

## Supreme Court.

Court met at 11 a.m. to-day, pursuant to adjournment. Present: The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Johnson.

**William Kirby vs. Michael Nugent.**—This is an action for \$200 for damages for trespass. J. A. W. W. McNelly, for Plaintiff; Gibbs, K.C., for Defendant. On motion of Gibbs, K.C., and by consent of J. A. W. W. McNelly, it is ordered that judgment be entered for the plaintiff for \$100 without costs.

**Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd., vs. John J. Murphy.**—This is an action for \$2,941.53 for price of goods sold and delivered and balance due on general account. Squires, K.C., and C. E. Hunt for Plaintiff; Furlong, K.C., for defendant. Furlong, K.C., informs the Court that the parties are trying to arrange a settlement and moves that the matter be adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m. Squires, K.C., consents. It is ordered accordingly.

Court adjourns until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

## Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 4.45 p.m. yesterday, on the Red Island route.

The Clyde is due at Lewisport from north.

The Dundee is due at Wesleyville to-day.

The Ethie is due at Carbonear to-day.

The Glencoe left LaPoile at 5.35 p.m. yesterday coming east.

The Home is due at Flower's Cove from north.

The Petrel left Botwood at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, outward.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.45 a.m. to-day.

The Meigle is on the way to North Sydney.

The Sagona arrived at North Sydney at 12.30 a.m. yesterday.

## Amusements.

### CASINO THEATRE.

The beautiful picture of the First Nfld. Regiment commenced upon its second week at the Casino Theatre on Monday last and in conjunction with the remarkable film depicting the great British General, Lord Kitchener, F.M., at the firing line in Flanders, continues to draw large audiences. To see "Our Boys" going through their drill, etc., with such wonderful clock-work precision, is a treat in itself—added to this the visit (official) of the world's greatest warrior to the trenches—in company with Generals Joffre, Jason, M. Millerand and their staff is both highly entertaining and most instructive, and shows the vast amount of skill and courage which must necessarily have been expended to finalize the ultimate completion of the trenches. These great productions will be shown for the balance of the week.

### SEE THE BEAUTIFUL ACT OF BROWN AND LOCKE.

Mr. Ballard Brown and his dainty little wife put over their numbers in splendid style. Mr. Ballard Brown, with his fine stage presence and good voice made a big impression, while Madge Locke was positively charming. Every one who can should see this act, and they will be well repaid. The pictures, too, were fine. Changed three times weekly. "A Slice of Life" in two parts, a society drama; "A Volunteer Fireman" a good comedy; "An Unwilling Bride," a Keystone; Riot, the Star Boarder, another fine comedy had the house in roars. On Friday the "Great Completion." Look out for the surprise and the pantomime.

### Here and There.

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**INSPECTION.**—Inspector O'Brien is now engaged examining the slaughter houses and bakeries.

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**FOGOTA RETURNING.**—The Fogota left Change Islands at 4.35 p.m. yesterday, coming south.

**WEATHER.**—A light N.E. wind with snow squalls prevails along the line of railway to-day; the temperature ranges from 29 to 36 above.

**BOWRINGS' SHIPS.**—The Prospero left St. Anthony at 4 a.m. to-day, going north. The Portia left Burgeo at 11 a.m. yesterday, going west.

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**KYLE'S PASSENGERS.**—The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.45 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon: Paul L. Simpson, S. Cox, B. M. and Mrs. Oake, Mrs. C. Giffard, F. Dexter, J. Devereaux, M. McIsaac.

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### How Britain's Blinded Fighters Are Being Taught to Work and Play.

The House of Hope stands in the midst of splendid grounds, with spacious lawns, beautiful flower gardens, near a great lake, a branch of which, spanned by a rustic bridge, runs into them, but its inmates, heroes all, live in darkness.

They are the soldiers and sailors who have been blinded in the war, who are doomed for the rest of their lives to walk in a world without light.

Here, at St. Dunstan's, a mansion in Regent's Park, London, kindly lent by the generosity of Mr. Otto Kahn, the American financier, they are given new freedom, they are taught to build up another world for themselves on new foundations, in place of the world of light they have left. They are taught to live in it, and to have new hopes, new ambitions, fresh ideals.

### Being Taught to be Blind.

These sightless heroes of the war may seem tragic, sad, hopeless figures—but they themselves are no longer sad, for they have found new comfort and happiness in the House of Hope. Soon after the war broke out, the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel, where these brave men could be received, cared for, and trained to their new condition of life, was established. In the House of Hope our sightless soldiers are being taught to be blind. By arrangement with the War Office all blinded soldiers, upon their discharge from the military hospitals, are invited to enter St. Dunstan's.

Here everything that ingenious minds can devise for their comfort and training is done, and the blinded men lead very active lives. Braille reading and writing are taught them by a large staff of voluntary helpers, whose kindly aid cannot be too highly praised. Typewriting is also taught by skilled instructors who are themselves blind.

Then, such occupations as carpentry, boot repairing, mat and basket making, massage, telephony, poultry farming, and market gardening are taught, also by blind teachers.

Each man in the House of Hope spends two and a half hours a day at Braille reading and writing, and another two and a half hours in learning all occupation that will enable him later to earn comfortable wages, and so add to his pension. The duration of the training depends on the quickness of those learning to be blind, and the nature of their work, but it is at least six months.

### Row on Regent's Lake.

When ready the men are given a good start in life, and arrangements are being made which will insure that they will be properly looked after.

Sports and entertainments form a good part of the daily routine at the House of Hope. There is a rowing club, and on fine evenings the blinded warriors go for a pull on the Regent's Park lake. Recently, a crew of blind soldier oarsmen rowed on the Thames against crews of blind civilians, and they won two out of three races, and on a later date they beat a strong crew of sighted oarsmen.

There is an annex at St. Dunstan's for the accommodation of relatives of men who are welcome to go there and spend a few days near their husbands, sons, or brothers free of cost.

Another annex is to be found at Brighton, the comfortable and spacious home belonging to the National Institute for the Blind having been placed at the disposal of the inmates of St. Dunstan's. Here they go when they leave hospital, or are in need of change or rest.

At Torquay is another annex, supported by the generosity of residents of that charming neighbourhood, to which men in need of a prolonged period of convalescence are sent.

Officers are housed at 21 Portland Place, a large and beautifully appointed residence which has been most kindly placed at their disposal by Sir John and Lady Stirling-Maxwell.

## Speeches Before Battles.

"To-Day They Shall Have a Bath," Said Hindenburg.

One of the most stirring appeals ever addressed to any troops on any battlefield was that spoken by the aged King Peter of Serbia the other day, when it seemed that his little army must be utterly destroyed:

"I, your chosen King," he said, "have no longer strength to lead my Army to death or victory. I am but a frail, grey-headed man, who can only ask God to bless our arms. But I swear, should defeat and disgrace be our lot, that I shall not survive the fall of our dear land."

It was King Peter who made an equally stirring speech on December 3rd, 1914, what time his little army found itself face to face with the numerically vastly superior Austrian

forces between Valjevo and Mladenovatz.

"Soldiers," he said, "you have taken two oaths—one to me, your King, and the other to your country. I am an old, broken man, on the edge of the grave, and I release you from your oath to men. From your other oath no one can release you. If you feel you cannot go on, go to your homes, and I pledge my word that after the war, if we come out of it, nothing shall happen to you. But I and my sons stay here."

### "Let All Advance Who Can."

It is doubtful if King Peter reads Shakespeare, but it is curious that the above stirring and exquisitely beautiful little homily is almost identical as to its wording, and absolutely identical as regards its sentiment, to that uttered (according to Shakespeare) by our King Harry before Agincourt. And the result was the same. Not a man left the ranks. And the Austrians were hopelessly defeated, and driven in disorder across the Save, with a loss of 80,000 in killed, wounded, missing and prisoners.

Very much more brief, but equally splendid as regards their result, were the words spoken by General Joffre on Sept. 6th, 1914, a month after the declaration of war.

"Now," said he, "now is the time and the opportunity to save France; let all advance who can, let all die where they stand who cannot advance."

Worn and weary by the most terrible retreat in history, half dazed from lack of food and sleep, the soldiers of France heard—and obeyed. Fiercely they turned at bay, rolling the German legions back from almost within sight of the walls of Paris. Many did indeed die where they stood, but all the same France was saved.

### Von Hindenburg's Horrible Humour.

"God and our Fleet!" remarked Admiral Fisher on hearing that war was declared. "These are our safeguards. Neither will fail us." As most people are aware, "Jacky" Fisher is an intensely religious man. This was why he placed God first.

Of battlefield speeches made by the German War Lords, perhaps the two best remembered are the Kaiser's exhortation to von Kluck's soldiers, ordering them to "Walk over France's contemptible little army"; and Prince Rupprecht's boastful utterance, "I should like my Bavarians to meet the English—just once." In the light of what happened afterwards these gems of oratory make rather pleasant reading—for us.

Pregnant with a horrible, grim humour was von Hindenburg's "To-day they shall have a bath," uttered on that fateful August morn when he had finally succeeded in entangling the Russians under Samsonov amid the bogs and quagmires of the Masurian Lakes. Certainly he kept his word. By nightfall whole regiments had been driven into the lakes and drowned, or suffocated in the bog-holes; and General Samsonov lay dead, slain, some say, by his own hand in a fit of raging madness and despair.

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