

## CHEERY LETTERS RECEIVED FROM OUR VOLUNTEER LADS

Had a Splendid Trip Across and Were Enthusiastically Welcomed When They Reached Port—Are All in Fine Form and the Very Best of Spirits

A few days ago Mr. A. J. Harvey had a cablegram from his son Gerald, who is now on Salisbury Plains. He is in the best of health.

Monday Mr. J. Stick, of the Royal Stores had a cable business from a friend in London that his sons 'Bob' and 'Len' had called on this gentleman.

The Volunteers were given three or four days leave to visit friends and the Stick Brothers availed of the opportunity of paying a short visit to London.

By yesterday's mail Mr. Stick had a letter from Len in which he tells of the passage across. The majority got over their seasickness in a couple of days.

The details of the trip are similar to the letter which we print below.

### Letter from Volunteer.

S. S. Florizel,  
October 14, 1914.

My Darling Mother,—  
I had looked forward to having two days for correspondence (nights are "barred" on account of "lights out" at 6 p.m.), but yesterday and today I have been "on duty," and have seized my first free time to write to you. Well, here is my diary. On Sunday night I expect the shrieking of the "sirens" as we steamed through the Narrows "hurt a bit"—Mother mine, but that, as you and I know so well, "is all in the day's work."

Monday was a beautiful day, with a smooth sea and hardly any wind. We picked up the convoy off St. St. Pierre and "fell in" at the end of the line. There were some thirty ships in all, and they made a fine sight, particularly at night, with one light only showing from each ship—"Beacons of Empire."

Tuesday was another fine day. No incident until 10—got a stripe and A—was made a sergeant. There were similar promotions in the other companies. Lectures were arranged. The officers giving a reading or address lasting about an hour every day.

Thursday I was "inoculated" for the second time and I did not find it nearly so bad as the first time, just as the doctor predicted.

Our "housewives" were given to us that day and are most useful; many thanks to the dear mothers and sisters for them. The fine weather continued right along, and we didn't meet a rough sea until yesterday, when it blew "half a gale." Today it calmed a little, though when we entered the Channel early this morning the ship tossed about a bit. However, I remained perfectly "fit" through it all and was able to eat what came along. The "bullseyes" were greatly appreciated. Tell 'em, chums, send their love to her. It is not yet known what port we are making for, but you will of course hear all about it in tomorrow's public message. Every-thing is of course kept secret on board, the only way news we heard was the taking of Antwerp by the Germans. It looks now as if we really shall see the Front. Hurrah! This is a soldier's letter, so according to the rules and regulations "Nothing pertaining to the conditions or circumstances of our service can be reported." I hope and pray that all has gone well with you since I left and that you are better and having a much needed rest. We are all "as fit as fiddlers" and ready for anything. Must end now. God bless you, mother mine.

Your loving son,  
JOHN.

### Glad to Get Letters.

All Newfoundlanders are interested in our boys whether they are at Salisbury Plains or on the Niobe, and the Daily Mail and Advocate will gladly publish letters from them.

We take this opportunity of asking our readers to send us copies—of course private matters will not be published—or anything which the enemy might benefit by.

It is impossible for the boys to write all their friends, and as every-one is anxious to hear from them we ask receivers of letters to kindly send them along to us.

Many citizens are anxious to send Christmas hampers to the boys and in due course of time we will publish particulars of how this can best be done.

### More News From Our Boys.

Yesterday Mr. D. Thistle received letters from both his sons, Walter and Ralph, who are now at Salisbury Plains, the former who was previously connected with the Methodist Guards having sailed with the first Newfoundland Regiment on the Florizel and the latter with the Canadians, after coming in from Cobalt to join the Montreal Highlanders, from Quebec.

Walter in his letter, beyond stating he had arrived after a fairly good trip, conveys little of general importance except that the appearance of the Megantic, above all others of the transports, greatly impressed him.

### From Dr. Paterson.

By the mail yesterday Mrs. Dr. Paterson had an interesting letter from her husband who crossed on the Florizel with the Volunteers.

The trip was not rough, only one stormy day, the day before reaching Plymouth. There was very little seasickness after the first twenty-four hours out.

Dr. Paterson inoculated 470 on the

way across. The ships were three abreast and as there were thirty-one the Florizel, being the last, occupied the left hand side by her 'lonesome.'

Lights were out at 6 each evening, except the mast head light and stern light.

### Kept Close Watch.

On either side the convoys would be seen occasionally and every evening at 6 a cruiser would come from the rear, speak to the Florizel and then go on to the rest. This would be repeated several times through the night, but during the daylight there would be no sign of her. What became of her they did not know.

For the first day there was some little inconvenience but after things got settled away they were very snug. The Florizel was one of the best transports of the lot.

### Cheered Warship.

When the cruiser would come near the Florizel's boys would congregate on deck and greet her with cheers which would be taken up by the other transports.

At 9 a.m. Dr. Paterson would inspect the ship, and at 11 a.m. Capt. Alexander would make an inspection.

Nearing the British coast they were met by a fleet of British trawlers and they steamed in front of the leading ships with their wires out dragging for mines, but none were found.

The British authorities ran no risks. Company drill was held each day and spare time was given to concerts. There were a large number of entertainers on board. Cecil Clift was a team in himself.

### Landed After Four Days.

The Florizel being last the boys did not land for four days and they were then dressed in their regulation uniform.

When they landed it was first thought they were from Canada, but when it became known that they were the "little Newfoundland bunch" the enthusiasm was beyond bounds.

The Canadians received a hearty reception but it was nothing compared to what the Newfoundlanders received. We were certainly proud of the Old Colony, writes the Doctor, and so was every one else.

Shouts of "Newfoundland," "Terra Nova," "Three cheers for them," were heard on all sides.

The boys responded in their own enthusiastic style.

Our boys were small in numbers, but everybody felt that with a little training they will be as good as the best. All are in excellent spirits.

Cecil Clift writes an interesting letter to his mother. Cecil says he had the pleasure of sleeping in No. 4 hold, and he certainly enjoyed his naps. All are well and enjoyed the trip. All were treated alike and the best of good feeling existed.

### SWEDISH SHIP SUNK BY MINE

Stockholm, Oct. 29.—The Swedish steamer Ornen from Portugal for Gothenburg, Sweden, hit a mine in the North Sea and sank off Cuxhaven. Five members of the crew were drowned.

Carthaginian sails this evening taking in saloon.—G. A. Bennett, Miss R. McDonald, Miss B. Bursall and 6 intermediate.

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### FIRST GRAND CONCERT OF SERIES

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Admission, 30c.; Reserved Seats, 50c. Doors open at half-past 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8.30.

ALEX. A. PARSONS, Secretary Lt. Com.

## THE KAISER ON "TRAITORS."

(London Daily Sketch.)

"A traitor has just been shot, a little French lad belonging to one of those gymnastic societies which wear tricolour ribbons, the eclaireurs or boy scouts. He received the volley of the firing party with a proud smile on his face."—German Official Pamphlet.

"It is my Royal and Imperial command that you concentrate your energies on one single purpose, that is, to exterminate first the treacherous English and walk over General French's contemptible little army."—German Emperor's Army Orders, August 19.

THE KAISER complains that foreign newspapers do not tell the truth. All foreign news, even from Holland, is now to be excluded from Germany. Let us therefore assume for a moment that he is right. Suppose that all our sources of information are poisoned, that Sir Edward Grey is an accomplished liar, that Mr. Asquith is a horrible hypocrite, Sir John French the author of palpable fiction from the front and the whole British Press a repository of well-invented stories of victories which never happened.

### At His Own Word.

Let us take the Kaiser at his word. Read his own news. Put yourself in the position of a Prussian, bound to believe, because he is told so, that he is winning "victory after victory" when he is running away.

Then read the paragraphs which have put at the head of this column. You will see from them what a German means by a traitor.

(1) A little lad of the boy scouts, who was brave and true and proud to die for his country. A boy "who in his infatuation wanted to be a hero" (these words are part of the German pamphlet). A boy who did more than face death; he faced it with the truth on his lips.

### Martyr to Truth.

LISTEN to this:—"The Germans were passing through a wooded place when this boy scout was caught and asked whether the French were about. He refused to say. Later the Germans were fired on from the wood. The boy was asked if he knew the enemy was in the forest, and he did not deny it."

He did not deny it. How easy it would have been for the boy to say, "I did not know." Twice he might have saved his life by his lips. The first time to speak would have been treachery to his country. (Yet how many of us would have dared not be traitors when our lives were the price?) The second time to speak would have been treachery to that which is dearer yet to the real boy scout—the truth.

Here, then, is the complete German notion of a traitor. One who lays down his life, not once, but twice, one who, though but a child, shows courage rare in the noblest men, one who refused to live with a lie on his lips.

### No Real Boy Scout.

DO you see now why there can be no real boy scouts in Germany? To describe them even, the Germans must use an English or French word. There is no German equivalent for boy scout. Let them try "Treuhaere"—that is the German word for traitor. When the Germans have such "traitors" among their boys they may hope, if not to win a great war, at least to lose it with honour.

(2) And the second German notion of a set of traitors is General French's "contemptible little army." "Times," I am glad to see, reproduced yesterday those words of the Kaiser's already known to readers of the "Daily Sketch." They cannot have too wide a circulation; or be repeated too often. The Kaiser himself should be grateful for this is not British news but German.

Boosted Recruiting. DO you know what was the result of the Kaiser's sneer when we published it a month ago? In the North of England the words were reproduced on posters. Recruiting authorities said they brought in more men than any other appeal that had been made. Let them be posted up now on every hoarding in London and the country. The "Daily Sketch" will supply such a poster free to any recruiting agencies who apply for it.

Englishmen, Scotsmen and Irishmen are proud to be traitors in the Kaiser's terms.

## STORES TO OPEN NIGHTS NEXT WEEK

And Thence to the End of the Year

The Importers' Association met yesterday afternoon to consider the opening of the stores at night for the balance of the season.

Hon. G. Knowling occupied the chair and the following firms were represented—Marshall Bros., Royal Stores, Knowling's, Martin Hardware Co., Ayre and Sons, Ltd., Nicholles Inkpen and Chafe; J. Anderson, Steer Bros., U. S. Picture and Portrait Co., Bishop Sons and Co., S. Milley, Jas. Baird, Ltd., J. McGregor and Dicks and Co.

A steamer bound to Bell Island passed the Narrows at 10 last night.

In many of the stores business is brisk and the firms are short handed because of employees having volunteered for the front.

## DISASTER FUND

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Halifax City Council, Halifax, N. S., per W. L. Brown, City Treasurer, and the Colonial Secretary .. 1,000.00

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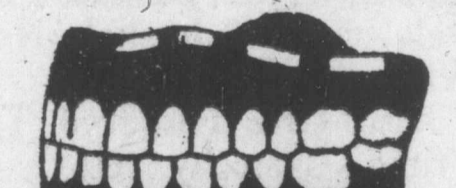
The s.s. Tabasco left Halifax at 9 last night for St. John's.

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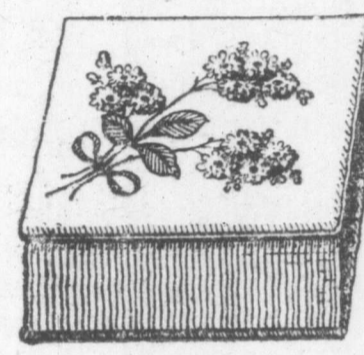
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## OFFICIALS PLAN TO DO THEIR PART

Meeting Held Tuesday Decides to Ask Each to Contribute 50c. per \$100 to Patriotic Fund

Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the permanent heads of the various Government Departments was held in the Department of Agriculture and Mines for the purpose of taking some concerted action to procure subscriptions throughout the Colony towards the Patriotic Fund.

The meeting formed itself into a Committee with the following officers: F. C. Berteau, Esq., Auditor General, Chairman;

Charles H. Hutchings, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, Vice-Chairman; George E. Turner, Esq., Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines, Secretary;

John S. Keating, Esq., Deputy Minister of Finance, Treasurer.

After considerable discussion as to the best means to be adopted, a circular to the officials was drafted asking a contribution of at least fifty cents on each one hundred dollars or fraction thereof received by them as salary.

Arrangements were made for the distribution of the circular and the collection of the subscriptions. The Committee hopes to raise a substantial sum, which will be paid over to the Treasurer of the Patriotic Fund.

It is pleasing to see the Government officials act in a concerted manner, and it is likely all will respond liberally to the appeal. This much is certain, the Patriotic Fund cannot be too large, and it is up to those who can contribute to do so.

Dry Goods and Hardware Stores will be open for business until 9 p.m. from Monday, Nov. 2nd, until the end of the year, excepting Saturdays, when the Stores will close at 9.30 p.m., and during Christmas week (Dec. 18th to 24th), when the Stores will close at 10 p.m. R. A. TEMPLETON, Hon. Sec'y Importers' Association.—oct29,21

The schr. Novelty sails today for Pernambuco with 5000 packages of fish from Monroe & Co.

## REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE GERMANS

Said That 200,000 Men Are Being Rushed to Their Support in Belgium

Paris, Oct. 29.—The pause in the German attacks on the left wing of the Allies where the Germans have fought furiously in their effort to march on the French ports of Dunkirk and Calais is considered here to be only momentary.

Reliable reports are to the effect the heavy reinforcements are on the way and that when the German lines are strengthened by these forces, which are said to aggregate more than 200,000 men, fighting will go on with renewed fierceness.

Reinforcements have been drawn from the East and the West and reports say the next German onslaught will be undertaken further away from the coast in order to avoid the devastating fire of the British and French warships.

It is sufficient to give the name, company and regiment like the ordinary letter, and the Post Office will do the rest.

No duty will be charged on the Foreign side, as the French and Belgian authorities have agreed to admit tobacco of all kinds destined for troops free of duty during the continuance of the war.

There was shooting in the streets of the city through the night and encounters continued to-day.

Members of the Ministry have taken refuge in the Foreign-Consulates.

## FORCE OF GERMAN OFFENSIVE LESS

Allied Positions Everywhere Maintained and Some Progress Made

Paris, Oct. 28.—The French official announcement issued this afternoon says that yesterday the German attacks between Neuport and Arras were less violent.

The French positions everywhere were maintained and the French forces continue to advance to the north and to the east of Ypres.

## MAIL TOBACCO TO VOLUNTEERS

Postal Authorities Make Special Provision on Behalf of Our Soldiers in Europe

"Where there's neither bit of bacon, there's neither bit of comfort."

"It is not generally known, says the London Times, that tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes can be sent by parcel post, duty free, from home to members of the Expeditionary Force, and, as a temporary concession, the Customs authorities have reduced the minimum weight that may be delivered to as low as eight ounces."

Newfoundlanders may send tobacco to our Reservists at Salisbury Plains, and no doubt the most popular "Gem" will soon be seen on the great training plain of Salisbury.

Be sure and tell them to save the coupons.

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## WEDDING BELLS

Dave Winsor.

An interesting marriage ceremony was performed at Botwood Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. T. Newman on Oct. 1. Miss Minnie Blanche Winsor, of Tilt Cove was united in marriage to Mr. Cyril Dawe, of Bay Roberts.

The bride was tastefully costumed in pearl grey with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Brood, and the best man, Mr. Perry.

Miss Winsor was a Methodist school teacher of some years standing and an efficient church organist and work-er. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dawe proceeded to Grand Falls, where they are to reside. They were the recipients of a number of presents. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Dawe!