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UNCLE SAM CANNOT ADMIT BRITAIN'S RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH NEUTRAL NATION'S COMMERCE

Sends Copy of Note on Reprisals To French Foreign Office

TO ADMIT ALLIES CLAIM TO JUSTIFICATION IN PLACING EMBARGO ON COMMERCIAL INTERCOURSE WITH GERMANY, WOULD BE ACT OF UNNEUTRALITY, SAYS UNITED STATES

Washington, April 5.—The United States Government to-day made public its Note to Britain, announcing it "could not admit" either the right of the Allies or their claim for justification in placing an embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries. "To admit it," says the communication, "would be to assume the attitude of unneutrality toward the present enemies of Britain, which would be obviously inconsistent with the solemn obligations of this Government in

the present circumstances, and for Britain to make such a claim would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended at other times and circumstances."

The Note reviews at length the legal phases of the blockade of belligerent territory and the virtual blockade of neutral coasts. In conclusion, the U.S. states that it is in expectation that Britain, after having considered "the possibilities of the serious interruption to American trade," under the order in Council, "will take the necessary steps to avoid them, and, in the event that they should unhappily occur, will be prepared to make full reparation for every act which, under international law, constitutes a violation of neutral rights."

The American communication interprets the circumstances under which Great Britain claims to be justified in adopting retaliatory measures toward her enemies, as "merely a reason for certain extraordinary activities" by her naval forces, "and not an excuse for, or prelude to, any unlawful action."

"If the course of the present enemies of Britain," the Note adds, "should prove to be tainted by illegality and disregarded of the principles of war sanctioned by enlightened nations, it cannot be supposed that this Government, for a moment, believe His Majesty's Government would wish the same taint to attach to their own action."

Ambassador Sharp, of Paris, was instructed to present a copy of the American Note to Britain to the French Foreign Office, with a statement that although the French Admiralty decree had not been officially received at Washington, it was understood here to be identical with the British Order in Council, and the American Government, therefore, made a similar reply.

Official Report

London, April 5.—The Russian Government reports its offensive in the Carpathians to be developing with success. On Thursday the Russians captured 100 officers, over 7,000 men and 10 machine-guns.

The Turkish cruiser Medjehieh was sunk by a mine off Odessa. The Foreign Office understands that on the whole, there have been great improvements at Ruhleben Camp during the last week.—HARCOURT.

Total Abstinence In Royal Household

London, April 5.—Teetotalism will be enforced in all the King's households, beginning on Wednesday. An official announcement, just issued, dated April 6th says:—"By the King's command, no wines or spirits will be consumed in any of His Majesty's homes after to-day."

Germans Sink Italian Steamer

Genoa, Italy, April 5.—News was received here to-day that a German submarine had sunk the Italian steamer *Lutji Parodi*.

She left Baltimore on January 22nd, with a cargo of coal for Genoa. The report caused a profound impression here, and there are many expressions of resentment. Great excitement prevails, and the authorities have taken strong measures to protect the German colony and German shops from possible exactions of reprisals.

Nothing is known of the fate of the crew, which was made up of Genoese

Battle Raging in Uzok Pass The Czar's Forces Hurl Themselves Against the Last Check to Their March to Budapest

Fresh Troops Constantly Assail the Wounded Austro-Huns

Petrograd, April 5.—With Russian forces holding the Beskid and the Austrian forces in retreat southward, the mighty forces of the Czar are being hurled at the defences of Uzok Pass to-day to clear away the last obstacle to a general advance in the plains of Hungary. Night and day Russian troops are assailing the Uzok position of their foes, and no rest is given to the Austro-German forces at this point.

With its great resources in men, Russia is able to replace worn-out troops with fresh men. The Russian steam roller has never operated with greater force than in the battle raging just north of Uzok Pass.

The War Office officials assert that it is not within the power of the Teuton troops to withstand the attacks they are undergoing from the corps massed along their front.

"On to Budapest" will be the battle cry of the Russian legions when Uzok Pass is captured.

London, April 6.—The attention of the public for the time being is directed toward the great struggle for the Carpathian Passes where the Russians are apparently making very steady progress, despite obstinate resistance offered by Austrian and German troops.

The Russians are on the Hungarian side of both Dukla and Lupkow Passes, and with the aid of continual reinforcements are gaining the heights which dominate Uzok Pass.

Even the Austrian official report admits that fighting is now taking place in Labereza Valley, which is south of Lupkow Pass, while the Russians to-night announce the capture of Ciama, an important station high in the mountains between Lupkow and Uzok Passes, where they captured great stocks of war munitions and provisions. Russians also are advancing from Dukla Pass on Bartfeld, which is at the head of a fine railway running south into Hungary, and are fighting not far from Mezolaborez, another important railroad head.

On Saturday and Sunday they captured in the Carpathians upwards of three thousand prisoners. They also claim another success in Bukovina and the capture of another thousand prisoners, while the Austrians also assert they repulsed the Russian force which attempted to cross the Danister River.

The Russians also are making progress in Northern Poland.

A German official report telling of

the repulse of a Russian attack on Mariampol, which is considerably west of the region, which a few days ago was in the possession of the Germans.

So far as the Western-front is concerned comparative calm continues, the French having little to report, which the Germans announce the repulse of French attacks in Woerth-Arconne regions and of a Belgian attempt to recover ground which they recently lost in Flanders.

The former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, now under Turkish flag, with new names, Sulton Sellim and Midirli respectively, have again been out in the Black Sea and exchanged shots with the Russian fleet on the Crimean coast, but probably confronted by superior forces, made their way back to the Bosphorus.

The German submarine U31 has replaced the U28 off the West coast of England. During the day reports were received of the sinking by this underwater boat of the Russian barque *Hermes* and the steamer *Olivine*, both small vessels.

Battleship Lord Nelson Stranded in Dardanelles Battered by Turkish Guns

Berlin, April 5. (By wireless to Sayville.)—A report received at Berlin from Athens, says that the British battleship *Lord Nelson* is stranded in the Dardanelles Straits, and has been

Preparing Beds In London Hospital

MILITARY AUTHORITIES INSTRUCT LONDON HOSPITALS TO PREPARE FOR MANY WOUNDED—PUTTING THE SCREWS ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

London, April 5.—Military authorities have instructed London hospitals to extend their accommodation for wounded. It is expected that half a million beds will be added by next month.

The White Realization

Hallifax, April 5.—Jess Willard knocked out Jack Johnson to-day in the world championship bout at Cuba, in the twenty-sixth round.

On the stock exchange bets are being offered of 2 to 1 against the war lasting until December.

The Government expects to curtail still further the hours during which liquors may be sold. Total prohibition is not expected, although it is possible that the sale of spirits will be prohibited altogether.

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Turks and Austrians Among the Captured Serbian Raiders

Paris, April 5.—A news despatch received here from Nish, Serbia, says that among the so-called Bulgarian irregulars, who were killed, wounded or taken prisoners during the recent invasion of Serbian territory, were large numbers of Turks and Austrians.

Sunk by Submarine

London, April 5.—The Glasgow steamer *Olivine* and the Russian barque *Hermes* were sunk by a German submarine on Sunday, off the Isle of Wight.

The crews took to boats and were rescued by a British torpedo-boat destroyer.

Von Der Goltz Urges the Kaiser

MAKE MORE ENERGETIC ATTACKS AGAINST SERBIANS—CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO OPEN A ROAD FOR SUPPLIES FOR DARDANELLES

Paris, April 6.—The real purpose of the trip to Berlin by Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, German military adviser to Turkey, telegraphs the Journal's Athens correspondent was to convince Emperor William of the necessity for new and more energetic attack against Serbia under command of the Field Marshal.

Such an attack the Journal's correspondent says is considered essential by German officers in Constantinople in order to establish communications necessary to enable them to obtain supplies of

ammunition, which is needed badly.

Another purpose of such a move, according to the dispatch would be the hope that it might turn the neutral Balkan nations against the Triple Entente, for it is believed in Constantinople that delay in the Dardanelles operations has been a disappointment to partisans of the Allies.

German Submarine Caught in a Net

Paris, April 6.—A German submarine has become securely entangled in a net specially designed for that purpose and placed off Dover, according to the Petit Journal's Dunkirk correspondent, who adds, that French naval authorities expect the capture of the submarine Mersible when it comes to the surface.

Germans Attack Belgian Congo

Havre, April 6.—Fresh attacks by German forces against the Belgian Congo have been repulsed.

British Steamer Sent To Bottom

IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL—HAD CARGO OF IRON ORE—CREW RESCUED

London, April 6.—The British steamer *Northlands* with a cargo of iron ore was sent to the bottom by a German submarine in the English Channel, off Beachy Head Monday morning. The ship sank in ten minutes. The crew was picked up by a Belgian steamer.

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A FEW TIPS FOR ABRAM

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—A few remarks re the Newfoundland Disaster and Capt. A. Kean may not be amiss. I may say that I went to the ice-field in 1890 in a little sailing vessel, 130 tons. I went three spring successfully in this one. One day when finished hauling seals in the evening a storm of wind and snow came on and one man was found missing. Every man was ordered out and no rest was given until that man was found. After searching sometime we could not find him, so we got a large tar barrel and lighted it on the ice floe, consequently the man saw the light and was brought safe to the ship.

I ended up with Captain Brett and I know something about the ice-fields as well as Captain Kean. During this period of time I was in three ships when they were lost, and was also shipwrecked on two more and only one man lost.

"Go on thou little David in the strength of our King, and this great Goliath, which is hurling the glittering sword, it may wound his own head."

WILLIAM CULL,
Horwood, March 30, 1915.

BELIEVES KEAN TO BE GUILTY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Just a few lines to say my name was left off the Kean arrest petition sent from here. There should have been 51 names on it instead of 50. Please add my name to the petition, as I strongly believe Kean should be made stand his trial at the bar of justice for the 1914 Sealing Disaster.

JOSEPH RALPH,
Chairman F.P.U.
Flat Island, B.B., March 27, 1915.

Two Trinity Bay Reservists in Dardanelles Fight

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Two of our young Volunteers are now serving their King and Country in the bombardment of the Dardanelles. They are on board the H.M.S. Cornwallis and their names are Alexander Peddie of Hodge's Cove and Isaac Soper of North West Brook. If everybody's sons would stay at home where would our army and navy be and what would be thought of Britain's Oldest Colony.

We trust our boys will come out of the fight safe and sound and that this great war will soon end.

Wishing the best of luck to Pres. Coaker and the Union.

A FRIEND,
Hodge's Cove, Random,
March 26, 1915.

The 'Fogota'

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—The mail boat Fogota has been here for the last 27 days and quite an interesting time some are having through the little steamer having to stay here, owing to ice conditions.

There has been a great revelation made in connection with a robbery of some liquor stolen from her cargo—a box containing six bottles of rum. As far as we know, there is yet more to be sifted out. The parties concerned were the two young men who robbed the money from the F.P.U. Store, for which offence the magistrate sentenced them to six months in the penitentiary and for the rum business in connection with the Fogota another six months was added to their sentence. The public would like to know all the parties connected in this plundering.

One of the firemen as well got a sentence of six months, but the feeling and sentiment of the people here think he is not guilty of all that has been going on in connection with this affair. However, we have nothing to say against the judgment of Magistrate Millin, as there were so many connected it would take half a dozen lawyers to clear up the case. If brought before the Supreme Court.

The crew have been busy cleaning up the ship, but conditions on board seem to be very unsatisfactory along the food line.

Anyhow, Mr. Editor, the Magistrate has been kept busy clearing up the hidden things, and has handled matters in the Court in such a manner as to make things rather lively.

We trust the Government will send another boat as soon as conditions offer for the benefit of the public.

Wishing the Mail and Advocate every success.

SEARCHLIGHT,
Greenspond, March 29, 1915.

A MILD REBUKE A Pity Kean Wasn't Stuck in St. John's

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—I take pleasure in addressing a few lines to your paper—my first time since leaving Newfoundland. No doubt the readers of the Mail and Advocate feel glad to see a few words from any of us on active service. I often wonder if some of the young men who hang back have the nerve to read a letter from any of us who are doing our part to help defend our King and Country.

We'll admit that our little country has done good work since war began, but still there are lots of young able-bodied men yet at home who should answer their country's call. It is sad to hear of so many going down in ships at sea as well as falling on land, but that shouldn't discourage us. They are dying as heroes. But it is those who are hanging back that are cowardly and the day is coming when they will hide themselves with shame.

The day will come when the little ones will say, "Dad, where you in the European War of 1914-15?" They will hang their heads and say, "Don't bother me."

Wouldn't it make any young man enlist to hear how the Germans are treating those they capture or how they have treated women and children. I say it would make one's blood boil. Anyway we will do our best and the war may be a long one, but victory will be ours in the end.

We have spent a grand time since we came over. We have had six weeks training in barracks and spent two weeks at Barrow. Since then we have been on board our ship.

There are nine of us Newfoundlanders together and one Canadian. All are in good spirits and determined to do their part in helping to defeat our enemies.

A COAKER MAN,
Sandy Cove, B.B., Mar. 31, 1915.

I will close by wishing the Editor and Readers of the Mail and Advocate a bright and happy Easter.

W. H. G.,
Royal Naval Reservist on board H.M.S. Prince Edward.

The Civic Commission and its Failure

By James Murphy

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Twelve months ago Gosling spread "his wings" like branches of a green bay tree. "Make by going among them and asking me," said he "Commissioner of your town or your opinion. My 'Lord Foppington' City," and I will make it El Dorado of the Second." "Hope defereth maketh the heart sick" and our case is hopeless, so far as beneficial results from Gosling's rule is concerned. Titus, it is said, when on his death bed, looked to Heaven and complained of the severity of fate in taking him from this world after he had been instrumental in making a people the happiest alive, during the two years he had ruled. If Gosling was dying tomorrow, could he say as Titus did, I trow not, for since he has been Commissioner of this city neglect of its inhabitants, and an utter disregard for their requirements has been predominant in all his actions.

Nice words butter no parsnips and eaten bread is soon forgotten. He gave you nice words when getting you to place your names to the petition to dispense with the late Council, and now he has basely forgotten and disregarded your kindness. He blamed the late Council for neglect. It was the pot calling the kettle black face. If they were neglectful and I am not prepared to say otherwise, how much so has he been.

The neglect shown by Gosling, and the men after his own heart, the Commissioners (save the mark!) is unreasonable.

Gosling and his cohorts, so we are told, are seriously thinking of enlarging the sanitary stations. A larger home for horses is contemplated, while the poor are dying in "rats holes." I need not advise the residents of the locality near where these stables are situated to protest, and with all their might, against such an outrageous undertaking. If the building of a sanitary stable, or stables, was attempted near Gosling's mansion on Leinster Road, would not he be the foremost in protesting. Surely he would.

"He can sit beneath the milk white thorn that scents the evening gale," and he intends to continue to do so, surrounded by the healthiest atmosphere of the higher levels, and in the area of some of the city's air-crafts. You good people in the vicinity of the sanitary stables, do you see moonlight is to sunlight, and as water is to wine. Think you that this "blue blooded" Bermudian revels in any other idea. If you do, then verily, you are living a life of blissfulness. You should have risen to the occasion long ago you did, and have protested against those stables. They should not have been permitted to last there one half of the time.

Controller Prendergast, of New York, goes the way of all transgressors, the a man who has more knowledge of municipal justice in his crown of grass as they did Perilus in little finger than Gosling has in his days of old.

A Pity Kean Wasn't Stuck in St. John's

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—We had a visit from President Coaker a few days ago. We were glad to see the President as all our men here are strong Union men and are determined to stand by Mr. Coaker and the Union.

A Union meeting was held in the L.O.A. Hall which, needless to say, was largely attended. If it had been a public meeting I feel safe in saying the Hall would not have held all who would have attended. Pres. Coaker spoke for three hours. His address was a masterpiece and the reception tendered him was far ahead of that ever given a public man in this place.

Mr. Coaker dealt at length with Union matters and we are now more determined than ever to see the Toilers' fight to a successful finish.

The insults heaped upon us by Sir Tax Morris the past three years re Blandford and latterly re Kean will be avenged the first opportunity. So far we hear Kean has been stuck in White Bay.

Your political career is fast drawing to a close Sir Tax Morris. The quicker the better for poor Terra Nova.

A COAKER MAN,
Sandy Cove, B.B., Mar. 31, 1915.

I will close by wishing the Editor and Readers of the Mail and Advocate a bright and happy Easter.

W. H. G.,
Royal Naval Reservist on board H.M.S. Prince Edward.



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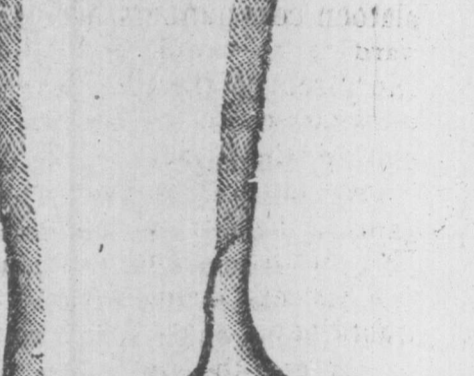
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London, March 21.—An official eye-witness account of British operations on the western front, dated March 19, has been issued by the Press Bureau. In connection with the reports of the recent fighting it gives the following explanation of the heavy losses of officers:

Terrible German Losses

"The attempt succeeded so far as the latter sector was concerned, for the trenches had been blown in and were absolutely untenable. To the east of the village, however, our infantry made a most determined stand. Their fire was so steady and well-directed that the losses among the assailants were terrible. Our men sticking to their posts until the last—in fact until they were overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers."

"The Germans then rushed supports to the trenches and also to a mound which had been blown up by a mine. Following up their success, they penetrated into the village itself."

Attack by 200 Germans

"During the 15th the enemy made a last effort to recover the ground by assault. Presumably it was not intended to be more than a forlorn hope, for only 200 men took part."

"Prisoners captured during the fighting said the German losses were very great, the supports suffering especially severely from our shell fire."

"Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th, passed quietly, except for a heavy shelling of the various points, especially in Neuve Chapelle."

"On the morning of the 17th 200 Germans took advantage of the misty weather to try and reach their own trenches by advancing across the open near La Tanquet. They were seen and fire was opened on them."

A Dramatic Scene

"In spite of the generally monotonous character of the present stages of the war there have been some dramatic moments. One such immediately preceded the attack on Neuve Chapelle on the 10th. When our infantry were awaiting the order to assault and were watching the bombardment they could see our shells bursting in the thick veil of smoke and dust which hung over the German trenches. As the minutes wore on and as the artillery fire grew hotter and hotter, and the time grew nearer for the rush forward, excitement rose to fever heat."

"Our men jumped on the parapets, brandishing their rifles toward the Germans, shouting remarks which were drowned in the roar of the guns. When the rush was actually made our losses were trifling. Only in subsequent events were there any heavy casualties."

"The effect of the victory of Neuve Chapelle has been remarkable. It has caused the troops who by no means were depressed to become even more elated and filled them with confidence. In spite of the unusually heavy losses, the effect of the recent fighting on the Germans is impossible to gauge, though they are stubborn folk and not easily downcast."

When Yards Count

"The operations of the last few days cannot have been encouraging."

Tribute to Officers

"It is unnecessary to speak of the gallantry of regimental officers throughout the fighting. The casualty lists tell their own tale of the heavy toll among them, largely due to the fact that in advancing over intricate country, intersected with hedges and ditches, platoon commanders had to go forward to reconnoitre the ground and discover the best way to circumvent these obstacles without getting their men crowded together in narrow places such as gaps in hedges and bridges. This naturally entailed exposure. The success achieved and the extraordinary spirit shown by our troops are the best proof of the qualities displayed by their leaders."

"Since the action at St. Eloi on the 14th and 15th, there has been no fighting on our front, but that has been somewhat eclipsed by the story of Neuve Chapelle. On the evening of Sunday, the 14th, after an extremely heavy artillery fire directed against our trenches along the eastern and southeastern sections, the Germans endeavored to rush our lines."

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A Day With Russians On Banks of the Pruth

(From "The Daily Chronicle" Special Correspondent, M. H. Donohoe.)

Novo Seltiza (Russia), Feb. 27.—I have spent the day in the Russian positions on the left (east) bank of the Pruth through the kindness of the general commanding. Cross the Austrian frontier I found myself once more in Bukowina, at least in that position which is still in Russian possession.

The valley of the Pruth separates the two hostile armies. It has been a cold day, though the sun has shone brilliantly for the first time in some weeks—adding an iridescent gleam to the light that lay on the snow-covered land.

From Bojan, the Austrian railway station on the Czernowitz line, which is opposite Mamornitza in Rumania, the Pruth follows a winding course eastward and southward. The river banks are clothed in a sparse brushwood which shows brown against the background of white. There the outposts of the rival armies find tolerably snug cover where the valley dips gently to the left bank.

Dead Under the Snow

On my right, as I look down to the river, there is a sharp ascent to the wide plateau commanding Czernowitz.

Here, in the early days of the war, the Russians forced a passage of the river and drove the Austrians before them. The battlefield of that time is now a vast cemetery, hundreds of crosses marking where the Austrian dead sleep.

I found the Russians in good spirits, well housed, well fed, warmly clad. I inspected the soldiers' quarters; I entered houses where men on trench duty are accommodated between whiles; houses which they had stove-heated to the temperature of a Turkish bath; I ate of their rye bread and cabbage soup. This soup, highly flavored is a staple diet of the Russian soldier on active service.

The general had delegated a colonel to act as my guide. We found the men who were off duty whiling away the time playing cards, smoking cigarettes, or strumming a mouth-organ—the favorite musical instrument of the soldiers of the Tsar.

"Little Father"

In this corner of the warfield I have noticed, among the Russians, a certain tone of paternal familiarity between officers and men which I had not observed elsewhere save in the Japanese army. "Good morning, children," was the colonel's customary salutation on entering the men's quarters; and the latter would spring to attention and rap out in staccato unison, "Good morning, little father."

These were the men who fought so bravely lately during the retreat through Bukowina. The Russian soldier seems a big, simple-minded child, full of courage, who obeys without question, who will follow his officers to the death with the same nonchalance as he will exhibit in rolling a cigarette. His patience and endurance un-

der the severest hardships are extraordinary.

When the news spread that an Englishman had arrived, I was followed through the village streets by groups of soldiers anxious to see the visitor at close quarters.

The generosity of the average Russian, like his hospitality, is unbounded. I happened to admire a shaggy sheepskin head-dress carried by a giant Cossack who was one of my escort. He immediately offered to give it to me—without any thought of where he might obtain a covering for his own head. He seemed hurt at my refusal to allow him to go bare-headed.

Rifle Echoes

This happened to be a dull day from the military point of view. Down by the river banks the Russian and Austrian snipers occasionally exchanged shots, and the crack of the rifles awakened echoes on the crisp winter air—that was all.

Behind the village is the main road, running close to the confines of the Russian Empire. But the road is soon lost in the vast ocean of snow which goes on and on to the horizon.

Beyond the Pruth, on the Austrian side, there is a similar white plain, only with here and there a few bare leafless trees, here and there a stray village standing alone, to relieve the dreary monotony of the snowscape.

Ascending a hill, and gaining a more commanding view-point, I still found snow and still snow, as far as eye could see. Only in places was the white streaked with discoloration, as if the warm, brown earth, aided by the spring sun, was beginning to reassert itself and peep through its winter covering.

Czernowitz—over which has repeatedly crept the tide of war, in flow and ebb, which one day is Austrian and the next day Russian—was plainly visible from my high hill. It lay at a distance of 12 miles, under the rays of the now setting sun. Its cathedral dome seemed of burnished silver.

Harpies

I was struck by the immense number of carrion crows which follow the army in anticipation of their gruesome feast. There are thousands of these camp followers with the Russians; no doubt as many with the Austrians. Sable winged, sharp-beaked they turn the sky black as they carry out their manoeuvres in the sunset hour. And they are so numerous as to seem no fewer now that vast clouds of them have gone south to watch over the army of Rumania.

The night fell on the Bukowina village; the stars shone very cold and steely blue; the dogs barked to challenge the passing patrol; and in the trenches the soldiers loaded their rifles or dozed while alert sentries kept sharp watch.

Meanwhile, and later, on the banks of the Pruth, in a peasant's cottage, I sat and drank and talked with the General Staff far into the night hours.

So ended one of the interludes of this war.

THE KAISER

Who hugged us to his martial breast,
And on our cheeks false kisses pressed,
And said that Brotherhood was best?
The Kaiser.

When wiser patriots raised the cry
That Prussia plotted on the sky,
Who said it was a cruel lie?
The Kaiser.

Who manufactured mammoth guns,
And served out "fire sticks" to his
Huns,
And made swashbucklers of his sons?
The Kaiser.

Who ultimately showed his cards,
And, buttered by Teutonic bards,
Dropped air bombs in suburban
yards?
The Kaiser.

Who swore to grind us into dust,
But found our land of rot and rust,
Quite unexpectedly robust?
The Kaiser.

Who's got to learn a thing or two
Before we've done with him, and who
Has bitten more than he can chew?
The Kaiser.

JESSIE POPE.

U. S. Submarine F-4 Located

Honolulu, March 30.—The American submarine F-4 which was lost off this harbor, was located this afternoon. Heroic efforts were being made tonight to raise the stricken craft but after having been submerged for more than thirty hours it was regarded as doubtful whether any of the crew of 21 men remained alive.

To lift the little vessel to the surface it was found necessary to send to the Pearl Harbor Naval Station for a derrick and crane. This involved much loss of time and it was thought that the fate of the crew might not be determined until daylight.

Mustered Into Army

Berlin, March 28.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, has been mustered into the army as a member of a Landsturm regiment and assigned to service in Alsace.

The Hague Peace Palace

Unattended, silent, brooding
On failure to meet its needs,
It rises gaunt, like a ghostly haunt,
Out of a waste of weeds.

Unkempt are its peace kept gardens,
Its fountains are filled with dust,
Its dead vines fall from trellis and
wall,
Its bronzes are red with rust.

The spiders have woven their fabric
Across every window pane,
And shutters than hang by a tenuous
hang,
While their hinges screech with
pain.

The bittern booms in its shadow,
It breathes the air of decay,
The fitting bats and the prowling cats
Have driven the Dove away.

Unattended, silent, useless,
A relic that no-one keeps,
Outside of its gate, and desolate,
Its Founder stands and weeps.

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The Rear-Admiral is an Irishman and the brother of Baron de Robeck. His title, however, is Swedish. The sailor brother was born in 1862 at Gowran Grange, Naas, Ireland. He was a Cadet on H. M. S. Britannia in 1875, and became Rear-Admiral four years ago.

It is interesting to note that his great-grandfather fought in the American revolution on the side of the colonists. He was a cornet of cavalry in the Swedish army and joined, with the permission of his King, a French Dragoon regiment sent to this country under Rochambault. For his services he received an American pension. At the end of the war, having fallen in love with a beautiful Irish girl, the daughter and heiress of a younger brother of the Earl of Upper Cessory, he emigrated to Ireland, married her and became a naturalized British subject. His son, the grandfather of Rear-Admiral de Robeck, served under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsular War.

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Public Meeting
At Manuels

BY last evening's express Messrs. J. G. Stone, M.H.A., Geo. F. Grimes, M.H.A., and W. W. Halfyard, M.H.A., left for Long Pond, Manuels, where they held a public meeting last night under the auspices of the F.P.U. The meeting was held in the school-room, Mr. Parrott being Chairman.

The meeting started sharp at 7 o'clock so as to allow the visiting gentlemen to return to town by the incoming local train. Interesting speeches were given, the aims and objects of the F.P.U. were fully discussed and each speaker in his own way showed up that W. F. Coaker has accomplished all he claimed he would do for the fishermen of Newfoundland. The new Export Co. was also dealt with.

At the close of his remarks each speaker received a splendid ovation. The meeting on the whole was the most successful one ever held at Long Pond.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem; cheers for W. F. Coaker, the F.P.U. and the speakers.

Long Pond is determined to fall in line with other points on the shore and will support Coaker and the Union in the next political fight.

The Sealing Voyage

THE whole catch of the sealing fleet is not likely to exceed 30,000 seals. That is the worst record by 97,000 of any year since steamers took part in the fishery. The worst record up to the present was that of 1897, when the whole catch amounted to only 127,000. Never since sealing became an industry has the catch fallen so low as this present season.

The Colony will suffer through the loss of revenue some \$250,000, while the owners of the ships will be out of pocket by about \$170,000, as the cropping, outfitting, insurance, &c., for the twelve ships without seals will amount to \$170,000. The cost of outfitting and cropping ships like the Florizel and Nascopie will cost \$18,000 each, while the other steel ships outfitting will come within \$2,000 of the larger ships. The cost of the wooden ships outfit, &c., will amount to about \$12,000 each. The insurance item is a very considerable amount, especially in the case of wooden ships.

About 30,000 seals have been landed so far on the North Side of Green Bay, consequently it may safely be asserted that 250,000 young seals have escaped this year, which in three years will be producing young and thereby adding additional wealth to the fisheries of the Colony. The close season has come, but at an expense of \$170,000, which every poor man knows will have to be made up some way on fish during the coming season.

The poor men who have gone out hoping to secure the wherewithal to ride them over the

spring will be the greatest sufferers, as the failure of the voyage will mean considerable want for them during the coming three months. The owners will have to provide each man with a ticket to his destination, and this will cost another \$7,000, which will bring this season's losses up to about \$180,000.

The Assembly

THE Legislature meets to-morrow for the transaction of business. Most of the M.H.A.'s have arrived and freely express their indignation for having to devote a month to legislative duties that should have been accomplished in February.

Morris, by holding back the meeting of the Legislature thinks he will get through with a short session and cut off much discussion of public matters. He got more than he bargained for last winter when the Opposition delivered blow after blow until Morris found he was really up against it for the first time in his life.

Beside, Morris is well aware of the inward rottenness of his party and this is another reason why he has declined to call the Legislature together to transact business that should have been completed two months ago when members had more time to devote to such duties. He will now meet the House with the worst financial statement that any Ministry had to present to the House of Assembly.

Morris will have to confess that even his attempts to impoverish the people by heaping up taxation 25 per cent. in addition to former taxation, that the Treasury is some Half Million Dollars short of expenditure. He will have to confess that while he attempted to grab \$1,000,000 extra taxation from the people that the expenditure has exceeded even the votes granted so liberally last winter. Some of the Departments have outrageously overdrawn their grants. Not one solitary instance of economy has been practiced.

We presume one of the Labrador coastal steamers will be dispensed with, but that will be caused solely by the Reid Nfld. Co. having sold one of their large ships and not being able or willing to replace it, the Labrador service as performed last year cannot consequently be served this year, but some of this saving in expenditure is to be offset, so we hear, by a bargain made by Morris and Crosbie to place one of the whaling steamers recently purchased by Crosbie, on the Labrador in order to afford Captain Henry Dawe facilities to settle trap-berth disputes in his capacity as magistrate. Crosbie, it is said, is to receive \$4,000 for this job, while that sum exceeds what he paid for the whaler—and thus the farce goes on.

Each day brings its grist to the mills of the clique that for seven years has been filtering the life-blood from the people, and driving the poor old ship of state nearer and nearer to the breakers amongst the shoals that abound on Craball Land.

Morris has proved himself to be the most complete failure as a public man that this Colony has yet beheld.

We are told that Executive Council meetings are more like what might be expected to take place among bands of pirates. Angry scenes are said to occur very often; hard words are said to be hurled across the Executive table, and the outside supporters are whispering to each other of this scandal, and that piece of rascality performed so and so, and each vows vengeance upon the other and ends by wishing the farce would soon end.

When the House opens to-morrow the vacant chair unfilled last winter will be occupied by Mr. A. B. Morine. He will occupy an independent seat which will be situated to the left of Mr. Coaker's seat. His presence will give strength to the debating power of the House and his long experience of public affairs will add greatly to the utterances from the Opposition side of the House. He will take his seat as one of the oldest members of the House, and the importance of his presence will be the greater appreciated by the country, as he will by far exceed any member of the House as an orator and constructive statesman.

In legal matters Mr. Morine's presence will be welcomed as he undoubtedly is one of the most brilliant lawyers now practicing in the Colony. He will add greatly to the fighting aggressive ability of the Opposition Party as he was always known as one of the most aggressive members that ever sat in the House. Some of the old glory that blazed from the

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The German 42 Centimeter Gun

English Engineer Describes Weapon

London, Nov. 28.—In the earlier days of the war it was asserted that the Germans possessed a siege gun of unprecedented power, and that it was used to batter down the Liege and Namur forts. Of late little has been heard respecting it, and many assert that there are no guns of that calibre in existence and that the stories regarding them were put in circulation in order to spread consternation among the Allies.

It has been said that the heaviest guns used by Germany in the 28 centimeter (11 inch) gun borrowed from the Austrians, and photographs of this weapon, with its splendidly designed recoil mechanism and its broad well shod wheels, have been pointed out as photos of the 42 centimeter (17 inch) gun. There has been a tendency on the part of some to consider the 42 centimeter gun as being of similar design to the 28 centimeter, differing only in size.

As a matter of fact, the two guns are dissimilar in design and in practically every detail. At the beginning of the war Germany possessed eight of the big howitzers, which have a bore of just over 16 1/4 inches or 42 centimeters, and not of 17 inches, as is popularly supposed. One gun was ready for action during the siege of Liege, and as the German 15 centimeter howitzers with the 30-pound shells were making little or no impression on the place, the big gun was sent to the spot accompanied by a gun crew from Krupp's.

The first six shots practically demolished one fort apiece, and the Kaiser, anxious to gain possession of Namur as speedily as possible, ordered the seven other guns to be completed immediately and sent to that city. When they arrived they reduced the forts to rubble and dust in some 4 hours, but the heavy work so damaged the howitzers and so strained their mountings that it was necessary for them to be sent back to Essen for thorough overhaul and repair.

At extreme personal risk an English engineer, determined to solve the mystery of these guns, schemed and bribed his way into the railway station at Cologne at a time when one of them was waiting to be taken back to Krupp's. He was able to make a detailed examination of the gun and its equipment.

The short squat barrel of the gun is mounted on a massive cradle of girders, with an over-all length of 38 meters (59 feet). This cradle terminates at either end in a platform slung on a six-wheeled bogie truck, the bogies being necessary to enable the big gun to be taken around curves of short radius.

The actual gun carriage on a live roller ring of 9 feet diameter, which is rotatable by hydraulic power. An arrangement of hydraulic pumps are driven by a small internal combustion engine fitted with a carburetor of a type which allows it to be run by either petrol or paraffin. This engine is mounted on the forward platform and is coupled to a dynamo of the series wound type which is in series with the primary of an induction coil.

Before firing the gun the wheels of the bogies are locked by hydraulic brakes, hydraulic buffers are prepared to take up the recoil and hydraulic jacks are lowered from the cradle to the ground to take the weight of the platform is a light but strong crane provided with a set of differential blocks for lifting the shell out of the ammunition wagon and placing it into the breech of the gun. This shell is 152.5 centimeters (60 inches) in length, and judging from the damage done at Namur, it would appear that the bursting charge is either melinite or picric acid. It is stated that the walls of the shell are peculiarly thin and that the charge of explosives is consequently abnormally high.

It may be mentioned that the weight of a charged shell is 1,550 pounds, as compared with the Russian shell of 800 pounds, which was the largest shell previously thrown by a siege gun. At an elevation of 45 degrees the gun can throw a shell a distance of nine miles.

The gun really is a failure. It has many serious defects, and while it would be of service during the reduction of an invested position when no attempt at relief could be expected, such a gun would prove a white elephant with an invading force, a fact which seems to be admitted by the Germans themselves, who are accustomed to drag a miscellaneous assortment of heavy artillery about with them.

The complete siege train comprises a powerful locomotive with a tender of large coal capacity, the gun carriage, an armored ammunition wagon and a living and sleeping car for the gun crew, who are all trained engineers from the Essen works. From the dimensions obtained and the description of the materials, it can be calculated that the weight of the gun and carriage must exceed 100 tons, and the weight of the rest of the equipment cannot fall short of three times that figure. A comparison of the principal howitzers is shown in the following table.

German—42 cm. howitzer, 100 tons.
German—28 cm. howitzer, 28 tons.
Russian—31 cm. howitzer, 28 tons.
Austrian—28 cm. howitzer, 22 tons.
French—27 cm. howitzer, 22 tons.

The gun is thus far more cumbersome than any other in use, and, judging from its construction, the inefficient method of loading and the great weight of the projectile it would appear that the process of loading and firing must be long, and that consequently only a few rounds can be fired in one day. It was probably for that reason that the full battery was ordered to Namur.

By reason of its great weight the gun is far from mobile. It is too

heavy to be carried on an ordinary temporary light railway and can only move on one of standard construction and gauge. It is safe to assert that no bridge of a temporary nature could be built to carry this gun except at a tremendous expenditure of material and labor. It would also be impossible to haul it along any kind of road. It follows, therefore, that the destruction of a single bridge on a railway on which this gun was traveling would be sufficient to stop its progress, from which it will be seen that if the railways within a ten or twelve-mile radius of a threatened position were destroyed the gun would be harmless as a weapon of offence.

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The late Good Queen Victoria some sixteen years ago Gave orders that the shamrock should then be pinned you know On the breasts of Irish soldiers, while a bunch herself she wore In honour of those heroes who had fought against the Boer. While here we are, in Newfoundland, There're some don't want it seen, And if they could, they'd banish us For wearin' o' the green.

I'm not ashamed, I will admit, of dear old Carbonear, But I feel sad to-day to know Miss Powell came from there. Now from the Pikes my sire he sprung and Dolly let me say They never bammed a girl who wore the green on Patrick's Day. 'Twas left unto a manial of all creeds now 'tis seen To try and keep you, Dolly dear, from wearin' o' the green.

On Europe's plains, dear Dolly, now they're fighting side by side, The sons of Orange and of Green to stem the Huns' red tide, While Britain's greatest generals, Lord Kitchener and the rest, On Patrick's Day, dear Dolly, wore the shamrock on their breast. So wear your bow of ribbon, now, despite of bigot spleen. For the day is done, when we must shun The wearin' o' the green.

JAMES MURPHY.

St. John's, April 5, 1915.

I thought that bigotry was dead, crushed, mangled heart and soul. But now I find it still exists, the Hospital its goal. It is not yet inanimate, its sun has failed to set. 'Twould once more reap destruction with its fetid, poisoned breath. God's curse upon the man who'd raise or woman too, I ween The standard of foul bigotry for wearin' o' the green.

[The above lines are suggested by the conduct of Miss Powell, head matron at the General Hospital, who compelled one of the nursing sisters to remove a bit of green ribbon which she pinned to her breast on St. Patrick's Day.]

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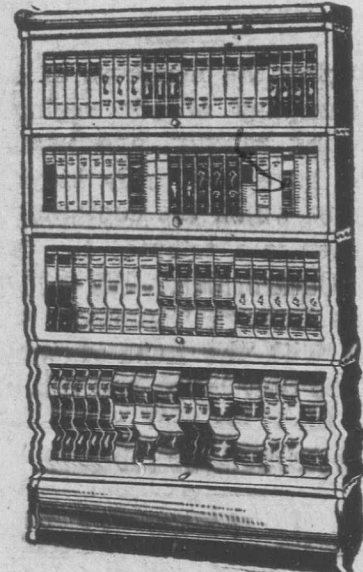
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World-wide attention has been centred on the German submarines, which are said to have circled England and Scotland and reached the waters about Ireland. The new American craft will be still more powerful than the best of the German submarines. The German submarines, as understood here, are not seagoing in the sense that they are able to accompany the battleship fleet. The British are understood to be trying to build bigger and faster submarines than the Germans, but there is doubt here as to just what they have evolved.

The new seagoing submarine will be completed in twenty-two months. The vessel will be named Schley, after Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley. It will be the policy to name seagoing submarines after distinguished naval officers.

Can Cross the Atlantic and Pacific The signing of the contract plans covering the seagoing submarine marks a new era in American naval construction. The craft in question was authorized in the naval appropriation act for the present fiscal year. In addition to this congress authorized three more seagoing submarines. Department experts are making a special study of engines before preparing plans for the seagoing submarines.

They are to be made to have twenty-five knots if possible. This would make them almost as speedy as a destroyer. The American seagoing submarines will be able to cross the Atlantic or the Pacific and prey on commerce or on warships by themselves. Three of the submarines for which contract plans were signed to-day are coast and harbor defense submarines of about the same types as hitherto ordered.

Hudson Maxim announces that he has perfected an invention making it possible for submarines to attack an enemy without showing even their periscopes.

The inventor refused to give details, but stated that his invention will enable a submarine to cruise and to discharge its torpedoes completely submerged. Naval men declare such an invention will increase the deadliness of the submarine 1000 per cent. "Submarines are blind when submerged," said a naval officer. "Before making an attack their periscopes must rise above the surface so that the man in the conning tower can see his target. The submarine then becomes very vulnerable to gun fire.

"If Mr. Maxim's invention is put into use it will mean this danger will be eliminated. The craft to be attacked will have no warning of the submarine's presence."

Were the United States to have sole access to such a device, it would give our navy superiority over every other naval power in the world.

The giant seagoing submarine Schley, to be built by the Electric Boat Company, will be able to cross the Atlantic and return under own power. If the new Maxim invention is installed that vessel will become the most formidable fighting craft of her type in the world. She is 265 feet in length and displaces 1100 tons at the surface.

A Union Rally Song

Will you grant me your attention and list to what I say For I belong to Shamber's Cove in Bonavista Bay. I want to tell of progress here among our Union men And I but wish with all my heart mine were an abler pen.

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Our meetings first of all were held in a humble little dwelling But when our funds began to grow and our numbers started swelling We buckled in with all our might to build a Union Hall, And now the good old Union flag flies from the spire so tall.

Our officers are good men all, and Deputy-Chairman Rob, When there's business to be done, is right there on the job.

The other Council members, though, are apt to be too shy, But we hope they'll come and speak their minds right our here by and by.

Now, boys, come, get a move on, for there is no time to lose. Get yourselves well polished up, and butter well your shoes. Our Chairman never gives a man a chance if he asks to retire. So you might as well step in and catch a bit of Union fire.

And you, good Union men, who often come along, Come, join with us next Union night, and sing a hearty song To the praise of our noble President, who is working day and night For our Union, and our Country, and the cause of Truth and Right.

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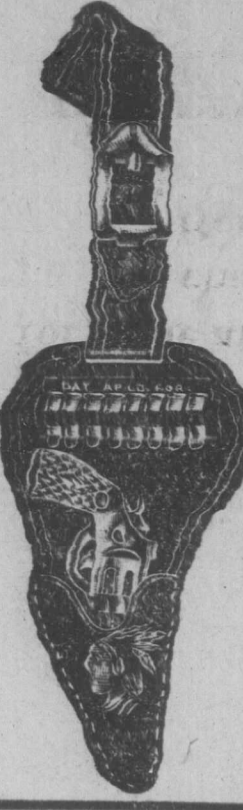
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Grenfell Hall Spring Series Of Concerts Opens

The opening concert and entertainment of the Spring series, held last night in the Grenfell Hall of the King George Institute, was a distinct success as far as the musical part is concerned, but certainly not the financial success—as represented by the small gathering assembled—that the event called for, or the efforts of the talented performers merited.

The programme for the evening was arranged by and under the supervision of Mr. H. W. Stirling, L.L.C. M. who, with Miss C. Windeler as accompanist, and the St. Thomas's Glee Singers furnished the major portion of a delightful musical evening in the rendition of part-songs, which were interspersed with vocal solos by Misses G. Strang, L. Anderson, N. Job, D. Johnson, Mrs. W. C. Job and Mr. F. M. Ruggles. Recitations by Miss M. Doyle and Miss M. Morris, and a violin solo by Miss S. Johnson.

In the rendition of the part-song, we give preference to the opening and closing numbers, viz.—"Let the Hills Resound," and "The Soldiers' Chorus" (Faust), but all the part-singing last night by the Glee Singers gave evidence of careful training at the hands of their talented conductor.

The only instrumental item on the programme was a violin solo by Miss S. Johnson, and it is needless to say that this talented lady excelled herself last night.

In her patriotic recitation of "England Aroused!" Miss M. Morris captivated the audience, and had to respond to an encore, which she did in genuine old Irish style by the rendition of "A Cup of Irish Tea" and "Potato Cakes."

Miss N. Job also scored last night in her patriotic vocal contribution of "There are thousands rolling in," having to respond with an extra verse, and Mr. Ruggles—the only male soloist on the programme—was loudly encored for his "Recruiting Sergeant," to which he responded with "Tommy Lad."

The closing item on the program was "Rule Britannia," solo by Mrs. W. C. Job, with chorus by the Glee Singers, which was very effectively rendered, then the audience joined in the singing of "God Save the King," bringing to an end a highly successful musical event, that reflected the utmost credit on Mr. Stirling and all associated with him in its production, the only regretted feature connected with the entire affair being the small audience, particularly when we consider that the net proceeds were for such a laudable purpose as that of "helping out" in the maintenance of the Grenfell Hall.

THE NICKEL

Each show at the Nickel last night was crowded, and the many who attended were pleased with the splendid pictures presented.

Special praise was given, and rightly so, to Prof. McCarthy, for the excellent music furnished, as it was indeed one of the features of the whole performance which claims for the Nickel the good will of all.

If you did not see the show last night, be sure and get up this evening. You will pass a pleasant and profitable hour. The price is small, the value big, and the crowd always appreciative.

Rossley's Theatres

Ballard Brown and Madge Locke made their debut last night to an audience that completely filled Jack Rossley's spacious and elegantly fitted East End Theatre.

Both artistes, who are typical representatives of the "Land of the Heather," made a great hit in the one-act scene of "Scotland Yet." Miss Locke, in her impersonations of the great Lauder, captivating the audience, and Mr. Brown's singing and acting simply carried the house by storm. All present were delighted with the show, and comment was general on the great improvements provided by the genial Rossley for the comfort of all his patrons. Brown and Locke will appear to-night, with added specialties, and a most enjoyable evening is assured all who attend.

The West End Theatre "Ours" had record attendances at all the performances yesterday to see "Mrs. Rossley's clever little pupils—the Sisters Squires—These two St. John's girls are certainly marvels and created quite an impression, receiving loud encores.

The pictures shown, were, all of them, also much admired—East and West Rossley has the goods—Be sure to visit either or both.

New Officers

Congratulations to the parents and friends of our latest commissioned officers, viz.—Lieuts. Fox, Balne, Herder and Harvey.

LOCAL ITEMS

The local via Broad Cove got into the city at 12:20 p.m.

It is said that some of our sealing steamers have been ordered home.

The weather along the line of railway to-day is clam and fine. The temperature ranges from 8 to 35 above.

The B.I.S. L. and A. Committee are making big arrangements for their Easter dance, which takes place on the evening of April.

The members of the Young Men's Circle attached to the Seamen's Institute are holding a social gathering to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.

Mr. Frank McNamara lost a valuable horse last afternoon. The animal, which had been hauling goods to the dock pier, backed over the wharf there.

We understand that in addition to the regular passenger list of the Stephano, the 33 stranded Chinamen from the S.S. Desola are being transported to New York.

Two cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday—one at Cabot St. a boy of 12 years of age—the other a young woman of King's Road. Both cases were sent to Hospital.

Lovers of part-singing are requested to keep open Thursday evening for attending the College Hall, to hear the St. Thomas's Glee Singers render popular Glee's and choruses. Proceeds for the city poor.

There is always trouble with our vessels on the eve of sailing, owing to members of the crews not reporting for duty. The Dunure and Nellie Louise were unable to get away yesterday afternoon because of the above reason.

The battleship Nelson belongs to that class sometimes called semi-dreadnought, because they approximate to that type in tonnage and armament. Her displacement is 15,500 tons, length 410 feet, and her engines are of 16,750 horse power. She has 4 12-inch guns and 10 2-inch.

The quiet atmosphere of Water St. West was a little disturbed last night when a resident there thought to create a disturbance in his home, and exchanged some crockeryware with his wife. The police, who were quickly on the scene, arrested the fellow at the instance of his better half, and Judge Knight is going to have a talk with him to-day.

ENLISTED

Nine more names were added to the roll last evening, making the total number up to date 1,506.—

Mr. Penny, Burin.
Francis J. Snow, St. John's.
Augustus Whelan, St. John's.
Leo Murphy, St. John's.
Eldred Crane, St. John's.
R. Keary, St. John's.
M. Woodford, Hr. Main.
Wm. Joy, Hr. Main.
M. Hawco, Fogo.

Some 21 young men sat for examination for non-com. stripes last evening, the examiners being Messrs. J. J. McKay and T. McNeill. The result of the exams. will be made known in a few days.

The "Ball Alley"

Very few of the old landmarks like the "Ball Alley" now being torn down are in existence in St. John's.

The Ball Alley, so we are informed was built by an Irishman named McCabe. It stood near the entrance to the grounds of St. Michael's Convent on Allandale Road.

The game of hand-ball was a favorite pastime with the men of a generation or two ago, and it was on the old spot where that house is now being dismantled, that many a spirited contest was engaged in by "the rufefathers of the hamlet," many of whom now sleep in the tombs of Belvidere close by. It is to be regretted that we have no artistes among us who combine with the artistic tastes a love for the old things, made beautiful by the memories that attach to them, that they might perpetuate their existence in pictorial form.

Many old buildings that have more than a passing interest are removed from time to time, of which not even a memory will soon survive. Types of architecture are being removed, that, whilst not boasting of beauty, are still interesting enough, we should think, to be photographed for the benefit of historians to come.

Very Rev. Fr. St. John, P.P., of Torbay, went to Placentia by this morning's train.

PERSONAL

Dr. Scully leaves on a visit to Halifax to-day.

Hon. R. K. Bishop arrived by the express this a.m.

Mr. D. A. Ryan and Mr. J. Jardine are going to New York via Halifax by to-day's Stephano.

Mr. Jerrett returned to Brigus by rail this forenoon, after a few days in the city devoted to business.

Mr. C. A. C. Bruce is a passenger by the Stephano to Halifax to-day.

Mr. A. Moulton who had been spending a few days in the city returns to Halifax by to-day steamer.

Miss Maile Parsons, daughter of Mr. E. Parsons, M.H.A., leaves by this afternoon's express for Montreal, whence she will proceed to the front to engage in Red Cross work.

Mr. A. S. Wadden had one of his New Gower Street shop windows broken yesterday evening by a drunk falling through. His honor says the tipsy one must pay up or go down.

George St. Auxiliary Annual Easter Service

The annual Easter Service of the George Street Auxiliary will be held this Tuesday evening sharp at 7:45 in the basement of the Church. Mrs. Boyle of Wesley Church and Miss Bates, Deaconess of Gower Street will address the meeting, subject "Easter Thoughts." Mrs. Squires will render "The Legend of Service," and Misses Vincent, Whiteway and Hamilton, will be the soloists.

Contributions from the Circle and Band members, with the above, guarantee a pleasing and inspiring service in the interest of our Missionary Work. Come and bring a friend with you. Come.

Concert At The College Hall

The vocal recital in the College Hall last night under the direction of Mr. Henry M. Astle, was one of the most successful events of its kind for the season, and the hall was packed to the doors.

Those who assisted Mr. Astle and helped to the making of the big success were:—Mrs. C. J. Coblin, Miss Sybil Johnson, Miss Jean Strang and Mr. F. J. King.

The recital was under the patronage of their Excellencies Sir William E. and Lady Davidson.

Mr. Astle, who is late of the Royal Welsh Singers, may feel justly proud of the success of his work, and it is hoped by all that he will again endeavour to bring forth another such treat as that of last evening's recital.

Equipping the Reserve Company

Equipping the members of the Reserve Company of our regiment is progressing rapidly, and nearly all the men have been fully kitted. The manner in which the equipping is being rushed is a tribute to Quartermaster Outerbridge. We understand that this Reserve Company will be supplied with the Regulation Service cap before they leave, and this acquisition to their kit will add materially to the appearance of the men.

Capt. Thos. Hally

Congratulations to Capt. Thos. Hally, who has been elected to that office by the last regimental orders issued by Lieut.-Colonel Conroy of the Catholic Cadet Corps. Capt. Hally holds that promotion in connection with the St. Bonaventure's College Company, and his old Alma Mater, replacing Capt. V. P. Burke, who goes on the Reserve List. Capts. J. J. D. O'neilly and L. C. Murphy have been officially granted leave, both being attached to the first Newfoundland Regiment.

Debate At St. Bon's College

The prize debate between the junior students of St. Bon's College, was held last week, the subject discussed being "Which is preferable, City or Country Life?" Mr. Gus Gibbs was the leader for the city, and Mr. J. A. Jones opposed the country opinion, the latter getting the jury's verdict and winning the debate. Mr. Gus Gibbs was awarded the prize given to the best debater on either side.

A and B Co's For Shorncliffe

It is currently rumored around town that A and B Companies, of the first contingent of our Regiment, now at Edinburgh Castle, are very shortly to be transferred to the military camp at Shorncliffe, England.

SEALING NEWS

To Bowling Bros. (last night):—
From Florizel—"Have driven back a little in the bay, ice still tight; ship jammed."
From Eagle—"Drifted about 4 miles west half South since yesterday; ice tight; ship jammed; nothing new to report."
From Viking—"Forty miles south of Cape North; clear water in sight; Terra Nova and Bonaventure 15 miles south; weather fine, clear and cold."
Message to Marine and Fisheries to-day:—
Change Islands—Wind N. W., fair, ice on land; three steamers about 6 miles off here, apparently jammed.

SHIPPING

The Argyle left Placentia at 10 p.m. yesterday, going west.

The next boat from London for here will be the Graciana, which is due to leave there on the 15th inst.

The S.S. Ethie arrived at St. John's this morning from Placentia. The steamer will now go on dock for repairs.

The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 4:20 a.m., for Louisburg.
S.S. Meigle left Pushthrough at 2:15 p.m. yesterday, coming this way.

Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 9 o'clock this morning with a big freight and several packages of mail matter.

The Schr. Mildred Roberson, now some ten days out from Barbados to New York, will bring a large general cargo from that port to St. John's.

There are now several vessels at Barbados loading molasses for this port, whilst five other shipsloads are on the way here now.

Fire Alarm

An alarm of fire was sent in last evening from box 221, and on the Central and East End Companies responding, the fire was found to be at the house of Mr. Ed. Smith, Rennie's Mill Road. The services of the firemen, however, were not required, as the blaze which had been ignited by burning soot in the chimney, was quickly extinguished.

B.I.S. Tourney

The billiard tourney now being played in the B.I.S. for a dinner, to be given next week by the losers, goes steadily on.

Last night D. Williams (Plain) defeated J. Aylward (Spot) by 97 points and J. Walsh (Plain) defeated H. Brophy (Spot) by 89 points.

The Plains are now leading by 477 points, and the Spots will soon order up that turkey.

At Home

The members of St. Andrew's Society will be "at home" to their lady friends on Wednesday evening—at their rooms in the Smallwood Building.

Members of St. Andrew's Society are reminded of their "AT HOME" on Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.—apl6,21

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)
Moderate to fresh S. W. shifting to S.E. winds, fine and a little milder to-day, becoming showery during Wednesday.

Cape Race (noon)
Wind N., light, weather fine and clear; nothing passed in.

Roper's (noon)
Bar. 29.90; ther. 42.

LATEST WAR MESSAGES

Trawler Torpedoed

Blyth, Eng., April 6.—The trawler Agantha attacked by German submarine off Longstrom was sent to the bottom. The crew was rescued.

Austro-German Army In Full Retreat

Rome, April 6.—The Tribuna publishes, under Vienna date, a despatch, stating that according to the latest Austrian news the Austrian-German army in the Carpathians is in full retreat.

Official Denial Of German Report

Tokio, April 6.—Reports originating in Berlin that war had broken out between China and Japan officially denied at the Foreign Office.

Magistrate's Court

(Before Judge Knight.)
A drunken cooper of Bonnerman St. paid costs and was discharged.
Another cooper from the same street was fined one dollar for glass breaking.
An ordinary drunk citizen was discharged.
An elderly citizen, charged with being drunk and disorderly in his own home, was discharged for want of evidence, his better half having got faint-hearted on the Court House steps.

S.S. Stephano Sails

S.S. Stephano, Capt. Smith, sails at 3 p.m. for Halifax and New York, taking a large freight and as passengers—P. J. and Mrs. Martin, Miss E. Ayre, Mrs. G. Knowling, J. S. and Mrs. Munn, Mrs. R. H. Anderson, Miss M. Whelean, Mr. Isinor, Miss M. Parker, D. and Mrs. Baird, Miss Baird, Miss Prowse, Miss Connolly, Mr. Kieley, J. Rendell, A. Moulton, D. A. Ryan, Dr. Scully, Mrs. and Master McCoubrey, J. Jardine, George Shea, L. M. Trask, M. Findlater, W. J. Carroll and 42 in steerage.

Hr. Grace Dock

The new dry dock at Hr. Grace is doing good work, and the employees there are kept busy attending to the many vessels always on the stocks.

The Schr. Studland, the harbor ferry boat, and the new motor boat owned by Mr. F. C. Archibald, came off the dock on Saturday last.

Bait News

Messages to Marines and Fisheries to-day:—
St. Mary's—Plenty herring in the bay; two bankers baited.
Salmonier—Herring plentiful here; three vessels baited and sailed for Banks.

A Youthful Soldier

Limoges, March 28.—Henri Lacombe, nine years old, wrote to President Poincare, asking permission to enlist in the army. The President replied:—"Your patriotic desire, unfortunately, cannot be realized, the law prohibiting enlistment before 17 years of age; but to be a wise and industrious child is already serving France."

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Young lady, about the middle of May, a position as Nursery Groomess or Mother's Help. Church of England family preferred. Apply to this office.—apl6,2id,6iw

Wanted--An Engineer

holding a Second's Certificate to take Chief's position on a steamer. Apply by letter with references to A.B.C., this office.—m31