

Horse Races at Quidi Vidi Lake

Large Gathering of People Present—Great Interest Taken in Meet—Several Challenge Matches Are Spoken of

Some thousands of our citizens yesterday afternoon assembled on Quidi Vidi Lake to witness the horse races held there. The ice was in pretty good condition and much interest was shown in the outcome of each event, some betting being indulged in on the favorites.

In the first race, which was between city horses, trotters were entered by H. Macpherson, M. Kelly, Wiley, R. Lester, J. Judge and A. E. Parkins. The prizes were won in the order given and consisted of a buffalo robe, presented by Mr. J. S. Munn; a pair of blankets, by Mr. H. Macpherson, and a ton of coal by Mr. R. Harvey.

The first, second and fourth heats were won by H. Macpherson, who drove his own horse, and the third was a dead heat between him and M. Kelly. The greatest interest was centered in this race, and it is said much money changed hands on the result.

In the farm-horse contest, M. McDonald was first; Ross, second, and P. Neville, third. The prizes given were \$10 first, \$6 second and \$4 third.

The winners were heartily congratulated and as a result of the day's events it is not at all unlikely that several challenge races will result.

Empire Lodge, S.O.F. Entertains Pte. Long

Last night in the Oddfellows Hall a very pleasant time was spent by the members of Empire Lodge when Private, Brother W. J. Long, who has just got back from the front on furlough, was entertained. President F. W. Pike presided and the following toast list was discussed, interspersed with songs.

- "The King"—Prop. by the President; Resp. God Save the King.
- "Our Guest"—Prop. Bro. G. T. Phillips; Resp. W. J. Long.
- "Song"—Bro. C. W. Udle
- "Supreme Lodge"—Prop. Bro. James Chaffey, W.P.F.; Resp. C. W. Udle.
- "Song"—Bro. S. Merrills.
- "Lodge Dudley"—Prop. Bro. W. J. Pike; Resp. W. T. Quick, W.P.
- "Song"—Bro. G. S. Phillips.
- "Our Boys on Active Service"—Prop. Bro. L. Hallett, W.P.F.; Resp. W. H. Strong.
- "Song"—Bro. Hallett.
- "Chairman"—Prop. Bro. G. S. Phillips; Resp. The Chairman.

GOD SAVE THE KING

M. C. L. I.

To-night the members of the M. C. L. I. will debate the following proposition:

"Resolved—That an Imperial system of Government, based on the Canadian system, would lead to a greater solidarity of the Empire?"

The leaders in the debate are Rev. Dr. Curtis and Abraham Kean, and a most interesting debate is expected.

PUT BACK TO LOUISBURG

The S.S. Meigle left Louisburg at daylight yesterday but was to the heavy ice blocking the coast had to put back. Capt. Parsons telegraphed that the ice was very heavy and jammed tight on the land. She steamed 20 miles S.W. but could not get around the floe and was forced to return to wait for a change in the weather.

PORT BLOCKED WITH ICE

Not for many years past has the port of St. John's been blocked with ice so early in the season as this year. Heavy slob ice extends away off to sea North and South of the Heads and this impedes inward and outward shipping. The harbor is also firmly frozen over and a strong off shore wind is necessary to clear the coast.

FOR SALE—Or will Exchange for some suitable article, 1 New Motor Boat, 17 ft. x 4 ft. 6 in., built of Mahogany and Cypress, polished brass fittings. Just the thing for a Doctor or Clergyman. Apply at this office, feb15,4i

To-Night's Hockey W.P.A. Games

The W. P. A. is in need of funds and a good way to assist is by attending at the Prince's Rink to-night, when the hockey games between teams of ladies and veterans will be run off. The ladies will play first and a good game is expected, as the Greens hope to reverse the result of the previous contest when they lost by 5 goals to 2. Play begins at 7.30 and the line-up will be:

goal	Reds	Verdies
goal	Mildred Coen	
point	B. Bartlett	M. Mitchell
cover	Elsie Crowdy	C. Storey
rover	Helen Anderson	E. Hayward
right	Gwen Mews	A. Hayward
centre	Lizzie Howley	O. Hayward
left	Renie Hutchings	A. Hayward
goal	West	East
goal	Duff	
point	N. Vinicombe	Shortall
cover	G. Herder	Hutchings
rover	Marshall	Dickinson
right	J. Vinicombe	James
centre	Simms	W. Herder
left	Seymour	Urquhart

Teas will be served by ladies of the W. P. A. and a special programme of music has been prepared for the occasion by the C.C.C. Band.

AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

Last night, the second of the Lantern Exhibition at the Presbyterian Hall was equally as successful as the first, another large gathering being present. The various views of the regiment heroes, the leaders in the great struggle etc., were received with warmest applause, particularly those of Nurse Cavell and the Memorial Service in St. Paul's Cathedral, and others added greatly to the pleasure of all. Quite a large sum was realized part of which will be donated to the W.P.A.

W.P.A.

In Aid of the Sick and Wounded and of our Soldiers and Sailors at the Front.

Subscriptions may be sent to Lady Davidson, Mrs. Emerson, Hon. Treasurer; or to any of the following members of the Finance Committee—Mrs. John Ayre, Mrs. Garrett Byrne, Miss Browning, Mrs. T. J. Duley, Mrs. T. J. Edens, Miss Hayward, Mrs. A. Macpherson, Mrs. H. Rendell.
Amount acknowledged .. \$23,087.55
Proceeds dance held in Fishermen's Hall, Greenspond per F. J. Matthews .. 6.00
H. Oubridge Esq. 30.00
Gift of Prize Winners in the C. of E. Cathedral Sunday schools .. 50.00
Collected by Mrs. Snow .. 5.55
Dr. J. F. Pratt, Binghampton, N.Y., per Mrs. W. J. Carroll .. 5.00
Some old sports .. 17.00
Balance approximately .. \$23,201.10
KATHERINE EMERSON, Hon. Treasurer.
St. John's, Feb. 16, 1916.

DEATH

LAWRENCE—Died this morning, Jane, beloved wife of Thomas H. Lawrence, leaving 3 sons and 3 daughters. Interment Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 33 Hayward Avenue.

The Best American Mayo's... 15c Plug.

At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

Victorias Defeat Terra Novas 3 to 1

The Terra-Novas suffered their first defeat for the season last night when the Victorias won over them by three goals to one. The game was by far the best of the series, both sides putting up a fine exhibition. A feature of the game was the absence of foul or rough play but the offside rule was not closely observed by the Vics, who seemed a bit off colour in the previous contests came back in great form and got in some star work for his side.

Although the winners had the best of play all through, their opponents made some splendid efforts to beat Hunt, who, however, saved the many hard shots in fine style. Mr. G. Herder was referee; Messrs. Slims and McKenzie, timekeepers and the players were:

goal	Victorias	Terra Novas
goal	Hunt	Duley
point	Ford	Tobin
cover	Long	Watts
rover	Brien	Stick
centre	Reid	Mews
left	King	Trapnell
right	Duggan	Sellars

The Vics. Landed two goals in the first half, Ford scoring No. 1 in six mins., and Brien No. 2 in 19 mins. In the second round Tobin in 22 mins. landed the one and only for his team, and Duggan half a minute later sent in No. 3 for the Vics. Only one penalty was giving during the game, Mews getting three minutes' rest for fouling Ford.

SHIPPING

The Prospero left Pushthrough at 4.08 a.m. to-day, going west.

The S.S. Stephano left Halifax at 9 a.m. yesterday and is due here to-morrow morning.

The schr. Gay Gordon left Belleoram for Gibraltar yesterday with 3215 qds oilfish, shipped by Harvey & Co.

The S.S. Stephano, due to arrive here to-morrow, will have a large freight and also a big mail, as she is taking all the mail matter that has been lying over at Halifax.

The Ranger is now being overhauled at Bowring Bros. She goes to the Gulf for the first time since coming here and will be commanded by Capt. W. Bartlett, Jr.

TWO YEARS FOR ARSON

In the Supreme Court to-day Arch Thompson who was charged with setting fire to his grocery store on Duckworth Street was arraigned before the Chief Justice. He pleaded guilty through his counsel, Mr. W. J. Higgins and was sentenced to two years imprisonment, the sentence dating from to-day.

COULDN'T CROSS TICKLE

The S.S. Eurphrates left Bell Island this morning and got only half way across the Tickle owing to the ice. The mail man left her with his mails and walked into Portugal Cove on the ice. There were about 100 passengers on board from the island but they would not walk ashore on the floe and the steamer took them up to Broad Cove to try and land them there.

DECLARED NO DIVIDEND

The annual meeting of the Imperial Tobacco Co. was held Tuesday last but no dividend was declared for the year's work. The same directors as last year were appointed.

FLORIZEL STILL CAUGHT

As far as we could learn at Bowring Bros. to-day the S. S. Florizel is practically in the same position of Sydney jammed in the ice which is packed close to the land. A good off-shore wind is required there as it is here to clear the blockade.

POLICE COURT NEWS

In the Police Court to-day the S. P. C. A. entered actions against impounder Dessart and Messrs. Ring, Hackett and Simms for a breach of Section 11 of the Protection of Animals Act for slaughtering goats in the presence of others of their kind awaiting slaughter. The cases will be heard Saturday.

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OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The holiday programme at the Nickel theatre yesterday attracted immense audiences, the theatre being crowded during the afternoon and evening. The principal feature film was the final episode of The Clutching Hand. This sensational serial has been running for several weeks and all movie patrons have been interested in it. The final chapter was more thrilling than all the others, and no one should miss it. To-day the programme will be repeated and those who were unable to attend yesterday should be sure and take it in. Next Wednesday there will be a new "Exploits of Elaine". Friday and Saturday of this week the greatest of all the Charlie Chaplin comedies—"Work" will be given. We advise all to see this funny comedy.

OBITUARY

IN MEMORIAM.

Mary O'Neil Who Died At Littledale Academy Feb. 10th, 1916-10:15 P.M.

Youth is always associated with Life—Yea with Immortality. Sudden then is the shock and great the grief when we learn that a dear one in the full flush of the morning of life has been suddenly snatched away by Death like some fair flower rudely plucked by vandal hands in the rose light of the dawn.

We may well imagine the sorrow and consternation which enshrouded Littledale Academy like a gloomy pall, when Mary O'Neil one of its brightest pupils died at that institution after a very brief illness on last Thursday evening.

In apparently good health on the previous Wednesday with alarming rapidity pneumonia developed on the following day and despite the unremitting care of the Rev. Mother and the Sisters and all that medical science and skill could do, she passed away at 10:15 o'clock p.m. on the vigil of Our Lady of Lourdes.

When it became evident that the innocent young life was fast flickering to a close the last Sacraments were duly administered as a viaticum on the last Journey, and to be an Angel of the Covenant and a pillar of light to guide the soul to that unknown country from whose bourne no traveller ever returns.

Modesty, simplicity, sweetness, these were the charming qualities which endeared her to the Nuns and to her school-mates and will be always cherished sacredly in the garden of hallowed memories.

The sincere sympathy of all will go out to the parents of the deceased—Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil of Bay de Verde on the sudden loss of their only daughter who was just fifteen years old. A void has been made in their home and in their hearts which only Christian faith and hope can fill but the souvenir of the dead child's piety, affection and love must ever remain as a sweet consolation when time has softened grief and has dried sad tears.

The body was embalmed and sent to Carbonear by rail, the boarders walked to the railway station as a last mark of respect. Soft wisps of snow, light as gossamer, were falling ever so gently on the Coffin and it may be fancy as we thought it a symbolical fitness of a spotless life gone to its heavenly reward.

"Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to render to every one according to his works." (Apoc. 22: 12.)

Mr. Patrick Costigan

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of a well known and respected citizen in the person of Mr. Patk. Costigan, in his 74th year. The deceased until very recently carried on an extensive fishing business on Labrador and was a successful planter. The deceased leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn him, viz., Mrs. A. W. O'Rielly and Mrs. Jas. O'Toole. His funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday) afternoon from his late residence, Theatre Hill.

MILD WEATHER PREVAILS

Yesterday across country the weather which had been very cold for days past took a change and became far milder.

At Bishop's Falls, where it was intensely cold, the glass registered 28 above zero; at Quarry, 11; at Port aux Basques, 20. It was 4 at Whitbourne and in the city last night 17 above.

Motto of the confidence man

"Watch and prey."

56 Enlists at Grand Falls

Last evening Dr. W. F. Lloyd had the following message from Grand Falls which demonstrates the patriotic spirit existing amongst the people of that progressive town:

"Public meeting held last night in Town Hall; packed and two bands present. Earnest and patriotic addresses; no excitement but a determined feeling to avenge the death of innocents. Fifty-six volunteered and number will be increased to-day.

"N. PIKE, Chairman."

Messages received to-day state 100 have now enlisted.

SCHOONERS FIT FOR SEALFISHERY

We learn that there are several fine large schooners laying up in this harbor at present which would be very eligible to send to the seal fishery. We know of at least one owner of such vessels who had his mind made up to embark them in the venture, but he could not get insurance on them and considered it too risky to equip and fit them out unless insurance could be effected.

It is a pity that some of these schooners could not get a chance to try their luck as they could be easily crewed and no doubt most of them would be successful.

REMAINS ARRIVED HERE.

The express arrived here at 11.30 to-day bringing the remains of the late Mr. M. W. Furlong, K.C., who died in Montreal. The casket was taken charge of by undertaker M. W. Myrick and the remains were taken to his late residence at Winter Avenue, whence the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

LOCAL ITEMS

The volunteers were given leave yesterday, it being a holiday, and resumed their work to-day.

A young man, a resident of Petty Harbour developed diphtheria yesterday and is being treated at home. Two houses were released from quarantine there a month ago. This outbreak occurred in a different locality.

Mr. Eli Whiteaway has now applications enough from females who are ill to fill the General Hospital twice over. None of these who have applied for admission can be treated there for at least two months to come.

In the League Hockey match to-morrow night the Feildans and St. Bon's teams will meet. It is likely there will be a change in the St. Bon's line-up.

We hear the idea of getting a hockey team to visit us from Sydney has been abandoned. It would be a good way to raise money for the Patriotic Fund if the scheme could be successfully carried out.

It is now believed that pretty well all the Northern fleet of sealers will clear from Northern ports this spring. Most of them will leave here the first week in March. The Florizel will likely be the only ship to clear from St. John's.

Mr. Wm. Thistle of the Post Office was the first to discover the fire at Garret Byrn's bookstore yesterday morning. He supplied buckets to get water and helped energetically the police and others to quench the blaze.

Michael Peddle of Bay Bulls who had been a section man on the Trepassey Branch Line since its inception, died at the General Hospital yesterday. The body was sent home for interment by yesterday evening's train.

Mr. Kenneth C. Pike, son of Mr. Mark Pike of Steer Bros., who is Postal Telegraph operator at Port aux Basques, arrived here by the express to-day on a visit to his parents here.

The belief held to-day is that the steamer which was at Cape Spear yesterday telegraphed Cape Spear particulars as regards the ice was not the "Damore" but some tramp ship possibly damaged and waiting to make this port. She was not a Furness boat in appearance. If it were "Damore" she would have shown her flag and signalled her name.

War Messages.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT

GENEVA, Feb. 16.—The Bucharest newspaper Adeveral says that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, at a review of German, Austrian and Bulgarian troops in Macedonia, informed the staffs that an attack on Salonika at the present time was inadvisable. The best policy, he is quoted as having said, was to retain the Entente Allied forces in Salonika and prevent them from being used on other fronts. Another Bucharest report received here says that the temporary inaction is due to the excessive demands of Bulgaria regarding the occupied territory in Serbia. Germany, it is said, is doing everything to avoid offending Greece. A further report says that rumours of misunderstanding between Germans and Bulgarians are unfounded.

GREECE OBJECTS TO SEIZURE OF SHIP

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A despatch from Athens says that another diplomatic clash between the Greeks and the Entente Allies has arisen over the arrest by the Allies of the Greek steamer Mavrakratousa, carrying 200 Bulgars whom the Allies considered belligerents. The Greeks contend that they are Hellenic subjects, from newly annexed provinces, and are consequently neutral. The steamer was bound for Crete.

REVOLT AGAINST AUSTRIANS

ROME, Feb. 16.—The correspondent of the Idea Nazionale telegraphs that the Montenegrins in the Kosovowic, Plavl and Gunstige districts, goaded by the ill usage of the Austrians, have revolted with such success that the Austrian authorities have been obliged to send to Scutari reinforcements. The Montenegrins, backed by arms and ammunition, which they had hidden, continue to resist.

PRaise FOR BULGARS

PARIS, Feb. 15.—News from hostile lines is that the Germans are directing the construction of a railway from Uskup to Monastir, by way of Kruisavo, and the line is nearly completed, says a Temps despatch from Salonika to-day. Field Marshal von Mackensen, who has been reviewing the Bulgarian troops at Uskup, made a public speech to them, eulogizing their achievements.

CANADIAN BUDGET

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—The outstanding features of the Budget introduced in the House of Commons yesterday, may be summarized as follows:

War appropriation, \$250,000,000 for 1916; National Debt now stands at \$580,000,000, an increase of \$131,000,000 over last year; Revenue for year estimated at \$170,000,000; surplus expected, \$45,000,000; trade balance estimated at \$200,000,000.

ALLIES WILL PAY FOR GREEK'S INJURED

PARIS, Feb. 16.—The French and British Ministers to Greece have given assurance to the Greek Government that the Allies will pay indemnities to all merchants and private individuals who suffered damage from recent zeppelin raids on Salonika. Payments to be made after the Balkan campaign is ended.

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—Fifty thousand pounds of sugar were destroyed by fire in the hold of the steamer Dalton. The vessel had been chartered by the British Government to convey sugar to West Hartlepool, England, and was to sail to-day. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

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LATEST

Shipping Problem One of Importance

London, Feb. 17.—The question of requisitioning merchant shipping is one of the important matters which come up for consideration when the debate on the address in reply to the King's speech is resumed to-day. General interest is manifested in the subject by members of Parliament, the amendment in this connection is presented by Basil Edward Peto, who expresses regret in the amendment, that the Government had not taken measures to utilize economically the available tonnage, and put it under the control of central expert authority, with full power to requisition and direct the movements of all vessels, and to fix and limit remuneration for transport services of all kinds during the war. It is expected that an important reply will be elicited by this amendment from Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, on behalf of the Government. It is understood that it is the present intention of Premier Asquith to take the new vote of credit in the House of Commons on Monday.

Bulgar Army is in Bad Way—King Grows Unpopular

Rome, Feb. 17.—A despatch to The Daily News says neutral diplomats who recently returned from Bulgaria, says Bulgarian losses so far amount to 150,000; the army is now reduced to about 180,000, this is absolutely insufficient to aid the Germans in an attack on Salonika.

The soldiers, who are on short rations, as the Germans requisitioned all available supplies of wheat, are disheartened and tired of war; they fear Russian reprisals in the near future.

The King is openly blamed for selling the country to the Germans and is becoming very unpopular. His journey to Germany and Austria was taken because he feared it would be impossible to avoid a revolution, unless the Austro-Germans took the precaution of organizing timely measures, these the King personally urged in Berlin and Vienna.

Struggle Begun for Albanian Mastery

London, Feb. 17.—The final struggle for the mastery of Albania has begun, according to despatches received in London. The Austrians and Bulgars have succeeded in forming a juncture of their combined armies and now are in contact with Essad Pasha's army of Albanians, Montenegrins and Serbians which is defending Durazzo.

WILL HAVE FAR REACTING CONSEQUENCES

Paris, Feb. 17.—The capture of Erzerum by the Russians is declared by the French newspapers as the best item of news for the Allies in many months. The military experts declaring that it gives the Russians the key to Asia Minor and is a victory which will inevitably have far reaching consequences.

FRANCE STORM SWEPT

Paris, Feb. 17.—A gale swept France yesterday, and caused serious damage in Paris and in the provinces a number of shipwrecks have been reported and the channel services have been delayed and at some ports are entirely interrupted.

Pursuit of wealth is the great human hurdle race.