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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 sank, 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 dispel 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 REPULSED, 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 Matruh (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.

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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 preserve 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

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 cooped 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 Hirzstein, 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 Dnieper 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.

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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 hour 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, give 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 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.

BULGAR REGIMENT MUTINY

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Restoration of Belgian Sovereignty

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.

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.

The chap who yells loudest about "personal liberty" and boasts of his indifference to criticism is usually the man who gets the hottest when someone tells someone he saw him coming out of a saloon.

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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.
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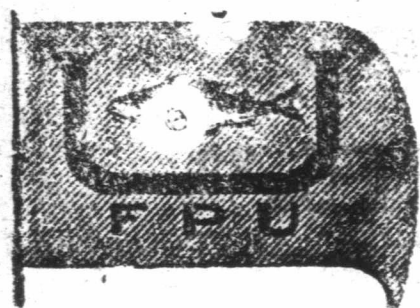
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Steel Ships

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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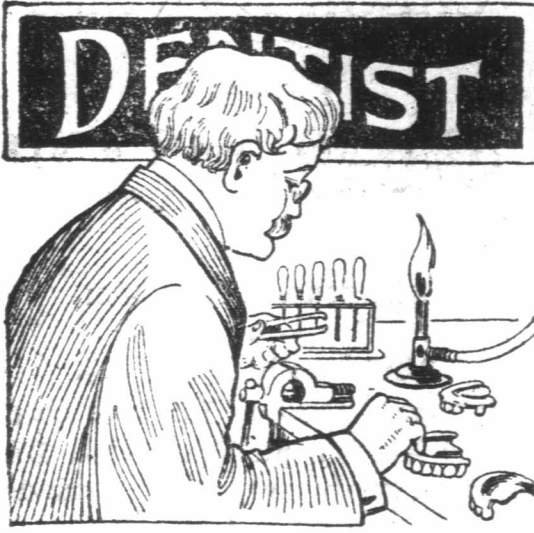
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(Editor Mail and Advocate)

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.

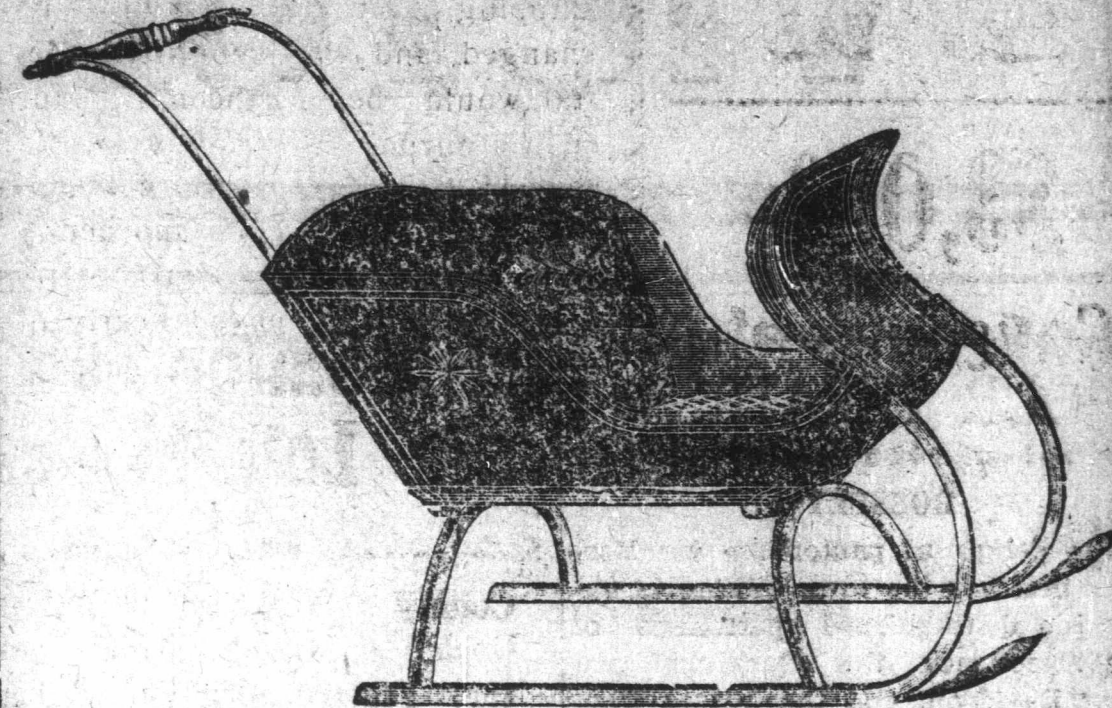
GRATE'S COVE ROAD BOARD

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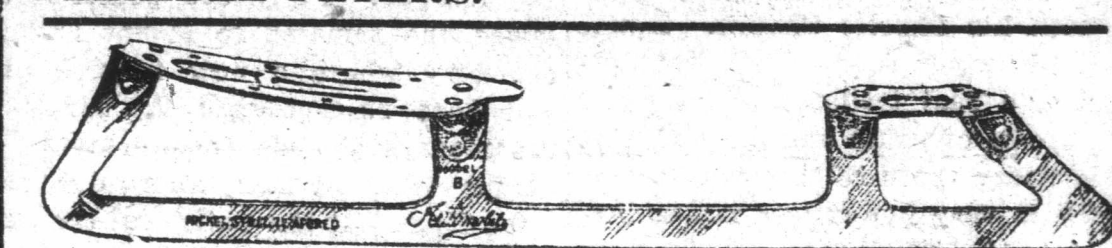
(Editor Mail and Advocate)

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. Meadeus 80.—J.S.

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