

BELL'S CREW REACH CITY BY STEPHANO

Ship Had a Stormy Run Across Atlantic—One of Crew Died on Board and Was Buried at Sea

Capt. Chas. Cross and crew of the Bellaventure, now in Russia, arrived here yesterday by the Stephano. The ship left here on the 4th. December, took coal at Sydney and left on the 9th., going through the Straits of Belle Isle, heading for Archangel. On the night of the 13th. December the ship encountered a N.W. hurricane with a terrific sea which often flooded the decks, smashed in the saloon and state room doors, inundated these apartments, damaged their furnishings, on the ship were forced to run before the blast for eight hours and went away South of her course. She then had a weather until the 26th., when she entered the White Sea. Here she was ordered back by a Russian patrol boat to Alexandrovsk and arrived there on the 28th.

The coal cargo was discharged, ammunition taken on board and on Jan. 18th the ship left for Archangel. On the 26th Economy, a port about 15 miles from the destination was reached, and there Capt. Cross and crew handed the ship over to the Russian authorities. Some 300 miles of ice was steamed through after leaving Alexandrovsk, but the Bell had not much difficulty in contending with it. The Lintrose which has been renamed the Sabo, went through the White Sea with the Bell. From Economy, Capt. Cross and crew proceeded to Archangel, thence to Petrograd, Finland, Sweden and Norway. Christianity was left on Feb. 20th., and Bergen, three days later, passage being taken by the S.S. Christianford. The ship was stopped by a British patrol and brought into Kirkwall but after being examined was allowed to proceed. A fair run across was made and on last Tuesday week the men reached New York where they joined the Stephano, arriving home as mentioned above.

John Connolly, the stoker, of this city, died on the voyage on December 19th. He was ill of a cold on leaving Sydney and a week after his condition became serious. Capt. Cross and crew did all possible for him and the day after his death his body was consigned to the deep. The body had been, waked in the cabin, where the Catholic members of the crew recited the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin and other prayers for the repose of the soul of their departed ship mate. The burial took place 50 miles off the Iceland Coast, while the ship was stopped and Capt. Cross read the burial service.

When the Bellaventure left Alexandrovsk on Jan. 18th the Adventure Capt. Wilson, was there discharging coal and loading ammunition. She has since been reported jammed with some forty other ships in the river Dvina, a short distance from Archangel and may still be there awaiting a Russian crew to take her over, as was done in the case of the Beothic.

While the schooner 'Earl Kitchener' which arrived at Gibraltar Feb. 20th., was on her way from here, she met very bad weather and a deal of her fish cargo had to be jettisoned. Her crew were well on arrival.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

OUR VOLUNTEERS. All yesterday the Volunteers had drill in the Armoury and route marching under Lieut. Rendell and Sgt. Baird, while squads had rifle practice at the South Side range. There are now 3013 names on the roster, the following having been added since yesterday:—

- Formeuse—Patrick O'Neill; St. John's—David Taylor, Jacob Chafe, Jno. H. Ebbs, Wm. F. Arns, Arthur L. W. Carter, Ml. Murray, J. Morgan; Hr. Main.—Jos. Ezekial, Hr. Grace—Chas. Holmes; British Hr. T.B.—Abraham Gardner, Edgar House.

The Stephano in Port

The S.S. Stephano, Capt. Smith, arrived here at 6 p.m. yesterday from New York via Halifax. She had a pretty stormy on the run to Halifax but fine from there to St. John's. She made the run here in 45 hours and brought a full general cargo with 65 packages mail matter. Her passengers were:

- Dr. A. B. Lehr, F. Gover, M. King, H. Knight, C. Manuel, Rev. Fr. Cughan, Gaigan, Courtman and McNamara, S. Frelich, T. V. Hartnett, Capt. C. Cross, J. Rolls, G. Wright, R. Clark, W. Cahill, E. Morris, W. Francis, J. L. Lumsden, J. Pike, F. French, O. Chauncey, M. Duggan, A. Strand, T. John, S. A. Unan, Miss G. Barter, S. A. Unan, R. Ryan, L. Hayden, J. Bennett, A. Kelly, E. Peddle, S. Godner, G. Richards, C. Butler, R. Kearney, J. Parsons, B. J. McGarry, J. M. Devine, J. King, M. D. Cranston, J. J. McKay, R. H. Tingley, H. Hurd, W. Thompson, J. T. Jones, D. Clancey, J. Stoney, R. Pike, M. Lacey, M. Kelley and H. T. Bell.

Big Fire on Heavy Tree Road

About 3 a.m. yesterday the farm house owned by Mr. Geo. Ingerman on Heavy Tree Road and one of the good old style farm houses, a regular landmark in that locality was destroyed by fire at 3 a.m. yesterday. The barns as well as their contents and the furniture of the residence and all the farming implements were destroyed and the loss to the owner is a great one.

Mr. Ingerman only occasionally lived there and for some time past the house has been closed up, the owner residing with his son. No insurance was held on the property and the origin of the fire is unknown. Some think that tramps getting in there accidentally fired the premises.

R.C. Church Notes

The services at the R. C. Cathedral and St. Patrick's church were attended by very large congregations.

At the Cathedral the Rosary was said and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. Dr. Carter. Rev. Dr. Greene preached very eloquently and effectively on the 'Necessity for and Spiritual Advantage of Penance.'

At St. Patrick's similar devotions were conducted by Rev. Joseph Phippy, who also preached a very appropriate and fluent sermon.

At both churches throngs of people performed the devotion of the Stations of the Holy Way of the Cross.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

NFLD. OFFICERS ENTERTAINED

Dinner is Given Officers of Ours by Paisley Folk—High Praise Given Terra Nova by the Various Speakers

On Thursday, 17th February, the officers and other ranks of the Newfoundland Regiment at present stationed at the Barracks, Paisley, were entertained by a number of local gentlemen. About 350 persons sat down to an excellent supper, over which function Provost Robertson presided. Among others on the platform were Major C. W. Whitaker, (commanding 2nd Battalion), Capt. Ayre (commanding the Paisley detachment), and Lieuts. Rossell, Irvine, James and Murphy; Rev. A. M. McLean, C.M.G. of Paisley Abbey; Mr. James F. Johnson, Town Clerk Depute; Bailie J. G. Clarke Miller, and Major Norman MacKean.

In a short address of welcome, the Provost said this war had brought many wonderful things to pass; and he thought the most wonderful thing the world had even seen was the response the Mother Country had received from her children, the Colonies (applause). We had seen Britishers and Britishers' children flock from the ends of the earth—from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada and Newfoundland, to assist us in this great struggle. These patriots were always ready to take up the fight on behalf of the Motherland, but he did not think it was altogether the Motherland that had brought them to this country and ultimately to France or elsewhere. Great Britain and her Allies stood for Faith, Hope, Charity and Freedom; and they fought against those who stood for brutality, frightfulness and tyranny, and that was what the Huns would carry into every country—including Newfoundland—if they had the power. Their object in having the contingent as guests was that when they left Paisley they might go away with kindly recollections of their stay in the town (applause).

After several vocal items had been rendered by the soldiers, and one or two Paisley artists, the Rev. A. M. MacLean, chaplain to the King, delivered a short address. He said he had come back from the fields of France, where, for 12 months he had seen how their comrades had been bearing their selves in this, the greatest struggle of all time. He had ridden through the ranks of the Canadians holding the trenches south of the Ypres salient. They, in the hall that evening, had come from far Newfoundland to Scotland; come to a land where every man was proud of the land of his birth; and all we could say to them was:—

"We welcome you as if you were our own to this old Homeland, and we know that when the time comes for you to stand beside your comrades you will not be one whit behind the lads that come from Scotland." (loud applause.)

There have been red letter days in our country's history. We, in Scotland, recall the men of Bannockburn, as Britishers we recall Waterloo. But we are living in greater days than these, and we who have to play our parts must be even greater men than our fathers were. The men who have been out there for a year have proved the race is not degenerate, but that we can hold our own with those of the race from whose loins we have sprung. This is a war in which wisdom, skill, and science are necessary, this is a war in which cleverness is required. We are up against a clever foe. To us is given the clean cause of civilization to defend, and if that will not put iron in our blood I know not what will. We thank you for standing beside us in this crisis. Pray that God may spare you; but if you die how can you die better than for this old land whose sons are scattered over the world; you will die on the altar of the Empire for the race, and for the great details that are entrusted to it. I believe we shall win, for we are on the side of the right God will give us the strength we need to carry it through." (applause.)

Major Norman MacKean of the 6th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in proposing a vote of thanks to the entertainers said, in the first place there was not much need to bring any entertainers besides those of their own numbers; but it was as well they should see the community of Paisley, welcomed them. He proposed a vote of thanks to the local entertainers, to Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. Washington MacDonnell, and Mr. William MacCulloch.

Major Whitaker, on behalf of the 2nd Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment, expressed his thanks to those who got up the supper. He was not one himself, his previous military experience being with an English Regiment; but the experience he had had with the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Newfoundland Regiment led him to say quite honestly that if he were a Newfoundland he would be very proud to say so. (Applause.) The

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The bill at the Nickel Theatre yesterday was a strong one, and afforded great pleasure to the large number of patrons who were present, both at the afternoon and evening sessions. "The Exploits of Elaine," which was the leading picture, was highly sensational, being even more attractive than the previous chapters. "The Greater Courage" proved a charming social drama, which was very favorably spoken of. The whole programme was a creditable one, and everyone in attendance was delighted with it. The pictures will be repeated this evening, and we feel certain the theatre will be crowded, as all movie patrons are anxious to see the Exploits of Elaine and other splendid subjects.

THE CRESCENT. "Auschla Macneir" and "For Freedom and Ireland" are the two fine Irish ballads. Mr. Dave Parks sings at the Crescent Picture Palace today. "Arrah-na-Toogue" an Irish feature in three reels heads the picture list, a great story of the days of 98. Lloyd V. Hamilton and Bud Duncan are funnier than ever in "A Flashlight Flitver," a roaring Ham and Bud comedy. Doors open in afternoon at 1.30. Show starts at 2 o'clock; at night show starts at 7 o'clock sharp. An admission as usual, 5 cents, no extra charge for this big show. To-day the "Confession of Madame Barastoff" is being repeated. Don't miss seeing this great three reel Russian military drama.

Tomorrow's Events

- 9.15 a.m.—B.I.S. annual parade to St. Patrick's Church. 2 p.m.—Matinees Nickel, British and Queen Theatres. 2.30 p.m.—Skating at City Rinks. 2.45 p.m.—B.I.S. Dramatic Troupe, Casino Theatre. 3 p.m.—Horse races at Quidi Vid Lake. 3.15 p.m.—Cowan Mission Entertainment College Hall. 7 p.m.—Performances at British and Queen Theatres. 7.30 p.m.—Skating at City Rinks. 8.15 p.m.—B.I.S. dramatic troupe in "The Road to Kenmare." Casino Theatre. 8.15 p.m.—St. Bon's Ladies' Association Entertainment, College Hall. 9 p.m.—St. Andrew's Club members "At Home."

M.C.L.I.—To-night at 7.15.—"Resolved: That for the Settlement of International Disputes the Establishment of an International Tribunal, backed by armed force, would be better than the present methods, namely, Appeal to the Hague Arbitration Tribunal or Resort to Arms by Individual Nations." Leaders: Messrs. S. P. Whiteway and R. F. Horwood.—11

experience of the troops sent from Newfoundland to this country had been such as made all of them very proud. They had received from everywhere unbounded hospitality and kindness and they felt they were indeed fortunate in being quartered in Scotland. (Hear hear.) He was glad to be able to say that the Government of Newfoundland in addition to their contributions in money and material had agreed to increase their numbers very considerably.

They first of all sent a force, in addition to their naval contribution, of 500 men, because they thought that was all they could do. They soon found they could raise a battalion and they then found they could supply reserves. Now they found they could make a second battalion, and he hoped they would be able to supply reserves for both. (Applause.) It was their ambition that it might be their luck to go out as a unit and he could only say that no Commanding Officer would be able to state more truthfully than he that he had complete confidence in the men who composed the regiment. (Applause.) They would have a hard task if they were to do as well as the Scottish regiments who had fought for them; and they would have a hard task to equal the achievements of their own first battalion. He thanked them for their welcome and hoped Paisley would have a pleasant recollection of the Newfoundland Regiment, his own experience being that they were not bad troops, but very good soldiers, and a well behaved regiment. (Applause.)

Capt. E. S. Ayre who added a few words on behalf of the Governor and those in St. John's, said they were proud to be Newfoundlanders; and still prouder to be John Bull's oldest son. Whether descended from early settlers or from those recently come into the Island, they always looked upon Britain as the Homeland and were proud to fight for her, and take what part they could in the Empire's struggle.

NFLD. SOLDIERS FETED IN LONDON

Eric Chafe Writes Interesting Letter—King and Queen Present—Sends His Parents Many Souvenirs of Enjoyable Time Spent

Mr. Levi G. Chafe Nicholle, Inkpen and Chafe, had a most interesting letter from his son Eric from the Third London General Hospital, a few days ago. Eric says that on February 16th, the day before he wrote, 50 from the General and 50 others of "Ours" were invited out to a "Tea Fight."

At 2.30 p.m. they left by special busses each drawn by a team of horses, the carriage being marked "Royal Mail." The concert and tea were held at Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace Road. They arrived at 3 p.m. and at 3.30 all set down to a delightful spread provided by the kind ladies of London. Just as the clock struck 4 some Royal Visitors called on them, these being no less than Our Illustrious King George V., accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Mary and Princess Mary. The Royal Party visited each of the tables and chatted with the boys as if they were members of the little special party which had gathered as guests of the good ladies of the world's metropolis.

Each of the soldiers present were presented by the Queen with a box of chocolates, with her photograph on the cover of the dainty package and which Eric sent to his mother as a souvenir. He also sent the bouquet which Princess Mary presented to each lad in khaki, all of whom were delighted to be thus honored by Royalty. They were also presented with a gold brooch pin which Eric retains as a talisman.

As the King entered the great hall, so the letter runs, everybody who could stand did so (some poor fellows were minus a leg) and sang with fervour "God Save the King," repeating the same as His Majesty left. With such emphasis was the good old anthem given that Eric observes he thought it would be heard over in His Majesty's most ancient and loyal colony. The concert was repeated and at the special request of His Majesty some of the choruses were rendered, such as "Keep the Home Fires Burning" and he seemed to thoroughly enjoy them.

At 6.30 p.m. all left for the hospital full of fun and glee, sang songs all the way on the return and made the city ring with their "yells" of "Tipperary," "Maple Leaf," "Old Kentucky Home," "Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Home Sweet Home" and others, ending up with "Auld Lang Syne." There were 25 in his bus, all Newfoundlanders and Australians, and the Colonials surprised the natives with the noise they could make. He enclosed the programme, a very interesting and varied one indeed.

He had up to the time of writing received more of the parcels sent him, but though he would get them later at the base. He does not know what time he will be leaving hospital, but he heard from one of the boys that all the parcels sent to the Peninsula were not sent back to the patients who had gone to the various hospitals, but at Christmas were opened and distributed among the lads there, and like the generous chap he is, Eric says that he does not grudge his share of what came from home to the boys in the trenches. He thinks the same applies to the parcels sent to Alexandria and Malta, which went to the Red Cross for distribution to the sick and wounded in hospital. He concludes a most interesting letter with love to his parents and kindest regards to all friends and chums at home.

Messrs. Stone, Winsor and Abbott, M.H.A.'s, arrived here from the Northward by this morning's train to attend the session of the Legislature.

Carnival at Parade Rink Thursday Night, 16th. General admission 20 cents. General skating from 9 to 10.30. Terra Nova Band.

LATEST FROM THE SEALING FLEET

47,000 Pelts Now Accounted For—Conditions Favorable For Good Voyage—An Early Arrival Expected—Only Two Steamers Unreported

The sealing news in the city today is of a most reassuring and cheering character and is the one subject for conversation to-day. The war for the moment does not command the attention formerly centered upon it but anything like late sealing matter is pounced upon. It looks as if all the ships on the front are in the seals and doing well, the only ships unreported to date being the Erik and Sable Island. However it is thought they are in the vicinity of the seals and will secure eventually a goodly share. It now looks promising for an early and very satisfactory voyage.

The telegrams given below show that up to last evening 47,000 harps had been accounted for. It is snowing "at the front" to-day and this would hamper the work somewhat. The ice conditions however are propitious and the good news of to-day should be supplemented by still better tomorrow.

The following are the messages received last night: Baine Johnston & Co. From Bloodhound—"Ice not very heavy; 3000 panned, in company with the Terra Nova." Up to noon to-day James Baird Ltd. had no wireless words from either the Diana (in the Gulf) or Erik.

Job's messages received last night were as follows: Neptune 14,000 Sam Blandford 8,000 Terra Nova 6,000 Eagle 10,000 Florizel 6,000 Bloodhound 3,000 Bowring Bros. messages received last night are as follows: "20 N. by E. Bird Rocks, ice not very heavy; progressing favorably, tight ice as far as can be seen; now bound West. The following ships are in sight: Ranger, Diana and Seal." (Sgd.) VIKING.

"Position 46 miles N.N.E. 1/2 E. Funks; 6000 killed and panned; Bloodhound in company. All well." (Sgd.) WINSOR.

"Position 60 S.E. Northern Groais Islands; killed and panned to-day 10,000."—(Sgd.) BISHOP. "Men have panned 6000 white-coats to-day; Terra Nova in vicinity. Southern patch, great seals; hard butting all day."—(Sgd.) A. KEAN.

Official sealing news to the P.M. G.: Cape Ray, March 15.—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal, all well. No men on ice. Via Fogo, March 15.—Following ships report all well: Florizel, Terra Nova, Eagle, Samuel Blandford, Erik, Neptune, Sable Island.

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TWO WOUNDED AND TWO MISSING

Four Naval Reservists From Port-de-Grave Are Mentioned in Casualty List Issued by Admiralty—All Four Married Men

The Daily News has the following in this morning's issue relative to casualties in the British navy, amongst our brave reservists: "News has been received at Port de Grave from the British Admiralty, that Alfred Andrews and John Charles Tucker, Royal Naval Reservists, of that town, both of them married men, are wounded, through the blowing up of the Auxiliary Cruiser Alcantara.

"Two men, Nathaniel Muggford and William Dawe, married, both Reservists from Port de Grave, are reported missing. There were at least two other Newfoundlanders on the Alcantara, but the Admiralty not permitting any information to be given to the press. We can only hope that the casualties are not more extensive. All four of these brave men were experienced seamen, and sailed with the first contingent in the Franconia. That the missing may have been rescued and that the wounded may speedily recover, will be the hope and prayer of all. The wives, children and little ones in the old Conception Bay town will have sincere sympathy in their period of great anxiety."

The principal feature of tomorrow's celebrations will be the parade of the Benevolent Irish Society which promises to be one of the best in its history.

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