

### SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE OF AN AVIATOR

Dropped Hand Grenade on a Convoy and Exploded Its Ammunition

### MEN NICKNAME THEIR TRENCHES

Which are Usually Well Provided with Shelter Against Weather and Shells

London, Oct. 20—There has been given out in London a descriptive account of some recent developments in France, sent in by an eyewitness attached to the British general headquarters. The account is dated October 13, in France, and is in part as follows:

"On the firing line the men sleep and obtain shelter in dugouts they have hollowed or cut under the sides of the trenches. These refuges are raised slightly above the bottom of the trench so as to remain dry in wet weather. The floor of the trench also is sloped for purposes of drainage."

Some of the trenches are provided with overhead cover which gives protection from the weather as well as from shrapnel balls and splinters of shells. Considerable ingenuity has been exercised by the men in naming these shelters. Among the favorite designations are "The Hotel Cecil," the "Ritz Hotel," the "Billet-Doux Hotel," the "Rue Dormir" (Sleeping Street).

"On the road barricades also are to be found, boards bearing the notice: 'This way to the Prussians.'"

### Wag Suggested Co-operation.

"Obstacles of every kind abound and at night each side can hear the enemy driving pickets for entanglements (wolf-holes), or working forward by sapping. In some places obstacles have been constructed by both sides so close together that some wag suggested that each side provide working parties to perform this fatiguing duty alternately, inasmuch as the work of the enemy is now almost indistinguishable from ours and serves the same purpose."

"Quarries and caves to which allusion already has been made, provide ample accommodation for whole battalions, and most comfortable are the shelters which have been constructed in them. The northern slopes of the Aisne valley fortunately are very steep and this to a great extent protects us from the enemy's shells, many of which pass harmlessly over our heads to burst in the meadow along the river bank."

"At all points subject to shell fire access to the firing line from behind is provided by communication trenches. These are now so good that it is possible to cross in safety a fire-swept zone to the advance trenches from bullet-proof villages, bivouacs in the quarries, or other places where the headquarters of units happen to be."

### Airmen Destroyed Convoy.

"It already has been mentioned that according to information obtained from the enemy, 15 German airmen were killed by a bomb dropped upon the ammunition wagon of a cavalry column. It was thought at the time that this might have been the work of one of our airmen, who reported that he had dropped a hand grenade on this convoy, and had then got a bird's-eye view of the finest display of fireworks that he had ever seen. From corroborative evidence it now appears that this was the case; that the grenade thrown by him probably was the cause of the destruction of a small convoy carrying field gun and howitzer ammunition which now has been found a total wreck. Along the road lie 14 motor lorries, their iron skeletons twisted and broken. Everything inflammable has been burned, as have the stripped trees some with split trunks—on either side of the road. Of the drivers, nothing remains except tattered boots and charred scraps of clothing, while the ground within a radius of 50 yards of the wagons is littered with pieces of iron, split brass cartridges cases which have exploded, and some gun ammunition with live shells."

### Like String of Firecrackers.

"If it were possible to reconstruct this incident, if it was in fact brought about as supposed, the grenade from the aeroplane must have detonated on the leading lorry, on one side of the road, and caused the cartridges carried by it to explode. Three vehicles immediately in the rear must then have been set on fire and with a similar result. Behind these are groups of four and two vehicles so jammed together as to suggest that they must have collided in desperate attempts to stop. On

### ARE CROWDED WITH SHIPPING

Many Schooners Now Loading and Unloading at the Union Trading Company's Premises

Most of the schooners which arrived with Trading Co. fish have now been discharged and loaded with supplies and await a favorable time to proceed North.

The Trading Co. purchased 45,000 qts. of Shore fish this season to date, nine-tenths of which has been disposed of. Another 5,000 qts. will be gathered in by the 20th of November.

A number of buyers representing firms here are now cruising the North endeavoring to secure cargoes of fish and are offering \$5.50 talqual. The Nellie R. is loading supplies for Joe Batt's Arm store and will bring back a load of fish for the Trading Co.

A shipment of 1,400 brls. of flour for the Trading Co. has just arrived from Montreal. Since September the Trading Co. has disposed of 13,000 brls. of flour.

The Trading Co. has just given an order to the Union store at Scilly Cove for 3,000 barrels. Scilly Cove is noted for its coopers as well as its fishermen and thousands of herring and berry barrels and fish casks and drums are made there every year. The Trading Co. will utilize those barrels in the spring to pack herring.

During the past season the Trading Co. purchased 8,000 barrels of herring, three-fourths of which were packed in Twillingate District.

### Yesterday's Fire

At 6.15 last evening an alarm of fire sounded calling the Western and Central firemen to Bowling's South Side Premises.

The blaze was confined to the lamp room, where lamps are trimmed.

The chief officer and crew of the Otello, who were near at the time assisted by the employees, formed a bucket brigade and soon had the blaze extinguished.

The damage was only trivial.

### Rejoins Ship

The bugler of the Mongolian who deserted recently and went to Trepassy, and was later placed in the penitentiary, will re-join his ship on her return from Philadelphia tomorrow.

### Dies Suddenly

Nicholas J. Coady, grocer, Duggan's Street and Flower's Hill, died suddenly at one o'clock today. He was ill for a few hours and was attended by a doctor and Rev. Fr. Doyle. He was 44 years of age.

### SHIPPING

The Ida M. Zinck sails for Barbadoes tomorrow with fish, etc., from A. Goodridge & Sons.

Forogta arrived at Fogo yesterday and left at 6.45 a.m.

Schr. Novelty is loading fish at Munroe & Co.'s for Brazil.

The Prospero arrived at Westerville at 6 p.m. yesterday and left at 7 a.m.

Schr. John sails tomorrow for Aleante with fish from Munroe & Co.'s.

Schr. Vigilant sails to-day for Little Bay Islands to load fish for Spain.

The Portia arrived at Belleoram at 5.30 and left at 8.30 a.m. She is due here Sunday.

### VOLUNTEER LIST TOMORROW

To-morrow we will publish the names of the First Newfoundland contingent and their numbers, and friends will have no difficulty in ascertaining their addresses.

On the other side of the road, almost level with the leading wagon, are four more vehicles, which probably were fired by the explosion of the first.

"If this appalling destruction was due to one hand grenade it is an illustration of the potentialities of a small amount of high explosive detonated in the right spot, while the nature of the place where the disaster occurred—a narrow forest road between high trees—is a testimony to the skill of the airman. It is only fair to add that some French newspapers claim this damage to the enemy was caused by the action of a detachment of their dragoons."

### W.C.T.U. ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

And Appoint Their Usual Committees For the Year's Activities

The meeting of the W.C.T.U. in the Girl's Department, Seamen's Institute yesterday was the largest of the year. Mrs. Benedict presided and the session opened with a devotional half hour conducted by Mrs. J. Pippy. The election of officers for the coming year which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Benedict.  
1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Penman.  
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. Moore.  
3rd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. G. Soper.  
Rec. Secty.—Mrs. W. B. Fraser.  
Corresponding Secty.—Mrs. J. B. Mitchell.

### Committees Appointed.

Committees were also appointed to deal with Hospital, Penitentiary, Poor Asylum and other branches of work.

The report of the Penitentiary Committee showed the work there to be progressing favorably. At the service conducted on Sunday last by Mr Taylor, a solo was rendered by Mrs Penman and four inmates of the institution signed the pledge.

### Outport Branches.

Up to the present nothing definite has been done as to the forming of branches in the outports but arrangements are in progress and reports from various centres are expected within a few days. It is expected these will be favorable and the establishment of such branches will be proceeded with immediately. Some matters of minor importance were also discussed after which the meeting closed at 5 p.m.

### WAS DROWNED AT BONAVISTA

Sad Death of Walter Butt Yesterday

Mr. W. Piercy, of James Baird, Ltd., had a message from Bonavista to-day that Walter Butt, son of Daniel Butt, was drowned yesterday. Two other brothers were saved.

No particulars are at hand, but it is believed that the accident was caused by the upsetting of a boat.

Mr. Piercy was asked for particulars.

### READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

### STEBAURMAN'S OINTMENT

17 Brennan St.,  
St. John's, July 13, '14.

I am a cripple for 25 years, and had several doctors treating me; also spent some time at the hospital, but all failed to do me any good.

I am glad to say that "Your Ointment," &c., has made a perfect cure of me. Previous to this I was obliged to walk around on crutches. So I advise all sufferers to give his medicine a trial and prove for themselves my statements.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) MRS. SHAW.

To MR. L. STEBAURMAN,  
15 Brazil's Square,  
or P. O. Box 651.

Stebaurman's Ointment, 20 cents per box or 6 boxes for \$1.00.—oct23,2w



### NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland in the C.L.B. Armory on tomorrow (Friday), 23rd inst., at 8 p.m.

V. P. BURKE,  
Hon. Sec.  
oct22,2i

### NOTICE!

All persons holding receipts for fish shipped to me on the Labrador coast, must present them to my office at Catalina for payment.

On no account whatever will they be paid at St. John's.

PHILIP TEMPLEMAN.  
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### BRITISH HAVE A HARD TASK

To Maintain Effective Patrol Of High Seas—German Advantage

New York, Oct. 20—The Sun says: "In these days of waiting England hears little else from the North Sea but of disaster to her ships. Four cruisers have now been torpedoed by German submarines, and nearly 2,000 officers and men are lost to the service."

The curtain that shuts out the fleet in its nerve racking duty of patrolling the stretch of waters from the Skaggerack to Borkum is never raised. All that Britain knows is that the line of battleships is cleared for action, ready for the sea fight that may never be fought, and that the destroyers and submarines are on the watch for an elusive enemy that strikes in its own time, selecting its opportunity.

The North Sea is full of targets for the Germans, but the British submarines have no targets except the small ships of the enemy that "swim under the water," seldom rising to the surface. The tactical advantage is vastly on the side of the Germans. With information supplied them by aviators, they can make a sudden raid and the utmost risk is a submarine or two. That risk venturously commanders and well trained crews are always willing to take. Doubtless if conditions were reversed, British officers of the flotilla would be sinking German ships on patrol.

British efficiency was proved by what is referred to as minor successes. The curving of this fish by drying it altogether out of the question at this season of the year. Consequently it is being disposed of in the salt-bulk or green state.

### WESTERN FISHERY

Signs of Good Fall Voyage Of Both Codfish and Herring

Along the West Coast, particularly at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay, cod fish of the largest kind are being caught, reports Wednesday's "Western Star." From five to twenty quintals a week are being taken per boat when weather conditions allow fishing operations. The curing of this fish by drying it altogether out of the question at this season of the year. Consequently it is being disposed of in the salt-bulk or green state.

### Many Markets.

Fortunately for the fishermen, they are not dependent on any one market these days. Much of the West Coast fish products goes to Halifax, N.S. Then we have Gloucester firms coming in and purchasing large quantities of our cod and herring on the spot.

Then there is the Montreal market where green cod, either salt-bulk or pickle-cured, find a ready sale from September to February, and command good prices. Cod for this market should be graded as follows:—No. 2, 10 to 16 inches; No. 1 medium, 16 to 22 inches; No. 1 large, 22 inches upwards; No. 1 extra large, over 23 inches and over 10 lbs. Prices range according to grades, the highest grades commanding the best prices.

### Up to the Standard.

Much of the cod now being caught at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay come up to the standard of extra large, and would, therefore, fetch the best market prices. Stewart Munn & Co., of Montreal, have issued a circular, relative to green cod and its market, which is well worth perusal.

At Farquhar & Co.'s packing premises, at Middle Arm, things have been humming since the herring struck in; and gangs of men are working day and night curing the fish for export.

### Good Herring Catch.

Along the northern shore of North Arm the herring catch on Wednesday ranged from ten to twenty barrels per fleet of nets, while on Saturday the catch averaged about five tubs, the body of herring having been moved out near Green Island, and may later strike into Middle Arm.

Some two or three American schooners have so far arrived for herring cargoes; but many of the Bay of Islands fishermen are not depending on that method to dispose of their herring, as they have provided themselves with barrels and have resolved to pack and export at least a portion of their catch themselves.

Mr. Jewell will continue the "Scotch" method of cure this season; and we understand that Mr. Thorne also will go into the herring business.

There is a sign of herring at Bonne Bay, and fishermen there are preparing for a big voyage.

**Embroidered Silk and Linen Art Novelties.**

We have just opened an especially handsome shipment of **Embroidered Art Novelties, in HANKERCHIEF SACHETS, HANKERCHIEF BOXES, PIN CUSHIONS, TEA COSIES, SOFA CUSHIONS, HAIR TIDIES, HAT PIN STANDS, WALL POCKETETS, JEWEL BOXES, etc.**

The Daintiest Goods of the kind we have ever shown.

### THIRD ACT OF WAR DRAMA IN WEST NEARS ITS CRISIS

All the Signs Point to the Absolute Failure of the German Attempt to Secure a Footbold in Western Belgium and Northwest France

London, Oct. 21.—The third act of the war in the western theatre is now in a critical stage. The first act was the German attempt to carry out the scheme of an irresistible sweep through Belgium and Northern France upon Paris, culminating in the capture of the French capital, capital, which would have been a jshattering blow to France.

The second act was the offensive assumed by the Allies after General Von Kluck had stretched his army on the German west wing over a longer line of communication than he could hold, and the Allied army pressed him back toward the Belgian border, compelling the entire German line, from the eastern pivot of Verdun to recede in order to maintain an unbroken front, and a possible line of the Third Act.

The third act comprised the attempted advance of the Germans along the coast of Belgium and Northern France, apparently with the design of establishing themselves in the Channel ports, from which points of vantage they could menace England.

The extreme Western fighting line now reaches from Armentieres through Roulers to Nieupoort, which is on the coast about half way between Ostend and Dunkirk. According to a French official announcement German heavy artillery, brought from the siege of Antwerp presumably, was reported to have been in Nieupoort to Vladislo, which is about ten miles from the coast.

### Allies Make Progress.

The Allies also have made progress eastward from a point south of Armentieres toward Lille, on a line running roughly to Arras. The report tells of house to house fighting, in which the Allies are advancing. The battle has waged around Arras without respite for ten days, and on the part of the Allied troops, "with a

perseverance and a spirit which never for a moment have been relaxed."

The announcement that the Germans have taken siege guns to the neighborhood of Belfort, may mean that their plans are to attempt an advance on both ends of what during the past month has become virtually a long fortified line.

The great battles in the eastern theatre, between the Russian and German and Austrian forces, continue. The reports from both sides are brief and contradictory. Petrograd claims that the Russians have won partial success in very severe fighting before Warsaw and Przemyel. Vienna declares that the Austro-German armies have made advances in both regions, and that the Russian casualties at Przemyel number 40,000.

The Fisheries Department had a cablegram from Oporto today that there was no change since last report.

### WANTED.

Commissions for the Collection of Rent, Overdue Accounts, &c. Accepted on a commission basis. Advertiser has had plenty of experience and can give references. C. W. THISTLE, 148 New Gower Street.—oct12,1m

### FOR SALE

A Truck Horse, about 1,400 lbs. The animal is quiet and easily managed. He is in sound condition in wind and limb, about seven years old. Apply at this office.—oct17

### FOR SALE

One Motor Boat, about 22 feet long, equipped with new Ferro 5 1/2 h.p. Engine with Kerosene Adapter and Reverse Gear. A snap for a quick sale.—oct1,tf

### SPLENDID BILL AT THE NICKEL

The Nickel Theatre this evening presents a most attractive program, including two two-part pictures. The first is the thrilling Thanhouser story "The Junior Partner." It features the celebrated actress Flo La Radio, and it shows the great Chase race and marvellous fire scenes. Nothing like it has ever been seen in St. John's before.

The other big feature is by the Selig Co. It is entitled "The Uphill Climb." A sorrowing mother impresses upon her ward the fact that her son must be redeemed through her, and makes it her dying wish that the girl marry the young man. How this is carried out makes a striking and absorbing story which everyone should make an effort to see.

"Fortunes Turn" is a beautiful melodrama in which the Vitagraph artists are seen to advantage. "Riley's Deceits" is a comedy of great mirth by the Biograph Co. Our old friend John Bunny will be seen in a rollicking comedy—"His Tired Uncle."

Arthur C. Huskins, the sweet-voiced tenor made another big hit last night in his songs "The little grey home of the West" and "Rose in the Bud." Both proved popular and he was thunderously applauded. The Nickel had just received another shipment of excellent colored war slides. The regular Saturday matinee takes place to-morrow with extra pictures. Send the children and let them have a good time.

Mrs. W. H. Jackman left by last evening's express for Montreal to undergo an operation. She was accompanied by her brother-in-law, Mr. E. M. Jackman, who goes on business.

### FOR SALE!

The Schooner **Netta M. Prince, 38 Tons.**

Further particulars apply to S. J. PRINCE, oct17,6i Princeton, B.B.