

ANNUAL MEETING OF ALEXANDRA WORKERS

The annual meeting of the Alexandra Workers was held yesterday afternoon in the British Hall, Mrs. J. B. Ayre presiding and many members present.

Mrs. Benedict resigned the position of secretary, but at the solicitation of all present, who by their requests showed appreciation of the valuable service she has rendered, will still remain a member of the Workers.

Look for Good Sealing Voyage

Speaking to some of the old-time sealers yesterday The Mail and Advocate was informed by them that they look forward to a very successful sealing voyage this year.

SEALING RUMOURS ABOUT.

Yesterday the Sealing Liar made his debut, as it were, to the expectant public, and seemed inclined to uphold old-time traditions despite the innovation of wireless on the ships.

Rumors of such a character should not be given credence to. The wireless yesterday from the Bloodhound afforded the ground work for these sensational yarns.

Herring Reported Plentiful in Placentia B.

Recent advices from Placentia say that herring of late have been plentiful at Hr. Buffet, Red and Ragged Islands, but few people are taking them.

NEWS OF BISHOP POWER RECEIVED.

Mr. R. T. McGrath recently had a letter from his son, now in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, saying that he had a visit from Bishop Power, late of St. George's, after his return from Florida.

His Lordship, who had been ill, is now thoroughly recovered, enjoys good health, and will pay a visit to St. John's at a not distant date.

REPORTS FROM NORTH

Yesterday the Marine & Fisheries Department's report from the North had no reference to seals being seen. Bonavista said that conditions were favourable for the sealing steamers, and Fogo reported a lot of slob ice.

"CLOVER LEAF" TOBACCO.

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OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL There is a fine programme at the Nickel Theatre for the mid-week performance. The "New Exploits of Elaine" will be continued.

THE CRESCENT The Crescent Picture Palace presents a Broadway star feature: "The Confession of Madame Barastoff."

Passed Examination With Honours

Word was recently received here that Capt. J. Ledingham of "G" Co., Nfld. Regiment, who had a special course of instruction at a bombing school at Truon had passed his examination with honours.

GOT SIX MONTHS

The party arrested Monday for an atrocious assault on a little girl was before Judge Hutchings yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

BOYS RUN RISKS.

Sunday last some of the watchmen in the East End of the City reported at the Police Station that boys "copying" in Cliff's cove were in danger of being drowned and the police on duty made them quit.

Yesterday afternoon in the same place a boy named Holland went into the water and was with difficulty rescued by some companions.

Night Wireless to P.M.G.

Via Fogo, March 14—Florizel, Terra Nova, Samuel Blandford, Erik, Sable Island, Neptune, Bloodhound, Eagle. All report all well; no men on ice. Weather fine.

OPORTO STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Past Week, Prev. Week. Includes items like Stocks (Nfld.), Consumption, Stocks (Norg.), Consumption.

Mr. Wm. Colridge, who has been bookkeeper at L. M. Trask & Co.'s for some time past, has now accepted a position with Franklin Agencies, East End department.

OBITUARY

MR. LAWRENCE CAREW. Mr. Lawrence Carew, a man well-known here as well as all over the island, died at his residence Broad Cove, B.B. a couple of days ago, after only about a week's illness.

PLACENTIA'S RESPONSE TO CALL TO ARMS

The "News" this morning quotes Mr. F. F. Murphy of the Patriotic Association of that place with regard to enlistments from Placentia Bay as follows:

"In that section of the District from Branch, inclusive, to Black River, including Red, Barron, Long and Sound Islands, about 120 men have volunteered for the Army and Navy. Of this number about 55 have volunteered from Placentia and neighbouring Arms, or, more correctly, what we call the Parish of Placentia."

Enlisted in Army and Navy

- List of names: Fred. Keefe, Michael O'Brien, Albert O'Brien, William Corrihan, Garrett Norman, Thomas Whalen, George Power, John Power, Michael and Albert O'Brien are brothers.

RETURNING TO HUDSON BAY.

Messrs. Leo Coady and Leonard Snow, who spent 18 months at Hudson Bay in the service of the Canadian Government, were wired by the authorities at Ottawa recently to return to their former positions.

THE "BON" AT ALEXANDROVSK.

Mrs. Rowe, wife of the chief engineer of the Bonaventure, has received word of the safe arrival of the ship at Alexandrovsk. The Bon. Capt. Randell, made a lengthy passage from Glasgow, having been delayed by heavy ice.

Barqt. Gaspe at James Baird Ltd. finish loading to-day with 7500 packages of codfish for Pernambuco, and sail to-morrow providing a time offers. She received a quick dispatch as she arrived here on Saturday night last.

Rev. A. E. Legge of Portugal Cove will preach at St. Thomas's Church to-night at 8 o'clock.

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LOCAL ITEMS

By yesterday's train a number of the volunteers left to visit their friends in various outports, having been granted leave.

Carnival at Parade Rink Thursday Night, 16th. General admission 20 cents. General skating from 9 to 10.30. Terra Nova Band.

Messages in from various points in the Gulf to-day say that the ice is packed close on the land; no seals nor ships are reported.

The seal skimmers will hold their annual meeting next week, when reports will be furnished and officers elected. The men are sharpening their knives anticipating a busy spring.

The Branch of the W.P.A. at Winterton wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) from the S.U.F. Society of Winterton.

Two children—a boy and a girl aged 2 1/2 and 5 years, ill of diphtheria,—were taken to hospital from Long Pond Road yesterday. Another case also developed at Petty Hr., the patient being a girl of 3 years.

Mr. Stevenson, brother of Capt. Stevenson of the Kyle and of Mr. Stevenson of the Daily News business department is now residing in Halifax. He is engineer on the ferry plying between Halifax and Dartmouth and was for 25 years engineer in the Black Diamond service.

An unfortunate man who only a few days ago was released from the penitentiary after serving a term for vagrancy entered the police station last night asking for shelter. He was hungry and cold, and to-day Mr. Morris, K.C., sent him down for 2 months.

Yesterday afternoon a boy named Williams was bitten badly about the face by a vicious dog which frequents the street and is owned by a resident of Flower Hill. When the injuries received were attended to he was taken to his home in Convent Square. There are altogether too many vicious dogs allowed to roam at large of late.

S.P.C.A. to Make Award

In connection with our reference recently to the sagacity and kindness of a dog, which saved the life of another animal of its own species off Baird's wharf, the S.P.C.A. are now making efforts to secure the name of the owner of the noble animal with the idea of making a presentation to the dog. This will take the shape of a handsome collar with a medal pendant therefrom, and properly inscribed. Our reference to the matter with other particulars of the incident, will be sent magazines in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, and all who saw what occurred are asked by the S.P.C.A. to trace the owner. Some of the S.P.C.A. officials, including Justice Johnston, saw the incident from the windows of the Supreme Court. However, these reputable witnesses could not convince one cynic—the "whited sepulchre" variety—who uttered a libel about a member of our staff which may cause him serious trouble, or at least may render quiet his scurrilous tongue for a while.

Prohibition is Forecasted

TORONTO, Ont., Mar. 9.—Prohibition for Ontario is forecasted in the speech from the throne delivered at the opening of the Ontario legislature this afternoon. Mention is made that the temperance provision will be subject to a vote of the people. Further taxation for the purpose of increasing the revenues, aid to northern settlers and the creation of a labor branch of the public works department are the other features of the government programme, as outlined in the speech.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCK SOCIABLE ENJOYABLE EVENT

A very large and appreciative audience attended the Sock Sociable in St. Andrew's Hall last night, given by the ladies of St. Andrews. Capt. Montgomerie who presided and described minutely conditions connected with our soldiers' camping in the Old Country. The concert then followed and was enjoyed thoroughly, the programme being as follows:

French horn solo—Mr. Bulley. Song—Miss Mitchell. Reading—Miss Hanlin. Song—Miss Herder. Mandolin solo—Mrs. Foster. Song—Miss D. Johnson. Song—Miss L. Anderson acted as accompanist in her customary capable manner.

During the evening a sale of candy was held by the members of the Young Ladies' Guild, and some \$40 realized towards the general proceeds, which totalled \$100. This will be donated to the W. P. A. Fund. Sufficient wool to make 50 pairs of socks was also received, and 180 pairs taken at the door.

We congratulate all connected with the sociable on its success, particularly Mesdames Anderson and McKeen who left nothing undone to forward this worthy undertaking.

A NEWFOUNDLAND AVIATOR

A young man named Pollock, who, some years ago, left with his father, the late James Pollock, formerly of the Nfld. Railway Co., since the war began has studied aviation with the British army air fleet and is now a skilled aerial pilot at the front. He has seen some exciting times since the war began and is a native of this city, though he left with his father some years ago when he was a small boy. He has the distinction of being the first "bush born" to enter the aerial service of England.

Runaways Brought Back

Two boys named Kent and Samson aged 18 and 15 years, residents of Bell Island, left there about a week ago, and going to Kelligrews took tickets by the express for Port aux Basques. They had intended to go to Sydney to look for work but being minors their parents took action and had the authorities stop them at Bay of Islands while enroute. The police took them off the express there and they were brought back here, arriving this morning in charge of Const. Quinlan. They were before Court to-day and Mr. Morris, J.P., ordered them remanded until their parents will call for them.

TO REFLOAT "NATOMA"

The S.S. Ingraham will shortly proceed to Rose Blanche to make an effort to refloat the stranded schooner Natoma which not long since went ashore up there. The tug will take up powerful pumps and other gear for the work and it is hoped the vessel will be got off for repairs.

SHIPPING FROM HEART'S CONTENT

The A.N.D. Co. started a week ago to ship paper from the Grand Falls mills to Heart's Content. The first shipment of paper from there to England will be made in May, likely by the S.S. Cranley.

DESSERTERS IN COURT

Two Scotch chaps named John Booth and James Watson, coopers, who deserted from the service of a Northern herring packing concern and were arrested yesterday were before Court to-day. Since coming here they enlisted and passed the medical examination but were not sworn in. They were allowed to go back to the regiment until their employers can be heard from about the matter.

SEALING NEWS SCARCE

Apart from the unfounded rumour which one hears along Water Street there is no information of a particular nature as to sealing matters to be gleaned. Some messages were received by Bowring Bros., one of which said that the Florizel and some other ships of the fleet were steaming through heavy ice yesterday, but nothing to hand yet indicates that the ships have struck the harps. However, the impression left with the owners of steamers is one which warrants the belief that prospects are good and that we soon may hear that the fleet is making good. With men of experience in the city, veterans of many seal hunts, the belief is expressed that the spring will be exceptionally successful.

War Messages.

Three Prominent German Generals Are Dead

BERLIN, Mar. 14, via London, Mar. 15.—The deaths of three prominent German Generals have just been reported here. The Bavarian army has lost Lieutenant-General Edward von Graf, who retired in 1909, but returned to duty at the outbreak of war. Wurttemberg has lost Major-General Wilhelm von Lotterer and Lieutenant-General von Menges, commanding an infantry division. The latter died of heart disease in the trenches.

At So Much Per Head

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—Unofficial advices received here to-day, indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States, if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian barque Silius, from which seven Americans were rescued.

BIG FIRE AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, Mar. 14.—The Immigration building at the deep water terminus on old Pier No. 2, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The building was a two-storey one, and the fire ran through it like a tornado. A considerable quantity of Red Cross supplies from all parts of Canada, was destroyed. The freight and Customs offices for the pier, the catering department for immigrants, and the railway offices were in the burned building. The I. C. R. had a lot of railway tickets in their offices which were destroyed. John Downey, a stevedore, while handling the hose at the fire, was crushed down with some of the doors, and drowned.

The "Goeben" Again

ATHENS, Mar. 15.—The Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, according to the "Noa Hellas," has succeeded in eluding the Russian Black Sea fleet, and landed a number of German officers and guns at Trebizond.

Look Who is Here!

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook appeared to-day before the House Education Committee, in support of the Helgesen and Smith bills for a Congressional enquiry to determine whether he, or Rear Admiral Robert Peary, discovered the North Pole. Cook said he was the man. The Committee took no action other than to tell Cook that he might be given a chance to prove his claim.

Russia May Rebuy Warships from Japan

Is Now Negotiating For Three Which Were Taken From Her by the Jap in the Russo-Japanese War

TOKIO, Mar. 9.—Russian negotiations for the purchase from Japan of warships which the Russians lost in the Russo-Japanese War are reported to be proceeding satisfactorily. The Soya, the Tango and the Sagami are said to be the vessels which Russia desired to purchase. Russia wished to buy warships from Japan at the outbreak of the war in order to take part in the bombardment of Tsingtau, the seaport on the Chinese coast in the German territory of Kiaochow, but the negotiations which were then undertaken fell through.

The Tango and the Sagami are battleships and the Soya is a protected cruiser. The Tango, formerly the Russian warship Poltava, was sunk at Port Arthur and afterwards raised and repaired. She is of 11,000 tons, is 360 feet long, 69 feet beam and has a complement of 750 men. Her armament includes four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and sixteen 3-pounders. She has two 18-inch submerged torpedo tubes.

The Soya was built at Philadelphia in 1901, was sunk at Chemulpo in 1904 and raised and repaired in 1905. She has a displacement of 6,500 tons, is 416 feet long, and 52 feet wide. She carries twelve 6-inch guns, twelve 12-pounders and six 3-pounders. She has four torpedo tubes, two submerged and two above water.

SEALING NEWS RECEIVED FROM BOWRING FLEET

Copies of messages received from sealing steamers by Messrs. Bowring Brothers, Limited, March 15th:—

March 14th. Bowring, St. John's. "Fifteen miles S.W. Bird Rocks. Ice very heavy. The following ships in sight: Seal, Diana and..."

"(Sgd.) RANGER." March 14th.

Bowring, St. John's. "Position 50 miles S.E. by E. Northern Groais Islands; prospects good; struck small patch whitecoats. The Neptune in sight."

"(Sgd.) EAGLE." March 14th.

Bowring, St. John's. "Position 50 miles N.N.E. Funks, in loose ice making good headway; prospects good. East Bloodhound; company all well."

"(Sgd.) TERRA NOVA." March 14th.

Bowring, St. John's. "Ice very heavy all day, got about five miles; sign whitecoats. All well."

"(Sgd.) FLORIZEL." March 14th.

Advancing Germans Blown Up While Singing 'Watch on the Rhine'

PARIS, March 9.—(delayed).—"We were in a front line trench on the slope of Cote du Poivre," said a wounded sapper, who has returned to a hospital. "The captain sent me forward to a small shelter in the open, where the electric contact had been placed, which led to a mine-field. I crawled through along a narrow tunnel without mishap."

"Through a slit I looked out on the battle field, as through the opening in a theatre curtain. I saw the Germans, after long waiting, march forward in good order. They thought from their observation that the bombardment had sufficiently devastated our trenches, but they were unable to see that our men had held firm, and were making fresh trenches and using shell craters."

"The Germans were 200 yards from my post, when our rifles and machine guns opened fire. They were taken by surprise and crouched down. When the order was passed along their line to advance, they began to sing 'The Watch on the Rhine,' and dashed forward. "My heart beat madly. They were over the mine at last. I touched the button. An infernal fountain seemed to shoot up in smoke. I saw men go up bodily as if from the crater of a volcano. "The attack was stopped. I crawled back to my trench. I had barely emerged from the tunnel when I felt a burning sensation in my shoulder and fainted. When I recovered consciousness, I found myself in an ambulance."

ENVELOPING.

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