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WAS SUNK BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE

French Liner Was Torpedoed off the Island of Crete—Many Passengers Were Caught on the Doomed Ship Which Sank Quickly

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A submarine which appeared on the surface shortly after the French steamer Ville de la Clotat flew the Austrian flag, according to a despatch from Malta today. It was learned from survivors, says the despatch, that the vessel was off Crete on her way from Japan for Marseilles, when at ten o'clock in the morning of Dec. 24, without the slightest warning, she was shaken by a terrific explosion following which the submarine appeared flying the Austrian flag. There were on board 263 passengers, for the most part French, among whom were thirteen children, a number of women, thirteen officers and a crew of 168, the sailors being chiefly Laccars.

Following the explosion, there was a terrific lurch of water through a big hole in the stern. Yet there was no panic. The passengers gathered on deck, showing the greatest coolness. Five lifeboats and two rafts were released. One of the boats, loaded with women and children capsized, and all in it were drowned. Another boat was smashed against the steamer's side.

Before the rest on board were able to leave, the vessel took a final plunge to which the majority of the deaths are due.

Passengers say a Dutch steamer and a Greek steamer were in sight just previous to the torpedoing, therefore they believe that one of them sheltered the submarine. The steamers disappeared after the torpedoing.

The submarine, according to the accounts of these passengers remained on the scene until the torpedoed vessel sunk, then circled around the life boats calling out in a jeering manner: "There is a British steamer behind you that will pick you up."

Two hours later the steamer Merco picked up the survivors and brought them to Malta, although she had insufficient food and accommodations for the 238 extra passengers.

Among the lost were six first class and 29 steerage passengers, including some Senegalese, 22 white, and 23 Laccars, members of the crew.

One survivor relates that the submarine picked up two persons struggling in the water and placed them on the raft.

INDIAN CONGRESS OPENED

Ten Thousand Delegates Present at Annual Meeting—Patriotic Speeches Special Feature of Sitting—India Aspires to Self Government and National Army

BOMBAY, Dec. 29.—Ten thousand delegates, representing all communities, were present to-day at the opening of the annual meeting of the India National Congress, which was notable for the loyal and patriotic utterances of the speakers.

That millions in India are waiting to serve the Empire was the keynote in the opening speeches. In his presidential address, Sir Satyendra Sinha said: "The supreme feeling of India was one of admiration for the self-imposed burden that Great Britain was bearing in the struggle for liberty and freedom and we take pride in the fact that India has proved herself not one whit behind the rest of the Empire in the assistance given the Mother Country."

Continuing, Sir Satyendra expressed the hope that such spontaneous outbursts of loyalty and devotion will dispell for ever all mistrust and suspicion between the Indians and their rulers. The speaker admitted the time had not yet arrived for self-government in India, but he urged the British Government to approve ungrudgingly of the goal to which

Britain to Protest Against Swede's Act

SWEDEN HOLDS UP 1500 BAGS OF MAIL, BOUND FROM ENGLAND TO RUSSIA—NO FORMAL PROTEST YET MADE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—While, as far as can be ascertained, no formal protest has yet been made by the British Government to Sweden over the reported detention of 1,500 bags of mail bound from Great Britain to Russia, official circles admit the Foreign Office has sent the Swedish Government an outline of its attitude on the subject of such a detention.

GERMANY ANXIOUS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

GENEVA, Dec. 29.—A despatch to the Tribune from Vienna says that Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg is expected at Vienna shortly, with full conditions under which the Central Powers will accept peace.

After discussing the terms with Baron Von Burian, the Austrian Foreign Minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the Allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at the Hague.

SWELLING THE LIST

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A news agency despatch from London to-day says that the British steamer Van Strum has been sunk by a submarine.

The Van Strum was 3284 tons, and had been in the Admiralty service since the opening of the war. She was 331 feet long.

Sensational Press Reports Arouse London to a Pitch of Excitement

Police Were Forced Repeatedly to Clear Downing Street of Crowds—Yesterday's Cabinet Meeting Was of a Decisive Character—Premier Will Make a Statement on Whole Question of Recruiting in Commons Wednesday Next Week—Anti-Conscriptionists Very Active During the Debate

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The sensational press reports of the Cabinet situation aroused such public interest that at yesterday's assembling the police were forced repeatedly to clear Downing Street of crowds. In the absence of any official statements it is difficult to say exactly how serious is the present situation in the Cabinet.

Members certainly maintain an appearance of outward calm, which would hint that the difficulty is one more of matter in deciding on methods and details than any radical difference on basis and principles.

The Press has again divided itself into two groups which may most readily be defined in the American phrase as "for and against the Government." The latter group is hopelessly outnumbered.

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the Ministers upon the vexed question of the Voluntary System versus Conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colors. It was, therefore, resolved that at the earliest opportunity the Bill should be introduced into Parliament in order that the Government have the necessary power should it be found no other course effective. To this end Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the House of Commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, announcing the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character making service obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under Earl Derby's scheme.

India aspires, and also to permit the recruiting of a strong national Indian army.

BULGARS TO ENTER GREECE?

A Despatch From Sofia Says Bulgarian Government Has Been Informed Greece Will Not Object if Military Operations Make Step Necessary

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—A despatch to the Tagas Zeitung from Sofia, the newspaper Narodni Prava says that Greece, through its Minister at Sofia, has informed the Bulgarian Government that Greece does not object to Bulgarian troops entering Greek territory, if this step is unavoidably necessary in the interest of military operations.

Premier Radoslavoff has expressed his thanks for the communication, and assured the Greek Minister that Bulgarian troops on Greek soil would not harm Greek interests, but on the contrary, would aid them.

ITALIAN PASSENGER STEAMER SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—An unconfirmed report from Rome says that an unidentified Italian passenger steamer was torpedoed while on the way to Catania, in Sicily, with the loss of eight lives, reached the State Department late to-day.

It is not reported whether any Americans were on board. The American Embassy at Rome is investigating.

Strong Turk Force Routed by British

ENEMY ATTACKED BRITISH FORCES ON CHRISTMAS DAY BUT WERE REPUSED, LEAVING OVER TWO HUNDRED DEAD ON THE FIELD.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Cairo says:

"It is announced that operations on Christmas Day on the west in the Egyptian front, were completely successful. The enemy tribesmen, with a force of three thousand strong, were driven back, leaving two hundred dead on the field. Effective support was given the British force by gunfire from the ships.

A British official statement issued Monday, said: "On December 25th the principal Arab force near Mers Matru (Materuh) was attacked and dispersed with trifling loss to the British troops.

TO MAKE BIG RAID ON EGYPT

Number of Trains Loaded With Munitions Are Sent to Turkey—Germany Has a Mixed Force of 500,000 to Move Against Suez Canal

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Telegrams from Bucharest declare that Field Marshal von Mackensen is directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt, says a Havas despatch to Rome.

In advices to the "Messagero" from the Roumanian capital, it is added that a number of trains loaded with munitions have been sent to Turkey including one train of 25 flat cars laden with the parts of two sixteen-inch mortars and shells for use of the guns. The shipment is destined for use in the Egyptian campaign.

Reports that Germany is preparing to move against the Suez Canal and Egypt with a mixed force of Turks, Germans and Austrians are current in Paris. Some of the reports go with various details, it being said, for instance, that the army is likely to consist of from 500,000 to 800,000 men and that a four track railroad is being built half across the desert towards Suez.

MCKENNA & RUNCIMAN TO RESIGN?

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Cabinet decision with regard to modified conscription became known too late to be considered in the editorial comment of most of the morning papers.

Conscriptionist papers are pleased with the decision while the opponents of the plan mostly content themselves with stating that no considered opinion can be ventured until Earl Derby's recruiting figures are made known.

The Times says: The precise scope of the proposed bill will be subject for further discussion and that the Cabinet's decision was largely due to the strong advocacy of the project by David Lloyd-George, and some of his Unionist colleagues.

The Times anticipates that there will be at least two Cabinet resignations—Reginald McKenna and Walter Runciman. The newspaper remarks that "resignations sometimes are infectious."

GOVERNMENT EMPOWERED TO DEAL WITH MATTER

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is stated on excellent authority that the Cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription.

A Bill is to be introduced into the House of Commons next week, giving the Government the necessary power should it be found needful to bring in single men and persevere Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

FRANCE WANTS WAR NOT PEACE

French Minister of War Greeted With Prolonged Applause in Senate as he Asks For Class 1917 Recruits For Jan. 5

PARIS, Dec. 29.—"Eighteen months ago France wanted peace. To-day she wants war most energetically and to that end will use all her resources," said General Gallieni, Minister of War, when asking the Senate to-day to approve of the action of the Chamber Deputies in giving him the Class of 1917 recruits for January 5. General Gallieni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause.

"Whoever says the word 'peace' on the streets is considered a bad citizen," continued the Minister of War. "Mothers are not mourning for lost sons, they want them avenged. The 1917 Class will leave with the assent of the nation. It demands those charged with the duty to receive and instruct these young men and prepare them for the great contest which will not end before France, in accord with her Allies, says: 'I stop; I have obtained what I wanted; I now recommend the work of peace.'"

Redoubled applause here interspersed, while shouts of "excellent" came from the entire Senate, which arose as a mark of honor. Returning to his Ministerial seat, General Gallieni received the congratulations of his colleagues.

The Upper House immediately passed the bill and authorized the public posting of the Minister's address.

The Balkan Situation Is the Most Peaceful For Several Weeks

Central Powers Seem to Regard Attacking Saloniki as an Embarrassing Undertaking—Austrians Claim Russians Have Met With Enormous Losses—Bulgars Are Entrenching Themselves Well Behind Greek Frontier—British Making Necessary Preparations to Protect Suez Canal and Their Egyptian Positions

LONDON, Dec. 29.—While there has been a considerable renewal of activity at several points on both Eastern and Western fronts in the past 24 hours, the situation in the Balkans is the most peaceful in appearance for weeks. Despatches from both Germanic and Entente Powers are in agreement that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Salonika is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier.

The Vienna correspondent of the Associated Press declares the Central Powers have come to regard any offensive against Salonika as a measure promising only embarrassment and no advantages. In fact the Central Powers are inclined to regard the huge Allied force at Salonika as safely copped up and that, therefore, it would be more to the advantage of the Central Powers to let it remain here than on the Western front.

A German official statement admits the French advance on Hirszteln, but gives no details. There has also been further activity in the Vosges district, with intense artillery fighting along the whole front and around Hartmannswillerkopf.

Vienna reports the Russians have attacked fiercely on the Dniester and in Bessarabia. An Austrian communication speaks of the Russians advancing in serried lines, fifteen or sixteen deep, which their artillery broke up with huge Russian losses. Despatches from a German source says a terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia.

From many isolated fronts come the reports of preparations for spring campaigns, either in the form of a change in the location of large bodies of troops, or in the building of

Allies Defense Around Saloniki Well Laid Out

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters in Macedonia says:

"The new defensive lines laid out by the Entente Allies around Salonika make a sweep of about 50 miles in a semi-circle from the Vardar River to the Gulf of Orphanos. Nearly half this distance is naturally defended by Lakes Langaza and Beskik and few sites are better suited by nature for the requirements of scientific defence. The position is very similar to the Turkish lines at Tchaldja where the Bulgars suffered their only defeat at the hands of the Turks in 1913, save the valley here is broader and the hills are higher.

The whole 50 miles encircling Salonika are surrounded by a broad valley which is a morass in parts and would afford little cover for advancing for the hills within the fortified lines furnish admirable gun emplacements commanding all approaches. On the slopes remain the trenches where the Turks intended to make a last stand and wire entanglements have been utilized by the Entente Allies. There are numerous tumulus mounds within the fortifications which may be opened later.

IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Paris says that nine German and Austrian submarines have been sunk or captured in the Mediterranean Sea, according to the Figaro.

When official reports are compiled it is believed that these figures will be exceeded, the paper says.

GLoucester Schooner POSTED AS MISSING

GLoucester, Mass., Dec. 28.—The fishing schooner Ella M. Doughty, commanded by Capt. Diggins, and carrying a crew of five, which sailed from here on Nov. 3rd for Bay of Islands, Nfld., was given up as lost to-day by the owners.

No report of the vessel has been received since she sailed from Gloucester.

BULGAR REGIMENT MUTINY

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PEACE TERMS WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GERMANY

Restoration of Belgian Sovereignty—No Annexation of French Territory—Separation of Poland—Restoration of all German Colonies—An Annual Contribution From Belgium—News Bureau Disavows That Article is a German Peace Feeler

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Wolff Bureau has circulated to-day among German newspapers an exhaustive summary of an article from Neu-Zuricher, Zeitung of Zurich, Switzerland, purporting to give terms upon which, according to this paper, Germany is ready to consider peace. These correspond generally with the outline of the probable peace terms published in October.

The terms named include the restoration of Belgian Sovereignty under certain conditions, no annexation of French territory, separation of Poland from Russia as an independent kingdom under a German prince, the restoration

PRIME MIN. WILL REDEEM HIS PLEDGE

Expected in Most Quarters That Premier Asquith Will Make Good His Promise as Between Married and Single Men as Recruits

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Cabinet held another two and a half hours session to-day, devoted presumably, mainly to the recruiting problem. There are likely to be several further meetings before a final decision is reached and made public.

In view of Asquith's recent announcement in the Commons that a General Election under present circumstances would be a national calamity, none except those battling expressly for or against compulsory service, with any weapon that comes handy, gives credence to the suggestion that any preponderant section of the Cabinet will support such a solution, while fully one third of the voters of the country are in the fighting line.

That Asquith's will redeem his pledge as between married and single men as recruits is not questioned in any responsible quarter. Best informed persons are quite sanguine that a satisfactory formula will be found before Parliament meets, which will represent the judgment of, at least, the great majority of the Cabinet, if not of every individual member.

According to an official announcement this evening no statement respecting the attitude of the Cabinet may be looked for for some days, and it is not likely that Asquith will make his promised announcement to the Commons before January 6th.

The appointment of a successor to Baron Harding as Viceroy of India, is expected at an early date. If rumors that a member of the Cabinet will be selected to fill the post be correct that would obviously lead to a rearrangement of existing offices.

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of all German colonies and payment of an indemnity which would assume the form of a transfer to Germany, of Russian indebtedness to France, amounting to some eighteen billions of francs and payment for a term of years of an annual contribution by Belgium equal to the amount hitherto spent annually on Belgian military estimate.

Whether Belgian territory would be restored entirely, is not specified in newspapers; but it is stated that the country be policed, that is garrisoned by Germany until all payments of contribution were ended; and that measures would be taken to prevent Belgium from serving as an Anglo-French outpost either by treaty arrangements, or perhaps through pledges turned over to Germany; the latter phrase apparently referring to retention of Meuse Fortress.

The Wolff Bureau is careful to disavow authoritatively that the article is interpretable as a German peace feeler.

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4 " "	125.00
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A. H. MURRAY,
St. John's.

Journal Proceedings Sixth Annual Meeting Bonavista District Council of F.P.U.

Held at St. John's, Nov. 25, 26, 27, 1915

The Sixth Annual Meeting of Bonavista District Council of the F.P.U. was opened by the District Chairman, R. G. Winsor, M.H.A., in the Mechanics' Hall, St. John's, Nov. 25, 1915, at 10 a.m.

The following are the names of the delegates present and the Councils represented:—Donald Groves, Bonavista; John Abbott, Bonavista; Michael Kennefic, Broad Cove; Hubert Quinton, Red Cliffe; Henry Hobbs, Keels; John Fitzgerald, Keels; Saml. Prince, Princeton; Andrew Lethbridge, Brookfield; George Reader, Musgrave; William Moss, Salvage Bay; James Moss, Salvage; Victor Roache, Alexander Bay; John Turner, St. Brendan's; William Blake, Flat Island; Henry Rogers, Fair Island; Arthur Vivian, Samuel Bragg, Shambler's Cove; J. B. Wornell, Greenspond; Joellah Spurrell, Valleyfield; Job White, Pool's Island; Stephen Roberts, Brookfield; R. G. Winsor, Wesleyville; Lewis White, Cape Island; James Yetman, Jamestown; Azariah Mercer, Jamestown.

Chairman's Address.

The chairman, R. G. Winsor, delivered the following address:—

To the officers and members of Bonavista District Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union:

Dear Friends,—It gives me very much pleasure to meet you on this the Sixth Annual District Meeting of Bonavista District Council. I am sure we ought to feel grateful that so many of us are permitted through the order of an all-wise Providence to come together once more to consult one another on various matters pertaining to our District.

I am pleased to see so many representatives from the different localities of our District. It shows that you are one and all interested in the good work in which our Union is engaged, namely: doing all possible for the betterment and well-being of the fishermen and laboring classes in general. In order that our work as a Union should have its desired effect, it is necessary that all should do their part to keep the wheels of progress in motion forgetting any difficulty that should be placed against us by opposing forces, knowing that good works, generally speaking, meet with the greatest opposition, and it is only natural to get occasional showers as well as sunshine.

The attacks on our President and organization have not had the effects that were expected by our enemies, but rather cemented our ranks and gave us a chance to demonstrate our faith in our Leader by supporting him when required. Prior to the formation of the Fishermen's Union our cry was for a man to lead the fishermen of Newfoundland. Now our man has come, and I ask you to rally round him. He has proved his worth on many occasions and is in every respect worthy of our support.

The high prices obtained for our fishery produce this season we claim was the direct result of Mr. Coaker's actions. Even some of our greatest enemies will readily admit that this is so. We are being paid \$7.00 and over for our fish, notwithstanding the fact that the greatest war the world has ever known is on. I wish to make reference to this great struggle in which the Mother Country is now engaged.

Since the commencement of this war our colony has largely contributed men, money and clothing in order that she may show to the outside world that part of the British is on this side of the Atlantic. I am pleased as a representative of your district to know our young men have nobly responded, and are now engaged in the conflict for the preservation of British freedom.

I wish to congratulate you as fishermen on having such a paper as the Advocate to fight your cause. In its columns, not only fishermen, but Bishops, Priests, Ministers, Doctors and the humblest toiler can make wrong treatment known to the public. A paper that courts no man's smiles and fears no man's frowns. I think I can be safe in saying that the fishermen of Newfoundland will never be without a paper of their own in future, no matter what verdicts may be rendered against it.

Although the authorities claim no one was responsible for the sealing disaster, those that have lost their loved ones are not convinced that the disaster could not have been avoided.

As a believer in temperance and moral reform, and as a representative of a local option district, I feel that I would not be doing my duty if I concluded this address without mentioning the recent Prohibition victory. Although many from Bonavista District have gone to the battle fields of

Europe, to Sydney, the lumber camps and elsewhere, yet we have shown that we considered the well-being of our fellow man by doing our part to free Newfoundland from the drink traffic.

I hope that we will be assisted by Divine Guidance in our deliberations, both here and at the meetings of the Supreme Council, and that God's blessing will rest upon our work.

Moved by John Abbott, seconded by J. B. Wornell and resolved that a committee be appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's Address. The following committee was appointed:—Henry Hobbs, John Fitzgerald, Arthur Vivian, Victor Roach.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, J. B. Wornell then submitted his report for the year:—

Dear Friends,—I beg to submit the following as my report:

Balance on hand at last Convention, Nov. 18, 1914	\$82.18
Received the following assessments:	
Flat Island	3.75
Southern Bay	3.50
Newtown	3.15
Broad Cove	1.00
Rebate on passage	50
Jamestown	2.00
Portland	1.10
Fair Island	4.10
Pool's Island	2.15
Pinchard's Island	2.60
Salvage	5.85
Salvage Bay	6.50
Brookfield	3.00
Templeman	2.75
Keels	5.50
Bunyan's Cove	2.05
Badger's Quay	6.80
Shambler's Cove	4.05
Greenspond	12.00
Bonavista	15.00
Wesleyville	8.00
Charlottetown	1.50
King's Cove	3.05
Red Cliffe	2.10
Port Blandford	1.00
Deer Island	1.00
Squid Tickle	3.25
Flat Island	1.20
Disbursements	35.85
Deposited	140.00
Cash on hand	15.98
	\$191.83

Respectfully submitted:—

J. B. WORNELL,
Treasurer, D.C.

Moved by Henry Hobbs, seconded by Arthur Vivian and resolved that the Treasurer's report be adopted as read.

Moved by Stephen White, seconded by Victor Roach and resolved that the Council do now adjourn. Council adjourned at 1 p.m.

SECOND SESSION.

Fishermen's Institute,
St. John's,
Nov. 27th., 1915.

Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and opened for the transaction of business.

The Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's opening address presented the following report:—
Mr. Chairman,—The Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's address, we have duly considered the various sections and report as follows:—

We are indeed grateful that we have been permitted to again meet to discuss matters to the general welfare of our District. It is indeed encouraging to see so many representatives of our District fully alive to the requirements pertaining to our District and the various matters involved. We agree with you that all should stand shoulder to shoulder to uphold the principals of our organization, notwithstanding the difficulties we may have to encounter. The attacks on our President as you say have not the effect for which it was intended, but have rather consolidated and made us more determined to stand by him in all lawful matters.

We also agree with you that the price of fish and fishery produce prevailing to-day have been effected by the energetic actions of Mr. Coaker.

We are indeed proud of the stand our country has taken in men and money to help fight the battles of our Empire over a barbarous enemy to save the Christianity of the world and to keep the British Flag unfurled and flying to the top.

We feel sure that the insults thrown out re the utterances of the Advocate is to try to put it out of existence and thereby destroy the teacher of the fishermen, but that is a thing they will never accomplish as they mean to support it to the last dollar.

We are indeed proud of the noble stand Mr. Coaker and his colleagues have taken re Prohibition, and we feel

sure that the stand our Union representatives have taken went far towards the destruction of King Alcohol.

We pray that God will invest us with wisdom to conduct all our works in our Councils in a manly and Christian spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY HOBBS,
JOHN FITZGERALD,
ARTHUR VIVIAN,
V. ROACH.

Propose by Geo. Reader, seconded by Stephen Roberts and resolved that the reply to the Chairman's address be passed as read.

A considerable discussion then took place relative to prohibiting big steel ships from prosecuting the Seal Fishery. After which it was unanimously decided that Bonavista District Council now in Session request the Supreme Council to arrange to petition the Legislature asking that no steel ships larger than the Sagona be permitted to prosecute the seal fishery.

Moved by Henry Hobbs, seconded by John Fitzgerald and resolved that a yearly grant of one hundred dollars be allocated for road around Sancerat.

Friend Wm. Blake, Flat Island, requested that an improvement in the mail service of that place be brought about so that the people may get the advantage of a mail twice a week.

Friend, Arthur Vivian, made reference to the mail at Shambler's Cove and requested that Shambler's Cove be made a port of call for the S.S. Dundee.

Friend, Samuel Prince, made reference to mail and telegraph service at Southern Bay.

Friend, Job White, made reference to ferries at Pool's Island.

Friend Stephen Roberts made reference to Postal and Telegraph Office at Brookfield.

Friend Henry Hobbs brought the matter of putting a waiting room in connection with shed on King's Cove Wharf.

Moved by Henry Hobbs, seconded by Henry Mesh and resolved that a small waiting room 8x8 with small stove be placed on King's Cove wharf.

Friend, Arthur Vivian, brought forward the condition of wharf at Shambler's Cove.

Friend Andrew Lethbridge referred to the bad condition of a road in his neighbourhood.

Friend, Michael Kennefic, suggested that the public wharf at King's Cove was in a very bad condition and needed immediate attention.

Friend, Geo. Reader, brought forward the matter of repairing the South West Brook Bridge.

Election of Officers.
The following officers were elected for 1916:

Chairman—R. G. Winsor, M.H.A., re-elected.
Deputy Chairman—Michael Kennefic, re-elected.
Secretary—John Abbott, M.H.A., re-elected.

Treasurer,—J. B. Wornell, re-elected.

Moved by John Fitzgerald, seconded by Job White and resolved, that the Sixth annual meeting of Bonavista District Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union do now close.

The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

R. G. WINSOR,
Chairman.
JOHN ABBOTT,
Secretary.

BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work upon their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in, through toe you will find the water go; coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,1f

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

BIG REDUCTION IN PRICES FOR Xmas Season

White Table Linen (extra quality), Table Napkins, Toilet Covers, Sideboard Cloth, White Linen Table Covers, Tea Coseys, Carving Cloths, Tray Cloths, Cushion Covers, Centre Cloths.

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THE AMERICAN CONGRESS

THE sixty-fourth session of the American Congress promises to be an exceedingly interesting one, not alone because of the approach of the Presidential election, but because of the problems arising out of the war and of the fact that President Wilson is forcing to the front a policy of "preparedness," that is to say, provision for a large increase in the military and naval establishments of the country. In addition there will be up for discussion rural credits, national prohibition, woman's suffrage, and a measure for the building of a fleet of merchant steamers, the scope of which is not yet disclosed, but which is designed to take the place of the abortive Ship Purchase Bill of last session.

The budget of estimated expenditure is the largest in the history of the United States in peace times, aggregating a total of \$1,285,857,808, or an increase of more than \$170,000,000 over the expenditure for the current year. This huge increase is almost wholly due to the plans for "military preparedness." More than \$116,000,000 of the total is for direct expenditure on the Army and Navy, with millions more to be expended on coast defences and other fortification work. The chief items of estimated expenditure are as follows:

Legislative	\$ 7,573,372
Executive	30,807,505
Judicial	1,368,500

Agriculture	24,159,089
Foreign Intercourse	5,426,699
Military	152,354,259
Naval	211,518,074
Indian Affairs	10,175,036
Pensions	160,565,000
Panama Canal	27,535,469
Public Works	104,644,689
Postal Service	316,364,879
Miscellaneous	98,290,563
Permanent Appropriations	135,074,673

The Pension Bill is one of the few items which shows a decreased expenditure, as compared with last year, amounting to nearly four million dollars, but, in practically all other branches increases are provided for because of the developments due to the war in Europe. The vast expenditure for military purposes is likely to cause the President no little trouble, and present indications are that it will precipitate a split in his party following in the House of Representatives. Indeed, Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, who is the floor leader of the Democrats in the House, is out against the President's scheme. But, as President Wilson's general proposals for "military preparedness" have received the endorsement and approval of the American press at large, he may be able, aided by the Republicans to carry them through over the heads of the recalcitrants in Congress.

The Democratic majority in Congress has been reduced to 24. Two hundred and twenty-nine Democrats, 197 Republicans, six Progressives, one Socialist, and one Independent, compose the new House. There is one vacancy. The

dozen or more Republican of the "old guard" who went down in defeat three years ago only to be returned to the Lower House over Democratic opponents last fall, form an interesting group. Joseph G. Cannon, former Speaker of the House, and now well on toward eighty years of age, stands out prominently. If he finishes his present term he will have served forty years in Congress, eight years as Speaker. Other Republicans who remained at home during the last Congress to reappear now are Nicholas Longworth of Ohio; William B. McKinley, W. A. Rodenberg, William W. Wilson, Geo. E. Fose, John A. Sterling and Charles E. Fuller of Illinois; Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut; Cyrus A. Sulloway of New Hampshire, and Benjamin K. Focht of Pennsylvania.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH REPORTED PARALYZED

PARIS, Dec. 19.—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year, and that the Emperor also has lost the use of his right arm, is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Matin. He says understood in Rome that this information was taken to the Vatican by Cardinal von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, who recently went to Rome for the consistory.

According to this report, the Emperor is able to sign no State papers and a special stamp has been made for use in his presence by his private secretary.

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Muddling Through With a Vengeance

Marvellous Progress Made Regardng Munition Plants—1,620 Factories Going, Employing 1,000,000, Including Boys and Women

Recent British papers give some conception of the extraordinary activity which the Imperial Government is displaying in the manufacture of war munitions. Lord Murray of Ellbank, just appointed director of recruiting for munitions factories under Mr. Lloyd George, made a statement a few weeks ago which is borne out by other authorities connected with that department. We in Canada can boast that over 100,000 men are now employed in our munition works (but in England there are 1,300,000, including boys and women, engaged in 1,620 factories, that turn out big guns and shells for the land war, together with guns for the navy. In Leeds and neighborhood, where there was not a single factory before the war, there are now over 500. At Birmingham an armament firm which did a very modest business before the war now employs 60,000 hands, including 6,000 women.

In Scotland a filling factory has 35,000 operatives, covers 200 acres of ground, and requires twenty-two miles of heating pipes to warm the buildings. It has been erected and set going during the last three months. From all quarters come reports of the "indomitable zeal and energy" of the women workers. Many of the ablest mechanical engineers are employed in the factories, and are giving their services without fee or reward. At Woolwich Arsenal, 18,000 men are employed in making 18-pound shells. An Irish peer in working-man's garb is "doing his bit" at a lathe; he is an inventor and a skilled artisan. The factories are run at night as well as by day. In the buildings where the explosives are made and in shops where the shells are filled and supplied with fuses there are over 16,000 hands, who work as noiselessly as they can.

In the shipyards of England and Scotland warships and submarine are being produced at an astonishing speed. The recruiting stations all over the country are sending a large number of men every day to the training camps, and when these are ready to go to the war they are marched to the railway without any fuss and within 30 hours or less are in the trenches. Britain was not fully prepared for the war when it broke out, but is now "muddling through" with a vengeance. She has the men, about 3,500,000 of all ranks; she certainly has the ships; and it is equally true that she has the money with which to wear out Germany in the fighting yet to come.

AT THE END OF THE DAY

Oh, love, good-night! The deepening shadows blend
 With daylight's gold; the silvered moonbeams wend
 Their way to light our world till dreams descend.
 Oh, love, good-night! And may life's shadow's blend
 With youth's bright sun till evening falls, and then
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 —Munsey's Magazine.

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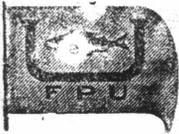
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Steel Ships

ONE result of the war, so far as Newfoundland is concerned, will be the loss of the fleet of steel steamers which were built expressly for prosecuting the seal fishery. The Bonaventure, Bellaventure, Adventure, Beothic, Nascopic and Iceland—six powerful icebreakers—have passed into foreign hands and will not be likely to return to Newfoundland owners again. The Nascopic was owned in equal parts by the Hudson Bay Co. and Job Bros—Jobs recently sold their interest in the ship to the Hudson Bay Co. and the Nascopic has virtually passed out of Newfoundland control. The foreign shipping of this Colony will immensely suffer by those changes, but it is just likely the sealing industry will immensely profit by the change. The result will be that a new fleet of auxiliary vessels about the size of the Neptune will be built to prosecute the seal fishery and those ships will make capital foreign carriers and will solve the problem of how to make medium sized sealing vessels paying adventures during the whole year round.

The Government should during the coming session of the Legislature pass a law guaranteeing 10 per cent. dividends for ship-building docks under proper supervision, and also pay a bonus of say \$20 per ton for all vessels constructed as auxiliary foreign or coasting vessels from 100 tons to 500—such a bonus to hold good for ten years. A bonus of \$10 per ton per year should be paid to owners of auxiliary vessels who prosecute the seal fishery, such bonus should be payable for ten years.

The result of such a policy would be to (a) establish three or more ship-building yards, employing 100 men each; (b) the establishment of a fleet of auxiliary sealing vessels as large as the largest wooden steamer which being available for coasting and foreign shipping would be a splendid paying investment; (c) the establishment of a fleet of vessels absolutely necessary in order to market the produce of the fisheries, and thus remove the menace to the trade of the Colony which has been brought about by the withdrawal of the fleet of steel steamers; any of such vessels would carry as many seals as the larger wooden steamers and would be large enough to carry 10,000 qtls. of dry fish.

We venture to state that if such a policy is adopted by the Government that within ten years the whole seal fishery and foreign shipping situation would be changed, and any amount of capital would be forthcoming for such a purpose. The Colony would be called upon to spend \$100,000 per year for ten years in order to establish the change, but \$150,000 would be expended yearly in labor, while the great expense of operating steamers that are unprofitable except while engaged in the seal fishery would be saved and immense commercial advantages would be derived from such a policy.

Action is now essential. The coming session of the Legislature must behold some such action or fatal consequences must follow. The first essential step, is to prohibit the use of large steel steamers in the seal fishery. That law being enacted the Government should then encourage ship-building docks, the building of superior vessels of large tonnage, and the introduction of such vessels as sealing ships and freight carriers.

We appeal to the Premier, today, to consider such action as outlined above, and do something to carry out such a policy during the coming session of the Legislature. Such a policy would receive the unanimous support of the House of Assembly and be backed by a solid people. Will Sir Edward be equal to the task?

Our Views Endorsed

WE have several times discussed the necessity of affording the people in our outports better educational facilities, and we have made suggestions which, if taken up by the educational authorities, would certainly have the desired result. Of course, we lay no claim to being educational experts; but we do claim that a long experience of outport life has taught us lessons which are not learned in ordinary schools. Possibly, our tinsel-titled Inspectors imagine that they are the only people whose opinions in this connection are the only ones worth while. The Inspectors are very worthy men in their own way; but judging from their annual reports—hardly stereotyped annuals—they even have a good deal to learn. We have just been examining some of these Reports, and have taken a ten years' period; and candidly, with an occasional variation, such as a discussion of the Montessori system, and Domestic Science fads, the Reports' whole decennial period are precisely of the same texture and form. There is the usual wail of "inability to reach certain sections owing to the lateness of the season," etc., etc. If our Inspectors lack the time for their official duties, we insist that they should not engage in side shows. There are others who could fill positions and discharge self-imposed obligations. We trust that during the coming year we shall find these gentlemen doing, and doing solely, the work for which they are being handsomely paid.

In a recent number of the "Journal of Commerce" there is an endorsement of our views regarding the importance of night schools and the using of schools as a medium of instruction in the outports. It may even be tried out in the city; but there is not such a necessity here, as Rev. Dr. Greene and his helpers are doing commendable work in teaching those who are unable to attend day classes. We would like to see several such men as Dr. Greene in the city.

The article in the "Journal of Commerce" is from the pen of the Manager of the "Educational and Industrial Press." Mr. Harpell, who recently visited Newfoundland. Mr. Harpell is, so we are informed by a personal friend, a graduate of Queen's University, and is recognized as an economist and educationalist of high standing; and he taught in Ontario for

many years. So his suggestions and observations are worthy of consideration. They are especially applicable to Newfoundland. His visit to the Colony was purely educational; and we understand he was very highly impressed with things here. He says:

"After several year's experience in public school, high school and University work in the Province of Ontario, the writer has some idea of the difficulties that confront the teacher who is anxious to give the maximum service to the district in which he or she is engaged. The work done by the pupils in the school depends so much upon the interests, ideas and general environment of the section, and particularly of the home from which the pupils come, that the best results can be obtained only where the teacher's interests are not confined to the routine of the work during school hours, or where his or her reading extends beyond the theoretical study of text books.

"Every school district, no matter how large or small, prosperous or otherwise, has latent possibilities capable of contributing much to the general betterment. Nothing converts these latent possibilities into actualities, like new ideas. New ideas on anything—anything that will interest and start a person thinking and hence reading along useful lines.

"Everyone's experience is worth something to others, and this conviction encourages the writer to say, that as a school teacher, his best work was done in the school only after he had succeeded in convincing the section that the school house afforded opportunities for everyone, young and old. This was most successfully accomplished by the formation of a literary society which, in its nature, particularly during the winter months, was little else than a night school. The meetings were held from half-past seven to ten on such evenings as best suited the convenience of the largest number in the section. One evening was devoted to reading, another to writing, and another to a combination of all three, blended with a little music and some into the programme for social entertainment. Often, this programme was varied by a debate or an address.

"These exercises in reading, writing, and arithmetic can be made sufficiently wide and practical, to reach and interest all classes, from the person who can do little of either to those possessing a fairly good education. One helps the other. It requires some courage to make the start; but every section possesses one or more persons with the necessary confidence and resourcefulness. Once started along right lines, the movement gathers momentum and carries itself.

"In one poor school section, in which the writer taught for a fall term, where the average attendance of day scholars was about ten little ones, whose progress from week to week, or even from month to month, was difficult to detect, the average attendance at the literary society or night class was over thirty, and the progress, even from day to day, was perceptible. His experience in a village school with an average attendance of over eighty day scholars was that the comparative progress of those attending the literary classes was equally satisfactory.

"In some such way as this, every person in the section can be made to feel the value of continuing to apply the keys to knowledge received during his or her early years in the common school. It creates a new and interesting life in the section, for the teacher as well as others. It arouses a general interest in education throughout the section and in each home. This encourages the day scholars, who make greater progress in their work. It keeps the young people in the district, and encourages the big boys and girls to re-

main at school, particularly during the winter months, longer than they otherwise would.

"The great handicap in the writer's experience, in the part he took in this work as a school teacher, was his lack of general knowledge concerning the industry, commerce, finance and other activities of the people of this and other countries.

"The main purpose of our movement—the publishing of Educational Supplements—is to fill this need. In addition to supplying useful and interesting reading on practical subjects, at a price within the reach of all, we will be glad to assist in any other way that we can. We desire to encourage some one in every school section, and, as far as possible, in every home to get into communication with us and see if we cannot be of some assistance to them in their work. Education and industry stand in close relation to each other; and this movement can be made the link that binds them together."

An Educational Supplement dealing with the history, life, and industries of our people will be issued shortly; and it will be a very comprehensive study. It is being compiled for Mr. Harpell by one who is thoroughly conversant with the Colony, so this Supplement will have the effect of advertising Newfoundland where even its existence has hardly been known. We have suffered a good deal in the past from the writings of irresponsible penny-a-liners who have come to our shores, and after a sojourn of a week or two have written columns of rubbish about us.

We trust that Mr. Harpell's efforts will meet the success that they deserve.

We notice that "The Canadian Fisherman" has now on its title page "The Commercial Fisheries of Canada and Newfoundland." This is a sign that we are becoming more widely known; and readers of this periodical must have noticed that every number of it contains splendid articles dealing with our great industry. These are being widely read, and must be valuable to the trade. We reproduce many of these articles in our columns, and we have had several communications from readers telling us how they appreciate them.

**GLEANINGS OF
GONE BY DAYS**

December 29

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE born 1809.

Funeral of Weston Carter, attended by thousands of citizens, 1869.

Martin Grinslet drowned in harbor, 1882.

John S. Keating appointed treasury clerk, Custom House, 1889.

Rev. J. H. Bull, married, 1887.

The old fever hospital at Riverhead, situated in present park grounds, burnt at 4 a.m. to-day, by order of the City Council; the fire company was present to confine fire to the building, 1888.

Bishop Howley (late Archbishop) paid first visit, after his installation in St. John's diocese, to Star of the Sea Hall, 1895.

Judge Prowse received autograph and portrait from Her Majesty the Queen, 1895.

**OCHRE PIT COVE
NEW ROAD BOARD**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—On the 16th inst. in the Orange Hall at Western Bay, the election for a new Road Board took place, their being a goodly number present. At the appointed hour, ten in the forenoon, John J. Perry, convener of the meeting, took the chair and appointed Levi Butt, Secretary. After reading and explaining according to instructions the main features of the Act and the regulations governing the proceedings, he asked the meeting to fix the number of members to constitute the Board; the number was five. The nomination then took place when sixteen candi-

dates were nominated; there were five Union candidates elected, their names are as follows: Albert Tuff, Jonathan Sellars, George Kennel, James M. Crowley and Wm. J. Whalen.

Yours truly,

UNIONIST.

Ochre Pit Cove, Dec. 24, '15.

OUR MOTHER

How oft some passing word will tend
In visions to recall
Our truest, dearest, fondest friend—
That earliest friend of all.

Who tended on our childish years,
Those years that pass as hours,
When all earth's dewy, trembling tears
Lie hid within her flowers.

Thou star that shines in darkest night,
When most we need thy aid,
Nor changes but to beam more bright
When others coldly fade.

Oh, Mother! round thy hallowed name
Such blissful memory springs,
The heart in all but years the same,
With reverent worship clings.

Thy voice was first to greet us
When
Bright fortune smiling o'er us
And thine the hand that readiest
then
To lift the veil before us.

Or if dark clouds close round our head
And care steals o'er the brow,
While hope's fair flowers fall
crushed and dead,
Unchanged still art thou.

—Heart Throbs, Vol. I.

Philadelphia Press:—It was the panic on the Ancona that caused the loss of life, according to the statement of the Austrian submarine commander, who ignores what caused the panic.

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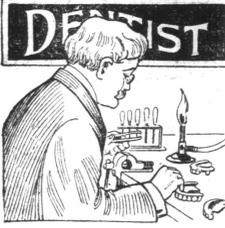
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(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I kindly ask you to grant me space in your valuable paper to tell you a thing or two about Belleoram facts.

First of all we must thank the Almighty Providence in bringing all our fishery vessels and crews safe home in port again. This year has been a fairly good one on the whole for the fishermen. Thank goodness for that blessing.

I suppose this industry will start again about the first week in January. I think the merchants have started to buy herring to serve as bait for their vessels. The herring are not at all very plentiful yet, and still worse than this, a vessel from Gloucester comes and buys herring from our local men for exportation; thus putting a stumbling block in the way of our fishermen getting their supply of bait.

Is this a fair show, to let a foreign vessel come here and export herring, and our local men go short; or again, for any firm to buy herring for exportation at the time that our local men want to buy them for bait? Can any one lead us in the light of this? If they read this I shall deal further with the matter, and in more detail. I trust that Mr. Coaker will let us know his opinion of this matter.

This is all I have to say about the herring exportation now, and I guess some people will say, "well that fellow has a lot to say about it, anyhow"; but I tell you that this fellow is deeply interested in the matter, and hopes to get enough of them to perhaps double reef her to face the snow flurries off Rose Blanche.

Well, Mr. Editor, you may say that people in Belleoram are always on the grumble, and complaining; but just read on and you will come across another fault. I believe I have made some complaint about this before, but here

it is again. Dissatisfaction in our Postal and Telegraph Department.

I should like to know if a telegraph office is private or not? What authority have I or you to enter a telegraph office (except the waiting room) unless we are sworn operators; and I think that a person cannot be a telegraph operator until he first takes the oath of "secrecy." It is only a common occurrence for people to go in the telegraph office, pass on in from the waiting room into where the operator officiates.

If I went in our telegraph office, and found only the operator, I should be surprised. Why only last night I found more than the operator there in the inner room where the work is done. Some person said to me, "Who is that in there?" I smiled, and said, "Oh, it is Mr. So-and-So." Well I don't like to say names now, but I'm afraid the temptation will be so strong by and by that that names will appear in the press.

Certainly those who go there must know they are doing wrong, if they don't they must have been born in some unknown land which has not yet come under the eyes of the Nomenclature; therefore, it is nameless.

Very well, now what about the war news. Oftentimes we have had to leave the office without any news. Even to-night the operator told us there were three pages of war news at Terrenceville, and this operator claimed he was too busy to send it. What about that? We seldom ever get all of the news if any. We know there is a war on in Europe because the press tells us. I say that the telegraph offices should be inspected and operators put in them who are capable of doing the work the office requires.

It's a pity that Mr. Coaker is pressed too heavily with business to come up and visit our telegraph

offices, especially Belleoram and Terrenceville. Try and spare time to come, Mr. Coaker. We will be on the pier to welcome you; a great reception will be yours. Now is the time because most every fisherman is home.

We hear there will be a meeting Thursday night to elect a new Road Board. We trust they will elect as good a Road Board as we now have. I am sure that there is no fault to find with them. We anticipate their re-election.

Again I invite Mr. Coaker up to see us. Come up Mr. Coaker, do, such a reception as you never got before in your life will be given you.

Justice to our fishery and office we sing,
Long live Coaker, and God Save the King.
Yours,

DISGUSTED.

Belleoram, Dec. 13, '15.

[Our correspondent who is a prominent resident of Belleoram, need not apologize for writing publicly upon such matters. The Bait Supply is a serious issue and will be one of the first planks of interest in the general election of 1917. A bait supply must be secured, and a proper system of supplying bait must be established.

As for telegraph officials, the complaints of our correspondent are general all over the Colony. The department was never so badly managed or so unsatisfactory. Operators usually come from some leading family who supported the party in power, and as such they are nothing for public complaints as long as their fathers' friends are in power. We again call the P.M.G. and the Colonial Secretary's attention to the statements of our correspondent.

Mr. Coaker will visit several important settlements on the West and South Coasts next summer as he intends to go north about July 1st and return through the Straits, visiting as many places as possible in the Straits, Burgeo, Fortune and Burin Districts. He further intends to spend a month late next fall, establishing the F.P.U. throughout the districts of Burin, Fortune and parts of Burgeo district. We thank our correspondent for his kind invitation to Mr. Coaker and feel sure the whole Colony will be glad to learn of the above information.—Editor.]

**Enjoyable Tea Held
in the Union Hall
at Bay Roberts**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Permit me space in your paper to make a few remarks in reference to our tea and social evening held in our Union Hall on Thursday night, Dec. 23rd. The evening was all that could be desired, the hall was pretty nearly filled up, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves while listening to some splendid selections from the gramophone. We also had some splendid recitations from Miss Clara Badcock, a selection from Mr. Geo. Badcock and Clara Badcock accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Charlie Butt.

We thank Dr. McLeod for the loan of his gramophone and also Miss Clara Badcock, Mr. George Badcock and Mrs. Charlie Butt for the splendid way they helped us out. We also wish to make reference to our lady friends who so kindly helped us out on the tea tables. I would like to mention Misses Jessie Snow, Alfreda Brown, Winnie Hayse, Eva Barrett, Emma Sparkes, Emmie Snow, Nellie Sparkes, Winnie Snow; Mesdames Wm. Mercer, Geo. Mercer, Lizzie Mercer; and to all that took part in any way we express our sincere thanks, and on behalf of the F.P. Union of Bay Roberts I extend to them a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

S. E. MERCER.
Bay Roberts, Dec. 27, 1915.

**New Perlican
Loyal to the Union**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Just a few remarks from this place concerning our District meeting at Winterton which went off fine. It was well attended and the Resolutions brought forward were very interesting and up to the point, and the address from our worthy member J. G. Stone was very interesting to our members. On Tuesday 21st paid us a visit and held a meeting in our Union Hall which was well attended and listened to with good attention. He was glad to be able to visit us again and congratulated us on our new hall and the improvement we were making on it. The address from him made us better union men and to stick to our worthy president and fight this great fight against our enemies.

Our Union is growing stronger every day, the members came along today and put the platform in the hall which is near completion and out of debt. The members are anxious to get a Union store here, a Branch of Winterton, as we could do a lot of trade here.

Wishing the President and the Union a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in the fight,
ARTHUR GENT,
Chairman.
New Perlican, Dec. 24th.

**Another Complaint
Re Logging Camps**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper which we believe is to be the index of the feelings of this Island, for a few remarks.

I have been working in the lumber-woods this year. Just think, lumbermen, how you are going to maintain six in family with twenty four dollars a month—15 cents a day for each of them—then the man who have you working is getting nine or ten hundred for their winter. When you tell them about it they claim it is the Loggers' Bill is doing it. I say it is not the Loggers' Bill is keeping them from putting canvas bottoms in the trunks or something in the doctor's box, when a man is paying \$4.00 a month to a man he never sees.

I say it is time for us to have an inspector in the camps and see 17 men with one stove and a place about five feet wide clear of the berth to dry their clothes after a day's rain. I am not telling you something I never saw. You work by the day and get paid by the hour.

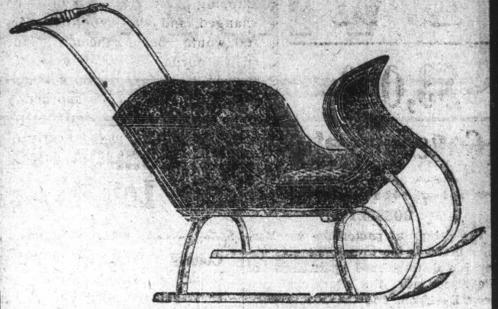
Yours truly,
A. SOPER.

**GRATE'S COVE ROAD BOARD
A CORRECTION**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I notice an error in your report for Grate's Cove Road Board. The vote was: Eli Cooper 86, D. Hodder 85, Jas. Martin 84, Jas. Duggan 82 and W. J. Meadus 80.—J.S.

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The delightful pantomime at Rossley's that has the town talking is under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, and the Misses Davidson to-day. This pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" is declared by one and all who have seen it to be the best yet. All Rossley's pantomimes are novel, neat and delightful laugh-making shows. The local children go through their various parts like true artists. There is another big pantomime in preparation. "Jack and Jill." There are twenty-four songs and lots of dances. Jack Rossley with his Charlie Chaplin troupe has the house in roars. The great floral song, a real transformation scene is "a dream of youth and beauty." The music under the direction of Mr. Dan Roche is very fine indeed and a better place to spend an afternoon or night could not be found than by taking in "Beauty and the Beast."

THE CASINO.

The official motion pictures of the French Army in the present great war continue to attract large audiences to the Casino theatre. These pictures were taken by order of the general staff of the French army for the national archives, so that future generations of the French people may see and know what part their forefathers took in the present struggle. France has been sorely oppressed; next to Belgium she has suffered most, but her people are responding nobly to the great call. Many of her homes and towns have been devastated and laid low; her daughters and aged have been insulted and ill-treated, and for a while it looked as if all that France held dear was gone. But France today is more determined than ever. These motion pictures tell what she has suffered. If you have not seen them yet, go to-day by all means. It will prove of great benefit to all. The pictures of the Dardanelles are of special interest to all of us because of the fact that our boys fought there. See the beautiful Soissons Cathedral, one of the most magnificent ever built, now a heap of ruins a lasting monument to German culture. The work of the heavy guns, and the warfare at Bois Le Pretre are highly thrilling. These pictures were shown in Canada at prices ranging from 25 cents to 50 cents, while here the price is only 10 cents. There are three shows every night at 7.30, 8.40 and 9.50.

THE NICKEL.

The mid-week programme at the Nickel theatre will appeal to every lover of the movies because it is sure to please all. Foremost on the bill is the seventh episode of "The Exploits of Elaine" showing the double trap. This is the greatest of all serials and Arnold Daly, Pearl White and Sheldon Lewis are seen in great characters. All are interested in this great film which has been pronounced the most sensational ever given. There is also a great three-part dramatic offering entitled "Frauds" in which Edna Mayo and Bryant Washburn play the leading parts. "The tie that binds" is an Essanay social drama of great merit. "A Lily in Bohemia" is a Vitagraph comedy-drama, and "His Nasty Temper" is a Keystone riot. For a pleasant hour attend the Nickel to-day. Friday there will be another Charlie Chaplin comedy and a big holiday programme. All through the holiday season there are special matinees for the children.

THE CRESCENT.

Five feature pictures, drama and comedy constitute the big mid-week programme of the Crescent Picture Palace. "When Gratitude is Love" is a great Edison offering a romance of the woods and the open, featuring Margaret Frawling. "The Outlaws Awakening" is a strong Western drama with the favourite G. M. Anderson. An interesting and gripping story is told in "The Miser's Legacy." "A Fine Belig" is a drama in "The Legal Light" featuring Tom Mix, and a great comedy screen is "Hans and his boys" with that very funny pair "Waddy and Art." Mr. Dan Delmar sings a Southern novelty song "She Waits for Me at Piney Bridge." The Crescent is arranging a big show for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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

Irish Sailor Laid to Rest

Remains of John Edwards, of County Wexford, Ireland, Buried at Mount Carmel Cemetery Yesterday—a Large Funeral

Yesterday Mr. P. F. Moore, J. P. Cash and others interested themselves in the matter of the funeral of the poor fellow, John Edwards, who was drowned from the Antillian. The remains were enclosed in a handsome casket, furnished by undertaker Carnell, and the funeral took place from the morgue. Fully 300 persons followed the remains to Mount Carmel cemetery where a new funeral plot had been reserved for it. Many of the mourners were descendants of County Wexford men, where deceased came from. At the Cathedral the funeral absolution was imparted by Rev. Dr. Carter. Members of the Benevolent Irish Society and others will mark the sailor's resting place with a handsome monument. It will be a consolation to the parents and friends of deceased in the old land to know that every respect was paid the remains by the kindly people of St. John's.

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MAN SERIOUSLY HURT.

While the Fogota was at Change Islands on Christmas Day Mr. John Roberts, business man of that place, was coming on board to see Captain Dalton for a few minutes, when in passing along by the hatch of the after hold he slipped and fell into the hold head-first. He struck with terrible force, and was rendered unconscious for a while, but was attended to by the captain, purser and stewards. He had a very ugly gash in the head and lost much blood. He proceeded to Fogo in the ship, where Dr. Donohue had to put six stitches in the wound. When the accident occurred all thought that Mr. Roberts had been killed. He was perfectly sober, being a man of strict temperate habits and the accident was unfortunate but utterly unforeseen.

COLD AND STORMY NORTH

By the S.S. Fogota we learn that the weather North the past week has been very cold and stormy, especially in Fogo District. The mouth of Gander Bay is frozen over, making an impenetrable bar for shipping. The small ponds and streams also covered with ice.

SHIFTED THEIR CARGOES

About two days after leaving Sydney on their way to Europe in passing down through the Straits the Bella-venture and Bonaventure met terrible weather, their cargoes of coal shifted, giving them heavy port lists and they had to make Forteau, each remaining 12 hours while the cargo was being trimmed away. Both ships resumed their voyage then on an even keel.

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

SCHR. 'LAVENGROS' CARGO ALL SALVED.

Capt. Couch who was at Seldom in the interest of the Underwriters of the stranded 'Lavengros' at Burnt Pt., arrived here by the Fogota last night. The Captain says that the Lavengros was a splendid vessel of staunch built and had 1600 casks of fish on board when she went ashore in a snow storm and thick weather at the Point. Some 863 casks of the fish salvaged were brought here by the Fogota as well as some salmon which the vessel cured. All the fish cargo was salvaged by men from Fogo, Change Islands and they took 1-3 of it as their share and freighted it to their homes. The hull was badly damaged in recent stormy weather and the vessel was surveyed and was sold yesterday.

CRAZED FROM LIQUOR

Monday night a resident of Cabot Street who became crazed with alcohol attacked a female relative at his home and might have killed her had not neighbours interfered. Three men had to enter and hold him and later the man left his home and did not turn up till yesterday.

LOCAL ITEMS

The police arrested three inebriates yesterday evening. Two were utterly incapable and had to be taken to the station in cabs.

There were three funerals at once at the R. C. Cathedral yesterday afternoon, those of the late John Edwards, Wm. Beer, and Miss Rose Baron.

As a girl named Bartlett, aged 17 years, was passing down New Gower Street yesterday evening she became suddenly ill and fell unconscious to the ground. Head Peet and Const. Doody took her into a shop, gave first aid and after some time she recovered. She is subject to such weak spells and was very ill for a while.

Large catches of herring are still being made at Bonne Bay and the fish are extremely plentiful. The weather has been very favorable for the work of catching, and the fishers this year, in most cases, will make record wages. The fishery in point of value will be in excess of other years by many thousands of dollars.

Riverside Blankets are warmer and last longer than ordinary kinds.—dec29,6i

JUVENILE TREAT FOR SIXTH JANUARY.

The lady friends of the Juvenile T. A. and B. Society met in the Armory last night and decided to hold the annual treat on Thursday afternoon of next week, the 6th January. At night a dance will be held by the members (and their lady friends) of the Adult Society, the T. A. Band furnishing the music. The Guardians are now busy preparing for the feast which promises to be an excellent one.

RENOWN GONE TO PIECES

The schr. Renown, a fine vessel, which went ashore at Mussel Bank, near Broad Cove, Conception Bay in recent stormy weather with a cargo of fish, was beaten in pieces in Monday's gale. If the light which was taken away when Portugal Cove wharf was swept had been replaced the vessel might have made safe anchorage there. But Morris and his political pals care little for the property or lives of fishermen.

THE FOGOTA HERE

The S. S. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, arrived at 8.30 last night with a full cargo of fish, oil &c. She had variable weather on the run and from Change Islands, storms alternating with calms. In the storm of Monday she laid up all that night at Valleyfield. The ship had to run from Valleyfield to Catalina on the return, passing Greenspond and Bay de Verde, owing to stormy weather. Her passengers were Capt. Couch and Jesse Winsor, Private Pames Newman, N. Lodge, J. Dawe, Miss C. Barter and two steerage.

AN EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT

A splendid entertainment was given in the Aula Maxima of St. Bon's College last night under the management of the Holy Name Society's L. & A. Committee. It was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. Rev. Dr. Greene, the spiritual director, was present and those taking part were Misses I. Ryall, I. Wiseman, Murphy, Marshall, Seyward, Walsh, Messrs. J. Lynch, C. Malone, M. O'Toole, R. Stamp, W. Walsh, G. Green, F. Bishop, J. Taylor, J. Hynes, Brown, Penney and Redmond.

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

COBAN STILL STRANDED ON PLACENTIA BEACH.

The S. S. Coban which burst her moorings in Monday's gale and went ashore on the back of the beach at Placentia, it is hoped, will come off to-day. Yesterday the ship fell on the beach and her propeller, stern-post and rudder were broken, but the rest of the hull is O.K. The Argyle held the inside of the gale last night and when the sea moderates will try to get the ship off and to a safe anchorage. The Meigle which left here last night will go to the scene on her way to Sydney to render aid.

Irishmen Honour New'd Hero

Members of B.I.S. Celebrate in Honor of Lieut. Jas. Donnelly, a Brother Member—The Hero of "Caribou Hill"

St. Patrick's Hall was enfeite last night when the members of the Benevolent Irish Society assembled in large numbers in their rooms to honour the bravery of a worthy brother-member, in the person of Lieut. James Donnelly, of the 9th Regt. Regiment, now known to fame as "the Hero of Caribou Hill." The celebration took the shape of a concert and V. P. Mr. Jno. L. Slattery presided. There were present besides the officers and members, Revs. Fathers Thibault and Nangle, J. M. Kent Esq., K.C., Honorary Vice-President of the Society; W. J. Higgins, M.H.A., former secretary of the society, and other guests.

A splendid programme had been arranged by Mr. Slattery and its execution was pleasing and warmly received by the audience. Songs, recitations &c. were given by Messrs. C. J. Fox, C. Benning, A. Bulley, J. Atkinson, T. P. Halley and J. L. Slattery, and Mr. P. F. Moore, who singing of "The Dublin Fusiliers brought down the house."

Mr. Halley accompanied on the piano with much acceptance. Highly eloquent patriotic addresses which were also complimentary to Lieut. Donnelly and his brave comrades were given by Ist. V.P. J. C. Pippy, W. J. Higgins, M.H.A., Rev. Fr. Nangle and R. T. McGrath, Jr., and were frequently interrupted with hearty applause.

It was a real whole-souled "Irish night" and all present enjoyed the entertainment thoroughly. Proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

NOTICE

On and after January 4th, 1916, STEER BROS. will close all Departments during Meal Hours, (1 to 2 and 6 to 7 o'clock), until further notice.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Recruiting for our regiment received quite an impetus recently and yesterday was very brisk. The number now on the roster is 2676, the following being added yesterday:

- Alex. Williams, N.D.B.
- Saml. Hansen, Tiedhgen, Norway.
- Ole Olaesen, Sarpsborg, Norway.
- Jno. H. Vaters, Victoria, Carbonear.
- Wm. Norman, Bay Roberts.
- Arthur Jeans, Samson's Island Green Bay.
- Jno. S. Galpin, Codroy.
- Wm. Samms, Codroy.
- Moses Lock, Tizzard's Hr., Green Bay.

FIFTEEN STORES WILL CLOSE

Several meetings of the Importers Association have lately been held on the matter of the proposed closing of the stores at meal hours. Up to date 15 have decided to close between the hours of 1 and 2 and 6 and 7 p.m. The 24th of January, 1917, will be the 1st whole holiday. This will be Thanksgiving Day.

BUSINESS NOTICE

M. F. MURPHY, HAIRDRESSER,

WISHES to inform his customers and the public generally that he has sold out his interest in the West End Shop (opp. Springdale Street), and that his friends will find him at his old stand, opposite General Post Office, where he will give patrons his personal attention. dec29,6i

SHIPPING

The S.S. Home which left Humbermouth to-day is making her last trip down the Straits this season. She could only get as far as Red Bay last trip and as bad weather is reported she may not get further this trip.

The S. S. Shabonee was towed up to the dock premises yesterday. The oil remaining on board has been pumped into the foreholds, putting her down by the head and bringing the boss out of water, so that the new propeller may be more easily adjusted.

All the wooden sealing steamers, including the S.S. Newfoundland, which will be commissioned by Job Bros. & Co. are now being got ready for the coming spring's sealing voyage. There will be keen competition for berths this year. It is said that several sailing vessels in view of the shortage of steamers will sail from various ports of the Island.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—nov23

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF THEFT

Yesterday the police arrested a Syrian who is charged with appropriating to himself \$61, part of money paid to him in the month of August at Labrador by Geo. Williams, with whom he had business dealings. The accused is a peddler and the police say Williams paid him over \$100 for goods which were to be sent to him but the man did not send what he was paid to despatch. He had to give a cash-bond for \$100 to-day until the matter would be finally adjusted.

SHIPS PASSENGER LISTS

The Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 4 this a.m. and the Kyle at 7.50. The former brought one passenger, Corporal Eli Patten and the latter, Mrs. F. Pierreway, E. Mercer, Miss M. Hudson, Miss O. Johnson, R. T. Lake, Miss M. Lake, C. A. McAlpine, C. W. Otis, H. A. R. McCoubrey and F. Angel.

TIDE AND SEA CAUSE DAMAGE.

We learn by the Prospero that people who arrived at Northern ports from the French Shore say that during the past 10 days or so there was a heavy sea and high tide at Fleu de Lys, Hooping Harbor, and other parts of the French Shore, and that flakes, stages, cook rooms and other property were swept away, the loss to the owners being heavy. About 40 cords of pit props piled up above high water mark were swept away in one place.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

F. J. Morris, K.C., presided to-day. A drunk was fined \$1.00 or 5 days and two others were discharged. Eight boys who were up for using toy revolvers on the streets were warned by His Honour who (as did The Mail and Advocate) condemned the sellers of such toys. He instructed Supt. Grimes to get the police to ask the vendors of such toys to sell no more of them to boys and this will be done. The boys summoned had to give bonds to keep the peace.

THE PROSPERO ARRIVED.

The Prospero arrived here this forenoon from the Northward, after having a fine run up and down to Griquet, except for the storm of Monday night, when she lay up at Twillingate for 7 hours. She reports the weather fairly wild and ice making to no extent yet. She brought a full freight of fish, oil, etc. and her passengers were—

Messrs. Jos. Moore, J. Winsor, W. B. Milley, W. Blackler, S. Parsons, H. G. Warr, J. Shea, M. Roberts, G. Mottly D. Wheeler, S. Pearce, A. Lush, A. Scammel, Capt. Hilton, M. Hamott, E. B. Sainsbury, J. Davis, S. Miffen, T. Dawe, R. G. Ash, Meadames Mursell, Strong, Colburne, Wheeler, Barbour, Collins, Hurdle and Day; Misses Bartlett, Zoone, Perry, Hunt and James and 15 steerage.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh N.W. to N. winds, fair and colder to-day and on Thursday; then becoming stormy.

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LATEST

WAR MESSAGES

Turkish Official

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The Turkish War Office gave out the following statement:

Dardanelles front—One of three enemy aeroplanes flying over Arburnu was hit by our artillery fire and fell into the sea, later it was towed by two vessels to the Island of Imbros.

A vessel, of the Agamemom class, protected by two cruisers, two monitors and eight torpedo-boats, bombarded at intervals our positions. Our artillery in reply hit an Agamemom and one of the cruisers with two shells.

On the 27th a monitor passed behind the Isle of Markeb, fired eighty shells on the Anatolian Coast narrows. Our batteries repeatedly bombarded the landing places at Tekke Burnu, and Seddul Bahr, disturbing an enemy's transport, sinking a boat near Tekke Burnu, and destroying a great shed.

One of our water planes successfully dropped four bombs on a tent camp.

75,000 SERB TROOPS IN ALBANIA

PARIS, Dec. 29.—According to reliable information there are seventy-five thousand Serbian troops at Scutari and Elbassan, in Albania, says an Athens correspondent to the Havas Agency. They are in excellent trim, notwithstanding the many difficulties they encountered in their retreat. They hold strongly fortified positions against the advance of the Austro-German and Bulgarian, and it is unlikely that they will be transferred to Salonika.

STILL DEBATABLE

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Unconfirmed advices from Vienna, as published by the Petit-Journal, says that the impression prevails in Austria-Hungary Government circles that the forthcoming reply to the second American Note regarding the Ancona incident, will bring about a diplomatic rupture between the two nations.

Mr. Chas. Otis, the advance agent for the Klark-Urban Co. will arrive here by the express to-morrow. The Company, we hear, will arrive in a couple of days hence.

Capt. Hilton of the wrecked schr. Lavengro and his mate, Mr. Wan, arrived here by the Prospero to-day and will proceed to their homes in Nova Scotia.

JOHN BULL'S PATRIOTIC PIERRETTES—New Year's Night. See the "Dance of the Allies" and hear Miss Herder sing "Khaki." Tickets at Atlantic Book Store. Book early.—dec27,3i

The S.S. Greciana arrived here to the Furness Withy Co. last night, after a run of 11 days, from Liverpool. She had head winds and storms all through, brought 1000 tons cargo and sails for Philadelphia to-morrow.

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Additional Information

DECEMBER 29th, 1915.

- 1313 Private Ernest L. Braithwaite, 92 Antrim, St. Cambridge, Mass. Previously reported wounded; now reported, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth.
- 1248 Private Ludwig Hoddinott, Indian Islands, Fogo. Previously reported gunshot wound in thigh Svula, Dec. 5; now reported, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth.
- 1155 Private John J. Ivany, English Hr., T.B. Previously reported Fever, severe, Alexandria, Nov. 5; now, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, enteric.
- 815 Private John D. Andrews, 80 Farlane's Place, London. Previously reported, enteric, Alexandria; now, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, enteric.
- 1349 Private Frederick Cummins, Golf Avenue, London. Previously reported, enteric, severe, Alexandria; now reported, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.
- 744 L.-Corp. Harold H. Batson, English Hr., T.B. Previously reported, enteric severe, Alexandria; now reported, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.
- 188 Private John J. Kelly, 29 LeMarchant Road. Previously reported, enteric, slight, Alexandria. Now, arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; heart trouble.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

An old lady slipped and fell on the ice near Goodridge's office to-day and was taken into Mr. F. Wadden's pharmacy. It was feared her leg was broken; a cab was called and she was driven home to be attended by a doctor.

RUSSIANS OCCUPY PERSIAN TOWN

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Russian troops have occupied the important Persian town of Kashan, and are marching towards Ispahan, according to the Teheran correspondent of Reuter's.

INFORMATION IS ASKED OF the whereabouts of MISS ANNE MAINE, Heir to Maine's Estate, Harbor Grace, by a person who would like to get her address for the purpose of buying out the Estate.—dec27,3i



AT HOME

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