

## THE MASSES



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FRIDAY, April 20, 1917.

### The Casualty List.

Once more the price of victory has fallen heavily on our brave Regiment. It was known that it must be playing the part in the advance which its reputation had marked it out for—now great a part we have yet to learn—and a casualty list was looked for almost as a matter of course. It has come, or the first part of it, and the blow is a terribly severe one, the worst since last July. It is true that not one of the names of the officers contained in it, names of the most splendid types of our manhood, bears the fatal "Killed" opposite it, but many of them are under the almost more torturing designation "Missing." In each case hope remains, but the hope which has so often been cruelly disappointed that none will place too much reliance in it. None the less it exists, and the rather striking fact that none of these officers is definitely reported killed indicates that the nature of the fighting may have been peculiar and different from that of former occasions. Thus there is always the possibility that some of these men were seen to fall (and therefore are reported wounded), and were afterwards picked up by other troops in the impetuous advance. The very nature and unusual classification of the list encourages some such impression, and the best consolation we can offer is that it is quite impossible as yet to form any definite conclusions. All will pray that their worst fears be not realized, for the names on the list are household names with us, the best in the Regiment. They tell a story which we hardly need the messages to confirm, and the messages will soon come. They will tell of deeds worthy of the regiment that has been mentioned in despatches. They do not need to tell of the heroism of those that led it: we know it already.

### Hospital Patients

The following persons were admitted to the General Hospital yesterday afternoon and this morning:—John Brest, Botwood, eye trouble; Mrs. Bessie E. E. Gower, St. John's, for medical treatment; Pte. Tracey, urgent case for surgical treatment; Ben Emberley, Brewley, internal trouble; Mrs. Sullivan, Pouch Cove, brought to town in the ambulance for medical treatment, serious; Mate J. Coffin, of the Fionia, enters the institution tomorrow for medical treatment. We again repeat the warning to our outport friends not to come to St. John's on the mere chance of entering the hospital unless their case is an urgent one, as upwards of one hundred people are waiting their turn to be admitted to that institution. We regret that the powers that be have not made provision to accommodate many who are in need of surgical and medical help, but under the existing circumstances outport people should in their own interest accept our advice.

### Train Notes.

Yesterday's outgoing express left Badger at 9 a.m. to-day.  
The incoming express with first class passengers is due here at mid-night.  
The mail and freight train left Port aux Basques this morning.  
The local train from Carbonear reached the city at 12.30 p.m. to-day.

### Reids' Boats.

The Argyle, leaving Placentia to-day on Merasheen route.  
The Ethie left Placentia at 5.50 p.m. yesterday and reached St. John's at noon to-day.  
The Glencoe left Belleoram at 6 p.m. yesterday, going west.

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### Casualty List.

Received April 19th, 1917.

2nd Lieut. Ralph B. Herder, 40 Rennie's Mill Road. Unofficially reported wounded.  
2nd Lieut. William J. Clare, 24 Codner's Lane. At 6th Stationary Hospital, Freetown, April 14th, shrapnel fingers.  
2331—Private Frank Small, Morston's Harbor, N. D. B. Admitted Wadsworth, wounded accidentally, foot.  
2358—L. Corp. Scammell, Change Islands. Admitted Wadsworth, pyrexia.

2793—Private Joseph Evans, Grand Bank. Admitted Wadsworth, bronchitis.

2931—Private Walter J. Bursey, 101 Barnes Road. Admitted Wadsworth, gunshot wound left radius, amputation left leg. (Previously reported gunshot wounds left forearm, fracture ulna, left leg, Rouen, March 5th.)

The Following Admitted Wadsworth. Gunshot Wounds.

2801—Private Sidney H. Abbott, Charlottetown, B.B. Thigh.

2512—Private Cecil Osmond, Gambo, B. B. Left leg and right foot.

1776—Private Arthur S. Thomas, 55 Freshwater Road. Left leg and right heel.

2533—Private Walter B. Rowsell, Leading Ticklea, N. D. B. Left leg and right heel.

1730—Private Robert Hichelin, Traverses Pin, Grand River, Labrador. Right Leg.

2057—Corporal Albert Davis, Greenspond. Right ankle.

2638—L. Corp. Henry T. Stone, Snook's Brook, T. B. Abdomen.

Casualties Reported in Action April 14th.

Captain Reginald Rowsell, M. C., Bonavista. Previously reported wounded, now reported wounded and missing.

Reported Missing. Believed Killed. Lieut. Robert P. Holloway, 168 Gower Street.

2nd Lieut. Alexander B. Baird, "Brynmair," Portage Cove Road.

2nd Lieut. Augustus Alcock, Griquet.

Reported Missing. 2nd Lieut. John S. Stephenson, Leeds, England.

2nd Lieut. Cyril Gardner, D. C. M. and Bar, British Harbour, T. B.

2nd Lieut. Samuel R. Smith, Harbor Breton.

Reported Wounded and Missing. 2nd Lieut. Andrew M. Clouston, Patrick Street.

2nd Lieut. William A. Grace, 10 Knight Street.

2nd Lieut. Norman A. Outerbridge, 26 Monkstown Road.

Lieut. John G. Bemister, Carbonear. Wounded.

Captain Arthur Raley, M.C., St. John's. Gassed.

2nd Lieut. Ralph B. Herder, 40 Rennie's Mill Road. Now officially reported wounded.

Capt. Herbert Rendell, Duckworth Street. Admitted Wadsworth, gunshot wound, buttock.

2365—L. Corp. Richard J. Crumney, Western Bay. At 7th Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, April 17, dangerously ill, shrapnel neck.

1497—Private Hayward Cooper, Snook's Harbor, T. B. At 7th Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, April 17, seriously ill, shrapnel right shoulder.

1641—Private William A. Pollett, New Harbor, T. B. Dangerously ill, 13th General Hospital, Boulogne, April 17, gunshot wound, chest.

1283—Private Richard Ryan, Melrose, T. B. Dangerously ill, 26th General Hospital, Etaples, April 17, gunshot wound, thigh.

Received April 20th, 1917.

The following at 7th Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, April 16th.

Captain Arthur Raley, M.C., St. John's. Gassed. Gas, slight.

Lieut. John G. Bemister, Carbonear. Wounded. Gunshot wound left forearm, fracture severe.

2nd Lieut. Ralph B. Herder, 40 Rennie's Mill Road. Wounded. Gunshot wound ankle, slight.

Lieut. Leo C. Murphy, Prescott St. Gunshot wound ankle. Stated to be serious.

Lieut. Cecil S. James, 7 Flavin St. Gunshot wound leg. Stated to be serious.

1629—Private Walter L. Thorne, New Harbor, T. B. Died of wounds; shell wounds abdomen, 41st Casualty Clearing Station, France, April 14th.

2470—Private William J. Malmont, Grand Falls. Dangerously ill, 26th General Hospital, Etaples, April 13; Gunshot wound leg.

1572—Private Ephraim King, Catalina. At 8th Stationary Hospital, Freetown, April 13; gunshot wound left thigh; mild.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

EIGHT MONTHS COMING. Tessler and Co. received a shipment of salt this morning which has been en route since August last year. However, the much desired cargo has reached its destination not a bit too late to be disposed of.

## RETURNS OF THE SEALING VOYAGE FOR 1917.

With the discharge of the Viking, which ship, to use a local expression, "brought home the key," the seal-fishing for 1917 is over and appended are the returns. This compendium shows that the voyage, all things considered, was a great success. The total catch for the fleet of twelve steamers is 196,228, including 194,809 young harps, 1,310 old harps and 109 bedlamers, weighing 3,335 tons, 14 cwt., 2 qrs., 19 lbs., valued at \$514,830.75 net. Assuming the skins to be worth about one-half a million dollars, as that would be a conservative estimate, the entire voyage of seals would be valued at approximately one million dollars. In many aspects the voyage was a singular and

lucky one. First of all the ships were manned principally with men who were not eligible for enlistment; secondly, the fleet had less difficulty than usual hunting the fat north; thirdly, the unprecedentedly high price paid for fat, and perhaps the most outstanding and gratifying of all was the almost total absence of accidents of any kind. The only one reported for the spring happened on board the Viking when she was on her way home; a sealer was hit with a rope and badly hurt about the chest and head, but he will recover in a short time. A material though doubtless a wise impediment to the size of the voyage was the law prohibiting the killing of hood seals. But for being thus hand-

capped, all the captains contend that every ship would have got a full load. The fleet was one of the smallest on record. Eleven of the ships presented the fishery north and the Viking operated in the Gulf. The northern ships cleared from Pool's Island on March 19th and the very next day steamed into the "main patch," which extended from the Grois, Island, to Cape Bauld near the Straits of Belle Isle. Owing to striking the patch so early the seals were exceptionally small. The condition of the ice at the sealing grounds was very unusual owing to a heavy swell. The ice was broken up in strips and difficult for the crews to work on. Frequently men got marooned, but no accidents

occurred, owing to the carefulness and vigilance of the captains and master watches. The Halifax steamers Sable I. and Seal, in charge of Newfoundland captains, were the first ships to arrive in the order mentioned, log-loaded. Their arrival created keen competition amongst the local sealing buyers. The first price offered was \$6.00, then \$6.50 and increasing in 50 cent rises until it reached \$8.00 per hundred weight. It remained at that figure. The Union Trading Company were mainly responsible for the big jump in the price. The Viking in the Gulf getting what seals she did have off Byron Island, was not as fortunate as the northern ships on account of the ice being abnormal-

ly heavy there and stormy weather being frequent. A particularly striking feature was that with the exception of the cargoes of seals of the Thetis and Viking, the seals landed by the other ships were the smallest brought in since the "spring of the cats," though this was easily counteracted by the phenomenally high price paid. In conclusion it is scarcely necessary to mention the fact that many thousands of seals were taken this spring by langmen in White and Green Bays and other places north; even fishermen around St. John's did well with gaff and bat a few weeks ago when the port was blockaded by ice.

Date of Arrival.	STEAMER.	MASTER.	Total No. Seals.	Young Harps.	Old Harps.	Bedlamers.	Nett Weight, tons cwt. qrs. lbs.	Nett Value.	Crews.	Men's Shares.	Captains' Shares.
Mar. 26	Sable I.	Jos. Kean	25,110	24,967	143	..	390 19 0 24	\$58,138.23	149	\$129.19	\$2,325.52
27	Seal	J. Murley	16,024	15,907	117	..	277 11 3 27	41,381.50	149	91.95	1,655.26
28	Terra Nova	A. Kean	23,313	23,238	75	..	393 11 2 10	62,698.00	204	101.94	2,507.92
28	Erik	J. Parsons	21,643	21,476	155	12	325 10 2 26	51,625.95	190	90.09	2,065.03
Thetis	W. Winsor	..	22,588	22,419	119	..	431 12 0 18	68,626.24	208	109.45	2,725.04
April 1	Eagle	E. Bishop	18,180	17,997	183	..	319 7 2 6	50,667.99	197	85.29	2,026.71
1	Diana	Job Kean	8,737	8,670	60	7	137 15 0 16	21,440.94	159	47.70	857.63
2	Njord	J. Randall	14,797	14,739	58	..	287 3 2 25	45,742.62	172	58.13	1,329.70
6	Neptune	G. Barbour	15,951	15,694	167	90	245 9 1 16	38,803.70	204	63.09	1,552.14
6	Ranger	S. Winsor	9,503	9,398	105	..	137 11 2 25	21,823.76	163	43.04	872.95
10	Bloodhound	G. Whitley	10,156	10,098	58	..	145 15 1 8	23,170.14	179	42.90	926.80
18	Viking	W. Bartlett	10,276	10,206	70	..	193 6 0 14	30,711.68	161	63.19	1,228.46
			196,228	194,809	1310	109	3285 14 2 19	\$514,830.75			

### Will Defray Cost of Passage.

Of Wives and Children from United Kingdom.

19th April, 1917.

Dear Sir,  
I beg to give you herewith copy of message sent by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State, in relation to the cost of passage, from the United Kingdom to Newfoundland, of the wives and children of men in the Newfoundland Regiment. The same is of public interest.

Yours truly,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

The Editor  
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Secretary of State.

(Sent 18 April, 1917.)

Your dispatch 16th February No. 28. My dispatch 4th April No. 43.

My Ministers approve decision of Patriotic Association defraying cost of passage from United Kingdom to Newfoundland of wives and children of men in Newfoundland Regiment, and Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve.

Please notify Pay and Record Office, DAVIDSON.

### Bro. Rev. Dr. Jones

LECTURES TO MASONS.

Included in the large gathering of Masons at the Masonic Temple last night were many distinguished members of the craft, all being drawn together for the purpose of attending the annual gathering in aid of the Tasker Educational Fund and to listen to a very powerful address ably delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. Jones, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, who on being introduced by the presiding officer, District Grand Master, R. S. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. B. Duder, took as his subject "Masonic Ideals" and for upwards of an hour held his audience in the closest attention while he discussed the great principles underlying the Masonic life. Very clearly the rev. lecturer defined what was meant by an ideal and pointed out where Masonry affords an uplifting and inspiring ideal. It stands as the objective of all Mason's aspirations, and in its light they find their interpretation.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Jones, whose discourse ranked among the best ever heard in Masonic circles in this country. During the evening solos were rendered by Bros. S. Tucker and Carl Trapnell. The collection reached the fine amount of \$105 which will be devoted to the Tasker Education Fund.



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Obituary.

WILLIAM COFFIN (King's Cove).  
On the 12th inst., at King's Cove, Mr. William Coffin, son of the late Mr. Samuel Coffin, died at the age of 67 years. Although suffering from a severe illness last fall, yet he regained comparative health again, owing no doubt to a great extent to his robust constitution. But about a fortnight ago he was suddenly seized with a severe paralytic stroke, from which he never recovered. He was a man of sterling merit and will be missed by the community with whom he was deservedly popular. A good churchman and an able fisherman, whose last harbor and haven of rest has now been reached. He leaves a widow and four sons, Messrs. Kenneth, John, Samuel and Arthur; three daughters, Miss Beatrice Coffin, Mrs. Taylor, of Jamestown, B.B., and Mrs. Joseph Brown, of Vancouver, P.C., also two brothers, Rev. Hubert Coffin, of Canada, and Mr. Augustus E. Coffin, formerly of the C. E. Training School, St. John's, and one sister, Mrs. Charlotte Penny, of Canada, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy. American and Canadian papers please copy.

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