

The "Florizel" Enquiry

Luke Helmes, sworn—I belong to St. John, N.B., and am master of the Linan. About a year ago I left Mar-
 feet in the Scottish Hero, partly load-
 ed with about 1000 tons of manganese
 ore and made the passage to Sydney
 in 14 hours. I was there two or three
 days when the Turret Court arrived
 and docked astern of me. Her cap-
 tain, McDonald, told me a blade was
 off my propeller, but my engineers
 did not know it. It was a four-bladed
 wheel. I don't know when or how
 we lost it. A few years ago while
 in the Cacouna I lost a blade between
 Charlottetown and Montreal and did
 not know it was off till I was leaving
 the wharf at Charlottetown. This means
 might not be possible to lose it with-
 out knowing it if the counter on the
 engine is consulted every hour. I've
 been 19 years master and nearly all
 the time running here. The normal
 current between here and Cape Race
 runs S. W. One time I noticed a
 peculiar drift. When the Cacouna
 was lost four years ago I left here
 on the Morwenna and set my course
 to pass Ferryland 15 miles off. I ex-
 pected to pass Cape Race about the
 same distance, but made only six
 miles off. Another ship was lost
 that side of Cape Race. I've heard
 men say before a S. E. wind the dis-
 tance in towards Ferryland. It blew
 a gale after she went ashore, but
 was not blowing when she struck.
 I've made better time coming this
 way from the Cape than going up. In
 the Morwenna I came down in 4 1/2
 hours. She was a 12 knot boat.
 never went up inside of 5 1/2 hours.
 I have an idea the current along the
 shore is largely governed by the
 tides. I have known the current to
 be reversed and also to set in on the
 land. My courses from St. John's to
 Halifax would take me in clear water
 about half mile off Cape Spear
 and two or three miles off Ferryland.
 Head. If I had a great deal to do, as I
 understand, with the arrangements
 for the rescue of those shipwrecked
 on the Florizel?
 A. Yes.
 Q. Will you give us a statement of
 what occurred from the time you first
 heard of the accident?
 A. I think it was on Sunday morn-
 ing the 24th February, somewhere
 between 5 and 6.15 that my telephone
 rang and I jumped out of bed and
 went to the phone myself and Capt.
 McDermott asked if Mr. Crosbie was
 speaking, to which I said "yes". He
 informed me that there had been an
 S.O.S. call from the Florizel, with
 the message "going to pieces near
 Cape Race." I said what, is she sub-
 merged? He said, no, I don't think
 so, but that is all I know. I said
 the best thing we can do is to try
 and keep in touch with the steamer,
 and I will get ready and try and see
 what ships we can get to send down

Early Morning Cables

ENEMY ATTACK ON ARRAS FAILS

At All Costs—Signs of Further Thrusts

LONDON, Mar. 29.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspond-
 ent at British headquarters tele-
 graphs this evening:—The enemy's
 attacks yesterday on Arras failed. He
 succeeded only in advancing his line
 south of the Scarpe to the ruins of
 the old reserve trenches from which
 the Germans were ejected a year ago.
 North of the river the enemy penet-
 rated Roux after prolonged fighting,
 in which an English battalion resist-
 ed heroically until surrounded, and
 the line with withdrawn some hun-
 dred yards to the vicinity of Bailleul.
 Prisoners say that the objective was
 Arras, which must be captured at all
 costs. The enemy employed snook
 troops, specially trained, to attack in
 this particular region. The severest
 fighting south of the Scarpe, where
 the main thrust against Arras occur-
 ed, was for two spurs, Orange Hill
 and Greenland Hill, which the enemy
 secured only after successive waves
 had been mowed down. After that the
 enemy exhausted, did not attempt a
 further advance the following night
 or this morning. The intention to try
 and take Arras has probably not been
 abandoned, but the losses inflicted
 yesterday were so great that the
 enemy must bring up still more
 fresh divisions before renewing the
 experiment. The ground near Dernacourt
 has been cleared of the enemy,
 who was repulsed in an attack to-
 wards Buire. We are still holding on
 a line passing near Mercourt and
 Eilly Lescq. Fresh enemy guns are
 arriving slowly, the night's rain de-
 laying this operation. Airmen con-
 tinue to report enemy concentrations
 behind the lines, which it is expected
 foreshadow further heavy thrusts.

Brave Boys of Hodge's Cove T.B.

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(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space
 in your highly esteemed paper for a
 few remarks. First I must mention
 that all hands have been pretty busy
 here all the past winter with woods
 work, which has progressed favor-
 ably. But as we are spared again to
 see another spring month, I suppose
 such work must be concluded for this
 season. But as time still rolls on
 every day brings its own work as
 usual. We are all kept busy now
 catching herring, which proves to be
 plentiful. God always provides a
 special work for his fellow creatures
 to labor at, to earn an honest living.
 And every way is needed now at
 this time of trying experiences for
 the poor man to earn a penny when
 he can get the opportunity of doing
 so.

I must truly relate that Hodge's
 Cove at this time is flowing over
 with Unionism, and is determined
 more than ever to see the Union busi-
 ness right through without a halt
 or a fault. All we hope is that we shall
 have our Union store that we are
 seeking for here in Random South
 completed. Then we would be able
 to sell our catch of herring with lit-
 tle inconvenience. What a grand thing
 it is for us to-day to have a fisher-
 man's leader, and more so to have
 one as W. F. Coaker? One that men
 can trust in every way. Our heart
 beats "Go ahead, Mr. Coaker, we are
 as firm as a solid wall of brick at
 your back, and we will never rest
 until we see the Union right triumph-
 ant."

HODGE'S COVE HONOR LIST

Now we must not forget to speak
 a few words in favour of the pride

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W.C.T.U.

The Women's Christian Temperance
 Union held its forthrightly meeting at
 the Union on Thursday, past at 7
 Gower Street, when President Hunter
 occupied the chair. The principal
 item on hand was the completion of
 the arrangements for the opening of
 the creche at 113 Duckworth Street
 on Wednesday of next week. Mrs.
 Pigg's demise was a matter of gen-
 eral regret. It was unanimously
 agreed that the sympathy of the Union
 be conveyed by letters to relatives,
 and that tribute to the late Mrs.
 Pigg's many excellent qualities, the
 inestimable aid in the union's en-
 deavors, and the irreplaceable loss it
 has sustained through her removal, be
 placed on record. On a recent Sunday,
 Divine Service was held at the Pen-
 tentary, when Mr. Withers was
 Chairman, and presented a very ap-
 preciative address. The singing of
 Sankey's hymns was hearty, and the
 service was felt to be productive of
 good.

REC. SEC.

We owe every respect and praise
 to our gallant defenders, and Hodge's
 Cove is glad to know she isn't the
 home of cowards, although there
 are some young men around here
 still who could go.

So wishing to see our Union rush-
 ing and also hoping this year will
 bring us peace, victory, and our boys
 a safe return.

I remain,
 "ONE DRAFT FOR DUTY"
 Hodge's Cove, Random.

Boys and Girls Wanted

To represent us in the larger outports. We will
 pay big commission to sell goods, but want re-
 liable parties, who will be alive to the work.
 Write to-day and be the first from your town.
 Get full details as to commission and terms, to put
 your spare time to profit, from

R. B. & F. RIDEOUT,
 P. O. Box 300.

Constabulary Notice!

Information wanted as to the where-
 abouts of one MICHAEL GIBNEY, a re-
 tired seaman of the Royal Navy, who
 came to Newfoundland about five years
 ago, and served as a mate on one of the
 fishing schooners, and said to be a man of
 about 60 years old. Any information con-
 cerning the above named will be appre-
 ciated by his friends.

WILLIAM GRIMES,
 Superintendent Constab.

Berlin Praises British Troops

German Press Pays Tribute to the Bravery of British Troops

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 29.—The semi-
 official North-German Gazette, of Ber-
 lin, pays this tribute to the bravery of
 the British troops in France: The
 British soldier defended himself hero-
 ically. His batteries fired until their
 riflemen overpowered the men serving
 the guns. His infantry stood their
 ground firmly and engaged in hand-to-
 hand fighting. Not only was every
 fortified base and every trench and
 every railway embankment defended
 with the greatest stubbornness, but
 Britain's brave mercenaries even as-
 sailed in the last crumbling place, but
 at this bravery only contributed to
 increase the enemy's losses. Truly
 our enemy hasn't made victory for
 our troops easy. Enemy battalions
 immediately assembled for counter-
 thrusts wherever opportunity appear-
 ed favourable, even cavalry threw
 themselves in resolute onslaughts
 against our storming battalions to
 prevent them breaking through, but
 all in vain.

Special Praise For the Union

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(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me a space
 in your valuable paper to say a few
 words concerning the F. P. U. at West-
 ville. We are still pushing ahead,
 and we are determined to stick to
 swim with Mr. Coaker. The Fish-
 ermen's Union here is progressing fa-
 vorably. They are building a great
 store here. We are glad to
 hear of the good things done by him
 the past year. The first for the
 grand price for fish. We have special
 praise for our noble President and
 the great things he has done for the
 F. P. U. We would say, "Go ahead,
 sir, and may 1918 prove to be a more
 prosperous year than the year that
 is passed." Thanking you for your
 space in your paper.

Yours truly,
 STANLEY TILLER,
 Westville, B.B.

Operto Stocks

Stocks, Nfld.	This Week	Last Week
Consumption	41,883	49,760
Outlets: Edith Cavell, Maude and Dictator.	4,975	11,338

The S.S. Clyde left last night to take up her route on the West Coast.

An oil stove will burn better and give more heat if raised above the ground.

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- Green, E. L., Hill Crest, Pennywell.
- George, Arab., care G. P. O.
- Hall, Miss E., Theatre Hill.
- Harding, Samuel, (ret'd.), Hamilton Avenue.
- Haney, Miss M. J., Hamilton, W. E.
- Hebbard, Mrs. F., care Hamilton St.
- Hayes, Miss Mary A., Redderson, Mrs. Harry.
- Haney, Miss N. J. (card).
- Hiscock, Miss Frances, Cochrane St.
- Hiscock, Miss E., Duckworth Street.
- Hiseby, Thomas.
- Hynes, Robert S. Mrs., Water St. W.
- Howell, Willis.
- House, Jack, Gower Street.
- Hous, Mrs. H.
- Hornace, Mr.
- Horwell, Mrs. F. S., Newtown Road.
- Huetins, Mrs. Wm., Flower Hill.
- Husser, J., care Freshwater Road.
- Hussey, Charles, Cuck Street.
- Hunt, Miss Bride, Duckworth Street.
- Hampton, Malcolm (card) (H.)
- Jones, Joseph.
- Jordan, Mrs. T., 7 Street.
- Keane, Miss T., John Street.
- Kennedy, George, Barter's Hill.
- Kavanagh, James, St. John's East.
- Knight, Wm., care Foundry.
- King, Michael, Field Street.
- King, Miss Stella, Muesgrave Terrace.
- King, P. A.
- King, Miss Mary Francis, New Gower Street.
- King, Mrs. Wm.
- Knorr, W. G.
- Leahy, Mrs. E., care G. P. O.
- Loth, Miss Maria, Spencer Street.
- Lake, Mrs. Henry.
- Learnings, Miss Marie, British Square.
- Lilly, Mrs. J., Water St.
- Lyon, Miss Jessie, Ordanano Street.
- Long, Morgan, Shuyans Street.
- Loney, Miss E., South Side.
- Mahoney, Miss Mary.
- Marks, Henry, Water St. West.
- Martin, Patrick, James Street.
- Martin, Miss Annie, Gower Street.
- Martin, Miss Lily, Gower Street.
- Mattone, Miss Francis, Water St.
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- Matheson, Miss Minnie.
- Marshall, Miss Minnie, Green St.
- Mathews, Miss L., care Mrs. W. J.
- Mahoney, N. J.
- M. J., care G. P. O.
- Martin, J. J., New Gower St.
- Morley, J. H.
- Mills, Mrs. Samuel, Franklin Avenue.
- Moore, Mrs. J., 14 Street.
- Moore, Miss Eliza, Mundry, Pined-Road.
- Murray, Mrs. Wm.
- Mills, Mrs. John A., Spencer Street.
- McCarthy, J. M.
- McKay, Edward, Duckworth Street.
- McEvoy, T., care Gower Street.
- Newhook, Miss G., Circular Road.
- Newborough, Miss Annie.
- Oliver, Mrs., LeMarchant Road.
- Olsen, Miss Mary, Power Street.
- O'Neil, Mrs. Martin.
- Parsons, Mrs. Fred, South Side.
- Patten, W. R., Carter's Hill.
- Parsons, Mrs. J., South Side.
- Peter, Reuben, Seaman's Institute.
- Paty, Wm.
- Parrell, Wm., Long Pond Road.
- Percey, Mrs. S., Stevens Street.
- Pike, Albert, Alandale Road.
- Pike, Miss Lila, New Gower Street.
- Power, John, care T. A.
- Power, Miss Annie, Chapel St.
- Power, Mrs. Mary.
- Purchar, Miss Flossie.
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- Quigley, George, Long Pond Road.
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- Reid, Wm. A.
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- Richard, Miss Edna, Temperance St.
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- Roberts, George, Freshwater Road.
- Rogers, Mrs. N., Georges St.
- Rogers, Tom, care G. P. O.
- Ross, George, Neagle's Hill.
- Ross, Miss Belle, New Gower Street.
- Stephenson, F., Alexander Street.
- Saint, Mrs. E., Best End.
- Shaw, J. J., care E. J. Shea.
- Stephenson, A., Alandale Road.
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- Smith, Nathaniel, Water Street.
- Slickland, Robert, care Capt. W. Collier.
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- Short, Miss Scie, New Gower Street.
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- Thompson, Miss Pearl, (card), Moore Street.
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- Thorn, Miss Agnes, Queen Street.
- Thomas, Miss Ethel.
- Vardy, Capt. E., care Genl. Delivery.
- Walsh, Miss Sarah A., Water St. West.
- Ward, Marianne.
- Walsh, Michael, late Genl. Hospital.
- Walters, Capt. Thomas, Water Street.
- Walsh, Mrs. Stens, card.
- Wells, Pte. Isaac, Murray Street.
- Wesley, B., Newtown Road.
- Whalton, Miss Katie, Queen Street.
- White, Mrs. M. E., LeMarchant Road.
- White, Jennett, ret'd.
- Wiseman, Willis, care Genl. Delivery.
- Woodford, Philip, Prince's Street.

J. ALEX. ROBINSON, Postmaster-General.