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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Naval Reserve Pay

Does the Premier intend to disgrace the Colony, and outrage its honor? If not why doesn't he arrange to equalize the pay of the Naval Reservists, who receive a little over 50 cents per-day, with that of the Volunteers, who receive \$1.00.

A Naval Reservist with two children, receives pay and allowance equal to about \$1.00 per day, but unmarried men receive about 50 cents.

The 1000 Reservists offered the Imperial Government were not forthcoming when wanted, and the chief sinner to blame is the Premier, who should have attended to this matter in September and removed the barrier to recruiting. We called the Premier's attention to this matter in August.

If the Premier will not place the Reservists on the same pay as the Volunteer Regiment he must not be surprised if he finds recruiting for the Navy slack. We do not ask the Home Government to find the difference in pay. We demand action at the hands of the so called Government of Newfoundland. When they are ready to guarantee a square deal in pay to the Naval Reserve recruits they will find it will not take long to secure the balance of the 1000 promised.

If \$100,000 was wanted to pay legal fees or arbitration rewards to Reid, the money would soon be found, but as it means \$100,000 for the men who are placing their lives in the hands of the King for the defence of the Empire, the money cannot be found, and the excuse is: Where are we to get it?

The Premier has offered 1000 Naval Reservists and must find them, and he must be prepared to pay those men as much as is paid the Volunteers or a dissatisfaction will result that in future will be very detrimental to recruiting for the Naval Reserve. Where the \$500,000 for the Volunteer Regiment came from, so also can the \$100,000 required to ensure the Naval boys a square deal.

Now, Sir Edward, get to work and say this must be done and remove the serious friction which now exists in connection with the business. All you have to do now is to say it will be done, and that will end the matter.

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The Seal Fishery

We would suggest that owners of sealing steamers might agree to co-operate with Mr. Coaker in seeing that the laws regarding food supplies be carried out as far as possible. The F.P.U.'s suggestion to pay assistant cooks and chief cooks a

bonus of \$20 and \$30 respectively and pay the bonus only to cooks that have performed their duty faithfully, is one that if treated properly would greatly improve food conditions on sealing steamers.

The chief cooks in the past have found that their assistants have been shipped on as sealers and were free to chuck their positions when they felt so inclined, and when work became pressing in the galley, it sometimes happened that assistants informed the chief cooks that they should get someone else to do the work, that they intended to get out and work with the men. The chief cooks therefore have been unable to command their assistants and have had very little control over them.

What is now sought is to ship the assistants as such and in order to enable the cooks to command faithful observance to orders the bonus is suggested, and it will be payable only to those who have done their best. This will ensure obedience to orders and will stimulate them to do their utmost to assist the chief cooks.

Much of the success of good cooking and proper attention to food, depends upon the chief cook who, if he choose, can make things rough or smooth, consequently the appointment of the chief cooks ought now to be of as much concern to the crew as the appointment of the captain.

When the chief cook finds the captain to do their best or not, he very soon realizes how little or much he may perform. When captains don't interest themselves in seeing the rules strictly observed, unless the cook is a good man and has to account to someone ashore for his good conduct, who will be advised by the men's report, he will very soon after sailing become slack and careless.

The F.P.U. is asking the owners for the right to select chief cooks and to become responsible for the faithful performance of their work. Then no bonus will be paid cooks unless their work is satisfactory to the F.P.U. This suggestion will greatly aid the owners, who we know are anxious to live up to the law and to satisfy the proper demands of the sealers.

We have found most of the owners willing to put plenty food on board and they do not mind how much of it is properly cooked for the men's use but they strongly object to having food wasted, and in this respect we entirely agree with them.

Cooks must also be prevented from taking provisions ashore in a manner discovered by some owners last spring. They must be willing to earn the bonus suggested, and give up all thought of making good by smuggling supplies.

The owners must see that cooking facilities are provided on board their ships. Very few ships are properly equipped for baking bread, but if a bakery similar to those in use on the Beothic and Nascopee is installed there will be no fear of failure to supply the required amount, if the baker does his duty.

The owners of wooden, also Harvey's steel ships should set to work at once and prepare the requisite facilities, which won't cost much money.

The fit out for cooking beans and brews which was used on the Nascopee last year cannot be improved on and with it no trouble need be encountered in supplying the necessary beans and brews. On the Nascopee the beans and brews were cooked as easily as a woman would cook the same at home.

It is not safe to allow the captains to choose their own cooks, for some of the captains are outrageously opposed to the food regulations because they spring from the F.P.U., and such captains do not care whether the food is satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

The cooks therefore should be men well qualified for such positions by experience and subject to conditions that would compel them to do their work well enough to satisfy the F.P.U., and if that is done, no further trouble will be encountered if the captains are prevented from deliberate interference with the cooks.

The steamer owners are now considering these proposals, and it is to be hoped they will see their way to give them a trial this Spring.

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WELSHMAN WINS VICTORIA CROSS BY HEROIC ACT

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer for conspicuous bravery whilst serving with the Expeditionary Force:

No. 7758 Lance-Corporal Wm. Fuller, 2nd Battalion, the Welsh Regiment, for conspicuous gallantry on Sept. 14, near Chiry on the Aisne, by advancing about 100 yards to pick up Captain Haggard, who was mortally wounded, and carrying him back to cover under very heavy rifle and machine gun fire.

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Report is Given by an Official Belgian Commission of Investigation After Careful Examination of Witnesses

1000 MEN KILLED IN ONE PROVINCE

All Were Non-combatants and There Was Neither Reason nor Excuse for Slaughter Here and Elsewhere

SOON after the war began we heard many stories of the horrible cruelties committed by the German troops in Belgium. Some of these stories have proved to be "fakes," and on this account there is a certain disposition in some quarters to suppose that most of the others are unfounded, and that the Germans have been prosecuting the war in a relentless, but in a not altogether uncivilized, way.

It is well to know that for one charge of cruelty disproved by the Germans, or admitted to be untrue, a hundred have been definitely proved. Leaving aside particular instances of crimes against women, and the murder of children, which have been officially established, it has been absolutely proved that on the 22nd of August the Germans in the Belgian village of Tamines massacred 400 men, standing them up against a wall and firing at them first with rifles, and later on, as this proved too slow a process, turning a machine gun on them.

In the Belgian province of Luxembourg, 1000 men were killed without reason, without excuse.

The Sack of Tamines. These facts have been made public in a document issued through the Belgian Legation at London from a member of the Commission of Enquiry on the Violation of the Rights of Nations and the Laws and Customs of War.

The most terrible of the massacres there recorded, the names of the victims being given, and only the evidence of eye-witnesses being submitted.

ted, was that of Tamines, a rich and populous village on the Sambre between Charleroi and Namur. This village was occupied by the French on August 17, 18 and 19. On the 20th a German patrol appeared, but was routed by the French. Some members of the Civic Guards of Charleroi assisted in the engagement, and the people of the village shouted encouragement to the French and Belgians as they attacked the Germans.

On August 21 the Germans entered the village in force, the French soldiers having retired. Then they proceeded to take vengeance upon the citizens who had shown their delight in the defeat of the Germans a day or two previously.

Wholesale Executions. On the evening of the 22nd a group of between 400 and 540 men was collected in front of the church, near the bank of the river. A German detachment opened fire on them, but soon a machine gun was brought into play. Some of those struck staggered to their feet and tried to escape. They were shot again. In some cases they were bayoneted as they lay on the ground.

The evidence of this holocaust was obtained by some of the men, who were wounded and feigned death, lying for hours on the ground until the Germans became too drunk to notice them, when they crawled away to safety. The next day another batch of prisoners was drawn up, and obliged to bury the victims of the last night's butchery. It is said that one man was buried alive.

After this duty had been performed the remaining prisoners with their children and wives were marched through the streets, expecting that a similar fate awaited them. One witness says: "I saw German soldiers who could not refrain from bursting into tears on seeing the despair of the women." However, they were all spared, but driven out of the village and told that they would be shot if they dared to return.

Germans Had No Provocation. Not fewer than 264 houses were burned in Tamines, after having been looted, and there were killed in the village and its vicinity about 650 people.

WEATHER HORRID IN THE TRENCHES

Rain Falls Almost Continuously, Varied With Snow—Tommy Atkins' Magnificent Under All Conditions

INFORMATION has been received in London that the 1st Battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company, which has been for some days in the trenches in the North of France, have undergone their baptism of fire. No details are at present forthcoming as to the nature of the fighting or the full casualties sustained, but they are believed to be light. The War Office notified the Territorial Record Office that Private Lewis Hopkins had been wounded.

Doing Good Service. Private advices intimate that the Honourable Artillery Company have been doing good service for some time, and they have been specially complimented for their excellence in trench digging.

The following is an extract from a letter of a member of the Honourable Artillery Company, now serving at the front:

"Have had a very busy week—no time to write a line. Up at six, off before dawn, digging trenches near the firing line, back at dark. Weather horrid—rain, and even snow. Am feeling well, but tired. No luxuries to eat. Do send me cake and "chocs." Many thanks for mother's letter and prayer-book which I'll keep—though no time to read—for her sake. We are billeted in a beastly barn, into which 'rain' and 'wind' blows, but we

manage to keep warm and well. It is most interesting here. Always "Magnificent" Tommy Atkins is magnificent even in these conditions. They are very nice to us, and to-day the Scots Fusiliers gave us tea and apples while on the march. I have had my first experience of fire. Very interesting, no casualties; we acted as reserves. The battery shelled the Germans out of the British retiring from first trench. Then after hard fire, our first line charged, capturing the first two German trenches and 160 men.

The Germans are thoroughly demoralised, and their fire is nothing to be frightened at—even the artillery has not the range or accuracy of ours. In fact, they have been shelling our trenches for weeks without damage until yesterday, when, unfortunately, we sustained our first loss—one killed and nine wounded in No. 3 Company; I don't know them. The experience of going under fire is not at all alarming."

The Honourable Artillery Company have already two battalions—one in France and the other in London—and the War Office have now given permission for the raising of a third battalion.

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NOTICE TO F.P.U. COUNCILS

A Meeting of the Officers of the Local Council of the F.P.U., operating in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port de Grave, Harbor Grace and Carbonear, will be held at Coley's Point on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, the 13th instant, to consider the advisability of combining the Councils embraced in the above Districts into one District Council of the F.P.U., and to consider matters affecting the welfare of the Fishermen of Conception Bay who prosecute the Labrador Shore Fishery.

By order, W. F. COAKER, President F.P.U. St. John's, Jan. 6th, 1915.

We cite a story of the remarkable coolness and courage displayed by a Belgian officer in the trenches at Liege. This particular officer addressing his men in reference to the task that lay before them, wound up with these words:

"And in any event, my friends, the Germans shoot badly." Observing on the faces of certain of his men an expression which seemed to indicate that they doubted this declaration, the officer set himself to demonstrate the truth of the statement he had made.

Coolly lighting a cigar, he hopped out on the trench, and with his hands behind his back walked twice from one end of the parapet to the other, whilst bullets fell like hail.

Then he returned as coolly to his place in the trench, took his cigar from his mouth, and with the utmost non-chalance, remarked, "Well, my boys, do you believe now that the Germans shoot badly?"

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A boy named Dooler, of Loxey Bay Road, was taken to the hospital on Tuesday suffering from diphtheria.