

"VICTORY" FLOUR-- THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

OUR THEATRES.

THE NICKEL.

The mid-week programme at the Nickel theatre yesterday attracted the usual large audiences who are following the thrilling serial "The Exploits of Elaine". There have been many exciting pictures shown at this popular theatre but yesterday's episode of Elaine was the king of them all. The general opinion of those present yesterday was that nothing like it had ever been seen here before. It was highly interesting from start to finish. The balance of the programme was made up of high-class pictures by celebrated artists. This evening the programme will be repeated and large attendances are predicted. To-morrow there will be another Charlie Chaplin comedy.

ROSSLEYS.

Lovers of real Irish songs and dances will find much enjoyment at Rossley's to-night. Mr. Ballard Brown and the lady with the grand opera voice and the educated feet, will delight the crowd. The pictures too are very good. On Friday night the contest promises to be a good one. Three gentlemen have come forward already all promising to do great stunts. Don't miss Friday's contest. The gorgeous pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" will eclipse all Mrs. Rossley's former efforts. The songs, dances, novelty numbers and wonderful spectacular scenes will make up one of the most beautiful entertainments ever seen in this city, and our own city children will more than astonish patrons this year. Don't forget the dance at Ours on December 27th.

BELL ISLAND ELECTIONS

To-day the nomination of candidates for the Municipal election at Bell Island took place at 10 a.m. It is said that there are between 30 and 40 nominees. Nine councillors are to be elected.

DAMAGED VESSEL HERE

The schr. Belle of the Bay which was towed up to Bell Island in the recent stormy weather while coming to St. John's from Heart's Desire, fish laden, was towed from the Island to port a couple of days ago and is now at G. M. Barr's wharf. As exclusively stated by *The Mail and Advocate*, before the Mary took her to Bell Island, the vessel got an awful drubbing and for 3 days her crew were short of grub. She had all her sails torn in pieces and her booms smashed. She is a vessel of 40 tons and had a load of fish and oil.

OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENCES

At 10.40 last night Const. Tobin arrested a woman, a resident of Charlton Street for obtaining money under false pretences on November 1st past. She opened and took from a letter on allotment for \$2.50 sent by her husband at the front (in the Navy) to Mrs. Agnes Northcott. The woman pleaded guilty but as she had paid back the cash and as her husband also is serving King and Empire she was released under suspended sentence by Mr. Hutchings, K.C.

THE PORTIA HERE FROM THE WESTWARD.

The S.S. Portia, Capt. Joe Kean, arrived here from the Westward last night at 9.30. The whole trip up and down the coast she had stormy and wet weather with head winds and high sea, while from Placentia to port she had dense fog the whole time considerably impeding her progress. She brought a full freight of herring, codfish and lobsters, and her passengers were Messrs M. Duggan, M. Dooley, P. F. Fogarty and 20 second class.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

THE ILLUSTRATED CHRISTMAS TRIBUNE, ALL SOLD OUT--The Publisher of *The Illustrated Christmas Tribune* wishes to announce that the first lot is sold and that no books can be had from Plandealet Office before Saturday, when the second installment will be ready. Copies can still be had at the Tobacconists and Bookstores.

Central School Prize Day

Yesterday the pupils of the Central Schools were given their Christmas vacation when the annual distribution of prizes took place. An excellent programme of songs, drills &c. was gone through with. Mr. Blackall presided and complimented teachers and pupils on their excellent work. Both Rev. J. Brinton and Rev. Canon Bolt, Secretary of the C.C.S., spoke in similar strain, referring particularly to the able management of the Society of Education, and paid a tribute to the ability of Misses Purchase (acting Principal), Torrville, Pike and Culton. The Lord Bishop was unavoidably absent. The winners of the prizes were:

Kindergarten -- Florence Hayward, Lizzie Carter, Jean Benson, Willie Stevenson, Monroe Dugden, Effie Oake Florrie Tavernor, Olive Hall.
Room II--Willie Benson, Sadie Garland, Annie Campbell, Maud Hewitt, Max Carter.
Room III--Lily Peckham, Eric Hamlyn, Jennie Dowden, Gladys Hewitt, Phoebe Tilley, Lau, a England, John Pearce.
Room I 1st class--Lizzie Tilley, Muriel Johnstone, Olive Lukins, Ethel Pearce, Ethel Hancock, Florence Pitcher, Mary Russell, Louise Russell, Stella Hemmens, Mollie Pearce, Minnie Hemmens.
Room I 2nd Class--Mary Morris, May Rowe, Gertrude Oake, Frances Hynes, Dorothy Hynes, Leonard Pearce, Willie Rees, Irene Thompson, Arthur Matthews, Gilbert Kelly, Samson Brushett, Edward Pitcher, Eva Dugden.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

His Excellency the Governor and the Premier today inspected the Volunteers now in training for active service. The men had indoor drill yesterday and received their two weeks' pay. The number on the roster is now 2649, with the addition of the following:

Kenneth J. Gillingham, St. John's.
Jno. J. O'Brien, St. John's.
Geo. R. Shave, Fogo.
Rupert Green, Burgeo.
Thos. Stanley, Burgeo.
Jno. Pearce, Twillingate.
Saul Keeffe, Little Hr., Twillingate.
Robt. Hiscock, Chamberlain's, C.B.
Hy. Tansley, Cardiff, Wales.

To-night at Canon Wood Hall

At the meeting of St. Thomas's Bible Class this evening, Rev. Dr. Jones will take as his subject: "The Teachings of Jesus concerning the Family. (1) Marriage." This class which meets at Canon Wood Hall at 8, is open to all men who desire to spend a pleasant and profitable hour, a cordial invitation being extended to them by the Rector.

At 9.15 the adjourned meeting of the Llewellyn Club--the Men's Club of the Parish--will take place. As the stores will then be closed it is hoped there will be a large attendance. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to draft a constitution and nominate officers for the ensuing year will submit their report, and the necessary measures will be taken for the completion of the organization of the Club, so that everything may be in readiness for the formal opening on the first Thursday in January.

BANKERS GETTING READY

By the Portia we learn that the banking fleet to prosecute the voyage from the S. W. Coast is now being put in readiness for the season's work, and the voyage will open next month, some weeks ahead of other seasons. Most of the fleet will be supplied with squid in a frozen state and imported from Gloucester.

WILL RE-ENLIST

We hear that 14 more Naval Reservists whose year of service has expired will shortly be leaving the Old Country to come home. It is also said that after spending a time with their friends most of them will re-enlist.

San Francisco's exposition expects to pull off its biggest day with 20,000 people and the Colonel present

LOCAL ITEMS

A little girl aged 9 was taken to Hospital last evening ill of diphtheria from her home in Rocky Lane.

A man, a resident of Blackhead, arrived by the train last night for the Lunatic Asylum. Another also insane arrived from Brigus by to-day's train.

The pupils of the Christian Bros' schools, St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross, received their Xmas recreation yesterday. The schools re-open on January 3rd, 1916.

Herring were very plentiful in the waters surrounding Bell Island yesterday and to-day and men with nets secured boat loads. The fish are of large size and fine quality.

Mr. D. Baird of Parker and Monroe's had a letter yesterday saying that Private L. Hogan of Newfoundland Regiment who was reported ill is progressing satisfactorily.

The well-known and successful banking master, Capt. Wm. Hollett, of Burin, we learn by the Portia, has loaded the schooners "Donald C." and "Susan Inkpen" with herring at Bonne Bay. One of the vessels made a good run to Gloucester.

Consts. Wall and Mercer were called to a vessel at Crosbie & Co's wharf yesterday afternoon where the cook was kicking up a row and threatening to desert the vessel. When the officers arrived he calmed down and promised to remain and do his duty.

The Portia brought one of the largest, if not the largest freight, on record from the Westward this trip. Filled to the hatches below, she also had a full deck load, and much of the freight is herring from Bonne Bay to be shipped by the Stephano to New York.

REMOVAL NOTICE!

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THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers: A. Francis, Mrs G. C. Gerrer, S. A. Hester, J. W. Finn, R. P. Shears, J. Angel, W. R. Warren, Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, J. B. Orr.

Last Night's Fair and Concert

The W. M. S. Sale of St. Andrew's held yesterday and which concluded last night was a most successful affair. The attendance was very large and the cake and candy stalls which were looked after by Mesdames D. Baird, T. McNeill and B. Holloway were quickly sold out. An excellent concert was given after tea and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Numbers were given by Mrs. King, Misses Strang, Mitchell, Johnson and Curtis, and Messrs King, McIntosh, Fox, Kerr, Young Herschell and Hirst. After the concert a bean supper, arranged by Mesdames W. F. Butler and J. Clouston, was held and most heartily enjoyed. To Mrs. D. Baird who had the general management of the sale, the Members of the Young Ladies Guild, Mr. F. King and Mrs. McKeen, great credit is due their energy and industry entailing mainly to the success of the sale.

THE BULLDOG OF 'EM ALL--The Newfoundland Illustrated Christmas "Tribune" is now on sale. The largest number issued--40 pages with colored cover, 18 contributions and a supplement of 16 pages containing 100 pictures. Send one to your soldier friend. Sale price 20 cents. Newsboys wanted to make big money.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

L.O.A. Annual Meeting

At Victoria Hall Monday night the annual meeting of Rose of Sharon Lodge, L.O.A., Royal Black Preceptor, was held. The following were elected to office:
W. Preceptor--Sir Knight J. C. P. Duxter, re-elected.
Deputy W. P.--Sir Knight N. Andrews, re-elected.
Chaplain--Sir Knight W. R. Stirling, re-elected.
Registrar--Sir Knight R. J. Ivany, re-elected.
Treasurer--Sir Knight John Badcock, re-elected.
1st. Lecturer--Sir Knight John Norman, elected.
2nd Lecturer--Sir Knight Thomas Noseworthy, elected.
1st. Censor--Sir Knight J. B. Giles, elected.
2nd Censor--Sir Knight George Langmead, elected.
1st. Standard Bearer--Sir Knight L. J. White, elected.
2nd. Standard Bearer--Sir Knight Chas. Moores, elected.
Pursuivant--Sir Knight James Cook, re-elected.
Tyler--Sir Knight Thomas Adams, re-elected.
Committee--Sir Knights Stephen Williams, George Reid, Levi Froud, Samuel Haines, John Snelgrove, Orestes Spencer, Norman Heater.

Theodore on the "War-Path"

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.--"President Wilson has met a policy of blood and iron with a policy of milk and water," declared Theodore Roosevelt last night in a statement issued from Oyster Bay, in which he devoted some fifteen hundred words to a thorough condemnation of the Administration in general and the President's message to Congress in particular.

"Indecision and the treatment of conversation as a substitute for action, and, above all, the making of threats which are not carried into effect," the Colonel stated, "put a premium upon exactly the form of anarchy and conspiracy of which the President complains."

"He now waits to Congress that he is unable to control anarchy, and would like it to supply what is lacking by passing laws the nature of which he does not indicate."
"There would be no need for this wait if ten months ago, when he wrote his note to Germany stating that he would hold her to strict accountability for outrages against us, he had meant what he said."
"Such action would not provoke war. It would prevent the cumulative outrages which lay the foundation of war."

Hard to Kill

BERLIN, Dec. 10.--The Overseas News Agency, under the title "Hard to Kill," has given out what it says is a history of the German Crown Prince, during the war, as compiled by a Danish newspaper from reports given out by Germany's enemies. The history follows:

- Aug. 5, 1914--Victim of an attempt against his life in Berlin.
- Aug. 18--Severely wounded on the French frontier.
- Aug. 20--Second attempt against his life in which he loses one leg.
- Aug. 24--Third attempt against his life.
- Sept. 4--Committed suicide.
- Sept. 13--Died in a Brussels hospital.
- Sept. 15--Commanded an attack against Verdun.
- Sept. 16--Wounded by shrapnel in Poland.
- Sept. 18--Once more wounded on the French front.
- Sept. 20--Is hastened to his death.
- Oct. 24--Buried in Berlin.
- Oct. 24--His body was found on the battle-field.
- Nov. 3--Once more killed.
- Nov. 4--Once more killed by the French.
- Nov. 8--Insane; taken to a lonely castle.
- Nov. 13--Appointed Chief Commander on the East front.
- Nov. 17--Once more killed.
- Jan. 16, 1915--Once more wounded.
- Feb. 3--Sent home.

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SHIPPING

The Tabasco left Halifax at 3 p.m. yesterday for this port.

The S.S. Greciana leaves Liverpool for this port alone to-morrow, the 17th inst.

The S.S. Bonaventure arrived at Naples Tuesday and will come back here via Sydney with a coal cargo.

The S.S. Durango which will leave Liverpool on the 20th inst will go to Halifax direct.

The schr. "Yosa" left Herring Neck for Gibraltar yesterday with 3400 qtls Labrador fish, shipped by Geo. Carter.

The Alembic, Capt. Coward, left New York Saturday for this port with a general cargo. She had new engines installed while there.

The schr. Spinaway was cleared yesterday by Harvey & Co., taking 2578 qtls codfish for Figueria and will sail the first opportunity.

Capt. Meikle and the crew of the Nascope sailed from Liverpool last Friday and will come out to Halifax by the Pretorian, thence coming to St. John's. The ship is now in service with the Russian Government.

The S.S. Bonaventure, after arriving out to Sydney, will likely engage in the coal trade between that port and St. John's and will likely engage in it for a couple of months. It will be decided later if she will prosecute the seal fishery.

The Prospero and Portia are now in port together. The former sails at 10 a.m. to-morrow for the North with a full freight and a deck load of Xmas goods, and the latter sails at 10 a.m. Saturday with a full freight of the same. Coming this way, the ship brought 2,500 lbs. of herring from Bonne Bay, were the fish were never so plentiful before.

No Information for Germany

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.--The gravity of the issue between the United States and Germany over the question of the recall of Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. von Papen, naval and military attaches of the German embassy, was increased to-day when the state department let it be known that it would refuse the request of Germany for the evidence on which it based its demand for the removal of the two officers.

The German ambassador raised the point of national honor and his representations to the state department were particularly urgent.

The position of the state department was stated authoritatively to-day as follows:

First, the United States will answer Germany that there is no obligation under international law or otherwise for this government to furnish its reasons. Therefore the request of Germany will not be granted.

Second, that to comply with the German request would necessitate revealing the sources of information through which this government has gathered its evidence regarding the activities of the two attaches.

Third, that the United States is demanding that the attaches "leave the territory of the United States," and that it is not an obligation on this country to obtain safe conduct for them if Germany does not ask it.

Fourth, the United States will give the German government a stenographic copy of what was said relating to Captain Boy-Ed in the trial of the official of the Hamburg-American line. This will be done merely to show that this government did not base its demand for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed on the statements made concerning him in the trial.

ALL RIGHT--BUT--

PARIS, Dec. 15.--France, in common with Britain, Russia, Italy and Belgium, has recognized the Carranza Government in Mexico.

War Messages.

LATEST FROM SALONIKI

LONDON, Dec. 16.--The next move in the Balkan theatre of war occupies the attention of Athens and the Salonika correspondent of the British Press says there are 200,000 Entente troops at Salonika.

According to the Daily Mail, whose Salonika correspondent says that the retreat of the Entente Allies was so brilliantly carried out that large forces of Bulgarians were so deceived by the rapidity of the manoeuvres and precision of the movements of the Entente troops that they lost much time in bombarding certain positions near Strumitza which the French forces had abandoned on the preceding day.

According to the correspondents of the Times and Morning Post the Entente forces will halt on a line from Karasuli, in northern Greece on the Vardar River to Kiliindir, in Greece, which they will try to hold until the Salonika positions are fortified. This line already is fortified and there is a strong British force made up mostly of cavalry, to the north and north-east of the Kiliindir and Doiran railway.

The correspondent of the Post adds an interesting statement on the authority of the Bulgarian Minister at Athens, as quoted in a published interview, that Gievgeji and Doiran in southern Serbia, both of which are in the hands of Teutonic Allies, will be surrendered to Greece, but he says nothing about Monastir. However, the Athens correspondent of the Times says he believes that the whole future position turns on whether the Bulgarians invade Greece. He reports that he is very doubtful whether Greece would sit still under such a move, even though King Constantine and his Government should consent to it, which he declines to believe they would do.

KAISER IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 16.--An official announcement has been made that Emperor William, after a journey to the armies under Von Hindenburg's command and inspection of the naval plants at Libau, has arrived at Berlin, where he will remain for some time.

"WHOM THE GODS DESTROY"

BERLIN, Dec. 15.--In the course of his address before the Reichstag Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary Treasurer, said:

"Responsibility for the blood which will flow now on, for the misery which comes upon the world, for the danger which civilization is exposed to, falls not upon Germany, but upon those who cannot resolve to draw the conclusions from Germany's military successes, which no one can dispute any longer. The responsibility falls upon those who in their foolish criminal illusion still speak of annihilation and partition of Germany, and of exhaustion."

"We stand like rocks in the soil of home and country, and on the columns of the British empire are written in glowing letters the same words as were written on the wall of Belsazzar's palace.--Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin."

BACK ON HIS JOB

BERLIN, Dec. 15.--The Greek Consul-General at Constantinople, who has been absent for a year, has returned to his post, says a Constantinople despatch to the States' Overseas News Agency to-day.

It is further reported from Constantinople that the post of Greek Minister to Turkey, vacant since last spring, will soon be filled by the appointment of M. Kallergis, former Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs.

20,000 KILLED AND WOUNDED

PARIS, Dec. 15.--Not more than 20,000 Germans are co-operating with the Bulgarian army attacking the Allies, according to intelligence gathered from prisoners, says a Havas despatch from Athens. The Bulgars are estimated to have lost 5,000 killed and 15,000 wounded during the last few days.

DRIFTING MINES

ROME, Dec. 16.--The Italian destroyer Intrepido and the Italian transport Re Umberto have been sunk in the Adriatic Sea by drifting mines.

ON THEIR WAY

KIRK WALL, Orkney Islds., Dec. 15.--The steamer Oscar II, having on board the Ford peace party arrived here this morning.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 15.--Sir Fred Barker, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, is dead.

SUPER-ZEPPELIN DESTROYED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.--Report of the destruction of Super-Zeppelin L. 22, has been received from Schleswig, to-day.

A Copenhagen newspaper says that nearly all of the forty members of the crew were killed or wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 15.--Viscount Alverstone, former Chief Justice of England, is dead.

Many Larcenies Are Reported

The man whom we referred yesterday as being victimized was a Syrian named Albert Michael, who not long since had \$20 stolen from him while at Harry's Hr., N.D.B. It was taken out of his wallet which was in an overcoat left hanging in the kitchen of a lodging house where he stayed. A man named Evans who was suspected was arrested on board a craft last night and was before Judge Hutchings to-day, but the police who have a record of his character which is a good one were positive the man was innocent, as he affirmed he was and Judge Hutchings discharged him.

\$4000 Stolen.

Not long ago someone entered the house of a man named Greene residing on the higher-levels, and while the family was absent went through the house and stole between 35 and 40 dollars in cash. The police were informed and the matter is being investigated.

Stole Watch But Left Jewels.

A singular case occurred not long since, also. Some thief or thieves entered the house of a resident of the higher levels and ransacked it thoroughly and systematically. A watch was stolen by the intruder but a strong feature of the case is that jewelry to the value of \$400 was left behind, not that the thief did not know it was on the premises but for some other mysterious reason. The jewels were taken from the receptacle they were in and examined, but not stolen. Such an instance is rare in the annals of thefts of this kind.

We learn that the police are cognizant of the fact that for months past stealing from houses when the owners and families were absent has been going on. That the guilty parties will meet with their deserts goes without saying.

"Are you a plain cook?"
"I suppose I could be purtier, mum."
--Boston Transcript.



NOTICE

THERE will a meeting of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland at the Board of Trade Rooms, Water Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., at 8 p.m.

V. P. BURKE,
Hon. Sec'y.

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WANTED -- Immediately a Doctor for Barr'd Island. Joe Batt's Arm and Tilting. Position worth Two Thousand Dollars. For further information apply to "Chairman Doctors' Committee." Joe Batt's Arm.--dec16,3i

WANTED -- Immediately, a General Servant for a family of two. Apply this office.--dec11,1f