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ASQUITH GETS BIG MAJORITY ON THE COMPULSORY BILL

Scenes of Wild Enthusiasm in the Commons and Outside as Figures Are Made Known—Balfour Makes Magnificent Speech Which Earns for Him the Warmest Congratulations of Premier, Grey and Others—Government Gets Majority of Conservative Vote—Irish Nationalists and Labor Party Vote Against Bill—O'Brienites Took No Part

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm, the House of Commons to-night passed the first reading of the Government bill for Compulsory Military Service by a decisive vote of 403 to 105. The vote came shortly before midnight with the galleries packed and every seat on the floor of the House occupied. Ministerial benches were filled and an air of eager expectancy prevailed. The events of the day had increased the tension to a high pitch, notably the action of the Labor Congress and the quick sequel of the retirement of three Labor members of the Ministry. Throughout these developments outside Parliament the debate in the House had forged steadily ahead, but had been left largely to the lesser figures. It was reserved for A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, to close the debate on behalf of the Government and he did so in a persuasive appeal of half an hour which roused the lagging spirits of the advocates of Conscription and turned the tide of adversity, which had been running steadily against the measure through the debate and outside the events of the day.

"Let this vote to-night show that we are a united people," was his closing appeal. "Do not let us give a false impression to the world that in the moment of our country's gravest emergency we are a divided, one against the other. Abandon your theories and remember we are dealing with stern realities which call for great sacrifices."

Then came the vote, which was taken amid eager interest, as the members filed before the tellers and peers crowded their galleries to witness the final result. The announcement of the figures was received with a tremendous outburst of cheering, which rang through the Chamber and was echoed to waiting crowds outside. Scores of members in khaki waved their handkerchiefs and the air was rent with white papers flung in triumph at the Government's success.

Amid the demonstration, Premier Asquith, his face usually pale, now glowing with satisfaction, walked down the floor of the House to present

the Bill formally to the Chamber. His appearance was the signal for a rapturous ovation. Members on all sides stood and cheered, while the galleries could only with difficulty be restrained from joining in the enthusiasm. An analysis showed the Government had the great bulk of the Conservative vote. The Irish Nationalists had voted against the Bill, but the Irish Unionists supported the measure, while the O'Brienites took no part in the division. The minority showed a sprinkling of members, the most notable being John Burns, the former Cabinet Minister. A number of Labor Members also voted with the Opposition.

Balfour's closing speech was one of the notable features of the debate. He spoke with great earnestness, but with good natured confidence, which kept the members between applause and laughter. This measure, he declared, was not designed to settle the military policy of Great Britain. It was for the present occasion and for the present war. "I have never favored conscription in any form," said the First Lord, "but it is no longer an abstract question. We are dealing with the stern reality. First, the Prime Minister has given his pledge for this Bill, a pledge which it would be dishonourable to ignore and, secondly, the safety and success of the country is at stake. Let me say, with the greatest emphasis, that those of us who know the conditions in the field know that this bill is absolutely essential to the proper carrying on of the war. If this House refuses this Bill to the Government, it refuses what the Government considers an absolute necessity. It is not the thin edge of wedge or the first drop of poison to corrupt our whole system. In truth, this bill is a tribute to voluntarism, for we have raised six million volunteers. Now this bill merely brings in those few shirkers who have failed to respond to the volunteer system. No future Prime Minister can ever use this Bill as a precedent for permanently fixing on this country the taint of Prussian militarism. Militarism is an affair of hearts. It is grown in the hearts of the German people to have militarism, while it is the heart of the Britisher not to have it. But, for the moment, we are dealing with a stern necessity. Our greatest danger is not that traditions will be abandoned, but that we are lulling ourselves with a great illusion of false security."

Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey and other Ministers warmly congratulated Balfour as he closed his appeal.

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TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS LEAKS OUT

Failure of Teutonic Forces to Make Any Progress and Depressing Letters From Greek Queen's Sister Cause Greeks to View Allies With Favor

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Athens, says:—"The last 10 days have been the biggest drop in German prestige since the war began, and this, despite the Entente Allies' evacuation of a portion of the Gallipoli Peninsula. The causes of the German slump have been external and internal, namely the failure of the Teutonic forces to advance in Macedonia together with General Castelnau's confidence in the strength of the Entente Allies' position at Salonika, and the impatience of the Greek troops to resist any attempt at a Bulgarian advance in Greek territory, which has compelled the Government to give the commanders on the border the necessary orders to be prepared for action against the Bulgarians if necessary. Moreover, through the Queen, who has had depressing letters from her sister Princess Charlotte of Saxe Meiningen, King Constantine is learning the true state of affairs in Germany."

THINKS DRIVE ON SALONIKI IS AT HAND

Germans Have Brought up Large Numbers of 12 inch Mortars to the Greek Frontier—Allied Commander Thinks it Looks Like an Early Attack

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Austro-Germans are massing heavy artillery at Givgelfer on an early drive on Salonika. A despatch to the Paris Temps from its Salonika correspondent, last night, said that Allied aviators returning from a reconnaissance over the German lines state that large numbers of 12-inch mortars are arriving at the Greek frontier from Nish. Field Marshal von Mackensen will command the combined army of Austrians and Germans, Turks and Bulgarians in their campaign against the Allies. Despatches yesterday definitely locate the noted German commander on the Greek frontier, he had previously been reported withdrawn to Bessarabia. Despatches from three sources indicate that the drive on Salonika is at hand. The Salonika correspondent of the Corriere della Sera of Milan writes to his paper: "The Commander-in-Chief of the Allies said to me today: 'It looks like an early attack, that is just what we want.'"

LABOUR MEMBERS RESIGNED

There Are Now Four Vacancies in Coalition Ministry—Gossip Already Busy as to Who Will Be Their Successors

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The resignations of Henderson, Bruce and Roberts were the direct outcome of the Labor Congress held to-day which was followed by a two hour conference among Parliamentary Labor Members. At the close of the latter conference the announcement was made of the withdrawal of three Labor members of the Coalition Ministry. It is understood that Henderson will take an early opportunity to explain his position to the Commons, probably at next Tuesday's session. There are now four vacancies in the Coalition Ministry, including that caused by resignation of Sir John A. Simon, Home Secretary. Gossip is already busy over the probable successors of the outgoing Ministers.

AUSTRIANS SEVERELY PUNISHED

Paris, Jan. 7.—The fighting on the Russian front, near the Roumanian frontier, is fast growing in intensity and assuming a great ferocity, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Havas News Agency in a despatch filed Wednesday.

Despatches from Kiev declare that the noise of cannon can be heard along a distance of thirty miles and that the windows in all the villages in this region have been broken by the concussion. The battle is raging with great fury on the Tarnopol Trembowla front where more than 800,000 men with 3500 cannon are incessantly engaged.

Austro-German red cross trains are leaving this front daily for more remote and thinly populated towns where hospitals have been organized. Wounded Russian officers report that the consequences of this battle already are being shown in certain sections by the blowing in of the first line of German trenches, and the slow but irresistible progress of the Russian forces.

The same officer tell of enormous difficulties the Russians had to surmount on this front where engagements of the barbed wire fence often led 24 feet deep and were charged with powerful electric currents supplied from sections especially erected, so as an immediate approach to the entanglements was impossible. The Russians soldiers have invented the following method of surrounding the difficulty: A good marksman fling ropes with hooks at the ends over the barbed wire, then all pull and the whole entanglement is removed.

Latest From the 'Persia'

London, Jan. 7.—An announcement to-night by the Peninsular Oriental S.S. Co. says, the number of persons on board the steamer Persia, who have not been accounted for, aggregate 336, of these 119 were passengers and 217 members of the crew.

British Sub Sunk

London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland was officially announced this morning. The crew was saved. had considered the matter raised in the latter part of the question, but he was unwilling to make any announcement concerning it. Telegrams from Athens say the number of Serbian refugees now in Greek territory are now forty thousand, whom six thousand are at Salonika.

HAMILTON'S REPORT GALLIPOLI OPERATIONS IS NOW PUBLISHED

Russian Advances Force Enemy to Retire in Galicia

PETROGRAD, Jan. 6.—It appears not improbable, according to advices from the front, that the Austro-German forces in the southern extremity of the fighting area, will be forced back on a line running through Kolmen and Hanislau, in Galicia, in the near future, as a result of the steady and continuous advance of the Russians between the upper reaches of River Stripa and the Roumanian frontier. Already the Austrians are reported to have removed their base from Czernowitz towards Kolomea. Notwithstanding these facts the Austrians are fighting courageously. The Russians, it is declared, have succeeded in taking by storm the fortifications around Czernowitz, that were recently described in the German press as impregnable. Having cut the railway line from Zalesonayki to Czernowitz the Russians are threatening communications between Czernowitz and the Kolmea zone. The Russian offensive is extending northward, bringing into action the left flank of the central front. From Olitza they have pushed out on the railway line 25 miles to Kevertzi, and are reported advancing along the roads in the direction of and close to Lutsk, also between Poshcherevitch and Kostuhova.

SAYS IT MAY COMPLICATE SITUATION

Greek Press is Worried Over What Might Happen if Allies Find it Necessary to Remove Greek Authorities at Salonika

PARIS, Jan. 7.—The Greek Press is considering with some concern the situation which may arise in case the Allies find it necessary to send away the Greek authorities at Salonika, if an invasion should be attempted by the Teutonic Allies. An Athens correspondent to the Havas Agency says, it is explained that such action would be only provisional and in no way an encroachment on the sovereignty of Greece. Nevertheless the newspapers say it would complicate the situation for the Greek Government, which is now pressed by the Central Powers for a reply to their protest against German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish Consuls being arrested at Salonika. Protests of Greece on this subject to the Entente Powers has not yet been answered. King Peter of Serbia, who at Salonika has sent King Constantine a telegram expressing his satisfaction at being able to enjoy the hospitality of the country which is a friend and ally of Serbia.

Each Day Finds Russians Claiming Additional Gains

The Whole Energy of the Russian Army is Directed Towards Making a Gap Between German and Austrian Armies—Comparative Quiet is Reported From Other Fronts—The Baralong Case Creates a Sensation Among the London Papers—Feared German Reprisals Will Take Violent Form

LONDON, Jan. 6.—While battle on the borders of Bessarabia is apparently still far from decision, each day finds the Russians claiming occupation of additional enemy positions, and Petrograd believes that if this process continues, a short time longer a break somewhere in the lines of the Central Powers must come. The whole energy of the Russian army is being directed towards making a gap between the German armies in the centre and the Austrian forces. Desperate Austrian attacks in the region of Kolki are designed to prevent this. Fighting must continue for a considerable time yet, but upon the result will depend in a large measure the strategy of both sides when the spring comes. Other fronts continue to maintain a state of comparative quiet. For Britain the attitude that labor men will take regarding conscription at a great conference to be held at London to-morrow is a matter of anxiety. Robert William, leader of the transport workers' federation here to-night is practically assured that the conference will affirm the rejection of conscription in any form. The story of the Baralong case has created a wide sensation. A considerable part of the British press question the veracity of witnesses, the Globe expresses doubt whether there is any such person as Larimore Holland, and suggests the next time Von Bethmann Hollweg's subordinates invent a witness they should provide one who is more convincing. There is general expectation that Germany will express its satisfaction at Sir Edward Grey's reply by immediately instigating reprisals which Great Britain fears will take violent form.

No More Important Contribution to History of Present War Has Yet Been Made—Reasons Given For Failure Suvla Bay Landing—Are Untried Troops Under Inexperienced Generals—Sufferings of Troops For Lack of Water Supply—British Government Was Unable to Supply Reinforcements Required

LONDON, Jan. 7.—General Ian Hamilton's report of the British operations on Gallipoli Peninsula was published in the Official Gazette to-night. It tells the story of fighting on the Peninsula from beginning of May to the middle of October. Probably no more important contribution to the history of the present war has yet been made. The report throws light upon the great landing at Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay, Aug. 7th, which has been subject to strong attacks upon the military administration of the Government, the whole operations requiring the combined action of the army and navy. The handling of masses of troops within a limited area, probably was the most complicated military movement ever undertaken. Military men are not surprised that some important details failed to work as planned. Suvla Bay landing failed to accomplish its object, report shows partly, because force consisted largely of untried troops under Generals inexperienced in new warfare, and partly through failure of water supply and sufferings of troops from lack of water makes painful reading. General Hamilton bestows the highest possible praise upon the bravery of the men. He believes that after the middle of August the Turks outnumbered the British and that they had plenty of fresh soldiers, and munitions, while the British Government was unable to furnish him with the reinforcements he wanted. General Hamilton strongly opposed the abandonment of any bases held by the British troops. General Hamilton's support which was submitted to Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, carries the story of the Dardanelles operations up to the middle of October when he relinquished command.

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(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)

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It was only the other day that one of the "settlers" took Mr. McKay to this "Hollow," or Hoboken, and showed him a very rich vein of copper ore, right to the surface, only had to remove the turf, where the prospector had never before "struck a lode."

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Little Bay Mine is only twelve miles by carriage road from the Indian Falls, from which McKay can get power enough, not only for all mining purposes, but will have sufficient reserve to drive all "knockers" out of our Island Home. I would ask the readers of the Mail and Advocate to remember that Mr. McKay is a typical Newfoundland, who knows no defeat. Not only has he a new pier now ready, but he has also a splendid railway track from the pier right in to the ore "dumps," a half a mile long, built in three clear days. He has also fifty tons of high-grade material, in casks—regulus, precipitate, and grey metal, on the pier, ready for the first steamer due here, under charter, about the end of the week.

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but McKay has treated the prattle of such people like the crackling of thorns under a pot. A sight worth seeing is to watch the copper precipitating and converting old scrap iron, old tin cans and all sorts of old iron into pure copper in the pond and stream running from the mine and dumps out into the ocean. Mr. McKay has several hundred boxes made for the purpose and filled with old scrap iron and placed in the pond and stream to catch the copper out of the water on its way to the sea-shore. Consequently, while McKay is taking a rest at night, the water from the mine and "dumps" and the old scrap iron is doing its work to enrich the man, who, when he sees a good thing, knows it.

Apologizing, Mr. Editor, for trespassing on so much of your valuable space, I am, etc.

POOR SETTLER.
Little Bay,
Dec. 24, 1915.

There is Hard Work Yet Ahead

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—I am not going to wish you a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year, but all the comforts that the conscience of doing in the past what was right and good not for self alone, for that will never bring solid comfort. I am speaking from experience and I ought to know as I am going on for 80, having past my 70 years and am still a member of the F.P.U. I am happy to say, The Empire, as a whole is passing through deep waters, but in this country of ours there is need for much thought and care. If we are to prosper and survive our difficulties, there is a big battle yet to be fought with the powers of darkness, not only the bad, but those who call themselves good, but, thank God the people know the good from the bad, thanks to those who fight for the right. We don't look for huckle berries on a crab tree and don't expect the world to crown you for battling for the right, or you will be mistaken, but you will have the benediction of your fellow men, whom you have lifted up and who have been long wrongly oppressed. But those who suffer for doing good and right much look further than this little short life. There is a great life coming, where the medals and crosses are waiting for all those who contend and strive against wrong in high places for there it will always be found. Have good courage, work by faith, not all by sight, and end will be peace.

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(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

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Long Pond, Jan. 4, 1916.

OBITUARY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)


Dear Sir,—Allow me space in your most esteemed paper to relate the death of Miss Dinah Greening who passed peacefully away to the great beyond on December the 30 after a lingering illness, aged 21 years. Deceased was a daughter of Moses and Sarah Greening. She leaves a Mother, Father, two brothers and four sisters to mourn her sad loss.

W. J. GREENING,
Summersville, Jan. 3rd, 1916.

CHURCH UNION LOST

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Rev. A. R. Baird, Principal of Manitoba College, who in all probability will be Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, when it meets in Winnipeg next June, said to-day that the Church Union cause was lost. Dr. Baird has been for many years a most devoted advocate of this proposal and his deep regret when he announced the failure of the plan was apparent.

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1301 Private Samuel Kennedy, Kelligrews. Admitted to 17th General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 26; fever, slight.

618 Private Henry Stewart, McKerrill St., Paisley. Admitted to the Government Hospital, Alexandria, Oct. 20; Jaundice.

498 Lance-Corp. John Spooner, 30 Monroe St. Transferred ex 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 18; Jaundice.

1049 Private Frederick C. Benson, Salvago, B.D. Transferred ex 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 18; diarrhoea.

83 Private Edward G. Nofall, Rocky Lane. Transferred ex 26th Casualty Clearing Station, Suva, Nov. 18; Proxial.

J. R. BENNETT,
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No Offensive Movement Expected For the Present

PARIS, Jan. 6.—It seems more and more probable that for the present at least the Germans and Bulgars will undertake no movement against the Allies at Salonika, telegraphs the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency.

It has been observed that the Germans and Bulgars are fortifying the line they now hold, apparently with the intention of remaining on the defensive. The Germans prefer to direct their efforts towards Albania. They desire to capture Avlona and Durazzo and to fortify themselves there.

Labor Party Rejects Measure

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Labor Congress to-day sent a record against the Bill introduced in the Commons yesterday for compulsory military service, recommending the members of the Labor Party in Parliament to oppose the bill at all its stages. By a vote of 1,998,000 against 783,000 the Labor Congress decided to support the demand for a withdrawal of the Compulsory Bill from Parliament. Ramsay MacDonald, opposed everything in the nature of support for the compulsory service bill.

Labore et Honore

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The United States Steel Corporation to-day decided to increase the wages of all its unskilled employees about ten per cent. The statement issued by the Steel Corporation said that the increase had been decided upon largely on account of the present prosperous conditions. It added that in addition to the new wages for common labourers, the employees of practically all departments of the Corporation will receive proportionate increases.

Sir John Simon's Successor Named

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A despatch from London to the News Agency says that Postmaster General Herbert Samuel, Liberal, will succeed Sir John Simon as Home Secretary.

Passed First Reading

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Conscription Bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons to-night by a vote of 403 to 105.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The statement issued by the War Office to-night speaks of French successes in artillery engagements at various places along the front. It says between Soissons and Rheims our artillery attacked opposing batteries and inflicted heavy losses upon the works of the enemy in the region north-west of Vailly. In Champagne we directed destructive bombardments against various exposed points on the enemy's front. These bombardments caused havoc in the German trenches and blew up munition depots.

The official Belgian statement was: "While the Belgian artillery attacked German batteries to the east of Dixmude, the enemy bombarded the village of Neuve Chapelle. Fighting with grenades has been violent resumed in the sector of Steenstaate."

The official Italian statement was: "In the zone of Monte Croce and Valcomel Cocadore our artillery fire concentrated on a camp in the Fischlein valley, forced large detachments of the enemy to retreat in the direction of Homs in the Carnic zone, the fire of our batteries demolished several trenches and put the defenders to flight. On the Carso plateau the enemy attacked our positions on Monte San Michael, and again were repulsed with losses."

A semi-official Note issued to-night says that thus far nine hundred thousand refugees or repatriates have been sent to the various French Departments, where, with the aid of the Government, they have been cared for by the people.

PORTIA HAS IT ROUGH.

The S.S. Portia left St. Joseph's during the night, bound west. Owing to the intensely stormy weather she could not load at St. Mary's and was at Salmonier for a while last night. She ran back to St. Mary's to-day to land her freight.

The Meigs should leave Sydney to-day with a large freight for this port.

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THE COAL SITUATION

MANY of the statements contained in The Herald's statement in reference to the coal situation published last evening are unreliable and far stretched. Someone gave P.T. a few notes of what transpired and P.T. as usual filled in the gaps with imaginations. We trust the Premier will permit no obstacles manufactured by Mr. Alex. Harvey to interfere with the decisions arrived at on Wednesday.

One day is fully sufficient to elaborate the details, and ere this we should have been informed of the finalizing of the whole transaction. There will be no drawing back by the Opposition, and no further concessions will be given them, so far as Mr. Coaker is concerned.

The Premier must insist upon the performance of the arrangement to the very letter; any other course will mean troublesome times during the next few days.

The people are determined to pay the old price for soft coal for the present stocks available, which is 3000 tons and not 1200. Any further delay or hesitation will mean the conveying of the mightiest mass meeting ever held at St. John's, and the forcing of the situation by the people themselves.

In event of a mass meeting being held, the laborers expect Mr. M. P. Gibbs to stand by them. Needless to say that the poor of St. John's possess in Mr. Gibbs a staunch friend in this crisis. The Coal Barons will find it no easy matter to cajole Mr. Gibbs. There must be no further delay.

The present stocks of coal must be sold to the people in quarters and half ton lots at a figure not exceeding \$8.50 per ton until the "Alcocks" arrives, and what coal has been sold at \$10.80—about 20 tons—must also be reduced to the agreed selling price and the difference returned to the purchasers.

There will be no shortage in the supply, and it is possible that the whole of this winter's sale will not exceed \$8.50 per ton, for if the steamer which it was decided to charter meets with good weather her freight will not exceed \$2.50 per ton.

A serious blunder was committed by not engaging the sealing steamers to convey coal during November, December and January. The insurance "bogy" is but moonshine, where determination and business maxims are available. The Government should have arranged the risks, and if they could not be placed, to manfully shoulder the risks.

A coal famine has barely been averted and the people saved from being fleeced \$2.50 per ton on coal but such a condition of affairs should not have existed. It could have been easily remedied. The coal dealers are to blame, but so is the Government, for proper action taken in October when conditions looked serious, would have removed all chances of a shortage of advanced prices.

The price of coal was advanced chiefly to protect Crosbie's interests, for he had no coal, and when no available tonnage offered at less than \$5.00, he decided to send his steamer and arrange for 4000 tons at the \$5.00 figure, but much of this 4000 tons will be brought in his own bottoms and he will reap the benefits of the big freights. Had Crosbie 2000 tons on hand on January 1st there would in all probability been no advance until the old stocks held by Harvey and Morey had been sold out.

We contend that there should have been sufficient coal arranged for in November and December, for there was steamers open to charter in November at \$1.20 per ton, but were not accepted by some dealers here. If the people knew the whole story about this coal shortage their indignation would know no bounds.

One or two men are to blame for the whole trouble, and if a proper commission was appointed the facts would be open to all and the guilty ones distinguished. It may yet transpire that such a commission will be demanded. If there is any hesitation, nothing will stop the people from having such a commission.

We are not revealing confidential matter submitted at the conference of the Government and Opposition. We know whereof we affirm from other sources. We therefore advise all and sundry to deliver the goods as decided by Wednesday's conference or they will find the last word to be said about this cruel blunder and vile attempt to rob the poor is yet a long way off.

CONFESSED!

MOSDELL occupied four columns of Reid's Star yesterday in an attempt to justify Morris's infamous action in recommending W. D. Reid for a so-called knight-hood and justifying the grab of the Coal Barons in fleecing the poor of \$2.80 on one ton of coal. The attempt was a confession that the Coal Barons did no wrong in taking \$2.80 more for coal than their legitimate profit. The public will have observed a strong defence of Reid, while not daring to deny our statement of Reids having backed The Star with their money.

The Reids and the Coal Barons who could so unmercifully grab \$2.80 on a ton of coal are to be congratulated upon their defender in chief, Mosdell done what no other graball paper would dream of doing, i.e. replying to our very strong statement of facts regarding the Reid knight-hood. The people may now place Mosdell in his proper place and accept any of his statements for what they are worth.

We challenge Mosdell to deny the money to establish The Star was given him by J. C. Crosbie, R. A. Squires and W. D. Reid through R. A. Squires—the largest slice being given by the Reids.

We challenge him to deny that Sir Edgar Bowring was approached for money to aid the project, but he refused to have anything to do with such a mad proposal; but that Mr. J. S. Munn came to his rescue and threw in a couple of hundred dollars.

We challenge him to deny that he was prohibited from speaking of the coal situation by his Coal Baron masters and had to keep silent.

Enough for the present. What fools those mortals be! Who ever thought Mosdell would be fool enough to publicly confess who his masters were or be drawn by the bait we placed for him recently? It makes little difference to the public whether those large-hearted men presented him with 20,000 to establish The Star or whether it was loaned, for his confession of yesterday was but a confirmation of what most people expected ever since The Star appeared.

The next surprise will be a confession showing what connection P.P. has with The Star's unique game of pooling behind the scenes.

It is not a difficult matter, in view of Mosdell's confession, to understand why he insulted the fishermen in September by stating in his paper that Soft Labrador fish was selling at \$5.40, which was far more than it was worth, or which he was called down by a correspondent—P.G.B.—in The News. Soft Labrador however advanced as high as \$6.45 within a month after Mosdell hurled his infamous insult in the teeth of the fishermen. Time however has recalled the whetstones, and the people won't easily forget them. As Mosdell has taken up the cudgel in defence of W. D. Reid, perhaps he will proceed to enu-

erate W. D. Reid's virtues; if he will, we guarantee that we will hasten to enumerate his vices in order to paint his picture properly.

SELF CONDEMNED

IN his interview with The Herald on Tuesday last, the Hon. member for Bay-de-Verde with a toss of his curly head, remarked that "the same conditions, i.e. shortage of freights, would confront the Colony as regards the getting of cargoes of fish to foreign markets as now confronts the Colony in the coal shortage." This coming from Mr. Crosbie, a member of the Morris Executive, and a representative of a fishing district, is we think the best proof yet given to the public of how utterly unfit the present gathering of party odds and ends are to meet the requirements of the Colony.

We have pointed out as early as September last the need of the Government moving in the matter of providing bottoms to freight our fish to markets. Nothing, as far as the public are aware of at any rate, was done by the Government to meet this pressing need; and, all we know of the matter, as far as the Morris Executive are concerned, is that the "buck that sold dem spars" says we are up against this shortage of freight bottoms in connection with the exporting of our national staple, just as we are in regard to the coal trade.

Here then is a nice condition of things. Mr. Crosbie, an Executive member of a Government who posed, as a "Peoples Party," admits that the Government are now face to face with the fact, that, though their inaction in the matter of securing bottoms to freight our staple article to market the Colony may be hit, and hit very hard as a result. They have simply sat down idly and waited for this crisis to come upon us, where as if they had been alive to their duties, Morris would have had by now secured sufficient bottoms to secure the export of all fishery produce to the outside markets.

If there was a few thousand dollars to be grabbed by sending some one to purchase or charter these necessary bottoms we would have had in all probability a fleet of such freighters her now; but as only the fishermen and the laborer is directly concerned the policy of the present Government must be followed out and that is to—

with the fishermen, the farmer, the laborer and the mechanic. Hasn't Morris made an awful muddle of things. It seems that everything he puts his "brains" too is doomed to failure. Not one solitary measure has been passed by the Legislature by the Morris Party that is in any way beneficial to the country in general. All the legislation enacted during the past three sessions of the House have originated from the Union Party. It was the Union Party who introduced the Sealing Bill, the Loggers' Bill, the Local Affairs Act and the other measures which will certainly prove beneficial to the people in general.

On the other hand it was the Morris Party who passed the Products Corporation Act which enabled the Reid Newfoundland Co. to secure for ever enormous concessions from the Crown for nothing. The Products Corporation are no other than the Reids and their Solicitor—Mr. Martin Furlong. Mr. Furlong is the Law Clerk of the House and he is at the same time a Director of the Reid Newfoundland Company which are in turn the principal Directors of the Products Corporation.

In this connection we would remind our readers that there is no sign of the big boom which the

Premier was so sure would be seen at Bay of Islands in connection with this Company.

If reports are true, and it seems that there is a degree of truth in them, the Reids have Agents touring Canada and the States trying to induce Capitalists to invest their money in this wild cat scheme of drawing a fortune from the air. Nothing has been done by the Products Corporation in the way of building or construction work and there is likely nothing to be done until the eve of a general election, when an effort will be made to again fool the electorate.

The Reids, alias, the Products Corporation, alias the Morris Government, shortly before the late general election offered or gave several consumptive hospitals; but as yet we have to see one of them constructed. All that was done by the Government in the matter was to buy some ground in at Mount Pearl from a supporter of their party at a price far in excess of that offered by another for ground just as suitable for the proposed site.

Morris would not have moved in the matter of the coal shortage unless forced to do so as he was by The Mail and Advocate. Will he yet wait to deal with the securing of freighters to convey our fish to market until such time as the F.P.U. make him set to work and do his duty to the fishermen of the country.

Hon. Mr. Crosbie is a fish exporter. He is an Executive member of the Morris Government, yet we have his own words for it that he fears a serious condition faces the trade in this respect. Yet the Government sits idly and lets the vital interests of the trade take care of itself. Well—may we ask—"Whither are we and whither tending?"

Commanders Who Have Failed

THE retirement of Field-Marshal French from the chief command of the British forces on the western front leaves Joffre the only survivor of the generalissimo at the outbreak of the war. Von Moltke is gone, the Grand Duke Nicholas is gone, the Austrian generals Auffenberg and Dank were among the first to go. A war lasting nearly a year and a half is bound to make and unmake leaders. A war so full of technical surprises as the present war is bound to facilitate the process. It is only the military genius who lasts through changes and surprises. Men of inferior talent go down and are succeeded by men who need not be of superior talent, but who profit by the mistakes of their predecessors. Kitchener and French made their great reputations in the Boer War. But if either of the men had first been in command in South Africa instead of Sir Redvers Buller, it is not impossible that theirs would have been the mistakes.

Below the rank of commander-in-chief there has been a drastic weeding out of generals in all the armies. The hand of Joffre has been particularly heavy. He made wholesale changes before the war, on the showing of corps and division commanders in the great manoeuvres. During the first weeks of actual fighting he cut right and left. Of the men at the head of the five French armies which took the field, Dubail, Castellan, Ruffey, Langie de Cary, and Lanrezac, two were removed as soon as the retreat began to the Marne. Ruffey, who failed on the Meuse, gave way to Sarrail, and Lanrezac, who failed on the Sambre, made way for Franchet d'Esperey. It is true that Castleman failed in the invasion of Lorraine, but his influence was apparently strong enough to keep

him in place until he got the chance to redeem himself magnificently around Nancy.

Since the first week of actual fighting new French armies have been created and new men have come up. The Sixth Army, which D'Amade organized out of territorial forces and new levies in Flanders, was brought to Paris and under Gen. Maunoury won the battle of the Ourcq as part of the battle of the Marne. A Seventh Army, under Gen. Foch, held the centre in that battle, and is believed by many to have decided its outcome. New men have come up since then. At the head of some of the French armies are men like D'Urbal, who was a general of division at the outbreak of the war; Maud'huy, who was a general of brigade, and the most remarkable case of rapid advancement, Petain, who at the beginning of the war was colonel of infantry and who within a year rose through the ranks of brigadier, division commander, and corps commander to his present post.

There have been similar failures and promotions in all the other armies. Of the Germans the first to go was von Hausen, who left the Saxon army at the battle of the Marne. Von Deimling, who commanded in Alsace, has disappeared from the news. The great von Kluck is now convalescent from what gives every sign of being a diplomatic illness. Of British commanders, Ian Hamilton failed in Gallipoli. The Russians, Rennenkampf and Sievers are gone, for obvious reasons. Radko Dimitrieff, who felt the brunt of the Teutonic attack in Galicia, is out of the news. Neither is there mention of Brusiloff, who helped to win the battle of Rawarusska and Lemberg. But Gens. Ruzsky and Ivanoff have survived, and apparently with credit. We know of no definite changes in the Turkish command, but instead of Liman von Sanders, who was prominent during the first phase of the fighting in the Dardanelles, we now hear of von der Goltz. Names in the Austrian bulletins are new—Bothmer, Koevess, Baltin, Planzer, Archdukes and Crown Princes, of course, never fail.

When we look for specific reasons in the case of Field-Marshal French, it is hard to speak definitely. The outstanding reason, of course, is his failure to show results commensurate with the present size of the British army. The specific charges are the failure at Neuve Chapelle in March, and the disappointment of Loos in September. The same accusations have been made in both instances—lack of preparation by the Staff and unaccountable delay in bringing up reserves. Sir John French confesses to some confusion in part of the operations around Loos. But it would be unjust to overlook the peculiar handicap under which the British army had labored. It had not had the advantage of veteran staff officers and intimate acquaintance with the ground. The British army has had to create its officers as well as its men. Furthermore, it is unjust to speak of the British "failure" around Loos as "compared with the French success in Champagne. From the German point of view, both attacks failed. Considering the superior resources Joffre had at his command, the relative gains may not have been so disproportionate. Nevertheless, the fact remains that in Joffre the French have a man of proved ability.

Sir John French's going emphasizes the changed aspect of the war since last spring. It concerns the question of men and munitions. At the beginning of the war events were decided by leadership and numbers. With the commencement of trench warfare it became a question of munitions,

and even now people speak of a war to be won in the armament factories. But it would really appear that the problem of munitions has been solved and that it is once more a question of leadership. At Neuve Chapelle the British ammunition gave out in a short time. It was on this issue that Lord Northcliffe conducted his drive against Lord Kitchener. There was no shortage of ammunition around Loos. Britain first had to find her men. Then she had to find guns and ammunition. Now she must find a great leader.

THE GENUS TRAMPUS.
Lady—I'm afraid you don't like work, my good man.
Tramp—How kin I, mum? Work's wot killed my pore wife.—Boston Transcript.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

January 7th
LADIES of St. Anderw's Church presented Rev. Dr. McRea with pulpit-gown and cassock, 1859.
Thomas O'Reilly, M.H.A., married, 1866.
John Downey, keeper of poor asylum, died, 1870.
Mrs. Stephen March died, 1881.
Patrick Daly (Daly's hotel), died at Topsail, aged 81, 1892.
Tramp—I'd like to borrow a medical almanac, mum.
Housekeeper—What for?
Tramp—I wants ter see wot th' doctors recommend for an 'empty feelin' in th' stummick.—New York Weekly.

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, Chairman.

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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.

Firm as a Rock the Union Stands

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—Allow me a little space to make a few remarks concerning the welfare and "odds and ends" around here. Christmas time, which is past, has been spent very enjoyable, according to our means. The only drawback was suffered by the children, who did not get a visit from Santa Claus.

The Prospero left St. John's for North with Santa Claus on board but she did not get down in time.

The Young Ladies' Association paraded on Christmas Day and the weather being fine they made a great "show off" and had a very good time, everybody being interested. We congratulate them on their entertainment which was very amusing. A volley of five rounds of guns were fired by them and three hearty cheers were given by them after each round, (while the Union Jack waved overhead) for the soldiers and sailors of old Terra Nova who are gone forth to fight the Empire's battles and to help to uphold right and righteousness.

I also wish to say a few words concerning two Mugford boys, Kenneth and Luke, both of one family. Kenneth was the first one to offer his services for the Empire, but not being medically fit consequently he was rejected. Well done Kenneth! You were game enough to try.

Luke was the next to give up all and offer himself; he passed and is now in the regiment. We wish him God speed, and hope that when peace is proclaimed, he will return safely home and bring his well-won laurels with him.

The father of those two chaps has been sick the past year, and is likely to "drop off" any moment. Even on his death-bed we feel sure that in his heart he is proud of the fact of having a son doing his "bit" for the Empire.

Improvements have been made in our coastal mail service, two boats are now on the Bay and they are doing better and more work than was done when the gigantic (?) auxiliary steamer "Petrel" was on the bay.

Firm as a rock the Union stands. Down in those Northern snowy-lands, To oust the Morris Party out, The Union people are heard to shout.

Yours truly,
TRUE AS STEEL,
Notre Dame Bay,
Dec. 28, 1915.

The Coal Barons Have Him Muzzled

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—How is it that Dr. Macdell is silent on the Coal Question. You will, of course, have seen that he has had nothing whatever to say on this most important question for our people. I suppose that this means that the coal barons' who are understood to have a lot of stock in his paper have muzzled him. To-night, as you see, he has an editorial on war finance and ignores the coal question entirely. I am sure you will deal with him as he deserves.—I am, etc.

WATCHMAN,
St. John's, N.F., Jan. 5, 1916.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The weather yesterday obliged the Volunteers to drill in the Armoury. There are now 2710 names on the roster with the addition of the following:

Patk. Pender, St. John's.
Ed. Ryan, St. John's.
Wm. Chas. Taff, St. John's.
Ronald Neville, Clarke's Beach.

BISHOP & SONS' WHARF COLLAPSES.

Yesterday afternoon the water section of Bishop & Son's Eastern wharf collapsed suddenly and about 400 bags of herring and other material piled there went down with it. The work of getting the property up started today, and the accident surprised those on the premises as the pier had been practically rebuilt a couple of years ago.



Scene from "WITHIN THE LAW" at Casino Theatre next Monday Evening

New Year's Day Parade at English Harbor, T.B.

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—The annual parade of the T. A. M. I. Society took place here on New Year's Day. Being favoured with an exceptionally fine day, the members, numbering nearly 100, assembled at the T. A. Hall at 2 p.m. accompanied by the new brass band. Ranks were formed and the Society paraded to the Methodist Church, where an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. I. French, taking as his text Jeremiah xxxvii. 10. The Rev. gentleman, in his remarks, referred to the past Prohibition campaign, and heartily congratulated the Society in general for their collective help in aiding to oust the liquor traffic from the Island. "The last time," proceeded the Rev. gentleman, "I preached to you, you were fighting soldiers, now I view you as conquering heroes." His sermon made a deep impression on the Society, and will ever be remembered by all present.

After service, ranks were re-formed and the parade was continued around the harbour. On returning to the Hall ranks were broken and each member proceeded to the C. E. Schoolroom where palatable refreshments for the "inner man," provided by some of the kind ladies of the place, were partaken of, to which each member did justice.

At 6:15 p.m. the Hall doors were opened for the annual T. A. Entertainment and in a few minutes, standing space in the Hall was scarcely available, it being filled to its utmost capacity.

The President, Bro. Gilbert Bugden, occupied the chair, and after a short address, introduced the programme, which consisted of a series of speeches by some of the leading oratorical members, interwoven with a fibre of comic dialogues by some of our local comedians, conspicuous among those being Bros. F. Penny, F. White, G. Penny, J. Batson, also, the rendering of the Serbian National Anthem by Bros. B. Penny and G. Ivany. The Band also gave some stirring airs and Bro. B. Penny and his assistants deserve to be heartily congratulated on their splendid success in getting the said band in operation in so short a time, despite so many difficulties.

After the programme was finished the Rev. French gave a short address in his usual good style, after which the National Anthem was sung and the audience happily and joyfully convinced as witnessing one of the best T. A. M. I. Entertainments in the an-

OUR THEATRES FOR SALE!

THE NICKEL.

The Nickel theatre to-day presents a beautiful Broadway star, three-part feature drama entitled "The Esterbrook Case." It is an exceptionally fine film by the Vitagraph artists with a great cast including Julia Sydney Gordon, Cissy Fitzgerald, L. Roger Lytton and Garry McGarry. "Her Film-land Hero" is a dainty comedy drama which all will appreciate. Then there is a thrilling melo-drama "A Deed of Daring" which is highly sensational from start to finish. The great comedian, Charlie Chaplin, will be seen in one of his funny pictures entitled "Charlie and Mabel's busy day." Everyone will find pleasure in to-day's bill, so don't miss it. Saturday afternoon there is a special bumper matinee for the little ones; send them early, so that they may have an afternoon's fun. Monday "The Goddess" will be continued.

ROSSLEY'S.

The talented girls now appearing at the pantomime, gave a command performance at Government House, when His Excellency and Lady Davidson who gave a large party, had the Rossley sunshine girls help to entertain their visitors. The children were delighted with the performance, and Mr. Jack Rossley as the Rag Doll, danced with little Miss Daphne Davidson, while Bonnie Rossley as the wax doll, danced with Miss Dina Davidson. At the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Rossley were called into the ballroom, and the delighted audience of little people gave them a great reception, after which the members of the Company were treated to a delightful tea.

Members of English Hr. history.
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MEMBER,
English Hr., Jan. 4, 1916.

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BOARD OF TRADE OFFICERS NOMINATED.

Recently nominations took place at the Board of Trade Rooms for the offices of President, Second V. P. and for four Councilors. Those nominated were:—

President—Robt. R. Job.
2nd Vice-Pres.—R. Gordon Winter.
Councilors—Chas. R. Steer, W. A. Munn, A. Macpherson and R. A. Templeton.

The election will be held in the near future.

The S.S. Home left Humbermouth for this port to lay up for the rest of the winter. When leaving there ice had formed four inches thick and she had to butt her way to the outer Bay Harry. Frost of late has prevailed there.

MAGNIFICENT VALUE!

FOR YOUR GIRLS

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The Prohibition Vote and Liquor Interests

The Government Must Order the Minister of Justice to Defend its Bill or Take the Consequences When Parliament Opens

The Liquor Saloon interests are attempting through Counsel to upset the whole Prohibition measure and are asking the Court to set aside the whole election and vote as illegal. We are not worrying over what may be done by the Court, as the prohibition vote, if set aside by the Court, must immediately be affirmed by action of the Legislature.

In view of the particulars set up in the petition of the liquor interests, we, in conjunction with the Telegram and News, consider the Government should instruct the Minister of Justice to defend the action of the Government respecting the manner in which the election was conducted, which is the chief objection raised by the Liquor Interest. The Prohibition Committee would do well to instruct their Counsel not to proceed further in the matter, and other course would be unwise and harmful.

If the liquor interests succeed in upsetting the elections on the ground that the vote was not taken in accordance with the act, then the Justice Department as well as the Executive Council will come in for hard blows from the people, who will at once conclude that it was a plot to kill the measure if carried at the polls.

The Liquor interests claim by petition filed before the Court that those who purport to act as Returning Officers in the several districts and to make returns declaring a certain number of votes had been polled in the affirmative and negative, respectively, were not Returning Officers under the Act, and that the writs under which they acted were null and void; that no Returning Officer was duly appointed; that no legal counting of the votes polled took place; that there is no proper return of the number of votes polled; that ballot papers were improperly counted by said person, purporting to act as Returning Officers; that persons unqualified and disqualified voted; that persons not electors and not 21 years of age acted as deputies and polling clerks; that "No Directions for the Guidance of Voters," as required by law were furnished to the deputies, or that such as were furnished were inappropriate and misleading; that unqualified persons acted as agents.

Wherefore the petitioner prays that it may be determined that no return or certificate of the number of votes polled for the affirmative or negative at the said Election was duly made and that such return or certificate as was made was untrue and void and that the said Election was void and that such order and certificate be made in the premises as to right and justice shall appertain.

It is clear from the Petition that the issues to be tried are such as impugn the conduct of the Election by the Governor in Council; it is therefore incumbent to our mind on the Government to intervene in answering the Petition and to instruct the Attorney General to defend the course pursued.

Const. John Simmonds, a good efficient officer, has been assigned to duty in the post office, replacing Const Sheppard, who has been assigned to special service.

SPLENDID SCENERY HERE.

The scenery to be used by the Klark Urban Co. during its season here arrived by the express yesterday, one whole car being filled with this talented company is carrying more scenic features this year than it ever before exhibited in St. John's and some of its most picturesque effects will be shown in the beautiful drama to be staged Monday night at the Casino—"Within The Law."

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The Greed of the Coal Barons

The Public Are Furious Over Their Brazen Attempt to Soak the Poor at the Treshold of Winter

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—During the last two days of the old year certain coal-dealers in this city shut off the sale of the soft coal they had in their stores. Why did they do it? Simply in order that they might have an excuse to raise the price—and they raised it with a vengeance. If they had put it up one dollar, even then they would be extortioners. But to do and behold they put it up to \$2.80 per ton. A clean gain out of God's poor over their already high profits, of say on \$8,000 tons of coal, of \$22,400.

Why didn't they put it up \$5.00 per ton. It would be just as honest and God-fearing as what they have done. What's the difference, Mr. Editor, between a man who raises the price of coal \$2.80 per ton, because he knows under the circumstances, he can squeeze it out of the poor and the man who waylays a helpless traveler and putting a pistol to his head, says, "Your money or your life?"

What is to be done, Mr. Editor? Are we to be at the mercy of these land-sharks. It may be that it is the duty of the Government or the Council to step in and under the power they hold to say the price of coal is to be \$8.00, the price, to which it was advanced some time ago, that is for what coal is held in store and all new importations to be at that price plus the extra freight and insurance.

Then the sealing steamers should be engaged and sent at once to Sydney in the interests of the people. It is somebody's duty to take this matter up at once. 'Tis a great social question facing this city and unless a move is got at once this town will be painted red before we know it.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.
St. John's, Jan. 4, 1916.

Last Night's Treat Presbyterian Hall

At the Presbyterian Hall last night there was a large and happy gathering when the Volunteers and Naval Reservists were given a treat, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large numbers of both branches of the service who were present. The decorations were pretty and of a patriotic tenor and the tables were heavily laden with the choicest viands to satisfy an epicure. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady and Miss Davidson and Captain A. Goodridge, A.D.C., attended, while among the many guests were Pte. C. Frampton, who saw active service in France, and Pte. R. Hickey, who was with "Ours" on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The following which was received with warm applause was read by His Excellency:

A Tribute To "Ours."

"Extract from Brigade Orders by Brigadier-General D. E. Cayley, C. M. G., 8th Nov. 1915.

"The G. O. C. wishes to place on record his appreciation of the excellent work of the Newfoundland Regiment during the operations of the last few days. By their conduct in this, their first important work, they have brought distinction to the Brigade and have proved themselves to be possessed of self-reliance, bravery and tenacity, the first qualities of a good soldier."

His Excellency then formally announced this confirmation of the honours conferred on Lieut. Donnelly, Sergt. Green and Pte. Hynes, who made a name for themselves and the Regiment at Caribou Hill, and referred in glowing terms to the work of the Colony's sons in aid of the Motherland. He then proposed the toast of the King's Army and Navy.

Lieut. Commander MacDermott, in responding, gave the highest praise to our men in the Navy, and only regretted that their number was not larger. Following dinner an excellent concert programme was gone through, those assisting being Mrs. Outerbridge; Misses Mare, Herder, Hayward; Messrs. T. H. O'Neill, Luxon, Lloyd, Jago (2), Laundry, Macklin, Berley, Wheeler, Crocker and Hussey. To the ladies one and all who arranged the treat, particularly Miss McKibbin and to Misses E. Ayr and E. Dickison, who had the arduous task of preparing the dinner, every congratulation is due on the attendant success.

There is a great scarcity of wood in the nearby outports now owing mostly to the fact that the ponds have not been frozen solidly enough to get teams over them with safety. Heavy frost is wanted to enable the men to get countrywards for fuel.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

East Ender Gets After the Herald

Takes McGrath to Task For His Egotism and Says the People Have Patsy Sized Up

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—I was amused last night in looking over the Herald to see the old-time egotism of Patsy McGrath to the fore again.

"Our remarks of yesterday on the coal question was the general topic yesterday, etc." Could blatant bumpiness or rabid megalomania go further? You are pretty "small potatoes" now P. T., though, of course except in your own estimation, you never amounted to much.

But the people who heard of your remarks, the poor, honest labourer, and mechanic, damned your impudence.

You instructing people, who if poor, always had full and plenty, to economize their coal. You and yours often had to economize for coal and a good many other things before you got your grasping paw in the Government chest. You and yours were always used to the kind of cheese-paring you preach to others and this was well exhibited in the famous expression: "There is an awful hole in the coal." It is about time for you now, Patsy to stop "slapping yourself in the face," not many in St. John's of any class in society that were reared on short rations than you were. So "stow your 'stuf'" now as quickly as possible, else I will throw some further light on your very rich and aristocratic antecedents.—I am, etc.,
DUCKWORTH ST. EAST.

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

SUB-COLLECTOR ASSAULTED

We learn that at Odein, New Year's Night, Mr. Power, the sub-collector, was set upon and badly beaten by some men who it is thought were fined by him some time ago for smuggling. We hear that the Customs authorities here have instructed Inspector O'Reilly to proceed to Odein and investigate. It is said the case is a serious one and every effort will be made to bring the attackers of Mr. Power to justice.

NOW AT AYR.

Private Edward Shea, son of Mr. Jno. P. Shea, Water Street West, who suffers from bayonet and gun-shot wounds and who was at Wandsworth Hospital, later going to a Convalescent Home in Newbury, has been discharged from there and is now at Ayr, Scotland, with our boys.

Riverside Blankets. Insist on getting them.—dec29,6i

TEA AND CONCERT.

Yesterday afternoon the St. Bon's Ladies Association held its 4th annual Bean Tea and Concert in the Aula Maxima of the College. It was largely attended and the concert was most enjoyable, numbers being given by Misses Shea, Ryan and Strong, and Messrs Halley and Bulley. Teas and refreshments were served and all enjoyed themselves. To make up for a deficit in the proceeds as far as this year's entertainment compared with last a bridge drive will be held to-night at the residence of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Atkinson.

Riverside Blankets are made from selected woods.—dec29,6i

Mr. Patk. Mansfield who was badly hurt by falling from a telegraph pole, as stated in The Mail and Advocate is progressing favorably at the Hospital, and should be able to leave the institution after a week or so.

St. John's Municipal Council PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL persons having claims against the St. John's Municipal Council to December 31st, 1915, are requested to furnish the same not later than TUESDAY, the 11th inst.

By order,
JOHN L. SLATTERY,
Sec.-Treas.

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

T. A. Juveniles Hold Gala Day

Visited Rossley Theatre and Thoroughly Enjoyed Themselves—Adult Members Hold Dance at Night Which Was Largely Attended

The annual treat to the boys of the T. A. Juvenile Society was given them yesterday afternoon and the lads spent a most enjoyable time. The lads were in charge of the Guardians, Messrs. T. J. Dunn, Chairman; J. O'Toole, Vice-Chairman; and Messrs. F. J. Woods, T. J. Walsh, M. J. Tobin, M. Walsh, T. Hickey, W. Billingsley, W. Brennan and P. Breen, went to Rossley's Star theatre, where they witnessed the performance of "Beauty and the Beast and saw the several fine pictures, the Guardians heartily congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Rossley on the fine performance.

Going to the armoury of the T. A. Hall then the boys to the number of over 300 were regaled with a splendid tea and enjoyed this with the heartiness and zest which are only possessed by boys under such circumstances. Before leaving, the lads were given a plentiful supply of fruits, candies &c.

At night a most enjoyable dance was held by the adult members and officers, the excellent band of the Society executing a splendid programme of dance music. President W. J. Ellis, who was present during the boys' treat, addressed them in a fluent, kindly and encouraging manner and highly complimented the Guardians and their lady friends on the excellent work done and the signal success which attended their efforts on behalf of the boys.

Misses Ellis, Quinn, Mrs. Buckley, and Messrs Woods, Dunn, O'Toole and others worked hard to make the affair an enjoyable one, and certainly succeeded.

(On account of whom it may concern)

AUCTION

To-morrow, Saturday, the 8th inst., at 12 o'clock At the Premises of

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H. A. SAUNDERS, Superintendent.
jan7,2i

FISH For Sale!

We have a quantity of large Eating Fish, suitable for retailers. Price very reasonable. This is a splendid chance for Shopkeepers to secure supplies at Two Dollars per qtl. less than usual price.

Fishermen's Union Trading Co., Provision Department.

Llewellyn Club Formally Opened

Some 300 Men of St. Thomas's Parish Present—Great Interest Taken in the Club—Excellent Musicale and Lecture Given the Members

Last night witnessed the inauguration of the new St. Thomas's Men's Club. Fully 300 men gathered at Canon Wood Hall for the formal opening. Preceding the address of His Excellency the Governor on the Balkan situation, an excellent musicale was given by Messrs Anderson, Dunfield and Rendell, and Messrs. Earle and Seymour, Mr. F. Emerson accompanying. His Lordship Bishop Jones, the Honourary President, took the chair at 8.30 and in a very eloquent address referred to the great necessity that existed for such an organization in parochial work, the assistance the Club would be to the clergy and the great good it would accomplish generally. His Lordship highly appreciated the compliment of being chosen its President of the Club which bears his name, and heartily wished it and its members all success and prosperity.

His Excellency the Governor prefaced his address by informing the gathering that he had just received official information that the officer commanding the now famous 29th division had reported that the men of the Newfoundland Regiment were amongst the best under his command, a statement that was received with loud applause. The Governor then proceeded with what proved to be a most interesting and illuminating talk on the Balkan situation. The address was filled with information and dealt with the history of the Balkan States, their feuds and fratricides, and the war now raging there was described as largely a theatrical display organized by the Germans for the purpose of impressing her peoples. His Excellency has no doubt as to the complete and ultimate victory of the Allies, and believes that this year will see the practical ending of hostilities.

A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. C. E. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Andrew Carnell was tendered His Excellency, after which the Rector delivered a brief but happy speech, during which he invited all to partake of a cup of coffee which was served by a bevy of bright young ladies, and was highly enjoyed.

The inaugural meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem when His Excellency and the venerated and beloved Lord Bishop signed the roll, the audience singing the popular and expressive refrain, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Llewellyn Club has been successfully launched and The Mail and Advocate bespeaks for and wishes it a very successful career.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.—nov23

WORKING AT MUNITIONS.

Letters recently received from England say that Ronald Grimes, son of Supt. Grime of the Constabulary, and Ronald Newell, both well-known in St. John's, are at work in munitions plants at Rugby in the Old Country. Both young men are excellent mechanics and engaged as they are, are doing most important duty for the welfare of the Empire.

Riverside Blankets and Yarns made up to a Standard, not down to a price.—dec29,6i

The Tabasco leaves Liverpool for this port on the 11th inst.

DEATH

LESTER—This morning after a short illness, James B. Lester, aged 59 years, Funeral on Sunday at 2 o'clock from his late residence Mount Pearl Road. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.

LATEST

NOW WANT GENERAL ELECTION

Some Members of Cabinet Think Large Vote Against Conscription Should be Taken as a Signal For an Early Appeal to the Country

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Daily Telegraph, which throughout the present crisis has displayed the greatest moderation in its views, says that some of the principal members of the Cabinet consider that the important minority against the Conscription Bill should be taken as a signal for an early appeal to the country, and that the difficulty about the votes of the men in the trenches could be overcome by collecting the votes at the front.

Much is made of the fact that three Laborites connected with the Government resigned. The decisions that the three members of the Coalition Government should resign was carried at an executive meeting of the Parliamentary group of the Labor Party, held in the House of Commons after the Labor Congress. The decision was taken by a vote of only thirteen votes to ten.

The Miners' Federation which held aloof from all of yesterday's doings, will hold its own conference next Thursday and the result of it may have an important effect on the situation.

The Liberal newspapers are strongly against a general election, apparently because of the very general belief that despite the opposition of the Labor Conference, the country would vote by a big majority in favor of Conscription, and that in the event of the fall of the present Ministry the new administration would surely bring in a stiffer compulsory bill than Mr. Asquith's, which would be easily carried into law.

CH. UNION THOUGHT TO BE LOST

Big Minority Against Measure Makes it Doubtful if General Assembly Which Meets in June Will Force the Measure

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Church Union has been carried in the Presbyterian Church. The majority for union with Methodist and Congregational Churches, according to official figures announced to-day, was 53,086. The minority, however, is so large that it is considered doubtful if the General Assembly, which meets at Winnipeg next June, will force the union on 93,156 members who voted against it. The total vote was 230,398. The majority given by this vote on Church Union question was considerably lower than that given in 1911, the majority then was 80,251, 12,199 more votes were recorded.

Official Text Made Known

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The State Department late to-day made public the official text of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Ancona. It does not differ substantially from the press translation cabled via London.

Survivors Arrived

New York, Jan. 7.—The steamship Patris, having on board three hundred passengers of the Greek liner Thessaloniki, abandoned at sea yesterday, arrived at the quarantine at 9.15 o'clock to-night. She will dock to-morrow morning.

WAS WORTH \$100,000.

We learn to-day, from well-informed people that the late Hon. John Harris' estate was valued for \$100,000. The bequests made under his will comprise sums of \$30,000 each for his three daughters and the residue will be devoted to the expenses of winding up the estate and to some other private bequests.

The S.S. Fogota will leave here for Sydney to-morrow morning for another cargo of coal.

YESTERDAY'S MESSAGES

German Losses Around Czernowitz Enormous

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Times learns from its Petrograd correspondent that the Russians have pierced the enemy's position in the immediate vicinity of Czernowitz compelling their opponents to fall back to their secondary line and definitely assume the defensive.

The despatch dated Wednesday says that the enemy's losses have been enormous in these engagements and also in the neighbourhood of Czartorysku where he was pressed back westward for several miles.

American Securities Are Now Listed

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The initial list of the American securities, which the treasury is prepared to buy or borrow under the mobilization scheme was published yesterday.

The list contains 54 bond issues, mostly American railways. It includes also, however, American Telephone and Telegraph, General Electric, New York Telephone and United States steel shares. Canada is represented only by Canadian Pacific 6 per cent. notes.

Bulgars Reported In Lamentable Condition

PARIS, Jan. 6.—The Bulgarian army is in a lamentable condition from lack of supplies, according to information given by deserters who have arrived from Gievgell, says a Havas despatch from Salonika, filed on Wednesday.

The Commissary service of the army is totally inadequate to bring up sufficient rations over the rough roads along the limited lines of communication.

French Gov't Give Greece a Loan

PARIS, Jan. 6.—An Athens despatch to the Havas agency, says:—"The French Government informed the Greek Government that they had placed 10,000,000 francs at the disposal of Greece. This sum is an advance on a loan of forty million francs now being negotiated."

Several Resignations Over Conscription

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Arthur Henderson, President of the Board of Education, and Leader of the Labor Party in the Commons; William Bryce, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Home Affairs, and George M. Roberts, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, also Labor Party leaders, have resigned from the Ministry.

Turks and Bulgars Don't Seem to Agree

PARIS, Jan. 6.—The Havas correspondent at Athens says he is able to confirm reports of an important popular manifestation at Sofia. It was directed, he says, against the Turks, who are reported to have declared that never again would they leave Bulgarian Thrace.

Turks Active

LONDON, Jan. 6.—General Townshend, commanding the British forces in Mesopotamia, reports that the Trusk shelled Kutelamara heavily for about an hour on the afternoon of Jan. 2nd. There was no further firing up to the morning of Jan. 4th.

No Damage Caused

CETTINJE, Jan. 6.—Five Austrian aeroplanes dropped seventeen bombs of large calibre to-day on Saint Jean de Medua in Albania, near the southern border of Montenegro. No damage was caused.

Italian Authorities Keep Details Secret

PARIS, Jan. 5.—A despatch to the Temps from Rome says:—"The Italian military authorities, regardless of the impatience and the nervousness of the newspapers, continue to conceal the details of the operations of the Italian army in Albania. This reserve is justified by circumstances, yet the situation admits of some general information. The Italian expedition is encountering immense difficulties."