

Big Smuggling Case Unearthed

Police May Make Sensational Arrests—Watchman at Mercantile Premises Discharged—Value of Goods Amount to Hundred of Dollars

Saturday evening Elna Johnston & Co.'s official became cognizant of the fact that things were as they should be on board the barqtn. "Atilla," now lying at their premises and ready to proceed to Brazil, and a careful watch kept revealed the fact that on this evening as well as others there had been a systematic theft of the ship's stores, in fact this morning, we learn, that practically all the stores on board had been cleared out. Saturday night a sleigh was seen to come and go from the premises, laden with stolen goods as it left, and investigation proved that not alone was the sleigh being used in but the Customs Department in prosecuting enquiries gleaned that wholesale smuggling of liquors, tobaccos &c had been going on. As a result of what has been gleaned the firm's watchman was dismissed Saturday night and a seaman of the Atilla formerly was arrested under warrant by Detective Byrne at 10.40 Saturday night, 50 lbs of beans, said to be part of the ship's stores being found when his house was searched. This man was before Judge Morris to-day on a charge of stealing the goods which are valued at \$5.00 and was remanded for the present. Other arrests will be made during the day, some of them, we hear, are of a rather sensational character, and further there will be likely more dismissals of people at Baine Johnston's, not for smuggling, but because it is believed that by their silence they are shielding wrong doers. We hear that both the thefts and smuggling run into many hundreds of dollars.

MARRIED AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

At St. James Cathedral, Montreal, this morning, M. Paul Suzor, French Consul of St. John's, Nfld., was united in holy matrimony to M. Mile. Jean Bidell, daughter of M. Edward Bidell, representing the American-Canadian Import & Export Coy. of Paris. The mother of the groom came all the way from Japan and was present at the ceremony, as was Madam Bidell, mother of the bride. The French Consul at Montreal also attended.

The Munitions Factory

As we stated not long since, the manufacture of munitions for the British Army will be conducted in the building on Water Street West that was formerly the Sudbury tannery. Some of the machinery is already here but most of the rest has been delayed in transit and it is hoped will be here soon. It is likely, we hear, that there will be two gangs of men of about 100 each to work night and day. The shells to be manufactured will be for the use of high explosives and the output will be comparatively large. A large number of mechanics have applied for work at the factory and it was a surprise to notice that so many men were unemployed in the city.

LOCAL ITEMS

Another big freight of paper and pulp in ten cars, arrived here last night at 8.30 from Grand Falls.

The Kyle's express, with mails and passengers, is due to arrive here at 3.15 p.m. to-day.

One of the Reid Nfld. Co.'s freight trains went off the track on the railway pier Saturday and had a narrow escape from going into the water.

Two cases of diphtheria were reported from a house at Petty Hr. yesterday. The patients are being treated at home.

Messrs. Crane and Marshall will have a wrestling match in the C.L.B. Gymnasium to-night, the proceeds to go to the Patriotic Fund.

The volunteers had drill in the Armoury Saturday. It is expected that recruiting, which has been slack of late, will improve shortly.

The Placentia train being delayed, owing to the late arrival of the Glenoche, did not arrive here till two a.m. yesterday.

Mr. M.W. Furlong, who had been ill of a severe cold for a few days, since going to Montreal, is now completely recovered and is able to be about again.

Mr. D. M. Baird, if Parker & Monroe's, had a telegram Saturday from the Red Cross Association of London, stating that Cecil Greene, who had been dangerously ill of dysentery, has much improved.

Messages were received last night from Lieuts. Owen Steele and Charlie Strong, the latter a son of Capt. Strong, saying that both are well. The message from the latter was from Alexandria.

Matters were very quiet in police circles Saturday night and only one arrest was made this being a man who was found lying in an alley on Water Street in a stupor from liquor. It was fortunate for him he was discovered, or he might have been frozen to death.

Inspector General Sullivan, who has been unwell for the past two weeks, underwent an operation at the General Hospital Saturday. Mr. Sullivan is since much improved and will be able to leave the institution in due course.

Messrs. Druken and Cluny, who went out with the Ambulance Saturday for Mr. Williams, who was hurt last week, returned here yesterday. The ambulance became caught in the drifts about three miles from Bay Bulls and Mr. C. Lester will send horses out to bring it back. The patient may come by train.

Mr. Jas. Walsh, of the Petty Hr. Power Station, fell on St. Stephen's Day and hurt his leg severely. He continued to work, but Friday found it very painful. Dr. Roberts was called and found the bone splintered in places so that Mr. Walsh is now confined to his home with the limb encased in plaster of paris.

S.S. Retlaw Makes Port Disabled

Has Ten Feet of Water in No. 1 Hold—Steamer Commanded by Trinity Man, Formerly Mate of Bowring's Barque Cordelia

At 6 p.m. yesterday the S.S. Retlaw, Capt. Geo. Hiscock, arrived here for repairs, she being damaged and carrying ten feet of water in the hold. The ship was out 13 days from Brixham, England, to New York, and had a very stormy run with snow storms and tremendous sea which caused her to leak badly in No. 1 hold as a result of thrashing about in the sea. She has been engaged carrying kerosene in barrels to Havre for the French Government the past eight months and is chartered by the Standard Oil Co.

When the ship began to leak the pumps were started and kept going despite which the water gained, and it was decided to run to St. John's. The ship will dry dock for a survey and repairs to-day. The ship was formerly the "Hydra" owned by MacLay and MacIntyre of Glasgow and was commanded by Capt. Ford who is well known here. Capt. Hiscock is a Trinity man and for years sailed out of Bowring Bros. as mate of the barq. "Vidonia" and barque "Cordelia." Miss Hiscock, governess with Mr. Geo. Knowling, Jr., being his sister. Bowring Bros. are the ship's agents. She is a vessel of 461 tons gross, 262 net, 350 ft. long, 49 ft. wide and 19.2 ft. deep.

Kindness Shown Nfld. Soldiers by London Firm

Mr. Donald Nicolson, representative of the firm of Howes, Williams & Co., ribbon manufacturers of London, received a letter from his firm stating that their Mr. Potter visited the Nfld. Boys at the Third Military Hospital, Wandsworth, and brought cigarettes, tobacco, sweets, etc., to the boys which they appreciated. Mr. Potter spend a pleasing hour with the several Newfoundland soldiers, especially Privates Eadie and Oke. Other representatives of the firm will call at the Hospital shortly to see the Newfoundland lads there and will do all in their power to make their stay there a pleasant as possible. Such kindness, as shown by this firm, will, we feel sure, be appreciated by the parents and relatives of our soldier lads.

CATHEDRAL MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Yesterday, an interesting and largely attended meeting of the C. M. B. C. was held, Rev. J. Brinton presiding. Mr. Geo. House gave a very interesting address dealing with the Turks, their movement westward, Mahommed, his visions and teachings and the rise and decline of the Ottoman Empire. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, after which the work of the Class last year was discussed.

Insurance and Losses in Carbeneer Fire

The insurance held on the various properties destroyed in the big fire at Carbeneer and the estimate losses are contained in the following figures compiled for the Insurance Companies affected:

Company	Loss	Insurance
John Rork & Sons	5,400	4,400
Rt. Rev. Mgr. McCarthy	5,000	3,600
P. Hogan	11,000	800
G. J. Brocklehurst	7,300	2,700
J. Kennelly	5,800	none
W. H. Soper	3,000	none
Mrs. C. McCarthy	2,500	1,000
Widow Brown	300	none
Charles P. Penney	6,000	4,875
Total	\$46,380	\$17,375

THIEVES WATCH EVERYTHING.

Saturday afternoon a resident of Torbay drove his team up near the entrance of the dry dock and tied the animal to a telephone post, while he went down on the dock premises on business. As he did so a man approached him and said he need not tie up his horse, that he would look after it while the man was absent, later the man drove down town when he found that a new pair of mitts and other things had been stolen from the sleigh.

There are individuals prowling about the city at present who are watching every opportunity to steal.

FIFTY ILL OF DIPHTHERIA.

Last week there were 11 cases of diphtheria reported, three being from the same residence where the disease had been before. There are 45 in hospital and five being treated at home. The quarantine was raised on 11 houses.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

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CATHERINE, relict of the late Stephen Cleary, died, aged 110 years, 1847.

William Calver, real estate owner, died, 1874.

Austin McNamara, jr. died of diphtheria, 1877.

Captain James Day died, 1894.

Frank Gallishaw, Cochrane St., drowned at sea, 1897.

Steamer Turret Age arrived with six feet of water in hold; she was bound to United States from France, 1899.

Rev. A. B. Jordan interred to-day, 1899.

Zera Semen's opened his entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall, 1899.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Pirt aux Basques 8.20 p.m. yesterday, with the following passengers—Miss B. Bennett, W. Stone, Mrs. O. Emerson, T. Rowsell, A. Maddox, D. Merton, W. Keating, Capt. J. Pike, Rev. C. Moulton, J. Davis.

THEY WERE DESTITUTE.

When after the snow storm of Wednesday last a newly-married couple were released from their snow-covered shack on Bell Island, they were found to be destitute. They had no stove fuel or food in the house and must have suffered much. It was a runaway match people from the Island say, the groom and bride having made no provision for the future.

DECLARED 10 PER CENT.

We hear that at the annual meeting of the Nail Manufacturing Co. held to-day a dividend of 10 per cent was declared. A substantial sum to be devoted ordinarily to reserve account will be distributed in a pro rata manner in shares among the shareholders at a nominal purchase price.

OUR THEATRES

THE CRESCENT.

Mr. Dave Parks, baritone, the man with the voice, sings "The Veteran" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and hear him. A very strong dramatic feature is "The Gray Horror" produced in three reels by the Lubin Company featuring Lillie Leslie and Joseph Smalley. A great Biograph drama is "The Sister Solace" with Augusta Anderson and Charles Perley. Pat Rooney, the Broadway favorite acrobat and vaudeville man, does some funny stunts in "The Busy Bell Boy," a very funny comedy. This week the opening show costs no more.

A VERY FROSTY SPURT.

Saturday afternoon the wind which had been N.E. all day veered off from the N.W. and during the night blew for a while with the velocity of a hurricane. It became intensely cold as the night advanced and early yesterday morning the thermometer recorded below zero in St. John's. Across country the weather was also very stormy and cold and at Quarry Saturday night the mercury registered eight below zero, the coldest for the season. Elsewhere the frost was not so severe.

GLEYCOE'S PASSENGERS.

S.S. Glenoche arrived at Placentia 5.30 p.m. Saturday with the following passengers: N. Bryce, R. G. Pike, G. Penney, P. Rose, N. E. Tibbon, S. Tibbo, J. C. Harris, J. E. Lake, A. Fennell, G. Fennell, B. Inkpen, M. Bennett, J. Cheeseman, T. Nelson, M. Hollett, R. O'Brien, G. Bennett, J. Dolan, Misses A. Belbin, E. Rowe, M. Thompson, B. Inkpen, E. Bartlett, H. Paul, S. Baker.

HOLY NAME SOCIETIES.

Yesterday the Holy Name Societies of St. Patrick's and the Cathedral held their annual meetings. Several new members joined and the reports presented and passed were very satisfactory. At the Cathedral they contained sympathetic reference to Sgt. John Fitzgerald, a member killed in Gallipoli, and also to Lieut. J. Donnelly, another member.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted by Rev. J. Pippy, and at the Cathedral by His Grace Archbishop Roche.

NEW STEAMER 'SYBIL' HERE.

Crosbie & Co.'s new purchase, the S. S. Sybil, of about 600 tons, arrived here this morning, coal-laden from Sydney, in charge of Capt. N. Kennedy. Her crew if Nova Scotians leave here by this evening's train for their homes and a Newfoundland crew and firemen will go on board.

Australian Nurse Writes Mrs. Murphy

Tells of Last Moments of Her Son Who Died From Wounds Received in Gallipoli—His Last Words Were "Mother"

Copy. 6th December.

Address: Australian Base Post Office, Alexandria, Egypt.

Dear Mrs. Murphy,—

I am an Australian nurse in the Hospital ship on which your son passed away when we were crossing from the Dardanelles to Malta. I have not much to tell you, but I thought it would comfort you in your sorrow to have a few lines from someone who was with him in his last hours.

He was a very good boy and though so badly wounded was very brave and courageous as I know he must have been when fighting. His injuries were such that his mental condition was not very clear, so that he could not talk much about his home and friends, but in his half delirium I often heard him say "Mother," as if he was thinking of his home. He suffered very little pain and passed away peacefully; he was seen by the priest before he died and had the last rites of his Church.

I am a Protestant myself and did not quite know what to do about a Crucifix he was wearing, but thought it best to leave it on him, so think it was still on him when he went to his last resting place.

These two letters I am enclosing. They were in the front pocket of his coat and were evidently treasured by him; I feel sure you would like to have them. Trusting that God will comfort you in your great loss and sorrow. I remain,

Yours very sincerely, (Sgd.) JESSIE REEVES.

P.S.—The only address I have is St. John's, Newfoundland, so I am sending it in the hope that it may do so. I think St. John's may not be a very big place, so that it may get there. —J.R.

WAS MAKING BAD WEATHER.

When the Home was off St. Pierre in the storm on Thursday last, she saw a large steamer. A mountainous sea ran and the ship was lying to. She was deeply laden and was making bad weather, as the seas were seen sometimes to sweep on board her.

CHARGED WITH "EMBEZZLING" \$608.

Saturday, a boy who was acting as messenger boy for Mr. Jessup Baker, of Duckworth St. was arrested, charged with "embezzling" \$108. He collected some bills was short this amount and in Court to-day said he did not steal it, but lost it while playing with other lads. He is but 13 years old and as the amount was made good and expenses paid Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., who presided, released him.

BOUGHT BY JOB BROS. & C.

The idea was entertained up to Saturday by Job Bros. & Co. of chartering the S.S. Newfoundland for the sealing voyage this spring, but on that day it was determined to purchase her and she was transferred to the new owners. She is now at the Horwood Lumber Co.'s wharf, is being shelled in, will be given extensive repairs by shipwright Butler and will be finished by March 1st. Mr. Butler has 50 men at work on her and the ship will be in good trim when finished.

TO VISIT CANADA.

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SHIPPING

The Portia left Bonne Bay this morning.

The Prospero left Fogo at 7.30 p.m. yesterday and is due here to-morrow morning.

The S.S. Bonaventure sails from England on Thursday next for Russia.

The schr. Debrah, laden by Monroe & Co. has arrived at Malaga, after a run of 38 days. All well.

The barqtn. Atilla cleared Saturday for Bahia with 2,400 drums and 4800 halves shipped by Baine, Johnston & Co. Capt. Greene has taken command of the vessel.

KLARK-URBAN CO.

The matinee of "The Divorce Question" was reproduced in the Casino Theatre Saturday afternoon and drew a crowded house. At night the Hall was packed when the "Squaw Man" was played and to-night "Under Cover," a splendid drama, will be produced.

Police Court News

In the Police Court to-day F. J. Morris, K. C. discharged a drunk. Two owners of unlicensed dogs, summoned by Sgt. Oliphant, were compelled to pay the fee for the canines.

FEARNE'S NEW PURCHASE.

The schr. Mary and Mildred, a fine vessel built at Lunenburg and bought by G. C. Fearn, arrived here this morning, coal-laden from Sydney, after a good run.

Fireman Wm. Chapman, of the Central Station, who had been ill at Cape Town, left the Hospital cured, on Saturday. He is very grateful to Drs. Keegan, Couperthwaite and Chaytor and the nurses for their kindness to him while there.

New York Gets Force Big Blizzard

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—One of the weirdest storms the East has seen in many years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning, and a gale that reached a maximum velocity of 90 miles an hour—descended from the north-west early to-day as the aftermath of a Christmas fog. It indirectly caused seven deaths in this vicinity, carried down telegraph wires damaged shipping crippled railroad traffic and caused considerable property damage.

The odd phenomenon of thunder and lightning in the midst of a driving snow awakened New Yorkers at the height of the storm about 7 o'clock this morning. A gale from the south, accompanied by rain, had been blowing during the night, but the temperature dropped during the early morning hours, changing to hail and then to snow. The local Weather Bureau reported a total precipitation of 5.2 inches, of which 2.8 was snow.

The wind shifted to the north-west and increased in violence, reaching its 90 miles' intensity at 9 o'clock, and soon after carrying off the storm clouds.

Shipping of all kinds scurried to shelter to escape the heavy seas, and several ocean liners dropped anchor until the gale abated. Twenty-five persons aboard 15 canal boats driven ashore off Sandy Hook, were rescued by the coast guard crew at that point, assisted by the crew of the coast guard tug Seneca. Those saved included the wives and children of the boats' captains. James O'Neill, in command of one of the boats, was knocked into the sea by a flying board and drowned.

The deaths in the city resulting from the gale all occurred this morning while the blinding snowstorm was at its height. A fireman was fatally injured while responding to an alarm. A woman was run over by a street car, the motorman of which could not see her on the tracks. Another woman collapsed and died in the street while battling against the gale on her way to church. Others died from exposure. Scores of persons were more or less seriously injured.

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Five Weeks at Sea, Passengers Land.

Tell of Hardships Suffered on the Flooded Ship Thessaloniki—Passed Weeks in Hourly Fear of the Vessel Sinking—Battered by Storms

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The 177 passengers who were forced to abandon the sinking Greek steamship Thessaloniki at sea arrived here to-day on the steamship Patris, of the same line, and gave vivid descriptions of the hardships they suffered during the five weeks that the Thessaloniki was battered by a series of terrific gales. On Dec. 25, Christmas Day, passengers said, the supply of meat on the Thessaloniki was entirely exhausted, only a few gallons of water were left, and the ship's officers began to portion out short rations of the meagre supply of food which remained.

The Thessaloniki first sprang a leak when she encountered a hurricane, which raged for 12 hours, on Dec. 21. The boiler and engine-rooms were partially flooded on that day, and the steamer sent out calls for assistance. After the hurricane subsided, however, and flooded portions of the ship were pumped out, and the steamer proceeded on her voyage.

Rough seas and gales were encountered from Dec. 22 to Dec. 26, when the Thessaloniki ran into another hurricane, which lasted for 24 hours. Many of the passengers and crew fearing that the steamer was sinking, as fresh leaks were opened up and the boiler and engine-rooms and coal bunkers rapidly filled with water and the ship was tossed about like a proverbial egg-shell.

It was then that the Thessaloniki sent out numerous "S.O.S." calls, which were heard by the Patris, United States, Florizel and other steamers. The Florizel was the first to reach the disabled vessel, and offered to take off the passengers and crew and carry them to Bermuda. Captain Goulandis, who was making his first voyage as a master, declined this offer. The Florizel stood by until the Patris came in sight.

The Thessaloniki's passengers were transferred to the Patris with considerable difficulty, and were forced to leave all of their baggage and personal belongings on the disabled vessel. After the transfer had been completed the Patris shot a line to the Thessaloniki and took her sister ship in tow on Jan. 1. The wind increased greatly during the night, and early the following morning the tow-line parted. In the afternoon of the same day the Patris succeeded in getting another line to the Thessaloniki and once more resumed the trip towards New York.

The tow-line parted for a second time early on the morning of Monday, Jan. 3, and the Thessaloniki was driven rapidly to the south-east before a terrific hurricane, accompanied by a blinding snowstorm.

Owing to the Thessaloniki's engines being stopped by the water in the ship's hold she was only able to send out infrequent wireless calls, which covered a small area. The Patris took up the search and was joined by the Scandinavian steamer United States, which had turned out of her course.

Captain Goulandis said he had been unable to make solar observations by reason of the almost continuous storms, and it was for this reason, he added, that he sent out six erroneous messages regarding the position of his vessel.

Great War Budget For Canada Now

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The budget which Sir Thomas White will present at the approaching session will be his third war budget. In all probability it will call for an expenditure for the war and for the ordinary business of the Government of between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000. It will be remembered for many years as the Dominion's great war budget of 1916.

Last year's budget called for a total expenditure of \$300,000,000 of which however only \$100,000,000 was for the war. This year the proportions will be reversed and the greater part of the budget will be for the prosecution of the war. A year ago the authorized forces to be raised for overseas service totalled only 100,000; at present 220,000 are under arms, and a total of 500,000 is authorized.

The estimated expenditure of a force of 250,000 men had been put at \$235,000,000. The prospect of a much larger force will necessitate the increasing of this sum to a very considerable extent.

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