

# Greatest Agitation

To-morrow we will institute one of the greatest agitations since this country experienced since its fight for Responsible Government. The agitation will decide once and for all whether the fishermen of Newfoundland are to be the slaves of Water Street or whether they are to become what England intended, when she granted Responsible Government.

It will be the bitterest known to living man.

It will teach one or two upstarts with more conceit than common sense, that 20,000 men can't be insulted with impunity.

It will teach one or two lessons that the toilers have been longing for 50 years to drive home to their taskmasters.

We want every man to read our paper for the next three months.

# Thirty Millions For Bulgaria

### German and Austrian Bankers Advance This Sum—Cologne Gazette Says No Political Significance

Berlin, Feb. 10.—The pending loan of \$30,000,000 to Bulgaria by German and Austrian bankers is to be advanced against treasury notes, payable after the conclusion of peace.

The Cologne Gazette says that no political conditions are attached to the making of the loan, but that the event, nevertheless, is of political significance, since it shows that Bulgaria continues to continue her former financial relations with Germany and Austria in preference to accepting the offer of a loan made several months ago by the Triple Entente powers.

### Our Volunteers

The roll of Volunteers gradually grows larger, and last night 28 young men signed on, bringing the number up to 1130.

The following enlisted:—Tizzard's Hr., N.D.B.—Art. Fred. Osmond.

Long Island, N.D.B.—Adolph G. Heath.

Topsail.—Francis Taylor. Searstown—Vincent J. O'Quinn. Goose Bay, B.B.—Wm. Russell. St. Mary's—Albert Lee. Trinity East—Geo. Fowlow, Thos. Cook.

Bonavista—Alex. Reader. Caplin Cove, B.D.V.—Uriah G. Bury.

Catalina, T.B.—Jno. Snelgrove, Ed. Howell.

Petty Harbor—Rd. Kenny, Rd. Stack.

St. John's—Ern. James, Jos. Hollihan, Jas. O'Brien, Nicholas Evans, Jos. W. Willis, M. F. Costello, Jas. Ellis, Stan. Pike, Jno. Martret, Patk. J. Ring, M. Brien, Art. Tucker, Geo. Abbott, M. King.

### Fr. Cox Coming

Rev. Fr. Cox, S.J., who is to assist at the R. C. Cathedral during Lent, has not yet arrived, but word was received to-day that he was on his way, and will arrive here in a day or two.

### Private Woodford Writes From Fort George

Fort George, Inverness, Scotland, Jan. 18, 1915.

"Dear Grandd,

"Just a line to let you know that I am well, hoping you will be the same when this reaches you. I know you will think me backward for not writing before, but I could not help it, as the days are very short and we are pretty busy.

"I am enjoying myself immensely. We are very kind to us, and show us great respects. Yesterday afternoon, I and 20 others were to tea to Dalross Castle. I know, grandd, you know this place. This Castle was built about two hundred and twenty years ago by Lord Simon Lovat. I tell you it is some grand place. From the roof you can see seven countries.

"I held in my hand the ink-well from which the ink was taken to sign

the declaration of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. There were numerous curios there which were shown us by Lady McKinnon. There was King Charles First's snuff-box and hundreds of other highly interesting things which were shown us, and other presents she sent me. I hear we are to be shifted again shortly, where to I don't know.

"Kind remembrances to all my friends. I must close now as I have told you all for this time.

"Tell granny received the socks From your Grandson,  
F. WOODFORD.

### T.A. Club Plays Forty-Fives

Lieut. Summers' kindly gift of pipes to the T.A. Club, to be played for by the 'ancient game of forty-fives,' was won last evening by Mr. F. Miskell, who notched up 17 games to his credit.

Prizes presented by Pres. Ellis were won by Messrs. Ryan and Hickey. The games were greatly enjoyed by all who 'took a hand in.'

### Will Rebuild

The Reid Co. will immediately commence to build a new station at Brigus Jct. to replace the one destroyed there by fire on Sunday last.

The old station was one of the best on the line, being nicely fitted to meet the requirements of a transfer traffic to other sections.

### Married At Sydney

Felicitations to Mr. Thomas Buckley who was married at Sydney a week ago to Miss Maud Wilcox, of St. John's.

Tom is an old employee of Knowledge's, being employed at their hardware store for a number of years, and was very popular there, but is now with the Cape Breton Electric Co. at Sydney, C.B.

He is general freight agent with the Co., and is very much trusted and admired by the staff.

### EX-PRESIDENT TAFT REFUSES WRITE NOTE

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 9.—William Howard Taft made public today a letter he wrote on January 26 to Professor Edmund Von Mach, of Harvard University, in which the former President of the United States opposes the enactment of a law forbidding the supply of munitions of war from this country to the belligerent nations.

The letter was in answer to a request from Professor Von Mach, asking Mr. Taft to write a letter to be read at a 'neutrality meeting,' favoring passage of the bill introduced by Senator Hitchcock providing for such interdiction.

The following are the players likely to line up:—

St. Bon's Power goal  
Crawford point  
Higgins cover  
Callahan rover  
Barnes centre  
Quinn right  
McKay left

Feildians Strong  
Rendell  
Jerrett  
White  
Payne  
Munn  
E. Jerrett

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# Port Rexton Speaks

### Port Rexton Says "The Time Has Come for the 'Cullage' to Stand on Their Feet and Declare That as Lawful Subjects of the King They Will Not Stand Any Longer the Treatment Accorded to Sealers"

Dear Sir,—As the time for the seal fishery is drawing near once more, will you allow me space in your paper to say a few words in reference to last spring's disaster. A large number of the men of our Council were with Captain Randall last spring, and were witnesses of that sight which they will not soon forget.

Among those 78, some lost a father, some a husband and some a brother. It seems to be useless to try to make a law to safeguard the lives of our sealers, for this Mr. Coaker has been trying ever since last spring, and all to no avail.

The time has now come when the "Cullage" must stand on their own feet and declare that, as lawful subjects of the King, they will not stand this treatment any longer.

To my mind Kean's talk is not worth much when he says that he was able to carry a candle about the quarter deck of the "Stephano" without its being blown out. In my opinion, the candle must have known Capt. Kean. The captain of a catamaran would not have fitted out for a day's journey in the woods if he had seen the daybreak on the morning of "that blizzard."

On Feb. 3rd, our Union meeting night, Mr. Stone paid us a visit, to the delight of all our members. It was quite an unexpected visit, as he had only come to Port Rexton to take stock in the Store. He soon made himself at home, however, and delivered an able address, which was appreciated by all present.

Last night we were again visited by Mr. Stone, accompanied by Dr. Curtis and Mr. Grimes. A Patriotic Meeting was held in the Orange Hall, and a splendid meeting it was, to be sure.

The Hall was packed and twenty-one of our young men came forward and volunteered to fight for the Flag which has been carried to victory in every quarter of the habitable globe, the Flag which speaks to us of a thousand victories by land and sea.

Be the struggle long or short, we hope to see our young men come back bringing with them a last Peace on Earth, and having learnt to live in truth and righteousness beneath the protecting folds of the Union Jack.

PORT REXTON.  
Feb. 12, 1915.

### Hockey

Ice permitting the Feildians and St. Bon's play the third game of the second round this evening and a good game is expected. Should the Feildians win they will be champions for 1915, but a win for St. Bon's will give the Terra Nova team a sporting chance of the cup.

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### Newtown Notes

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to say a few words about the Union here. Everybody is glad that the Union came except a few Tories and "Slippery Jim" who says that the Union has caused any here but that is because "Jim" did not get a Government job.

We have a fine store here now, for which we are thankful. Some of the times do not his to see the Store here because they think they will not be able to buy in the next summer.

We are looking to the Union to make this right and to President Coaker who is unceasing in his efforts for the toilers.

UNION MEMBER.  
Newtown, Feb. 4, 1915.

### Caretaker Ill

Mr. Frank Coady, the genial and popular caretaker at the General Post Office, is confined to his bed with a severe internal trouble.

Frank is one of the few remaining "pioneers," and we hope to see him better in a little while and returned to duty.

VICTORY Flour, Fresh and Sweet while the loaf lasts.—Feb 12

### Line Clear of Snow

The railway line from here to Port aux Basques is, strange to say, for this time of the year, entirely clear of snow, whilst at the Gaff Topsails, which is usually the "home of the snowbank," a condition of weather exists unprecedented in local winter history.

### Prospero

The S.S. Prospero, now on dock, is undergoing some considerable repairs. A general renovation of the ship will take about a fortnight to complete, after which she will be in A1 condition again.

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### The "Evasive Item"

As exclusively reported in the Mail and Advocate yesterday, one of our Volunteers has been dismissed from the ranks, on account of continued insubordination and bad conduct.

This young man, who belongs to the West End was given many chances by his superior officers, in the hope that he might redeem himself and do better, all however, to no effect, as still continued in dissolute manner to reject authority and orders.

For this reason, and fearful of a contaminating influence on others in the ranks, we had to be dismissed. Funny how the Mail and Advocate gets every time "evasive item."

### Strange

Wonder what's wrong that flour has not gone up the last 24 hours? Surely the "Flowery Patriots" are not seeking to diminish our interest in the war situation by ceasing to grind still further the faces of the poor.

Or—and happy is the thought—perhaps Kaiser Morris has sent on a wire bluff, "Don't."

### Demand VICTORY Flour, the sooner the better.—Feb 12

### Reid's Boats

The Kyle is due at Port aux Basques about noon.

The Reid steamers, "Meigle and Home," which left for Port aux Basques on Monday last, will bring the damaged Bruce to St. John's for repairs.

The Bruce will have to be towed the whole distance, as her propeller shaft and other steering gear are badly damaged. On arrival the ship will immediately go on dock.

### Red Cross

The Florizel brought along Mr. W. S. Monroe yesterday, as passenger from the Old Country.

Wallace & Co. Chocolates are "Candies of Character." They Sweeten Life.

### PERSONAL

Elder W. C. Young has just returned to town from a trip around Trinity Bay. The Reverend gentleman speaks well of the patriotic demeanor of the men of Trinity Bay.

### Buy GOODS Manufactured in NEW-FOUNDLAND & keep the Fathers at work

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### Patriotic Association of Newfoundland

There will be a meeting of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland in the Board of Trade Building, Water Street, on THURSDAY, the 18th, at 8 p.m.

V. P. BURKE, Hon. Secy.  
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### LOCAL ITEMS

The Portia left Fushthrough at 8.30 this a.m., going west.

S.S. Prospero will be on dock for another week, when she will replace the Portia on the Western service.

S.S. Florizal hauls up at Bowring's South Side premises to discharge to-morrow.

The S.S. Glencoe left Rose Blanche at 8.20 a.m. yesterday coming this way.

The members of the Star Society have arranged a course of lectures to be given during Lent.

The Board of Health reports another case of scarlet fever at 45 LeMarchant Road, the patient being nursed at home.

The young woman of S. E. Garland's employ, who was arrested last week for larceny, has been allowed bail, the case coming before the magistrate next week.

Some young men in the West End are launching a new club into the academic waters, and Mr. R. Hickey of Monroe's office is handling the initiation.

A case of diphtheria was reported to the Board of Health. The patient, who lives on Fleming St., was removed to the Hospital.

The B.I.S. are holding a meeting tonight in their rooms, when the election of officers for the current year will be pulled off.

Some little trouble connected with the discharging of coal cargo at Hynde's premises has been amicably settled by the Presidents of the Long Shoremens and Truckmen's Unions.

First Aid Case—A man named Bury was slightly injured at the dock this morning whilst at work on the Prospero and was attended to by first aid help at the dock office.

The Fogota sailed at 12.30 p.m. for Northern ports, taking a full freight. She will go as far north as possible, though it is thought that ice conditions will not permit of her usual progress.

It is reported that our next contingent of Volunteers will go to Salisbury next month and at an early date.

Those who show proficiency in the ranks are now being gathered into one company to form the new contingent to go abroad.

The weather predictions at Marine and Fisheries Department from Toronto this a.m. reads:—S.W. to N.W. winds, a few local showers but partly fair.

At Roper's noon to-day: Ther. 42; Bar. 29.50.

The Annual Meeting of Port de Grave District Council will be held at 8 p.m. on TUESDAY NEXT, FEB. 23rd. Session will open at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Delegates who have not yet chosen Delegates will convene meeting at earliest date to make selection for the District Meetings.

These Delegates will also act at the Conception Bay Convention, to be held at Spaniard's Bay on Wednesday afternoon.

GEO. F. GRIMES, District Chairman.

The Allan liner Mongolian, which has been pronounced entirely seaworthy by Lloyd's Surveyor Black, sails at 9 a.m. to-morrow, taking the balance of her passengers who remained here, also Naval Reserve Contingent.

The mail that was to close at noon to-day has been extended to 8 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of Hr. Grace District Council will take place on WEDNESDAY NEXT, FEB. 24th, at Spaniard's Bay. Session will open about 10 o'clock a.m.

Councils will proceed to elect Delegates immediately to attend that Convention, who will also act on their behalf at the Conception Bay Convention to be held in the afternoon at the same place.

ABRAHAM MORGAN, District Chairman.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, a Magic Lantern Exhibition will be shown in Wesley Church Basement by James Vey, Esq., assisted by Rev. H. Royle. Candles for sale. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Programme at 8 p.m. Adults 10 cents; Children 5 cents. Come ye in your hundreds and pay on the door.—Feb 16, 21

### BOARDERS WANTED

Three or four Gentlemen Boarders can be accommodated at No. 65 New Gower St. Terms moderate. Cuisine first class.—Feb 16, 11

# Germany Taxes Absent Belgians

### Belgian Government Protests Says Flagrant Breach of Solemn Promise

London, Feb. 10.—A despatch to The Daily Telegraph from Havre says: "The Belgian Government has addressed a protest to the allied powers and neutral states against the German proposal to tax absent Belgians. It is declared that such a tax would be not only a breach of The Hague convention, but a flagrant break of a solemn promise."

### PLANS TO BLOW UP STEAMER

Late despatch from Paris tell of a plot to blow up the French line steamer, La Champagne which has arrived at Corunna, Spain, from Mexico was frustrated by a wireless message received aboard the ship on January 19, according to the Journal Madrid correspondent.

Reports made by officers of the vessel, when it landed are said to have stated that the information given in the wireless message was that a man aboard, believed to be a German, intended to destroy the ship. Prompt measures were taken by the captain and the man was arrested. Five dynamite bombs, the correspondent says were found in his trunk.

# Italian Patriot Makes Prophecy

### Says Unless Government Enter the War There Will Be Revolution.

London, Feb. 16.—The prophecy that Italy would mobilize her army within a fortnight, was made here today by General Ricotti Garibaldi, the Italian patriot. He said that unless the Italian government decided to participate in the war, there would be a revolution.

### The Reid Gift

Yesterday afternoon we were shown the two new firing guns presented by W. D. Reid, Esq., of the Reid Nfd. Co. to our regiment.

They are splendid pieces of warfare, being of the Colt Automatic Quick-Firing type, and the very latest in weapons of the kind.

The gun can fire 450 rounds per minute, and is effective at 2200 yards, can fire 2700 bullets an hour, and is so constructed that it can be manipulated to fire at any angle desired.

Sergt-Major L. Vois, who came to instruct a company of our boys in the use of the weapon, will remain here a week.

# Plot Destruction Victoria Bridge

### Plans Made in Portland, Me.—Man Well Acquainted With Use High Explosive Gets Offer \$750

Portland, Me., Feb. 7.—The Portland Press to-day makes its leading feature an assertion that it is not at all impossible that plans for the blowing up of the bridge, as well as some others, were made right in this city.

That a Portland man, who is well acquainted with the use of high explosives was offered \$750 to accompany a German secret agent to Montreal and place dynamite or nitroglycerine under the Victoria Bridge, which spans the St. Lawrence River, was learned by the Press yesterday from what it has every reason to believe is an authentic source.

### THE KAISER GIVES ORDERS

Rotterdam, Feb. 8.—(Despatch to The London Daily News)—The Derflinger and the Seydlitz, two of the German battle cruisers engaged in the recent North Sea fight, are now on the stocks at Hamburg. The Kaiser, who went there specially to see the damage done to the vessels, gave orders that the Derflinger must be got ready for sea again in six weeks. For this purpose 1,500 men are now working on her day and night. The damage to the Seydlitz is so extensive that it will take ten weeks to repair her.

Apparently to keep up the enthusiasm in the Fatherland in the meantime a German illustrated paper publishes a drawing of the supposed torpedoing of the Lion by a German destroyer.

### HEAD PEET ASSAULTED

While on duty last night, about 9 o'clock, Head Constable Peet was struck by a large stone on the head, with such force that the officer will be confined to his home for some time from the injury.

The Head, who was picked up in a half-conscious condition, was brought to Dr. Robert's surgery, and it was necessary to have the large wound attended to three distinct times before the patient was removed to his home.

The attack was a cowardly one in the extreme, and occurred on Holdsworth St.

Or late the police have found it very difficult in the discharge of regular duty. Almost daily insults and assaults are being made, and it will be eventually found necessary to have to impose heavy punishment on those who so cowardly interfere with the police when on duty.

Mr. Peet is one of our most obliging and capable officers, and it is lamentable that an enemy should so dastardly strike at him, and without cause or reason.

It will be some time before the Head is again back to the ranks, and the public will meanwhile wish him a speedy recovery.

### Curliana

In spite of the very mild spurt now on, the "roarin' game" still holds sway.

Last night the competition for the Buchanan Cup between "Blues" and "Greens" took place with the following result:—

Blues: C. H. Emerson, R. Harvey, H. Taylor, E. Harvey, F. C. Berceau, P. C. O'Driscoll, H. J. Duder (sk.), J. C. Jardine 19

Greens: A. E. Hickman, A. Bremner, A. Wilson, H. Carey, E. A. Hayward, A. S. Rendell, J. R. Bennett (sk.), T. Winter 12

J. Hanlin, M. G. Winter, F. Rioux, S. Thompson, H. Taylor, G. Knowling, C. F. Taylor (sk.), T. J. Duley 3

W. Campbell, C. Duley, R. B. Job, W. A. Ellis, J. Chalker, F. Crane, H. J. Jardine (sk.), J. Peters 7

J. Black, J. McFarlane, J. B. Mitchell, A. Macpherson, W. J. Higgins, Dr. Knight, D. P. Duff (sk.), E. J. Rowe 10

### Crescent Closes

Mr. Laracy, the proprietor of the Crescent Picture Palace, informs us that he intends closing down his "movie" during the Lenten season.

In the meantime some needed repairs will be effected, and when reopened the Crescent will again cater better than ever to the refined public taste.

### To Help the Poor

We draw particular attention to the Nickel advertisement in our paper to-day, containing as it does such a valuable proposition that one and all should heartily join.

The high character of the Nickel's programmes already established, needs no further commendation of ours, and Mr. Kieley's present aim and purpose in trying to swell the funds of charity are deserving of the hearty co-operation of the St. John's public.

W. J. Walsh, M.H.A. for Placentia is at the Crosbie.

J. W. Hiscock, of Brigus, is at the Crosbie.

M. J. McEvoy, of H.M. Customs at Curling, is in the City.

Walter S. Monroe was a passenger by the S.S. Florizel yesterday from England.

Miss G. Barnes, the popular assistant to Mr. Sheard, Superintendent of the Seamen's Institute, was a guest of honour at a party given in the Girls' Department last night by Misses Bennett, Fitzpatrick, Caldwell, Harvey, Maddox and Barnes.

A most enjoyable time was spent by all. We understand Miss Barnes leaves shortly for Canada and wish her every future success.

The Telegram on Friday referred to the question of destitution now so much witnessed around town. The cases quoted by the Telegram are general and unless some action is taken by the Government the question of feeding the hundreds of poor in St. John's this Spring will become a hard problem. We are working overtime getting money to send out of the country for charitable purposes. Are we going to leave our own town-people starve? It looks like it.

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