

SEAMAN HEARN; HERO

Went Over the Bow to Cut Away Jibboom—
Swam Half Mile Supporting Aged Cook.

In referring a few days ago to the difflous prevailing and the wonder in loss of the "Violet Courtney" we gave that he did not drown with the vessel but a brief outline of what occurred set wallowing as she was in the waves. She was 10 days out from Hearn said he could never forget the Gibraltar, where she had called and experience. As he worked the vessel was going up the Mediterranean, when constantly dipped heavily into the sea was suddenly overtaken by a N. E. waves, which continually swept on hurricane, with rain and a sea, which board, and seven times in succession literally ran mountains high. For he went under water with the diving four days this awful weather continued and emerged each time with it, and the vessel had to heave to at almost drowned in the smother. Romance or be overwhelmed. For the peatedly the Captain, who was anxious four days she was at the mercy of asked him if he was all right, wind and sea and early after the and though half drowned as the lad weather had been encountered the jibboom was, got a cheery answer from him. boon was carried out of her, and was He then realized he was on the wrong wrenched away with such force that side of the ship to work with effect it split the vessel's stern and water and security and asked that he began pouring into the hull at an helped up to the deck, which was done, alarming rate. The pumps had to be Drenched and exhausted as he was manned quickly and for the whole Hearn immediately went over the bows period of four nights and four days on the lee side of the ship (which he men took their watches at regular should have done at first) and after intervals at the pumps, Capt. Snelgrove exertion and great risk to him- ordinary sailor and doing all possible self managed to cut away the jibboom and the threatening spar was quickly to help his men and keep up their swept away from the ship's side. drooping spirits. When the jibboom! When Hearn regained the deck he went the stays remained attached to hardly could stand from exhaustion, it and with the run of the sea it began beating violently against the planks; when realizing that if this again after a short while. Hearn's were to continue, the vessel would fill and sink immediately, drowning all hands, Capt. Snelgrove called for a crew afloat. During the last day of volunteer to go over the side and chop away the stays to avert sure and sud- all hands still at the pumps, the ty bad shape from the work of pump- morning of which, despite the exhaust- ing, from anxiety, loss of rest and ing of the men, meant their only sal- battling with the elements, and it was vation. The men could only get little here that young Hearn, the most sleep, were drenched with the seas youthful of the crew, proved his her- running on board often, while they oisim, heroism which he later repeated had to grasp a bite of food from the in the case of old Cook Chadwick, for he stepped forward and offered to re- forecagles as best they might. lieve the ship of the spar that threat- down under their feet they had to take end, by its pounding against the to the only boat left, a dory, and when bows, to sink her. A new piece of fully a half mile from the shore of rope was tied about Hearn's waist the Island of Frontenera, in the rough and made fast on board, and despite water, it overturned and all had to the terrible sea running he went over swim for it. Hearn saw that the old the weather bow armed with an axe English cook, Chadwick, aged 75, who to cut the wreckage away. A mistake, could not swim, was doomed if assist- result of his thoughtfulness, caused ance was not given him, so starting him to go over the weather side of towards him he took him into his care, the ship with such awful weather con- told the old man to trust him and

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.
"The Switchman's Story," a Kalemi war drama, is one of the features the Crescent Picture Palace shows to- day. Gerda Holmes, Helen Dunbar and Richard C. Travers are presented in "A Song in the Dark," a great Es- sanay photo-drama. "Roses of Mem- ory" is an Edison pathetic domestic drama, and "A Boarding House Ham" is a very funny Sellig comedy. Pro- fessor McCarthy plays a new pro- gramme of music for this great week- end show, don't miss seeing it.

TO-NIGHT'S CONTEST.

At Rossley's British Theatre the last contest of the season will take place and a big fun night is promised; the doors will be open early. Sev- eral names are in. There is the com- petition, a vaudeville sketch and de- lightful new pictures, just arrived by express from New York. The Christmas production will be a great surprise to patrons, as Mrs. Rossley is fully assured it is something never attempted with children. It is day and night work for her, but if it gives pleasure to others it will be worth the trouble, the greatest novelty ever seen.

grasping him by the shoulder, being an expert swimmer and using the dis- engaged hand to propel himself got him safely ashore though, all particu- larly the old man, were pretty well used up. After a rest they had to travel 22 miles to a village, where the people, though speaking a different tongue from the British sailors, treat- ed them with extreme kindness. Mate Miller was hurt by a heavy sea throw- ing him with force to the deck of the ship, and Capt. Snelgrove was hurt by being thrown with violence against the boat.

As we observed in referring to Hearn's bravery a few days ago we hope to see His Excellency the Gov- ernor or someone in authority move that he be suitably rewarded for his gallant and human conduct. Capt. Snelgrove and crew, as well as other seamen who have learned of his ac- tions, think he is well entitled to the Royal Humane Society's medal.

The S.S. Durango left Liverpool for this port yesterday and will bring a large freight.

Lecture at Wesley Church

Private Phil Jensen lectured at Wesley Church last night before a large and very appreciative audience, it being his seventh discourse in the city on the great conflict in Europe. In a very fervid and realistic manner he described the splendid part which the Canadian Expeditionary Forces had taken in the war, their heroism and bravery before the enemy and their determination with the rest of the great Allied Powers to obliterate the menace of militarism. The lecture occupied over an hour in delivery and an earnest appeal was made to the manhood of Newfoundland to rally to the colours and uphold the honour and integrity of the Empire and con- serve the liberties of the world. Dur- ing an interval in the lecture vocal selections were given by Mr. C. Trappell and others and Mr. James Pratt presided at the organ with much ac- ceptance. The chair was occupied by Rev. H. Royle, the pastor. The col- lection amounted to \$38 for the Red Cross Fund. Wesley Church members have given 70 of their number as vol- unteers for the army and navy and several have laid down their lives in the cause, while 30 others who offered have been rejected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the soldier lec- turer at the close.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Receiver 11.30 a.m. December 15th.
2459 Lt. Corp. John J. Dunphy, 31 Central St. Killed in action, November 29th.

The Following Reported at Wands- worth.

- 2389 Private Alexander Pearce, Clar- enville, Trenchfoot.
- 1790 Private Richard H. George, New Harbour, T.B. Trenchfoot.
- 2622 Private R. L. Stevenson, Ship Head, Harbor Grace, Trench- foot.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary

The Municipal Meeting

Mayor Gosling presided at last night's meeting of the Board. Council- or Vinnicombe complained that gullies, about the cleaning of which orders had been given last week, had been neglected. The Engineer was instructed to see to it.

It being reported that Mr. P. Templeman was making repairs to a building, a shed at the rear of his house, and as this is in contravention of civic ordinances, the Solicitor will be instructed to act in the case.

The matter of C. F. Taylor's prop- erty over which some court work came on some time ago, was further discus- sed, and the Solicitor will act forth- with.

Councillor Mullaly called attention to the way the saplings were neglect- ed in LeMarchant Rd.

According to the Mayor, workmen are now attending to boxes and trees.

TWO HANDSOME MONUMENTS

Mr. Fred. Chislett, the well-known marble-worker recently turned out two splendid monuments for as many of our dead heroes, and they are now on exhibition at his show rooms on Water Street. They are of American dark blue marble, with gloss finish, are splendid specimens of the stone- cutter's art. One is erected to the memory of Henry Arthur Martin, of Hr. Grace, who was killed October 14th in France, and was the son of Jas. H. and Phoebe Martin, and the other is a memorial to George Graham Crosbie, son of Mr. Walter Crosbie, of Bay Roberts, who died of wounds received in the great drive of July 1st on the Somme front. Both monuments have beautifully carved on them the caribou head and other insignia of our Regiment.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The past few days the following re- cruits have enlisted in the Volunteer force:—

- H. Chafe, Gouls.
- C. Christopher, Blackhead.
- Wm. Hamilton, Tack's Beach, P.B.
- Stanley Dicks, Pool's Island.
- Patk. Keating, Torbay.
- M. F. Power, Witless Bay.
- L. Pilgrim, Griquet.
- David Simms, St. John's.
- Hy. Butler, St. John's.
- Hy. Smith, St. John's.
- M. P. Doran, St. John's.

LOCAL ITEMS

Lieut. Stan. Lumsden, who was severely wounded while at the front, and who is not yet recovered from the effects, will leave soon for Bermuda, where he hopes to regain his former health.

Yesterday Companies of Volunteers had drill on the Parade Ground, and also on the Square in the Barracks, yard. The men are fast becoming proficient in drill, and are a fine lot of men physically.

Inspector General Sullivan, who has been indisposed for several days past with a severe cold, we are glad to hear is now recovering and will be able to resume his duties in a few days hence.

Yesterday it was reported that a woman while getting off the train at Trepassay fell and broke her leg. If the matter is correct no name or particulars have been received.

Capt. James Houlthan, formerly of the Reid Nfld. Coy., who had been in the big drive with "Ours" in July 1st, and who was wounded in the ankle and thigh, is in hospital at Esher, Surrey, where he is fast recovering. "Jimmy" hopes soon again to rejoin his comrades at the front.

In the City, as well as right along the railway line, there was a slight snowfall last night, and the weather became decidedly colder with some frost. On the railway the engines have been fitted with snow ploughs, but up to date there has been no ne- cessity for them.

Citizens' Committee Hold Meeting

A largely attended meeting of the Citizens' Committee was held last night, Mr. Albert Soper presiding. Under the proposed new Charter the Secy.-Treasurer of the Council would be empowered to distrain the goods and chattels of people in arrears for taxes. This power was thought to be too despotic, and the clause dealing with it was amended in such a way that only the Council as a body should act in such case. The section hav- ing reference to the appointment of a Municipal Arrears Commission to consist of the Secy.-Treasurer and two Councillors passed with the re- commendation that their findings should be accessible to ratepayers. It is proposed to pay each of the mem- bers of the Commission 2½ per cent. of the net amount collected. It is estimated that about \$100,000 is due the City in arrears.

Several other matters were discus- sed, after which an adjournment was taken.

A SENSATIONAL CASE.

A case which caused somewhat of a sensation and which is of more than ordinary interest came before Mr. Frank J. Morris, K.C., in the Central District Court to-day, in which Mr. John T. Meaney of the Postal Tele- graphs is the pltf. and Mr. T. J. Foran, publisher of the Cadet, is the "def't. The case was the means of attracting to the Court Chamber most of the newspaper fraternity who were inter- ested witnesses of proceedings. Mr. Meaney sues Mr. Foran, who is the publisher of the "Cadet," a well known and popular periodical, for the sum of \$200 for articles written by him in the columns of the periodical, covering the publication of 10 issues. These articles were leaders and dealt with a variety of subjects of local in- terest. Mr. Meaney was sworn and examined in the case and affirmed that he had written the matter, for which he had been promised pay- ment, but had only received \$10 on account in a period of something over two years. After the evidence of Mr. Meaney was taken the further hear- ing of the case was postponed till 12 noon to-morrow. Mr. Gibbs, K.C., for pltf., Mr. T. P. Halley, B.L. for def't.

SCOTCH CONCERT AND SALE

The Ladies of the Khaki Guild will hold a Scotch Concert and Sale of Christmas puddings &c. on Tuesday night next. It will take place at the Presbyterian Hall and the ladies are putting forth every effort to make it the success it deserves to be. The Guild is providing a fund for return- ed soldiers after the war ceases and a goodly sum has already been real- ized to date. The object of the Con- cert and sale is a most worthy one, and it should be liberally patronized.

The Hazel L. Ritcey with 1600 bris, herring, the Catherine Burke with 1483 bris, and the I. R. Brad- ley with 1280 bris, left R. Nibner's Harbor yesterday for Gloucester.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Central Schools Closing

In the Synod Hall last night the annual closing exercises for the Cen- tral Schools took place, were largely attended and most successful. The following excellent programme was rendered:

Opening Chorus, "The Christmas Bells"; Dumb Bell Exercises, Junior Class; Recitation, "Gift to Santa," Dorothy Hancock; Action Song, "Twinkle, Twinkle," Kindergarten; Club Swinging Girls; Dialogue, "The Wiser Way," Maxse Butler and Effie Oak; Duet, "The Bargain," Lizzie Til- ley and Gertrude Oak; Dance, "Roses and Forget-Me-Not," Little Girls; Re- citation, "A Bunch of Daisies," Kin- dergarten; Tambourine Drill, Gypsies; Song, "Bye-Lo," Jean Benson; Swedish Exercises, Boys; Action Song, "We'll Tell You Your Fortunes," Gypsies; Recitation, "Japanese Maidens," Kin- dergarten; Gavotte, "Sunflowers," Girls. Recitation, "Ting-a-Lings," Kindergar- ten.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Very beautiful costumes were worn mostly the creations of the deft fin- gers of the pupils. The teachers, Misses M. Purchase, Pike, Heale, Tor- raville and Colton are to be congrat- ulated on their work, and the chair- man, Mr. W. W. Blackall, Supt. of Edu- cation, spoke eloquently of the good work of the scholars and asked for increased interest in and funds for the advancement of education. There were in the audience, Lady Horwood, Rev. I. Brinton, Capt. Eli Dawe and others much interested in educational matters. Rev. Canon Bolt referred to the excellent management of the school by the superintendent and paid a tribute of praise to Mr. Cadwell's efforts in the matter of the decora- tions. Rev. Canon White and Mr. J. W. Withers eloquently advocated the cause of education also and also pro- ved the work of the schools.

THE PRIZE LIST.

CLASS 1—Lucy Pearce, Arithmetic; Florry Adams, Reading; Clarence Whitten, Spelling; Victor Heale, Gen- eral Improvement; Max Carter, Writ- ing.

CLASS 2—M. Butler, Oral Composi- tion and Spelling; Annie Campbell, General Improvement; Sadie Garlando, Reading and Writing; Delsie Edney, Arithmetic; Frank Rowe, Recitation.

CLASS 3—Phoebe Tilley, Reading and Recitation; Eric Hamlyn, Draw- ing; Laura England, Scripture; May Rowe, General Improvement; Gordon Heale, Arithmetic; Millie Roberts, Geography; Clara Jones, Needlework.

CLASS 4—Florence, Pitcher, Read- ing and Penmanship; Moriel Butler, History and Hygiene; Louise Russell, Reading and Recitation; Stella Hem- mens, General Improvement; Arthur Matthews, Arithmetic and Reading; Mary Russell, Drawing and Penman- ship; Gertrude Oak, Attendance.

CLASS 5—Lizzie Tilley, Geography and Arithmetic; Ethel Hancock, Spelling; Doris Matthews, Scripture; George Pearce, Composition and Arithmetic; Mollie Pearce, Needle- work; Lizzie Tilley, Writing and Ef- ficient Montress; Minnie Hemmens, Writing and Efficient Montress.

Thanks are extended by Miss Pur- chase to the donors of prizes, viz.: Rev. Canon Smith, Rev. Canon White, Rev. Canon Bolt, the Chief Justice; Rev. J. Brinton, and W. W. Blackall, Esq., Supt. of Education.

SHIPPING

The Florizel should leave Halifax to-night, and will be due here Monday evening.

The bargin, "John" left for Pernam yesterday, taking 7,257 qtls. codfish shipped by Baine Johnston & Co.

The S.S. Thetis, Capt. Paulke, ar- rived at Campbellton at 3 p.m. yester- day and will load paper and pulp from New York.

The Prospero left Pilley's Isld. at daylight, bound north, and the Portia left Channel at 5.15 p.m. yesterday, bound to Bonne Bay.

The schr. Frank H. Andrews is now on her way from Boston to this port laden with naval stores and cattle feed for Mr. Colin Campbell.

The S.S. Ellswick Hall, which put in here three weeks ago with her machinery damaged and much damage done also about the decks, finished her repairs yesterday at the Reid Nfld. Coy.'s works and resumed her voyage to Liverpool to-day.

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