

# War News.

### Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

**GOOD NEWS FROM THE EAST.**  
LONDON, Jan. 4.  
The Governor, Newfoundland:  
The French Government report artillery duels and slight progress at certain points. Weather very bad on almost the whole front.  
The Russian Government reports a small German force annihilated near the Bzura river. A German brigade was repulsed, with enormous loss, near Bolimoff.  
There has been desperate fighting near Rawa in Galicia. The Austrians are in flight, abandoning arms and ammunition.  
About two hundred survivors of the Formidabls have been rescued.

### HARCOURT.

### ST. PIERRE BULLETIN.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(Official).  
From the sea to the Olse the day was nearly calm. Rainy weather prevails. Artillery duels on certain parts of the front. Opposite Noulcetes our heavy artillery has silenced the German batteries. On the Alsne and in the Champagne, cannonading was particularly violent, our batteries confirming their superiority and bringing under their range some of the enemy's reserves. Several German positions have been captured in Perthes and Mesnel les Hurles district. Intermittent cannonading between the Argonne and the Meuse. An attempt made yesterday by us to take Bourneville failed. Our advance still continues in Le Petre woods. In higher Alsace we have taken an important height west of Cernay and repulsed a German counter attack at Steinbach. We occupy part of town around the chapel and cemetery.

### DAR-ES-SALAAM TAKEN.

NAIROBI, British East Africa, Jan. 4.  
The British battleship Goltah, and the light cruiser Fox, have carried out successful operations against Dar-es-Salaam, the capital of German East Africa. The warships bombarded the town, inflicting considerable damage. All the German vessels in the harbor were disabled. Fourteen Europeans and twenty natives were taken prisoners. The British loss was one killed and twelve wounded.

### SETTLEMENT IN PROGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.  
Developments in the negotiations to stop British interruptions of American copper shipments have reached the point, it was understood here today, where Britain will not interfere with shipments to well-known Italian firms, if they are made in Italian ships. Shipments to well-known manufacturers in Sweden and Holland, it was also understood, would be uninterrupted, but it has not been made plain if they must be made in ships of those countries.

### CONSULTING FRANCE.

LONDON, Jan. 4.  
The British Government's reply to the American note concerning contraband, will be sent before the end of this week. An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested, because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes. Probably there will be a statement issued shortly showing that Italy and England, and her Allies have arrived at an understanding concerning contraband satisfactory to all the countries affected.

### FORMIDABLE TORPEDOED.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.  
An official announcement made public through the official news bureau today, says: A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in Berlin, that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel, off Plymouth, the battleship Formidabls. The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged.

### A TRICK THAT FAILED.

LONDON, Jan. 4.  
The Daily Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent says: A Norwegian merchant captain who has just returned here from Gibraltar, says that the Hamburg-American liner Grascia attempted to cross the Atlantic flying a Norwegian flag under the name of a Norwegian ship, but she was stopped by a British cruiser which discovered her real name which had been painted over. The cruiser thereupon took the steamer as a prize to Gibraltar. The steamer carried a cargo of provisions for German warships in the Atlantic.

### THE DEADLY MINE.

LONDON, Jan. 4.  
According to advices received here from Stockholm, the Swedish steamer Carma has been lost in the North Sea, with her crew of 20 men. It is presumed the Carma struck a mine.



### FRENCH GAIN GROUND.

LONDON, Jan. 4.  
Latest news from the battlefield indicates but little activity, the lull evidently being enforced by bad weather. Steinbach village and Upper Alsace is now in the hands of the French after house to house fighting. This loss Berlin admits. The day was marked by artillery duels with occasional infantry dashes with slight gains, but the line from the Olse to the sea is almost completely calm. The German headquarters declare the situation in the East remains unchanged. Nothing has reached London to contradict this statement.

### S. S. Changes Hands.

Some months ago we stated that negotiations were going on between Messrs. Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. James Baird, Ltd., for the purchase of the former's sealing steamer Diana, though the transfer did not actually take place until a few ago, when the vessel was taken over by the new owners. The purchase price, it is said, was seven thousand dollars. The Diana is a staunch wooden vessel, and on more than one occasion has carried exploring parties to the Arctic regions. The Diana was formerly the Hector up to about two decades ago, when she was rebuilt, re-named and her name changed. Last year the Diana prosecuted the seal-fishery at the front and since then has been thoroughly renovated. She will operate in the Gulf the coming season in charge of Capt. John Clarke, late of the Bloodhound. We wish the Diana, her new owners and Capt. Clarke a load of seals.

### Preparing for Bank Fishery.

From passengers who recently arrived in the city from Burin we learn that at that port preparations are already being made for the bank fishery. Nearly all the crews have signed on and operations will begin about the end of the month. A supply of frozen herring has been brought along from Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands by the s.s. Portia, and in addition to this several of the bankers have a supply of salt squid on hand. Many of the bankers from Belleoram, Grand Bank and Fortune will start operations much earlier this season than in previous years.

### Foreign Fish Markets.

The following letter, dated Dec. 4th, from Lind and Conto, of Operto, was received by the Board of Trade yesterday:—  
"There has been no improvement in the consumption lately, due to the forcing into consumption of large quantities of deteriorated and under-cured fish at low prices, but the demand for good qualities is much below the average for the time of year. We hope there will be some improvement during the next fortnight owing to Christmas sale, but the Portuguese cure is now on the market and is competing with the imported article. We hear of very high prices being paid in Spain and Italy, but our market cannot afford to pay such high prices for codfish as is proved by the very limited demand for high priced fish and the good demand for cheaper qualities. We suppose too that the fish obtaining such high prices in Spain and Italy is of better quality than that sent here. The official rate of exchange, fixed by the Junta Reguladora do Cambio, has been steadily reduced until it is now identical with the open market rate, consequently, the Junta which did more harm than good by preventing free exchange business, may now be considered merely a nominal institution. The present rate is about 87-5-8d. but paper is difficult to obtain in any large amount and bankers will not deal in futures."

### MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, Etc.

## This Date in History.

JANUARY 5.  
Full Moon—Jan. 1.  
Days Past—4 To Come—360  
EDWARD the CONFESSOR died 1066. The Anglo-Saxon King who immediately preceded—save the reign of Harold of less than a year—the Norman Conquest and founded Westminster Abbey. He was a religious-minded mystic and was canonized in 1161 and given the shrine in the Abbey of his origination, which yet remains fairly intact, despite the ravages of Time and disturbing hands.

### INDIA TO ENGLAND.

O England! in thine hour of need When Faith's reward and Valour's meed Is death or glory; When fate indites, with biting brand, Clasp'd in each warrior's stiffening hand, A Nation's story;

Though weak our hands, which faint would clasp The warrior's sword with warrior's grasp.

On Victory's field; Yet turn O mighty Mother! turn Unto the million hearts that burn To be thy shield!

Thine equal justice, mercy, grace, Have made a distinct alien race A part of thee!

'Twas thine to bid their souls rejoice When first they heard the living voice Of Liberty!

Unmindful of their ancient name And lost to Honor, Glory, Fame, And sunk in strife,

Thou found'st them, whom thy touch hath made Men, and to whom thy breath conveyed A nobler life!

They, whom thy love hath guarded long, They, whom thy care hath rendered strong

In love and faith, Their heart-strings round thy heart entwined; They are, they ever, will be thine. In life—in death!

—Nizam Jung, Judge of the High Court, Hyderabad.

### Gr. Grace Notes.

On several days last week a number of men were out on the harbour in quest of sea birds, which were fairly plentiful.

Miss Lilly Snow, of St. John's, is in town the guest of her relative, Mr. George T. Gordon.

A concert was held at the Salvation Army Citadel on New Year's evening that was very enjoyable.

One of our oldest citizens, Mr. Thomas Peley died on Monday last after a long illness.

The members of the Conception Bay British Society and its Juvenile Branch attended Divine Service at the Methodist Church on Friday morning. It has been the custom of this Society since its formation to have a parade and attend service in one of the churches on the first day of the year. This year the parade was partly dispensed with, the Society going direct to the Church for their Thanksgiving Service. The Rev. Mr. Holmes took for his text the words found in the 6th chap. of St. Matthew's gospel, and part of 10th verse:—"They were highly pleased with the excellent discourse, as they were with the services of the choir, and on return to the hall a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the pastor, the organist and the choir for the service rendered. The Newfoundland British Society through its Secretary, Bro. J. M. Carberry, sent kindly greetings to C. B. S., wishing it a prosperous year. The message was replied to with the Society's best wishes for the Newfoundland British Society. Before leaving the hall, the Society's fine band gave some selections, among them the Russian and French National Anthems.

Saturday was an ideal day, bright and clear. By evening the wind had veered to S. E., and Sunday morning brought us real old time winter weather. Few people could get about in the blinding snow drift. The church services were poorly attended. One at least had but three out—the minister, the organist and the caretaker, at the morning service, and even these preferred to stay in at night.

CORRESPONDENT.  
Nr. Grace, Jan. 4, 1915.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. George Collins and family wishes to thank Drs. Fraser, Knight and Keegan, also the nurses of the General Hospital, the staff of the General Post Office and all kind friends who sent wreaths and notes of sympathy in their late bereavement.—adv.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, Etc.

## Acknowledgements.

The Rev. Mother Superior, St. Michael's Convent, Belvidere, desires to gratefully acknowledge the following Christmas gifts: Hon. G. Knowling, \$20; Messrs. J. J. Tobin, \$10; Kennedy Bros., \$5; P. T. Morris, Beaconsfield, \$5; M. Myrick, \$5; Mrs. G. Emerson, \$5; Hon. P. T. McGrath, \$5; A. O'Reilly, \$5; N. Murphy, \$5; Morey & Co., \$5; W. Clouston, \$3; Mrs. E. Coady, \$2; Mrs. J. Coady, \$2; Mrs. Ryan, M. O'Regan, Miss Walsh, W. J. Ellis, Hon. J. Harris, B. Bogan, J. Henderson; Mrs. appling, Imp. General Sullivan, Sir E. P. Morris, Hon. D. A. Ryan, Geo. Neal, H. J. Brownrigg, Ellis & Co., W. R. Howley, C. P. Eagan, T. J. Edens, J. Whiteway, The Royal Stores; case oranges, M. and A. Duffy; brl. flour, Steer Bros. Dr. McLoughlan; The Reid Nid. Co., 14 turkeys; Standard Mfg. Co., box soap; drum biscuit, the O'Brien estate; box biscuit, Messrs. G. O'Reilly, J. Pidgeon, R. Clancy, Miss M. Kennedy, Mrs. L. W. McNelly; box prunes, Miss Walsh; ham, Mrs. Keegan; brl. herring and qt. fish, Smith Co.; 125 Santa Claus stockings, Mrs. M. Furlong; piece of mutton, F. J. Connors; 1 doz. brooms, J. Hookey and Co.; poultry, Mrs. Holden, sr., Topsail Road; fannedette, Mrs. Laracy; 2 bxs. candy, Mrs. James Kent; 5 bxs. candy and fruit, Mrs. M. Power, Cochrane St.; \$2 fruit and candy, S. G. Collier; box biscuits, 5 bxs. candy and fruit, Mr. W. J. Ryan; fitch of bacon, Mr. Sheehan and F. McNamara; turkey, fruit and candy, Insp. O'Brien; tub sweet, Mrs. W. Jackman; box toys, Govt. House; box dolls, Mrs. Rossley; box candy, F. B. Wood, & Co.; doz. dolls, Peter O'Mara; 2 bags biscuit, G. Browning; turkey, Miss Power, Theatre Hill; loaf sugar, Mrs. F. Pippy; box biscuit, fruit and candy, Mrs. P. Butler; case lemonade, J. R. Bennett; fruit, toys and candy, Mrs. J. Harris, Miss Barter, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. T. Harris, Miss O'Leary, Mrs. J. J. O'Reilly, Mrs. R. Walsh, Mrs. Cowper, Mrs. English, Jr., Mrs. Edwards, Lewin, P.B., from the Presbyterian Church congregation; large box dolls, Mrs. R. Rendell; Mr. King, Southside, \$10; Dress materials, toys, fruit and candy from the following: Mrs. C. Mehan, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Renout, Mrs. J. O'Brien, J. J. Sherry, Mrs. Keane, Mrs. Murphy (William St.), Mrs. Kitchin, Ed. Scanlon, Mrs. R. O'Dwyer, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, H. Brophy, Mrs. Mulagay, Mrs. T. McGrath, Mrs. V. P. Burke, Mrs. Downey, Master Michael Morris, Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. P. J. Cash, Miss O'Dwyer "Oak Farm," Mrs. P. Fortune, Mrs. S. Ryall, Mrs. W. Howlett, Capt. English, sr., Mrs. C. Summers, Mrs. M. (Dr.) Campbell, Mrs. P. C. O'Driscoll, Mrs. J. Howley, Miss Lunnergan, Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. J. J. St. John, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Bonla, Miss Smythe (Pringlesdale), Miss C. Cahill, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. E. M. Jackman, Miss Cook, Miss E. Morris, Mrs. P. Maher, Mrs. Barter, Mrs. J. Parker, Mrs. Flannery, Mrs. C. H. O'N. Conroy, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Perkin, Mrs. T. Kavanagh, Mrs. J. V. O'Dea, Mrs. Grace, Mr. Brophy (S. Hill), Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. C. Howlett, Miss K. Duff, Mrs. J. Barron, Mrs. Coady, Mrs. G. Halley, Mrs. J. Kelly, Mrs. Power (Monkstown Rd.), Miss Croly, E. Brownrigg, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Morrisey, Mrs. Hokey (Henry St.), W. Fitzgerald, Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. McLoughlan, Mrs. C. Ellis, Mr. Hartery, Mr. J. Warren, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. W. Savin, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Foran, Mrs. Sinnott, T. Wall, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. G. Byrne, Mrs. J. D. Ryan, Mr. W. Broderick, Mrs. M. A. Devine, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Gittleton, Mrs. D. Summers, Mrs. M. Trelegan, McMurdo and Co., Mrs. Jas. Ryan, Master Shea, Mrs. Drayton, Miss Donnelly, Mrs. Cotter, Mrs. P. J. Shea, Mrs. J. Kelly, Mrs. W. Kelly, Mrs. O'Flaherty, Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Halley, Mrs. Cox, Mr. J. Penning, Mrs. J. Warren, Mrs. S. Joy, Mrs. Cox (Allandale Rd.), Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. McGrath.

### Caught in Storm.

While enroute to Port aux Basques from Bay of Islands the Customs cruiser Flona got caught out in Sunday morning's storm, but reached her destination safe and sound, word to the above effect having been received by Deputy Minister of Customs L. Messurier.

### Doctors and Gas Fires

In an article which recently appeared in the London "Evening News," Mr. W. G. Faulkner stated: "In making my inquiries I discovered one remarkable fact. This was that one company—the Gas Light and Coke Company—had among their consumers 2,800 doctors who had gas fires installed in their houses, some as many as ten or a dozen; that 1,500 of these doctors had become users of gas during the past three years; and that not had ever been there before."

Professor C. V. Boys, F.R.S., says, in the "Standard": "Sentiment and inertia are the only obstacles against the general adoption of gas fires and cooking appliances. Wonderful strides have been made, in spite of deep-rooted prejudice. A gas fire burning with a flue, is an admirable agent for heating a room; and, as a scientist, I fail to understand how such a gas fire strikes the air in a room more than any other fire."—movit.

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