

### Light Cruiser Went to Fight Big Germans

Little Warship Patrol Bravely Steam-ed Out to Face the Most Terrible Odds.

New York, Jan. 16.—The American wife of an officer aboard the British light cruiser *Patrol*, has written a letter to a friend in this country, describing the German raid on Hartlepool, when she saw shells falling in the streets and several houses hit. She describes the conduct of the *Patrol* in the action, which was related to her by her husband after the fight. She writes: "A shell fell in the water close to them, and he saw several houses blown away. They backed out into the basin, turned, and made full speed for the entrance to the harbor. The entrance is only about fifty yards wide, and on that the Germans were concentrating their principal fire. The captain turned to the navigating lieutenant, familiarly known as the pilot, who was on the bridge with him, and said: 'I don't think we will get through that.' The pilot answered: 'I don't think we will, sir, and they went full steam at it.'"

#### Three Battle-Cruisers.

"They were hit several times, one shell going through the bows, so that she partly filled with water, sank in the bows, and hit a sand bank. The fire was terrific, shells screaming bit, and falling all about them. The ship

rolled so that she rolled the deck under and when the order came to cut away the boat, it was almost impossible. They forced and bumped their way off the sand bank, and with pumps going at full pressure, and the holds patched up with collision mats, the water did not gain. They could see three great battle-cruisers firing broadsides of 11-inch and 12-inch guns at them. Flash! flash! flash! and then would come the moment of waiting, and next the scream of a shell and the splash as it hit the water, or the thud as it hit them. One shell went entirely through the ship, killing a man.

#### Prepare to Torpedo.

"All this time they were never able to fire a shot, being completely out-ranged with their little four-inch guns, and so the captain gave the order: 'Prepare to fire torpedoes. Every man in the ship know what that meant. All was up, as it meant going within eighteen hundred yards of the enemy, and even if they got them in the condition they were in, and under the fire that was being directed at them, they would never get back. Then it was found that the ship would not steer, and that is the only thing that saved them. Suddenly the firing ceased, and the German ships made off and disappeared.

Their troubles were not quite over, for a fire had broken out, but it was soon under control. Their casualties were three men killed, one lost overboard, and fifteen wounded. The captain and pilot had also been knocked down by a shell and cut a fire was terrific, shells screaming bit, but nothing much. The captain had all the men

### Heartless Trusts Boost Food Prices

Grave Charge Made in British Labor Organ "Daily Citizen."

London, Jan. 16.—The *Daily Citizen*, the official Labor organ, publishes an interview with James Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., who demands that the Government shall take steps to control the prices of these commodities in which increases have occurred. This, he says, should be done particularly in regard to coal and butter, and drastic steps should be taken against those who exceed the official limit.

"Bread," Mr. MacDonald says, "gives us a different problem, because it includes the big cost of freightage, which is apparently very considerable. But if the Government is willing to stand outside from people who are making profits out of the war, prices will continue to go up, and every trade will see a good excuse in order to deceive the public."

#### Higher Freight Rates.

The same paper publishes an interview with the representative of a large retail firm who contends that one of the factors contributing to the inflation of prices is that there is a greater demand for food by the public. "I don't know," he said, "whether that is the cause of the saloons doing business or not; but it is true that the demand being greater the price goes up. On the Corn Exchange, the increase in prices of bread is attributed mainly to the high price of North American wheat and the increased cost of freight. Inquiries, says the *Citizen*, leaves little doubt that the price in New York has been engineered by a 'ring' who are out to benefit by the war.

together and made them a little speech in the evening, congratulating them on their coolness under fire, and told them that, rather than have a British ship shelled in a British harbor, he had gone out to see if there was not something he could do, and that the zone of fire they had just been through could only be described as a hail of shells."

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The Committee hope that the collectors will meet with a generous response especially in view of the greater need of the parent society caused by the war. It is facing not only a decrease in its income but also an increased expenditure by the distribution of Testaments and Gospels among the troops.

Since the war began over half a million copies of the Scriptures have been sent from the London Bible House alone to Red Cross organizations, field hospitals and other helpers of the sick and wounded. Also every Protestant Volunteer throughout the Empire including our Newfoundland boys has been presented with a Testament before starting for the seat of war.

#### PIANO PLAYED AS FORMIDABLE WENT TO BOTTOM

London, Jan. 16.—Alfred Joseph John Hart, officer's steward, who was the last to leave the *Formidable* when she foundered, in describing the scene as the vessel sank, said: "When everything had been done to save the *Formidable*, the boats came alongside and took off as many as possible. All the boats had left the ship when the crew of one cried: 'Room for one more.'"

"Two of us tossed for it and the other chap won, but he said: 'You've got parents; I have not; go on, jump for it.' I had to swim for it. As the boat drew away we could see the crew striking matches to light their cigarettes and pipes. A piano had been pulled out on deck, and a rag-time was being played to keep up the spirits of the men."

#### Frenchman Saw German Officer On Paris Street

In the very centre of Paris, not a stone's throw from the Madeleine, says the *Action Francaise*, a French nobleman, the Marquis de Maussabre, found himself face to face with an individual whose presence in the capital at this time profoundly astonished him.

Strolling towards him with the leisurely air of the accustomed boulevardier was General von Schwartzkoppen, formerly German Military Attache in Paris.

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### PORTUGAL COVE HOLDS IT FIRST UNION PARADE

Portugal Cove, Jan. 16.—The first F.P.U. annual parade ever seen at Portugal Cove was held on Jan. 15, at 12.15 p.m. We assembled at the Union Hall and the roll was called, ninety-one out of a membership of one hundred and one answering to their name.

We have five from our ranks doing duty to their King and country on the decks of our warships, and I am pleased to say that we have twenty-seven in all fighting under the good old flag that has braved the battle and the breeze for a thousand years.

#### Took Up Collection.

But to return to our parade. Before leaving our Hall we took up a collection in aid of our disaster fund. We left the Hall at 1.15 p.m. proceeded to the West Point also to North Point and to Protestant Town, taking in Miller's Town on the way back.

Friend George Churchill led the procession with his horse carrying the Union Jack with other flags. Friend Fred Hibbs came next with his horse hauling a boat with the Union flag and Friends Henry Miller and Jonathan Churchill fish as they went.

#### Band in Procession.

Following the band came the L.O.A. band kindly loaned for the parade and they rendered excellent music such as "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and "The good old summer time," etc.

Following the band came Friend Stephen Hibbs with his horse, bearing a banner with the inscription "Long Live Coaker." "Success to the Union." "God Save the King."

Following came Friend Matthew Churchill with his horse bearing a large cod fish and the British ensign. There was a splendid arch erected in honour of the parade.

#### Was Very Scarce.

Friend William D. Rose had his trawl set, but the cod was very scarce, one of the members made the remark that it was set in too shoal a water, as there was a few rock cods and flat fish hooked. The man on top of the arch must have done well as he was in the act of gaffing a nice one as we passed.

We got back to our Hall at 4 o'clock, after doing a five mile march, good and hungry, to a splendid tea, which the good ladies had prepared for us.

The Rev. Mr. Legge, of Portugal Cove, likewise Mr. H. Hurry, schoolmaster, honoured us with their presence. The Rev. gentleman spoke, not from a political standpoint, but he said that he believed that our organization was to try and carry out the divine will of the Master, for He said, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

#### Pleasant Hour.

Afterward the Rev. gentleman took tea with us and spent a pleasant hour with us.

Our motto is equal rights to everyone and we fishermen of Portugal Cove intend to stand by our President in everything that is right and I think that it is time for our members for St. John's East to wake up and see that we men get a square deal or we intend to know the reason why. The time is gone when three or four men can get all the cream and leave the skimmed milk for the man that's got no pull. A word is enough to the wise.

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