## 12 MINUTES' **NIGHTMARE UNDER FIRE**

Terrible Experience Related by Officer of the Pegasus. Sunk by the Konigsburg Which Has Also Met Hei Fate

minutes of modern warfare when one of the vessels engaged outclasses another in speed and range of guns is graphically set forth in a letter to G. Herbert Windeler of the Country Club, Boston, written by a relative of his who served as an officer on board the British ship Pegasus. The Pegasus went to her doom after engaging with the German ship Konigsberg off Zanzibar reported sunk in today's cable news. The letter is to Mr. Windeler, which is dated:-"H.M.S. Pegasus, Zanzibar, Oct. 6

1914, follows: "I am sorry my las: letter was so short, but I was very pressed for time.

Was Fateful Day. "Sunday, Sept. 20th, was the fatefu day on which the poor old Pegasus was sunk. The whole thing was a surprise. The Konigsberg suddenly appeared at 5.20 a.m., about four and one-half miles away, just at daylight and started to pour shells into us. We were at anchor just off Zanzibar, and unluckily it was the one occasion of the war when we had no steam, as our boilers were having a very neces sary clean out.

"Our gun crews who had been or watch, had just fallen out, and it tool us a few minutes to man our guns I was asleep on deck, having been or watch from midnight to 4 a.m. The first I knew was by being awakened by two shells screaming over my head Of course I guessed at once what is was, and flew in my pajamas to my station at the foremast, where I mark ed the fall of shot, and then passed down the ranges to the guns. As I went up the rigging shells were whistling all round me, but I was quite untouched. She started to his after the first minute, and you could feel the poor old ship tremble each time she was struck, and the low groans of the wounded could be

Guns Were Outranged.

"Our old guns were absolutely out ranged, and we could not get nearer than 800 yards to her, while she was then hitting us every time. Poor , the first lieutenant, was mortally wounded from the start. This I did not know till after the first five minutes, when a shot pitched just short of the foremast and sent spray right over the top of the mast, soaking me and ruining my glasses so that I could not see through them.

"I then looked down on the forebridge and saw that -, who ought to have been having my ranges to the guns, was not there, so as 1 had no means of communication be tween myself and the guns, I started to come down. About half way down I heard someone say "Surrender," but I shouted to them to go on, but a little later three or four voices said "Captain's order, sir," and then I looked up and saw the white flag.

Deeply Humiliated.

I felt absolutely humiliated to think we should have to haul down to a German, and hoped the next shell would catch me. The ship was sinking fast, and as I tended the wounded in the battery, shells still whizzed all round; the Germans had not seen our white flag.

"It was a fearful shock to see it and some poor chaps were fearfully knocked about, legs and arms gone, and some with no faces. Still, I seemed used to it all my life and quite collected. A pal of mine had both legs half knocked off and his back stove in, and recognized me. He gave me a message to give, and I tried to buck him up, but he was obviously useless. Another poor chap with his eyes shot away begged me to shoot him.

Konigsberg Steamed Away.

The Konigsberg finally ceased firing and steamed away, no one knows why, perhaps she was afraid we had other cruisers near, instead of being entirely alone. The whole thing seemed an awful nightmare and only lasted 12 minutes, but in that time we had thirty-eight killed and one hundred and two casualties altogether. A fearful show, and the like will not be seen again in the war.

"Unable to move, having no steam, no means of hiting her back, and all her shells having deadly effect on our unprotected sides, it was murder, and looking at it after, the captain was

quite right to surrender. I got all the dead and wounded out. and then proceeded to get two of our three-pounder guns out, thinking that we might get our own back one day

## Poor Demand For High=Grade Fish at Oporto

And Even the Cheaper Grades Are But Little Called For-Short Supply For Christmas.

The following letter from Lind & Couto, dated Dec. 17, was posted at the Board of Trade yesterday:

After several weeks of good demand principally for the cheaper grades of fish, the demand this week has diminshed and we do not think there will be much more sold before Christmas as the Christmas demand is generally

over about Dec. 15th There has been a short supply of Christmas qualities this year, but on he other hand, the demand for expensive fish has been considerably

Supplies from both Newfoundland and Norway will probably be coming 'orward freely in the near future and ve hope it will all be needed but Jan-We estimate the present stocks at about 6650 qtls. of 60 kilos British and as been very stormy and there is

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vheat by latest improved machinery 'here is nothing better made. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD.

bs. of green fish, 35 qtls. dry and 533 last night.

and did the best we could to stop a follows: big hole forward, where the water was pouring in.

Towed Her In.

"As the ship appeared to be sinking, we cleared everyone ashore, except thout seven men, the captain, navigaor and myself, and got a tug to tow is down harbor to try and beach her. Ve put her ashore, but the beach was o steep that we slipped off again, so ve anchored her, and then as nothing could be done till the tide rose, we eft her at one p.m. for lunch. At about 2 p.m. the poor old ship sud- is strong, full of life and fresh while lenly turned over and sank. Poor old the leaf lasts. hip, we had been so happy on.

"We are living in the barracks of the rative regiment here, and are rapidy turning ourselves into soldiers. I and great hopes of going over to Ger- the Star rooms last night, one hunnan East Africa with our guns, but fear there is not much chance of

Exciting Time.

sland, and we had some exciting third prize to Mr. P. Culleton. rights guarding the various important ross roads and approaches. Now here is no chance of that as we have hree of our cruisers about. I think perhaps we shall be distributed among hem, but I shall certainly refuse to special business meeting tonight at stay ashore here as a sort of town 8.15. guard with very little chance of a

equal terms at sea and get our own back. Of course, we ought never to have been left up here by ourselves, is we were hopelessly outclassed, and cannot make out why the Konigsberg did not come for us before. At 1,450 bbls. herrign. sea in day time if she had used her extra speed, she could have kept herself out of range of our guns and our only chance was at night."

From New York:

## GIVES BAND TO OUR FIRST CONTINGENT

Hon. E. R. Bowring Presents Instruments to Our Men at Fort George—Sent Them **Christmas Presents** 

Hon. J. R. Bennett, Colonial Secy. writes the Mail and Advocate as fol-

"Through His Excellency the Governor, the Government have been informed of the generosity of Hon. E. R. Bowring, in connection with the members of the Newfoundland Regiment, now in the United Kingdom.

"Mr. Bowring has presented some 16 instruments, with which, it is understood, various persons of the Regiment are able to form a band. "In addition to the above, Mr. Bow- anywhere. ring has also sent a quantity of games material, including single sticks, boxing gloves, cards, etc., etc., and he had

Christmas consumption. "The active and continued interest of Mr. Bowring in all matters pertaining to the welfare and comfort of our Newfoundland boys, who are now at Fort George, is worthy of all praise."

also arranged to send things for

Made from highest grade Manitoba Bricklayers Hold **Annual Meeting** 

The s.s. Seal has cleared from The annual meeting of the Brick- Fred J. Jacobs. Sonne Bay for Halifax with 735,050 layers' and Masons' Union was held

The Union is in a splendid financial n the Germans ashore with these, The election of officers resulted as About fifty who are seeking non-

> President-J. .R Mullins. Vice-President-R. J. Power. Treasurer-J. Cochrane. Asst.-Treasurer-C. Burridge. Secretary J. J. Spratt. Asst-Secretary-G. Clarke. Marshal-E. Burridge. Committee-W. Murphy, B. Spratt,

Auditors-H. Gollopp, W. Edney. "VICTORY FLOUR"

Donnelly, J. Coady, D. Whittle.

Makes sweet snowy white bread. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD.

**Star Tourney Winners** A card tournament was run off in dred and twenty-four players competing. The first prize, a half ton of coal donated by Mr. Mullaly, was won by Mr. Jas. Malone, a box of cigars, "During the first week here there given by Mr. G. R. Williams, was won eemed every chance of the Germans by Mr. James Jeans, and Mr. H. J. anding 1000 or so men to capture the Brownrigg gave a tub of butter as

Wesley Bible Class

The executive of the Class meets at | The weather was stormy throughout 8 o'clock sharp. Every member is ask- and during the gale of Sunday, 3rd, "I'd love to see the Konigsberg on ed to make a special effort to be pre- the breakwater was somewhat dam- King. sent as very important business is to lage.

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RED CROSS STEAMERS:

To New York.....\$40.00 \$70.00 \$15.00

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Railway through the beautiful land of Evangeline

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S.S. Co., Ltd., Wednesday and Saturday. Luxuri-

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To Halifax..... 20.00

To Boston (Plant Line) .. 29.00

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and Boston.

## German Paper Contends Lies Are Justified

Amsterdam, Jan. 10.-Admitting that the reports of the war given to the public in Germany and to neutral nations have not always been proven truthful by later developments, the Cologne Gazette justifies this circum-

"Circumstances often force one to deviate from the path of strict rectitude; to answer lies by lies. This is the only way to answer liars. When our troops have annihilated them, we shall return to our habit of strict

"VICTORY FLOUR"

### Volunteers Added To List

Majority Residents of St. John's-Total Now Up To 786

Nine volunteers came forward yesterday, bringing the total up to 786. Those who signed yesterday were: St. John's-Harvey V. Richards, Ed. Elect Officers Faour, Jas. J. Curnew, Ml. John Sinnott, John J. Cahill, John F. White

> Twillingate-Norman B. W. Pardy Whitbourne-John Murrin. Yesterday, owing to the storm, the lads drilled in the C.L.B. Armoury. com's stripes were given their written exams, yesterday, and will go under

> the practical exam. today. Yesterday morning the officers were lectured by Capt. Abraham.

## MR. T. COOK COMPLIMENTS **WEST COAST**

Was Agreeably Surprised by the Spirit of Enterprise and Progress in Evidence at Hustling Town of Grand Bank

Mr. Tasker Cook, who was visiting Grand Bank on business, returned by Portia and Placentia last night. He left home a fortnight ago hoping to return within a week, but could

not connect with steamer early. The object of his visit was arrange salvage for a large quantity of pitch pine salved by Grand Bank banking schrs. from the Cuban steam-Wesley Bible Class are holding a er Cienfugeos wrecked at Scatterie last year. An arrangement satisfactory to all was made.

It was Mr. Cook's first lengthy visit to the thriving town of Grand Bank, The schr. Regina has cleared from and he was very favorably impressed. The industry of the people appealed strongly to him. The condition of the town generally, the stores, residences and the people tell plainly there are

The banking schooners are all well kept and the fishermen are particularly busy just now getting ready for the early spring fishery.

The fishermen of Grand Bank have made money apparently, but their own energy is responsible for it.

#### "VICTORY FLOUR" Gives bread that nutty flavor so de-

#### Remains Interred

The remains of Mrs. J. M. Dooley and her daughter Mary were interred at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at 9.30 this

Mr. Dooley, the husband and father, arrived by yesterday's express. This morning with other relatives he went to the Mortuary Chapel at the strictly confidential.

Cemetery and undertaker Myrick opened the coffins, so that Mr. Dooley may see them before interment. The bodies were in perfect state of preservation and could not have been better had they been embalmed.

It was a sad scene, that was witnessed in the little chapel this morning, and those whose duty called them there will not soon forget it.

#### "VICTORY FLOUR"

You cannot get better at any price. from the time of her arrest. Sweet and fresh while the loaf lasts.

# SCOTCH PRAISE

is now going on

Special Reductions on all Odds and Ends,

Surplus Stock, etc.

Here are some of the goods that we must clear out:

Remants of all kinds.

Terms Cash. No Charging. No Approval.

AUTE Hons

Dress Skirts

Opera Cloaks

**Sports Coats** 

Costumes

Raglans

Children's Coats

**Boots and Shoes** 

Men's Underwear

Men's Pyjamas, etc.

Children's Underwear

Great Success (Continued from page 1.) Splendid Programme and Large At- we hope to make great friends with Won From the All-Comers Last Night the Highlanders during our stay."

tendance at Presbyterian Hall. The Officers The concert at the Presbyterian Hall last evening was largely attended and proved a success in every par-

Duet-Miss L. Anderson and Mr

Duet-Misses J Strang and L. An ant Butler, Lieutenant Raley, transport officer; and Lieutenant and Quar-After the concert the officers of the termaster Summers. Women's Missionary Society entertain ed those who took part in the program in the ladies parlour and a pleasant

time was spent. The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the Mission Fund.

### Truckmen Meet

Scotch Concert

The programme was:

Solo-Miss L. Anderson,

Solo-Miss J. Trapnell.

Recitation-Miss Doyle.

Solo-Miss E. Mare.

Solo-Miss J. Strang.

Solo-Mr. King.

Recitation-Miss Dayle.

Solo-Miss D. Johnson.

Solo-Miss J. Anderson.

Violin Solo-Miss S. Johnson.

The quarterly meeting of the Truckwere discussed. It was decided that during the win-

ter to haul only three casks of oil at a

A sum of money was set aside in case any member's family becomes needy during the present winter. after this matter. This money will pay a visit to the spot. not be used to provide feed for horses. Allocations from this fund will be team, ready to show its paces after

"VICTORY FLOUR" Sweet and fresh while the loaf lasts. strong ice. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD. It is reported that the contingent

Six Months

The young woman of Ayre & Sons employ who was arrested some weeks It is expected, unless something un-route marches, and it is hoped that ago for theft was before Judge Knight foreseen happens-and that often hap- one of these days they will come the this morning and sentenced to six pens in these war times—that the con length of Inverness, and show us months imprisonment to take effect tingent will put in a few months' train what the men of our Empire across

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS**

With the contingent are a capable staff of officers. It was the desire of all ranks that they should have a competent commanding-officer with the military experience. This they found Natives in Lieut.-Colonel R. de H. Burton. Captain Rendell is an able adjutant. The others are all excellently qualified for their work, and are as follows: Captain Cary, Captain Bernard, Captain March, Captain O'Brien, Captain Alexander, Captain Timewell, paymaster; Lieutenant Ledingham, Lieutenant Ayre, Lieutenant Rowsell, Lieutenant Nunns, Lieutenant Tait, Lieutenant Wighton, Lieutenant Good-

The medical officer is Dr. Wakefield, who has been associated with Dr. Grenfell in his work in Labrador. Sergeant-Major Paver, late of the King's Royal Rifles and the A.P.C. who was in the colony, is the warrant

Not Many Scotsmen.

There are not many Scotsmen in men's Union was held last evening the contingent. A great many, howwhen several matters of importance when several matters in the several matter when several matter when several matters in the several matter when several matter The few Scotsmen, we were told, were a happy lot, who, like the others, are delighted to do their training near Under the Auspices of Atlantic home. The visitors are greatly inter- Lodge, I.O.O.F. ested in the history of the old Fort. They were delighted to learn that they were within a few miles of the Relations to the Great War." A committee was appointed to look battlefield of Culloden, and hope to OddFellowsHall

> a fine ice hockey team, which also might show their prowess if Lochna- Proceeds in aid of the Bel-Sanais would oblige with sufficiently gian Fund.

Their Training

FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD. part of which the firm has recovered. little to fear, for besides having about them a Highland welcome.

## Natives Annex R. G. Reid Trophy

In Curling Match.

Natives and All Comers competed for the R. G. Reid trophy last evening, the former winning by ten points.

fifty-eight to forty-eight. The players and scores were: F. H. Steer ..... ... H. Crawford W. Shirran . . . . . J. C. Hepburn J. Browning .. .. .. .. D. P. Duff J. Peters, 10.. (sk).. 17, F. Chesman F. W. Bradshaw .. .. D. McFarlane W. F. Joyce .. .. T. J. Duley T. Winter, 14 (sk) 10, A. Montgomerie A. Donnelly .. .. .. J. C. Jardine ridge, Lieutenant Alderdice, Lieuten- H. J. Duder, 18 (sk) 8, John Jackson J. R. Bennett ..... E. McNab H. Jardine .. .. .. F. T. Brehm

> The President's and Vice-President's prizes will be competed for at There is no word of the Mongolian

W. H. Duder, 16 (sk) 13, A. Robertson

By Dr. H. M. Mosdell

Subject: "Belgium and her

The contingent has a good football Thursday, 14th inst., at 8 p.m. duty has been done. They have also Admission 20c.

will be joined by another 500 men who 150 "dead" shots, most of the men are at present doing some training in have more than the ordinary know-

ledge of the use of arms. The contingent are to have long

ing at Fort George. In the depart- the sea are like, and afford the High-The amount against her was \$814.00. ment of musketry the contingent have land Capital an opportunity of giving Vo GE

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