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**MOHAMMEDAN WORLD RALLYING TO BATTLE**

The British Withdrawal From Gallipoli an Incident of Long Expected Moslem Revival

By STETOSAR TONGOROFF

Have Turkey and Germany at last succeeded in precipitating the Jihad or Holy War, which is expected to rally the Mohammedan world in arms against Great Britain and her allies? This is one of the questions suggested by recent news from the Tigris region, where a British force is hard beset by a Turkish expedition under German officers; from Gallipoli peninsula, which has been abandoned by the British after losses aggregating more than 100,000 in killed, wounded and missing; from northwestern Egypt, where the Senussi tribesmen are making vigorous attacks upon one of the approaches to the Suez Canal and England's road to India.

Such a concentration of Mohammedan offensive power as is implied by the world "Jihad" has been the dream of the Moslem leaders in Constantinople in every war which Turkey has waged against a Christian power for the past century. The last war in which the eventuation of Moslem unity against Christian assaults was confidently predicted as a military element of the situation was the Balkan struggle of 1912-1913. The confident prophecies proved groundless, however.

When Turkey intervened in the present hostilities and the British fleet led off in the attack on the Dardanelles straits in the projected "dash" to Constantinople, there were many references in the Turkish capital as to what would happen to the English if the fortunes of war should go against them in that theatre of operations. Among these suggestions of retaliatory measures was an appeal to the Mohammedan world to rise in defence of the holy relics of their faith which are treasured in Constantinople.

There is excellent reason to believe that these threats did not end in words. Emissaries from Constantinople have traversed India with the gospel of resistance to Britain. The revolt in Tripolitania, which was organized personally by Enver Pasha, the Ottoman minister of war, is another manifestation of a comprehensive plan to strike at England with the weapon of Mohammedanism.

**Unrest in Tripolitania.**

Enver was the head and front of the opposition to the Italian invasion in the Libyan war, and his influence with the Arab tribesmen of northern Africa is relied upon in the present circumstances to rouse the unconquered Bedouins of the interior to effective action against the Italian forces of occupation in the debatable ground.

It is maintained at Constantinople with some show of justification, that the activities of Enver's emissaries in Libya are already confronting the Italian military authorities with a problem of some magnitude.

The defeat of the British on the Tigris, and their retirement to Kut-el-Amarah, where they now are in a position of some gravity owing to an encircling movement by the Turks, is one of the events which the preachers of a holy war from Constantinople are emphasizing in their appeals to the race pride and religious zeal of Moslems in that part of the world which is under the domination of the greatest Moslem power, England, and the second greatest, France.

Another event which is emphasized as a fruitful text by these preachers of a Jihad is the admission by the British that they have been balked of their purpose on Gallipoli peninsula by a successful Mohammedan resistance culminating in a victorious offensive. These arguments, suggesting a superiority of the Mohammedan over the Christian as a fighting man, are being directed at a vast population under the British flag and that of France. There are 250,000,000 Mohammedans in the world. Of the total no less than 80,000,000 are British subjects in India, Egypt and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, while the French flag flies over a fourth of that number.

The pan-Islamic agitation in India has had unexpected or even, negative results so far, as is indicated by the negative participation in the war by several of the Mohammedan princes of India, with men and resources. In Egypt the appeals of the emissaries from Constantinople are evidently producing some positive effect, as can be judged by the British admissions of serious fighting at Sollum, Siwah and in the neighborhood of Materuh, in northwestern Egypt.

**Arabs Rallying.**

Among the assailants of the British at Kut-el-Amarah, it will be observed,

are many Arabs. These Arabs are ordinarily in a state of chronic warfare with Turkey. Their response to the Ottoman appeal for aid against the unbeliever in this instance may be regarded as a significant sign of the general situation which is crystallizing throughout the Mohammedan world.

The races which profess the Mohammedan religion are noted for their tenacity and for their belief in the greatness of Islam. It is the experience of American and other Christian missionaries in the East that the Moslem is the most difficult person in the world to convert. The call to prayer from countless minarets, all the way from the confines of Mongolia to the heart of Africa, bears the same burden of changeless conviction; "There is but one God, and Mohammed is his Prophet."

The entire Mohammedan world, from China to the borders of the South African Union, is characterized by a profound sense of unity and by a common imperviousness to any impression of an inglorious destiny. You can kill a Mohammedan, but you cannot convince him that he is wrong in his beliefs, or that his religious and social system does not constitute the triumph of civilization.

And into this vast human mass, containing as fine a fighting material as is to be found anywhere, now is dinned a new doctrine—a doctrine which has not been heard before for centuries. It is a doctrine of victory. "We have conquered the English on the Tigris, and we have conquered them on Gallipoli," is the message which a swarm of holy men are carrying to the Mohammedan people. "This is the day of triumph for Islam." The response to this day will be one of the developments of the world war in the future which will be watched with more than casual interest both in London and Berlin.

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**THE CAREER OF SKIP**

BY **WALTER LENNOX**

FATHER MARTIN smiled as only a Hibernian can; and as he rode back from Dawleys, he chuckled with delight; he had saved a ten-dollar bill!

Skip meanwhile was comfortably seated in the buggy, quite unconscious of the stirring incidents connected with his puppy career.

He was then installed as a member of Father Martin's household; and a deer-skin rug, in the study of the Rectory, was his usual resting place.

From the beginning, Skip was quite exclusive in his friendships; the only quadruped with which he was on familiar terms was "Jim," the sleek roadster in Father Martin's stable.

His human intimates were likewise few; and his "chum" was the genial Jim Healy—man-of-all-work, at the Rectory.

Skip generally accompanied Father Martin on his daily trips down town; and after a while, he began to absent himself from the Rectory. He had evidently found something to attract him at Mrs. Campbell's about five or six blocks away. Mrs. Campbell was Father Martin's sister; and the special object of Skip's attentions at the Campbell home was a little baby-boy whose customary abiding-place was the dining room.

Whenever Mrs. Campbell absented herself from the room, his canineship coiled himself up on the hearth-rug between the baby and the open fire-place.

One morning, Mrs. Campbell had been absent from her little charge longer than usual. When she returned, the hearth-rug had been pulled back towards the table, near the centre of the room, and baby's white frock seemed unusually disarrayed. On examination it was discovered that a small hole had been burned in the frock (presumably by a spark from the birch-billet fire). Skip had been doing the fire-extinguishing act, and in the performance, he had pawed baby Campbell's frock to pulp!

He had evidently saved the baby's life!

Every child in the neighborhood soon became acquainted with Skip; and when Mrs. Campbell's hopefuls were old enough to attend kindergarten, they were faithfully conveyed to and from, by the knowing Skip. He accompanied them to the school-door at 9; and when the whistle of the machine shop announced mid-day, Skip set out for the entrance to the kindergarten; and 12:05 found him sitting on his buttocks, awaiting the dismissal of the children.

It was a delightful day in June; and the semi-annual visit of the Inspector of Schools was in progress. Skip had taken up his usual position at the school door; and the usual hour for dismissal had gone by. He had failed to make known his presence by subdued "wo-wows," and became impatient. He then used his caudal appendage to remind the school authorities that the Inspectorial duties had been unduly prolonged!

When baby Ruth came to the Campbell household, Skip transferred his affections to this plump little bundle of blue-eyed humanity, and forthwith abandoned his diurnal perignations to the school, evidently feeling sure that olden members of the Clan Campbell were quite competent to take care of themselves.

He was wonderfully attached to Ruth; he even resented the advances of gossipy lady-visitors whose osculatory salutations seemed to him to be too carelessly bestowed on the youthful Miss Campbell.

Whenever the baby-carriage was requisitioned to give Miss Ruth an airing, Skip conveyed the expedition, and invariably watched the movements of passing vehicles.

It had never been discovered that Skip had any bloodthirsty propensities; but these came suddenly into evidence on an occasion when he was doing patrol work in connection with the baby-carriage.

Ruth's nurse had the weakness of her sex—abnormal curiosity. She had left Miss Ruth near the curb at the corner of Main Street and Cabot Avenue, to view the latest styles in feminine apparel displayed in a nearby window.

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### Invents a Gas Which Beats the Germans

Truro Man Has Invented Powerful Gas Which He Claims Will Finish Germans.—Trials Have Proven Satisfactory.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 31.—A real rival for the German's chlorine gas has been discovered by a Canadian soldier now in England, according to word brought by members of the party of returned convalescent soldiers, says the Toronto News. The inventor of the new destructive agent is Sergeant Percy H. Lawrence, of Truro, a member of the 17th Battalion, and he has been working on the development of the substance for four or five months, it is declared. Soldiers who returned say that experiments were carried out by the Nova Scotian in the presence of representatives of the British war office, who now hold the secret formula. Asked as to whether the British authorities intended to use the new gas, several of the returned men stated that, according to their belief, the British might employ the substance in order to compel the Huns to forego the use of their chlorine vapors.

According to the returned soldiers the gas invented by the Canadian will be so terrible that the enemy will never want to use their gas. It is a combination of chemicals from which it is impossible to escape, it is declared, because of the fact that it explodes when it comes into contact with certain materials. In a recent experiment in which a cat was used as a victim, the animal was killed instantly, although only a small quantity was released. They say that Sergeant Lawrence has been working so hard in the perfection of the gaseous substance that he has become broken down, but the combustible is now ready for practical usage in the field. Sergeant Lawrence is the son of a Nova Scotia newspaperman and was formerly a member of the 76th Regiment of the Canadian Militia.

### KAISER AND SON SEND GREETINGS.

BERLIN, Jan. 2, via London, Jan. 1.—Emperor William is sending new year greetings to friends at the front in the form of an artistic reproduction of a postal portrait of himself bearing the words "Christmas and New Year 1915-1916" and his autograph signature.

Crown Prince Frederick is sending a colored picture of himself in the trenches in the forest of the Argonne, with the legend: "Good luck for the New Year."

### Higher Pay Granted to U.S. Workmen

Two Hundred Thousand New York Workers to Share in Raise.—Also Boston's Longshoremen get Increase.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Wages of 200,000 employees in various trades in this city will be increased beginning Jan. 1, it was estimated to-day. The increases are expected to aggregate millions of dollars. Thousands of workers on street, subway and elevated railroads are included among those who will profit by the advances. The United Board of Business Agents for the Building Trade Unions announces that the wages of more than 5,000 machinists, tile layers and lathers already have been increased by from 20 cents to \$1.40 a day. Increases by many other unions, and range from 25 cents to 50 cents a day. Increases in pay have been granted to 12,000 girls in the millinery trade, 3,000 waiters and to 1,200 mechanics in the New York Navy Yards. Employers say they do not remember a time when more labor organizations asked larger pay than at present not when so many were obtaining it.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Increases in wages ranging from two to five cents an hour for longshoremen working at this port will go into effect the first of the year as a result of an agreement signed yesterday by representatives of the Longshoremen's Union and the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Conference. The men had asked a somewhat large advance.

### PEACE ONLY AFTER VICTORY.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—At the afternoon session of the Socialist National Congress, which opened here yesterday, the chief speaker was Deputy Compe-Morel, whose address was vigorously applauded by a great majority of the three hundred delegates in attendance. His address may be summed up as follows. No renewal of relations with the German Socialists; no peace at the present juncture; war to the knife, as the allies are sure of victory, and peace only after victory.

In the course of his remarks the speaker pointed out as important, where is one of exhaustion, that the population of the Entente countries amounted to 711,000,000 as against Central Powers' population of 160,000,000, and that the economic forces with respect to agriculture and finance gave the allies a situation of preponderance.

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### London to Cape Town by Tunnel

LONDON, Dec. 29.—In an address before the Royal Geographical Society, Sir Charles Metcalfe, an eminent engineer, described as a possibility of the not far distant future a trip by rail from London to Cape Town. Sir Charles pointed out that when one or two lines now under construction are completed and a new 100-mile line is built, communication by rail or steamer will be effected from Cape Town to Alexandria and Port Said. A short connection between Port Said and Jerusalem would link up Asia Minor.

It was almost certain, he said, that a railway would be made from Stanleyville to Lake Chad, and French surveys to Lake Chad from Algeria had already been made (across the Sahara). With a tunnel from Ceuta to the Spanish coast, this would give an overland connection with Europe. Sir Charles did not mention the subject of a channel tunnel, but if a tunnel from Ceuta under the much greater distance of the Mediterranean were possible, as he foreshadowed, it requires only a little reasonable imagination to link up Charing Cross and Cape Town. Then in the piping times of peace passengers may jump on the Cape Town through express at the London terminus and reach their destination with perhaps one stop at Lake Tanganyika for rest and refreshments and to admire the view.

### Nobody Could Beat Him

In the family of one of his favorite constituents, Congressman Eugene E. Reed of New Hampshire, relates there is a bright and ambitious little boy named Willie. One day he came home from school with a downcast air, and his mother naturally was solicitous as to the cause.

"I didn't study my spelling lesson," the boy explained, "and I missed 13 words."  
"Oh, well, you'll do better next time; don't worry," the mother comforted him, and then, in an effort to cheer, added: "I probably would have missed more than that myself."  
"You couldn't do it, mamma," the boy replied, because that was all the spelling I was given to learn."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Acting on instructions from the State Department, the War Department has notified Major-Gen. Frederick H. Funston, commanding the American border forces, that Gen. Francisco Villa, who has abandoned his rebellion in Mexico, is to be accorded full protection if he crosses the American border as a refugee.

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(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
 Dear Sir,—It affords me great pleasure to inform you that on the 16th of December we held our Road Board Election and we elected seven Union men, which reads as follows:—William Tucker, Samson Trask, John Porter, R. J. Crew, Harthar Hobbs, Ronald Porter, Wm. M. Baker. This will show our enemies that we determined to go forward to swim with W. F. Coaker until the Union flag is flying all over Newfoundland.  
 Yours truly  
 A MEMBER.  
 Elliston, Jan. 6th., 1916.

CHARLOTTETOWN LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
 Dear Sir,—We recently had our annual meeting and elected the following officers for the coming year:  
 Chairman—William Ford, re-elected.  
 Deputy Chairman—Alan Chauk, re-elected.  
 Secretary—Lockyer Spracklin, elected.  
 Treasurer—Bert Chauk, elected.  
 Inside Door Guard—Hector W. Ford, re-elected.  
 Outside Door Guard—James Simmonds, elected.  
 Wishing you and the Union every success.  
 F. P. U. COUNCIL.  
 Charlottetown.  
 Dec. 22nd., 1915.

BUNYAN'S COVE ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1916

Chairman—John Burt, re-elected.  
 Deputy Chairman—Wm. Churchill, re-elected.  
 Secretary—Elias Oldford, elected.  
 Treasurer—John Chauk, elected.  
 Outside Guard—H. Penney.  
 Inside Guard—Job Tucker.  
 Go ahead Mr. Coaker you are sure to come out on top. The Union is growing stronger and the day will come when the non-union man will have to agree with the Union and say that Coaker is a mystery.  
 May God spare your life Mr. Coaker, to see the F. P. U., the Publishing Co., the Trading Co. and the Export Company in its full swing is the prayer of Bunyan's Cove local council of the F. P. U.  
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 "Raffery" said Mr. Dolan, "are you wan of those people that never know when they're whipped?"  
 "I am not. But I take nobody's word for it except the doctor's after I come to."—Washington Star.

# NOTICE

THE First Annual Convention of the Conception Bay District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at BAY ROBERTS on MONDAY, the 18th instant. The Convention will open at 4 p.m. at the F.P.U. Hall. All Officers of District Councils and Local Councils of the F.P.U. in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Grace, Carbonear and Bay-de-Verde are members of the Conception Bay District Council and should be present at the Convention. Any such Council through its Delegates, may by resolution bring any matter before the Convention. A Permanent Official, to attend to Union matters in Conception Bay will be selected.

W. F. COAKER,  
 Chairman C.B.D.C.

St. John's, January 3rd, 1916.

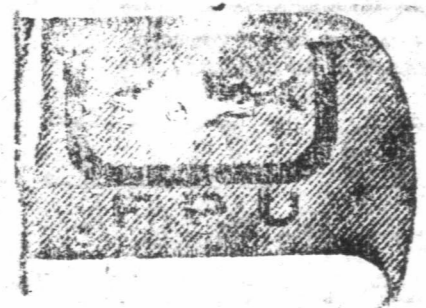


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**THE COAL SITUATION**

ANOTHER meeting of the Executive and Opposition leaders was held last evening, when it was decided to commandeer all the coal stocks held prior to January 1st and sell at the \$8.00 price in lots not exceeding half a ton.

A Committee of Citizens was appointed to supervise the distribution, as it was thought some curtailment was necessary, and during the balance of January only one half ton should be available to the one purchaser.

The Committee nominated was Messrs. Kennedy, M.H.A., Jas. McGrath, Pres. L.S.P.U., Alex. Mews, Jesse Whiteway, Geo. Davey and Wm. Godden.

All applications for this \$8.00 coal will have to be made to the Committee who will issue orders on the coal dealers.

The coal was commandeered because the coal dealers refused to sell only about one sixth of their holdings, as they claimed the balance was required to fill contracts. The conference held that all the coal was little enough to supply the requirements and the contract could be respected and filled from coal that would arrive later.

Several other matters in connection with the question were considered and arranged in event of any emergencies arising.

The Committee nominated is representative and one likely to see fair play administered to all interests, and especially the poor.

There should be 3000 tons of soft coal available for sale, and if care is exercised in granting orders, that quantity should carry the city through until the "Alcon da" arrives.

The Chartering Committee met this morning to consider what offers were suitable, and it is possible that such will be finalized without much further delay.

**A DIFFERENCE**

ON January the third last the Truckmen Protective Union of this City held their quarterly meeting, and decided, that although the cost of cattle feed has considerably increased in price they would not as yet increase the rate for carting.

Contrast this with the action of the Coal Barons, who in a cold blooded manner set to work and soaked the poor laboring classes of this City \$2.80 per ton on coal which they had in their sheds for weeks and for which they were satisfied to charge \$8.00 a ton up to the end of 1915.

The truckmen of St. John's have proven themselves worthy of respect for they, although the burdens of war have made it harder for them to keep body and soul together, did not take advantage of an opportunity which justly presented itself to them. They are continuing their daily toil at the old rates and have shown by their action that they are the patriots in the true sense of the word.

These truckmen and their families though were shown no mercy by the Coal Barons; they were asked by these gilded gentry to pay an extortionate price of \$10.80 for coal. Now that the Government have been brought to a sense of their duty to the public in this coal matter it is hoped that no more examples of "soaking" the poor will be witnessed during the duration of the war.

The Mail and Advocate is on the tower watching the interests of the common man and if we see any further attempts of the monied interests to get rich quick at the expense of the laboring men we will deal with them as we have with the Coal Barons and force the Government to repeat the medicine they have administered to the coal sharks.

The days for grab and get-rich-quick at the expense of the sons of toil by our merchants are over and the fishermen, laborer, farmer and mechanic can now see what united action can accomplish.

The northern fishermen threw off the yoke of oppression some six years ago and in this respect they are ahead of the Capital City. The laboring men of St. John's must wake up and assert a remunerative price for his labor for it is the laborer by the sweat of his brow which has enabled our Merchant Princes to hand in their fat cheques to all the funds in which their names appear as our leading patriots.

**PIT PROPS**

THE whole of the Northern Bays are severely protesting against the outrage perpetrated by the Government against the northern people by allowing pit props to be cut from green spots of timber on the three mile limit. Every spot of green timber between Random Sound and Cape John has been slaughtered this winter. Hundreds of protests have been received, and the large outside settlements are more indignant over the robbery of the fishermen's heritage for a paltry \$2.50 per cord than they have been regarding the matter of public interest for the last twenty years.

The Opposition members strongly opposed this pit prop cutting in Newfoundland this season, and the Government in order to appease the feelings of the Union members, placed a clause in the Act forbidding the exportation of green timber from the three mile limit. This was done only as a blind, for as soon as some pit prop rappers approached the Government the Executive issued an order, permitting the cutting of green timber anywhere. Consequently there is not enough green timber remaining in one of the rear Northern Bays to supply the annual demand of wharves or stages for a year. Every place reserved or unreserved has been leaned out.

The fishermen in the bays have valued the offer to cut this timber and have cut off their right hand with their left.

The F.P.U. has protested officially to the Department of Agriculture against the cutting on certain defined areas, which were absolutely necessary for fishery supplies of timber; but all to no avail. The contractors have brazenly ordered their men to respect no reservation, pointing out the guarantee given them by the Executive.

One of the greatest crimes ever committed by any Government—greater even than the Reid Deal crime—is this of allowing pit prop rappers to destroy the only available fishery timber supply in the Northern Bays.

What will be the outcome? The outcome will be that Trinity, Bonavista and Green Bay will in five years be placed in the same position as Conception Bay, as regards a timber supply.

When the House opens the Premier will have to face the strongest attack he ever experienced from the F.P.U. members in respect to this robbery of the people's heritage. It was done in order to supply \$50,000 to the Treasury as a pit prop tax, \$50,000 that will be wasted on some idiotic piece of extravagance, and in return the North will have been turned into a timberless wilderness and 20,000 fishermen handicapped for a life time, while their children will have to emigrate in order to get a living.

Great crimes against the commonwealth has been committed by the Morris Government; but nothing they have done equals by one thousand per cent. the outrage inflicted upon the Northern Bays by permitting pit prop contractors to slaughter the few acres of green timber that the whole of the Northern fishermen depended for winter supplies to successfully prosecute the fisheries.

Mr. W. B. Jennings in a mild way protests against the outrage in a letter we publish elsewhere to-day. His words are grave and his objections are clear enough to show the country what an injustice has been committed; but they do not express the chorus of indignation that is now heard from bay to bay, that is contained in protests and letters received by President Coaker, daily.

The green timber slaughtered this season in the Northern Bays will be worth probably \$150,000 to the people, but the injury inflicted by the loss of this timber will amount to \$5,000,000, for no one can foresee all the injurious results of the loss of this valuable timber.

**THE HARVEST OF THE SEA**

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

**SCOTCH CURE**

WE publish the accompanying regulations for the putting up of herring in the Scotch style for the benefit of our readers, and we ask them to read them carefully and preserve them for future use. By following these regulations which have proved so successful elsewhere, herring fishermen can secure three times as much for their pack as they are getting to-day. There is an unlimited demand in the American markets for this quality of herring.

1. The barrels and half-barrels should be made of well seasoned staves capable of retaining pickle. The capacity of barrels should be twenty-six and two-thirds part of a gallon imperial measure, and of half-barrels thirteen and one-third part of a gallon, or twenty-two gallons imperial measure and seven gallons imperial measure respectively.

2. The herring must be perfectly fresh, bright, and firm, and should not be exposed to the sun or rain. The gills and gut must be taken clean away with a sharp narrow-bladed knife, but cutting just below the two upper fins, leaving the roe and the milk in the fish.

3. The gutted fish should be placed in a tub or other suitable receptacle, thoroughly turned over, and mixed with salt. When properly roused in salt, the herring should be taken from the tub, allowing as much of the rousing salt as possible to stick to each fish, and packed in tiers in a barrel or half-barrel. The fish must be laid back down, and kept close together, with their heads to the staves. The whole tier should then be salted and the next tier packed transversely (across the lower tier), and so on till the barrel is full. The gutting and packing should take place at the same time, and should be completed within twenty-four hours after the fish have been taken from the nets. Dont fail to give them plenty of salt of the best procurable.

4. On the third day after the original packing the salt will be found to be dissolved, and if the barrel is not leaky, pickle will be seen almost up to the top tier; and the herring will be found to have sunk two or three inches in the barrel. The barrel will then be filled up to the croze, with herring of the same day's pack and grade, a little salt being added to the herring used in filling up. The barrel shall then be put in the barrel laid on its side for twelve days.

5. Twelve days, from the day of the first packing, a bung hole should be made in the side of the barrel, the barrel up-ended and the head taken out. The bung should then be withdrawn and the pickle run off as far down as the bung-hole. The space that is left should be filled up with the herring of the same day's pack and packed as before, and the barrel so filled that the top tier shall be quite flush with the end of the staves. The head should then be pressed in and made perfectly tight and as much of the original pickle as the barrel will take poured in through the bung-hole. This should leave the top tier slightly flattened smooth and firm. If the herring should lie some days before shipment to market, they should be supplied with pickle at least once in two weeks.

By following out these regulations (which are those specified by the Canadian Department of Fisheries) our fishermen will be amply rewarded for their trouble in the price obtained for the pack.

**Strong Letter from Mr. W. B. Jennings, M.H.A., on the Question of Pit Props**

(Editor Mail and Advocate).

Dear Sir.—The cutting of pit props in the few remaining green patches of timber in this Bay still continues. With the exception of Chapel's Island and a few small islands in that vicinity camps are operating all round the shore. The Mail and Advocate some time back advised that action at law be taken against them. I hardly think it likely that such a course will be adopted. First, people are not ready to prosecute their neighbors, and secondly, the Government gave the permission to act contrary to law and they are responsible to remedy the mistake as much as it is possible at this stage of the proceedings, although sorry to say a tremendous quantity has been already destroyed.

Did the Government give the permission? Yes! An extract from a letter written by the Minister of Agriculture & Mines, dated Nov. 2nd, in reply to a protest, which reads as follows:

"Representations were made to the Government from various parts of the country as to the necessity of providing employment for the people during the coming winter owing to the failure of the fishery at the Labrador and in other parts of the Island. After due consideration it was decided that permission to cut pit props on the three mile limit should be given and an order to this effect has been made."

The question arises, who were the parties that made those representations? I doubt if one came from a bona fide fisherman. The probabilities are that they were confined to a handful of contractors, who had the interests of the poor at heart in about the same ratio as Germany versus England.

It is no secret that early in July some of these parties were having their plans for the destruction of the bit of green timber left and openly scoffed at those who reminded them of the law passed last session. One individual very quietly took a petition around New Bay to get the law suspended. It appears to me to be one

of the maddest, unprincipled acts ever committed in this district. They have wilfully and deliberately with malice and forethought, gone in to destroy their birthright, and what a veritable mess of pottage it will be to all except the few contractors who hope, I suppose, to make such a pile that they will be able to retire and laugh in their sleeves at the ruin they have wrought about, for ruin it will be.

Timber was never of such vital importance to this Bay as now. More and more each year is required for the herring fishery, which has become the best paying industry to the fishermen this past year, and if this cut for pit props, which it certainly will, is continued much longer all we shall have to look at is the stumps.

There was no necessity, enough of burnt timber is lying around, to occupy all who are working now. Eighty per cent of those employed were not in need. Scores of young men are there who made good money at the fishery. You say why did they go, knowing it was destroying their birthright. My reply is, "The love of the Almighty dollar which led those, who made false representations to the Government, to commit the crime, and so long as it is going to be destroyed I may as well get what I can out of it."

"Can anything be done to stop it? I suggest this. Let the Government demand the removal of every camp from the green timber within three miles of the shore by the end of January, or at once, if possible, let the officers of the law in the District be sent to do this work and see if thoroughly done, with the help, if necessary, and the representations of this District residing at St. John's, should wait upon the authorities there and see that immediate action is taken.

This is a serious affair. The great majority of the Bay are indignant over it and it may not yet be too late to save a remnant.

W. B. JENNINGS,  
 Moretons Hr., Jan. 7, 1916.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

HON. PATRICK KEOUGH elected President Agricultural Society, 1860.

Brigantine Lavinia (belonging to J. & W. Stewart), Capt. Mercer, with wife and child, and mate, lost at Bay Bulls, 1866.

Address and chronometer presented to Captain Richard Meagher, of mail packet Unicorn, on the occasion of his departure for Greenock, by leading citizens, 1875.

Mrs. W. M. Barnes died, 1875.

John Carew, Sr., (undertaker) died, 1885.

Michael Dunn appointed chief fire brigades, 1889.

William Nugent, engineer on Newfoundland railway died, 1891.

Riverside Blankets. The more you wear them the better you'll like them.—dec29,6i

**Wooden Fleet Getting in Trim**

The nine wooden ships of the sealing fleet, the old veterans of many springs, are now being got ready for this spring's encounter with hogs and harps. Much employment is being given shipwrights and other tradesmen, as well as labourers, and as a result all will wish them complete success. The fleet will be, Eagle, Terra Nova, Viking, Ranger, Neptune, Erik, Diana, Bloodhound and Newfoundland.

**NOTICE**

ALL Trinity District Assessments for the District Council should be sent to the Treasurer, MR. GEORGE FOWLOW, of Phillip, Trinity East.  
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**Notice!**

THE Third Annual Meeting of Harbor Grace District Council will be held at BAY ROBERTS on the 18th instant at 11 a.m. Prior to the Meetings of the Convention all Local Councils will please send Delegates.

A. MORGAN,  
 Chairman.

**Notice!**

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Port-de-Grave District Council will be held on the AFTERNOON of MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at Brigus. All Local Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the Meeting or the Convention which meets at Bay Roberts the following day.

GEO. GRIMES,  
 Dis. Chairman.

**Notice!**

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay-de-Verde District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at JOB'S COVE on the 18th instant, after the arrival of the train from Carbonear. All Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.

A. G. HUDSON,  
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**HELD SPLENDID MEETING**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—A very sad misfortune occurred here last Thursday morning, Dec. 30th, when William Hyde left his home to go in the woods, and by crossing a pond about a quarter of a mile from his home he fell into a hole, that was caught over and was drowned. Within one hour from leaving home his body was brought back a corpse. His remains were interred on Friday at the C. of E. cemetery. He leaves a wife and an adopted daughter. He was one of our Union friends and this Council expresses its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.  
Mr. H. G. King who was down at Doting Cove the past year arrived home Thursday evening. We were glad to see him again and to welcome him back to our Union meetings, for the sound of his voice is generally heard when anything is being discussed. Mrs. King who accompanied him is also looking fine and enjoyed her trip to the straight shore o.k.  
John G. Stone, M.H.A., made a special trip to this place Friday, accompanied by Dugald White of Catalina and George Fowlow of Trinity East. They attended the sale of work held here Friday night and so the parade of the Orange Lodge on Saturday, New Year's Day, and their presence was looked upon to with pleasure. On Saturday night an F. P. U. meeting was held, a large crowd attended. Dugald White who is Chairman of Catalina Council made a splendid address concerning the work of the Union at Catalina, his words being listened to with rapt attention.  
Our worthy member, Mr. J. G. Stone, next took the floor and for one hour he held his hearers spellbound, as he explained to them the condition of the country, both commercially and politically. Told the success of the Trading Co. and urged all to do their best to help along the Export Co., Trading Co. and Publishing Co., as without a paper we would be nowhere. His remarks aroused fire within this Council and everyone came away filled with zeal for the Union and more determined than ever to uphold the F.P.U. for ever. We hope that our Catalina Unionist friend White enjoyed his visit to this place and that he may soon return again to pay us another such visit.  
Friend Geo. Fowlow did not visit our Union meeting but we take it for granted he was busily engaged in other ways.  
Wishing all a prosperous 1916.  
I remain,  
FISHERMAN.  
New Bonaventure, Jan. 3, 1916.

**Trouty Has Become a Live Union**  
Town and Intends to Back Coaker

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your highly esteemed paper to make a few brief remarks concerning the progress of the F.P.U. at this place. About three years ago the Union was organized here in the school house which was the only available place to hold a meeting in at that time. Since then we have built a Union Hall and increased our members from year to year until we now have almost every man residing here in the ranks, therefore, we can truthfully say we now have a real Union town; not only in name, Mr. Editor, but also in reality.  
A great many of our men bought their supplies from the Trading Co., saving a considerable sum by the transaction. The benefits bestowed upon us by the F. P. U. are continually discussed at our meetings, so that the weakest member in our midst may see more clearly the interest which the President is taking in us. We also appreciate the advantages gained in every respect. The high prices for fish and oil even in face of this world-wide war is surprising. Therefore we are fully convinced that Mr. Coaker is the only man in St. John's which has the interest of the people at heart.  
Our members are still increasing and on Monday night we had the pleasure of joining two friends from Dunfield. We have some already from there and if reports are true there are more coming.  
We had a visit from Mr. Targett, M.H.A., a short time ago and expect a visit from Mr. Stone soon. With best wishes for a prosperous New Year.  
I remain,  
Yours faithfully,  
A MEMEBER.  
Trouty, T.B., Jan. 5, 1916.

**Kean Bumps Into Public Wharf**  
at Trinity and Does Much Damage

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—While looking over your valuable paper I noticed quite a number of places who have new Road Boards formed. Therefore I felt it right and proper to let the public know that even here at Trinity we also have a new Board, and everyone of them F. P. U. men. However, I hope the new Board will now get busy and see that "Kean of the Prospero" who, according to reports, ran into the public wharf on his last trip South and did considerable damage, will find the necessary amount of money to replace the same. By so doing the new Board will oblige the public of Trinity, as they don't like to see the wharf torn up, even if Kean did it.  
The greatest surprise of all is that the so-called Government official who sometimes writes for that noted paper The Enterprise, did not say anything about the amount of damage done to the wharf by Kean. I suppose he did not like to say anything, but Mr. Editor I felt it my duty to let the public know all about it. Wishing you and Mr. Coaker the compliments of the season.  
I am  
Yours etc.,  
JUSTICE.  
Trinity, Jan. 1st., 1916.

**Little Catalina Notes**

The harbour is not frozen over yet as Jack Frost has been pretty good to us so far. The rush of schooners going and coming is just about over. At present there only three here waiting a favourable time North.  
According to the Act re the Election of Road Boards, I may say that Little Catalina and Melrose have taken advantage of same and the result is that to-day they have Union Boards.  
On Monday, Jan. 3rd, Mr. Dugald White who was away for a few days on a visit to New Bonaventure arrived by the morning's train. Mr. White enjoyed his trip splendidly and will likely go that way again next year.  
Tuesday, Mr. David Granger who was away for a week or spending a time with his brother Edward at Trinity, also came home by train. A dance was held at night in the Star of the Sea Hall, which was well attended and all who were present went home well satisfied with their night's fun.  
Wednesday being an ideal day the Orange-men of Little Catalina turned out to celebrate their first parade since the opening of their Lodge. After the parade a tea and concert followed, the proceeds to go towards a

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**ELLISTON ORANGEMEN HOLD PARADE**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in your interesting and valuable paper to enter a few interesting remarks.  
On January 1st, New Year's Day, the Orange-men of Elliston held their annual parade. Leaving their Hall early in the afternoon they first proceeded to the North Side and coming back paraded to the South Side, going as far as Mable. They then paraded to the Methodist Church where the Rev. Mr. Dodgen delivered a very impressive sermon. From the church they proceeded to their Hall, where the good ladies had a fine supper prepared, which was well needed after the long march.  
After the supper was finished up

followed the meeting, composed of selections by the band and speeches from the various speakers. Kader Porter deserves much credit with the other members of the L.O.A. for the splendid way the proceedings of the day and night were worked. We wish W. M. Kader Porter every success in his newly appointed position and we believe under his leadership the Society will progress victoriously.  
ONE INTERESTED.  
Elliston, Jan. 2nd., 1915.

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OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S. During the five years the Rossleys have been providing entertainment for the St. John's public, they have always done it well, and have made a great big name for themselves. The pantomime "Jack and Jill," last night, will have the town talking for some time to come, and too much praise cannot be given to Miss Madge Locke, Mr. Ballard Brown and the Rossleys for presenting such a show. The dancing of the Sunshine Girls was wonderful. The costumes are the prettiest ever seen here. On Thursday there will be a matinee, to allow the pantomime to visit the Clark-Urban Co. matinee Wednesday. Don't miss the best pantomime ever seen here.

THE NICKEL

The Nickel theatre last night was crowded and there was general satisfaction with the pictures. The serial beautiful "The Goddess" is a great attraction as thousands of our young folk are interested in the picture. Celestia was seen in the slums of New York and her influence for good was apparent. Anita Stewart played the part perfectly and charmed all. The "Who Pays" are certainly wonderful pictures. Last night's story of the show-girl and her dotting husband will long be remembered. "The Floating Death" was also an impressive drama, while "Mabel's Wilful Way" kept the audience in roars of laughter. The programme will be repeated this evening and no doubt there will be a large attendance. To-morrow "The Explots of Elaine" will be put on.

Riverside Blankets. Insist on getting them.—dec29,61

BUT THEY ALL GOT ABOARD.

With a groan and a snort the express stopped at a wayside station, because the signal stood at danger. On the platform stood a number of passengers waiting for the next train—a local. Glad of the chance of travelling more quickly, they began to board the train. The brakeman's face turned purple with wrath. Rushing wildly along, he signalled to the daring passengers to keep back. "Stand away, there!" he ordered. "Stand away! This train doesn't stop here!"

New Bonaventure Loyal to the Union

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in your highly esteemed paper for a few remarks. I read the Advocate regularly, but seldom see an article from the Council here. We recently had a visit from our Union member, Mr. Stone, also from the Chairman of Catalina Council, Mr. D. White. They paraded with the Orangemen of Gibraltar Lodge and attended service in the Church. In the evening the Chairman of the Council held a meeting at which Mr. Stone and Mr. White were present. I noticed by reports in the paper that the Union is accomplishing great things for the fishermen of Newfoundland. Great praise is due to President Cosker for his untiring efforts to promote their welfare. Long may he live to see the great work which he is performing brought to a successful issue. Wishing President Cosker and the F.P.U. every success for a Prosperous New Year, and thanking you for space. Yours truly UNION MAN'S DAUGHTER. New Bonaventure, Jan. 7th, 1915.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND PARTNERSHIP!

Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B. ANNOUNCES the removal of his LAW OFFICES to the New BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA Building at the corner of Beck's Cove and Water Street, and the formation of a PARTNERSHIP for general practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Notaries, with MR. J. A. WINTER, eldest son of the late Sir James S. Winter, K.C., under the firm name of Squires & Winter. Address: Bank of Nova Scotia Building, January 3rd, 1916. St. John's.

Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B. Mr. J. A. Winter Squires & Winter, Barristers, Solicitors and Notaries. New Bank of Nova Scotia Building, Corner Beck's Cove and Water Street.

OPENING NIGHT KLARK-URBAN CO.

Casino Packed With Delighted Audience—Company a Strong One and Are Sure to Meet With Popular Favor From City Theatre Goers. The Klark-Urban Company on its previous visits to this old city of St. John's won golden opinions from our theatre goers and they are legion. And as regards theatricals St. John's is a critical town, so that when last night we heard the loud and frequent applause of the big assembly at the Casino and the congratulatory remarks of the audience when the curtain was rung down on the last scene, we knew that the talented personnel of the Klark-Urban Co. had scored one of their best successes and that a season, gratifying alike to our people and the histrionic artists now amongst us, is assured.

The piece was brilliantly staged, not a hitch occurred to mar the perfect work of the performers and the drama itself was of a sensational character, appealing to the imagination, and in the situations and denouements it exhibited, tended more than once to touch the emotions of the most callous.

The story which the plot exposes is one which is permeated with pathos relieved by contretemps and situations—often that impel to laughter and the whole points a moral to which the State and Modern Society is now paying earnest attention. "Mary Turner" is a type—a sad reminder of the unfortunate conditions under which the urban female works for her sustenance to-day. The vicissitudes of life met her early in her career. Orphaned early, while at high school she is forced to work in the "Emporium," owned by a typical New York plutocrat in the person of Edward Gilder. She is the victim of one of her oppressed associates, who steals and places the goods in Mary's clothes locker. Mary is arrested, protest her innocence, but the law is inexorable, her "merciful" employer want an "example," privately gives the trial judge the tip, and Mary goes up to Auburn Jail for 3 long years. But why anticipate an impressive story realistically portrayed by artists of the finished type? We say to our readers—go and see it—no descriptive work, no matter how cleverly written could attempt to do justice to this perfect performance of a most interesting theme. The story is touchingly and faithfully given in the various acts and scenes. But one might digress to state that "Agnes Lynch," an ex-convict, who heads a gang of thieves is also another type, the impersonation of which requires more than average ability and versatility and his delineation last night by Aurlia Clark marks that young lady as one of the most brilliant performers ever seen before the foot lights in St. John's.

We do not profess to be keen critics of the drama or to be equipped with that artistic finesse which would distinguish errors, which to the ordinary observer would be non-apparent, but we think we can safely say that the company, despite its perfect contributions of the past, has improved since its last appearance, in several respects. Of the work of the Company, we can only speak in most complimentary terms. Masie Cecil has lost none of the grace and charm which heretofore has distinguished her and the "leading lady" of the Klark-Urban Company, judging by the splendid ability evidenced last night in her role of "Mary Turner," upholds her position in popular favour. Who can forget the pathos she introduced into her pleading with "Edward Gilder" when face to face with him

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SHIPPING

The Alembic which loaded oil from Job Bros. & Co. arrived at New York Sunday after a good run. The Lillian Beauvelt cleared yesterday for Pernambuco with 7,725 qtls codfish from the Smith Co. Ltd. The schr. "Russell H. Tentz" from Lousberg to Hr. Grace harbored at Trepassay yesterday. The schr. H. L. Montague left Bonnie Bay for Halifax yesterday with 880 brls. herring.

The Kite which is now loading herring in Green Bay has not been reported lately. She will likely come here after loading and will the proceed to Halifax.

"Newfoundland" Not Sold But Chartered

We learn to-day that the S.S. Newfoundland has not been sold but has been chartered by Job Bros. & Co. for two months for the prosecution of the sealing voyage. She is to be given a thorough overhaul to engines and extensive repairs to the hull. She will be in excellent condition when finished and will be commanded by Capt. W. Winsor.

Three Youthful Thieves Arrested

Last evening the police arrested three boys, residents of William Street, Circular Road and Spencer St. respectively last evening for entering shops and stealing cash therefrom. They stole from Mrs. Francis, of Prescott Street, Friday last, from a store in Georgetown Sunday night and also other places. Judge Hutchings today fined each one \$5 or 14 days.

Or her spirited denunciations of conditions prevailing for his employees. Masie Cecil has firmly established herself in the favour of St. John's theatre-goers. We have already referred to Miss Clark's impersonation of "Agnes Lynch," a role involving much difficult acting in its proper interpretation and it was developed so perfectly that the praise of the audience was spontaneous and sincere. Her mannerism and mein graphically mirrored in one's mental vision one of America's "Submerged Tenth"—the victim of untoward circumstances and the plaything of a hard destiny.

The other ladies who did splendidly in subordinate characters were Marion Allen as "Helen Morris" and Helen Frost as a maid. It would savour of voicing unnecessarily a self-evident fact if we were to speak of the popular Hadden Klark as being in his old-time perfect form. He was and more. Like good wine so to speak, Mr. Klark seems to improve as the years pass. Certainly as "Richard Gilder" last night his work was superlatively clever and we extend him the congratulations he so well deserves.

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BLAZE CAUSED BY LAMP EXPLODING

At 4.30 a.m. to-day an alarm of fire brought the Western and Central fire companies to Walgrave Street for a blaze in the house of Mrs. Tucker. A lamp left on a bureau near the bed, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, exploded and scattered burning oil over the bed clothing—which instantly was a mass of flames. The people in the house quickly cleared out and the firemen who promptly arrived put a stream of water on and had the blaze out in a few seconds. The place was filled with dense smoke as well as the upper part occupied. Mrs. Bishop and the Tucker household sustained all the damage. Little, if any, insurance is carried by either.

Twelve Diphtheria Cases Reported

The Star of the Sea Society began their winter card tours last night under the management of the R. R. & B. Committee. The club rooms were filled with members and many players took part in the games. James Murphy won 15-out of 20 games played and won first prize, and J. Culleton with 14 games took the second. Monday night the second will occur when three prizes will be played for.

Riverside Blankets are made from selected woods.—dec29,61

STRANGE TYPHOID CASE.

Dr. C. W. Berry of Brooklyn, State sanitary supervisor, reported he had discovered a case in one of the country districts of Orange county, N.Y., similar to that of "Typhoid Mary" of New York, who, though she never had the disease, communicated it to others. Although the doctor does not give the name of typhoid carrier, he states, she person is a well-to-do farmer in whose family there have been several cases of typhoid, the cause of which was unknown until now.

Star Society's Winter Games

Last week there were 12 cases of diphtheria reported and 8 residences were released from quarantine. There are now 38 diphtheria patients in hospital and seven are being treated at their homes.

Hockey Teams Commence Practice

Last night the hockey teams began preparations for the season, the Tyr Novas and Vics taking their first practice. St. Bon's and Peildians go to-night. Amongst the veterans who will play this year it is likely will be Nix Vinnicombe, Brien, Duff and Simms.

Coban's Repairs

Work on the repairs to the S.S. John are being done with celerity at the dock premises. The damage to the stern is of a very serious character and the repairs will take some time to complete.

NEW WAY TO MAKE CHANGE

A well-to-do farmer in need of legal advice sought a struggling Brockton attorney with reference to a suit he desired to bring against a neighbor. The lawyer looked up the statutes and advised his client what course to pursue. As the latter rose to leave the office he asked: "What's your fee?" "Oh, say three dollars," carelessly responded the attorney.

Diphtheria At Spiller's Cove

There are a few cases of diphtheria at Spiller's Cove near Bonavista. These are being looked after by Magistrate Roper and all precautions to prevent its spread are being taken.

LOCAL ITEMS

The volunteers did good work at Section Skirmishing yesterday after having gone through the usual drills in the armoury. We have been asked to state that no search of the Stephano was made on her arrival here for alien enemies. A police officer went on board the ship to see a friend among the crew and this gave rise to the report.

A Triduum in honour of the Holy Name will begin at St. Patrick's Church at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow Wednesday. It will be continued Thursday and Friday evenings and will conclude Sunday at 3 p.m. All the men of the Parish are requested to attend.

Inspector-General Sullivan, who has of late been suffering from a severe cold, had been confined to his home for a few days last week. He is now, however, improving and was able to be in his office yesterday and to-day.

New Catholic Church On Queen Street

We hear to-day on very good authority that Messrs Thos. Harris, brother of the late Hon. John Harris, and Mr. Frank McNamara will go into partnership and will conduct in future the business of Hearn & Co. Mr. McNamara will vacate the premises on Queen's Street, now occupied by him, and the building which was formerly St. Peter's Church will be rebuilt and will be the Church for the new Central Parish to be formed here.

Police Court News

Mr. Hutchings, K.C. presided to-day. There were no prisoners in Court. The Civic Corporation summoned Pittman & Shaw for installing lavatories without a permit. After hearing the matter pro and con His Honour dismissed the case.

Historical Society To Be Revived

We learn that the Historical Society of past days is to be revived and re-organized. His Excellency the Governor is taking great interest in the project and a meeting will be called a few days hence to arrange preliminaries. His Excellency will address the meeting and much interest is being taken in the movement.

Mr. J. B. Wheeler, J.P. Of Musgrave Hr. Dead

Mr. Jesse Whiteway had a message to-day from Mr. Abbott, his agent at Musgrave Hr., saying that Mr. J. B. Wheeler, the well known Justice of the Peace at that place, had passed away at 6 a.m. to-day. Mr. Wheeler was a well known and respected man who had occupied the office of Justice of the Peace over 35 years. He succumbed to an illness of one week's duration. He is survived by two sons—Rev. John Wheeler of Boston, Mass., and Dr. Harold Wheeler of the U.S. also, as well as one daughter, Mrs. Southerland of Idaho, U.S.A. To the bereaved relatives The Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

No Ice in the Gulf

Up to date the Kyle and Sagona doing the Cabot Strait service report no ice in the Gulf. Sydney Harbor is still open owing to the mild weather. Last year about this time conditions were very difficult for the ships.

BUT THEY'RE SAFE NOW.

Here is a story which ex-President Roosevelt told at a dinner recently: "A fellow called Smith" he said, "had a narrow escape from being killed by a lion in Nairobi. When the lion closed its jaws on you," asked a friend in awe struck tone, "did you give yourself up for lost?" "Oh no," answered Smith calmly. "You see, when I'm at home I sleep in a folding bed."

Britain Will Spend \$9,000,000,000 Next Year on War

To what sort of a task the people of Great Britain must look forward is shown by an address to the nation. It is signed by the Treasurer of the Bank of England and many other financiers of almost equal distinction. It declares that during the current calendar year \$6,500,000,000 will be spent on war, and that next year's expenditures will not be less than \$9,000,000,000. It says that to raise this sum will try the mettle of the nation as it has not been tested in a hundred years.

A remarkable manifesto. Long is the list of sacrifices to be made at home. The people are told that strenuous co-operation of every man, woman, youth and maiden will be needed. They are told that the entire energies of the nation must be concentrated upon the production of really essential things and that the production of all non-essentials must be wholly stopped. They are told that they must restrict the consumption even of essentials.

But there is no note of pessimism. As the bankers look at the necessities of the case, all that remains to be done, all that is needed to secure victory, is to provide the money to support the vast armies of new men and to pay for munitions now being manufactured in all parts of the world. This is described as the special duty of the British people, for they in particular possess the financial resources. They must furnish the sinews of war.

Nor does there seem to be any question in the minds of the signatories that the money will be forthcoming. They are sanguine, rather than doubtful. For they find that their exports are greater than in 1909, that the income from capital has been reduced but little, that the earnings of shipping are greater than ever before, and that the factories are working on full time. And they declare that the average individual income is much in excess of any total heretofore reached.

Of course, no effort is made to discount the seriousness of the task. Frankly, the manifesto admits the time to be of great financial danger. But a notable statement—that the last hundred millions would win the war—is recalled by the declaration that success depends mainly upon the respective financial resources, and "the consequent power of one of them to maintain or to add to its fighting strength. It is not in doubt that the Allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than their enemy's."

All classes are told that not only must they husband their income, but sell securities marketable abroad to pay for goods and munitions for which no other means of payment are provided. Statements of that kind can create no consternation here. The time has passed for that. This country's power to absorb is now large, out of all proportion to any demands, likely to be made upon it. It is a power sure to grow, rather than to diminish, despite the fact that French and British factories are constantly increasing their output.

When the British are spending money at the rate of \$9,000,000,000 a year, they will have mustered into service approximately 4,000,000 men. Of course, they will not all be in the field. Far from it. Experience has shown the wastage to be 15 per cent. a month, and it is necessary to have in reserve at home 1.8 per cent. men.

DEATH

NOONAN—There passed peacefully away this morning after a long illness, Miss Alice Noonan, at the residence of Mr. Edward Murphy's. She leaves to mourn her two nieces at Boston and a large circle of friends. Funeral on Thursday morning to the train for Carbonar from her residence, 169 Pleasant Street. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation. Boston papers please copy.

CHILDREN PLACED.—Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own, should communicate with the above.—jan4,tf,daily

Newfoundland Here Brings Full Cargo Of Copper Ore & Codfish

The S.S. Newfoundland, Capt. Davis, arrived here yesterday from Little Bay. The ship left Little Bay at 1 a.m. Friday and arrived at Twillingate 6 a.m. where she took in 1350 five-quintal casks of codfish. She brought up 400 tons copper ore from Little Bay to be landed here for Mr. W. A. McKay. She left Twillingate at 8 p.m. Sunday and ran into an E. N. E. snow storm when the Captain deemed it prudent to put to sea. She made into Bacchu at 10.30 yesterday. She proved to be a fine sea boat in the storm.

Fined For Assaulting Customs Officer

A few days ago we referred to an assault case on Customs Officer Power of Odein. One Walsh, his assailant, was up before Magistrate Avery at Burin yesterday and was fined \$35 or 40 days in jail.

IT DOES MAKE DIFFERENCE

General Joffre's quiet humor is typified in a story which comes from the trenches. Some members of the general's staff were discussing the number of officers whose hair had turned from jet black to white since the war began, and they had decided to their own satisfaction that the cause was to be found in mental strain. General Joffre was asked for his opinion, and, while agreeing with the conclusion arrived at by his officers, naively added that it was also very difficult in war time to obtain the toilet accessories to which one was accustomed in times of peace.

Tramp—Please, mum, I don't want nothin' but the privilege of sittin' here and listin' to Madame Patti, th' great prima donna, sing. Mrs. Youngwife—Goodness me! She isn't here. Tramp—Pardon, mum, but I hear her now. Mrs. Youngwife—Why that's my baby, crying. But don't go. Dinner will be ready soon.—New York Weekly.

Smith—Is your church supported by voluntary contributions. Mistah Black? Elder Black (of the colored church)—No, sah, by involuntary contributions, sah. It's just like pullin' teeth to get money out of that congregation, yas, sah!—Indianapolis Star.

for every soldier abroad. So, if the actual fighters be represented by 1-250,000, there must be a reserve of 2-250,000, according to Premier Asquith's calculations. It remains for time to tell what sort of history will be made next year, but the manifesto, the increase of the army, the co-operation of the Trades Union officials, the mobilization of all the fighting assets of the nation, show with what sort of a spirit it is facing the grim future. As a matter of fact, with its back to the wall, it is staking everything on the outcome. Almost, it suggests, not the last hundred millions, but the last dollar, if not the last man.

In the fact of a showing such as this, there is dispute here as to the wisdom of preparing for what may happen. There is not much dispute as to the possibilities. Unquestionably, we have ruffled and are ruffling some susceptibilities. We have become affirmative, if not peremptory, in tone with Vienna, and there is strong language in some of the Notes sent to Berlin, to say nothing of certain representations sent to London and elsewhere. As wounds do not always heal by "first intention," as they have a habit of rankling, anchors cast to the windward might be worth what they cost. You never can tell.

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