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To-Day's Cables

British Armed Motor Cars in Dobrudja

Do Great Execution in this Region—Berlin Admits British Success in Macedonia

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The latest official communication from Berlin reports advances for the Teutonic Allies against the Russians and Roumanians in Wallachia and says the invaders are now beyond Rimnicu and Sarat, advancing along the railroad toward Fokchany. Three thousand more prisoners and twenty-two machine guns have been captured by the invaders, the number taken in the Rimnicu, Sarat manoeuvre bring the number up to 10,220. Although Berlin War Office reports the Teutonic Allies in Dobrudja are keeping up their pressure against the Russians and Roumanians and have forced the Russians from the fortified height positions east of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila, Petrograd announces that the invaders south of the Danube have been repulsed with heavy losses, except in the village of Rakel, which has been occupied by them. British armed motor cars, says Petrograd, did great execution in this fighting. Considerable fighting has again

taken place on the Verdun sector around Le Morte Homme and on the eastern slopes of Hill 304, where the Germans made an attack, but were repulsed and where later the French began a bombardment on German positions. Elsewhere along the French front there have been reciprocal bombardments and attacks by small patrol parties, interspersed with fights in the air. Aerial raids by French, British and German aviators and encounters in the air side is reported to have lost machines. In the Austro-Italian theatre the weather has cleared and artillery duels have been renewed with vigor, especially on the Carso front. In Macedonia, except for a British attack against the Bulgarians north east of Lake Dolran, which Berlin reports were successful, comparative quiet still prevails. South of Brody, in Galicia, the Germans brought their howitzers into play against the Russian positions at various points, and damaged their trenches.

WASHINGTON TO REMAIN SILENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A policy of absolute silence regarding peace negotiations has been adopted by President Wilson. Secretary of State Lansing stated officially to-day that all steps henceforth will be regarded as confidential and no comment will be made on any development and that rumours will not be discussed in any way.

FINE NEW SCHOONER

The fine new schooner "Douglas Haig," built at Monroe, T.B., by Josiah Framton for the firm of Monroe & Co. of St. John's and 120 tons burden, arrived here last evening lumber laden from Smith's Sound. She is a two topmast schooner of very handsome lines and built of the best material and shows what can be done in this Colony to-day in the matter of shipbuilding and in marine architecture. On the run up from Monroe the vessel proved herself a swift sailer and splendid going craft and captain and crew speak enthusiastically of her. She will be used as a foreign carrier in the fish trade and we congratulate the owners and the builder for making such a splendid addition to our local fleet.

THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques this morning, bringing C. Blanchard, P. F. James, A. Grey, C. M. Warren, R. Rose, F. A. Haslett, E. Maddock, H. A. Saunders, Mrs. M. W. Furlong and four children, L. Duchesne, W. A. McKay, J. Kresner, J. Cashin, W. H. Hynes, P. Camp, H. Burchell Mrs. Rossiter and Mrs. Gibbons.

Schoolmistress, endeavouring to impress upon the class the meaning of the word "cuticle": "Now, Polly Johnson, tell me what it is with which my face and hands are covered?"

Back came the answer with startling promptitude: "Freckles, miss!"

Tommy: "I say, mother!"

Mater: "What is it?"

Tommy: "What's the height of the ridiculous?"

Mater: "Well, your father is about five feet, I believe."

PROSPERO SAILS

The Prospero sailed north at 2 p.m. with a full freight and two passengers.

Messrs. L. Scammell, T. Peckford, R. Robertson, L. Field, A. Elliott, R. Bowering, W. Best, T. Cull, J. Moore, H. Hunt, T. French, R. Fowlow, R. Gillett, D. Wheeler, G. Newman, J. C. Butler, B. Norris, W. Norris, W. Snow, J. Primmer, F. Knight, J. Kearley, E. Fontaine, K. Short, A. Hobb, P. Newell Misses Bowers, Vincent, Snow and Haggitt; Mrs. Miller, Best and Hunt, and 30 steerage.

The S.S. Susu left Gander Bay at 2.20 this a.m. and is due here tomorrow.

GOOD STORIES BY THE CHILDREN OF EGYPT

Mr. A. E. P. Weigall tells some good stories by the children of Egypt in the "Cornhill Magazine":

"The Egyptian is generally inclined to be very literal in the interpretation of his instructions, and several amusing anecdotes are told in this regard. An English official died suddenly at a lonely outpost in the Sudan, and the Egyptian officer on whom the charge of affairs had devolved wired, acquainting the authorities with the sad news. Very wisely the Englishman at headquarters, who had heard stories of persons being buried alive, telegraphed back, saying 'make certain that he is really dead before burial.' The reply of the Egyptian officer was received a few hours later. It read: 'Have made certain with a revolver.'

"An Egyptian clerk at a railway station in the far south was much disinclined to act on any occasion without precise instructions. One day the officer, at the depot received a telegram from him which read: 'Station-master is being devoured by lion on platform. Please wire instructions.' On another occasion this same clerk telegraphed down the line to the nearest English official the following stratagem message: 'Station attacked by lions, tigers, bears and wolves.' The Englishman replied: 'Your message ridiculous. Wire precisely what you mean.' To this the clerk, after some hesitation, humbly answered, 'Delete tigers and bears.'

Every Chinese implement has its deity; there is a god of knives, another of spades, another of hatchets, another of swords; every kind of animal has its deity.

STATE PURCHASE OF DRINK TRADE IMMINENT

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The purchase of the Drink Trade in Great Britain by the State is believed to be imminent, says the "Daily Express" to-day. The matter has been closely considered by the Liquor Control Board during the past fortnight, continued the paper, and several members of the Board have long advocated the purchase, and the change in the Government has brought a renewal of their argument. The "Express" quotes Sir Thomas Whittaker, member of Parliament, as saying that Lloyd-George is known to favour the step, while several of the Unionist Ministers are understood to agree with him. Sir Thomas says he believes a bill calling for the purchase would pass the Commons without difficulty. Sir Thomas Whittaker was Chairman of the Committee which advocated the purchase in 1915, when the cost of the plant was estimated at between £250,000,000 and £300,000,000. Since then however the Government has interfered drastically with the production of spirit, and the "Daily Express" asserts that further great restrictions in the manufacture and sale of alcoholics are certain in the immediate future whether or not the purchase plan is put into effect.

NEW UNDER-SECRETARY

PARIS, Dec. 29.—René Besnard has been appointed Under Secretary of State in the War Ministry. He was Under Secretary of State for Aviation in the last Administration, but resigned owing to hostile criticism.

SMALL BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Lloyd reports the British steamer Bargany, 872 tons gross, sunk, and some of the crew landed.

TIMES' MILITARY CORRESPONDENT REVIEWS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The "Times" military correspondent to-day is for greater effort in the war. He contends that although the French are still strong, their reserves are less numerous than could be wished. Russia, he adds, will bring new armies into the field in 1917, but their usefulness depends on their being provided with heavy guns, airplanes and mechanical transports, while Russia's poor railway systems and other causes point to the necessity of not exaggerating what Russia can do. Italy, says the correspondent, cannot easily increase her forces appreciably. After admitting that Britain has done a big share in the work at sea, financed and equipped the Entente Allies, the correspondent continues, "There are a number of changes to be effected before we can say we are winning the war. Germany met us in the Autumn with twenty-seven new divisions and thereby secured a strategic reserve which enabled her to conduct a campaign in Roumania without disaster in the west. We must not only counter dispositions of this character in time, but must be before in future. The reserves of manhood in the British Isles and the Dominions are ample for thirty divisions, to expand munition works, and to meet all legitimate demands of the navy, home defense and air services. Nearly four million men of military age are still in civil life. The limit of age liability is still far below the German standard age, and no answer has yet been made to the German Auxiliary Service Act. We have a larger reserve of manhood than Germany, and the annual contingents of youths in France and England together are greater than the annual contingents in Germany. It is no longer possible to think of winning the war by half measures. The new premier should state to the country the measures necessary for victory, and stand or fall by them with the courage we know him to possess."

GOOD WORK OF BRITISH ARMoured CARS

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CHAPLAIN WRITES.

"Our camp faces the river," writes a Presbyterian chaplain with the Arabian Expeditionary Force in Arabia, "and the landward perimeter runs well into the desert. It is defended by barbed wire and is patrolled by a pretty strong guard at night. This suggests to the Arab a perfectly fascinating enterprise — to evade the sentries, creep through the barbed wire, make his way into the tents where men are sleeping, and steal off with such valuables as he can lay hands on. He knows the perils to be faced. The sentry will fire at sight. If caught, he will be shot at dawn. If no mercy will be shown to him, he will show none. If anyone stirs in a tent where he is working, he does not hesitate a moment to use the knife. One man was stabbed in this way the night before last, and his life now hangs by a thread. Last night a section of the perimeter was lit up by a succession of pistol star lights, and we heard a good many rifle shots. This morning we learn that one marauder was killed, while seven others made good their escape in the darkness. They were detected before they reached the wire, crawling on hands and knees across the irregular open ground, under cover of night. The man who was shot had a pair of 'hose tops, which had been taken from one of our soldiers, bound round his knees to protect them when crawling. He had also a very ugly knife and a business-like short club. What these are intended for is obvious enough. It was a stern lesson to the raiders, but it may have to be repeated a few times before it is thoroughly learned."

An Inhuman Outrage by German Submarine Steamer Sunk Without Warning and Survivors Murdered in Cold Blood

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Admiralty has given the Associated Press the following statement concerning the sinking of the British steamer Westminster, which was reported last December 18th:

The degree of savagery which the Germans have attained on their submarine policy appears to have reached a climax in the sinking of the Westminster which took place on the 14. When 180 miles from land Westminster was attacked by a German submarine and without warning was struck by two torpedoes in quick succession, which killed four men. The Westminster sank in four minutes. This ruthless disregard for the rules of international law was followed by a deliberate attempt to murder the survivors. Officers claim that while effecting escape in boats they were shelled by a submarine at a range of 3,000 yards. Master and Chief Engineer were killed outright and their boat sunk. Second and Third Engineers were not picked up, and it is presumed they were drowned. The captain of the submarine must have been satisfied with the effectiveness of his torpedo, yet he proceeded to carry out in cold blood an act of murder which could not possibly be justified by any urgency of war, and can only be regarded in the eyes of the world as a further proof of the degradation of German honor and morality.

KILLED IN PULP MILLS

A few days ago Mr. Jones, manager of the Seamen's Institute, was apprised by wire that one of the Newfoundlanders who went from here to Iroquois Falls, Ont., and was working in the Abitibi Power & Pulp Co.'s Mills, had been killed accidentally in the chipper. The name of the unfortunate man is R. Brown, who is married and whose wife resides on Carter's Hill, this city. It is likely the body will be brought here for interment.

SEAPLANES DESTROY BRIDGE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Wednesday a squadron of seaplanes attacked and destroyed Chicaldar Bridge, 18 miles east of Adana, Asia Minor.

Last Night's Cables

THE ENEMY LOSE HEAVILY

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Stubborn resistance is being offered by the Russians and their allies to the efforts of Teutonic forces to expel them from their position in Dobrudja which still remains in their hands. Attacks yesterday were repulsed with great losses to the Teutonic Allies. To-day's report from the War Office says: Attacks by the enemy south of the Danube were repulsed with great losses to him. West of Vizir and Salvinco the British armored motor cars took part in beating back attacks. The gallant commander of the British armored car detachment was wounded during the battle on Tuesday when repulsing the enemy attacks. Nevertheless, on Wednesday he again directed the operations. This detachment put the enemy to flight. The enemy made an attack along the front at Dobrudja against the positions occupied by our advance guards, he was repulsed everywhere by our fire except in the village of Kakek, which has been occupied by him.

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A GERMAN OPINION

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SUBSTITUTE FOR GOLD

A substitute for gold is obtained by combining 84 parts of copper with six parts of antimony and adding a little magnesium carbonate to increase the weight. It is said that this alloy can be drawn, wrought, and soldered very much like gold, and that it also receives and retains a golden polish. It is worth something like 25 cents a pound.

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British Offensive on the Somme

Impossible Until Ground is Frozen or Dries in the Spring—Have Taken Over Part French Front

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Continuation of the British offensive along the Somme and transferred their attention to Verdun with the results which you know. We may be able to resume in March. We found ground in Neuve Chapelle in fairly good shape in March, 1915, although it had been very bad during the winter. Unfortunately, "I told you some time ago," he said, "our offensive would not close during the winter but it must be apparent from daily reports that there has been real battle in that sector since Oct. In first place we under estimated the effect of shelling on terrain country over which an advance will have to be made. The thickly sprinkled shell holes are filled with water also never having held the same line in any other winter we under estimated the effect of fog in the Valley of the Somme. There have been frequent frosts but not severe enough to harden the ground. But sufficient to form fog, making artillery observations and fire practically useless, also preventing the drying of the ground. The

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SAYS KING CONSTANTINE IS STILL AT IT

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A telegram received from Salonika by Anglo-Hellenic League to the effect that the Greek division which was surrendered to Bulgarians at Kavala have been ordered by King Constantine to leave Goerlitz, Germany, where it has been interned, for Macedonia to fight against the Entente Allies. Such a move on part of King Constantine would be tantamount to an act of war against the Entente Allies, and the recent despatches from Athens represented the differences between Greece and the Entente Allies being composed of inaccuracy. And unconfirmed despatch to the Anglo-Hellenic League opens the question at the time of occupation of Eastern Macedonia, part Kavala garrison of Greek troops surrendered to Germans and Bulgarians. Others were removed by Entente warships, and those who surrendered to Germans and Bulgarians were transported to Goerlitz for internment. Their number was given as 400 officers and 6000 men.

CZAR NICHOLAS ON RUSSIAN WAR AIMS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Endorsing an order issued by Emperor Nicholas Dec. 24 to the Russian army, the new daily newspaper, Volia, says the Emperor stated that Russia's war aims are matters whose realization are vital for Russia are unanimously approved by her Allies. We hope France and England will follow Russia's example and will formulate publicly without delay the special ends which they seek from the world. The war novel, Vremya, says the words of the Emperor reflect the faithful sentiment and will of the whole people.

HUNS REPLY TO WILSON

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The morning papers generally regard Germany's reply to Wilson's note as no reply at all, but a renewal effort to trap the Entente Powers into a conference at the opportune moment for the latter with a view to averting what is consistently maintained here as inevitable the defeat of the Central Powers. The Daily Telegraph thinks the reply marks a new and significant step in the game of desperation forced upon the Central Powers by their well justified dread of what the immediate future holds for them.

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Crime Decreased In Wartime

War Brings Some Compensations to the Folks Who Stay At Home

LONDON, Dec. 20.—War in spite of all its terrors brings some compensations to the folks who stay at home; and even if the compensations do not balance their anxieties and sorrows they are welcome.

Among such indemnifications is a decrease in crime. That this decrease has been considerable in Great Britain is shown by the report for the year ended March 31 of the Commissioners of Police and the directors of convict prisons. Prisoners received under sentence were 64,160, as compared with 114,283 in the previous year—a decrease of 50,123.

The report says that three main causes seem to have contributed to this great decrease:

1. The enlistment of many habitual petty offenders.

2. The restrictive orders issued by the Liquor Control Board and those made by justice, and by military authorities; and

3. The great demand for labor, rendering employment easy and well paid and resulting in ability to pay fines.

One of the notable effects of the war on the prison population, say the commissioners, has been that the exceptions are now for the most part the physically and mentally weak. There is every reason to believe that the country's call for men appealed as strongly to the criminal as to other classes.

Burglar Gang Enlists.

A young burglar, one of a gang of five, told the chaplain of a London prison that his four pals had enlisted; two had been killed and two others wounded. He said he meant to go and "do his bit" as soon as he got out of prison—a promise which he faithfully observed.

The decrease in the case of female committed on conviction for drunkenness was not so marked as in the case of males. An inquiry made by the lady inspector of prisons during the year into the character of the population committed for this offence to Holloway prison showed that during 1913, 1914 and 1915 10,888 commitments on convictions of drunkenness were recorded against 1,628 women, who, including the above convictions and those incurred in years preceding 1913, had on their combined records a total of 30,986 convictions.

The average convictions for each individual rose from 2.6 in 1913 to slightly over 5 in 1915. Though the figures are inclusive, they show, if the same proportion holds as at Holloway, not only a considerable decrease in the total reception into prison but a decrease of over 60 per cent. in the individuals responsible for the convictions.

In spite of the fall in the prison population, the manufacture of war stores has been conducted in prisons with unabated vigor. During the twenty months ended March 31 last orders were placed for nearly seven and a quarter million articles for the use of the navy and army.

Inmates Work Overtime.

The prisoners have even cheerfully worked overtime. "It is no small thing," the inspectors of prisons say, "to call on prisoners for an addition of some 25 per cent. to their ordinary working hours, but this has been accomplished without a murmur, and though due allowance must be made for the fact that a reward is given in the shape of an increased supper ration, yet this cannot be regarded as the only reason for their increased exertions."

It is stated that one prisoner offered as an economy to forgo the extra supper ration. On this a chaplain writes: "Under the broad arrow garments there beats many a heart still responsive to the loftiest sentiments of loyalty and patriotism."

The enlistment of lads has also reduced by half the made population of the reformatory institutions, and a number of old reformatory boys have done well at the front. Two of them have won the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

In other directions the home people benefit under war conditions. The Bishop of London in the course of a street preaching campaign has been denouncing the sexual immorality which he declares to be rampant in the metropolis since the war and he has called upon "the women to purge the heart of the empire."

Girl Takes Up Challenge.

The challenge is taken up by one who is described as "a girl worker" employed in a war industry and it is now her word against the Bishop's. Under the name of Margaret Munro she writes in a newspaper: "Surely a good deal of that change of mind and spirit the Bishop so rightly demands has come about."

"Who are more quickly able to judge of the city's morals than the unguarded girls who walk London's streets at all hours of day and night,

who must perform, while their men folk are abroad, dwell, dine and play by themselves? The streets grow daily darker, yet I and my fellows, many of them country girls, ignorant of city ways, called up to do the nation's work in this London of ours. I and my like walk unmolested through the city.

"If indeed London were a sink of iniquity, could we young women take up men's work, labor by their side unhampered, one girl alone with one man perhaps all the day?"

"Yet these are the things we do. Could we serve at midnight canteens, surrounded by the roughest men, from the roughest parts of the city, unassailed by so much as a phrase that twangs of familiarity? Yet there we stand all night in the midst of these workers; we travel to the canteen just before midnight on omnibuses, on foot, and no man stays us."

Times Have Changed.

"Even in a very few years of London experience most of us can remember a time—a pre-war time—when to loiter in the streets was to be spoken of, when to frequent tubes, theatres, restaurants alone was to invite familiarity. I almost laugh when I remember. Those were the days when few men wore the King's uniform; it was every man for himself, not every man for King and country."

"Now, work over, we take our solitary dinner in a crowded restaurant where once a waiter would politely but firmly have asked us at once if we were not waiting for a friend. We go to the very theatres the Bishop condemns, alone and remain alone. That, I think, is the surest test of the type of an entertainment."

"I cannot tell you how proud I am of all this. For, indeed, it might not be expected. Never have men and women had greater need of one another; they are both distraught and lonely in soul by war's cataclysms."

"Never, too, in our country's experience have the sexes lived so apart. The women at home, the men barbed, in camp or in trench. It would have been in no way surprising had reaction set in."

Recalls "War Baby" Cry.

The writer recalls with indignation "that cruel cry of 'war babies' that rang through the land" some months ago, when a prurient and emotional Member of Parliament stirred all the prudens in the country to alternate fits of blushes and pallor by assured predictions of an unprecedented increase in the illegitimacy statistics, until a committee presided over by the Archbishop of York pricked the bubble.

"Do not," says Margaret Munro to London's Bishop, "let us have a repetition of that mistake."

People of either sex who frequent the darkened streets of London by night cannot but be struck by the absence of drunkenness and rowdiness. A timid stranger turned loose alone in the less frequently thoroughfares might well expect to meet at any moment with footpads who would demand money with menaces or to be sand-bagged and have his pockets emptied. It is certain that the footpad and the thug might operate in many streets with virtual impunity, for police are rarely seen except in crowded places such as the Strand and Piccadilly.

But Dick Turpin and Jack Sheppard have been roped in the army along with the sons of their potential victims, and offences of violence in the streets are of the rarest occurrence.

In the suburbs, too, a halcyon time of immunity from petty lawlessness prevails. The darkened residential roads are as silent and empty as remote country lanes and the most timorous dame may walk them unescorted without fear of a worse mishap than cannoning against a lamp post temporarily out of business.

The itinerant hawk who, in time of peace may with impunity hold up one's maid servant at the house door while he pesters her, sometimes with half-veiled threats, to buy—he also is gone.

But these reliefs are, it is to be feared, only for the duration of the war—the minor compensations which will vanish with the disappearance of the great shadow.

NO MIDNIGHT MASS IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 25.—There was no midnight masses in Paris on Christmas Eve, Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, having so decided.

The holiday services will take place wholly in daylight in order to economize in lighting and fuel.

This was the first time in centuries that midnight mass has not been celebrated in Paris on Christmas Eve. The reason for abandoning the ceremony this year is to economize in lighting and fuel. Paris is suffering from a fuel shortage owing to the temporary lack of transportation facilities.

Helen Keller Will Not Marry

According to a despatch from Boston Helen Keller, the famous deaf, dumb and blind girl, has abandoned a matrimonial career for the sake of the woman who has enabled her to learn to talk and offset her innate infirmities, Mrs. John A. Macy.

Miss Keller was engaged to Peter Fagan, a Socialist, who became acquainted with her while a reporter for a Boston newspaper and was employed by her as secretary. But romance came into her life, much against the wishes of her mentor, Mrs. Macy, upon whom she is absolutely dependent for communication with the world, for development of her powers of speech and observation and to whom she is indebted practically for her life.

Mrs. Macy's opposition to her pupil's marriage was based not upon selfishness, but on the realization that it would hinder the further development of a marvelous girl, and so the romance has been shattered. Mr. Fagan sailed for Tampa, Fla., with another denial added to the many made by himself and Mrs. Macy that there had been any romance at all. He, too, realized that it was best for his lover's destiny that all thoughts of marriage be abandoned.

The fact of the matter is, however, that about a week ago Mr. Fagan took into his confidence the editor of a Boston newspaper by which he had been employed and for which Mrs. Macy's husband had been literary editor. He told the editor that he and his employer were madly in love with each other and that they desired to be married in secret. They planned a literary career and Miss Keller was to abandon the lecture field in which Mrs. Macy was her necessary interpreter.

Mrs. Macy had made known her opposition to their romance and they sought to be married in secret and surprise her, hoping that she would be won over to the inevitable. They thought that the marriage must be without her knowledge or not at all. Miss Keller visited Toronto a few seasons ago and gave a short address.

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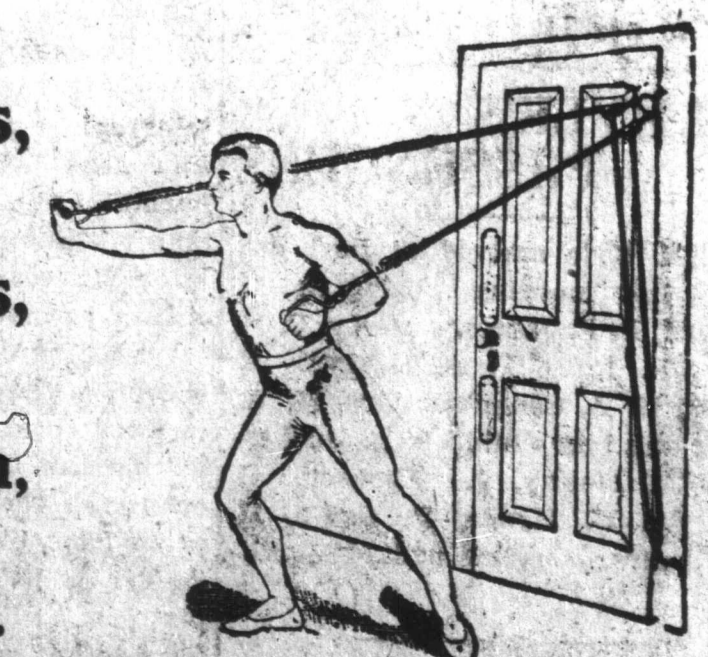
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RETURNING SOLDIERS

His Excellency the Governor has received a cablegram from Captain Timewell, Record Office, London, to the effect that the following men are proceeding to Newfoundland:—

- 1686 Private Stephen Lawrence, Bay L'Argent, F. B.
- 1353 Private Ronald J. Meaney, 2 Clifford St.
- 1280 Private George Lawrence, Bay of Islands.
- 1659 Private Frank S. Knight, 27 William St.
- 1836 Private Alexander Sullivan, Pouch Cove.
- 682 Private Arthur B. Rowe, 54 Barter's Hill.
- 718 Private James J. Burke, 27 Livingston St.
- 265 Private William J. Somerton, Bell Island.
- 1542 Private John Pennell, Curling.
- 1340 Private Augustus Dawson, Spaniard's Bay.
- 2549 Private Alexander Walters, Burnt Island.
- 1351 Private Herbert M. Walsh, St. John's.
- 868 Private Alfred F. Bonaparte, Hearts Content.
- 1315 Private John J. Buckley, 54 Field Street.
- 201 Private Vincent Noseworthy, Mannells.
- 1154 Private Arthur J. White, Little Dona, P. B.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The following recruits underwent medical examination yesterday. Wm. Rogers, St. John's. Chas. A. Williams, Pools Island. John A. Fowler, Renew's. Alex. J. Garf, St. John's. James Dunphy, Tor's Cove. Eric Parsons, St. John's. The number of enlistments to date are 4,918.

Yesterday a firing squad, under command of Lieut. Winter, were at the range practicing and made good scores upon the graves of their companions.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

(To the Editor.)

At the last meeting of the W. C. T. U. I was instructed to send as much as possible of Miss Gordon's letter for publication in the daily press. Will you be kind enough to give space to the extracts I send. Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours truly,
A. WATSON,
Rec. Secretary.

Extracts from a letter received by the St. John W.C.T.U. from the United States Hon. Sec'y., Miss Gordon.

At the opening of the New Year of 1917, members of the World's W. C. T. U. feel the thrill of a high and holy purpose. Earnestly do we desire to feel its golden hours with sacrificial service for our blessed cause. We are appalled at the continuance of the European war. Never has our White Ribbon tie seemed so sacred or so tender. Sore bereavements have stricken many of our sisters. To each of these our hearts go out in sympathy, and we bless God that the W. C. T. U. are united by a bond so strong, that we cannot be severed by the awful strain of war.

We had all looked forward with anticipation to the joy of our triennial World's W.C.T.U. Convention in 1916. I sincerely hope that when we meet at the close of the war, the place selected may be the City, or adjacent to the City where the World's Peace Conference will assemble. Out of war's awful gloom shines the temperance uplift it has brought about. This glowing flame of total abstinence and prohibition must be kept at white heat until every nation is freed from the iniquitous traffic in strong drink.

The past year records many marvellous victories. We glory in the agitation for prohibition now in progress in Great Britain. Canada has driven the traffic in brain poison out of nine of the ten provinces. Newfoundland's battle for freedom was victorious. Eighty per cent. of the territory of the United States is under prohibition. Big business is teaching the efficiency, the safety, and the dignity of sobriety. Boards of Health in cities still cursed by the liquor traffic are giving our thousands of circulars to the masses of the people with sentiments like the following:—

"Think before you drink; after been you cannot think so well." "You do not need alcohol for health, you do not need it for strength, you do not need it for drink, it never does you any good; therefore let it alone. Railroad corporations and the industrial world have discovered that total abstinence must safeguard the soldier, the sailor, the aviator, the crew of a submarine, the engineer, and the anti-ist. When beer rises to explain that it is a sober drink, and a liquid food, the great scientists of England, Europe, and America hit it the sledge-hammer blow of the scientific fact that it is intoxicating. The Church and the Temperance Societies to-day have a host of influential allies, and the time

INCREASE TO FIREMEN

Last night at the regular meeting of the Civic Board Coun. Brownrigg made a very able plea for an increase in pay to the men of the Fire Department. The city contributes one-half of the amount necessary to keep up the Department and the Government of the country contributes the other half and any increase voted by the Council would likely be responded to by a like amount from the Government. Councillor Mullaly supported in forcible language Councillor Brownrigg's plea, which also received endorsement from Councillors Ayre and Vinnicombe, and a general discussion followed in which the Mayor and other Councillors took part.

The present contribution half yearly from the Council's funds is \$6,500 and it was proposed to make the amount \$7,000 half yearly, which, with a like amount from the Government, would be a substantial increase to the men who guard us while we sleep and who are ever ready to go out in all kinds of weather and to risk life and limb to save our property or our lives if they are endangered.

A motion to pay \$7,000 half yearly towards the upkeep of the Fire Department was then made by Councillor Brownrigg and seconded by Councillor Mullaly; it passed without a dissenting voice. The Mayor seemed sorry that he too could not say "aye" to the proposition.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Morris, congratulated Councillor Brownrigg on his efforts in behalf of the Firemen and said he considered the motion just passed the best thing the Council had done for a long time.

Now that the Council has done a very good thing for a most deserving body of men it is to be hoped that their method of applying the increase will be the cause of no dissatisfaction. Should they follow the percentage idea the man who receives high pay will get a larger slice of the increase voted than the man who receives ordinary pay. A more fair and equitable method would be to share it out to everyone alike. In other words divide \$1,000 by the number of men to receive the increase and there you have it done in such a way that no one can find fault with it.

The increase is for a specific purpose, to meet the high cost of living, and the low salaried man eats just as much as the high salaried man and has less with which to pay for it, hence it would be very unfair to give him a less share of the increased vote.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Rice took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of citizens, all friends of the deceased. Interment was at Belvidere and at the Cathedral the proper prayers were said by Rev. Dr. Carter.

has come when we may safely predict the speedy coming of nationwide prohibition for America. Already we see the bright dawn of a sober world.

Police, Attention!

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me short space in the columns of your esteemed journal, to call the attention of the authorities to a certain part of the Higher Levels (between the C. L. B. Armoury and Parsons' Drug Store,) where a gang of ne'er do wells can be seen every night, and peaceful pedestrians are molested either by being shouted after or pieces of snow and ice thrown at them. This again shows the need of a reformatory, not only for youthful thieves, but for the scamps, who can be seen parading our streets at all hours of the night thoughtless of man or God. Trusting that those concerned will give this the consideration it deserves, and thanking you for space,

I am,
Yours truly,
ONE ANNOYED.
St. John's, Dec. 28th, 1916.

TORBAY ASSAULT CASE

The case of Constable McGuire versus James Reddy for assault at Torbay, on Christmas Morning, to which we made reference yesterday, was heard before Judge Morris, in the Magistrate's Court last evening. The evidence given in the hearing of the case revealed the fact that McGuire and Reddy were able, willing and ready to hit hard or fence with fists and fence pickets.

There were two other charges against Reddy, namely, being drunk and also being disorderly. He had caused great annoyance to the peaceful people of the place who were attending Midnight Mass before entering the church and after leaving it. For being drunk and disorderly Reddy was fined five dollars or ten days imprisonment.

MEMORIAM

Death came to us some time ago, And broke in on our home, It took away our baby dear, And we are left alone. Her little name was Eloise Blanche. Whom we did love so dear: Ah me! how we miss the little tot None but a mother knows.

Oh, how dreary is life around us Since our darling baby died— Empty cot and her belongings So carefully laid aside. For she never more will need them Or our fond and tender care, Angels' hymns do now attend her Over on the Golden Shore.

Eloise Blanche is now called from us: Though we miss her face so fair, Yet we would not wish to call her Back to this lone world of care. For she is in Jesus' presence Of'r ever more to dwell with Him, But we hope that we shall meet her In that Home so bright and fair.

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Little Heart's Ease F.P.U.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to publish a few remarks. I may say when our delegate came home from the Convention, we had our meeting of the F.P.U. and a good crowd we had to hear our delegate. He gave us a grand lecture, something worth listening to, and you may be sure, sir, he put life in our Union men. Then President Coaker's address was read, and we were delighted with it. You may be sure it was no place for Cashin or that Spar man or Sir Edward. Cheers were given for King George, Our Boys, President Coaker and the Union members, but no cheers for the graballs. May God spare our boys to come home. The little steamer that is on our route is not fit for the service, but if dinner:

Capt. Day had a steamer fit for the work he is doing, he would get along alright.

We had a visit from our Union members, Messrs. Stone and Targett, for which we thank them, and since their visit, we are better Union men, and we mean to stand by our President and the Union. The Union has done an immense work, and we know it.

Wishing President Coaker and the Union members a prosperous and Happy New Year.—I am, etc., MYSELF.
Little Heart's Ease, Dec. 15, 1916.

"Did the new cook come this morning?" he asked anxiously, on going home from business.

"Dropped in about twelve," replied his wife, a gloomily look in her eyes. "How did things seem to suit her?" "Well, she liked the lunch I gave her so well that she agreed to stay for route is not fit for the service, but if dinner."

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R. Hibbs, Morning Editor

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**A FLOWER unblown; a Book unread:
A tree with fruit unharvested:
A Path untrod; a House whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes:
A Landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies:
A wondrous Fountain yet unsealed:
A Casket with its gifts concealed:
This is the year that for you waits
Beyond To-morrow's mystic gates.**

—HORATIO NELSON POWERS.

SATURDAY'S issue will come out at noon and will be of a special character, containing many cuts of local interest, especially to those who are connected with the Fishermen's Union. The extraordinary advance by this organization since its inception will be shown in special articles and cannot but compel the attention of all people to perhaps the most notable movement of the time in Newfoundland. A character sketch of the President, Mr. W. F. Coaker, M.H.A., is written by one who signs himself "A Friend," and is an indication of the force behind the man that has brought the Union from a small gathering in a room to the thousands now who meet in hundreds of towns in the Island, and which has started business and industries that are increasing every year. Energy and enthusiasm in his work are qualities Mr. Coaker possesses in a marked degree, and it would be difficult to find in any department of work in the Island any greater achievement than has been his, by any one man. His friends, his foes, are at one in acknowledging this, and when we see that his work has been along the pathway of co-operation, and that his idea is to make our fishermen self-reliant and independent, we can easily understand the success that has attended his efforts. In another note on this page will be found an announcement of his visit to the Lumber Camps next Tuesday, also visits to Carbonear, Harbor Grace, Port-de-Grave, Grand Bank and other places, in which the affairs of the Union will be dealt with. The West is asking for the Union and there is no doubt that before long the whole Island will have embraced the principles of co-operative effort which underly the Fishermen's Union.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS
We return to this subject in order to emphasize the main point of our editorial of two nights ago. It was, in brief, that a notice of one week is not sufficient, and does not give the discharged man a good chance to obtain another position. We understand that this week's notice is the rule, so that it seems to us necessary that the rule should be amended, and men who are unfit for service and especially these whose unfitness is deemed to be not as a result of service in the Regiment, should at least receive a month's notice, if not more. We have before us the discharge papers of the two Volunteers in question. One is described as "a keen and energetic soldier," the other "his conduct has been exemplary. They cannot claim a pension we learn, because as we said just now, their unfitness does not come from service in the Regiment. We have had an interview with Hon. P. T. McGrath and we understand that the matter of a longer notice in such cases will be brought before the proper authorities. We trust that the latter will see their way clear to provide some machinery that will show that our Patriotism has a heart that can feel and has time to think of the troubles of men when troubles exist. In the meantime these men must live. Who has a job to offer?

OUR FIRE-FIGHTERS
We are glad that the case of the Firemen has been dealt with by the Municipal Council. This matter has already passed through the hands of the Citizens' Committee, who have amended the New Charter in this connection by the addition of several thousands if we remember rightly, after a full enquiry into the situation, which revealed the fact that the ordinary fireman is not getting sufficient to keep him in comfortable circumstances in these days of the H.C.L. We do not know if the Council has power to grant this increase without the sanction of the Government, but it would be wise if the latter would ask also for the recommendations of the Citizens' Committee before limiting the increase to \$1000.00. This amount is not likely to be increased from the Colony's funds, and in itself will provide very little increase for each man, so we think that the data which the Citizens' Committee have gathered would be very useful in order that it may be figured out exactly what advantage such an increase would mean to each fireman.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 29
New Moon—24.
Days Past—362. To Come—2.
GLADSTONE born 1809. The great Liberal Statesman of the latter part of the 19th century. He was elected to the House of Commons, as a Tory member when only 23. In 1852 he severed his connection with the Peel Party and on the death of Palmerston became leader of the House in 1859, being appointed Premier for the first time in 1868. In 1874 he was in temporary retirement for a short period, but stirred by the "Bulgarian Atrocities" he commenced a campaign of denunciation in which he carried the country with him being returned to power in 1880 with an overwhelming

majority. He introduced "Home Rule" in 1886 and again in 1893, and in the second attempt succeeded in passing it through the House of Commons. Besides his fame as a Statesman, Gladstone has left behind him a great reputation as a writer, especially on Homeric studies and theological subjects.
THOMAS A. BECKET murdered 1171. As Archbishop of Canterbury, he quarrelled with Henry II. over the question of the government of the clergy by the State, which led the King to express the wish that he could get rid of "this turbulent priest." Some Knights, taking the King at his word, rode into Canterbury and slew Becket in the Cathedral.
There are some thirty-seven cotton-spinning mills in Japan, with a monthly output of some 21,000 bales.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

By Our Own Correspondent

NOW that the "Green Cod" season is passed, and that our worthy Edward has added another paragraph to his regime of fiascos, we will get down to some sober items on the fishing industry. We do not intend to be at all facetious about the "Green Cod" business; for, cod it was, and a cod too of the first magnitude. We had not the pleasure of listening to the learned pronouncements of the Canadian Major; but my friend "Calcar" seems to have sized up the doughty Scot very admirably. We have of course "learned" a good deal from this latest cod—much that is to our discredit as we have already remarked. The farce of it all! We, a fishing people, every one of us interested in the great staple must needs import a gentleman to "enlighten" us—a gentleman who, if we correctly size him up, knows just as much about OUR FISHERIES as Edward P. Morris or Patsy knows, i.e.—very little indeed. As a sales agent we have no doubt the gallant Major is a success. He certainly deserves credit for his hustling propensities; but as we know something of the fish business at Saskatoon—a little city "deep in Canadian woods"—we are inclined to agree with "Calcar" that the whole affair in which the Major was wrung in was a concoction of the ingenious Edward. He is trying now to make our toilers believe that he has at last awakened to the fact that "our fisheries are of economic importance"; at least the second fiddler has told us as much in the columns of the "News."

The Fishery at St. Pierre

From consular reports we learn that the bank fishery at St. Pierre amounted to 20,695,071 pounds, the shore fishery to 5,211,325 pounds, with a total value of \$1,491,618. The bank fleet was composed of eleven trawlers and twenty-six schooners, while the shore fleet numbered 236 boats. All the vessels engaged in the fishery came from France, only one hailing from St. Pierre. Caplin were plentiful, striking in on June 13 and remained till the end of July.

The price fish varied from 27 to 10 francs per barrel of 244.55 pounds. There was no lobster fishing by local fishermen, all devoting themselves to codfishing.

It is reported that green cod (not Major Green) sales, however, is selling in France at 50 to 60 francs per quintal. It seems strange in view of the large quantities of fish available (according to our Board of Trade Reports) that we have not been able to make some sales to the French at St. Pierre. Surely Edward the mighty might have accomplished this at least during his peripatetic in France in Company with President Poincare and M. Briand. Vid. "The Premier's Tour to France" by the Grand Bottlewasher to the defunct "People's Party." (Printed at The Evening Herald office presumably at the expense of the Colony).

The Scotch Fisheries

The Report of the Scotch Fishery Board for 1915 recently issued gives the total sea fish of all varieties landed as 2,319,390 qtls, valued at \$10,285,711. This was a decrease of 5,120,931 hundred-weight and a value of \$5,348,629 compared with the preceding year. The total number of vessels engaged was 4,653, manned by crews numbering 15,244.

A noteworthy development in the industry was an increase in the number of motor boats from 649 in 1914 to 811 last year. Motor engines were installed in smaller craft—principally boats of 18 to 45 feet keel. The Report says:

"The circumstances which prevented any substantial development of the steam fishing fleet did not operate to the same extent in the case of motor boats, and in some respects gave an impetus to the installation of motor power. Substantial as has been the increase reported it would have been much greater but for the difficulty of securing engines."

"For several years the motor boat has been gaining favor for inshore work, and it is deemed probable that sailing craft, now numbering 3,571 (two-thirds being under 18 feet keel) will be rapidly superseded by motor boats, which have proved much

PRES. COAKER OFF TO INSPECT LUMBER CAMPS

President Coaker will leave town next Tuesday on a visit to the Lumber Camps. He will return to open Carbonear Convention on the 9th prox. He will visit Harbor Grace on the evening of the 10th and hold a Public Meeting and establish a Council of the F.P.U. at Harbor Grace; and on the 12th prox. he will address the Council at Port-de-Grave. Dr. Lloyd will also address the meetings at Carbonear and Harbor Grace. After the visit to Conception Bay, Burin District will be visited and the Councils re-organized, and the F.P.U. will be established on the same footing as it is North.

THE RIGHT WAY

If I could live my whole life over I'd take the sun to be my guide, And daily shine on saint and sinner, And blessings give on every side.
I'd seek no more for selfish pleasures, But work to help my fellow men; Each hour some little uplift giving, To raise the whole by deed or pen.
Far greater 'tis to give a goodly garner, For selfish ends, a goodly store; Far better help the needy neighbor, Than see thine own grow more and more.
Far better when the night comes darkling, If I can say, "Throughout this day, I have made others brighter, happier, Because my footsteps passed their way."
—Townsend Allen, in The Public.

WAGES UP WITH LABOR SCARCITY

"The pressure of the rising cost of living and the increasing scarcity of labor in many lines of industries—a natural result of the extension of recruiting—have been the cause of a general movement in the direction of higher wages in Canada," says F. A. Acland, Deputy Minister, in the annual report of the Labor Department, just issued at Ottawa. The small number of strikes is referred to as showing a satisfactory condition. In the fiscal year there were forty, as against forty-three in the previous year, but many of them, says the Deputy Minister, were trifling and without serious disturbance of labor. Several troubles were settled by officers of the Department without boards of conciliation. During the year 122 fair wage schedules were prepared. Deaths from injury to workmen numbered 836, while injured cases alone were 4,949. In mining there were 169 fatalities, while the railways caused 117, agriculture 94, engineering and shipbuilding 86, lumbering 54, and navigation 50.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD HOPKINS.

It is with feelings of sincere regret that we record to-day the death of an estimable citizen and well known shipwright in the person of Mr. Richard Hopkins. The deceased passed away after an illness of considerable duration at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. W. Thompson, Cherry Hill, Portugal Cove Road. Mr. Hopkins, who had reached his 71st year, was born at Heart's Content but resided in St. John's many years and made many friends in the city. There are left to mourn him one daughter, Mrs. W. Thompson, and three sons, Augustus, at Carbonear; Robert, shipwright of this city, and Hedley, residing at New York. To the bereaved family the Mail and Advocate extends its condolences.

superior to sailing vessels, especially in rough weather. The earnings of motor craft exceed those of sailing vessels by 20 per cent. in many fishing grounds and by fully 100 per cent. in some sections of the coast waters."

The volunteers were put through drill in the armory yesterday and some of them had rifle practice at night in the Highlander's Armoury. It was impossible to shoot at the Southside owing to the high wind prevailing.

VARIA

BY GALE

CHEAPER BREAD

THE Wall Street Journal (one of the most influential financial papers in the United States) has a rather interesting article dealing with the bread problem, and we think it of sufficient interest to our readers that we reproduce it: "Not in forty years has contract wheat been at such a level; while flour has already soared 58 per cent. in a year's time. Suggestions for solving the problem of higher prices are pertinent, therefore a few extracts from a correspondent's letter are given herewith: "A few years ago the Department of Agriculture made experiments to find a substitute for high-priced flour. It was discovered that by using one-third corn meal and two-thirds wheat flour a palatable, nutritious, and much cheaper bread was obtained. If the people would use one-third corn in breadmaking there would be no scarcity, and the people would benefit in health and pocket. If England, France, and Italy did the same, the wheat problem would be solved." "Bread made from a wheat and corn mixture is, as our correspondent says, palatable and has the advantage of keeping moist longer than all-wheat bread. Our grandmothers used to mix it from choice, and it was customary for

millers to sell mixed flour. But Congress in its wisdom saw fit to disapprove of the practice. But as a considerable mixture of white corn in wheat flour cannot be detected by the taste or color, can Congress be assured that bakers do not mix it now to their own profit?"

"Out of the pinch of war Germany has learned to mix cheaper grain with wheat, and evidence is abundant that the vitality of her people is not in the least impaired. It is safe to say they will have no foolish legislation against mixing wholesome grains for food."

"We think of barley in terms of beer instead of bread. As for oats, we haven't the sturdy sense of the Scot who, when taunted by an Englishman on his national fondness for oats which in England we feed only to horses, replied: 'Where do you find such horses as in England, and such horses as you do in Scotland?'"

"Corn, barley, oats, all palatable foodstuffs, are fed to cattle or dumped into the malt vats, and we cry out against the rising price of bread, institute useless investigations, and pray for embargoes to disturb the channel of trade. A little education in domestic economy seems necessary to a people who cry famine in the midst of plenty which they do not know how to use."

Now we wish to add to this very illuminating item, just a remark or two. If these Domestic Economy Schools of ours are actually in operation, why do not our overzealous Superintendents of Education get busy, and have the "demonstrators" at these schools teach the young folk how to use foodstuffs economically. Of course, we realize that the "use of the

chafing-dish" is quite an "accomplishment"; but we opine that the preparation of a substantial meal from good cereals is decidedly more so. The preparation of meringues, orange frappes, mint juleps, or even pate de foie gras is positively "cultural"; yet, we are old fashioned enough to think that learning how to boil a succulent tuber (say from Kelligrews) of initiation into the art of cooking a Mackinson-prepared cod would be just as acceptable in these days of strenuous living.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds or gales, N.W. local snow flurries, fair to-day and on Saturday, and becoming colder.

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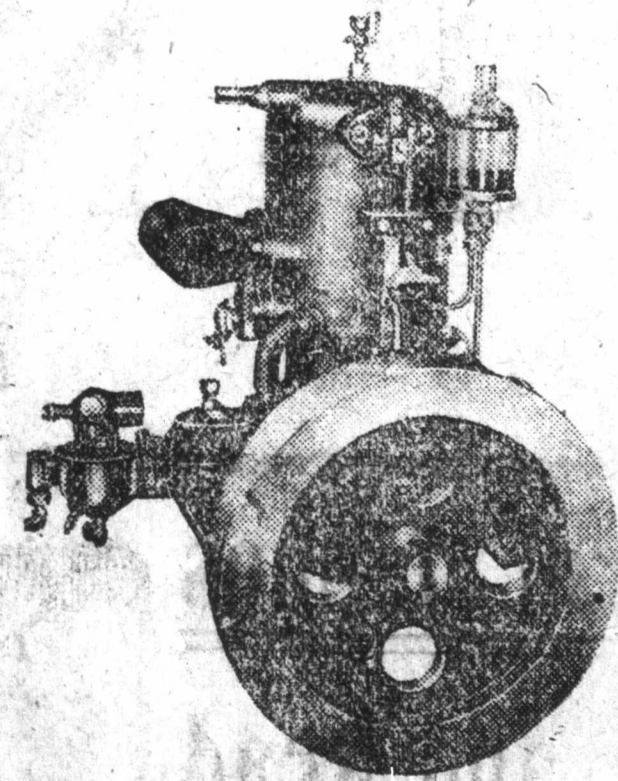
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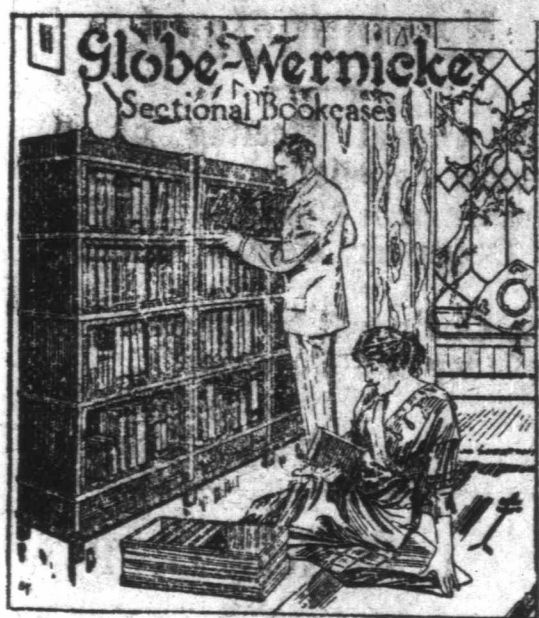
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READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Greek Situation is Favourable to Allies

Loyalist Press Changes Its Tone-- Army Demobilize--Now More Friendly to Venizelist

LONDON, Dec. 28.—News from Athens reaching London shows that conditions there have improved greatly from the Allied point of view. Royalists are beginning to feel the effects of Allied blockade and even the strongest Loyalist newspapers have

completely changed their tone, in meantime the Foreign Office announces the demobilization of Greek army is taking place rapidly, and satisfactorily in accordance with Greece's promises. This will remove threat from Allies' rear. Persecution of Venizelists is also lessening.

PRESS CRAZE IN AUSTRIA

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Vienna quotes some of Austrian papers regarding the peace proposals, commenting on Austria's reply to President Wilson, the Fremdenblatt says: "The Central Powers contemplate the possibility of continuance of the war with full confidence, but feel they owe a duty to their people to do everything compatible with their justified interest to terminate the bloodshed if at all possible."

"The Neufreile Presse says:—'By our reply President Wilson's policy is at once allied with our own. The Entente can refuse nothing to the Central Powers which they would not also refuse to President Wilson. The Entente no longer face us alone but also America with whom we are in full harmony.'"

ROUMANIAN OIL FIELDS DESTROYED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—Volks Zeitung, Cologne, reproduces narrative of an officer of the German General staff in regard to the Roumanian campaign, which, it is said, the destruction wrought in Roumanian oil fields was terrible, surpassing every thing of its kind during the war.

SWISS NOTE ANSWERED

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A Vienna despatch says Austro-Hungarian Government today answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of note sent to President Wilson. The covering message assured the Helvetian Government that the suggestion of President Wilson met with a thoroughly sympathetic reception in Austria-Hungary. The message added:—The Austro-Hungarian Governments regarded the Swiss action supporting President Wilson as evident to a noble and humane disposition which Switzerland since the beginning of the war had manifested toward all belligerents.

THE TYPICAL GERMAN STYLE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily Chronicle says the point on which most stress is laid in President's Wilson's note is entirely ignored in the German reply for all its studied politeness there is repled therein a rejection in advance of any offer of mediation by America.

The elephant is the chief beast of burden in Siam and Afghanistan. An "elephant load" is estimated at two tons.

FRENCH REPULSE ENEMY ATTACKS

PARIS, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Lechenoy, on the Somme, and upon the eastern slope of Hill 204 west of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the War Office announced today.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER RESIGNS

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—It is rumored in Budapest that Count Stephen Lisza, the Hungarian Premier, is likely to resign soon owing to alleged difference with Count Czernin Von Chudenitz, the Austrian-Hungarian Foreign Minister and Austro-Colation Cabinet.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN FOR 1917

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times prints a forecast of the report of the committee which has investigated the results of last year's daylight savings. It says evidence taken shows that opinion overwhelmingly favors making the plan general in 1917.

RUSSIANS SMASH TURKS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Russian success on Caucasian front and Magharhiad of Van was announced today by the War Office. We occupied the whole summit south of Ataman, south of Van. The Turks have withdrawn in the direction of the village of Illi.

SIR HIRAM'S ESTATE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Sir Hiram Maxim, the inventor, who died recently, left an estate of £33,000.

NAVAL AEROPLANES ACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British official says on Tuesday a squadron of naval aeroplanes bombarded the enemy camps at Galata on Gallipoli Peninsula with successful results. In Galicia War Office announced today attempts to cross Dneister river were checked.

RIGHT! RIGHT! RIGHT!

ON FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

When you're tired of singing concerts, mixing with our local snobs. When you're sick of running round in motor cars. Will you kindly give your service to the fellows in poor jobs. Who must bear the brunt of labor's many scars. They are sick and tired of singing and of other things as well. And their lot is pretty miserable. I'm sure. For they pay an awful price, Sir, for the stuff that some folks sell. So won't you come and try to help the poor.

CHORUS:

Sailors, tailors, and fishermen, they call. Laborers, miners, lumbermen, come help them in their plight—The price of grub is awful high, and wages very small. They ask you do you thing it: Right! Right, Right?

There are fathers patriotic who have sent their sons to fight. And these poor men here get very little work.

While there's patriots making money on their misery day and night. Better treatment would be got from Hun or Turk.

For the price of coal 'tis cruel, and the price of flour the same. With everything that's needed by the poor.

And it's time that some one stepped in for to stop this robbing game. While our sons in France lie bleeding in the gore.

They are sick of all the bombast, all the foolish things you shout. While you play upon pianos rich and grand.

While you dress up in your broad-cloth killing Germans with your mouth.

There's not yet a patriot among you worth his stand. For to lead the way to glory on the bloodstained soil of France—This is the truth you can't deny. I'm sure.

Weekly Meeting Civic Board

The regular meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the City Hall last night. The Mayor and full Board were present. The regular routine business was disposed of and several minor matters relating mostly to repairs to buildings were discussed and dealt with.

A meeting will be held on January 9th in some suitable meeting place at which the members of St. John's East and St. John's West, members of the Board of Trade and the public generally will be asked to be present. It is proposed to lay before the Board the several reports accruing from the installation of the new water service with a view to obtaining a reduction of present insurance rates.

An all round increase of wages to the Council's employees in order to enable them to meet the higher cost of living will be given. This increase will be fifteen per cent of the present wages received. The proposed pensions to some of the older members of the Council staff will necessitate the addition of only one more name on the pay roll and will mean no material increase in the expenditure. This has been accomplished by a judicious redistribution of duties. An increase in the allocation to the Fire Department was voted the particulars of which will be found in another column. Appended is the financial statement for the past week.

Collections	
1916.	1915.
Arrears	\$ 49.15
Water and Sewerage Rates	\$20.75
	\$ 969.90
Sundry Revenue	\$ 773.37
Customs Coal Duties	518.83
Customs Water Rates	2,048.00
	104.90
	\$1,176.33
	\$3,445.10
Expenditure	
Weekly & Staff Rolls	2,802.18
Bills	902.96
	2,762.96
	\$3,705.14
	\$5,803.21

You sing and prate, and also when is offered you the chance. You make money from high charges on the poor.



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Convenience. The Oven heats up in a few minutes, with no tedious preliminaries or delays. The grillers or boiling burners are ready for use instantly.

Reliability. A Gas Cooker has no "nights out." It is invaluable at holiday time, and a perfect servant at all times.

Comfort. A Gas Cooker cooks the dinner without cooking the cook. With the use of a Cooker the kitchen can be kept at a comfortable temperature, even in warm weather.

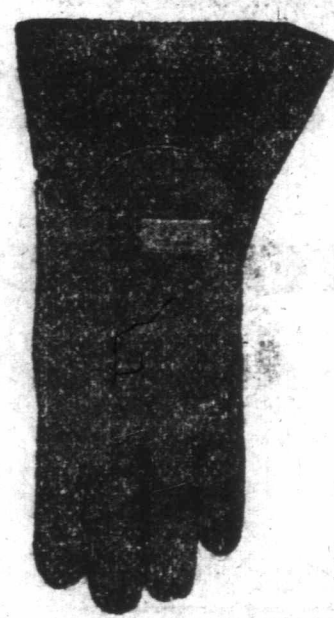
Cleanliness. There are no coals to carry, no smoky flues to clean, no ashes to remove. Gas is coal with the dirt, ashes and smoke removed.

St. John's Gas Light Co.

There is nothing more soothing in case of nervous restlessness than a hot salt bath just before retiring.

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ASBESTOL HORSEHIDE GLOVES



The Glove that's warranted to stand the test of Heat, Steam, Washing and Water.

The Glove for Railroad Men, Drivers, Motormen, Miners, Automobilists and all those requiring Gloves of superior wearing quality.

They are made from mineral tanned leather and sewed in the strongest manner possible.

GENTLEMEN!

Get a Woollen Scarf

For real neck comfort and chest protection.

We have them in the right length.

With fringe on ends, knitted double and in one piece.

80c

Rubbers

You need them now! The first few inches of snow is on the ground—the first of Winter is here.

Our stocks are now complete in MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOYS', MISSES' and CHILDS'.

PRICES:

Men's 85c. to \$1.60.
Women's 60c. to \$1.00.
Boys' and Youths' 60c. to \$1.00.
Misses' 60c. to 70c.
Childs' 45c. to 60c.

Long Rubbers for the Children

Why not fit them out in Rubbers that are lined with fleece—and extra high in leg?

PRICES:

Childs' \$1.90 to \$2.10.
Misses' \$2.10 to \$2.40.

Boys' and Youths' Storm Boots

Special High Leg Blucher Storm Boots, with soles both sewed and pegged—leather stitched up back—one and two straps with buckle at top of boots so that they can be brought in close to leg.

A Boot for SERVICE, COMFORT and DURABILITY.

PRICES:

Youths' \$3.20 to \$3.60.
Boys' \$4.50.

Boys' Grey Sweater Coats

Coats that button up the front with buttons same shade—every Coat has two pockets.

All sizes.

Special, 45c to 60c

Stylish Boots for Ladies

The Newest Boot is that high leg, with plain pointed toe, and new high heel.

We have your size.

The leathers are Gun Metal and Kid.

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Cushion Girdles

Colours—Red Tan, Olive, Olive, Green Pink. 2½ yards long.

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Bargains in Wings

We are clearing out our whole stock.

Some in prices up to 30c.

All going out at

5c each

In a vast assortment of colours.

Now is your chance to retrim the Hat.

Furs for the Children

Three Piece Fur Sets—Cap with ear protectors, Muff with cord to go around neck. **\$4.30**

Teddy Bear—Muff and Stole. **70c.**

White Bear Sets—Muff and Stole. **75c., 90c., \$1.10.**

Imitation Ermine Sets. **90c., \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.80.**

White Bear Stoles. **75c.**

MISSES' SETS

Of Imitation Ermine—lined with satin—stole extra long. **\$4.00**

Woollen Blankets

You need them to obtain that perfect rest and comfort so essential to healthy and peaceful slumber.

We have Blankets that combine warmth with durability and strength.

Prices—\$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$9.00 pair.

Bed Room Slippers

GENTS—Grey felt—all sizes. **\$1.60**

LADIES—Colours Brown, Grey, Red, Blue, Pink. Prices. **85c., \$1.70, \$1.80.**

MISSES—Colours Red, Blue. Prices. **85c., \$1.80.**

CHILDS—Colours Royal Blue and Red. Price. **80c.**

TRINITY EAST COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of Trinity East Local Council held on Dec. 23rd the following were elected and re-elected:

Chairman—George Fowlow, elected.
Deputy Chairman—James Latt, elected.
Secretary—Colin Evely, re-elected.
Treasurer—William Fowlow, re-elected.

The Council is in a flourishing condition. Several of our members are away from home, some of them away helping to keep the old flag flying. We trust they may all return safe, but some we know will never return. One friend, William Jones (of John), serving one of His Majesty's ships, was accidentally drowned, for which the Council sent a note of sympathy to his bereaved parents. Friend Wm. Jones was a good member of our Union and we regret the loss of a good friend, but he has gone to a better home above, where all tollings are over and we learn war no more.

We have a new hall in course of erection, trusting that when our parade comes off we will be seen marching from our new building if we are spared by the kind hand of Providence. Wishing the President and his staff of noble workers a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

COLIN EVELLY,
Secretary.

Trinity East, Dec. 26, 1916.

C.E. ORPHANAGE

Mrs. W. G. Gosling begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the following contributions to the Christmas Treat for the Church of England Orphanage:—Mr. J. W. Withers, \$5.00; Mr. J. J. Tobin, \$5.00; Mrs. R. B. Job, \$10.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Church of England Orphanage begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of cheque for (\$20) twenty dollars from the P. G. Lodge, of Nfld., L.O.A., per Jordan Milley, Esq., Secretary.

"CRUMBS FROM THE PAST"

In to-morrow's issue will appear the first article of a series called "Crumbs from the Past" by Terra Nova. Our readers will find it extremely interesting reading.

WEDDING BELLS MAUNDER-CUMMINGS

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the Rev. Dr. Fenwick on Tuesday, the 19th, inst., the contracting parties being Miss Bessie M. Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings of this city, and Mr. William L. Maunder of Grand Bank. The bride wore a navy blue costume with hat to match, and was attended by her sister, Miss Sadie Cummings, while Mr. William White, ably supported the groom. After the ceremony the party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where an excellent dinner was prepared. The presents were numerous and costly, showing the popularity of both bride and groom. The happy couple left by the Portia for their future home, Grand Bank.

"A WILD GOOSE CHASE"

A business man of Water Street last night purchased a fine fat goose plus the feathers, and stepped outside of his store when he remembered he had forgotten to turn off the light. Leaving the poultry in the doorway he stepped inside and on emerging found a man running up town with his property under his arm. The owner gave chase, captured the thief and beat the bird out about his head, not seriously hurting it, (he believes it rendered it more tender) but certainly considerably hurting the cranium of the would-be thief.

A WHARF DESTROYED

In the heavy sea which ravaged the South Shore of Conception Bay on Sunday and Monday the fine new wharf at Kelligrews was to all interests and purposes destroyed. The sea crossed the railway track and went up into the meadow lands beyond. Owing to the condition of the wharf and the rough sea the steamers cannot now call at Kelligrews from Bell Island.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

REID NFLD. CO. SUING STEAMER "GEORGETOWN"

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 20.—Testimony was taken in the Admiralty Court Monday before the registrar, in the case of the Reid-Newfoundland Company versus the steamer Georgetown. The plaintiffs are suing as the owners of the steamer Sagona for \$60,000 salvage and services rendered by them to the Georgetown on December 12, 1916, near St. Paul's Island. The steamer Sagona is now at North Sydney.

HAD A LETTER FROM BRO. RYAN

A business man of the city and a former pupil of Rev. Brother Ryan, Superior of the Schools at Victoria, B.C., had a letter from that gentleman to-day. He is doing well as are the pupils under his care and wishes to be remembered to all old friends and pupils in St. John's.

AT POLICE COURT

Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., J.P. presided to-day. Two drunks, one up for the fifth offence, the other for the seventh, were each fined \$1 or 3 days. We are glad to learn to-day that Inspector-General Sullivan is very much improved, and that it will be merely a question of time when he will be fully recovered and able to attend to his official duties.

VERY SAD CIRCUMSTANCE

A very sad death occurred at Bell Island a couple of days before Christmas when Mr. M. Flynn, a well known and respected resident of the place, passed away after a short illness. Mr. Flynn, who had been working at Sydney for some months, had returned home to spend the Christmas with his wife and children when he contracted typhoid, from which he succumbed. Interment took place on Christmas Day, the funeral being very largely attended.

Rich Father—Are young Simpson's intentions serious, Marie?
Daughter—No; but they will be! He's running into debt frightfully!

LOCAL ITEMS

The Portia left St. Mary's at 9.15 this a.m., bound west.

The S.S. Wren will finish up her service in Trinity Bay in a few days and leaves Clarendville to-day.

Mr. Richard Tobin, of Dunville, P.B., has been appointed Inspector of Pickled Fish with jurisdiction on the South Coast, including Placentia and Fortune Bays.

A message has been received from Captain John Hamilton, who was Captain of the Fall River, and was supposed to be lost at sea. His many friends at Carbonear will be glad to hear that he is alive.

The S. A. Band was out again last night and serenaded in front of the Central Fire Hall, St. Bonaventures College, and several other places in that part of the town.

A teamster of the Higher Levels was arrested yesterday evening while drunk in charge of a horse. The police took charge of man and beast, bethinking the former in the Police Station and the latter in a stable.

A meeting of the Grenfell Association of Newfoundland, which is the local branch of the International Grenfell Association, will be held at the Government House at 4 o'clock this afternoon. His Excellency, the Governor, will occupy the chair at the meeting.

Last night a number of the Salvation Army people, ladies and gentlemen, visited several places on the higher levels, including the Central Station and the Grounds of St. Bonaventures College and sang several Christmas Hymns and Carols with much acceptance.

Fishermen of Torbay who had salmon and herring nets in the water when they visited them yesterday, in many cases, found their nets rolled and balled together in a hopeless tangle. At Papper's Cove 27 salmon were taken from the nets. Before the heavy sea set in, herring were fairly plentiful there, each net getting some every morning.

The recent heavy sea caused a lot of damage to fishing premises at Flat-rock, stages, flakes and boats, which were thought to be in safe places, were washed away. Positions that were considered out of reach of the sea forty years ago and on which houses were then built were reached by the heavy seas on Wednesday morning.

The past few days sea birds have been observed in great number along the coast from here to Cape St. Francis. Ducks, divers, terns, pigeons, bull-birds and others which frequent the coast were all in evidence. When the sea calms down, no doubt good shooting will be done by the local sports man along the shore.

The s.s. Euphrates is loading freight, for Bell Island, at Neal's wharf, and will sail today. The s.s. Mary left for the Island yesterday with a full load. Supplies are now being rushed as speedily as possible, as it is feared that the frosty weather may set in soon and prevent the steamers from plying to the Island. Such a large number of miners being at work there makes it necessary for the dealers to lay in extra stock, in case ice blockade would cut off communication by water.

Mr. Ed. Greene, of Placentia, who arrived in the city a few days ago in connection with the mineral discovery near Argentina, leaves for his home today, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Wm. Greene, of this city, who goes on a few days visit to the old home town. Mr. Greene, and those associated with him, hope to make good in the mining venture in which they have engaged. The surface indications, together with the results revealed by repeated assays are good grounds on which to base sanguine expectations of success.

The happenings of last Saturday and several other preceding Saturday's on the Higher Levels reveal the necessity of a police officer being assigned to do duty in that part of the town to-morrow afternoon. Some of our Broad Cove friends when they have disposed of their inward cargoes of splits, take on board for the outward trip another inward cargo consisting of spirituous liquors. They congregate at the junction of Fresh-water and LeMarchant Rd.'s and being in a hilarious condition gave great annoyance to residents and passers by. Later on when they have folded their tents and departed homewards the town tippler comes along and makes the night hideous with his shouting and maulin song interspersed often with the worst kinds of blasphemy.

ANOTHER SCHOONER LOST

Last evening Mr. Piccott, Minister of Marine & Fisheries had a telegram from the acting British Consul at St. Pierre, saying that a schooner supposed to be the Hesperia, Capt. Skinner of St. Jacques, had been lost on the west side of Langley and that the crew were missing. A tug has been despatched to Miquelon and the Consul said he would report if there was any further news. Mr. LeMessurier, C.M.G., has also learned of the occurrence and says that the vessel was coal laden from Sydney to St. Jacques and had run ashore at Point Platte. She was a vessel of 56 tons and was owned and commanded by Capt. Abram Skinner of St. Jacques.

THE RAILWAY TRACK REPAIRED

Yesterday afternoon the gangs of men sent out by the Reid NFLD. Co. concluded repairs to the washed out section of the line at Kelligrews and other places and railroad traffic was resumed. Both the expresses, the Kyle's and Sagona's, arrived here last night, as well as the local and Placentia trains. The outgoing express left at 5 p.m. with a number of passengers and this morning the Carbonear train left on schedule at 8.45. The shore train arrived at 12.30 p.m. to-day.

PORT REXTON, F. P. U.

(To the Editor.)
Dear Sir,—Allow me space to publish a few words re the doing of the F.P.U. at Port Rexton. Although not much appears in print from us, yet we are all alive to the good that the Union is doing to the laboring people and the country in general. The report our delegate brought from the Convention should set at rest the mind of any doubtful member that the F.P.U., under the guidance of our noble President, is going to play a prominent part in the future welfare of Terra Nova.

We held our annual meeting on Dec. 20th, and the following officers were chosen for 1917:—

Chairman—John Guppy (elected);
Deputy Chairman—Isaac J. Randell (elected);
Rec. Secretary—Geo. Bannister (re-elected);

Fin. Secretary—G. Rex (re-elected);
Treasurer—James Butler (elected);
Door Guard—Robert Barbour (re-elected).

With such a Union worker as Friend Guppy for chairman we all look forward to a prosperous year for our Council.

Wishing the Union, its President, and all concerned, a bright and successful year for 1917, commemorated by a sweeping Union victory at the polls.—I am, etc.,

GEO. BANNISTER, Rec. Sec.
Port Rexton, Dec. 26th, 1916.

AT HOME

His Grace Archbishop Roche will be AT HOME on New Year's Day from 12 to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 5 p.m.
J. J. McDERMOTT, V.G.,
Administrator.

Notice
Wrapper Holders
OF
"CHRISTIAN'S Borax Soaps"
Must have them in by
December 30th,
As competition for the \$10.00 closes on that date.
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M. A. Duffy.

TO ADVERTISERS
Our Contract Advertisers will kindly notice that their matter for the Morning Editor should be sent to this office not later than 4 p.m. each day. The office will be open all night for any other matter for publication.

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT
The daring Helen Gibson is featured at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day in "The Treasure Train," an episode of the "Hazards of Helen" railroad series. John Lorenz in "The River of Romance," a two-reel Essanay feature. Ethel Tear in "In Cinderella's Shoes," a classic comedy; and Kate Price and William Dangman in "In Arcadia," a great Vitagraph comedy. Professor McCarthy playing the usual high class Crescent musical programme. Send the children to the great big Saturday matinee, they always have a good time at the Crescent.

ROSSLEYS' CROWDED TO SEE THE "BLACKBIRDS"

Last night there was a great crowd to see the "Blackbirds" and new pictures. Reducing the prices certainly drew the crowd and were it not that the Rossleys are under, so great an expense would never be raised, but all the little girls receive a salary and at the present time wardrobes cost so much and all running expenses so high that it is impossible to run a show any cheaper. There was a little rumour that the other shows did not increase their prices on Xmas Day, but remember the other shows were not put to any extra expense, but the Rossleys have every Xmas engaged from twenty to fifty girls and other help and the patrons are only helping their own people at the worst time of the year.

POOR ASYLUM ENTERTAINMENT

The annual tea and entertainment given generally by the ladies of this mission took place at the Poor Asylum yesterday afternoon and was one of the best yet given the inmates. The poor old people who inhabit the place were given an abundance of cake, fruits, candies &c. and the men in addition were served with tobacco. A fine musical programme had been prepared and vocal and instrumental selections were given by Mesdames Barker and Cahill, and Misses Pike, Brown, Barron, Curtis, Bearnes, Woods and Fitzpatrick. The members of the Mission were present in large numbers and the inmates thanked all similarly for the pleasant evening afforded them.

The members of the hockey teams are now getting ready to practice for the coming season's games and it is thought that the teams this year, will be very evenly matched and keenly contested games result.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Grenfell Association of Newfoundland.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Government House on FRIDAY, 29th December, 1916, at 4 o'clock p.m.

The Chair will be taken by His Excellency the Governor.

R. WATSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

AT HOME

The Governor and Lady Davidson will be AT HOME on New Year's Day from 3 to 5 p.m.

C. RILEY, Capt.,
Private Secretary & A.D.C.
Government House,
December 29, 1916.

To Employers

Two Retired Volunteers unfit for active service, wish to obtain employment. Both have families and want work immediately. All information can be obtained at the office of "The Mail and Advocate.—3i

LOST—On Tuesday Night, a large Newfoundland Dog, answering to the name of "Spot." Finder please return same to LEONARD EARLE, "Altaadena," Logy Bay Road.—dec29,3i,ced

FOR SALE—One Horse, 5 years old, good and sound. Apply to W.M. PYE, Brooklyn, B.B. 3id, 1w

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A Doctor. Reside at Western Bay. Practice from Broad Cove to Burnt Point, both inclusive. Valued at \$3000; perquisites extra. Apply EDMUND BUTT, Western Bay.—dec2,tf

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