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GERMAN PILLAGERS SURPRISED

Mostly the Fighting Along the Entire Western Front Consists of Violent Artillery Duels

Paris, Jan. 12.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an announcement as follows:

From the sea to the Oise there was yesterday an intermittent cannonading fairly violent in certain places.

On the Aisne to the North of Soissons determined attacks have been delivered against the trenches occupied by us 8th and 10th January.

The enemy during yesterday attacked our positions several times. We repulsed them and took possession of more trenches.

From Soissons to Rheims there were artillery exchanges. Our heavy pieces of artillery responded efficaciously to the batteries this morning through line of Germans.

In Champagne in the region of Souain there was yesterday very active shooting by our artillery directed against the positions of our adversary near Perthes.

Lefortin, situated to the North of Deaujour farm was the scene of a desperate attack, the enemy succeeded in setting up a trench at this point with a series of field works commanding a position which was held by us.

This fighting is still going on. In Argonne and as far as the Meuse there is nothing to report. On the heights of the Meuse there have been two German attacks, one at the Forest of Consenvoye and the other on the Forest of Bouchot. Each was repulsed.

To the South East of Cirey-sur-Vezouse one of our detachments surprised and put to flight a German company which was pillaging the village of St. Sauveur.

Berlin Claims German Aviators Damaged Dunkirk

Says the Military Establishments of the City Were Completely Destroyed on Sunday

London, Jan. 12.—A wireless despatch from Berlin, says that the military establishments in and near Dunkirk were completely destroyed in an attack on the city, Sunday. Dunkirk's lighting plant was also destroyed.

The despatch says that this information is contained in a message from Rotterdam. Dunkirk, on the coast of France is the British Continental military base. Troops and supplies arriving from England are landed at this port, where extensive military supply stations have been established.

German Base For Aeroplanes At Belgian Town

Will Keep a Fleet of Latest Type Zeppelins and Aeroplanes Near Ghent

Geneva, Jan. 12.—Word has reached here that the Germans have established a base for their aerial fighting craft near Ghent in Belgium. Four Zeppelins of the latest type, and a number of aeroplanes have been assembled at this point that they made their recent trip over Calais.

Karlsruhe Prize, Former British Ship Flies German Flag

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 12.—The former British collier Farn, which now flies the German flag, arrived here today in command of a Lieutenant of the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

Her crew consisted of fourteen Germans and twenty-two Chinamen. The Farn was in distress and put in to San Juan for provisions.

Customs immigration authorities have cabled to Washington for instructions.

Vienna Swept By an Epidemic Of Deadly Disease

Smallpox, Cholera and Typhoid Are Prevalent—Disease Spreading Through Provinces.

Venice, Jan. 13.—Private reports from Vienna and statements appearing in the Austrian papers show that conditions in the Austrian capital are daily becoming more serious.

Small pox, cholera and typhoid, are prevalent, forty-five cases of small pox being officially reported in Vienna during the first nine days of January. Many cases of contagion are also reported from the various centres of Lower and Upper Austria, Styria, Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia and Galicia.

JAPS AFTER GERMANSHIP

Their Cruisers Are Scouring the Seas For the Converted Cruiser 'Prince Eitel'

Lima, Peru, Jan. 12.—Japanese cruisers continue to be active along the coast of Peru, seeking the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Latest reports received here set forth that the Japanese armoured cruiser Asama went into Payta, Peru, yesterday, and took on board provisions.

She left again the same afternoon. There is reason to believe that the British steamer Oriana, on her way back to Liverpool from the Pacific coast of South America, is being sought by the German boat. In any event, it is apparent that the Japanese cruisers are endeavouring to come up with the Eitel Friedrich.

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IS JAPANESE ASSISTANCE TO THE ALLIES IN EUROPE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY

French Writers Strong in Favor of the Transportation of Large Numbers of Jap Troops to Battlefronts

HOW THE MATTER COULD BE FIXED

Britain and France Could Transport the Troops and Finance Them—Japan To Share Spoils of War

Paris, Jan. 9.—Illustration makes a feature of an article on Japanese intervention written by Andre Cheradame, well known author and journalist. M. Cheradame declares that Japanese intervention is certainly not indispensable, as victory for the Allies through their own efforts is certain.

He says, however, that the matter should be considered solely from the viewpoint of shortening the infinite sufferings of the war.

M. Cheradame recounts Japan's grievance against Germany, which advised Russia to occupy Port Arthur and instigated the Russo-Japanese war. He charges also that Germany recently corrupted Japanese naval officers in the matter of obtaining contracts for German firms for installing electric and other works on the new warships.

The writer considers that Russia, Great Britain and France will be able to give Japan territorial compensation without involving Indo-China which Japan does not desire. But financial compensation, he says, is more important, as Japan was unable to obtain an indemnity after the war with Russia. Japan is weighed with taxation and is unable to expand at home. For this reason she is now driven to seek new lands to which her people may emigrate.

Make Germany Pay Loan. M. Cheradame figures that intervention by Japan would shorten the war by three months and save the allies a billion francs (\$200,000,000) per

GERMANS MADE HUGE MISTAKE

Realise That it Was a Very Unfortunate Move to Arrest Cardinal Mercier—Vatican Demands Reparation

Rome, Jan. 13.—The German denial that Cardinal Mercier was arrested in Brussels is true in only a technical sense, says The Tribune in a special edition. The Cardinal was not physically arrested and brought away from his residence, but he nevertheless was placed in a state of arrest within his Palace and was watched by a military guard.

The German Government, realising that violence against a Prince of the Church would have painful consequences throughout the world and also among the Catholic population of Germany and fearing the effect of measures which might be taken by the Vatican decided hurriedly to restore conditions to their former status.

Nevertheless, an act of violence has been committed against the Primate of Belgium. The Holy See has asked that reparation be made by the German Government and the explanation of Germany is awaited eagerly.

VETERAN OFFICER OF MANY WARS HEARS LAST ROLL

Washington, Jan. 12.—Brigadier-General Andrew Burt, U.S.A., retired, a veteran of the Civil, Spanish, Philippine, and a number of Indian wars, died suddenly here today, of heart failure.

He was 72 years of age and had served in the Army and Navy for over 40 years.

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Constantinople Reduced To Verge Of Starvation

Allied and Russian Fleets Have Completely Shut Off the Turks From All Supplies

New York, Jan. 12.—The closing of the Dardanelles and the shutting off of Turkey from outside commerce, has resulted in the people of Constantinople being reduced almost to the verge of starvation, according to George Tomayan, of Chicago, who for the past eight months was in charge of the American Orphan Asylum at Constantinople, and who arrived here today.

When I left Constantinople less than a month ago, that city was reduced to sore straits for food, all available supplies having been confiscated by the military authorities. The suffering among the poor people is intense, and the struggle for food by the poor is pitiful in the extreme.

GREAT MAZE OF TRENCHES

Makes Guides as Necessary As For a Trip to the Great Catacombs at Rome

New York, Jan. 10.—A London cable to the Herald says:

An officer who has returned from the front tells that it is quite easy to lose one's self in the trenches, which now extend from the north of Belgium to Alsace in almost an unbroken line. Thus there are two hundred miles of entrenchments, and in many parts line after line of trenches one behind another.

One could walk most of the distance under cover, for the English, French and Belgian trenches all communicate with one another, and all have the same zig-zag underground passages leading to other entrenchments in the rear.

This officer declares that there has been nothing like it since the Catacombs were built, and he adds that guides are necessary in this semi-subterranean life at the front. Indeed the trench guides' profession is now recognised, and guides regularly conduct troops from one part of the line to another.

Letters have been received from Capt. Cox, of the Othello, that she is bound to Savannah to load cotton for Havre.

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Germans Keep Mazurian Lakes Free From Ice

Object is to Keep Lakes Open For German Gunboats and to Prevent the Russians Engaged in East Prussia to Cross on the Ice

London, Jan. 12.—The Germans are utilizing ice-breakers on the Mazurian lakes, in East Prussia, to prevent the lakes from freezing over, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Their double object in this is to enable the German gunboats to continue operations and render it impossible for the Russians engaged in East Prussia to cross on the ice.

Patriotic Rally Gains 2 Recruits For Our Forces

Public Meeting at Curling Characterised by Much Patriotic Enthusiasm.

Hon. W. C. Job has received a message from A. W. Piccott, Minister of Marine, who is now at Curling where he addressed a meeting.

A public meeting was held in St. Patrick's Hall last night, at which Magistrate presided, and was supported on the platform by Rev. Dean O'Rourke, Rev. Mr. Cotton, and by the members of the Patriotic Association.

The meeting was a great success. Two young men volunteered, one for the Army and one for the Navy. Their names are Hugh D. Gillis, for the Army; Winslo Delareosh, for the Navy.

Russians Thrashed the Turks

Captured the Whole of One Regiment and All the Infantry Portion of Another—Took Turk Camp and Supplies

Petrograd, Jan. 13.—An official statement by General Staff of the Army in the Caucasus says: Fighting in the region of Olti (55 miles West of Kars) continues obstinately, the rear guard of the Turks being on the River Olti and to the West.

Bitter fighting in the Kara Urgan region has latterly inclined in our favor. On Jan. 11 we captured the 92nd regiment of infantry, including eleven officers, three surgeons, and 1,500 men. We also partially destroyed the 52nd regiment, the infantry portion of which, consisting of 250 soldiers and one officer, was captured.

We captured a height in Turkish territory and in taking the enemy's camp there we secured depots of artillery and ammunition.

John Redmond Re-elected Head of Home Rulers

Nationalists Decline it is Necessary and Desirable to Keep Their Organisation Going.

Dublin, Jan. 13.—John Redmond was re-elected President of the United States League at the annual meeting and resolutions were adopted congratulating the Irish nation on the triumphant end of the agitation of the past forty years for National self-government, but maintaining that, in view of the critical situation, which might arise in the near future, the continued existence of the National organization until the crisis has passed is essential.

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AVIATOR DROPPED XMAS CARDS

Made Hazardous Trip From Prussian Lines to Dunkirk to Enquire About Son of a German Colonel

Dunkirk, France, Jan. 10.—A German aviator, it has been learned, paid a visit to Dunkirk during Christmas week, but he dropped no bombs, only peaceful Christmas greetings.

His somewhat hazardous trip from the German lines was undertaken at the request of a Prussian colonel, who wanted to know where his son, killed at Soissons, was buried, and the parcel of letters and cards which the aviator dropped into the principal square of the city contained a letter asking for this information, together with letters from several French aviators, prisoners, in the hands of the Germans.

The cards were signed by the aviator himself, and bore the conventional greetings of the season, together with a message that he had been led to undertake the mission by his admiration for the gallantry of the captured French aviator.

President Wilson Delays Comment On British Note

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Wilson said today that he had no comment to make on the British reply to the American note, as it was only preliminary.

He indicated that he had not given the British communication full study, and that he purposed soon discussing it at length with Secretary Bryan.

Russians Escaped

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Water Pipe Breaks

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Turkey Bows To The Demands Made By Italy

Agrees to Release British Vice-Consul Arrested at Hodeida and to Salute Italian Flag

London, Jan. 12.—A special despatch from Rome to-day says that Turkey has agreed to the demands of Italy in connection with the Hodeida incident.

According to advices, Turkey has ordered the release of British vice-consul Richardson, who was arrested in the Italian Consulate at Hodeida, and has promised to punish the soldiers who broke into the Consulate, as well as to salute the Italian flag when it is again hoisted over the building.

PARISIANS ARE WARNED

Must Expect Air Raids As Soon as the Weather Improves—Precautions To Take

Paris, Jan. 13.—While Paris is not having the perpetual Zeppelin scare that London indulges in, there has been great activity because of reports that the air will be full of aeroplanes and dirigibles dropping bombs, just as soon as weather conditions permit.

Therefore, the inhabitants have been warned not to be alarmed if they suddenly get orders to turn off their lights and to be prepared to read by lamps behind screened windows.

Victor Moore, of 59 McFarlane St. was removed to the hospital in the ambulance yesterday to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

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TURKEY STRUGGLES FOR LIFE

Her Armies, at Death Grips With the Russians For the Last Five Days, Are Absolutely Shut off From Reinforcements

London, Jan. 12.—French attacks to the North of Soissons, on the Alsne, near Perthes, and east of Rheims, are developing into a serious offensive.

Gains which the French have made at these points, if followed up, would have a two-fold importance. They threaten the railways which the Germans are using to supply their troops in the fighting line, and are a serious menace to the German forces which hold positions to the North of Rheims.

The French have found it impossible to take these positions, from which Germans bombarded Rheims, by frontal attacks, but advances on either side would envelope them and force their retirement, thus giving the Cathedral City a much desired relief from German shells, from which it has suffered so much.

In Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse the Germans are on the offensive and claim to have made further progress.

It is reported that the Germans have sent heavy reinforcements to the district to prevent French from breaking through the lines, which are very close to their own border and not far from Metz.

Fresh German troops despatched to Alsace, combined with wintry weather, have stopped the French advance in that region.

Similar conditions prevail in the East, and while the Germans have completely stopped fighting, they have called a halt over the greater part of the field of operations.

The Turks are offering a stubborn resistance to the Russians in Karaugan, where a battle has been in progress for five days. It is a death struggle for them, for so long as the Russian fleet commands the Black Sea the Turks cannot get reinforcements from Europe, the overland route being a long and difficult one.

They have an army corps at Baghdad, but this is needed to oppose the advance of the British-Indian Army from the East.

Thirty Six Cases Small Pox Found On Passenger Ship

Virulent Outbreak in Steerage of Steamer Buenos Ayres—One Patient Died at Sea.

New York, Jan. 12.—Thirty-six passengers in the steerage of the steamer Buenos Ayres, who had been exposed to small pox, were removed from that vessel today, under orders of the Health Officer, and taken to Hoffman Island for observation.

While the vessel was bound for this port from Barcelona and Cadiz, one of the steerage passengers developed the disease in malignant form. He died, and was buried at sea.

Big Quake Causes Panic In Rome

Lashed For Several Seconds and Damaged Many Buildings

Rome, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome occurred early to-day and lasted several seconds.

It caused a great panic, the people everywhere rushing from the houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Winds increasing to gales from eastward with snow.

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SOME 'TRUTHS' AND 'FACTS' AS GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC BY GERMAN NEWSPAPERS

Berlin Paper Tells its Readers That Kitchener's Recent Optimistic Speech is a Tissue of Lies

PORTUGUESE ARE RIDICULED

Statement Made That Great Britain is in Difficulties Financially—Much Talk of Austro-German 'Victories'

"LIES in the House of Lords" is the heading placed by the Berlin Lokalanzeiger over the telegraphic report that is published of Lord Kitchener's recent speech. It asserts that the latter, which, it says, is a tissue of gross untruths, proves that British statesmen are experiencing great difficulty in keeping up the spirits of the nation. It recommends Lord Kitchener, with would-be sarcasm, not to speak about the boasting of other people.

"No German" it writes, "has ever underestimated the difficulties that confront us on our advance on Paris, and none has overlooked, in particular, the fact that the British are still in a position to strengthen and to support their obstinate resistance on the coast by means of fresh reinforcements."

"When, however, the British pretend that they anticipated that Antwerp would fall sooner than it did, all that one can say is that they were dumbfounded by the conquest of the powerful fortress, which was accomplished with irresistible bravery, that they reverted to their old habit of bragging. We do not seek to minimize our losses; we know, however, that we can make them good again, and that they are not in vain."

Portuguese Help Ridiculed.

Systematic efforts are obviously being made by the directors of German policy to persuade the German public that British ministers lie to deceive deliberately the British public.

The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, also for example, summarizes Mr. Lloyd George's latest speech in the House of Commons on England's financial position, and declares that it is not worth while refuting "the untruths in this statement."

The same journal asserts that by inducing Portugal to join her in the war against Germany and Austria-Hungary Britain again reveals the fact that she considers her position to be "desperate. A nation, it says, that is ready to accept any help, however small it may be, is no longer fighting for world supremacy; she is struggling only to retain what she possessed when the war began."

Moot Question.

It is a question, the Vossische says, if Portugal can injure Germany through her colonies, but it is perfectly certain that Portugal cannot influence the final decision. It may, indeed, be to Germany's advantage when the great settlement comes, it remarks, to have Portugal amongst her enemies.

"That we have no cause for anxiety in respect to our ultimate success," the organ of Berlin radicalism writes, "has once more been confirmed by our own and our allies victories in the west and in the east, in Belgium and in France, in Russian Poland, in Galicia, in Serbia, in the Caucasus, and on the Suez canal, to say nothing of the difficulties that are being raised for our enemies by the discontent among the Mohammedans in Morocco, in Egypt, and in India, and by the attitude assumed by the Persians towards Russia."

The economic situation in Germany, this journal says, is daily improving, and it is confident that England and France are suffering far more, from an economic point of view, than is Germany.

Territorial Losses Minimized. General von Blume, a retired infantry officer, asks, in the Pan-German Deutsche Tages Zeitung why Germany should think of peace. There is hardly an enemy on her soil, he states; some few small, distant colonies, it is true have been easily snatched up by the enemy, but the larger colonies are still in her possession.

"Our ally, Austria-Hungary," he writes continues, "temporarily relinquished part of Galicia in favor of the Russian, but she is mistress of all the rest of her territory, and also of the greater part of Serbia, whose power she has completely broken."

He is perfectly confident that all that is written and said in England about the formation of new armies, is mere brag, and "even if a million men were induced to join," he adds, Britain does not possess the

means to transform within measurable time, a million mercenaries with no military training, into troops fit for war."

"We are not hoodwinked by figures," the gallant general announces, "and consequently neither the German army nor the German public is in the slightest degree disquieted by the news that some million Russian troops are advancing on Eastern Prussia."

Mr. Lloyd George's Brag. The statement made by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject of Britain's financial position seems to have caused Germany more pain than all the blows struck by the Allied army.

The Kölnische Zeitung, the mouth-piece of the German Foreign Office, which is possibly embittered by the failure of certain German plans to undermine British credit, strongly presents the tone of Mr. George's speech. That the British minister merely bragged, it says, can be proved by recalling the fact that on the outbreak of war British credit sank to its lowest depths.

The Bank of England, the semi-official journal says, was then compelled lower its discount rate to 10 per cent., and the Government had to take over the guarantee for the bills discounted by the Bank. The renowned London money market thus, it adds, failed completely.

Even the great loan, "whose success Mr. Lloyd George thought he could safely parade before the world" was raised according to the Kölnische Zeitung, only with the help of all kinds of artificial means, and as a matter of fact, it adds, the Bank of England advances for three years without interest the whole amount subscribed. The subscriptions therefore, the Foreign Office organ informs the Germans, are no proof that the

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British capital is at the disposal of the public, or that it has any credit or patriotism.

The journal works itself into a state of great excitement, and declares that confidence in the British financial and credit systems has been so severely shaken that the British money market has probably lost for ever the position it has held for such a long time. In Germany, at any rate, it adds, every possible effort will be made to ensure that international payments shall be made otherwise than through London.

The Spoils of War.

The Austrian public is informed by the Neue Freie Presse, the semi-official Vienna journal, that Mr. Lloyd George's speech shows up Britain in her role of "hyena of the battlefield." By twisting one of Mr. Winston Churchill's remarks, the Austrian semi-official journal declares that the First Lord of the Admiralty has given the parole that good business is to be made out of the war, as usual!

"This national idea of England, it says, is shown up still more clearly by the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose cynicism, it says, is unparalleled. Mr. Lloyd George, the Neue Freie Presse states, promises his countrymen rich spoils as the result of this war, which is causing the rest of the world so much trouble and suffering. The journal itself promises, however, that British greed will not be satisfied so easily by this war as it has been by previous wars, and it rejoices in the fact that British expenditure and British losses are assuming tremendous proportions.

Just a Few Samples.

These are mere samples of the "truth" that is told by German and Austrian semi-official newspapers, and it is not surprising that an absolutely distorted view of Britain and British policy is held by the German and Austrian public.

The Association of Berlin Journalists has severed its connection with the International Press Union, the reason given for this step being that "German authors and journalists are convinced that there is no possibility of their working to their mutual benefit with the representatives of the lying Press of the foreign enemy for decades to come."

The leading German newspapers say that London and Paris have felt an urgent need lately for news of victories, and that this demand has been supplied ad nauseam by Petrograd. The Kölnische Zeitung asserts that such news has been furnished from Petrograd in order to keep up the spirits of the Allies, but in reality it is the German troops that are making progress and achieving successes.

Not Their Custom.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says that it is not the German custom to correct obvious mendacities in official reports issued by the enemy, for "our methods of letting our own victories speak for themselves fulfils the purpose much better. The same victories allegedly gained by Field Marshal von Hindenburg in Poland are being lauded by those newspapers."

The Tageblatt of Berlin publishes a telegram from its Constantinople correspondent, in which the views of the Turkish paper Tanin are given. According to this journal Field Marshal von Hindenburg enjoys the greatest popularity in Constantinople.

"His victories over the Russians," the Tanin says, "have not only made him the saviour of Germany, his great Fatherland; they have also created the conditions for the liberations of the Mohammedan world, and Hindenburg has thus become the saviour and hero of Islam as well."

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

NOTICE

All Local Councils in Trinity District who haven't yet sent in their district assessment, will please do so before the end of the month to the treasurer, George Fowlow, of Philip, Trinity East. J. G. STONE, D.C. Dec. 10, 1914.



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NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Bay de Verde District Council will be held at Western Bay on the 15th and 16th Instant. All Councils in Bay de Verde District are invited to send Delegates. President Coaker will be present at the meeting.

By order,

A. G. HUDSON,
District Chairman.

Lower Isld. Cove, Jan. 8, 1915.

TRENCH LIFE IS HORRIBLE TO SOLDIERS

Men Become Racked With Rheumatism, Covered with Vermin, Smitten With Pneumonia and Other Dire Diseases—Often they have to go Without Food For Long Periods

(By Herbert Corey)

LONDON, Dec. 20 (By Mail).—Five British officers came into Calais the other day. Each had been given the three-day furlough which is being granted trenchmen whenever possible. They went to one of the Calais hotels.

"We want a big room, with five beds in it," said they. "Clean beds. We want a roaring wood fire kept up in that room every minute of our three days. We want a bathroom with a constant supply of hot water—very hot water—and soap and towels. Then we want to be left alone."

For three days they slept and bathed and revelled in that wood fire, and between times ate—and ate—and ate. Then they went back to the trenches. "It was ripping," said they, with restrained British enthusiasm. "Positively ripping."

Wounded and Sick

Two weeks ago a train filled with men crawled into Calais. Calais is used to such trainloads, nowadays. Usually the men are carried off on stretchers, or hobbled out on improvised crutches, or are helped out by hospital orderlies. The emptied cars hold an unconquerable stench of drugs and antiseptics, on which blackened spots of stiffened blood appear. This trainload was different. There were no bandages and no blood. The men were bent and twisted and drawn with pain.

"Rheumatism," said a surgeon who helped receive them. "They have been in the trenches."

The story of the trenches is an impossible one. Men are living through things that men cannot live through. They are by turns soaked and frozen. They are in imminent, constant peril of death by shell and rifle fire. They have dead men for their trench-mates, sometimes for days at a time. They cannot sleep, because they are too cold, but they do manage to drop off into a chill-induced stupor. They leave the trenches racked with rheumatism, dying from pneumonia, sickening from typhoid fever, sometimes raving with insanity because of their sufferings. They do not complain of these things when they return to the base.

The Clamor of Shells is Terrible
"Thank God," they say—most of them say—"we are out of the noise." It is the hellish clamor of the shells that they most dread. Shells, they say, whine when they are to pass to one side or the other. When they come straight at the target the whine becomes a scream—then the screech of a devil turned insane. The earth trembles from the thumping of the big guns, a mile or two miles or a quarter of a mile away. The shells explode in the air as nearly above the trenches as the distant gunners can arrange, and a rain of metal falls. A myriad of rapid-fire guns are at work, each with the monotonous, insistent,

strident noise of a pneumatic riveter on the steel skeleton of a skyscraper. The rifles in the trenches chatter irregularly, now in bursts and now by one and twos.

"I gave a sixpence to a beggar on the Embankment last night," said a British officer in the Ritz the other night. "As I did so, I thought to myself: 'In two days, old chap, I'll be envying you.'"

Trench Rheumatism.

A Belgian officer, twenty-five years old, stalwart, manly, thick-chested, was wheeled through the Savoy in an invalid chair. His right leg was drawn out and back, almost in a bow. It was trench rheumatism.

"I've found a specialist," said he, "who thinks that in time I may regain the use of my leg."

There are other things. There is the plague of vermin from which all men of all armies suffer. Bathing is impossible on the battle line, except in cold weather. Sometimes there isn't time even for that. The surgeons cut the boots off scores of wounded men every day. Sometimes weeks has gone by since the men had been able to bare their feet. They had been on their jobs every minute until that happy moment came when they could drop in the mud or crawl into a haystack and sleep. But a genius has discovered that petrol eliminates vermin. Petrol is now issued to the men all along the trenches.

Ammunition Before Food

Sometimes the men starve. When one is engaged in killing one's fellow-man, the first essential is to have the tools for killing. Therefore the ammunition wagons are given the right of way over the bread and beef transport. Big steam lorries and London buses and automobiles from which the limousines have been removed with an axe thump over the frightful roads which an army leaves. The enemy gets the range and drops shell in and on the artillery transport. Most of them get through—but it often happens that their success makes the arrival of the commissariat wagons an impossibility. So the soldiers go with out it.

A square acre is something more than 200 feet on each side. It often happens—it is commonplace—that from 200 to 300 shells drop on such a plot in a single hour, during a particularly heated artillery duel. Each shell on bursting sends from 1,000 to 5,000 pieces of red hot iron about. The stretcher-bearers—the catch-em-alive oh's—cannot get to the trenches and carry off the wounded at such times. The men in the trenches—the unhurt men in the trenches—have to crouch in their bloody pits and listen to the wails of the injured. A stretcher-man told that story in a single sentence.

Storcism

"Mostly," said he, "those that are hurt worst—shot through the body, maybe—they jam grass and bits of cloth in their mouths. That way those that ain't hurt don't hear 'em."

Some day the statistics of this war will be made known to the world. Then we will know how many men have gone insane in the trenches.

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They were simply unable to bear the suffering, and the nerve strain, and the starvation. That many men—many hundreds, perhaps many thousands—have broken down mentally because of the trenches is privately admitted by those in touch. Most of them will regain their poise in time. A treatment of silence and rest is prescribed for them, for the most part. The back districts of the warring nations are spotted with little country-house hospitals, where these shattered ones are regaining tone.

Fear Toothache, But Not Death

Fully one-third of the Germans in the trenches are suffering from rheumatism and kindred ills, according to a fairly reliable report. The moment a man complains in the Teuton army he is sent back, for recuperation, if he can be spared. He rounds into shape for another campaign more rapidly if his case is taken early. Probably a similar proportion of invalids in the other armies suffer from the same trouble.

Toothache leads to neuralgia when the owner of the bad teeth sits with his feet in a muddy trench in freezing weather, day after day. So that nippers have been served out to the embattled lines. A swollen jaw nowadays means that the nearest operator—

—he may be the machine gun man or the Lieutenant or a stretcher-bearer—pulls the offending tooth promptly.

"You'd laugh," said a chauffeur, who has shown a certain aptitude for field dentistry, "to 'ear 'em 'owl when I touch the bad teeth. Big stiffies that'll stand up all day long and give the Germans wot-for mykes the worst fuss."



PUBLIC NOTICE.

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By direction of the Chief Censor, London, the following Regulations will be in force on and after Friday next, January 15th, namely:

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JOHN R. BENNETT,
Deputy Chief Censor.
St. John's, Nfld., 11th Jan., 1915.
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NOTICE TO F.P.U. COUNCILS

A Meeting of the Officers of the Local Council of the F.P.U., operating in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port de Grave, Harbor Grace and Carbonear, will be held at Coley's Point on the afternoon and evening of **Wednesday, the 13th instant**, to consider the advisability of combining the Councils embraced in the above Districts into one District Council of the F.P.U., and to consider matters affecting the welfare of the Fishermen of Conception Bay who prosecute the Labrador Shore Fishery.

By order,

W. F. COAKER,

President F.P.U.

St. John's, Jan. 6th, 1915.

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At Mugford's Harbor she averaged about thirty-five miles a day from the 14th of August to the 10th of September. I would not change this engine for any other six horse power engine on the market, either for speed or simplicity of operation. I passed motors this summer up to nine horse power. I haven't seen one to go with her this summer.

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Volunteers Clothing

CLOTHES being furnished the Volunteers we regard as too heavy, and consequently an unwise investment.

Those men are not being sent to the North Pole, where heavy clothing is at all times seasonable, but to Scotland where, in a few weeks, people will be planting their potatoes.

It is positively ridiculous to be heaping young men up with too heavy clothing just as we contend is being done in the case of the volunteers.

Now, we are not finding fault in any capricious or capricious spirit; we merely want to see the right thing done, and for that reason only do we point out this fault.

The woollen caps which the men are wearing would be alright at the North or South Pole, but here in Newfoundland are out of place and too heavy.

That woollen stomach band is of no use, and cannot be worn by marching men; let any one try it, if he does not believe us.

The mits are a nuisance and a man cannot handle a rifle with such covering on his hands. Where are the hard Newfoundlanders, if we must dress our volunteers in such heavy clothing, that they are out of shape, so stuffed-like do they appear.

For goodness sake, we ask those in charge of the outfitting to use some common sense.

President Coaker's Tour

MR. COAKER, President of the Fishermen's Protective Union, left by this morning's train for Coley's Point where a District Council and meetings is being held this afternoon.

From Coley's Point the President will proceed to Port de Grave, and other points in Conception Bay as far as Carboneau.

At this latter point Mr. Coaker has never yet addressed a meeting. That his going there at this moment is pregnant with important results, we venture to state, and that it will mark the beginning of a new understanding of the principles for which the F.P.U. stands, and a closer and more intimate relationship between the President and the men who follow his leadership.

Mr. Coaker goes at this time to organize Conception Bay into one General Council, and thus to bring distant Local Councils into closer touch, so as to more effectively be able to voice the wishes of that great community.

Another reason why the visit is undertaken is because Mr. Coaker finds that in order to advance Conception

Bay, it is time that something special be done to foster the Labrador fisheries and to safeguard the interests of those who go to that coast in Summer. Some definite arrangement must be made whereby shippers of fish from Labrador may be able to get the best prices for their commodity.

The present slip-shod method is deplorable and does not in any way harmonize with strict business principles of to-day, and therefore must be done away with, and a new order established in its stead.

Mr. Coaker believes in letting every man whose vital interests are concerned, have a say in any matter concerning or touching upon those interests, for that is the true spirit of self-government, it is democracy reduced to most logical conclusions.

To Mr. Coaker's mind the vital affairs of the Country have too long been tampered with by men utterly unfit either by experience or inclination to meddle with them.

To guide and direct fishery legislation none are better fitted than fishermen themselves, and this Country will yet realize the full significance of this remark. The Fishermen's Protective Union is putting things in the light that have long been hidden, and one of the most conspicuous of these things attracting the Country's attention to-day, is that fishermen are the proper representatives of a fishing people.

We were just going to say, that a new order of things in connection with the fishery business is being introduced here to-day, but that would be wrong. Order has never yet associated itself with the fishery business unless indeed it be the order of utter disorder. So long have we been accustomed to this want of orderly arrangement, that most of us regarded the chaos, as the embodiment of harmony, till Mr. Coaker with his magic wand aroused our sleeping senses.

Well, to bring order out of confusion is the work of genius, and Mr. Coaker is doing this. He realizes that as in "union there is strength," so also is there "wisdom in a multitude of counsels."

For this reason he is talking with the fishermen to-day in Conception Bay, in order to gain wisdom from those men, whose lives are devoted to fishery affairs, and to whom all matters in relation to the fishery are plain as day.

Knowledge of the fishery comes to those men as an inherited quality, it is part of their nature, from which they cannot be divorced, it is as natural to them as seeing or hearing or the sense of smell.

Too long, for the sake of the Country has the instinctive knowledge of those descendants of a long line of fishermen been flouted, by the puffed up and self-opinionated lawyers and other brands of ignorant men. Lawyers are good at law, as they get it from their books, but away from their law, many or most of them have little knowledge. And of fishery matters they are as dunces.

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 - 2.—Reid Trophy, Natives vs. All Comers, Jan. 11.
 - 3.—Victoria Trophy (Inter-Division), Blue vs. Red, Jan. 14.
 - 4.—Bonavista Trophy (Inter-Division) White vs. Green, Jan. 18.
 - 5.—Reid Medal, Points, open to all, Jan. 21.
 - 6.—Taylor Medal, Points, for Curlers of two years' standing and under, Jan. 21.
 - 7.—Charity Bouspiel, Jan. 25.
 - 8.—Gruener Cup (Inter-Division), Red vs. White, Jan. 28.
 - 9.—Patriotic Bouspiel, to close Jan. 27th, Feb. 1, 6.
 - 10.—Buchanan Cup (Inter-Division), Blue vs. Green, Feb. 8.
 - 11.—Jubilee Medal, Points, open to all Feb. 11.
 - 12.—T. & A. Kay Cup (Inter-Division), Green vs. Red, Feb. 18.
 - 13.—Bennett Shield (Inter-Division), White vs. Blue, Feb. 22.
 - 14.—Cowan Medal, Points, or Curlers of two years' standing and under, Feb. 25.
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One of the greatest, if not the greatest figure in Newfoundland to-day is President Coaker of the F.P.U. He was not born great, for his birth was humble; he has not had greatness thrust upon him; but he has achieved it through his indomitable energy, and his wonderful knowledge of, and control over the things pertaining to the welfare of this Colony.

It is safe to say that no other man could even dream of accomplishing one half of what he has made actual facts.

Great Capacity for Work.

Perhaps the most striking feature of this man, who by many, is looked upon as mysterious, is his marvellous capabilities for work.

When it is considered that in the short space of five years he has brought into being a Union of twenty thousand men, looked after their personal and business affairs, controlled a string of cooperative stores nearly three score in number in various parts of the Island, made these men think for themselves and broadened their intellects, the amount of work he is called upon to perform can well be imagined.

Meant Much Striving.

Such a gigantic union with its hundreds of Councils could not spring into being in a single day. Its formation meant long and weary hours of studying details; long and weary hours of the consideration of minute points; the delivering of hundreds, if not thousands of speeches—work sufficient to try the patience and discourage most, but not this great man.

And why? The answer is apparent to all who have followed the conduct and actions of the man! Because he believes in the cause he has undertaken; believes that the wealth producers of any country are entitled to their own; believes that the destiny of

man, as far as things temporal are concerned, can best be worked out by man himself.

Epoch-Makers.

The great epochs in history were all made through the individuality of man. Great minds cannot remain idle and indifferent, and so we see here a band of common men 20,000 strong with the same mode of living, the same environments, the same tastes and desires, pinning their faith to one of themselves, confident that he will eventually accomplish for them what they desire.

His magnetism is such that his thoughts are theirs; his line of action is their line of action. It is sufficient for them to know their President's mind and their course is decided.

Implicit Confidence.

They have implicit confidence in their leader, they know his desires are for their benefit and they follow him, not blindly, but trustingly, as a child will follow its parents along a lonely road.

It is a fact then, that no one but President Coaker could have fathered such an organization. Politicians, able men, have come and gone. They influenced men for the time being, but not even the greatest or ablest could hope to accomplish what W. F. Coaker has done.

Olds Against Him.

He had no university education to sway them; no degrees to mark him as a man of learning, no fabulous bank account to attract them to his side, but he had the firm conviction that his position could be improved, and he went to them and expounded his ideas and the result is the magnificent and colossal organizations, with such an extensive membership, a hundred thousand dollars worth of property behind him and the powers that be anxious to bid for his favor.

The success of his undertakings is marvellous, and all has been done in the face of a bitter opposition.

Almost Impossible.

It seems almost impossible that this

man, who spent the greater part of his life in obscurity away practically from civilization and from environments which would help to broaden his mind and give him a grasp of matters commercial, should begin such a vast undertaking and it is stranger still that he should come out on top.

Nothing he attempts fails, because long before he acts he gives his subject due consideration, and nothing is decided on without forethought.

Fatem ust decree success to such an active form. It would be contrary to the facts of history, were a man to rise to such a high pedestal and then realise his weakness and collapse.

His motto is "Right is Might," and no matter how desirous his opponents may be to see him shorn of his power as Samson was of his strength there is very little chance of their desires being realised for the gigantic structure this man has reared up is built upon the foundation of Truth, Honesty, and Square Dealing to all.

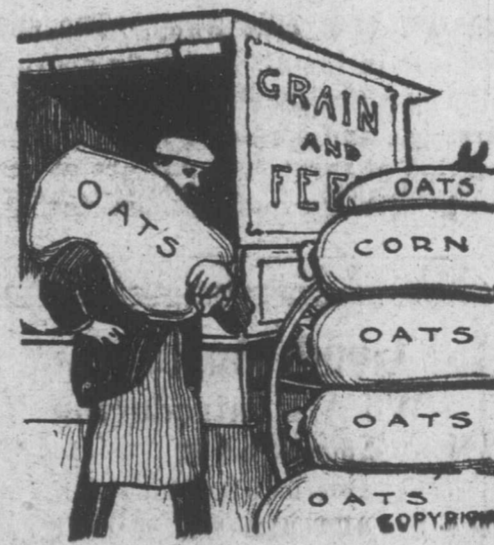
In my next I will deal with the great Coaker politically.

ARTIMAS.

Receipt For Making Good Bread.

Take 1 quart VICTORY flour; 1-3 cake Royal yeast, dissolve in one cup luke warm water, pour this on flour with enough warm water to make stiff batter, in four hours this will be ready for mixing, then add 2 quarts VICTORY Flour and 2 dessert spoons table salt, add 1 pint luke warm water, knead for ten minutes then let rise over night, mould into loaves let rise until double its bulk and bake for one hour. For fancy bread add 2 dessert spoons granulated sugar, one of butter.

NOTICE.—Trinity Bay
Councils of the F.P.U. will please notice that January 16th will be observed as Union Day in Trinity District, when every Council is expected according to the Constitution to parade. By order, J. G. STONE.—dec5



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TO THE EDITOR

Old Perlican Has Its Annual Parade

(Editor-Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday, Dec. 30, the F.P.U. had their annual parade. The members of our Council turned out in good style. Of course we were all anxious to have our parade go off in Christmas. We were favored with a fine day although in the morning it was rather disagreeable, but our sexton hoisted the flag and the friends quickly gathered.

We left the hall at about 11 o'clock and paraded through the harbor and back to the hall where a fine dinner awaited us, prepared by friends Moses Pike and George Button. Everything was in ample order and all the friends did justice to the meal set before them. Although it brought sad thoughts to our memory. Some of those who walked with us on our parade last year have been removed to the Great Beyond.

I refer to friends Nathan Barrett, George Barrett and James Cooper and also our beloved pastor, Rev. W. M. Muir. God buries his workmen but still carries on His work.

On the day of our parade friend William Hopkins' daughter Beatrice was taken very ill, which prevented William and his brother George from attending the parade. The doctor was summoned immediately, but before we all got home from the hall she died. The occurrence was a sad one both to the family and friends.

The Council renders their heart-felt sympathy to friend William Hopkins and family in their sad bereavement. We are now entered on another year and we trust it will be a very

prosperous and successful one, although the past year with its many changes has not been all that one would wish it to be owing to the great war, but we trust that before long wars shall cease and Peace shall be proclaimed.

But I must say, Mr. Editor, that the Union here is still progressing and looking forward to better times. Wishing the Union every success and a bright and prosperous New Year.

—WM. J. BURSEY, Chairman.
Old Perlican, Jan. 4, '15.

St. Jones Local

Council Officers

(Editor-Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—The annual meeting of St. Jones Within Local Council, F.P.U. took place here on Dec. 29th, an account of which we sent you for publication. Officers for 1915 were elected as follows:—

- Silas Tucker, chairman;
- Guy King, deputy-chairman;
- Boyd King, secretary;
- John Squires, treasurer;
- James Rogers, door-guard;
- Our determination, sir, is to go on to do the best we can, although times are very difficult, and our number is small. We don't despair. We are going to sink or swim with Coaker.

We have one of our Union men gone to the front, Friend Elijah Price. We also another two gone to the Great Beyond since we had our last annual meeting. We miss them quite a bit from our Council. We sincerely wish that the Chairman and Officers will be as valiant for the year 1915 as the ones we had in the past. Wishing the President and Union every success in the future.

BOYD KING,
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GERMAN NEWSPAPERS MAKE SOME CURIOUS ADMISSIONS

Cologne Gazette Pleads Guilty to the Offence of Lying and Attempts a Justification

GERMANY WANTS TO HOLD BELGIUM

And Must do it, Says The Deutsche Tages Zeitung—Pinch of Want Much Felt in Germany

In an interview granted to the Associated Press correspondent the other day, Imperial Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg said that hate was not a German charac-

teristic. "The vendetta," he said "belongs to the Latins." The unsupported word of the Imperial Chancellor is not to be accepted, and the German Press daily supplies evidence that hatred of Britain is the dominating sentiment of the German people to-day. If Germany were winning she could not hate Britain, and her hatred probably means no more than that she recognizes it is the British Empire which, in the long run will destroy her ambitions.

The German hatred of Britain, however, is hardly more prominent in the columns of German newspapers than the attempt to deceive the German readers. It is probable that the German editors are not themselves the sources, but rather the victims of deceptions. They know only what the German military authorities choose

to let them know; they print only what they are permitted to print. Yet in spite of themselves we come across some curious admissions.

Admits Lying. For instance, in the Cologne Gazette, a semi-official newspaper, which has occupied for many years some such position in Germany as the London Times in England, contains the following paragraphs: "The German press should be made to understand that the golden hours are too precious to be wasted in dwelling on the hypocrisy and lies of the British."

"The British are really not to blame for possessing these characteristics any more than a dog is to be blamed for barking. It is their nature to lie and deceive."

"Throughout our glorious history, we Germans have shown by our actions that we despise the tortuous path, that falsehood and libel are foreign to our nature. But with a snarling dog there is no use in arguing, the only reply possible is a vigorous kick."

"This simile applies to the British, and, being under compulsion by the stress of circumstances to carry the theory into effect, we must occasionally depart from the straight road and meet the liar with lie. That is the only way to silence him."

"When once the strong arms of our blue-coated lads shall have beaten him to earth, we shall joyfully return to our strictly truthful ways. There will be no more cause for answering a fool according to his folly, and returning lies for lies."

Admits Designs on Belgium.

As the London Express remarks, probably never before was there such an admission in a responsible newspaper. There is a significant passage in the Deutsche Tageszeitung concerning Belgium, which would indicate that Belgium was by no means the accidental victim of Germany's designs on France, but that Belgium was coveted for her own sake. It is as follows:

"According to Lord Kitchener, Great Britain and France are determined to exert themselves to their utmost to wrench from us the occupied Belgian territory."

"This must not be. Even though Germany be beaten in the East and in the West, though she be finally and absolutely defeated in all her aspirations, this sole aim, the possession of the Belgian coastline, must be secured at any cost, if we lose everything else."

"It must be driven home to every sane person in the Fatherland that Germany's whole future depends on keeping Britain and France away from Belgian soil. This is a vital

question, not for the success of our military operations only, but for the political and industrial future of the German Empire. With Belgium we sink or swim."

Feeling the Pinch.

Occasionally a plaintive note will be struck, and the Cologne Gazette, in discussing the war, estimate that it is costing about £8,000,000 a day. "If this war continues for another year," it remarks, "the grim spectre of bankruptcy, which already casts its shadow before it, will be at the doors of many of the belligerents. In the face of such ruinous figures as these, even defeat would be less disastrous than an indefinite prolongation of the war."

It is plain that the pinch is beginning to be felt. There is the example of the Imperial decree that black bread shall be eaten instead of wheat bread. It has been made a penal offence to sell bread containing less than 75 per cent. of potato meal, and the use of oils and fats in the manufacture of soap is also forbidden.

The Cologne Gazette remarks that, while the people in England are struggling to keep the wolf from the door, the German people must be careful. It mentions a German town where there are 1,000 school children, and it has been discovered that in the school there is a wastage of bread amounting to eight pounds a week. "During the school term of 40 weeks this totals 320 pounds, which at the present price of bread is equivalent to about £7."

Bread Very Valuable.

It is easy to calculate from this what bread is worth in Germany. The wastage against which the paper protests is caused by the children throwing the uneaten crusts into the dustbin. The Lokalanzeiger admits that Germany is sending boys and greybeards to the front, but declares that this is a vindication of German militarism.

It asserts that these elders and youngsters are made efficient soldiers in a few weeks, thanks to the spirit that animates Germany, and which cannot be imitated by her foes. Some of the newspapers sought the opinions of representative citizens as the best means of celebrating Christmas.

According to Marshal von der Goltz, "There is no better way of spending or celebrating Christmas than in the trenches and amid a formidable rain of bullets." Prof. Harnack, the venerable theologian and philosopher, said: "We can best celebrate Christmas by vowing to fight and fight again until we have secured a lasting and honorable peace."

Dr. von Jagow, the Berlin chief of police, said: "Let your hearts beat with faith in God, your fists on the bodies of your enemies."

SHARE FOOD WITH FELLOW SUFFERERS

Belgians, Themselves Destitute, Share up with French Comrades in Distress—Help Urgently Needed

London, Jan. 10.—Herbert Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium has returned to London from a tour of inspection of the work being done for the Commission in Belgium. In a statement issued to the Press Mr. Hoover said:

"An appalling situation has been presented to the commission with regard to the French peasantry in the valley of the Meuse, just south of the Belgian frontier, where there are ten thousand persons absolutely without food. Our investigation showed that a large number of deaths already had occurred there from starvation."

Share With Others Needy.

"Despite the shortness of the rations in Belgium our Belgian colleagues agreed that we must share the last crust with these people."

Mr. Hoover also issued a report on the Commission's work in Belgium, in which he says the organization for the distribution of food supplies is well on the road to completion.

"It must be borne in mind," Mr. Hoover said in his report, "that the problem falls into two phases. The first is the provision of bread for those who are able to pay for it, and the second, the provision of all foods for those who are destitute. Broadly speaking the former comprise some 5,500,000 persons. On the basis of the minimum rations we are providing, they require about \$3,500,000 worth of bread per month."

1,400,000 Wholly Destitute.

"The destitute comprise 1,400,000, who are being wholly fed through the public canteens. The cost of supporting them is about \$2,500,000 per month, for which we are depending on the charity of the world."

"All Belgium is now on a ration of ten ounces of bread per day, rich and poor alike, when there is that much of a ration available. The rich pay the cost price, the destitute nothing."

"This requires a total import of over 100,000,000 pounds of flour or wheat per month, to say nothing of peas, salt, beans, bacon, condensed milk and other things which must be provided for the canteen."

The report concludes as follows:

"Despite the volume of food which has been placed at our disposal, we can provision only until Feb. 15th. Great as has been the generosity of the American people, it is well to bear in mind that if we fall after that date, the world will be faced by the greatest tragedy it has yet witnessed in the possible extinction of an entire nation. Strenuous as the efforts that we, our country-men and country-women have made, they cannot for one moment be relaxed, if this gigantic catastrophe is to be prevented."

The barque Calidora is loading Labrador fish at Carbonear for Gibraltar for orders.

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Removal Sale of Stylish Blouses

NOW is the time to buy a fashionable Blouse for that particular event. We have them in a variety of White and Cream fabrics such as Lawns, Voiles, Silks, etc., and an enormous range of Colored fabrics, as Wool-Crepe, Challis, and Sun-Resista; also abundance of Black Blouses in the best fabrics as French-twill faced goods and Silk—kinds and qualities that will surely please you—all imported this season and mostly manufacturers' samples; priced about one third off the original value.

Store; owing to expiry of our lease, and move to our New Modern Store in the West. Therefore we invite you to come often—whenever you want to save money on your purchase, come! because, hourly we are turning out new lines of dry-goods, and marking them at liberally cut prices to make it easy for you to buy. Come today and share the benefits of this REMOVAL SALE.

Removal Sale of Elegant Dress Robes

A SPECIAL lot of fine twill, all-wool, Navy Serge Dress Robes going at liberally cut prices during this sale. These Dress Robes are handsomely trimmed and quite suitable for people that dress well. Here are some prices: Orig. Value \$7.00. Sale Price \$4. Orig. Value \$8. Sale Price \$4.25. Orig. Value \$15.00 Sale Price \$6. Also some Rich real-silk Dress Robes. Original Value \$15.00. Sale Price \$6.25. See our Dress Robes for young girls' wear. Call early to-day.

Removal Sale of Dress Fabrics

FIVE hundred yards fine-make, light-weight, woollen, dress fabric, richly Embroidered with a handsome Art Spray—suitable for making garments for Evening wear for yourself or child. Original price 70c. Sale price 40c. yard.

Removal Sale of Stylish Furs

EVERY fur that we have in stock are now marked at Sale Prices, and if you want the best, at reasonable prices, call and see our stock and buy at a considerable saving.

Sale of Women's Sweaters and Sport Coats.

A great variety to choose from in White and Colored. Sale prices: 87c., \$1.25, \$1.65, 2.05

A Special Bargain

\$1.25 for three and four dollar value, Cream Kersey, Street Skirts, slightly soiled—a limited quantity.

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We have the latest styles. Silk or Satin Underskirts, Black; also Colored. See them.

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NFLD. POULTRY ASSOCIATION IN GOOD SHAPE

Fourth Annual Report Shows That it Has Accomplished Much on Behalf of Better Poultry For This Country

Messrs. Geo. W. Gushue, President, and John F. Calver, Hon. Secretary, have issued the Fourth Annual Report to the members of the Newfoundland Poultry Association. It reads as follows:

"In presenting the fourth annual report, your directors are pleased to be able to draw your attention to the fact that during the year progress has been made. During 1914 six new members have been added to the roll, making a total of sixty subscribing members, bringing the total number of shares up to 253.

As will be seen by the Treasurer's report the Association is in a sound condition financially, besides having a very valuable asset in coops, wire netting, etc. for exhibition purposes.

Government Grant.

The Association has to thank the Board of Agriculture for their Annual Grant of \$400.00 which has proved a substantial assistance to the Association.

The third annual show was held in the Prince's Rink on Nov. 18th, 19th and 20th. It was opened by His Excellency the Governor, and the Cups won were distributed by Lady Davidson.

The Exhibition was a great success. There were sixty exhibitors showing 629 birds and great credit is due to those who had charge of it.

The Association is greatly indebted to Lady Davidson and Messrs. Bowring Bros. Ltd. for Silver Cups for competitors this year, and also to the Dixie Feed Co. of Chicago for a Silver Cup for 1915.

Cup Winners.

The following Cups have been won three years, and are now the bona fide property of the winners.

Hon. W. C. Job's Cup for Barred Plymouth Rocks, won by W. Barker.

Hon. J. Harris' Cup for White Plymouth Rocks, won by W. Reid.

Percie Johnson's Cup for White Wyandottes, won by M. McLeod, which leaves us without a cup for some of the principle breeds. We hope the interest will not waver, but that we will be able to report that other Cups have been donated, and that the Competition will be as keen as ever.

Competent Judge.

The birds were judged by Mr. W. H. Henry, of Shubernacade, who gave satisfaction to all, and the many visitors were agreeably surprised and delighted with the number and display of thoroughbred birds.

In March the President, Mr. G. Gushue gave a very interesting address on hatching and breeding chickens, and in April Mr. F. Blackhall read a paper on sprouting oats.

In concluding this report and referring from office your Directors wish the Association abundant success during 1915.

Officers for 1915.

The following are the officers of the Association for 1915:—

Hon. President—Hon. Justice Emerson.

Hon. Vice-Presidents—Hon. W. C. Job, Hon. G. Knowling, Percie Johnson, Esq.

President—G. W. Gushue;

1st Vice-President—G. R. Williams;

2nd Vice-President—M. McLeod;

Secretary—J. F. Calver;

Treasurer—F. Blackhall;

Directors—S. Emberley, E. A. Payn, S. White, J. Duff, A. G. Carter;

Auditors—J. O'Driscoll, G. Hierlihy.

CLASSY SHOW AT THE NICKEL.

There is an elaborate programme at the Nickel Theatre this evening, there being five different subjects, including a two-reeler.

Wilfred Greenwood and the American players appear in the beautiful two part production "Like Father Like Son."

This story has a strong lesson drawn from life.

"A Woman Without a Soul," is a touching film with a moral.

"St. Claude, France" is a delightful travelogue. "Breaking Even" is a social comedy-drama with splendid photography. San Francisco Carnival shows all the charming sights of that delightful country. "The Rogues' Galley" is a Keystone comedy which is a sufficient guarantee that it will be good.

Miss Margaret Ayer will repeat for the last time her sweet April song.

Children are reminded of the big matinee on Friday and Saturday afternoons when the two reel story for little ones "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be shown.

Germans Desert In Large Numbers

And Authorities Have to Guard Frontier to Watch Soldiers

Paris, Jan. 13.—The real reason for the strict guarding of the Belgian Dutch frontier, says The Matine's correspondent at Havre, is an epidemic of desertion which began in the German ranks after the battle of Yser.

From Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 there were 11,000 desertions from the garrison of Bruges alone.

Polish Victory First Necessary

German Military Objects to Weakening Forces in Galicia

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—Major Moraht, the military correspondent of The Berliner Tageblatt, says a new offensive against Serbia has been announced. "We must desire it on political grounds," he says, "but it should not be undertaken at the expense of the forces in Galicia.

"If progress cannot be made in the Balkans without diminishing the main army, it would be prudent first of all to await successes in Poland."

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Will Hold Concert To Aid Patriotic And Belgian Funds

The grand patriotic concert in the Casino on Wednesday, Jan. 20th, will no doubt receive the liberal patronage.

The proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the Belgians and Patriotic Association in Newfoundland—both laudable and worthy objects.

It is under the patronage of their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Davidson and the officers of the 1st Nfd. Regiment.

A feature of the programme will be the rendition of the National Anthems of the Allies by the C.C.C. Band, which assists by the kind permission of the officer commanding.

Mrs. Keegan who is arranging the concert is sparing no efforts to make it a success and no doubt her many friends will assist her as much as possible. The best way to help of course is to fill the hall.

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Alexander Bay Has Annual Parade

Yesterday, January 12th, was observed as Parade Day at Alexander Bay.

The event was a great success. The place was made brilliant with gay flags floating in the breeze and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

Alexander Bay is not going to be left behind in the great battle for popular rights, that the F.P.U. is now waging with such success.

From one end of the country to the other is a great awakening.

S.S. Beothic left Sydney at 3 p.m. yesterday.



PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that all letters and Post Cards, whether unstamped or insufficiently stamped, from Troops on Active Service, shall be delivered in Newfoundland free of charge.

It has also been ordered that letters and Post Cards to our Troops on Active Service in Great Britain, or (through the Agency of the General Post Office in Great Britain) to our Troops on Foreign Service, be forwarded without being stamped.

Postmasters will please observe this NOTICE and govern themselves accordingly.

H. J. B. WOODS,

Postmaster General.

Jan 13/14

VOLUNTEERS ASPIRANTS FOR STRIPES

Forty-Four Members of Reserve Force in the Running For Appointments as Non-commissioned Officers

On Monday night forty-four members of the Second Contingent who are qualifying for non-commissioned officers' stripes sat for their written examination. The examination was held in one of the rooms in the C.L.B. Armoury. The paper was a good test. It consisted of definitions, diagrams and regular military work.

Yesterday the practical examination was held when the acting N. C. O.'s had to put squads through different movements. The examiners were Acting-Lieutenants J. Donnelly and S. Robertson.

In the afternoon the contingent paraded to the Government House grounds and were put through platoon marching.

Squads from No. 3 Platoon were on the South Side Range shooting all yesterday, and last night a squad from No. 6 Platoon had miniature shooting at the Highlander's Armoury.

To-day more squads were at the Rifle Range and shot over the 500 yds. range.

Last night the doctors were examining the volunteers who recently enlisted.

At the Armoury there is a doctor's surgery opened, where volunteers who are sick are looked after.

The signal squad is making rapid headway in signalling.

A large number of volunteers received their "kit" yesterday and a squad went to the clothing factory last night to be fitted for their uniforms.

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Aged, But Active

Mr. Isaac Adey, of Adeyton, although going on 78 years of age, is an active member of the F.P.U., and a constant reader of the *Mail and Advocate*. He writes Mr. Coaker to send on his paper as he should miss it very much were it to cease coming.

Fishermen Adrift Tug Rescues Them

Three residents of the Battery who have traps out in the neighborhood of Cape Spear went out in a motor boat yesterday afternoon to have a look at them.

Not returning when expected, a boat went out at dark to find out what the trouble was, but could not see the men.

Cape Spear was also 'phoned but could not see them for some time.

At 8 p.m. Capt. Strong, of the Tug Co. was acquainted that the men were drifting to sea, and he was ordered to send a tug for them.

A crew for the John Greene was hurriedly got together, and after much difficulty she located the boat and brought her to port.

After getting outside the heads the engine of the motor boat gave out and the boat was helpless. The occupants did all in their power to rectify the damage, but could not succeed and had the tug not found them when she did the trio probably would have died, as they would have been driven off to sea.

GOVERNOR VISITS THE POOR ASYLUM

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson paid a visit to the Poor Asylum this morning. The visitors were met by the Superintendent and Matron and were shown over the Institution.

Before leaving a presentation of candies was made to the female inmates and of cherry-wood pipes and tobacco to the male inmates.

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Patriotic Concert

A patriotic concert under the auspices of the Adult Bible Class of the City Methodist Churches, will be held in the Methodist College Hall on Monday the 25th inst., at 8 p.m. The proceeds will be devoted to the Patriotic Fund.

British Tourney

There will be another card tourney at the British Club rooms this evening. Valuable prizes will be offered and exciting contests are expected.

Made Good Trip Despite Weather

Coastal Steamship Portia Returns From the Westward.

The Bowring coaster Portia, Capt. J. Keen, returned from the westward last night, having made a splendid round trip considering the weather conditions.

She called at North Sydney for bunker coal and touched at St. Pierre on the return.

Returning she found Humbermouth frozen over and the freight for there was landed at the Meadows.

The Portia brought a small freight and the following passengers:

Messrs. G. Camp, J. W. Hagen, W. Lamb, Walsh, George Devereaux, Mesdames McDonald, Devereaux, Meehan; Misses O. Bishop, L. Tibbo, J. Miles, Myrick, Master Ron Hogan and 18 in steerage.

ICE CONDITIONS FORCE PROSPERO TO TURN BACK

Bowring Bros. coastal Department had the following wires this morning from Capt. A. Keen of the Prospero:

Westport (to-day)—Landed all freight Jackson's Arm, leaving here 6 a.m. for Seal Cove. Wind North. Will have to abandon St. Anthony.

Seal Cove (to-day)—Wind veering western; will make effort to reach Conche, O.K.

Messages previously received from the Prospero intimated that an attempt would be made this morning to reach St. Anthony, but conditions must have been found worse than expected.

Messrs. Bowring Bros. Ltd. received the following message from Westport from Capt. A. Keen of the Prospero last evening:

"Called at Bear Cove, and arrived here at 7 p.m. Ocean covered with slob ice, but favorable wind now and will get to Jackson's Arm all right. Will make a dash for St. Anthony tomorrow morning, wind and weather conditions permitting."

WEDDING BELLS

Wells—Freake.

Monday, December 7th, Body's Cove was the scene of a very happy marriage when Mr. Horatio Wells and Miss Emma Jane Freahe, of Boyd's Cove were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Godden in the presence of friends of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride, was very prettily dressed in cream tulle with hat to match. The bride's sister, Miss May Freahe acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Parmenas Mercer as groomsman.

After the ceremony the happy couple went forth to the home of the groom where tea was served. The bride was given many presents. We wish much joy and happiness to the young couple.

Fearn-Jeffrey.

Miss Grace Fearn, eldest daughter of Mr. G. C. and the late Mrs. Fearn, and Mr. C. E. A. Jeffrey, eldest son of the Rev. C. Jeffrey, were united in matrimony at St. Barnabas' Church, Sutton, Surrey, England, on Dec. 5th.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Cooke-Yarborough, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Hants.

Power-Foley.

Miss Mary Power, of Bell Island, and Mr. Martin Foley, formerly of this city, who has been residing in Boston for several years were united in Hymen's Bonds at the Sacristy, R. C. Cathedral at 3 p.m., yesterday, by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche, V.G.

The bride, who was attractively dressed, was attended by Miss Kitty Murphy, while Mr. Peter Murphy supported the groom.

After the ceremony the party drove to the residence of Mr. P. Murphy, Hamilton Avenue, where tea was enjoyed, after which the happy couple left for Bay Bulls by train.

The bride is a well-known lady who has many friends in the city and she received a large number of valuable presents.

The *Mail* wishes Mr. Foley and his bride many years of wedded happiness.

CURLING CLUB CHARITY EVENT

A joint meeting of the ladies and gentlemen's committees in charge of Charity, or as it is now called Thanksgiving Day, took place yesterday afternoon when several matters were discussed.

The Committee of management met last evening, when it was decided to play the match for the President's and Vice-President's prizes Friday night.

Tomorrow the Blues and Reds compete for the Victoria trophy.



SPECIAL SALE

OUR JANUARY CLEARING SALE

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:

Dress Skirts	Children's Coats
Costumes	Children's Underwear
Opera Coats	Boots and Shoes
Sports Coats	Men's Underwear
Raglans	Men's Pyjamas, etc.

Remnants of all kinds.

Terms Cash. No Charging. No Approval.

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Jap Assistance In European War, Is It Necessary?

(Continued from page 1.)
Greece will follow afterward. This would allow the Japanese access to Europe via Salonica. He argues that 400,000 Japanese troops could be brought to Galicia by the Trans Siberian Railway and 400,000 more by sea to Salonica within four months from the time an agreement was signed between the Allies and the Mikado's Government.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The Berliner Tageblatt publishes the following under a Geneva dateline:

"After M. Pichon has been continually making propaganda in the Petit Journal with a view of moving Japan to send troops to Europe, the Socialist leader, M. Herve, now deals with the same subject in an article in the *Guero Sociale*. He writes in part:

"We are now in the fifth month of the great war. It is a known fact that sufficient British troops cannot be sent to the Continent until the Spring. Now the Question must necessarily arise: Why has nothing been seen or heard so far of a Japanese army in Europe?"

"It is feared United States will be offended if Japanese aid is asked? Since when is so much importance, attached in a question of life or death, to the opinions of neutrals? Is it believed that the Americans if they should deem it necessary some fine day to invade Mexico would care much about the sentiments of Europe?"

"Is it fear of the 'yellow peril' that prohibits offering the Japanese an opportunity to take a hand in our affairs? If the 'yellow peril' is really so menacing no alliance should have been made with Japan.

"With the moment that they became our allies why do they not fight on our side? Perhaps you do not consider it good taste to let the yellow fellows with the almond eye intervene in quarrels among Europeans? But are they not our allies? And are we not already using Hindus and negroes?"

"Even if intervention by a Japanese army must be paid for dearly, even if France and England must pay for transport and the maintenance of a Japanese army with a large sum or with colonial concessions, should we not be willing to pay what is necessary for the liberation of Belgium, which would perhaps be hastened by several months?"

AT REST TO THE EDITOR Party Spirit

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your widely circulated paper to make reference to an article in the Evening Herald of the 12th inst., under heading "Praise for Fogota," and signed "Justice."

I wish only to refer to one paragraph of the article in question, which gives the Hon. John C. Crosbie praise for securing a grant for the repair of the public wharf at Tilling.

We thank "Justice" for the information, for although it was rumored that the grant to Mr. P. J. Brian was recommended by the Hon. J. C. Crosbie, we could not believe that Mr. Crosbie could be guilty of such a mean action. This is only another proof of the contemptible party spirit which governs the actions of small minded men. Mr. Crosbie certainly knew that his chief the Hon. E. P. Morris would not be a party to such actions for had he, Sir E. P. Morris, not given a guarantee to the representatives of the Districts that they would have full control of the ordinary and special grants for their different districts. But such guarantees and small courtesies have no place in the maws up of such men of the calibre of John C. Crosbie.

If the Hon. J. C. Crosbie had succeeded in getting the said grant from the General Revenue then the writer would be one of the first to give him praise for doing something for the District which has been solely neglected, but the allocation was made from the Marine and Fisheries grant for Fogo District which amounts to the magnificent sum of \$519,000 to be divided up among about twenty harbors for the wharves and marine works connected therewith.

Is it true that Mr. Hodge, of Fogo, is still owed \$5,000.00 on account of the Public Wharf at Fogo?

Mr. Crosbie should get busy if he is such a wonderful man to get money, and see that Mr. Hodge gets his money if the Government still owes him such a sum.

Money can be found for building railways, but when it comes to building a wharf in Fogo District it seems that some private individual must provide the funds.

AT REST

The remains of the venerable Mrs. Paterson were interred at Hr. Grace, Monday afternoon, and was one of the largest funerals in the history of that city.

The funeral service was conducted at the residence of Mr. J. A. Clift, her son in law, where she died, by the Rev. J. S. Sutherland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Sunday night.

It was attended by the relatives of the deceased lady.

The remains, in charge of undertaker Carnell, left by Monday morning's train for Hr. Grace.

Her son, Dr. Paterson, sons-in-laws Messrs. J. A. Clift and F. W. Hayward, grandson, Mr. Angus Reid, Messrs. W. Munn, D. Munn, and G. Bursell accompanied them.

The train reached its destination on time, no snow being met.

The funeral took place from the station, Undertaker Parsons, of Hr. Grace, assisting Mr. Carnell.

The aged lady being well known there, almost all the residents of the city attended the funeral.

The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. M. Thrope.

S.S. Mongolian is signalled as we go to press, and is due early this afternoon.

A Scotch stoker who was incapable on Water Street this forenoon was arrested by Const. O'Keefe.

A Goodridge & Sons motor yawl passed Cape Race at 8 this morning bound for St. John's. She is from Lamaline with a cargo of fish.

What about all the pre-election promises made in Bay de Verde District? Does "Justice" think that the electors of Bay de Verde District are so full of praise for Mr. Crosbie?

Mr. Crosbie has enough to do to placate the many disappointed electors in Bay de Verde District to whom promises were made previous to last election. Let him have a little respect for his leader, Sir E. P. Morris, and not meddle with grants outside his own district.

As for "Justice" he is either intentionally or unwittingly ignorant of the action of party politicians and from henceforth should give praise to whom it is due.

REAL JUSTICE.