

Complains of Poor Treatment

Passenger Tells of Conditions on Red Cross Liner Stephano—Says Food is poor and Service Very Inferior—Poor Value For Your Money

Off Long Island, S.S. Stephano, Room 66, March 23, 1916.

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Five days on the water \$3.00 per day. Quarters flooded, closets choked, water for washing coming at the rate of 20 drops in 40 seconds, no towel, no soap.

Menu for \$3.00 per day. Soup: The result of one union dissolved in 9 quarts of water seasoned with turnip water. Meat we supposed to have been discovered by Teddy Roosevelt in the African wilds which left us unable to determine its species, dried in the sun, sold and shipped to this company by an ardent desire to make money this company wishing to be fashionable passed it on to us for the same reason. Anyone getting sea sick after eating it would not consider himself anything out of this how we got our deserts, rice currants and rock over the rice currants and rock it was generally returned for the next meal, tea coming strong inclined to be better nearing the bottom of the pot. Bread, seemingly by the way it was crusted, to have been baked where some of the boys wished the baker was. Butter we have no means of determining its brand. Its greatest regularity was a pronounced obstinacy towards staying on a knife, whether this was formulated by an ardent desire to stay in the dish and so prolong the assets of a monopoly or was the cause of some slippery deal in its physical make up of course we had no way of finding out. Sugar: bowl dirty, so dirty as to have reached the average standard of

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Yesterday the volunteers had extended order drill and rifle practice at the South Side. In the afternoon three platoons were for a route march under Instr. Hussey, going along Mundy Pond Road and did the distance in short order. There are now 3,399 enlistments with the addition of the following:

Thos. Walsh, St. John's.
Malcolm Lush, St. John's.
Fred Rogers, St. John's.
Edmund Peters, St. John's.
Jack Carnell, St. John's.
Edward Pike, St. John's.
Jos. Wheeler, St. John's.
Thos. G. Butler, St. John's.
Chas. Howell, St. John's.
Chas. Goobie, St. John's.
Jack K. Hallett, St. John's.
Herbert Halleran, St. John's.
Mark Hutchings, Spaniard's Bay.

REIDS' REPORT

Glencoe to leave Placentia this a.m.
Home arrived at Placentia at 3.45 p.m. yesterday from West; 16 passengers, no freight.
Kyle due at Port aux Basques this p.m.
Sagana arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.30 a.m. to-day; 76 passengers, 21 first, 55 second; 4 cars. Arrived at North Sydney at 1.20 p.m. yesterday, sailed again at 6.30 p.m. I.C.R. arrived at 8.30 p.m. Tuesday.

CREWS OF "AD." AND "BOX," COMING

A cable was received last night by A. J. Harvey Esq. saying that the crews of the Adventure and Bonaventure had arrived yesterday at New Castle-in-Tyrone on their way home.

its surroundings because it never came back any dirtier which meant I suppose that all things it came in contact with must have been as clean or cleaner than it was.

S. F. ELLIOTT.

Boy Scouts Life-Saving Troop

Troop Makes Great Advancement the Past Few Months—Reading Room Now Nearing Completion—Movement is Non Sectarian—Band Making Good Progress

The weekly drill of the above troop was held last night at their armoury Springdale Street, some sixty scouts and four officers being present. Staff drill occupied the early part of the night, after which examinations were tested which proved very satisfactory. The advance of this troop has been great the past few months and everything indicates a successful career, both officers and scouts having set down to hard work, and not the least doubt is entertained that it will prove equal if not superior in every way, with the Scout Organization at present in this city.

There are at present three members of this troop serving the colours in defence of Home and Empire. Ptes. Gillingham and Fisher, who left with the last contingent, and Pte. D. Norris at present on duty in the C. L. B. Armoury. This adds credit to such a young movement. The full equipment for this Troop is due to arrive shortly and it is hoped that an appearance can be made in public very soon after their arrival. The troop also possess a band, which will also add credit and interest to the movement. Bandmaster Snelgrove assures us that nothing will be left undone that will tend to advance the troop.

A reading room is also nearing completion which will be for the use of every Scout. In addition to this arrangements have been made to introduce every department of physical culture, so as to fit every Scout for any work that is placed upon him. It may be of some interest to the public to know that this movement is nonsectarian all is asked is to abide by the Scout Law.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

LOCAL ITEMS

Up to 6 p.m. yesterday the Blandford had discharged 3,200 seals, averaging 50 lbs. She should finish tomorrow evening.

Several vessels laden with codfish are now ready to sail for Europe and between some of them there should be an interesting race, which nautical men are looking forward to, by considerable interest.

M. P. Fitzgerald, who has been for several years watchman at the Post Office, has been retired through illness and Mr. S. Rodgers has been appointed in his place.

A man named McDonald who was a stowaway on the S. S. Sam Blandford will receive a share of the voyage like the other men of the crew. He belongs to St. John's, was a good worker and was put on the ship's articles by Capt. W. Winsor.

By the express last night there arrived 19 Volunteers from various outports. They were met at the Railway by a squad under Instructor Hussey, and were taken to various boarding places. They reported at headquarters to-day.

The schr. Dorothy Baird arrived here at 6.30 p.m. yesterday from Barbados, after a run of 20 days. She had calm weather in the beginning of the voyage, and stormy latterly, which delayed her. She has a molasses cargo for James Baird, Ltd.

The Kyle's express arrived here last evening with several passengers. She was delayed by the snow storm which prevailed at the Gaff Topsails and neighbourhood Monday night and Tuesday. The rotary plow cleared that section and trains are now making good time.

Mr. M. Donnelly a couple of days ago had a letter from his brother Capt. James Donnelly of Caribou Hill fame. It was written from Suez, dated the 10th March, and the Captain says that all are well and looking forward to another scrap with the enemy. He says all the boys of the Regiment are now as hard as nails, owing to the work they have had to do and can "keep up the end of their plank" with any Regiment in His Majesty's service.

A CLEVER MAN.

Mr. George Tilley of Kelligrews is a man possessed of much genius and in the matter of building and wood-working generally—for one who never served an apprenticeship—he has few compeers in Conception Bay, or for that matter in the Island. On several occasions he has made artificial limbs for people who have suffered from accidents. They were necessarily crude but were of a kind that served the owners well.

Mr. Tilley is now undertaking a more ambitious effort in this connection and is making an artificial leg for Mr. Wm. Anthony of Kelligrews, which will be fitted with springs and leather and rubber, so used in its construction that the man will be able to use it with the facility noticeable in the imported limbs.

TRAIN NOTES

Tuesday's No. 1 left St. George's at 8.25 a.m.
To-day's No. 2 left Port aux Basques at 9.40 a.m.

OTHR WILL BE DOCKED

The S.S. Othar which was sunk at Cupids in October last by a wharf shore puncturing the hull, arrived here in tow of the Mary Tuesday evening. There is a considerable hole under the engine room and the vessel will be dry docked and given thorough repairs. Shipwright J. Taylor will give her all repairs in the line of wood work. The work of floating her was very cleverly done.

THE "KITE" PURCHASED BY MR. K. R. PROWSE

We learn that within the past few days Mr. K. R. Prowse has purchased the S.S. Kite from her owners, the Smith Co. Ltd. The vessel is very strong, built of the best oak and Mr. Prowse intends giving her new boilers which will increase her speed to 9 knots. She will be sent soon to St. Mary's Bay to bring down a lot of whaling machinery, boilers, &c. The Kite is still good to bring more than one trip of seals here in future years.

OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS

Wireless to the Postmaster General Via Cape Ray—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal report their crews all well, and no men on ice.

Calls John Currie's Bluff

"Shows How Currie Fails to Handle the Truth Over the Measurement of Cod Oil—Asks Why Was Devereaux Silent the Past Seven Years

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—The Daily News commenting upon the amendment recommended by the Select Committee to the Weights and Measures Act, in which an allowance of one and one-half gallons of cod oil is allowed on each cask as the difference between the measure and the gauging systems attempts to boost Messrs. Devereaux Walsh and Cashin by giving them the credit of introducing this matter to the House. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

It is only necessary to refer to the official proceedings of the House to find that the credit rightly belongs to the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union, Mr. Coaker. Neither one of the above named gentlemen gave Mr. Coaker any support or suggested any remedy for the discrepancy in the system, when Mr. Coaker introduced the question early in the present session, but evidently it had the effect of opening Mr. Devereaux's eyes to an opportunity, of making a little political capital for himself by posing as an affectionate friend of the fishermen on last Friday.

The Leader of the Opposition very aptly characterized this attitude of Mr. Devereaux and his colleague, Mr. Walsh, as a spurge. Mr. Cashin's entry into the debate was not to be taken seriously. As being a faithful slave to party affiliations he was bound to come to the rescue of his friends whose hypocrisy had subjected them to a well deserved censure at the hands of President Coaker and Dr. Lloyd.

Dr. Lloyd's version of Mr. Devereaux's motive on that occasion is fully borne out by the "News" attempt this morning to transfer the entire credit for the effort to adjust the cod oil question to Messrs. Devereaux, Walsh and Cashin. The only practical suggestion made to the Committee by any Government members was that made by Mr. Moulton, who suggested that an allowance (such as is embodied in the amendment) be made. This is ignored by the "News" while others are lauded because of the superior style of bluff they got off.

The facts are, 1st Mr. Coaker introduced and fully explained the matter on behalf of the fishermen, and stated that the F. P. U. had discussed it at their several conventions. He favoured the allowance of the difference between the actual number of gallons put into a cask and that which it was gauged at, being given to the vendor, but expressed the fear that in purchasing the merchant may deduct the equivalent from the price paid, thus leaving the fishermen no better off than before.

Secondly it was Dr. Lloyd who moved that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the matter which resulted in the amendment being brought in.

Whereas Mr. Devereaux the past seven years that he has spent in the House. Has he only now discovered that \$50,000 a year was robbed by the trade from the fishermen. Why was he so blind during the past seven years? Why did he not discuss this matter when Mr. Coaker spoke of it a week before in the House? Why was he silent then? Who opened his eyes subsequently? Even when he spoke he had nothing to suggest, and subsequently he said it should be weighed, which proposal was turned down.

Will the "News" while on this subject explain why the fishermen's hardships appeals so strongly to the hearts of the indifferent Tories at this belated hour, and that only on the matter of cod oil?

Yours truly,

TRUTH.

St. John's, April 13, 1916.

STEAMERS ARRIVE.

The steamer's Rappahannock, from London, 13 days, with 1,010 tons of freight and the Graciana, from Liverpool, with 400 tons, arrived here early this morning. Both vessels had variable weather on the run here, with some stormy periods, but all things considered, made a good run to port.

THE C. L. B. SPORTS

To-night the C. L. B. will hold their annual sports in the armoury. The lads of the Brigade have been hard at work for months past, practicing for the events and keen contests are looked for. The fine Band of the Brigade will be present and will give several selections.

The S.S. Sable I. arrived here last night from Louisburg with a cargo of coal for A. J. Harvey & Co.

F.P.U. NOTES

Schr. Cactus of Catalina left this morning with supplies for the Union store at Catalina.

Schr. Cecil and Belle is loading supplies for the Union stores at Newtown and Keels.

Mr. Wm. Brown of King's Cove has been appointed to take charge of the Union store at Keels.

The Trading Co. is shipping today a large quantity of cod oil to Montreal via Sydney and the railway.

THE NICKEL

The mid-week programme at the Nickel theatre yesterday was attended by large audiences who were highly delighted with the entertainment. The pictures were all by well known artists and afforded pleasure and profit to all. The Exploits of Elaine was as thrilling as ever and the episode was closely followed by every patron. Another great film which was favorably spoken of by everyone was "The City Tigress," which is one of the finest pictures ever shown at the Nickel. The whole programme will be repeated this evening and no doubt it will attract large audiences.

The S.S. Port Saunders, we hear, will likely next week take up the Bell Island, Portugal Cove and Conception Bay general mail and passenger service.

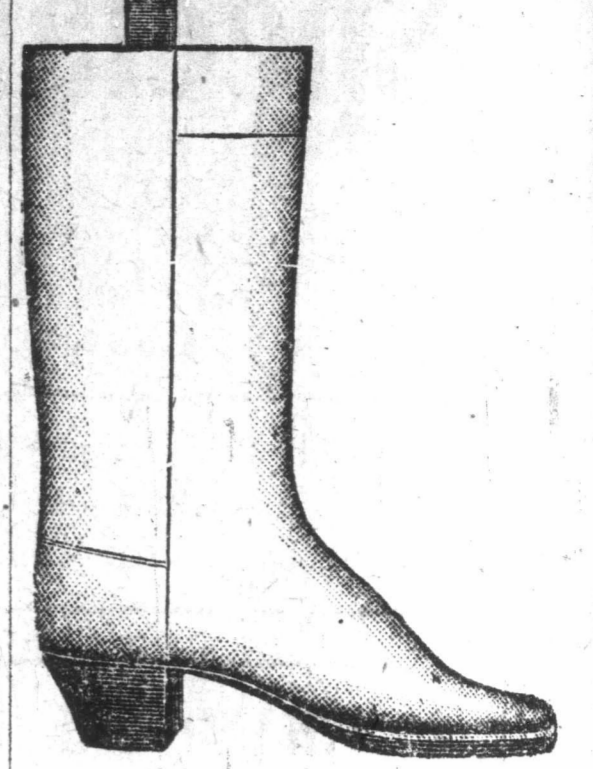
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