

## LOCAL ITEMS

Strong North East and North winds, cold with occasional snow today and on Thursday.

Weather up country to-day is north east wind, light and fine; ther. 10 to 30 above.

No passengers crossed the Gulf yesterday owing to the Intercolonial Railway trains not having reached Sydney. A big snow storm through Eastern Nova Scotia caused the delay.

Lind and Couto report to the Board of Trade to-day the following:—Stocks, 69207; consumption, 5580; the vessels Viola, Active, Gigantic, Ainslie, Mercus, Leopoldina, Elsnor, Mildred are outside; the Anderson and Julia have entered. These continuous arrivals are disorganizing our market very much.

Residents of Portugal Cove says that Pte. Churchill, a returned soldier, and his wife are in dire poverty at Portugal Cove; that a collection had recently been made for him at that place and the sum of \$30.00 realized. An immediate enquiry should be made into this case.

L. O. A. at Portugal Cove held their annual parade yesterday. The turnout was very successful and fifty members being line Divine Service was attended at the Methodist Church, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion preached by the Rev. Mr. Eddy. At night a social was held in the hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly five hundred persons. All present voted the night's enjoyment the best yet.

A lamentable condition of affairs came under our notice this morning. There are three young girls about to become mothers, who can find no homes or persons to care for them during their impending illness. The Rescue Home is said to be filled. The Poor Commissioner refuses to act and provide the necessary financial assistance. In the meantime the unfortunate women are friendless and penniless. Two of them applied for assistance at the Police Court this morning. The Government will be furnished with facts forthwith.

## To-night's Recital

The organ recital to be held this evening in Cochrane Street Centennial Church promises to be a brilliant affair. The choir will assist during the evening by rendering Christmas and other music, whilst Mrs. King will render as a soprano solo, "Hear ye, Israel," from Elijah. The accompaniments will be played by Mr. Arthur Mews. Mr. F. J. King will render the following selections on the organ: "Morceau de Concert," Gull-mant, (Prelude, Air and Fugato), "Harmonies du soir—Karl Elert, Suite (Barcarolle, in the Arbor, Serenade)—Hoffman, Dithyramb (a wild rhapsodical form of composition)—Harwood, (a) "Twilight," (b) "Evening," (c) "Marche Heroique"—Lemare. His Excellency the Governor and Miss Harris will attend, and it is hoped a large audience will be present.

## Storm Up West

The severest snow storm in several years raged on the western end of the railway Monday afternoon and night, which resulted in tying up all traffic in that section. For fifteen hours the storm was most violent from Bishop's Falls west, but east from there snow gave place to rain. Last night the trains were again moving. At Bay of Islands, Quarry, and Bishop's Falls sections, it was still snowing with the temperature from 10 to 20 above zero.

## Can YOU Say I Have Offered?

List of men who offered for enlistment at headquarters, Dec. 31, 1917:

J. D. Diamond, Flower's Cove.  
Stephen Ross, Twillingate.  
Charles Hobbs, Red Cliff, B.B.  
H. Russell, Tickle Cove, B.B.  
H. Patey, St. Anthony.  
C. Penney, St. Anthony.  
Kenneth Hall, Newtown, B.B., enlisted second time.

## At the Crescent

The Crescent Picture Palace presents "The Lost Telegrapher," a thrilling war feature in two reels. "The Fable of the Good Fairy with the Lorgnette," by George Ade. "Western Scenic Travaux," interesting and educational. "All Stuck Up," a very funny comedy. The newest and best in music, drums and effects.

## Prosecutions Under Inflammable Substances Act

Thomas Healey, an oil vender, in Court this morning in answer to breach of the Inflammable Substances Act, 1916.

The complaint of the police is that the defendant had more than two barrels of kero oil, which is the amount allowed under the regulations stored in an open space, where, in case of fire occurring, it was likely to communicate to any buildings in the vicinity. One place complained of is on King's Road and the other on Harvey Road. Judge Morris will visit the localities complained of before giving his judgment. For a technical breach of the Act a city grocer was fined 50 cts. and costs.

A dispute between two tenants on King's Road, who occupy the same tenement on King's Road, was dismissed. The parties fell out over the unsanitary condition of the hall way which both use and the defendant was accused of breaking up a chair, table and other furniture belonging to the plaintiff. The defendant denied under oath and the case was dismissed.

Yesterday's west bound express left Gaff Topsail at 9 a.m. to-day.

## Heard on the Coast of Newfoundland

The sound of the explosion which occurred in Halifax on the morning of December 6th, was heard along the south coast of Newfoundland, more than three hundred miles from Halifax. This has been reported by Mr. S. S. Whetmore, of this City, who was in that vicinity at the time.

Mr. Whetmore was a passenger on the steamer Glenoce, which is engaged in the passenger service between St. John's and Port aux Basques. The steamer entered Burgeo on Friday morning and the passengers were told by the people of that place that shortly after nine o'clock on Thursday morning they had heard a low rumbling sound. They first thought it was a ship blown up in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and it was not till noon that they received word that Halifax was wrecked by an explosion. Burgeo is about 310 nautical miles to the east of Halifax harbor.

Mr. Whetmore had got on the Glenoce at Grand Bank, and on hearing this news was very anxious about his family. On the arrival of the Glenoce at Port aux Basques, there was no passenger steamer there to take the passengers of the Glenoce to Nova Scotia. The only steamer loading at this port for Nova Scotia was the steamer —, and it was only after some difficulty that Mr. Whetmore succeeded in being allowed to come on this steamer. He was the only passenger of the total number of twenty who was granted this privilege.

## Oats as a Substitute For Wheat

(Kansas City Star.)

With the saving of the wheat oatmeal is coming into its own once more. A generation ago oatcakes and scones were a familiar article of diet. But they had been crowded out until it looked as if Dr. Johnson's glib might come true, that oatmeal was a food used for humans in Scotland and for horses elsewhere. Oatmeal for breakfast has never gone out. Now we are learning that a delicious bread and biscuit can be made from oatmeal. People who are becoming familiar with these substitutes for white bread on wheatless days are going to keep on eating them. Happily there is plenty of oats in the country. Also oats is more nutritious than wheat. A pound of oatmeal has 1,860 calories, against 1,670 for whole wheat flour. So we may eat oats with a clear conscience. The country has plenty, it makes a nourishing food and a food that is delicious as well.

## COME DOWN, YOU YOUNG RASCAL

Some time ago a gentleman, whose fruit orchards had been systematically robbed, caught a boy up one of his trees.

"Come down, you young rascal!" shouted the irate owner.

"Naa fear, while you're there," replied the urchin.

"Well, I'll wait till you do," "Verra weel."

They had waited about an hour, when an idea occurred to the lad. Snatching an apple, he took a steady aim, and hit the old fellow on the head with it.

"Halloo! What's up now?"

"It's just this. I'm gaun to keep peelin' till every apple's off the tree, unless ye promise not to lick me, for if I am gaun to get a hiding, I'm gaun to hae me sport for it. What'd ye say?"

And the old fellow had to agree.

## Some Happenings at New Bonaventure

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—Some time has elapsed since anything of importance has appeared in the press from this place, but if we only had "Fadder Jim" here from Catalina, no doubt his time would be occupied in writing letters of public interest, as there are many public matters that "Fadder Jim" would be sure to have something to say on.

However, Mr. Editor, the weather continues mild for the time of year, and it looks at present by the fog on the hills that it is not going to be a very dry Xmas after all. But no doubt Jack Frost will feel his way around here after Santa Claus has made his rounds. Some are expecting big things from Uncle Santa this year, for it is said that some of our ladies are going to hang up their stockings. We presume they must want to catch a partner for the dances that are in view.

Some folks are complaining because they can't "get a drop" to make merry with their friends, but we wish to remind them that many a fight and hard words occurred through sitting down to have a merry time over a bottle of grog. But it is in the man who did not know how to use the sense that God gave him, that when he got one glass did not know how to control his appetite from taking enough to make a fool of himself, and by so doing caused the wise man to suffer for the want of a drop.

The F. P. U. Council held their annual meeting during early December, and have started on another year. We hope it will prove successful.

The Orange Lodge has had a change of officers, and nearly all new officers have been elected. We wish the new crowd every success in their labors.

It is customary at this time of year to wish every one a Merry Xmas. We only hope it would be a merry one to all, but we feel sure that many a heart is aching this Christmas, many a tear will be shed, through the horrors of this awful war that is still raging, and to add to the tales that have reached us from the battlefield. The Halifax disaster makes us more eager to listen to the words of Hol Scripture: "In the midst of life we are in death." One can scarcely read the accounts of it in the papers without a shudder to see so many souls, sitting as it were in a peaceable city, hurried into eternity. A committee is now taking up a collection for this worthy object.

Some of our school teachers are now home to spend their holidays with friends. We hope they will enjoy themselves to their fullest extent. The Orange Lodge is going to hold their annual parade on New Year's Day, and we hear that the Women's Association will hold their annual tea and sale the night previous.

We also hear that Divine Service will be held in the new church at Little Harbor on Sunday, Dec. 30, for the first time. We wish to congratulate the friends of Little Harbor for their pluck and energy in pushing forward with such a small number, in building a splendid house for the service of God.

Mr. Editor, I will now finish trusting that some abler pen than mine will take up the practice of writing to the press. I wish the F. P. U., the Advocate, and especially Fadder Jim, every success in the future. I remain, Ever yours,

SINCERE,  
New Bonaventure, Dec. 24, 1917.

## Some Wedding

A general holiday was observed in the Friendly Islands recently in honor of the nuptials of Princess Tungi at Nukualofa. The Government band played all the ceremonial music and other musical organizations assisted it throughout the day, he says. The wedding dress worn by the Princess was made in Sydney, Australia, and fashioned after the latest styles. The wedding cake, which was eight feet high and is said to have cost more than \$500, was baked in Auckland, New Zealand. About twenty-five white people attended the reception, others present being chiefs, officials and natives from the surrounding islands. At the wedding breakfast the table extended from inside the palace, where the royal party was seated, out through one of the doors for 250 feet. The guests were seated on either side. Tapa—a material made from the beaten bark of the mulberry tree—covered the length of the table. The King personally superintended the work of distributing hundreds of roast pigs among his subjects, many of the large porkers having smaller ones tied to them in a decorative way. It was a holiday for all.

ADVERTISE IN THE ADVOCATE

## Early Morning Cables

## Allenburg Advances

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The official statement regarding the operations in Palestine was had today with sugar. No Palestine says: "The latest information on this card. Baron Rhonda, Food Control-front were severe. It appears that on her, is expected soon to issue an order the twenty-seventh the enemy made for a meatless day. It is understood with German assistance a determined that a comprehensive plan for the attempt to retake Jerusalem. His attacks pressed with vigor and continuing who have been compelled to stand in used from two o'clock on the morning line for hours waiting for supplies of the 27th for forty six hours. General Allenby immediately counter-attacks against the west flank of the have been working for months on a front on which the Turks attacked. plan. With the seizure of margarine On the 27th this attack progressed two last week and the introduction of su-and a half miles over very difficult gar card system today, the lines of country. Seeing that the Turkish at-waiting persons in the London Dis-lack was spent on the 28th we made tract dwindled. The allowance of a general advance, the British on the margarine is four ounces per capita, Nablus (Shechem) Road advancing weekly, and of sugar half a pound, north, and the left advancing east and Other measures may be summarized driving the enemy back before them, as follows: Potatoes to be used in By the morning of the 29th General Allenby had secured a line of Burma-ize in the consumption of cereals, aras el Tahunch ran-Allah el Fifeh no calves or heifers to be killed and Wadi el Kiebl. Thus the result of the sale of veal and lamb to be pro-Turkish-attack to recapture Jerusalem hibited, the sale of ice cream and is that on the northwest we have gain-water ices to be forbidden, curers of ed several miles of ground instead of one. The Turks suffered heavily in killed and wounded, the killed alone being estimated at one thousand. So far six hundred prisoners and twenty machine guns have been captured.

## Allies and Peace

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The British Government recognizes that the Brest Litovsk peace proposals constitute a grave and a new factor of which official cognizance must be taken, says the Daily Chronicle, in reporting as did the Manchester Guardian yesterday that the British Government intends to return a serious and reasoned reply to the Austro-German peace terms when presented officially. The Chronicle adds that Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States are already exchanging views containing the peace proposals.

## Slight Losses

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Admiralty announces that the mine sweeping sloop Arbutus and the armed boarding steamer Grive have been sunk, owing to bad weather, after having been torpedoed.

## Alaska Goes Dry

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 1.—Alaska will go on the list of bone dry states and territories at midnight tonight. Some of the saloons which will close their doors have been operating since the days of the gold rush in 1890.

## Thanks, Hope and Trust

BASE OF THE AMERICAN FLO-TILLA IN BRITISH WATERS, Jan. 1.—Among the New Year's greetings flashed to the American ships was one from the British Admiralty with message that cheered every one. It read: "From the Admiralty House, with thanks for the past, hope for the future, and trust in you always"

## Finland's Flag

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1.—Finland is the first of the new Russian communica-ties to adopt a flag; it is a lion on a red back ground.

## YESTERDAY'S CABLES

## England on Rations

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## Germany Waiting

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Petrograd despatch from the Associated Press correspondent under Saturday's date says that Leo Trotsky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, is expected to present a new communication to the Allies on Sunday. This despatch, quotes Baron Admiral Keyserlingk, former German Military attache at Petrograd and a member of the German Peace Delegation, as saying: "The Germans quite frankly desire an honorable peace. The present attitude of Russia's Allies apparently is a ban to this end. The attitude now between Russia and Germany is friendly, not one of enmity. Germany is now waiting to hear the Entente Allies' terms and war aims."

## Allies Will Reply

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British Government, when Austro-German terms of peace are presented, officially to return a serious and reasoned reply. Premier Lloyd George has arranged to visit France according to the newspaper to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

## Australian Fires

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—A dispatch from Sydney says that the biggest bush-fire recorded in the Hay district has been burning for days on a front of fifty miles, heavily destroying crops, fencing and grass. Other fires are reported in the Wagga and Forbes districts.

## Victory This Year

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—Lord Derby, in a message to the Matin hopes that the coming year will see the troops returning home after a victory of Right over Might.

## Hard Year in Front

Lord Robert Cecil in a message admits that the French and British troops have a hard year before them, but hopes that strengthened by America they will hold out till victory. Let us hope that the war will end before next New Year, he says.

## The Crescent

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