

PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION HOLD SESSION

And Hear Reports as to Matters Connected With the Nfld. Regiment

EVERYTHING GOES WITHOUT A HITCH

Men Have Made Good Showing and Meet Practical Sympathy

The Patriotic Association met last night and in spite of the disagreeable weather there was a large attendance.

Mr. F. J. Morris reported for the Nominating Committee that forty-five branches with over 300 members had been formed in various parts of the Colony.

The Recruiting Committee, through Mr. Montgomery, reported an enrollment of 970 men, 565 being in camp. Recruiting ceased last Saturday. The committee had not yet received final approved drafts of the conditions and terms under which the men are to be sworn.

Many Instructed

Mr. W. H. Rennie of the Musketry Committee, reported that ten parties of recruits, 468 men had received rifle instruction at the Southside range. The weather was poor, but results were good. About five per cent were believed to be unfit for service, fifteen per cent, needed more practice, while the others were good.

The instructors are now at Pleasantville. The Governor announced that five hundred Ross Rifles had been secured in Canada and had been on the way since the 19th inst. Only 100 Lee-Enfields were coming out, the order for 500 being cancelled, though the contractor demanded that the bayonets and trenching tools ordered with them should be taken. This was done and they had been passed over to the War Office.

Wrought Haven

The Quarter Master reported that the recent storms had wrought havoc in his department. Up to Saturday no less than 40 tents had been damaged, many of them beyond repairs. After the first storm eleven bell tents had been ordered, and a shack to hold about 150 men had been built at an estimated cost of about \$200. An officers mess room was also erected, the tents used for that purpose being totally destroyed. The great coats have arrived. The slouch caps are expected by the Mongolian, which left Liverpool on Saturday.

Mr. Outerbridge gave special praise to Messrs. W. D. Edwards and Rose, who, when the contingent was formed, volunteered as helpers in the commissariat dept. and are doing splendid work.

Help to Clear Up

Mr. Outerbridge and Mr. Timewell, the paymaster, have been asked to devote a couple of weeks to clearing up the work and disposing of the regiment's property after it has sailed. The latter, who goes with the contingent, will be kept back for a later boat for the purpose.

Dr. Macpherson submitted the Medical Report. The committee had had the co-operation of the medical profession throughout the island. With the assistance of Dr. Paterson a camp hospital had been formed, and he had been in residence in camp since it was started.

Dr. Wakefield has lived at the rifle range. Mr. Reeves, with an ambulance company, had rendered useful assistance. There has been no serious case of illness. It was to be regretted that volunteers had not been rendered immune to typhoid fever.

Delay Inoculation

Vaccine had been obtained, but it had been considered advisable to defer inoculation until after the men had been sworn in. Yesterday a notice was posted, stating, any who applied would be immunized.

This resulted in a number of applications, and 17 were treated. Thanks were tendered to Hon. Geo. Knowling, Reid Nfld. Co. Mrs. D. Baird, Mrs. H. D. Reid, Mrs. Delgado, and a "work party" for various gifts and services rendered.

Sir Joseph Outerbridge presented the report of the Officers' Selection Committee. The list has already appeared.

No Definite Plans

Mr. A. J. Harvey reported that the Transport Committee had not made definite plans. The Governor asked that no undue publicity be given the movements of the troops.

The Finance Committee report, submitted by Hon. E. R. Bowring, showed that the pay would be the same as the Canadian forces receive. Hons. J. Harris and M. G. Winter

GERMAN PEOPLE CRUELLY MISLED BY AUTHORITIES

Amazing State of Ignorance As To Cause and Objects Of War

HOW TO ENLIGHTEN THE IGNORANT

Suggestion That Literature Should be Dropped From the Clouds

"Private letters received in Canada from Germany indicate an amazing state of ignorance on the part of the people of the German Empire in regard to the causes and objects of the present war," says the Berlin, Ontario, Telegraph in an editorial headed "In Behalf of the German People."

"According to these letters the people of Germany believe they have been attacked and that they are fighting for their national life against a combination of powers seeking to roll them of it. All the news is so closely censored that it is impossible to get reliable news regarding the war, and people are kept under the impression that the German arms are successful on land and sea."

"In order to dispel this state of ignorance a German-Canadian citizen suggests that literature in the German language be prepared by the allies, setting out the real causes of the war, and its progress to date, and that aeroplanes be used to flood Germany with it, by dropping it from the clouds. It is believed when the people of Germany once learn that the real aggressors in the present conflict have been their own war lords, headed by the Kaiser, and that it is not the purpose of the allies to crush the German people, with whom they have no quarrel, but to crush the powerful military machine the Kaiser has built up and which had become a menace to civilization, their spirit may be aroused against their rulers. If this could be accomplished, the German people themselves might prove as powerful a factor for peace as the allied armies and assist them in removing the system that has betrayed them. If this literature could be given the stamp of authority by the heads of the various Governments of the allied nations, it should be doubly effective in removing the veil now obscuring the truth concerning the war from the people of Germany."

"What Neutral Nations Think" "In the same way the people of Germany might be furnished with extracts from the press of the United States and other neutral nations to show that in the present struggle the Kaiser has alienated the sympathy and support of the civilized world. "The suggestion appears to be worthy the serious consideration of the Canadian Government, which might transmit the suggestion to the Imperial authorities for action. Or is this a service for the German people and in behalf of civilization, which Canada might undertake. It would doubtless be appreciated particularly by hundreds of thousands of German-Canadians in this country who are loyal to the British Crown, but whose sympathies must go out for their kinsmen still under the German military yoke."

The s.s. Digby leaves London, on the 15th October for St. John's. had been appointed as a sub-committee to act with the quartermaster in adjusting claims by contractors for an increased amount arising out of the recent imposition of duties on certain foodstuffs. Twenty-five thousand dollars had been requisitioned for and obtained from the Treasury, and the expenditure to date was \$16,401.12, which included pay to officers and men, cost of camp equipment, victualling, arms, etc. The amount in sight for the Patriotic Fund was somewhat over \$60,000.

Reception Arranged His Excellency announced that he had been advised that a Reception Committee had been organized in the Old Country for the purpose of attending to the welfare of our men while in Europe. The Committee would use its best endeavors to see that the men would have every reasonable comfort while on service. The hospitality of the West Indian Club was also offered to the men. His Excellency also stated that arrangements had been made with the heads of the different religious bodies whereby Sunday, October 18th, would be set apart as a day of special prayer and supplication for the success of the British arms and for the welfare of our own men who will be risking their lives for the Empire. The meeting then adjourned.

46 WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN LOST SINCE AUGUST 1

France is the Only Nation That Has Not Suffered Naval Losses

GERMAN LOSS 25, BRITISH THIRTEEN

Many of the Lost Ships of the Nations Were Auxiliary Cruisers

New York, Sept. 24.—Forty-six warships have either been destroyed, badly damaged or otherwise lost to the European powers since the war began. Those are the known losses as reported in the belligerent countries. The sinking of the German surveying ship Mowe by the British cruiser Pegasus, announced in London, without a date, suggests that other warship disasters may be concealed.

The naval casualties show that France alone of the great powers, has not suffered at sea. The losses of the other countries are:

Nation	Ships
Germany	25
Great Britain	13
Austria	5
Russia	2
Japan	1

The list follows: August 3.—German-Russian engagement off Aland Islands, two ships lost. August 5.—German mine-layer Konigen Luise sunk by British torpedo boat Lance in North Sea. August 6.—German torpedo boat sunk off Gedser Light by boiler explosion. August 6.—British cruiser Amphion sunk in North Sea by mine. August 9.—German submarine sunk by British cruisers in North Sea. August 13.—German cruisers Goeben and Breslau sold to Turkey to escape capture. August 16.—Austrian battleship Zrinyi and three other Austrian warships sunk in the Adriatic by French fleet. August 16.—Unnamed German dreadnought reported ashore and out of action at Trondheim, Norway. August 27.—German cruiser Magdenburg ashore in Gulf of Finland, attacked by Russian warships and blown up. August 27.—German converted commerce destroyer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse sunk by British cruiser Highflyer off west coast of Africa. August 28.—Two German cruisers and two destroyers sunk in night engagement off Heligoland. Another German cruiser set afire, and several German destroyers damaged. British cruiser Amethyst and destroyer Laertes damaged. August 31.—Japanese destroyer Shirayoi went ashore off Tsingtau and demolished by German gunboat Jaguar. September 4.—Seven German destroyers arrived at Kiel badly damaged, believed in fight week ago off Heligoland. Understood they afterwards sank in vicinity of Kiel Canal. September 4.—British torpedo gunboat Speedy sunk by mine in North Sea. September 6.—British light cruiser Pathfinder sunk by German submarine in North Sea—246 lives lost. Sept. 7.—British cruiser Warrior reported stranded in Mediterranean after fight with a German cruiser. September 8.—British converted cruiser Oceanic wrecked off north coast of Scotland—all of crew saved. September 12.—German light cruiser Hela sunk by British submarine—two casualties. September 17.—British training ship Fishguard III, foundered in a gale in the English Channel. Twenty-one drowned. September 18.—German converted cruiser, supposedly Cap Trafalgar or Berlin, sunk by British converted cruiser Carmania off east coast of S. America. September 19.—Austrian dreadnought Viribus Unitis reported damaged in Adriatic. September 19.—Austrian submarine A. E. 1, sunk. No details. September 20.—British light cruiser Pegasus caught in Zanibar Harbor overhauling machinery and completely disabled by German cruiser Koensigsberg. British loss 25 killed, 80 wounded. Date unknown—German armed surveying ship Mowe sunk by British cruiser Pegasus. September 22.—British cruisers Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue, sunk by German submarine in the North Sea. September 23.—German cruiser and two German torpedo boats sunk by Russian cruiser Boyan in the Baltic Sea.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE FOR BEST RESULTS

DEATH BEFORE SURRENDER

Gallant Action of French Officer Whose Command Was Annihilated in Battle

Angouleme, via Bordeaux, Sept. 23.—The family of Major C. Dupont, of the artillery, has received news of his heroic death in a recent action. With a regiment of seven hundred men he received orders to take a position in a meadow, near a town. There was a dense fog at the time, through which ominous rumblings were heard, but Major Dupont's instructions were urgent.

All his men stood at their posts waiting. Suddenly the fog lifted, and revealed a company of German quick firers within 1,500 yards of the French position. In a few seconds all, except two officers and thirty men, had fallen before the storm of shot. Major Dupont was among those unscathed. The German captain approached him, and asked for his surrender. Major Dupont declined to give it, and sprang to a gun beside which his gunners lay, and trained it upon the enemy. But before he could fire, a bullet stretched him across the gun, mortally wounded.

Is On the Mend

Mr. James Wallace, Livingstone St., master cooper at Job Bros., who has been confined to his home for the past three months suffering from pleurisy, is now able to get out and soon will be himself again.

Taken Ill In Church

Mr. Edward Murphy, of William St., was on Saturday morning last, while attending 8 o'clock mass at the R.C. Cathedral, taken suddenly ill. We are glad to state that he is almost O. K. again.

Assaulted a Bailiff

James Willis of the Battery was before Judge Knight today, charged with assaulting James Roll, bailiff at the Supreme Court, and also with violently resisting arrest. He was remanded for eight days.

Charged With Theft

Herbert Wiltshire, a 43 year old laborer of Heart's Delight, was arrested yesterday charged with having stolen a pair of boots valued at \$3.00 from a chum at the Salvation Army Restaurant. He was remanded for a week.

Ready To Sail

Fogota is ready to sail for Change Islands and is waiting favorable time. The following passengers leave by her:—Mrs. Purchase, Miss M. Budden, Miss E. Gibbons, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Martin and 15 steerage. Portia arrived at Marystown at 6.30 p.m. yesterday. There is no word of her today. The telegraph lines north are interrupted today and there is no word of the Prospero.

KNOW HE CAN'T MAKE DEFENCE

Austrians Blame Dead Officer For Selling Their Plans to the Russians

Vienna, Sept. 21, via Paris.—The belief is growing in official circles here that the Austrian reverses in Galicia were, to a large extent, brought about by exact knowledge held by the Russian War Office of Austria's mobilization and campaign plans, which had been secured through an elaborate system of espionage. The military authorities, it is claimed, two years ago, discovered that Col. Alfred Redl, chief of the general staff of the English Austrian Army Corps, had betrayed information of vital importance to Russia, and although it is thought probable the Austrian general staff later made changes in their plans, the military experts are of the belief that the modifications would not have greatly affected the general basis of the campaign as worked out.

Col. Redl was found guilty of being a traitor, and on the advice of brother officers committed suicide. The Austrian official reports continue to give only scant detail of fresh fighting in Galicia. There is a constant flow of Polish refugees into Vienna. Several trainloads of them arrived here Saturday, and more are reported on their way. The municipal authorities are experiencing great difficulty in finding accommodation for the large number of destitute, who already aggregate 100,000.


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TO THE EDITOR

Much Indignation

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Much indignation has arisen among our people against the Graball gang who are trying in every possible way to grind the poor fishermen to depths of poverty and want. They want the rule of 50 years ago but mark you that day is done and now our aim and ambition is "to every man his own."

Worst weather for season, from Sept. 14th till Sept. 20th, blowing a strong breeze every day from North to East, hampering in every possible way the catching and curing of fish. Since the breeze our fishermen have been on all the best fishing grounds and find fish scarce, indeed we presume the voyage is nigh being ended. Whether or whither would we be tending but for the God-sent man W. F. Coaker in those days of peril and war, every action and word of his is an object lesson to one and all. Union and non-union, all are governed and dictated by him; firm and unflinching will we stand by Coaker, "come what may."

—LOVER OF RIGHT, Joe Batt's Arm.

Well-Handled

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Allow me space in your valuable paper to congratulate you upon the able way you have dealt with "Indignant Woman." She certainly deserved all she got and to my mind a great deal more.

The idea of somebody in petticoats talking about credit and the price of fish prevailing in this country. Why, it's about time this "Indignant Woman" took a back seat or otherwise joined the Suffragettes movement. The Union can certainly get along without their assistance of this so-called know-all and what is worse wouldn't be guilty of taking any aid from such a source.

What does she know about things prevailing in the different outports? What is still more, she knows very little about the poor of St. John's.

If she is so awfully anxious to do something let her get busy and try and help the poor people who through no fault of their own are now out of employment in the city.

The clergyman who so willingly offered to assist in anyway is well aware of the existing conditions at the capital. The revd. gentleman has certainly proven that he is looking after the interest of the poor and we only wish that he had a great many more of his make up.

I trust that "Indignant Woman" will in the future mind her own business or otherwise come out under her own signature, so that we may be in a position to deal more fully with her.

FISHERMAN. Bay de Verde, Sept. 25, '14.

TRIED TO SHOOT BELGIAN KING

Remarkable Story of the Foiled Treachery of a Chauffeur and of Just Retribution

Paris, Sept. 22.—Progres Du Nord today relates a remarkable story of the King of the Belgians shooting his chauffeur who traitorously attempted to drive him into the German lines.

The King was with his troops south of Antwerp, says the report. He ordered the chauffeur to drive ahead of them. After a while the King noticed the driver had changed the direction. His Majesty warned him and when the chauffeur took no notice he ordered him to halt. This having no effect, the King convinced of treachery, drew a revolver and shot the chauffeur dead. The King then stopped the car and drove back to the Belgian lines in safety.

In the chauffeur's clothing papers were found showing he had received a German offer of \$250,000 for the King's capture.

Major Harry Shea Goes To The Front

Major Harry Shea, son of Doctor H. Shea, who was with the Royal Engineers in Egypt left the latter place for England on August 20th, according to a letter received and is now believed to be at the front with his regiment.

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Brig. Morehen's Lecture

Brigadier Morehen will deliver an illustrated lecture this evening at the S.A. Citadel, New Gower Street, on the Salvation Army International Congress conducted in London this year.

Seventy-five beautifully colored slides will be shown comprising march through London to Hyde Park, groups of delegates from other lands, march past at the Crystal Palace, forty thousand strong.

This will be a very interesting meeting, don't fail to be on hand, to take in all that is to be seen and heard.

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