

Citizens, Attention! What About This?

Must Gosling and Co. be Allowed to Rule With a Rod of Iron—Will Our Native Sons Allow This Self Appointed Chairman to Walk Over Our Labouring People?

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir—We have a Society for the prevention of Cruelty to animals in which Mrs. Gosling takes an active part. Perhaps she may have some influence over her Bermudian husband in the case of taking the beds and clothing from the poor little children of Armstrong of the Battery Road, and allowing them to lie on hard plank like a common Labrador dog.

What are we coming to, Mr. Editor, to allow such heartless creatures as Gosling to dictate, or even dare, to suggest an action such as the one in question. I am surprised that not one of the other commissioners ever spoke a word in denunciation of their heartless Bermudian "Blue Blooded" Chairman.

Armstrong built a small house or shack on the Battery Road without his acquainting the Council. They told him to remove it after he had asked permission to allow it to remain until he could go elsewhere. He is a very poor laboring man with a wife and children. One of his children and wife are ill, but the Council intends to put him on the street.

Now, Sir, this savor of the worst days of the Clanriades, Lietrims and others in Ireland when Buckshot Forsters levelled the cabins of peasantry. It is a matter of history that soldiers in several of these cases refused to take part in such despicable work. Armstrong's people in years gone by owned considerable property in St. John's suburbs but were 'jewed' out of it.

People of St. John's, wake up! Do not allow your own flesh and blood to be handed out similar treatment as accorded to West Indian Slaves by "Nigger Drivers." Its not good enough for Newfoundland in the 20th century. This case will be closely watched by our citizens.

I hope and trust some steps will be taken, Mr. Editor, by our charitable societies to enquire into this particular case. Thanking you for space in advance.

Yours truly, HUMANITY. St. John's, Dec. 15, 1915.

UNEASY ABOUT VESSEL.

One of John E. Lake's heaviest vessels, of Fortune, is now out to that place over 30 days from Oporto. She is commanded by Skipper Geo. Elford and has a crew of eight hands, all natives of Fortune.

Some anxiety is expressed about the vessel, but it is likely that stormy weather is delaying her.

GETTING TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

The S.S. Queen Margaret, now in the dry dock, is receiving temporary repairs, which should be finished in about two weeks. She is being given a temporary iron bow to carry her to her destination and it was at first intended to give her a wooden bow, but the idea was abandoned.

A staff of mechanics are working night and day on her. If permanent repairs had been effected she would have been good for a two months' job.

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ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

At 4 p.m. Saturday a strange man entered the residence of a well-known resident of Monkstown, and it was not known he was in the house till he confronted a domestic in the kitchen. The 'girl' turned him out, but after he had left it was discovered he had taken with him a new pair of men's boots, valued at \$5. He deliberately sat down at the entrance to the house and put on the boots, leaving his own behind. The police got a description of him and Constable Tobin arrested him this morning.

He proved to be the well-known Rd. Gray, an old offender, and habitue of the Penitentiary.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE FOR BEST RESULTS

OUR THEATRES

THE CRESCENT.

The Biograph Company presents a great two-reel feature at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. "The Honor of the Law," which is a thrilling drama and is a story of a feud. G. M. Anderson—Broncho Billy—appears in a strong Western drama: "Ingomar of the Hills." "The Stroke of Fate" is a fine domestic drama and a roaring comedy with Ethel Clayton and Joseph Kaufman in "Monkey Business." Mr. Dan Delmar sings a new novelty song "You're still my Little Sweetheart Jane." Send the children to the big matinee to-morrow, they are sure to enjoy themselves at the Crescent.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

(Before F. J. Morris, J.P.)

Two drunks were discharged. Health Inspector O'Brien summoned several shopkeepers for selling rabbits which he held were not fit for consumption. Messrs W. McNeily and W. J. Higgins appeared for the defendants and up to 1 p.m. the hearing of the cases had not concluded.

A MARBLE DEAL.

As Italian marble is almost impossible to secure owing to the war, attention has been turned to the marble quarries in White Bay and an expert from New York now here will soon proceed north to look over the properties. It is likely that a big deal in marble will result from his visit.

LLEWELYN CLUB

Last night there was a goodly attendance of members of Llewelyn Club of St. Thomas' Parish at the meeting held in Canon Wood Hall. It was presided over by Hon. R. Watson and M. R. W. Jeans did the sectorial work. The meeting was convened to receive the report of the committee formed to draw up a constitution and this instrument was read by Mr. H. Y. Mott, and in his motion seconded by Mr. R. Dowden, adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. President—His Lordship the Bishop. President—Rev. Dr. Jones. 1st Vice-Pres.—C. E. Hunt. 2nd Vice-Pres.—Jas. Lawrence. Secretary—F. R. Clarke. Treasurer—A. G. Carnell. Committee—Messrs. Jno. Coaker, Jas. Edwards, A. Wright, Jas. Billard, R. W. Jeans and Jno. Miller.

The Club will meet on Thursday, January 6th when the Governor will deliver an address on the 'Great War.' The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

It is hoped that the Club will open with a membership of 300 and the intention is to have every member of St. Thomas' Parish enrolled in it.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.—nov23

OBITUARY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—It is with extreme regret we have to record the death of two of our members during the past months, the first, Friend John Baker died Nov. 28, aged 38 years and was buried on Tuesday, Nov. 30. He leaves a wife and family of small children. His aged father is also a strong Union man.

The second, Friend Jonathan Marshall, died of pneumonia after only a very short illness on Dec. 6th at the age of 63 years. He was buried on the 9th, attended by the L.O.A., of which he was a member. In Friend Marshall the F. P. J. loses a good member, as he was always at his post when possible. He leaves behind a wife and family, of whom two sons are also members of the Council. To the bereaved families of both the Carbonear Local Council extends its heartfelt sympathy.

A MEMBER.

WAS THE SENLAC FIRE AN ACCIDENT.

While the Senlac, which was destroyed by fire at Sydney, Monday, was running to and from this port it was known that there were three German sailors on her, and the police who were cognizant of the fact, each time she came, kept the men under surveillance and they were not allowed to come here or at any of the Canadian ports at which the ship called. The Germans were amongst the crew for several months past, and many since the accident occurred wonder if these people had a hand in it. A thorough investigation is being held by the authorities at Sydney and the cause of the destruction of the ship should be known soon.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

LIEUT. DONNELLY DOES GOOD WORK

A few days ago the Mail and Advocate referred to the fact that messages had been received in the city conveying the intelligence that it had been from Gallipoli that some of our brave boys at the front had shown particular bravery and that Messrs Power, Ross, Summers and others had been promoted, and that Lieut. James Donnelly had particularly distinguished himself and it was believed, would receive a D. S. O. or some other recognition of his work.

Since then the names of the brave lads who have distinguished themselves have been received and promotions for each have been officially gazetted.

To-day's "News" brings pleasing confirmation of the reports received by us in a letter from a former member of its staff, Sergt. Chas. F. Garland, who describes how Lieut. Donnelly and six men took "Caribou Hill," named for our Regiment, and held it for a night against fierce attacks of the Turks, who when supports came up under Lieut. Ross were defeated and retreated to their trenches, leaving several of their number killed and wounded.

The General in command, thought to be General Monroe, warmly praised the gallant young Lieutenant and the brave boys under him. One of the most popular officers in the C.C.C., Lieut. Donnelly's comrades in the corps will be delighted to hear of his pluck and tenacity in facing a determined and dangerous fire.

Citizens to-day unite in praising him and his gallant little band of sub-officers, and in common with them we tender to his mother, brother and other relatives our heartiest congratulations.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—nov23

A young woman, a resident of Le-marchant Road, was removed to the Hospital yesterday, ill of diphtheria.

AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.

Yesterday, a young lady was proceeding along Gower Street, near the C. E. Cathedral when a parcel motor car came along at great speed close to the kerb and she was bespattered with mud from head to foot. Her clothing was in a terrible state, but what she felt most was that her face was also besmeared with the mud-storm from the wheels. She was a long distance from her home and her predicament can be imagined. The driver drove along grinning and vanished.

Something should be done in this connection to protect citizens.

STALE NEWS THIS.

Yesterday the Herald served up a larceny of a trunk from the schr. Melita, which occurred two weeks ago, and which was exclusively referred to by the Mail and Advocate at the time.

Mr. Frank Kennedy, wharfinger at Fearn's found the trunk and clothing as we stated and restored the latter to the owner, Skipper James.

PASSENGERS BY PROSPERO

The S. S. Prospero sailed north at 10 a.m. to-day with a full freight of Xmas goods and these passengers:—J. May, A. Elliott, A. Lacey, D. Torville, A. Hobbe, R. White, B. Roberts, S. Hodder, L. Noble, L. Snow, G. Flynn, J. Newman, A. Ralph, D. Hall, W. Bungy, T. Howell, C. Knight, M. McDonald, L. Simmonds, H. Alcock, R. Davis, W. Perry, T. Parsons, J. Bussey, A. Bussey, B. Hellier, F. Ollerhead, R. Dunn, J. B. Osmond, Rev. Nolan, Capt. Couche, M. McLaughlin, J. Cook, J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, A. Tilley, P. Martin, E. W. Broen, H. Sear, Misses Humphries, Abbott, Stone, French, Roberts; Mrs. Warr and 75 in steerage.

MAN REPORTED MISSING.

To-day Mr. Christopher, of Blackhead reported to the police that his son William, aged 18 years, had left his home at 2 p.m. yesterday and has not been seen or heard of since.

When he left he wore a suit of overalls and did not say that he would absent himself so long.

Mr. Christopher could not find him in the city and was very anxious about him.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Following the arrival here of copies of newspapers from New York containing the interview given by C. P. Trevelyan, M.P., on how peace might and should be obtained, his Election Committee held a special meeting and unanimously adopted a resolution which expressed a desire that he "be taken out and shot."

The resolution primarily called for Mr. Trevelyan's resignation on the ground that he has ceased to represent the Elland Division of Yorkshire.

LOCAL ITEMS

A large mail arrived by the Kyle's express at 4 p.m. yesterday including letters and packages from our soldier boys at the front.

Some 14 Naval Reserve men who had been on active duty with the fleet in different ports returned here, their year of service having expired. They reported to-day on board H. M. S. Calypso.

Something like 1500 bris. herring which were brought along from Bonnes Bay by the S.S. Portia were landed at Harvey & Co's premises yesterday and will be shipped to New York by the S.S. Stephano next week.

Twenty-five of the Volunteers, with Lieut. Baird and Instructor Hussey, held a dinner at McGuire's cafe last night. A splendid repast was served by Manager Rose and his aids and a jolly time was spent by all. The men were very pleased with the menu and the attendance at the cafe.

The Gaspe, Capt. Vatcher, arrived here last evening to James Baird, Ltd., after a run of 23 days in ballast from Pernambuco. The vessel had fine weather until the past two weeks and was 7 days off the coast delayed by the recent stormy weather.

The Mail and Advocate can now be had at the following stores:—Mayo's—Duckworth Street.

Mrs. Gallivan—Duckworth St. East. Mrs. Peckford—Foot Signal Hill Rd. Mr. Gosse—Plymouth Road. Mrs. Kelly—King's Bridge Road. Mrs. Hayse—King's Bridge Road. Mrs. Brien—Colonial Street. James Whelan—Colonial Street. F. Fitzpatrick—Gower Street (top of Nunery Hill).

Mrs. Organ—Military Road. Mr. Parsons—Catherine Street. Mr. E. Parsons—Corner Hayward Avenue and McDougall Street. Mrs. Wadden—Pleasant Street. Mrs. Ebsary—South Side. Mrs. Doughton—Fleming Street. Mr. Fitzpatrick—Field Street. Miss E. Lawlor—Head of Long's Hill.

Mrs. Bulger—Head of Carter's Hill. M. A. Duffy—Cabot Street. M. J. James—Cookstown Road. Mr. Horwood—Barker's Hill. Popular Store—Casey Street. Mrs. Tobin—Casey Street. Mrs. Cummings—Head of Casey St. Mrs. Healey—Corner Water St. and Hutchings Street.

Mrs. Fortune—Corner Water Street and Alexander Street. A. McCoubrey—(tinsmith) New Gower Street.

Mrs. Joy—New Gower Street. Mr. Ryan—Casey Street. Mrs. Collins—Foot Patrick Street, Water Street West.

Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street. P. J. Morgan—Pennywell Road. Axford's—South Side. Chas. Truscott—New Gower Street. Miss Murphy—Water St. West.

We acknowledge with thanks a pretty wall calendar for 1916 from Mr. P. E. Outerbridge, the well-known manufactures agent.

NOTICE

THE NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL BOARD will be placing its orders for Garden and Field Seeds, Fertilizers, &c., early in January. Intending purchasers will therefore please notify the Board of their requirements as early as possible. The Seeds imported by the Board will be of the highest quality and will be sold at cost.

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OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

DECEMBER 17th.

2nd Lieut Ernest Churchill, Quidi Vidi Road; St. Andrew's Hospital, Malta; Nov. 30; Jaundico severe.

333 Private John Francis Nicol, 11 Flavin Street; admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; enteric.

755 Private James Dempster, Waterford Bridge Road; admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; Trench foot.

411 Private Donald Fraser McNeil, McNeil Street; admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; Trench foot.

684 Private Henry Elroy Martin, Flower Hill, admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; Trench foot.

Additional Information. 2nd Lieut. Laurie Bain, England; previously reported seriously ill of dysentery (improving), Alexandria, Nov. 23; arrived in London of dysentery.

1046 Private Arch. W. Bishop, Buriu; previously reported enteric severe, Malta, Nov. 18. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; enteric.

552 Private Walter Kearley, Topsall; previously reported with dysentery, Malta, Oct. 11. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; enteric.

838 Private Gordon Snow, 110 Water Street; previously reported: debility, Alexandria, Oct. 26. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; enteric.

40 Private Edward F. Edgewood, 157 Casey Street; previously reported: Pyrexia, Alexandria, Nov. 5th. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; enteric.

894 Signaller Gerald Joseph Whitty 336 Water Street; previously reported: enteric, Malta, Oct. 20. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; dysentery.

38 Private John Joseph Ryan, 23 Adelaide Street; previously reported: shrapnel wound in leg, Nov. 11. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; wounded.

68 Private William W. Kearney, 9 Livingston Street; previously reported: shrapnel wounds head and wrist. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; wounded.

115 Private Charles William Field, 38 Prescott Street; previously reported: gunshot wounds in arm and side, slight. Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth; wounded.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

GERMANY'S NEW WAR LOAN

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail learns from Berlin that Dr. Karl Helfferich, the Imperial Finance Minister, will ask the Reichstag to-day to authorize a war loan of £500,000,000 for flotation next week.

"The loan," the correspondent adds, "will be asked for earlier than was intended, but is urgently necessary owing to the low rate of exchange and the huge amounts loaned to Austria and to Turkey and other Balkan States.

THE TAFT SMILE. Professor William Howard Taft, according to newspaper reports, was turned away from the stamp window of the Concord, Mass. post office recently when he proffered a Canadian ten-cent piece in payment for some stamps. The fact will surprise many people. How could a vendor resist the smile of the genial Mr. Taft even if he tendered an English sixpence?—Montreal Gazette.

MORE DIFFICULT. A Scottish prison chaplain, recently appointed, entered one of the cells on his first round of inspection and thus addressed the prisoner, who occupied it. "Well, my man, do you know who I am?" "No, nor I dinna care!" was the nonchalant reply. "Well, I'm your new chaplain." "Oh, ye are? Then I hae heard o' ye before."

"And what did you hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity. "Well, I heard that the last twa kirks ye were in ye preached them baith empty; but I can say ye willna find it quite sae easy to do the same wi' this place."—Tit-Bits.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Yesterday the volunteers were inspected, as we stated, by His Excellency the Governor and the Premier. There were present at the function several notables including Captain H. Outerbridge, Drs. Patterson and Borden, Messrs J. M. Kent, K.C., J. A. Clift, K.C., R. G. Rendell, Dr. Rendell, Capt. J. J. McKay and T. McNeil Esq. His Excellency was received on arrival by Lieut. Ayre, and after the inspection complimented the men on their patriotism and martial appearance. The Premier spoke in similar strain. The men had indoor drill in the armoury later and one name was added to the roll, that of Wm. Shano St. John's, bringing the number of enlistments to date to 2650.

MINERS GET HOLIDAYS.

The past few days the miners of both companies at Bell Island are being paid off and are leaving for their homes to spend the Christmas holidays with their families. The works will be practically closed down until after the New Year, when business will once again boom on the Iron Isle. All winter large quantities of ore will be taken out and put in the stock piles.

THE ITALIAN BERSAGLIERI

The bersaglieri (shapshooters) are the elite of the Italian army, and each bersagliere is a picked man, chosen for his hardihood and stamina, the average bersagliere being short and thick-set, but with magnificent strength and exceptional powers of endurance.

There is no prouder soldier in the world than the full blown bersagliere as he swaggers along the street of an Italian town in his dark blue uniform, with his rich red facings, and on his head, set at a rakish angle, the famous wide brimmed black souch hat adorned with large, heavy, drooping plumes of green cocks' feathers. Bersaglieri, by the way, is pronounced ber-sari-lary.

When on the march the bersagliere never walk as do other soldiers, but always go at a sort of a quick trot.

These 25,000 or so men are among the most perfectly drilled troops in the world. Every single bersagliere, apart from being a man chosen for his endurance, is a fully trained athlete.—Westminster Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—"Build 32 Dreadnoughts instead of 16; spend two billion dollars on your armament programme instead of one." This is George Bernard Shaw's advice to the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. Mr. Shaw says America is the hope of the pacifists, "but," he adds, "it is because America is powerful as well as pacific that she will be listened to."

BETWEEN THE LINES.

Hamilton Fish, Jr., told a war story at the officers' training-camp in Petersburg, N.Y., last summer, to illustrate how a person's war views may be tempered by his situation at the time.

"Two brothers," he said, "were captured in the Carpathians and sent to a prison-camp. Their mother heard nothing from them for a long time, and the poor woman was nearly distracted. Then, at last she got a letter, a letter from the elder brother, Peter.

"Dear mother," he wrote, "here I am in the lovely prison-camp. I have a beautiful room, with use of bath. The bed is comfortable, clean sheets every week, good food and plenty of it. Beer to drink and cigars to smoke. I am very happy. Peter."

"P.S.—Brother Franz was shot this morning for complaining."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES

Pat Cassidy purchased a new automobile, and while still inexperienced in the handling of it he drove down one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city. Coming to a crossing where traffic was held up he lost control of the car and ran squarely in to a handsome limousine. The crowd which gathered found the situation amusing, and to add to Pat's discomfort the crossing policeman, a big Irishman, commenced to berate him.

"Since when did you learn to drive a car?" demanded the officer. "What's yer name?" "Cassidy," answered Pat. "So?" said the policeman interestedly. "And where are you from?" "County Clare," said Pat. "Say," said the cop, "how the divvil did that fellow back into you."

THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 8 a.m. to-day bringing Miss E. Pickard, J. H. Neyle, Mrs. J. Collier, Mrs. E. McLean, Madame O. Timmons, M. K. Gillis, Miss Annie Grant, Miss C. Furlong and Miss H. Frazer.

WAR MESSAGES

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The project for the formation of a Committee of the Lords and Commons to cultivate closer relations with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Senate and French Chamber has been successfully launched. An Executive Committee, with Viscount Bryce as chairman, has been organized to carry out this plan and it is expected that all through the work of the Committee will be entirely unofficial and that visible results will be obtained.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In reply to a Parliamentary question, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs states that the relations between Roumania and the Entente Allies are perfectly friendly, but that she is not in a position to reveal her military plans to Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It seems to be generally taken for granted that during the seven weeks when the recruiting plan of Earl Derby was in operation an aggregate of two million men enlisted, of whom over a quarter of a million men made direct enlistments for immediate service. These figures are now being freely quoted in political circles, but it has been impossible to ascertain what percentage of single men enlisted.

Asquith yesterday received a deputation of Liberal and Labor members of the Commons who are opposed to conscription. The question of how to deal with single men who have not yet enlisted was lengthily discussed but nothing definite was decided however.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The World says it has learned that Kitchener's engagement to the Dowager Countess of Minto will soon be announced.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Times says it understands that none of Ford's peace party will be allowed to land at Kirkwall, at which port the steamer Oscar II. arrived on Wednesday.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Replying to a request for a statement as to the position of Greece and the Entente Powers, Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said to-day that the immediate object of the Allies had been to regularize our military position at Salonika so as to deny to Bulgaria and the Central Powers any control, direct or indirect, over Salonika. This, we believe, to be in accordance with the wishes of Greece herself. The British Government hopes negotiations may reach a satisfactory conclusion and possibly more, presently.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Wilson's marriage license for the President and Mrs. Gault, was issued to-day. The wedding takes place on Saturday.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Athens, dated Dec. 15th, received here to-day by the Havas Agency, says: "Several groups of Serbian soldiers after their retreat from Monastir, were disarmed by Greek troops that entered Serbia, and stated this was done through misinterpretation of the instructions given by the Minister of War."

"After a complaint had been made by the Ministers of the Entente Powers the Greek Government ordered the arms to be returned to the Serbian and gave instructions to the frontier troops to avoid a recurrence of the incident."

ROME, Dec. 16.—The Turko-German threat against Egypt is becoming more grave daily, is the belief of military men here. The construction of the railway line from Damascus to the Egyptian frontier has been pressed with extraordinary speed, it is stated, and it is expected that it will be finished by the first of February, there being only 50 miles of track of lay before the Sinai Peninsula is reached.

The railway is considered by military men to permit of the concentration of half a million men in one month, together with the necessary supplies and munitions at the Egyptian frontier. About 300,000 Ottoman troops, commanded and drilled by German officers, already have been concentrated between Alessandretta, Aleppo and Homs. It is stated that an army of engineers are laying miles of tubes for carrying drinking water across the desert, and also are providing material for construction of bridges with which to cross the Suez Canal.

Turko-German emissaries are said to be urging the Senousi to attack Egypt from the west, while an attempt also is being made to induce the Abyssinians to march into Sudan.

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