replied to by private Moore, who thanked his brother workers for the beautiful present and good wishes which actuated them.

**New Year's Concert, St. Patrick's Hall, New Year's Night, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Right Rev. Monsignor Roche, V.G.**  
—Performers, Misses Anderson (3), Mary Ryan, Emily Ryan, Mary Morris, Marie Devine; Messrs. T. H. O'Neill, J. M. Atkinson, A. Bulley, M. McCarthy, F. Devereaux, T. P. Haller, C. Fox, Stan. O'Leary, J. L. Slattery, and male chorus. Tickets, 40 and 20 cents. A number of seats reserved at Atlantic Bookstore. Performance at 8.15. Entrance by Queen's Road main door.—dec26,21

Song—Mr. M. McCarthy—"Songs of Old Britannia."  
"Auld Lang Syne."  
"God Save the King."  
"God Save the King."  
Cheers were given for His Majesty the King, our Allies, King George the Fifth Institute, His Excellency the Governor, our Volunteers and Navy now in active service and the Chairman Lieut.-Col. R. G. Rendell.  
Buffet: Coffee and Christmas cheer, cigarettes (Gems).  
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

## RACY LETTER FROM VANCOUVER

Former St. John's Resident Tells of Doings out West.

A city business man received a letter yesterday from a friend in Vancouver, who formerly lived in St. John's. We publish extracts, feeling sure it will be read with interest. "Must send you a few lines. Had a letter from you a few weeks ago, and was glad, though business was dull, that all seemed well with you. "Here we know in various ways that business is depressed, work said to be scarce, no building going on, nobody buying acres or lots, Building Societies and Trust Companies going into liquidation, an odd brother suiciding, some down and out, "hard lucks" disappearing and being found later in the harbor or behind a park log. There is some of that every winter and there may be more than usual this one.

"Many of the out-of-work mechanics have moved south, and many of the shop and store class have enlisted, for besides the 23,000 first contingent and the 22,000 second contingent mustered at different centres, we are now recruiting for the third, and there is a large number on local service guarding many points.

"The West was asked for a good quota, and very many who joined were young men from the Old Country, out of work here, not satisfied with prospects, or desired to get across again and took this means as leading toward that and at the same time satisfying their martial feeling, a feeling very strong among the Canadian born, especially of the educated classes.

**Not So Very Bad.**  
"To those of us who have not personally suffered by the depression it does not appear to be so bad as represented and as it really is.

"I have held my position by this mill for nearly five years, and though many others have had to close down this one has kept going, though we never know what a month may bring. "How time gets along! You were married a year or two ago, and I saw a white-haired baby. Now your second son has gone to England with the Newfoundland contingent. I sincerely hope he will come back to you, sound in every way, and a couple of medals and many experiences to tell you. Had this happened a few years earlier, you and I instead of the youths of the present would have gone.

**An "Old Veteran."**  
"I turn out weekly and drill with the "Old Veterans." We have formed a company of fifty members and offered our services for local and home protection. We are from 62 to 80 years, all grizzled or white, some stooped, some shaky in the legs, others weak in the kidneys. They all hang on and march out with the younger crowd, and gladly when its over catch a car and get back to their home quietly. I am of the least in age, and there are many of my type, still staunch and vigorous. We are the survivors, and to look at us you would have to conclude that the originals of forty-five and more years ago must have been a handsome lot of able physique and fine men.

**Possess Medals.**  
"We all sport one or more medals. I hunted to the bottom of my jewel and regalia box and brought out three that I had hardly seen for years. A Fenian Raid Medal with a bar for 1866 and one for 1870; a Red River Medal for 1870 (first one) and a life saving one presented me in 1872. So I did not make a bad show. When I looked at the show on my left breast, I was tempted to add the five K. T. jewels and appear as a Field-Marshal. However, what I have makes quite a cheery appearance.

"Two years ago, after the "Sam Hughes" government got in, they hunted us "Old Veterans" up, and sent us each a cheque for \$100. I think some of the old fellows are drilling with the idea that there might be another hundred or a pension possibly in the future.

"As far as I know, those here from Newfoundland are mostly comfortable enough. The few who have not made good brought their faults here with them and kept them.

"We are both well, comfortable, content and cheery, a bit lonely, as we see but few, and our daughter has gone to Australia.

"Kindly say "all well" to any or all of my old friends. We hope to hear that matters brighten in the Old Colony and we suppose that Confederation is a year or two nearer, if that is any benefit.

"Best wishes to your own fond self and under the circumstances as good Christmas and New Year as could be desired.  
This effusion may be tiresome. I do not write to any one often or long, but to-night I was not busy and felt like it."

## GERMANY FEARS ENTRY OF ITALY INTO THE WAR

Knows it Would be for the Allies and Would be a Disastrous Event for the Germans—Von Buelow's Mission

Rome, Dec. 23.—Prince Von Buelow, it is expected, will present to King Victor Emanuel, in addition to his credentials, an autograph letter from the Kaiser explaining the nature and object of the mission is two-fold. Primarily the German envoy will strive to avert Italy's participation in the war. If he is unsuccessful in this, Prince Von Buelow is authorized to ask the King to assume the initiative in a peace movement and to offer mediation.

**Breads the Possibility.**  
Germany it is said here, is fully aware of the impossibility of continuing the war if Italy joins the Allies, since the Austrian army is already divided between Galicia and Serbia and must necessarily concentrate on the western frontier.

Then the Russians and Servians could advance simultaneously toward Vienna and the Italian fleet initiate extensive operations in the Adriatic. Thus Austria would be sure to be defeated both on land and sea. Germany, besides being unable to aid Austria would be left isolated to fight alone against its enemies on the western and eastern frontiers.

**Little Hope of Success.**  
Economic reasons due to Italian intervention would likewise compel Germany to discontinue the struggle. Prince Von Buelow's main object is believed to be to avert a catastrophic defeat for Germany by arranging for an opportune peace move through the supposed spontaneous offer of mediation by Italy.

The chances of his failure are great, as Italy will not offer to mediate before being assured that the proposal will be accepted by all belligerents. As to intervention, it may be said that this country's course under certain circumstances has been decided upon and that the Prince comes too late to have any influence upon that decision.

## NOTICE.

BUSINESS CHANGE

The partnership heretofore existing between Mr. R. W. Jeans and myself under the name of the "UNIVERSAL AGENCIES" has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All amounts due "The Universal Agencies" to this date are payable to me, and all amounts owed by "The Universal Agencies" to this date will be paid by me, provided accounts of same are rendered to me in writing not later than January 15th, 1915.

My business for the future will be conducted in my own name, and I will be responsible from this date only for accounts contracted in my own name.

I will retain many excellent agencies, notably, amongst others, those of the De Reszke Cigarettes, Canadian Casualty and Boiler Insurance Co.; Acadia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.; Patterson's Candy; Peerless Carben and Ribbon Manufg. Co., and the Thomas D. Murphy Calendar Co.

I respectfully ask the trade for a continuance of the kind patronage accorded me in the past.

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137 Water Street,  
dec26,41 Telephone 60.

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## NOTICE

To the Members of  
The Medical Profession.

Our colleagues in Belgium are undergoing such terrible privations and sufferings that the medical fraternity throughout the world has been stirred to come to their assistance.

The Medical Board has unanimously decided to appeal to the physicians of Newfoundland to join in this good work and strongly urge upon each one to contribute according to his ability.

The undersigned will gladly receive and publicly acknowledge all contributions.


**Bis Dat Qui Cito Dat.**  
By order,  
H. RENDELL,  
Registrar.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Christmas was observed at all the churches yesterday, the services being attended by large congregations.

### ANGLICAN.

#### Cathedral.

At the C. of E. Cathedral yesterday, Holy Communion was celebrated at 6.30 and 8 a.m. At 11 o'clock Matins was sung, the service being fully choral to Merbecke's setting. The preacher was Rev. C. H. Barton, took as his text "True Peace." The recessional was "Noel, Noel." This service was followed at 12.15 by Holy Communion, the Anthem being "Unto us a Child is Born." The music by the choir was very beautiful.

#### St. Thomas's.

Large congregations were present at the three celebrations of Holy Communion at St. Thomas's Church yesterday. At the 11 o'clock service the Rev. G. H. Godden delivered an impressive address on "The Children's Christmas."

Yesterday's music and the Carols will be repeated on Sunday, when Miss Dunfield will again be the soloist. The collections for the day were for the poor.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC.

#### Cathedral.

Thousands attended midnight Mass. The High Altar was ablaze with electric lights of various hues and candles, while the decorations were exceptionally beautiful.

At midnight the clergy and acolytes with guards of honor from the C.C.C. and Holy Name Society came through the eastern ambulatory and main aisle to the sanctuary, the band of the C.C.C., under Capt. A. Bulley, rendering the Adeste Fideles as a procession. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche, Adm., was celebrant, Rev. Fr. Sheehan being Deacon, Rev. Fr. Conway, Sub Deacon, and Rev. Dr. Greene Master of Ceremonies. The following was beautifully rendered by the choir and the C.C.C. band: Processional, Adeste Fideles, C.C.C. Band; Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Benedictus, Arthur Thurton; Offertory, Adeste Fideles, Noello arrangement; Recit. "There were shepherds abiding in the fields"; Recit. "And Suddenly there was with the

Angel"; chorus, "Glory to God"; Recessional, Mozart's "Gloria." C.C.C. band.

At 11 o'clock yesterday High Mass was again sung, the same music being rendered as at midnight Mass.

#### St. Patrick's.

At 7.30, 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. Low Masses were celebrated. At 10.30 a Missa Cantata was sung by Rev. Fr. Pippy, after which Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted. After Benediction, Miss B. McCarthy sang, "O Holy Night," as a solo.

### METHODIST

#### George Street

There was a bright and inspiring service at George St. Church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. N. Guy, officiating. The following musical programme was given during the service—Anthem "There were Shepherds Abiding"; Carol, "At midnight a summons came"; Anthem, "Where is he that is born"; Organ Voluntary, "Pastorale"; Solo, "Nazaret, Gounod"; Carol, "When at Christmas Christ was born." The soloists were Miss Grace Colton and Mr. H. Courtney.

#### Wesley

The service at 11 o'clock yesterday morning was taken by the Pastor, Rev. H. Royle, who preached a most learned sermon in keeping with the Christmas festival and the times. The musical programme consisted of three Anthems—"Glory to God in the Highest," "There were Shepherds abiding," "Thou art My Son," and several hymns, all of which were faultlessly rendered.

#### Cochrane Street

The service at the College Hall yesterday morning was attended by a large congregation. The carols were splendidly sung, and Misses Herder & Vincent rendered their solos beautifully. Rev. Mr. Whitmarsh occupied the pulpit, and took as his text, "They presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." After referring to the war with its apparent inappropriateness, and telling the story of the wise men, the preacher pointed out that the gifts these men gave might well be made a type of a three-fold gift we may make to our Divine King in our day.

### PRESBYTERIAN

The Carol Service at the Kirk on Christmas Eve was attended by a very large congregation, and the music was beautifully rendered.

At 11 a.m. yesterday the Carols were repeated, when the singing was led by the Children's Choir. The little ones brought a large quantity of gifts of every description, which were distributed to the various Orphanages in the afternoon.

At 4 p.m. the members of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Guilds provided in the Presbyterian Hall, a bountiful repast for a large number of poor children, each of whom was given a gift by Santa Claus, and on leaving received a bag of candy.

### Congregational.

The services at the Congregational Church yesterday were principally choral. The work of the Choir, under the leadership of Mr. S. R. Steele, was splendid.

The following numbers were rendered. Anthem, "Arise Thine," Elvey; Selection from Darnton's Cantata, "Tidings of Joy," (a) "Come all ye faithful," (b) "While Shepherds Watched their flocks," (c) "Angels from the realms of Glory," (d) "From the Eastern Mountains, Anthem, "There were Shepherds," Vincent. The soloists were Misses Hamlyn and Langmead and Messrs. Thomas (Rev.) and Steele. Organist, Miss Jessie James.

The pastor, Rev. W. H. Thomas, preached on the coming of Christ, or "Advent of Christianity," and the usual collection for the poor was taken up.

## S.A. XMAS DINNER

Thursday afternoon the Salvation Army supplied Christmas dinners to three hundred poor families in the city irrespective of creed.

The parcels contained a piece of fresh meat, bread, sugar, tea, fruit and candies, sufficient being given to feed each family according to its number. These dinners were made possible by "keeping the pot boiling."

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson were present at the distribution and were pleased with the work of the Army people.

Prospero left Tilt Cove at 7.30 p.m. Thursday.

Portia left Placentia at 9.15 a.m. She is due here to-morrow forenoon.

Fogota arrived at Wesleyville at 4 p.m. yesterday and left again early this morning.