

Gower Street M.B. Hold Annual Fete

Last evening the Gower Street Mission Band held their annual tea and entertainment in the Victoria Hall. Early in the afternoon the little ones were treated to tea, and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The Volunteer List Increases

The following young men enlisted at the C.L. Armoury last night:—St. John's—Nicholas Keough, Jas. Bernard Fleming, Geo. Seymour, Wm. Melce, Walter Day, Thos. Melce, Jas. Power, Jas. Grant, Harold Cranford, Jas. Jos. Cull, Jos. Mignonette, Wm. Bussey.

Going Too Far

We have been asked to suggest to the management of one of our picture shows, that a little more discretion be exercised in the selection of their songs.

Of late, one or two of the songs rendered were not of a type altogether suitable to the ears of young people, and a censorship should be careful that this important item of any show be fitted to repeat to the public.

Our informant points out too, that the outport man was made the butt of one of those music hall ditties recently, and of this we have only to say that all the compositions of all the music halls in St. John's, cannot say anything of our outport friends that is wrong, or cause them to be ashamed of their honorable and honest lives.

A little judicious management of their "song productions" is necessary on the parts of proprietors, and the public will be better off when the words of any song are clean and without purport of insult.

M.C.L.L. will hold a debate at their rooms to-night. Subject for debate: "Is a government justified in regulating prices of foodstuffs in times of peace, as well as in times of war?" Leaders will be Messrs. Geo. Soper and R. S. Horwood.—Feb 18, 11

Duty Very Difficult

The police are finding out of late that the duty of preserving order in city, and guarding the comfort, and the safety of citizens, is a very difficult one.

Day after day an assault on one or other of the officers takes place, whilst resentment and insult are but common obstacles, and make their position anything but pleasant.

One of the officers told us last evening that the difficulty most prominent in sometimes arresting "these men," is the ungrounded sympathy which the public express, even when the culprit is guilty of the most glaring atrocities.

This is certainly unwise and retards the police in the discharge of their useful duties, for it would be unsafe to even walk certain streets if the vigilance of our police force was less alert.

The Annual Meeting of Port de Grave District Council will be held at Cupid on TUESDAY NEXT, FEB. 23rd. Session will open at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Councils who have not yet chosen Delegates will convene meeting at earliest date to make selection for the District Meeting.

These Delegates will also act at the Conception Bay Convention, to be held at Spaniard's Bay on Wednesday after noon.

GEO. F. GRIMES, District Chairman.

The Annual Meeting of Hr. Grace District Council will take place on WEDNESDAY NEXT, FEB. 24th, at Spaniard's Bay.

Session will open about 10 o'clock a.m.

Councils will proceed to elect Delegates immediately to attend that convention, who will also act on their behalf at the Conception Bay Convention to be held in the afternoon at the same place.

ABRAM MORGAN, District Chairman.

Mons. Roche Preaches At the Cathedral

An eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered in the R.C. Cathedral last evening by the Rev. Mons. Roche, who took his text from the epistle of the day (Joel 11, 13-19)—"Be converted to me with all your hearts, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning. And rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God."

The Monsignor, in a very impressive manner pointed out the utter necessity there is in the preparation for death, and that each hour bringing us all nearer to the inevitable end, must be marked by some action well done. We were too inclined to forget in the midst of the glow of pleasure or the success of business, our main purpose here—the saving of our souls, and the storing away of profitable acts and merits which would assure us of a happy eternity.

The Rev. preacher, in concluding his sermon exhorted all present spend this Lent in a holy and proper manner. It was a time for particular prayer and well-doing, and all should try to observe the sacred purposes for which it was instituted.

The Rev. Dr. Kitchen preached at St. Joseph's, the congregation being a very large one.

Holding Investigation

The Reid Ntd. people are investigating into the circumstances of the finding of the unfortunate woman Bursley in one of the dining cars yesterday morning.

This persons was discovered in a similar position (in the dining car asleep) some time ago, and one or two hands who were incriminated at the time, were dismissed the service.

Cold Feet Still

Cabman Kelly asks this scribe to report that his offer to race another cabman—of whom he wrote a day or two ago—has not yet been accepted.

Matt must remember that there are several assortments to the "Kaiser Morris Bluff" and that probably he is up against one kind.

Who's Who?

We wish to thank an unknown correspondent for the kindly words re our new "Who's Who."

Yes, 'tis interesting, and our contributor "Veritas" tells us that it is his intention to record the whole of the Kaiser Morris gang in the "Who's Who" articles.

Thanks for the praise for our paper which we hope to keep up to its present standard.

Teacher—Now, children, who can tell me which is the Germans' favorite drink? After a pause—Champagne, exclaimed all the class excepting Tommy.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, don't you agree with the others? Tommy—well, teacher, I don't know. I am not sure that the German army are fond of champagne, but all the world knows that their navy always sticks to port.

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P. C. O'DRISCOLL, Liquidator, feb 16, cod



Patriotic Association of Newfoundland

There will be a meeting of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland in the Board of Trade Building, Water Street, on THURSDAY, the 18th, at 8 p.m.

V. P. BURKE, Hon. Secy. feb 16, 3i

YOU Will be Gray paying rent before you own your own home. I can give you a home on easy terms. J. J. ROSSITER

French Progress Bethune, LaBasse

Stubborn Engagement in the Argonne—Enemy Capture Some Trenches Near Norroy.

London, Feb. 16.—The French Government reports about 250 metres of trenches have been carried between Bethune and La Bassee.

A stubborn engagement continues in the Argonne; in Lorraine, the enemy captured some trenches near Norroy. The Russian Government reports further actions on the Niemen-Vistula front. Austrian attacks were repulsed South-west of Duka Pass, the Germans were repulsed near Kosselowa.

Belgian Land Revert To Owners

London, Feb. 16.—The question of the ownership of land and houses in Belgium will be settled by the authorities of Belgium after the close of the war, Foreign Secretary Grey told the Commons this afternoon, in reply to a request for an assurance that the property, which the Germans threatened to transfer from Belgian refugees, unless they returned to their country, would revert to its true owners. The Foreign Secretary added in this connection:

"This is one question, among others, in which we believe the result of the war will make justice and right prevail."

The British Recapture Trenches

Trenches They Had Lost—Important Artillery Successes Confirmed

Paris, Feb. 16 (official)—The British troops recaptured yesterday two parts of a trench which they had lost at night between Saint Eloi and Ypres Canal.

The day of Feb. 15 was, on the whole, calm. No infantry actions were reported. Important successes of our artillery are confirmed.

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Mexican Embroglio

Washington, Feb. 16.—Official advices from Mexico represent the situation, in respect to the diplomatic corps, as growing worse. The newspapers in Vera Cruz, where the Carranza Government has its seat, are reported to be published articles intended to compel the corps either to go to Vera Cruz or to leave Mexico.

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OBITUARY

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Enos Barnes.

Dear Sir—Permit me space in your esteemed paper to record the death of one of the most loyal members of this Council, Friend Enos Barnes, who was one of the twenty-four Newfoundland Reservists who met such a tragic death on the H.M.S. Viknor. He was the first from this place to give his life fighting for King and Country.

Friend Barnes had belonged to the Reserves for a number of years, having enlisted three times over, and when the call came for Newfoundlanders to fight for King and Country, Friend Barnes was among the first to go. He was also a loyal and true member of the L.O.A. and was held in respect by all who knew him.

On Sunday, Feb. 7th a memorial service was held by Rev. Prescott in St. Margaret's Church, when a very eloquent and touching sermon was delivered. A collection was taken, the proceeds of which went to the widow and family of our late friend.

This Council at the first meeting after hearing of this sad event, passed a resolution of sympathy, a copy of which is endorsed for publication, and ordered the secretary to forward same to the widow and children of our late friend.

Change Islands.

Resolution. "Dear Mrs. Barnes and Family, WHEREAS, by the will of an All-wise Providence, it hath pleased Almighty God to remove from you a loving husband and kind father, and WHEREAS it causes us to mourn the loss of a loyal and true friend, taken suddenly from us in the glorious cause of fighting for King, Country, Right and Freedom,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council tenders you our heartfelt sympathy and expresses our deep regret for such a sad event, and pray that God will give each a deeper trust in Him and prepare us one and all for that Home beyond the Skies."

"Not now, but in the coming years it may be in the Better Land, We'll read the meaning of our tears. Some day, some time, we'll understand."

By Order of Council, EDMUND R. ELLIOTT, Secy.

E. J. Saunders.

This Council has lost another true friend in the person of E. J. Saunders, who died on Feb. 2nd. He had been ailing for a long while—a victim of that dread disease, tuberculosis—but when the call came he was ready to answer the summons.

His funeral was largely attended by the members of the S.U.F., of which he was a member, and a large concourse of friends.

Interment was in the C. of E. Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Prescott.

To his widow and daughter, two brothers and three sisters, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

E. R. ELLIOTT, Secy.

Change Islds.

Feb. 7, 1915.

Some very large trout were selling to-day for 40c per doz. This is cheap for the toothsome fish.

An accommodation freight and passenger train arrived into the City at mid-day and the local at 12.30 p.m.

PERSONAL

Mr. A. Spence, of the R.N. employ. came into town by last night's train.

Mr. F. Canning returned to the city by last night's train, having been along the line on business.

TOTAL NAVAL CASUALTIES

London, Feb. 16.—Replying in the Commons to-day to a request for details regarding the total British naval casualties since the outbreak of war, Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, gave these figures:—

Killed, 348 officers, 5,812 men; wounded, 45 officers, 352 men; missing, 8 officers, 5 men

To this list Churchill said should be added, the casualties of the first Royal Naval Division which participated in the defense of Antwerp, which were: Killed, 5 officers, 36 men; wounded, 4 officers, 134 men; missing, 7 officers, 868 men; interned, 39 officers, 1,524 men.

B.I.S. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held last night.

Hon. J. D. Ryan presided and there were present a large number of members.

Several applications for membership were admitted to the ranks. Literary and Amusement Committees' report showed a very creditable year's work for the management of the Club.

The officers' report embodying the chief events of the past year was approved, showing the Society to be financially and otherwise in splendid condition.

Mr. J. C. Pippy was complimented on the successful arranging of last year's parade.

The annual report will appear in full in future issues of the Press. Election of officers for ensuing year took place with the following result:—

President—Hon. J. D. Ryan. Vice-Pres.—J. L. Slattery. 1st Asst. V.-P.—J. C. Pippy. 2nd Asst. V.-P.—P. F. Moore. Treasurer—J. Campbell. Secretary—T. P. Halley. Chairman of Schools—T. J. Nash. Chairman of Charity—J. J. Mahoney.

Chairman of Review and Correspondence—W. B. Comerford. Secretary of Schools—A. Doyle. After the transaction of other routine business the meeting adjourned till Sunday next.

Wesley Church Entertainment

A highly successful lantern exhibition and entertainment was held last night in the basement of Wesley Church.

The lantern views, exhibited by Mr. James Vey, were highly appreciated and the duet by Misses Taylor and Halfyard and club swinging exhibition by Miss Vasey were rendered in a pleasing manner.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed and seconded by Messrs Campbell and Taylor to Mr. James Vey and the lady performers—also to Rev. H. Royle for their valuable services was unanimously accorded, and the singing of "God Save the King" brought the entertainment to a close.

The Labour Depression Problem

We understand that Mr. Gosling, Chairman of the Municipal Board, meets with a number of employers of labour to-morrow forenoon to discuss the present depressive labour conditions, and devise ways and means for improvement in the labour market.

Mr. Gosling's action is well worthy of commendation, and it is to be hoped that this projected meeting of employers will have a successful issue.

Hockey For the Poor

We believe it is the intention of the Hockey League to arrange for a match between the champions and a scratch team, at the end of the season, the proceeds to be devoted to the relief of the city poor.

Mongolian Sails

The Allan liner Mongolian sailed at 10 o'clock this forenoon, taking the following passengers:

A. K. Lumsden, F. Bateman and wife, J. C. Richards and wife, Capt. Randall and wife, F. Dawes, P. C. Mars, Mrs. R. C. Grieve, Capt. A. C. Goodridge, 4 intermediate and 200 in steerage.

A Glaring Fraud And Another Bluff

Goodridge has gone with the Reservists, who left here this morning on the Mongolian.

It is true that he entered himself as a passenger—but he is really gone in charge of the 170 men from the Calypso.

We rang up what is supposed to be his place of business, and were told that he had gone in charge of the Naval Reserve men.

This is an outrage on the country, it is a supreme piece of bluff and gall, and it is an insult to every man in the Volunteers, it is with all the rest, an imposition on the public. In spite of all that has been written, in spite of our showing up Goodridge and his possession of four Government jobs for which he is highly paid, the Government still allows him to make those trips to England, and will continue to pay him his big salary besides providing for his whiskey loving appetite and good time.

Why is it that the people who are taxed to the utmost and are starving in our midst, stand this. How can a public that has to pay Goodridge for work he has never done, and for duty never performed, allow this kind of thing to go on. It is a crying shame, and the Government allows it to go on.

FRENCH CAPTURE TRENCHES

Paris, Feb. 16 (official)—The War Office says that the German trenches nearly two miles in extent have been taken in Champagne to the north-west of Pathes and north of Beausjour.

SHIPPING

S.S. Beothic leaves Glasgow for this port on Saturday.

S.S. Nascoie leaves Liverpool on Wednesday, coming here.

S.S. Durango left Liverpool yesterday for this port.

S.S. Portia left Channel at 9 a.m., coming East.

S.S. Adventure left Louisburg yesterday morning with 1600 tons coal signed to A. Harvey & Co.

S.S. Morwenna sailed for Halifax and New York at 7 this morning, taking as passengers:—Mr. King, 2nd Officer and 3 Stewards of the Florizel.

Mr. Morine Ill

Mr. A. B. Morine is confined to his home this couple of days, on account of a slight illness.

Naval Contingent Gone

When the Mongolian left this morning our Naval Reserves were given a good send off by the crowd of citizens on the wharf, three rousing cheers being given them.

The boys were all in good spirits and we wish them "bon voyage" and every future success.

Magistrate's Court

Two drunks were before Judge Knight this morning, one of whom was fined \$1.00 or 3 days; the other \$2.00 or 7 days.

Five boys, loose and disorderly conduct, were let go on paying costs.

A domestic, hailing from Avondale was convicted of larceny, and sentenced suspended.

Match Postponed

Owing to ice conditions, the St. Bon's-Pelidian match did not take place last night.

Suspects German Designs On Halifax

New York, Feb. 13.—The British intelligence bureau in this city has been much chagrined recently, it was learned yesterday that the German agents in Halifax are able, apparently without the use of the telegraph or cable lines into this city, to deliver information concerning Halifax troop messages with more expedition than the British agents. It is confidently believed by persons high in the British government service, both here and in Canada, that the Germans are arranging for some kind of a move to be made against Halifax. The activity of the dynamite Horn at Vanceboro, Me., last week, it was said, added to this fear.

For several months the British agents in this city have been working hard to discover the whereabouts of about 300,000 rifles from a South American country by the New York agents of the German government. This large purchase of guns and ammunition is believed by the British to have come to this country and to be stored somewhere not far from this port.

Just why Germany should buy such large number of guns which it will be impossible to send to Germany, so long as Great Britain retains control of the sea, is a mystery but it is believed that the purchase was made for the sole purpose of preventing the supply from falling into the hands of the allies, who at the time of the purchase were in greater need of rifles and cartridges than Germany.

The suspicion that such a store of rifles is in the possession of Germans in this country has had much to do with it was said with the uneasiness along the Canadian border where, for the last three months, there has been constant preparations against an invasion from the American side.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fresh, N. and N.E. winds, fair and cold. Roper's (noon)—Bar. 29.60. Ther. 35.

LATEST WAR MESSAGES

Grey's Reply Heartily Approved

London, Feb. 18.—The reply of Sir Edward Grey to the United States shipping protest is given hearty approval in an editorial in The Times, which says it is a powerful defence of the British position founded upon those arguments of law and fact which appeal with particular force to American minds. As to our own, it comes appropriately on a day when Germany boasts of her intention to trample all laws and customs of the sea under her feet.

Germany Answers In Friendly Terms

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The reply of Germany to protests of the United States against the blockade of British waters is couched in friendly terms, but firmly maintains the position of Germany. As already announced, the Note explains that Germany's proposed action is rendered necessary by Britain's policy of attempting to cut off food supplies from the German civilian population, by methods never recognized in international law.

Britain's course in ordering merchantmen to fly neutral flags and equipping them with artillery, with orders to destroy submarines, Germany's reply contends, renders nugatory right of search, thus giving Germany a right to attack British shipping.

Germany holds that she cannot abandon that right under stress which Britain has forced upon her, since Germany must compel the nations with which she is at war to return to recognized principles of international law, and restore freedom of the seas.

She argues that the stand she has taken is necessary. The Note recommends that the United States Government send warships to Britain to convoy merchant vessels through the danger zone as security against attack, with understanding that vessels thus guarded shall carry no war supplies.

Hope is expressed that the American Government will understand the position in which Germany has been placed and appreciate the reasons for this course.

The reply closes with expressions of hope that the States may prevail upon Britain to return to the principles of international law, recognized prior to the outbreak of the war, and in particular obtain observance of the London Declaration by belligerents opposed to Germany.

If this were done, the Note explains, Germany would be enabled to import food supplies and raw materials. Germany would recognize in this way, says reply, an invaluable service towards more humane conduct of the war, and would act in accordance with the new situation thus created.

Britain Determined To Seize Cargoes

London, Feb. 18.—The reply of Sir Edward Grey to the American Note on the subject of seizure and detention of American cargoes destined for neutral European ports and Germany threat of a submarine blockade of Britain, and Britain's retaliatory measures against it are absorbing the attention of the British public, as Germany has for some time been attempting to sink all British ships which her submarines could approach.

All important shipping companies have announced that there will be no change in regular sailings, while British, French and Belgian owned cross-Channel steamers are maintaining their schedules.

LOCAL ITEMS

It is reported that Dr. Shankel will leave Torbay, where he is now practicing, shortly, and start a practice in Hansford, N.S.

The Desola which had to put back to port on Sunday last, on account of her cargo being in bad order, went on dock this morning. She will discharge her whole freight of 7000 packages there and as the handling of this must be very slow it will be some time before she can get away.

On account of the small compliment of fish handled on the water front the coopers of the city are very much behind last year in work. The loss in the making of barrels up to date means to the coopers something like \$30,000, a big item at this backward date.