EARTHQUAKE **FATALITIES** OVER 30.000

And the Injured in the Damaged Italian Towns Will go Well Over Fifty Thousand People

HUNDREDS KILLED IN ONE CATHEDRAL

Took Twenty Thousand Sol diers a Whole Day to Rescue Eight Persons—Three **Babies Taken Out Alive**

Rome, Jan. 20.—The destruction caused by the great earthquake is fully as great as had been feared Complete reports of the damage done and the lives snuffed out from all but one of two small towns show that the fatalities will reach well over 30,000 and that the number of injured will probably exceed 50,000.

The Government has appropriated the sum of 100,000 francs for the relief of the earthquake sufferers This sum will be added to in any amount as needed as Italy is prepared to handle the situation without aic from outside and to use the nationa resources to the fullest extent.

Fortunate Escape. Sora, 15 miles south-east of Avezzano, has apparently had a most fortunate escape. By comparison the inhabitants is slight, for the rescue

and relief parties have discovered that the number of dead was much overrated and that conditions are not nearly so bad as was first believed What saved the survivors from the most horrible fate was the fact tha local garrison escaped and took such efficient charge of the situation at once that thousands of lives were

The greatest loss of life in Sora was in the cathedral, where hundreds of worshippers were at their devotions and in the market-place just outside Many buildings in the town were dam aged but did not collapse, and a ma jority of the inhabitants, because of promptitude of the soldiers and th fact that hundreds were already a work in the fields when the shock came were saved. Six hundred bodies have already been recovered and the great problems of the present are preventing pestilence, finding place to inter the dead, and caring for the

Babies Rescued.

In Avezzano three babies, only slightly injured, have been taken from the ruins. Four children, the eldest eleven, were also found. Although exhausted they kept shouting unti

They promised the soldiers who dug them out that their father would pay them, but he was found dead in the ruins nearby. A girl who also was saved uninjured from a neighboring building asked the soldiers whether it was dawn. She said she felt tha she had slept a long time but could not see the light. Eight rescues was the result of an entire day's work by 20,000 soldiers, which shows the enormity of the task confronting the

Twelve thousand bodies, it is semiofficially estimated, are buried under the fallen walls of Avezzano. Rescuers believe there still are many living beneath the tons of debris and desperate efforts are being made to

Big Nickel Show

There were large attendances a both sessions of the Nickel Theatre yesterday afternoon.

The special feature film was a beautiful story, entitled "The Message of the Sea" in three acts which (artists. Everyone was delighted with swered the call of their King and Emthis story, and it left an impression which will not soon be forgotten.

film, "Seeds of Chaos" which pleased ought to be placed on a firm foundaall. The pictures will be repeated this evening and Miss Margaret Ayer will with workshops and laboratories prosing another popular ballad.

There will be another big matinee for children on Saturday.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Thomas LeDrew

We record with deep regret the demise of a very estimable old lady, in the person of Mrs. Thomas Le Drew, which sad event took place on

Mrs. Le Drew lived to the ripe age of eighty-one years in the practice of

loss of a fond and devoted mother. Mr. Richard Le Drew, of Grand | will be given by Geo. B. Lloyd, Esq., Falls, is a son. To him and his brot- D.D.S.P. of Sons of England. Reher and friends we extend our heart- freshments will be served. A big rally

Good Work Done By The St. John's Technical School

Has Helped Many Young Men in the City to a Wider Knowledge of Their Profession.

The above school has been in existence for the past twelve months. It was founded in 1914 by Captain Saunders. He visited Newfoundland as Lloyd's representative, when the ill fated Manchester Commerce was here

undergoing repairs.

He gave a series of lectures on Marine Engineering. Twenty-six or 30 apprentices of the Reid-Newfuondland Company attended these lectures. Their good attendance combined with their keen interest showed the necessity of a Technical School in our midst Captain Saunders approached the business men of the town and succeed ed in collecting from six to seven huncal education. This sum has been expended mainly on books and appar-

Secured Help. He then approached some of the representative business men of the city and succeeded in obtaining the permis ion of the following gentlemen to act

is trustees of the school: President-Hon, John Harvey, V.-Pres.-Col. Rendell. Secy.-Treas.-R. F. Horwood, Esq. Auditors-Alex, Marshall, Esq., Tas-

Captain Saunders left in April, and

'uesday and Friday nights. **Extended Curriculum**

On the recommendation of the Prinipal the Trustees agreed to extend he number of subjects, so as to make he school appeal not only to engineers, but also to those engaged in oth A tentative prospectus was issued in

Heat and Steam, Magnetism and Electricity, Mechanical and Architecural Drawing, Elementary Geology Chemistry, Agricultural Chemistry,

laking and Special Classes for Ma-

Successful Session. The opening term of the new school ession, which began on Oct. 5th was successful one; forty-four pupils ere enrolled for the different subects, and classes were held in nine ut of the ten courses named in the

Some of the pupils have already deermined to work for the Entrance Examination to McGill University as ingineering students and judging rom their good attendance and appliation, they should succeed in their

This shows that a few have already rasped the usefulness of our new in-

Thirty-Six Students. The second term of the present ses-

ion began on Jan. 4th, and thirty-six oupils are now on the register. These nclude six special classes conducted by Mr. Kelt. Some are working for he Chiefs' Certificate.

These classes give the necessary intruction in Marine Engineering which will enable the pupil to obtain heir certificate without leaving their

ineer has had to proceed to Scotland r the States for his tuition, which neant an outlay of many hundred doi-

This term a new class in wood carv-

ng has been started. Add Other Subjects.

There are many other subjects that nay in time be added to the curricu-

At the persent times are unfavorapire to participate in the great war. When peace is declared—be it soon-

There was also a grand two part | er or later-then, the Technical school tion. A building properly equipped vided, so that the youth of Newfoundland shall enjoy the same Technicai advantages that are alredy in exist- delivery in the West End of the City ence in other countries.

> Casino Theatre-Wednesday Next-Beautiful Patriotic Drama, "For King and Country!" Book your seats today at the Atlantic Bookstore,—t,th,f3i

Wesley Bible Class

Tonight at 8 p.m. Wesley Bible Class | across the envelope the words "Ten- | permit. are giving a farewell to their members | ders for Spawls." who are going to the front in the 2nd She leaves two sons to mourn the | Contingent. A good programme is ar. | necessarily be accepted. ranged for and a Patriotic address of the class is asked for.

MOROCCANS **ARE GLUTTONS** FOR FIGHTING

Were Ordered to Hold Position Guarding French Rear At Soissons and Didn't Want to Leave it at all

BESTED GERMANS WITH THE BAYONET

And, Generally, Covered Themselves With Glory-Ordered Away Twice Before They'd Agree to move

Soissons, Jan. 22.—The rear-guard of the Moroccan rifle regiments, who dred dollars for the purpose of techni- covered the retreat of the French covered themselves with glory. They had been posted in the Village of

At 4 o'clock in the 'ternoon the Germans, in serried ranks, debouched in the road and advanced toward the village. The riflemen carefully concealed their quick-firers and poste themselves on each side of the road. Not a murmur arose and nothing was allowed to show itself above the blackened ruins. The Germans ter Cook, Esq., W. E. Ladley, Esq., R. thought the road was clear and ran B. Job, Esq., J. S. Munn, Esq., H. B. to the village to get shelter from the French heavy artillery.

When they were within 500 yards). James Davies, B.Sc., F.C.S., was ap- of the place the riflemen opened fire suddenly. The Germans were sur-From April to June three subjects prised. There was no room to deploy nly were taught and the school met and they fell in heaps. Those who could fell back to the brook of Braye

Twisted Their Bayonets. Reinforced, they reformed their ranks and tried to turn the French position by way of the east side of the viliage. Three companies c riflemen were detached and charged The shock was awful. Bayonets were twisted out of shape and then the une, which comprised the following dusky soldiers used the butts of their rifles. For a second time the

The Mcroccans were told to hold the place till 5 p.m. It was then (o'clock. Lut they still refused to 10lathematics, Wood Working, Pattern tire. They only did so after a staff officer was sent to them twice with

> During the night the German artillery roared ceaselessly in a bombardment of Soissons, but at dawn of the 15th the artillery slackened and gave place infantry fire.

Fighting at St. Paul. At 7 o'clock a battalion of the line, occupying the farms of St. Paul. were ordered to protect the advanced trenches, which were threatened by them as far as the Crouy railroad station and taking 100 prisoners. Hardly, however, had they got back with the prisoners when they were assailed by fresh German forces, and for two hours St. Paul was subjected to a furious assault over plowed fields, through orchards and in gar-

dens, court yards and in barns. The tide of battle ebbed and flowl in the angle of a stable wall. Here the German dead were so numerous that some stood upright, lacking

The good p ractice of the French three-inch guns, guided by aeroplanes, prevented German reinforcements from debouching from the western slope of the Vregny plateau. and the Germans, exhausted and discouraged at their lack of success, retired in a body to Crouy at noon. The French retain the mastery of

the suburbs of Soissons, on the right bank of the river and of the bridge Their front is stronger than

St. John's **NOTICE to QUARRYMEN**

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received until Friday next, 29th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m., for the near the promenade of One thousand tons (1,000) Quarry Spawls.

Also, for the delivery in the East End on the Old Railway property One thousand tons (1,000) Quarry Spawls.

The spawls are to be subject to the approval of the City Engineer or the recover. Road Inspector.

The lowest or any tender will not By order,

JNO. L. SLATTERY,

Newfoundlanders Are Much Liked In Great Britain

Robert Phillips writes as follows rom the Royal Naval Barracks, Ports nouth, England, to his father at Burgoyne's Cove. His letter is dated Dec.

Dear, Father,-Just a few lines to tell you that we are enjoying the best of health and hope you are the same. We arrived in Glasgow on St. Stephen's morning and since that day have seen too many wonderful things to begin to talk about. We were particularly interested in the merchant ships, warships and the immense buildings. We were driven to the station to take the train. There were large carriages drawn by three horses and there were thirty of us in each carriage. The streets were crowded with people waving flags and handkerchiefs and cheering us as we drove along. As the train stopped at each station, the women and children would come to the doors and cheer centre across the river on the 14th, the Newfoundlanders, for they think a lot of Newfoundlanders over here. Remember me to all the boys specially the Union boys, and tell them all to write me as it is a treat to get a letter from home." I would like you to send me a bundle of "Adrocates.". We fellows would like to get an "Advocate" now, especially the Bonavista Bay men. The boys like beng over here and will hardly want o go back to Newfoundland again. The largest warship in the world. the "Queen Elizabeth" is here. She certainly is worth looking at. There

> are 20 Newfoundlanders on her. ROBERT PHILLIPS. of Burgoynes Co.

On Friday night, the 29th inst., the St. Andrew's Society are giving a Farewell Smoker to fourteen of their members, who will shortly leave for he front. Concert commences at o'clock.-jan28,1i

GAVE ADDRESS TO R.C. MEMBERS OF CONTINGENT

Rev. Fr. Pippy addressed the Roman Catholic members of the Second Contingent at the Chapel, St. Bon's Col-

Fr. Pippy spoke plainly and impressively to his audience. He exnorted them to conduct themselves as true members of their Church, and to be loyal to the Empire and the Wild Bight, Jan. 18, 1915. cause they will fight for.

For an hour Fr. Pippy spoke and his words visibly affected every lad. Benediction was imparted by Rev. Fr. Nangle, after which he distributed, in the Aula Maxima, a rosary to each man. Prayer books are being printed, and will be given the German attack. They charged out later. It is likely the men, in and broke the German ranks, driving body, will attend Confession and Communion before leaving for England.

> M.C.L.I. to-night's debate: "Is the present European conflict an indication that the Churches have failed to impress the teachings of Christianity in relation to War?" Leaders: Mr. G. Grimes, M.H.A., and Rev. N. M. Guy.

TERRA NOVANS BEAT ST. BON'S BY 14 TO 2

The second Hockey match of th League series took place at the Prince of Wales' Rink last evening in the presence of a fair number of fans.

The St. Bon's and Terra Nova's were the competitors, the latter win ning by 14 goals to 2. At times play was interesting, but

the big difference in scoring ability of the teams was quickly seen. The opinion now is that the Terra Novan's will make a good showing. E. S. Pinsent was referee, C. Ellis

and J. A. Carmichael timekeepers. The players were: Terra Nova's-Burnham, goal; Tobin, point; M. Stick, cover; Mews, rover; R. Stick, left; Trapnell, centre;

Gear, right, St. Bon's-Walsh, goal; Power, point; Higgins, cover; Callahan, rover Barnes, Left; Crawford, centre; Quinn

Patient Landed

The Spanish sailor of the Tiflis. who is suffering from small pox was landed vesterday afternoon and taken to the Signal Hill Hospital. The patient is in a very serious condition, and it is not known if he will

The steamer has been disinfected Tenderers are requested to mark and sails as soon as ice conditions

Capt. Sytor of the Tiflis is making

The Bowring coaster Prospero is ow on the dry dock. An examina-Secretary-Treasurer. damage is not as great as was first

NFLD. SAILORS ON THE VIKNOR?

The loss of the Viknor has caused grave anxiety in parts of Conception

It is thought that Thomas Jackson, son of Mr. Jackson, blacksmith, was

Mr. C. E. Russel, of Bay Roberts, sends the following message: "It is thought that a number of Bay Roberts and Shearstown boys were on the Viknor. Parents and friends are anxiously awaiting more definite news Jack Parsons and Eli Sparks, ot Shearstown, and John B. Mercer, of

These men sailed on the Franconia, but it is not known if they were on the

Bay Roberts, are said to be on that

Serious Charge

Another citizen was in court this norning to answer to a charge made by a young woman. He also has to It is reported that a similar deposi-

ion will be made this afternoon. **Disorderlies Fined**

The disorderlies, who were the principals in the scene at Haymarket Square were before Judge Knight this morning and were esach fined \$5 or fourteen days.

Upper Is. Cove Local Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-The following are the officers of Upper Island Cove for 1915: John Lundrigan, Chairman Wm. Bradbury, Deputy Chairman. Norman Coombs, Secretary. John T. Jones, Treasurer. Joseph Lundrigan, Door Guard. -N. COOMBS, Secretary.

OBITUARY

Jpper Isld. Cove, Jan. 21, 1915.

Jabez Wells.

Wild Bight has lost one of its staunch Union members in the death of Brother Jab. Wells who died very suddenly on December 18th at Pilley's Island, at the age of 57 years.

He was a loyal Unionist and our Council deeply sympathizes with the bereaved friends. -ROBERT YOUNG, Chairman.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE **ASSOCIATION**

A Public Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, will be held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C. M.G., on

Friday Jan. 29th At 8.15 p.m., in the Grenfell Hall

King George V. Institute. There will be a distribution of Certificates, and all who have passed the Association's examinations are particularly requested to be present. The General Public are cordially invited. God Save the King.

HOUSE TO LET—A Lewisporte, a centrally situated house, containing seven rooms. For particulars apply to URIAH FREAKE, Lewisporte.—jan26,3i

P. J. Shea.

I respectfully ask the Members of the F. P. U. to purchase their Christmas and New Year stocks -AT-

P.J. Shea's 314 Water Street, St. John's.

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TX7E have more of these on hand than we care to have. In order to clear them out as quickly as possible, we have made a big slaughter on the prices.

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\$6.00 for \$3.90. Colored Poplin Dresses, in Tan and Pale Blue, \$3.00 for \$2.50.

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White Pique Dresses, Paisley trimmed, \$3.00 for \$2.50. White Pique Dresses, Paisley trimmed, \$4.50 for \$3.50. White Embroidered Lawn Dresses, \$2.50 for \$2.00.

Childs' American Gingham Dresses, to fit children from 2 to 6 years. Special line. Regular 45c., now 37c. Childs' and Misses' Superior Quality Gingham and Zephyr Dresses, to fit child dren from 6 to 14 years. Regular 85c. to \$2.10. Selling now for 70c. to \$1.80. Special Line Misses' American Gingham Sailor Dresses to fit from 14 to 20 years. Regular \$1.65 to \$1.95.

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\$2.00 and \$2.50. Misses' White Voile Dresses, 39 to 48 inches. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. Now only \$1.50.

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