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THE PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE UNEASY--SOME CHANGES RUMOURED

Grey's Health May Compel Him to Leave Cabinet--Winston Churchill's Hurried Return to England Causes Much Conjecture--Lloyd George Receives Great Oration From London Populace

INDIAN TROOPS LEAVE FRANCE

German Submarine Warfare again Active--No Important Developments on Major War Fronts--British and Turks Have Severe Fighting in South Persia--Russians Gain a Little

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The departure of the Indian army from France for another field of action was the most important feature of to-day's news, so far as the British public was concerned. Whether the new field of action is Egypt or Mesopotamia was not announced. In both these theatres there are, presumably, already considerable bodies of Indian troops. It is assumed that the places of the Indians in France has been filled by drafts from the new armies raised on the soil of the United Kingdom.

In connection with to-night's announcement, it is worth noting the larger and more important share the youthful Prince of Wales is taking in the business of the Empire and the British public, both home and colonial, will read with a peculiar sense of national pride the King's words to his Indian veterans: "Before you leave France I send my dear and gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who was shared with my armies the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name."

News from other war fronts continues to show no important developments. The Russians are winning successes against weaker enemy forces in Persia. The British in south Persia have had severe fighting with the Turks without materially altering the situation.

The Allies at Salonika are contemplating their nearly completed fortifications with the utmost satisfaction. On the Western front there is little to record except minor artillery bombing operations.

The resumption of German submarine activity was evidenced by the sinking of half a dozen ships the past 24 hours with the loss of eighty lives in the case of the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat, while two boatloads are missing in the case of the Belgian steamer Ministre Bernart.

Although to-day was a holiday in England members of the British Cabinet returned hastily from the scenes of their Christmas festivities for an important meeting, at which was discussed Derby's scheme and other matters, which must be threshed out when Parliament re-convenes.

The Parliamentary situation continues to be uneasy, and rumours of some changes in the Cabinet are being widely talked of. There is a possibility that Sir Edward Grey's health may compel him to leave the Cabinet although he attended to-day's meeting.

HAD A VALUABLE CARGO ON BOARD

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Yeddo, from Calcutta, Nov. 24, for Britain and New York, was sunk. The crew was saved.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The cargo of the steamer Yeddo, which was bound for this port and New York from Calcutta, was valued by W. C. Lombard & Co., the local consignees, at more than two million dollars.

Although the exact nature of the cargo is not known as the bills of lading have not yet arrived, it is believed that she had on board a large amount of skins, tea and other Indian products.

ANOTHER CASE OF NO WARNING GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned by the destruction of the French liner Ville De Laclotat. The Consul at Malta reported to-day to the State Department that no Americans were aboard the ship. He reports that it was torpedoed without warning at 10.15 o'clock, Dec. 24th and sunk in 15 minutes.

The American Consul reported that the rescued were picked up by a liner after they had been in a small boat for two hours.

The torpedoed ship was on her way from Japan, China and Hawaii to Marseilles.

EIGHTY LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMER SUNK

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Minister of Marine announced to-day that the steamer Ville de Laclotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean, by an enemy submarine without warning.

The majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by a British steamer.

Details have not yet been received.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The enemy this morning sprung a mine opposite our line south-east of the Hozenhollern Redoubt. We have consolidated the edge of the crater.

Our artillery bombarded hostile trenches south of the Lille-Armentieres railway with good effect. The enemy replied vigorously but caused little damage.

Elsewhere there is normal artillery activity only to report.

The sudden return of Winston Spencer Churchill to England was likewise the basis of many rumours. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, received a great ovation from a holiday crowd when he arrived at Downing Street for the Cabinet meeting.

SITUATION AT SALONIKI EXCELLENT

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—With our batteries of heavy artillery and the men behind them, it is impossible to oust the Allied forces from Salonika," said General Castelnau, Chief of the French General Staff, in a statement to-day, to the Associated Press.

General Castelnau gave an interview after being received this morning by King Constantine, and attending luncheon at the French Legation. The situation at Salonika today is most excellent, he continued. "I must say I have rarely seen an emplacement which lends itself better to defence. I may also say that the position provides most favorable conditions, for offensive, as well as defensive operations."

The General was asked if the Allies contemplate an offensive movement from Salonika in the spring. The spring will tell, he replied. It is impossible to discount the exigencies of the military situation so far ahead.

AGREED ON PARTITION OF SERBIA

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily News has the following from its Rome correspondent:—"According to Bucharest advices, the partition of Serbia is already agreed upon between the Austrians and Bulgarians. The former have assumed administration of Northern Serbia, and the latter of Macedonia, where they are destroying every trace of Serbian history, burning archives and other records, including registers of births and deaths, seizing deposits in banks, expropriating property, levying contributions on landed property, cattle and crops."

"Many persons have been summarily tried and shot, and others have been interned in towns and villages and the people are starving. Typhus and smallpox are claiming numerous victims and the mortality is appalling, especially among children. On pretext of disloyalty, hundreds of inhabitants were arrested convicted and hanged, hundreds were shot en masse in Nish and Belgrade, because they participated in anti-Austrian demonstrations."

"The cold is severe and many Austrian soldiers are dying of exposure. Starving inhabitants, wandering about the country side, attacked a supply train, but were shot down by its escort."

NO WARNING GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristol at Port Said cabled to-day that no warning was given the Japanese liner Yasaka Mura before she was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last week, by a submarine of unestablished nationality. The liner, he said, made no attempt to escape.

UNUSUALLY QUIET

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It has been unusually quiet here. There were no papers on Saturday. The chief activity to-day, which is also one of the public holidays were the big crowds waiting for the first pantomimes. There has been a marked decrease in drunkenness this holiday season.

TURKS DRIVEN OUT

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Turks in their attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastion of one of the forts at Kutelamara, but were driven out, so an official statement issued this evening says.

THEY STAYED AT HOME

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The only feature that marked Xmas this year was the fact that people stayed at home. The absence of cheap fares on the railroad and the restricted train service had this effect.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

To Governor, Newfoundland.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Headquarters in France report normal artillery activity and some mining activity south of Labassee Canal. Elsewhere the French artillery blew up an enemy ammunition train in Vosges. There is no change at Salonika.

It is reported that the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish.

At Kutelamara the enemy, after heavy shelling, breaching the northern part of our position called Fort 24th, and effected an entrance. They were ejected, leaving 200 dead. On the night of the 24th there was fierce fighting from the Fort. The enemy entered the northern bastion, but was ejected. Again they attacked and occupied the bastion. The enemy evacuated the bastion on the morning of the 25th, and retired about half a mile. We reoccupied the bastion. Our casualties were 190 killed and wounded. The enemy casualties are estimated at about 700. The attacking force numbered a division.

BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The main Arab force which had been operating near Materuh was attacked on Christmas Day and dispersed by the British who suffered small losses, is officially announced to-night:—"With reference to the Turkish official communication of the 27th the War Office states that from 14th to 24th there was no fighting between our troops and Arabs on the western frontier of Egypt. On the 25th the principal Arab force, which was located some eight miles from Materuh, was attacked and dispersed with trifling losses of troops."

The foregoing is evidently the Turkish answer to the Turkish official received to-day from Constantinople by way of Berlin, which was sent by way of wireless through Constantinople on date of Dec. 26th.

FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The following statement was issued this afternoon:—"No events of importance last night, except in Lorraine, our artillery bombardment of position of the enemy in the vicinity of Biencourt and Gremecy, south west of Chateau salients."

STORY OF KING PETER'S FLIGHT

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Tageblatt's Sofia correspondent dramatically describes the flight of King Peter of Serbia through Albania as told by an Albanian physician in a letter to a friend in Uskub. The physician reached a miserable little Albanian village during a furious snow storm, but could find no sleeping quarters anything better than a stall barn. At the very height of the storm four cavalry-men appeared and demanded admission to the cottage. Two riders almost tenderly lifted a third man from his horse and bore him into the house, while a fourth brought up the rear-guard with boxes of provisions. The third man, seemingly a wounded Serb officer was laid on a couch. He wearily closed his eyes, and turned his head as lights were brought. The first time the physician, who had come to the house from the stable, watched the operations of the stranger, he recognized the apparently sick man as King Peter of Serbia, as his companions prepared a semblance of a bed for him.

The King, between groans, thanked them but declined food. One of his companions, probably a physician, forced the King to take a little liquid nourishment, after which the whole party sat for a time in gloomy, and then made pretense of sleeping. They resumed their journey before daylight.

TURKISH

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Senussi Tribes men are advancing along the Egyptian coast near the Tripolitan border, and have driven the British out of Materuh, on which they retired late in November, after a strong Arab force had compelled their retreat from Solum, according to a Turkish official report received here to-day from Constantinople. The statement is dated Dec. 26th as follows:—"Several detachments of Senussi continued successfully attacks against the British in Egypt. They have cleared the Siwah district completely. The British Siwah district is an oasis in Libya."

KING GEORGE SENDS GREETING TO BRITISH INDIAN ARMY CORPS

At a Parade of the Indian Army Corps, Before it Left France, the Following Message Was Delivered to the Men by the Prince of Wales:

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British Indian Army Corps have left France for another field of operations is officially announced to-night. At a parade of the Indian Army Corps, before it left France, the following message from their King-Emperor was delivered to the men by the Prince of Wales:—"More than a year ago I summoned you from India to fight for the safety of my empire and the honour of my pledged word on the battlefields of Belgium and France. The confidence which I then expressed in your sense of duty, your courage and your chivalry, you since have nobly justified. I now require your services in another field, but before you leave France I send my dear and gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my army the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name for your services and to express to you my satisfaction. British Indian comrades in arms, yours has been fellowship in toils, hardships, courage and endurance, often against great odds; deeds nobly done daily, in ever memorable conflict, in warfare waged under new conditions, and amid trying circumstances. You have worthily upheld the honour of the Empire and the great traditions of my army in India. I have followed your fortunes with deepest interest and watched your gallant actions with pride and satisfaction, and I mourn with you the loss of many gallant officers and men. Let it be your consolation as their pride that they freely gave their lives in a just cause for the honour of their sovereign and the safety of my Empire. They died as gallant soldiers. I shall ever hold their sacrifices in grateful remembrance. You leave France with just pride in honorable deeds already done, and with my assured confidence that your proved valor and experience will contribute further to victories in the new fields of action to which you go. I pray God to bless, and guard you, and to bring you back safely, when final victory is won, each to his own home there to be welcomed with honour among his own people."

CABINET MUST SOON DECIDE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times asserts that the differences on the question of untested single men point to the existence of fundamental divergences regarding the method of prosecuting the war.

"There are certain elements," the Times says, "which cannot work together indefinitely, and the Cabinet seems to have reached the point when it must make a vital decision between one set of opinions and the other."

WITHIN FOUR MILES

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Times from Salonika says:—"The Bulgars have withdrawn four miles from the Greek frontier, between Gievgeji and Doiran, and are busy fortifying a strong line of natural positions. On our side work of fortification is being facilitated by fine weather and energetically advanced."

REJOINED REGIMENT

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Winston Churchill returned to France yesterday to rejoin his regiment.

PRESENT POLITICAL CRISIS MAY RESULT IN A GENERAL ELECTION

Times Parliamentary Correspondent Asserts the Position is Undeniably Delicate—A General Election Expected in Many Quarters—Lloyd George States His Position

BALFOUR IS OPOSED TO CONSCRIPTION

The Chronicle Protests Against Wire Pullers Who Contemplate the Desperate and Mad Expedient of a General Election—Comparison Drawn Between Civil War and Present Conflict

LONDON, Dec. 28.—That proceedings in the British Cabinet have not been going smoothly is seen from the fact that after a two hours sitting yesterday (Monday) the Council was obliged to adjourn till to-day, no decision having been reached, the discussion having revealed grave differences of opinion.

The Times Parliamentary correspondent asserts the position is undeniably delicate and may become critical to-day unless handled with firmness and decision.

The Daily Mail asserts that Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies and Lord Kitchener, War Minister, have not yet made their position clear, while Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, resolutely opposes compulsion in which he is supported by a majority of the Minister. But Lloyd George, Marquis Lansdowne, Earl Curzon, Sir Frederick Smith, J. Austin Chamberlain, Walter Hume Long and Earl Selbourne advance immediate compulsion. Lloyd George, the Mail adds, before the sitting of the Council made his position clear to Premier Asquith in a message intimating that unless Asquith's pledge to married men be kept in the strictest sense, he could not continue as a member of the Government.

The Morning Post equally with the Times and Mail, all Conscriptors papers, see the possibility of several Cabinet resignations, the only other alternative being a general election.

The Morning Telegraph and Chronicle, anti-compulsion organs, are also apprehensive of a crisis and a general election. The Chronicle editorially protests against the intrigues of wire pullers who contemplate the desperate and mad expedient of a general election, "a gambler's plunge which might entail disastrous consequences," and points out how, by merely withholding their assent from the Parliament Registration Bill, the Lords can make elections unavoidable next month, since the absence of a Parliament Bill, which prolongs its life for eight months, the present Parliament would expire by effluxion sometime in the end of January. Concerning people who made comparison with America during the Civil War, the Chronicle argues that Lincoln's action is not a precedent because conditions are different. Lincoln was distracted by wholesale desertion, while recruiting was stimulated by extravagant bounties. The Chronicle adds:—"Our voluntary army in one year exceeded in number all the men recruited by the Federal Government in a four years' war, and that without drafts to force them or bounties and bribes."

Rodents in the Trenches Worry the Soldiers

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Soldiers on leave from the front report a plague of rats in the trenches is becoming serious. Those rodents eat clothes as well as food that may be left about. Medical authorities are doing their utmost to stamp them out, recognizing the peril which may arise through their conveyance of disease. A ferret dealer in Kent recently sent five hundred ferrets to Flanders to help to rid the trenches of this pest.

CENTRAL POWERS WILL REMAIN INACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The belief is gaining ground that the Central Powers will remain inactive. Reuters Athens correspondent says that aeroplane reconnaissances of enemy positions by Allies, show that unusual calm prevails and that there are no indications of a projected offensive. The feeling in official circles is that the danger that operations will extend to Greek Macedonia is small.

PEACE PARTY WELL RECEIVED

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—The peace meeting held last night under the auspices of the Ford-Peace Expedition is characterized here as a most enthusiastic demonstration for peace, that Europe has seen since the war began. Nearly a thousand citizens attended and every mention of an early end to the war, provided prolonged applause.

LLOYD GEORGE THREATENS TO RESIGN

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily Mail understands that Lloyd George threatens to resign from the Cabinet unless Premier Asquith strictly adheres to his pledge to apply compulsion to unmarried slackers if they fail to present themselves for attestation under Earl Derby's recruiting scheme.

AT THEIR OLD GAME

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Bucharest correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that several arrests have been made in connection with an unsuccessful plot, instigated by Germans, to blow up residences of prominent men, including Cabinet Ministers, known to be favourable to the Allies.

PEOPLE GROW ANGRY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—An Amsterdam despatch says that according to reports in Vienna, the Palace of Archduke Stephen of Austria, was attacked on Christmas night by a mob, armed with pitchforks and axes, as a protest against the squandering of food on an elaborate entertainment.

HON. WILLIAM WILL STAY AT HOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed to-day, but because Ford himself is returning to this country, Bryan will not go to Europe.

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## MEDALS GIVEN SOLDIERS OF THE NATIONS

NO better incentive can be furnished the soldier than the certainty that deeds of gallantry will be rewarded by his country in bestowing upon him a medal or decoration that he may wear proudly for the rest of his life, and hand down to his descendants. This fact has been recognized by all the warring nations of Europe.

Britain has her Victoria Cross and other medals for gallantry, Germany her Iron Cross, Russia her Orders of St. George and Stanislaus, France the Legion of Honor, Belgium the Order of Leopold, and even little Serbia has her Order of Takova. In all these countries the honor of winning and wearing a decoration is eagerly coveted. The following brief description will give the history of each.

### Victoria Cross.

The Victoria Cross was instituted by Royal Warrant June 29, 1856, and revised April 23, 1881. The Warrant commences:

"Whereas we take into our Royal consideration that there exists no means of adequately rewarding the individual gallant services, either of officers of the lower grades in our naval and military services, or of warrant and petty officers, seamen and marines in our navy and non-commissioned officers and soldiers in our army, it is ordained that the Cross shall only be awarded to those officers or men who served us in the presence of the enemy and shall have then performed some signal act of valor or devotion to their country."

The cross is of bronze, in shape Maltese, one and one-half inches square, and is made from captured cannon. On the obverse, in the centre, is the British lion and crown, and below, on a scroll, the words "FOR VALOR." The reverse is plain, with a raised edge, and has a raised circle in the centre. A laureated clasp, one and one-half inches wide, is attached for suspension, and a "V" below is connected to the cross by a small link. The name and regiment of the recipient are engraved upon the back of the clasp, and the date of the act of bravery is engraved inside the circle on the reverse of the medal. For each additional act of bravery a bar is given, upon which is engraved the date of the action. The cross is worn with a red ribbon, one and one-half inches wide by recipients in the army, and a blue ribbon by those of the navy.

### Distinguished Service Order.

The Distinguished Service Order was instituted by Royal Warrant in 1886. It is bestowed on officers of the navy, land forces, marines, and the Indian or Colonial naval or military forces, who have been especially mentioned in despatches for meritorious or distinguished service in the field, or before the enemy. The Royal Warrant says:

"We have taken into our Royal consideration that the means of adequately rewarding distinguished services of officers in our naval and military services who have been honorably mentioned in despatches are limited. Now, for the purpose of attaining an end so desirable as that of rewarding individual instances of meritorious or distinguished service in war, we have instituted a new naval and military order of distinction, which we are desirous should be highly prized by the officers of our naval and military services."

The badge consists of a gold cross patee, convex (one and five-eighths inches square), enamelled white, edged with gold, having on the obverse, in the centre, within a wreath of laurel enamelled green the Imperial Crown in gold upon a red enamelled ground. On the reverse the monogram "G.R.I." within a laurel wreath and upon a red enamelled ground. It is worn from the left breast and is suspended from a red ribbon edged with blue, one inch wide.

### Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The Medal for "Distinguished Conduct in the Field" was instituted December 4, 1864, as a mark of the "Sovereign's sense of the distinguished service and gallant conduct in the field of the army then serving in the Crimea." It has been awarded in subsequent campaigns, and is only given to non-commissioned officers and privates.

The obverse of the medal has the Royal Arms of the United Kingdom quartered on a shield and supported by a military trophy, consisting of cannons, arms, cannon-balls, and helmets. The reverse is inscribed in raised letters "FOR DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT IN THE FIELD." A scroll clasp is attached to the medal for suspension (one and four-tenths inches in diameter). The ribbon is crimson with a blue stripe down the centre, and one and one-quarter inches wide.

### Distinguished Service Cross.

This decoration, which is bestowed on officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve, and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, was instituted by King Edward VII. in 1901 under the title of the Conspicuous Service Cross, the name being changed to Distinguished Service Cross in 1914.

The badge consists of a silver cross patee, bearing in the centre of the obverse the Royal cypher "G. R. I." with a crown above, all in silver. The reverse is plain. It is worn upon the left breast and is suspended by a blue ribbon one and one-quarter inches wide, with a white stripe down the centre.

### Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.

The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal was instituted August 1th, 1855. It is awarded to petty officers, seamen, sergeants, corporals, and privates of marines, who distinguish themselves in action. The obverse bears the head of King George in naval uniform, surrounded by the inscription "Georgius V. Dei Gra. Britt. Omn. Rex. Fid. Def. Ind. Imp." The reverse is inscribed in raised letters "FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY" with a crown above and the whole surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves. The medal is of silver and measures one and four-tenths inches in diameter. The ribbon is blue, an inch and one-quarter wide, with a white strip down the centre.

### FRENCH DECORATIONS.

The principal French military decorations are the Legion of Honor and the Medal Militaire.

The Legion of Honor was instituted by Napoleon I. in 1802, and revised in 1852. There are five grades, chevalier, officer, commander, grand officer and grand cross.

The majority receive the decoration of the fifth class, which consists of a silver star of ten points, enamelled white, suspended from a green enamelled wreath. The centre is silver gilt, bearing the head of Liberty surrounded by a blue enamelled band inscribed in gilt: "Republique Francaise, 1870." On the obverse, and on the reverse the crossed flags of France, with the legend: "Honneur et Patrie." The ribbon is of crimson watered silk. The other classes are of similar design, but are made in gold.

The Medal Militaire was instituted January 22, 1852. It is awarded to non-commissioned officers, corporals, privates or seamen, who have performed exceptional acts of bravery, and deserve reward for great courage.

The medal is silver gilt, and consists of a laurel wreath, in the centre of which is the head of Liberty, surrounded by a blue enamelled circle inscribed in gilt letters "Republique Francaise, 1870." On the reverse within a blue enamelled circle, are the words: "Valeur et Discipline." The whole is surmounted by a trophy of arms, consisting of crossed cannons, swords, rifles, an anchor and culrass, at the top of which there is worn with silk orange ribbon, with green edges, an inch and a half wide.

### RUSSIAN ORDERS.

The Russian Order of St. George was instituted in 1769 and has five classes. It consists of a gold Maltese cross, enamelled white. In the centre is an enamelled figure of St. George and the Dragon. The ribbon is of black and yellow stripes alternately. The fifth class has a silver cross similar in design to the above, but without any enamel. The star is of silver gilt in the form of a diamond. In the centre, which is of red enamel, is the monogram "S.G.," surrounded by a blue enamelled ring, bearing a Russian inscription.

The Russian Order of St. Stanislaus was founded May 7, 1785 by Stanislaus Augustine Peniatowsky, to procure friends and adherents to his throne. He placed it under the patronage of St. Stanislaus, the patron saint of his country, as also of his own name.

The number of knights was fixed at 100, exclusive of foreigners. The badge was a red enamelled cross, attached to a poppy red ribbon with white borders, worn across the right shoulder towards the left side. The middle of the cross rested upon the Polish White Eagle, and on the obverse appeared a representation of the patron saint of the Order, clad in the episcopal ornaments, with the initials "S.S." at the side, while the reverse showed the initials of the King. The star which the knights wore on the left side of the breast was of silver, and exhibited in the middle the red initials of the King twisted round a lance, and in the red ring with golden edges, the legend "Præstantio Inctus" (Encouraged by reward).

### ORDER OF LEOPOLD.

The Belgian Order of Leopold was instituted in 1832 and is divided into five classes. It consists of a white enamelled cross with branches of oak and laurel between the points, surmounted by a royal crown. The Military Orders have two crossed swords placed under the cross, are the arms of the kingdom, on black enamel, surrounded by a red circle, on which is the motto of the order "L'Union Fait la Force." On the reverse is the cypher of the King, in a monogram on a black ground, within a red and two small gold circles. The ribbon is of crimson watered silk. The star is of silver, with a gold lion on a black enamelled ground, surrounded by the motto. There are two crossed swords between the points of the star.

A SERBIAN ORDER.

The Serbian Order of Takova was instituted in 1865 by Prince Michael and revised in 1878 by Prince Milan I. It was inaugurated to recompense services rendered in the cause of independence and emancipation, and has five classes, grand cross, grand officer, commander, officer and chevalier.

The decoration is in the shape of a Maltese cross enamelled white, in the centre of which is the letter "M" surmounted by a crown, and below the number "IV," surrounded by a blue enamelled circle, bearing a Serbian inscription and a wreath of leaves. When the cross is awarded for military services crossed swords appear between the arms of the cross. The whole is suspended by a crown, the ribbon being red with white and blue edges.

### THE IRON CROSS.

The German Order of the Iron Cross, of which so much has been heard in this war, was instituted March 10, 1913, by Frederick William III, for peculiar military or civil distinction in the war then being carried on. The possessors of the decoration are, with the exception of the Knights of the Iron Cross, divided into two classes, though the cross is of the same form and character in both, being composed of cast iron with silver mounting and bearing no inscription on the reverse. The upper wing of the obverse contains the initial "F. W." with a crown, while the middle is adorned with three oak leaves, below which is seen the cypher "1813." It is worn at the button-hole, suspended either by a black ribbon with white borders, when given as a reward for military distinction, or by a white ribbon with black borders when presented for civil merit in that war of liberty. The first class wears besides on the left breast, instead of a star, a similar cross. The decoration of the Grand Cross is double the size of the former and is worn round the neck by a black ribbon, with white borders.

The Iron Cross which had been conferred in considerable numbers in this war bears the initial "W" and the date "1914," but in other respects is similar to the decoration already described.

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LONDON, Nov. 26.—Details arrived to-day of the great battle in September in which the British Indian army turned the strong Turkish position at Kut-el-Amara, on the River Tigris, to which point the British force that recently got so near to Bagdad has now fallen back.

They are contained in a letter from an officer, who writes:

"The position was the strongest the Turks have ever held in Mesopotamia. Here the river flows almost from west to east in one of its innumerable bends. The position, with a front of four miles and a half, lay across it at right angles to the river. "One-third of the position was held by one division of Turks, extended on the right (south bank), from desert to river. Another third on the north bank (left) extended from the river to a small horseshoe-shaped marsh. This was the central position. The remaining one-third extended north of a line from the horseshoe marsh across to the edge of a much larger marsh north of it.

Another Gallipoli.

"The whole plan was a Gallipoli, with trenches eight feet or ten feet deep and loopholed over best covers. There was a rabbit warren of communication roops. Dummy guns had been fixed to attract our fire and deceive our aeroplanes. Besides the wire entanglements there were deep

the central one-third of the enemy's position, drawing the Turkish fire as much as possible whilst our heavy land guns and naval 4.7's hammered their whole front.

"Meanwhile, the main body of our force was to do a flank march (on the night of September 27-28) and attack and carry at dawn the northern (left flank) one-third of the Turkish position, come into the river behind. Thus one hoped to catch and scupper the whole force and cut their line of retreat!

"To some extent this proved successful. The 18th brigade moved forward at dawn. We came under fire at 6 a.m., and remained under fire till 11 p.m. Creeping slowly forward, we arrived within 450 yards of their barbed wire by 3 p.m., and then dug ourselves in for the night of September 28-29.

"Our main body carried the northern position as scheduled by 9 a.m., taking seven guns and 1,200 prisoners. Then they advanced towards the Turks. As they did so, however, the Turks evacuated their right flank, south of the river, brought a whole division across the stream on a flying bridge, and threw a desperate counter-attack at our main body in an effort to recapture their left flank. This counter-attack was beaten off. But fighting went on till sunset at 6 p.m., and our main body did not actually get as far as the river.

Turks Overshoot British.

"In the meantime we, in one brigade, lay 450 yards in front of the Turks, waiting for them to be attacked in the rear. From 6 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. there was a furious battle raging everywhere. Over us passed a constant stream of shells bursting 700 or 800 yards behind us in the desert. The night scene was truly gorgeous—a riot of flame and noise.

"I went to sleep, dead tired, in the middle of the night. At 5.45 a.m. on September 29 I awoke and found the countryside bathed in peace, sunshine flaming in the east, birds singing, and not even a rifle going off.

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"We are now following up a defeated though not a routed force. But if you can imagine one man fol-

lowing another, both up to their necks in marsh, you will get a good idea of the position."

## Ochre Pit Cove Loyal to Union

Appreciates Coaker's Work on Behalf of Fishermen Toilers--Union Candidates Elected to New Road Board by Sweeping Majorities

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I now ask space to insert a few remarks concerning Union affairs here. Probably some of our Union friends are wondering if there is any Union Council at Ochre Pit Cove, and for their information I wish to say our Council is as strong now as ever since its organization, both in our point of numbers and a lively interest in everything that pertains to the Union, and heartily appreciates and endorses our worthy President's efforts in struggling to secure for the fisherman and the working class in general of our Island home a square show.

The great European struggle has had the effect of diminishing our numbers, and five of our young members have answered the call of the Motherland and are now serving with the colours, some in the concentration camps in Scotland and others in the Dardanelles.

Although very seldom heard from through the press, we are none the less good unionists and for so small a place I doubt very much if you could find a stronger council in this Island.

We realize the good the F.P.U. has done for the fishermen since its inception, and particularly those of us that prosecute the Labrador fishery, and we firmly believe that were it not for President Coaker and the F. P. U. we would not have received more than \$3.60 or \$4.00 at the most for our fish this past summer.

A meeting for the election of a road board for Western Bay and outlying settlements was held at the latter place on the 16th inst. After a resolution that the Board consist of five members was unanimously adopted, in which the strength of the Union was apparent, the nomination of candidates took place, the Union putting up five men and the other party eleven. The result was a grand victory for the Union, as our five men were elected with a sweeping majority, the highest vote being eighty-nine.

The members elected for the board are Albert Tuff, Jonathan Sellers, George Kennel, Wm. J. Whalen and James M. Crowley. Thanking you in anticipation of space—I am, etc.

CORRESPONDENT:

Ochre Pit Cove,  
Bay de Verde District,  
December 20th, 1915.

## BUTTER RIOTS IN COLOGNE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Twenty-six women were injured in butter riots at Cologne on Monday, according to an Exchange Telegram Company despatch from Amsterdam.

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## Shortage of Coal in France

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Demand for American coal by the French Government is becoming so urgent, and the shortage of steamships for its transportation so acute, that coal dealers here say France may be compelled before long to establish a Government fleet of steamers to obtain an adequate supply of fuel. Ordinarily, they say, France consumes 60,000,000 tons of coal a year, about half of which she has hitherto obtained from Germany, Belgium, and Britain. Reports that France now needs 25,000,000 tons from this country to fulfill her annual

requirements are said by local dealers to be exaggerated, but they assert that the French requirements are far beyond any amount which this country has ever before been called upon to supply to any one nation.

With the great advance in trans-Atlantic freight rates and the difficulty in obtaining steamers for shipment of supplies, American exporters are suggesting to the French Government that its only safe course would be to purchase steamships or to take them on long-time charters for coal traffic.

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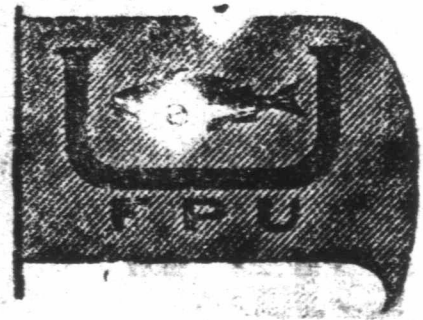
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**Britain's Greatest Statesman**

THE Anglo-Saxon world was aroused to a true sense of the colossal world struggle which will make or break Britain, by the masterful speech of Lloyd-George delivered Xmas morning to thousands of skilled workers at Glasgow. His burning words will for ever live. That Britain's first statesman had to face such a meeting on such a day to discuss such a subject will for ever immortalize Lloyd-George's name.

The question is: what is about to happen in Britain when such a speech from such a man has become necessary during the Nation's life and death struggle for existence? If it means anything it means that within a few days or weeks Lloyd-George will be proclaimed Premier of Britain, and thereby become the dictator that serious men for months has been expecting to arise in England in order to bring this war to a successful finish.

Mr. Coaker was not far astray in his statement made just two months ago at Bonavista when he expressed the opinion that great political changes must take place in England before the war ended. He asserted that Britain would do her best only under the guidance of a dictator, and that in his opinion that dictator must soon present himself and conscription would surely follow.

Mr. Coaker at that meeting expressed the opinion that at such a national crisis conscription was justified, and if necessary, he was prepared to support such a measure if the Empire's needs demanded our all to humble Germany.

It looks as if Lloyd-George is the fearless and only able statesman competent to bring out the best in Britons, and finish the war in favor of the Allied cause. The next few weeks will prove momentous for our Empire, for it must be now or never. Unless we beat the Germans during the coming spring and summer, Britain will never recover from the effects of this war.

We can beat the Germans, but it will take a stronger man than Asquith to enforce laws necessary to bring out the best in Britons and overcome the timid one who are afraid to tell the truth and call upon the Nation to make the necessary sacrifices. The last million men that can be placed in

France and the last \$100,000,000 will likely have the deciding of this great struggle; and if it necessitates conscription throughout the Empire, or if it demands our last dollar, such action must be acceptable and bravely faced. The war is not over, and our last sacrifice has not been made. Darker days than any must yet be faced, but they will be the darkness that precedes the dawn.

**We Should be Optimistic**

SIDNEY WEBB, in a recent lecture at Covent Garden, under the auspices of the Fabian Society says that, making full allowance for changes which had taken place in some theatres of war, the preparedness of Germany at its beginning, and the unpreparedness of the Allies, there was no just cause for any change in the spirit of hopeless that early in the war characterised the majority of the people. He was prepared to say that nobody twelve months ago would even have thought possible so far as munitions of war and their armies in the field were concerned. Then we should be in such a position, when opportunity was given, as would be one of the deciding factors in bringing about the satisfactory result which all desired.

But this result could only be achieved by maintaining the spirit of unity and hopefulness which would keep us from pessimism. The wave of Criticism which had resulted from the unsettled spirit had assumed dangerous proportions, and, strong as he had always been in advocating liberty of speech and a free Press, he thought there were limits of toleration, and that those limits had been violated in some directions. Particularly he thought had this criticism been levelled unfairly against Mr. Asquith and other leading members of the Government.

**Germany's Ten Commandments**

THE blasphemous Hun does not scruple to travesty the most sacred things. This is in keeping with the "Meinself und Gott" policy of the unspeakable Wilhelm who has set the pace for his subjects. The latest exhibition is the following, published broadcast throughout Germany for the encouragement of actual or potential subscribers to the third war loan:

1. Thou shalt let no day pass without reflecting that money is needed to carry on the war.
2. Thou shalt not forget that thy brothers in the field, who are shedding their blood for thee, have the right to demand that thou shalt make the victory easy.
3. Thou shalt constantly remember that victory can only be won if the State be freed from all pecuniary anxiety.
4. Thou shalt bear in mind that the duty to pay is the lightest sacrifice called for by the war.
5. Thou shalt be thankful that the State offers thee in return for thy money so valuable a consideration as the 5 per cent. war loan.
6. Thou shalt bear in mind that a 5 per cent. bond of the German Empire represents a rare opportunity, for the like of which, thou shalt have to pay a much higher price later than during the period ending on September 22.
7. Thou shalt appreciate the fact that with the German Empire as debtor the security of the war loan is guaranteed, and that there is no stronger guarantee in existence.
8. Thou shalt preserve the conviction that the power of the Empire and its economic strength form the unshakable foundations of its credit.
9. Thou shalt make thy resolve easier by the certain knowledge that in subscribing to the new war loan thou art not compelled to hand over any ready money.
10. Thou shalt leave thy money at the Post Office, or with some de-

posit or savings bank, earmarked for the war loan, and shalt thereby discover how simple a process it is made for every German to have his share in the subscription. This is really monstrous, and it is further evidence, if such be needed, that the Kaiser has forgotten the very rudiments of Christian belief. Nothing seemingly is held sacred; so we must not wonder that treaties are regarded as "scraps of paper." This Teuton policy seems to characteristic of Wilhelm's brother-in-law, the King of Greece who has been apparently an apt pupil of the Devasator of Belgium and Serbia.

**Bonavista Road Board**  
BONAVISTA also elected a Union Road Board by a sweeping majority. The new Road Board consists of Rich. Abbott, Ar. Sexton, Geo. White, Robert Etsell and John Sexton. All the towns situated north of St. John's where the Union is established elected Union Road Boards by a vote of 3 to 1. Well done Bonavista!

**The Latest Peril**

THE Kaiser has made no secret of his intentions of menacing British supremacy in India, and recent events have awakened British statesmen to the gravity of the situation. The peril to British India resulting in the economic invasion of Mesopotamia has even been discussed in the House of Commons. Many vigorous appeals have been uttered by prominent leaders to take steps to arrest Teuton activity in this district. It is no secret that the British Government has kept a very close watch on German activities in Mesopotamia of late years. The possession of the region means eventually the possession of Persia, and this would not be a pleasing prospect for Britisners to contemplate should Germany succeed in her aims.

For years Mesopotamia has been flooded with German agriculturists and settlers, put there by German funds with the help of Turkey. The whole aim has been to Germanize this part of Asia Minor, and the effort has been large successful. To-day there are many hundreds of embryo German settlements in the country where the British army is now compelled to fight. The British army has reached Ctesiphon, about ten miles from Bagdad whence it was forced to retire. Should the Teuton-Turkish forces oust the British from their posts it means the opening of route to India. A well-equipped army with proper river transportation could navigate the Tigris to the Persian Gulf. The remainder of an invasion of India would of course be by a water route. Of course the scheme is a big one; but it must not be forgotten that the Bagdad Railway was originally a British project designed to open up Asia Minor and Mesopotamia, linking the head of the Persian Gulf with the Mediterranean and the shores of the Bosphorus, and creating a faster route to India than by the Suez Canal. When German influence supplanted Brit-

**Notes From Port-de-Grave**

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—We have had the biggest fall of snow for the season to-day. So much so that Mr. A. Muford had to travel on foot and leave his horse behind when he went for our mail. A real touch of winter, with snow in piles.

Friends George Bussey and Ben. French came from Bell Island yesterday with a trap boat load of coals and moored the boat on the collar. Fancy their surprise upon looking out this morning to find their boat, coals and all, gone to the bottom. After some considerable difficulty and hard work, they managed, with the help of kind friends, to pull her to the shore and bail her out, and saved nearly all the coal, as well as the boat, which belonged to Friend Arch. Bussey.

Owing to the approach of the Christmas season, the stores are getting quite busy. Yesterday Mr. Eb. Hampton and his motor boat was kept quite busy, bringing flour and butter from Clarke's Beach and certainly did good work.

The Rev. Mr. Severn, who spent about eight years with the good people of Port de Grave, has been transferred to salmon Cove. He is missed considerably by his flock, teachers and friends. We wish him and family every happiness in their new home. The man of the parish to which he went came down with about 30 horses and sleighs and took his household furniture, and all he had at the same time.

The Methodist held their annual Missionary meeting here quite recently. The speakers were the Rev. Mr. Goukrodger and Rev. Mr. Pitt. Both gave very fine addresses and we learn that the collection was considerably in advance of last year. The teacher—Miss N. G. Norman, presided at the organ and the choir came forward with some special singing to help on this occasion.

The Christmas Number of the Mail and Advocate was well received here. Our Friends were delighted with it and we congratulate the Union on having such an up-to-date paper. It is read by everyone here—friends and enemies. The Mail and Advocate is certainly the Tollers' Paper.

Wishing the Advocate every prosperity the coming season and all its readers a Happy Christmas.

Port de Grave,  
Dec. 22, 1915.

ish at the Porte the first indication of the change was the turning over to Berlin of the Bagdad railway. Germany believed, first, that once the road was constructed she would be in a position to threaten British commerce with India: the new route would be a much speedier and more convenient one from India than any possessed by Britain. In the second place Germany always was convinced that any armed attack on India from Europe would have to be made by way of the valleys of the Euphrates and the Tigris then via the Gulf of Persia. That part of India at the Gulf is considered the most vulnerable spot in the British Empire in the Orient.

The Pathfinder:—Norwegian whalers report that the mines, torpedoes and shells in the North sea have driven whales in schools to the waters farther north. The past season's catch was a success-

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

December 28

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY.

Governor Hamilton arrived, 1872.

Lord Macaulay died, 1859.

James Murphy, jr., Catalina, died, 1873.

Randall Greene, draper, died, 1879.

A man named Houlihan lost in a snowstorm on Torbay road, 1876.

The Tay Bridge disaster, 1879.

"Billy" Fitzsimmons died, 1883.

Masonic Temple, Harvey Road, dedicated, 1885.

Rev. William Forristal ordained by Bishop Fleming, 1844.

Allan Barnes died, 1888.

Fire at N. Worsley's, Water-st., 1891.

Capt. Percy, of brig. Maggie, died from effects of falling overboard at Sydney, 1895.

Frank Boggan, chief of fire brigade, died, 1882.

Munitions Overtaken the Men

London Times:—The progress in the production of munitions has been so rapid of late through accumulation of effort and acceleration of output and the huge prospective schemes have advanced so far towards realization, that all our available manhood should be enrolled now if they are to be ready in time to make full use of the armament already in sight. The munitions are overtaking the men, and when once they do they will not stop. Our industrial resources are at all times superior to those of the enemy, when they are brought fully to bear, whatever statisticians and German professors may say. And we tapped a new and unlimited spring of energy for the production of certain munitions in the women workers who are impressing all observers by their astonishing capacity and industry. It is an inspiring spectacle—this double manifestation of renewed national vigour in the supply of both men and munitions after fifteen months of war. "Bad starters but mighty good finishers" is the verdict of the American observer mentioned above. Let us return the compliment by recognizing that it is "up to us" to prove him right.

ful one. One of the big whaling companies distributed a dividend of 25 per cent among its shareholders. Norwegian whale oil refineries and other industries of course have shared in the whalers' prosperity.

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**STEER BROTHERS**

**Green Bay Freight Service**

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—Kindly allow me space to make a few remarks re the way that people are treated under the Reid-Morris reign with freight and steamer arrangements. Its an outrage to civilization at this time of the year to have to wait three weeks after shipping goods at St. John's before one can get it delivered. Isn't it surprising that people can be so easily fooled and coddled? We can well remember the extension of railways that the Morris gang preached to us and the good things that were going to happen, surely we are reaping what we sowed when we were foolish enough to listen to such clap-trap. Is it any wonder that freight is piled up in many places in the country, and people are driven to extreme measures waiting for the Reids to perform their obligations to the people. But, hush, you must not say a word, or you will run the risk of being called a stormy petrel or have certain individuals poking around petitions for the signatures of the elect. Oh, for the day when we will have public spirit enough to come out and demand our rights. What a state of affairs to have to wait four weeks to get a few things over the roads. Surely everyone will help to give the Reids the monopoly when the next chance offers?—Go head, Mr. Conker, the public will help you to get a square deal. Thanking you for space,—I am,  
ONE INTERESTED,  
Lewisporte Dec. 15, 1915.

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**Where \$250.00 Was Squandered By Morris in the 1913 Campaign**

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—A visit from Aunt Jane this way annually may not be out of place. We hear ever and anon about a great war raging over in Europe and we hear a lot about patriotism and the Women's Patriotic Association, that the casual observer would think that everyone was sincere in their appeal try try and raise money and help our soldiers and sailors. And then our poor Government is taxing up our tea, molasses and all our provisions and groceries in order to make up the deficit in the revenue. Permit me to suggest through your columns how the few men of our Hon. Government might get, say 10 per cent. of the \$250 that was given in the Fall of the General Elections to a heeler at Moreton's Hr. to build a Government or public wharf at Black Island Tickle.  
Now, Mr. Editor, let me presume that the Government made that grant bona fide, even though we did not present a petition for it. But, sir, surely after more than two years we ought to see the wharf completed. I suppose the contract did not call for a concrete pier and we wish to let the public and the Government also know that every line of steamers don't call here, especially those of the fast class, viz. the line that the S.S. Petrel belong to, though an occasional motor boat happens to drop in here. Just recently one came here to land some passengers, and the first question of enquiry was: Where's your \$250 Government wharf to? but the heeler was not present and after some jests and we were reluctant to point to some 60 or 70 sticks rotting on a bank the only memorial of our anticipated Government wharf. Now I suggest it is high time to make war on those few sticks and have them shaped into a wharf, but we hear the "tree-nails" are over to Chancé Hr. and some even have reached the heeler's home at Moreton's Hr.—pretty well scattered, eh.  
The most ludicrous thing about it, we hear, the money is all spent before one stick is fastened together. Should not this call for a rigid investigation on the part of the Government. Our representative must insist on it or the appeal of patriotism becomes a farce and a mockery.  
My suggestion to the Government to realize 10 per cent. on their investment of \$250 is that there should be a public sale of those sticks at once before they get so rotten on the bank that no person will bid for them. To-day there are several people who would buy them for building purposes even though they are small, at any rate it would be a little help to contribute to clothe our Navy and Army boys.—I am, etc.  
SKPEED.  
Black Island Tickle,  
via Exploits, Dec. 10, 1915.

**Wants a Chance in Civic Matters**

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—In reading your paper a few evenings ago I was pleased to note the way you struck the right note, and Sir, I think that unless you or some other city editor calls for a meeting of citizens, St. John's will be a city that only a few such as Gosling and his tribe will be able to live in. If I am not misinformed, there is a draft from the clerk about to be presented to the Government which deals with taxation which will prohibit a poor man from building a home for himself. This should not be sprung on the public without been well ventilated.  
Take one look at the City Commissioners and who are they. Gosing from the South, where and when did he drift in here. Anderson, Ayre, McNamara, Morris, McGrath. I was passing along a certain street a few nights ago when I saw a woman with a pail of water; evidently she was a new tenant in that tract, as she asked another woman where she would throw dirty water, and was told to throw it into one of them 'Bradshaws' let into the sidewalk. I saw she emptied it into one of the Catch Pots which adorn some of our streets. Well, if they are called 'Bradshaws' why not have it painted on them, it sounds better than catch pots.  
Now, Sir, I think it is time that the public call halt and see that this gang be prohibited from spending any further money till a new Council is elected by the people and not by Ned Morris. I would like to ask, Sir, have they the power to spend large sums on such useless trappings as that new covering on Duckworth Street which is a cod.  
Yours truly,  
TAXPAYER.  
St. John's Dec. 24, 1915.

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—We have elected a new "crew" for 1916 as follows:—  
S. E. Mencer, chairman;  
Fer. Hancock, deputy chairman.  
Hr. Norman, secretary;  
Geo. Cane, treasurer;  
Wm. Heanley, door guard;  
Josiah Noseworthy, outside guard.  
S. E. MERCER.  
Bay Roberts, Dec. 22, 1915.

**From Our Naval Boys**

H. M. S. Hazel, Dardanelles, 1270 G.P.O. London, Sunday, Nov. 7, 1915.

My Dear Father—With pleasure I now write you these few lines to let you know that I am well. As for news I have little. The war is still raging, I don't know when it will be over. I am tired of this racket now, but I suppose we have to be satisfied knowing it for a good cause. We are here to keep the old flag flying but we have a long way to go yet before this war is over.

We were in action on the 21st of October bombarding the Bulgarian coast, it was a clever sight. I didn't think last October I would be over here this year, but a fellow can't tell his luck. Nevertheless we are not down-hearted yet. How did the boys do with the fish this summer?

I would like to be home this winter, you know a fellow that is used to what I am, this racket don't suit; but I suppose I will get back to the old job again after a while. Some of our soldiers from Newfoundland are out here fighting in the Dardanelles. No doubt they will see something they won't forget.

I suppose by now there is lots of snow and frost around home. Its a bit cold out here by night, but not as cold as it would be home, but we don't mind the cold as long as we gain the victory, its no mistake it will be a glorious day when this war is ended.

When you write tell me all the news about everything and about the price of fish and provisions. I heard that fish was a good price and I know the "grub" is just as dear. I suppose its all owing to this great war. When you write tell me what Pike was doing this summer. I suppose he was running the schooner again. By the time you get this all the people will be getting ready for Christmas. I was around home myself last Xmas but I am far from it now and many others beside me but I hope before another comes the war will be over and will all be sailing back to dear old Newfoundland again. Its no mistake it will be a happy day with a lot of us when this terrible war is over.

Don't work too hard, take care of yourself. Give my love and best wishes to mother and all the friends. So I must close now wishing you all good bye and God bless you all from your loving son.

MOSES.  
[The writer of the above letter is a son of John and Elizabeth Matthews of Summersville, N.D.B.]

**NEW CHELSEA COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Our annual meeting was held recently. The officers elected are as follows:—  
Chairman—Archibald Harris.  
Deputy Chairman—Jesse Buckler.  
Rec. Sec'y—Duncan Bailey.  
F. Sec.—Isaac Belben.  
Treasurer—William J. Harris.  
Door Guard—Naham Pynn.  
Yours truly,  
ARCH HARRIS,  
Chairman.  
New Chelsea, Dec. 20, 1915.

**ST. BRENDAN'S COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—On the 15th. Dec. we held our annual meeting and the following members were re-elected for the ensuing year:  
Chairman—John Fennell.  
Deputy Chairman—Denis Hynes.  
Secretary—Herbert Hynes.  
Treasurer—Thos. Hynes.  
Go ahead Mr. Conker and give none of our enemies any side. We are at your back, come what may. We are a strong little bunch of union men and we intend to uphold what is right and to give every man his own.  
JOHN FENNELL,  
Chairman.  
HERBERT HYNES,  
Secretary.  
St. Brendan's B.B.  
Dec. 20, 1915.

**KING'S COVE UNIONISTS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—I wish to inform you we held our annual meeting on Nov. 20, and the following officers were elected for the coming year:  
Chairman—Walter Brown.  
Deputy—Leo Sullivan.  
Secretary—Joseph Curtis.  
Treasurer—James Brown (of Jno.)  
Guard—John Monks.  
Yours truly,  
W. B.  
King's Cove, B.B., Dec. 20, 1915.

**Resolutions of Sympathy**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—I am directed by "St. James' Branch No. 1," Carbonear, of "The Church of England Assistant Association of Newfoundland" to forward you the following resolutions adopted by them and which speak for themselves, also the list of officers appointed for the ensuing year at the recent annual meeting.  
Thanking you in anticipation.  
I have the honour to be,  
Yours fraternally,  
M. J. HAWKER,  
Hon. Secretary.

**Resolutions.**  
WHEREAS we have learned of the decease of our brother, Private Josiah Squibb, killed in action, Oct. 19th., at Suvia Bay, Gallipoli Peninsula.  
BE IT RESOLVED, that we place on record in our minutes our deep sorrow at the loss of our brother. That we record the fact that he was the first in Carbonear to enlist in the First Newfoundland Regiment, and also the first in Carbonear to make the sacrifice of his life for his King and Country. That a letter of sympathy be forwarded to his father and family. That these resolutions be forwarded to the papers for publication.

**Officers, 1915-16.**  
S. Russell, president; G. Pike, V.P.; M. J. Hawker, Hon. Secretary; W. Pike, Treasurer; M. Barle, Chairman; W. Thoms, inside toiler; G. Bennett, outside toiler; Bros. W. Earle, T. Smith, J. Tucker, Committee; M. J. Hawker, Delegate, S.C.; Auditors, T. Marks; W. Earle.  
Carbonear, Dec. 21, 1915.

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### SAILOR DROWNED AT THE FURNESS WITHY PIER

John Edwards, Native of County Wexford, Ireland, Falls Over Pier While Boarding Steamer and is Drowned

A sad drowning accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the Furness Withy pier, Hoylstown, the victim being a man named John Edwards, a member of the crew of the S.S. Antillian. The man who had been ashore for a while in the afternoon with some others was returning to the ship and was going up the gangway when about half way up he slipped on the steps which were partly covered with ice. He fell into the water and in his descent struck the side of the pier, receiving the blow on his head.

Men about ran to his aid and in a couple of minutes the unfortunate was taken from the water and borne into the Furness Withy sheds where he received "first aid" while the ship's doctor arrived, as well as Dr. Borden who was also called and was quickly on the scene. Both tried to induce respiration by artificial means for upwards of an hour but without avail.

Though a fine swimmer the man after going into the water made no effort to swim and it is thought that the effect of the blow rendered him unconscious. Bosom McCarthy clambered down and grasped and held the man when he went into the water until others about drew him out.

Edwards was a single man, aged 34, and was a native of County Wexford, Ireland.

The body was removed to the morgue last evening when a post mortem was held, the captain of the ship and others being examined.

### ST. JOHN'S LODGE INSTALLATION

Last night the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect of St. John's Lodge, No. 579, R.E., A.F. & A.M., and the investiture of the officers took place in the Masonic Temple, District G.M. Worshipful Bro. J. A. Cliff, presided and performed the ceremony, assisted by the Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Jas. Stott and the District Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. J. Edgar. Owing to illness, Wor. Bro. Chas. R. Duder, the District Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution, was unable to be present, but his place was ably taken by the Deputy District Grand Master, R.S. Wor. Bro. Tasker Cook, and the District Grand Secretary, Bro. H. E. Cowan, who also participated in the ceremony. The new officers are:

- W.M.—Bro. F. E. Rendell.
- I.P.M.—Bro. Hon. R. A. Squires.
- S.W.—Bro. Gower Rabbits.
- J.W.—Bro. Randell Jeans.
- Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Canon Smith.
- Treasurer—Bro. R. Wright.
- Secretary—Bro. John Jeans.
- S.D.—Bro. W. G. Currie.
- J.D.—Bro. J. Winsor.
- D. of C.—Bro. Dr. C. Macpherson.
- I.G.—Bro. W. F. Parsons.
- Stewards—Bros. T. Ellis and E. Pinst.
- Tyler—Bro. G. Morris.

### DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS

Sister Mary Magdalen Browne died at St. Joseph's Convent, Carbonara, at an early hour on Monday after a comparatively brief illness. Though up to the three score years and ten she enjoyed good health until seized with her fatal illness about two months ago.

She was the daughter of the late Capt. Patrick Browne of Carbonara, and entered the Convent of her native town 45 years ago. It will be for another pen to write the obituary of this saintly woman. She will be missed in her cloistered home, she will be mourned by many young men and women of all denominations, but especially by the Catholic youth of Carbonara for whom she was ever a guide and an inspiration.

The deceased lady leaves a number of relatives: a niece, Sister M. Clare, in Carbonara Convent; the Rev. John P. MacKey, of St. Brendan's, Bonavista Bay, is a nephew; as is also the Rev. P. W. Browne. Requisition in Pace.

INFORMATION IS ASKED OF the whereabouts of MISS ANNE MAINE, Heir to Maine's Estate, Harbor Grace, by a person who would like to get her address for the purpose of buying out the Estate.—dec27,31

### SHIPPING

The S.S. Portia left Curling this morning.

The schr. Catherine T. Mills sailed yesterday for Bahia taking 4320 qtls. codfish shipped by Bowring Bros.

The schr. Winifred arrived here Sunday after a run of 36 days from Lisbon, salt laden.

The S.S. Prospero left Seldom at 9.15 a.m. and is due here tomorrow afternoon.

The S.S. Fogota left Greenspond at p.m. and is due here at 8 p.m. today.

The S.S. D. A. Gordon is now at Lewisporte laden with coal from Louisburg for the Reid Nfld. Co.

The brigtn. Olinda, Capt. Courtney, arrived at Pernambuco Xmas Day, after the quick run of 26 days.

The schr. Success, Capt. Churchill, which went to Bahia with codfish from James Baird Ltd. is now out 26 days and no doubt will soon arrive here.

The S.S. Stephano arrived at Halifax at 7 p.m. Sunday, after a run of 42 hours, and should leave New York Saturday next on the return voyage.

The barqtn. St. Michael, one of the fleet of French vessels which arrived here during the fall, sailed yesterday for Oporto with a full cargo of codfish shipped by the Smith Co. Ltd.

The schr. Ethel B. Clarke which was reported missing, and the Minnie J. Smith are safe. The 'Clarke' arrived at Carbonara Thursday night and the 'Smith' it is pretty certain, is in Seal Bay near Twillingate.

Only one schooner, has loaded herring this season in Placentia Bay. Metamora, Capt. John Lewis, herring being very scarce there. One other schooner is now in the Bay and should leave during the week.

The S. S. W. gale with heavy rain which was experienced here Sunday night and yesterday morning also prevailed along the railway. It was stormy yesterday with rain at Placentia on the West Coast.

The S.S. Susu arrived here Friday from Tilt Cove with a full cargo of herring which she discharged at Bishop & Sons. She sailed for ports in Green Bay last evening to return with freight and passengers.

The S.S. Coban which parted her chains yesterday and went ashore at Placentia has had her stern port damaged but as far as can be learned is making no water. The Reid Nfld. Co. to-day say the S.S. Argyle is still standing by her and it is hoped to get the ship off the rocks to-day with the minimum of damage.

Two patients for the Lunatic Asylum, a male and a female will arrive here by the Prospero from Twillingate.

### S.S. COBAN ASHORE AT PLACENTIA

Black Diamond Liner Forced Ashore on Back of Beach—May Become a Total Wreck—Had a Cargo Coal For Reid Nfld. Co.

Last evening messages were received from Placentia by the Minister of Justice, Inspector General Sullivan and others saying that the Black Diamond Line S.S. Coban, Capt. McPhail, had gone ashore at the back of the Beach, Placentia, near the leading light. Mr. W. J. Walsh, M.H.A., wired the following:—

"Coban burst her chains and went ashore on back of beach near the leading light; if wind continues from westward and blows hard, the steamer will likely become a total wreck. Captain and crew still on board. Men and boats on the beach watching to-night; sea running high; no danger to crew just now."

The S.S. Argyle was promptly on the scene to render aid when necessary and the belief expressed last night was that when the weather moderate the Argyle would tow her off easily. The Coban was discharging coal for the Reid Nfld. Co. at Placentia. All last night the Argyle lay inside the Gut and the wind blew with hurricane force so that nothing could be done for the stranded ship and the crew had to remain on her all night.

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### NASCOPIE'S CREW HERE.

Capt. Meikle, late master of the Nascope, Chief Officer Turner, Second Officer W. D. Lane and 23 others, reached town by Saturday's express. The Nascope left here on Nov. 2nd with a cargo of codfish for Mediterranean ports and made a splendid run across, reaching Alicante in nine days. From there she proceeded to Naples to finish discharging and after a delay of three days, left on Nov. 26th for Gibraltar. The "Rock" was reached in three days and after a short stop for bunker the ship continued on to Swansea arriving there on Dec. 6th. The crew were paid off there and the ship was taken over by the Hudson Bay Co., went in dock to be cleaned up. She had a "three pounder" mounted on a platform erected over the wheel box at the stern and has since passed under control of the Russian Government.

Chief Engineer Ledingham and Second Engineer Black remained on the ship, but the other members of the crew returned with Capt. Meikle crossing to St. John, N.B., by the Pretorian and thence coming here via North Sydney and rail.

### LOCAL ITEMS

All the volunteers who had been on leave for the Christmas returned to duty to-day.

Mr. James Ryan of 20 Plank Road picked up a purse with a small sum of money and would be glad to return it to the owner.

Mr. Isaac Squires, Salvage, is selling the schr. Dorothy B., about 85 tons. Anyone wanting a schooner might write Mr. Squire.

This evening the members of the Holy Name Society will hold a concert in the Aula Maxima and a pleasant time is assured all who attend.

The men on the Calypso had a good time Christmas Day, were given an excellent dinner and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A boy of 5 years old of Water St. West, a man aged 23 of Pennywell Road, and a boy of Cumming's Street, all ill of diphtheria were taken to Hospital Xmas Day.

The past week or so the Home reports the weather in the Straits of Belle Isle has been very frosty and the glass sometimes dropped to the zero mark.

Work at the Bell Island mines with both companies will be resumed after the New Year when the miners have returned from their Christmas visit to their homes. Work will go on during the winter with more than ordinary vigour, so that large stockpiles will be ready when the spring exporting season begins.

In the B. I. S. rooms to-night a celebration will be held and a concert to honour the heroism of Lieut. James Donnelly, a member of the society and the hero of Caribou Hill, Gallipoli. Patriotic speeches, songs and toasts will enable all who attend to spend a pleasant night.

A meeting of the Rhodes Scholarship Committee was held yesterday morning when Mr. Malcolm Hollett, B.A. of Burn, was selected as the Rhodes Scholar from Newfoundland for 1916. Mr. Hollett is a native of Burn and was educated at the Methodist College here and at Mount Allison University of Sackville, N.S. The Committee consisted of the following—His Excellency the Governor presiding, Sir Wm. Horwood, J. M. Kent, M.H.A., Hon. R. K. Bishop, Rev. Dr. Curtis, A. J. Harvey, Geo. Shea, C. P. Ayre, Dr. V. P. Burke, Hon. Sec. The Mail and Advocate extends congratulations to Mr. Hollett.

Come to-night at 8 p.m. to The Grand Variety Entertainment in Aula Maxima (St. Bon's College). Admission 20c. dec28,11

### MR. ARNAUD DEAD

Messages were received in the city last night to the effect that the death had occurred at Bristol, England, of Mr. E. D. Arnaud, who for several years was Canadian Trade Commissioner at St. John's, Mrs. G. Winter, of this city, is a daughter of the deceased gentleman.

### FOREIGN SEAMEN MAKES MATTERS LIVELY

The Furness Withy Pier Was the Scene Yesterday of a Small Battle—Seamen Run Amuck and Several Are Badly Wounded

Yesterday some of the seamen on a large ship now in port were ashore for some hours and after "lickering up" returned on board and let themselves loose, giving the Captain and officers as well as the police, infinite trouble. The men are a wild lot with the drink in them and after getting on board the ship free fights occurred between them; knives, belaying pins, marlinspikes and other weapons were used and blood flowed freely, several men being wounded, some severely.

The various fights which endured some time in each case had to be quelled by the officers, assisted by a strong force of police, and the ship's surgeon was kept busy sewing and bandaging the wounds received. Some of the men were arrested but were let out this morning to go to sea on the ship.

### MORE DIPHTHERIA

Yesterday a boy and girl in a house on LeMarchant Road were stricken with diphtheria. A boy at Hamilton Street also became ill of it. All three will be nursed at home. Last night a boy aged 14 years of Scott Street was stricken with it and was removed to hospital.

### HELD AN ENQUIRY

Last night Mr. Hutchings, K.C., held a magisterial enquiry into the death of seaman John Edwards, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The captain, Mr. T. Kennedy, Dr. Burden and others were examined. To-day undertaker Carnell confined the remains and they were interred at Mount Carmel Cemetery at 3 p.m. As the ship had gone a number of men of Irish extraction got together and the unfortunate man had a very respectable and largely attended funeral.

### A LARGELY ATTENDED FUNERAL

The funeral of the late John Henderson took place at 2.30 p.m. yesterday and was largely attended, people prominent in commercial and professional life predominating. Mr. A. Carnell acted as undertaker and the remains were enclosed in a beautiful casket. At the Cathedral the final absolution was imparted by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., assisted by Rev. Dr. Greene. Interment was at Belvedere Cemetery.

### POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., presided to-day. Five drunks were discharged and a drunk in for the 15th time was fined \$5 or 14 days. A disorderly who resisted arrest was fined \$2 or 7 days and two disorderly in their own homes were released on signing bonds to keep the peace.

### St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital Fund

THE NEWFOUNDLAND BEDS.

Catalina, \$226.27; Little Catalina, \$25.35; Melrose, \$41.00, per J. G. Stone, M.H.A. .... 292.62  
Catalina: .....  
McCormack and Walsh ..... \$40 00  
J. G. Stone, Edward Howell, Stuart Courage, Peter Cole-Ridge, Mrs. Mary Joy, Benjamin Perry, F. C. Snelgrove, W. N. Snelgrove, J. P., Dr. A. P. McKay, each \$5.00  
Albert Lodge, G. J. Raymond, Sergt. S. White, Samuel Mifflin, Jr., Solomon Samson, Dougald White, W. B. B., Joseph Perry, Charles Snelgrove, each, \$2.00.  
Robert Randell, Boyde Hicks, each, \$1.50.  
John Hicks, Hubert Edwards, Mrs. Geo. Howell, Frederick Hartery, J. W. Clouter, Mrs. Wm. Haynes, Vincent Guy, Mark Guy, Charles Grainger, David Grainger, W. E. Woolgar, Victor Martin, Edward House, Stephen Jones, Mrs. Caleb Diamond, P. F. Ryan, Edward Humphries, Theo. Sheppard, Wm. Hunt, James White, Sr., A. Bugden, C. J. Norman, R. A. Hubby, Robert Courage, Peter Mason, Thos. Lodge, Jos. A. Lodge, Thos. E. Russell, John Diamond, Miss Susie Snelgrove, Edward Murphy, Abel Courage, Geo. Lodge, each \$1.00.  
L. O. A. per J. W. Clouter ..... 25 00  
St. Peter's Church Oratory ..... 3 45  
Sunday School Collection ..... 2 72  
Rev. G. S. Chamberlain ..... 2 00  
Small amounts ..... 52 94

Little Catalina:  
Jas. Johnson, Jas. Johnson, Sr., Silas Johnson, Mark Dalton, Geo. Dalton, Jos. Johnson, Az. Butler, each \$1.00.  
Wm. T. Johnson ..... 1 50  
Small amounts ..... 16 80

Melrose:  
Mrs. Richard Lane ..... \$2 00  
Philip Peters (John), Alex Peters, Thos. Doody (Richard), Thomas Doody (John), Richard Feehan, Jas. Humphries, John Humphries, Phil. Humphries, Wm. Humphries, Patrick Doody, Sr., Wm. Lane, Edward Lane, Daniel Walsh, Jas. Cotter, Timothy Mason, Nicholas Donovan, Michael Lane, Patrick Lane, John Daley, Richard Daley, Michael Daley, Callahan Scanlan, Martin Macker, Jr., each \$1.00.  
Richard Lane ..... 3 00  
Small amounts ..... 13 00

Total ..... \$15,834.67  
J. G. HIGGINS,  
Hon. Treasurer.

### A POLICE CRUSADE.

Yesterday the police on conducting a crusade against boys who are using the toy guns on the streets, several of the officers along Water Street captured a number of the lads, took their names and seized the guns, and their owners will be summoned. We think that if the boys are to blame there are others and those who sell such toys to lads should bear some of the blame.

### A PLEASING PRESENTATION

Mr. W. White, manager of the Newfoundland Clothing Co., was waited on by the employees of the Company, Christmas Eve night, and presented with a beautifully engrossed address and a handsome electric reading lamp. Mr. E. A. Chown, the assistant manager, made the presentation and read the address which was couched in most complimentary language. Mr. White, though taken by complete surprise, thanked all in a fluent speech which showed the kindly feeling prevailing between him and those working in the establishment.

### OPORTO MARKET.

This Week.  
Nfld. Stocks ..... 34,840 qtls.  
Consumption ..... 2,525 "  
Norwegian Stocks ..... 2,410 "  
Consumption ..... 765 "  
Last Week.  
Nfld. Stocks ..... 30,670 "  
Consumption ..... 4,450 "  
Norwegian Stocks ..... 3,170 "  
Consumption ..... 820 "

### ARM BROKEN WITH BULLET

Mr. Chas. W. Field, private in "Ours" at Gallipoli, recently wrote his father, Mr. Samuel Field of Prescott Street, from Windsor Hospital, saying that he had his right arm broken by a Turkish bullet which after passing through the arm entered his side and inflicted an ugly wound. He is now making favorable progress.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

583 Private Chesley J. Gough, Elliston, T.B.; Alexandria, Oct. 18; dysentery; arrived 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.  
JOHN R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

### In Memory of John Fitzgerald

On Dec. 19th the sad message reached the city containing the information of the death of Privates Bewey, Tibbs and Fitzgerald, three of Newfoundland's heroes.

Private Fitzgerald was one of our best known and up to within a month, of his enlisting worked as druggist in the employ of the late James J. Channing, which he held for 16 years. For the last two years he acted as sale-manager of the business. He then severed his connections and purchased a store of his own and imported a large assortment of drugs. When war was declared, John, like the rest of his brave companions answered the call to arms of his King and Country and enlisted in the Red X. under Dr. Macpherson, and went with the first contingent, "A" Company, under Dr. Wakefield.

When the Newfoundland Contingent were being sent to the famed Dardanelles he was chosen by Dr. Frew to go as druggist with the Regiment, and acting as doctor on the field he was appointed a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was a great favourite with the boys and several have given him the highest praise in their letters to their friends. He was an exemplary citizen, a good Catholic, a popular athlete, and a familiar figure in sporting circles and a prominent member of the Holy Name, as well as being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He leaves a heart-broken mother in this city, 2 brothers, Michael and James in Pittsburg, as well as a large circle of friends to mourn him. All of whom the writer tenders heartfelt sympathy, asking them in this, their hour of trial and sorrow, to take consolation from the words of Scripture: "No greater love no man hath shown than to lay down his life for his fellow man."—Com.

JOHN BULL'S PATRIOTIC PIERRETTES—New Year's Night. See the "Dance of the Allies" and hear Miss Herder sing "Khaki." Tickets at Atlantic Book Store. Book early.—dec27,31

### OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

- 238 Private John Francis Hynes, St. Brendan's, B.B. Ot no. 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 1st. Frost bite, serious.
- 417 Private William Joseph Gladney, Trenton, Pictou County, N.S. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 1. Frost bite, serious.
- 10 L-Corp. Rowland Williams, Fogo. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 1st. Frost bite, serious.
- 39 Private Alfred Seymour Murray, Harbor Grace. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 1st. Frost bite, serious.
- 1032 Private Chesley Noffall, Broad Cove, B. de V. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 5. Frost bite.
- 1364 Private George Gordon Phillips, Rocky Lane, LeMarchant Road. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 5th. Frost bite.
- 199 Private Charles LeGallais Edgar, 36 Freshwater Road. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 5th. Gunshot wound in neck, severe.
- 1248 Private Ludwig Hoddinott, Indian Islands, Fogo. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 5th. Gunshot wound in thigh.
- 499 Private Lawrence Amour Hoskins, Port Blandford, B.B. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 5th. Nephritis, serious.
- 1034 Private William John Lilly, Hr. Grace. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 5. Ton-sillitis, serious.
- 622 Private Andrew Mearns Clouston Patrick Street. At No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Svila, Dec. 7. Frost bite, serious.
- 54 Private Gladstone Rendell Burt, 279 South Side Rd; at No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station, Dec. 7; frost bite (serious).
- 455 Private Eugene O'Dea, 29 Mullock St.; arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; frost bite.
- 324 Private Wilfrid Eric Harvey, 228 Duckworth St.; arrived at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; frost bite.

## ROSSLEY'S THEATRE!

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