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## ROUMANIANS ARE MOVING VERY RAPIDLY

An Official Statement Issued from Bucharest Tells of Progress for the Rumanian Troops on Their Crossing Into Austro-Hungary—Rumanian Troops Reach Within 37 Miles East of Kronstadt

BUCHAREST, Aug. 31.—Rumanian troops have made progress on their crossing into the Austro-Hungary frontier and have reached several points including the village east of Kronstadt, says an official statement given out by the Rumanian War Office today. The statement follows:—From the Western and Northern fronts Rumanian troops crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier during the night of the 27th. After lively fighting they reached a number of points including Mount Pagatclub north west of Nyerfagapo, Kinspeclia Hill west of Gvergo and the village of Rosenthal, four kilometers (about 2 1/2 miles) east of Kronstadt. Our artillery fired on Orsova, destroying a column. Our Fourth Army Column taking seven officers and 734 men prisoners. An armed enemy dug trench on Turnu Severin, but refused to Orsova under the fire of our batteries. Austro-Hungarian monitors opened fire on Gurevo but were compelled to retire by our artillery.

## Bulgarian Losses Estimated at 15,000

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Fighting is very severe along the Macedonian front, says an Athens despatch which adds that the Bulgarian Regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the Entente Bank and that Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

## London Knows Nothing of Constantine's Flight

LONDON, Aug. 31.—No confirmation of the report of the flight of King Constantine from Athens to Larissa, has been received in official circles here.

## Greek Town Seized By Bulgarians

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The city of Drama in north eastern Greece, has been seized by the Bulgarians after a battle with the Greek garrison, telegraphs from Athens, correspondent of the Matin.

## Suggests Early Collapse of War

Story Comes From Rotterdam That Startling Developments Are Foreshadowed in Despatch Which Must Have Passed German Censors.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Rotterdam sends the following:—Positively startling developments following Rumanian's entry into the war is foreshadowed by the Berlin correspondent of the Tyd. In a despatch which must have passed through the German censors he suggests the early collapse of the war by reason of a Russian advance through the Balkans to Constantinople and the complete isolation of the Central Powers.

## Two More Swede Steamers Seized

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Swedish steamers, Roslagen, 1,394 tons, of Stockholm, and Lor, have been seized by German torpedo boat destroyers and taken southward, says a despatch from Copenhagen.

## GREEKS STILL KEEP 'EM ALL GUESSING

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The re-mobilization of the Greek Army is under consideration in Athens, says a Reuters despatch from that point. The entry of Rumania into the war is said to have created a profound impression in Greece. The question of ministerial reorganization providing for the inclusion in the cabinet of former Premier Venizelos has also arisen. So far as can be ascertained no decision has been reached on these points.

## Old Age Pensioners To Get an Increase

LONDON, Aug. 31.—In response to a prolonged agitation regarding the hardships suffered by holders of Government old age pensioners, by reason of the increased price in the necessities of life, the Government decided in special cases to make additional allowance not exceeding half a crown per week.

## WASHINGTON HOPEFUL AVERTING STRIKE

Railroad Presidents Again Confer With President Wilson—Washington Hopeful National Cate trophe May be Averted—Appeal is Made to Brotherhood Leaders to Cancel Order for Nation Wide Strike on Monday

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—A general strike of six thousand freight handlers set for one p.m. to-day, affecting practically every railroad in Chicago has been averted, it is announced to-day. The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway has agreed to the demands of the Union. Four hundred strikers have returned to work at Rock Island freight houses. There are fifteen hundred men employed by five railroads still on strike, according to union officials.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Throughout the entire country to-day railroads great and small, gathered their forces to oppose the strike set for next Monday. The undercurrent of feeling reported from Washington is that the catastrophe would yet be averted. This statement was made by E. P. Ripley, President of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe, who was a member of the committee which conferred with President Wilson, and who was spokesman for the railroad President who returned this afternoon from conferences with the national head. Intensified pessimism is felt here and the railroads now see no hope of a settlement before Labor Day and are making every preparation for eventualities.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—All the influence of the administration is being brought to bear to-day in an effort to persuade the railroad brotherhood leaders to cancel the postponement calling for a nation wide strike on Monday, while the members of Congress have been paying the war for Legislation designed to prevent or stop the threatened industrial strike. Little tangible progress has been made in either direction, but nevertheless, in official quarters to-day there still prevailed the confidence that in one way or another a walk out would be averted.

## BULGARIAN CAPITAL IS ALARMED

Consternation Reigns in Sofia Over Approach of Russian Troops Through Dubruja—Rumanian Aeroplanes Are Directing Fire of Artillery in Fighting Between Rumanians and Austrians in Mountain Passes

ZURICH, Aug. 31.—There is consternation in Sofia, Capital of Bulgaria, over the approach of Russian troops through Dubruja, according to news reaching here from Austrian sources.

Rumanian aeroplanes are reported as directing the fire of artillery in the fighting between the Rumanian and Austrians which is going on at the mountain passes.

## Socialist Meeting Was Prohibited

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says a meeting of the Socialist Electrical Union of Greater Berlin, proposed for yesterday, when Deputy Paase intended to speak on peace, was prohibited. The paper says, a general examination of all men of military age in Germany who previously were exempted is now taking place. German officials who heretofore have been declared indispensable, the newspaper says, are also being examined.

## More Work For Ambassador Gerard

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The Rumanian minister to Germany has requested American Ambassador Gerard to take over the protection of Rumanian interests in Germany.



HEART OF THE SIMPLE GERMAN FOLK (WILL ITS SACRIFICE SAVE THE HOENZOLLERNS?)

## GERMAN ARMY NOW SEEMS TO BE RATTLED

Dismissal of Von Falkenhayn Shows Things are Not Running Smoothly With German Army—Hindenburg's Appointment is Regarded as Complete Surrender of German Court and Kaiser to Popular Opinion

PARIS, Aug. 31.—French military experts hail the dismissal of General Von Falkenhayn and the appointment of Von Hindenburg to take his place as a sign that things are going wrong with the German army. The official North German Gazette states this week that the Germans still withdraw from the great Noyon salient in France, which the Somme offensive is intended to obliterate. It is pointed out that only if a popular hero like Hindenburg decreed such a retreat would it be accepted without trouble from the German people. The expectation is that it will be Hindenburg's strategy to begin shortening the German lines everywhere.

Lt. Col. Bousset said to-day Hindenburg's appointment a complete surrender by the German court party headed by the Kaiser to popular opinion. General Delacroix said: "The incident shows that the German army is badly rattled. Moltke was made the scapegoat for the Marne, now Falkenhayn pays for the Verdun defeat and the Russian offensive."

## OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 30.—An official statement was given out to-day by the Government Press Bureau regarding military operations in Egypt. It said: "On Tuesday an enemy reconnoitering party of one hundred strong, mounted on camels, attempted to approach Bir-el Bayut. It was driven off by our patrols and pursued six miles."

## ROMANIAN

BUCHAREST, Aug. 30.—The text of the official statement, announcing the bombardment of Bucharest by zeppelins says:—During Monday night zeppelins and foreign aeroplanes threw several bombs on Bucharest without causing the least damage. Artillery drove them off. Enemy aeroplanes also threw bombs on Hallahia, Pista and Naimta without doing any damage.

## HINDENBURG OPPOSED THE VERDUN EFFORT

Wanted to Strike Russia but his Plans Were Overruled in Favor of Falkenhayn Who Was Backed by German Crown Prince—The Latter is Blamed for the Verdun Muddle

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 31.—A despatch says the military crisis in Germany is reported, on excellent authority to have been the climax of a bitter conflict between Falkenhayn and Hindenburg over the Verdun offensive. Hindenburg was utterly opposed to any offensive in France, but wanted to strike immediately a blow at Russia. For this he was prepared not only with a plan of campaign but with preparations actually behind the front in Courland. He made a demand on the General Staff for additional forces to carry out the enterprise, but they were refused him by Falkenhayn, and Hindenburg's plan was overruled in favor of the offensive against Verdun.

Behind Falkenhayn in this disastrous decision was the German Crown Prince, who is held by well informed persons to be really responsible for the colossal blunder of Verdun. The fall of Falkenhayn is regarded here as one of the greatest significance, even imperilling the Hohenzollern dynasty.

## This Year's Banana Crop Completely Destroyed

KINGSTON, Ja., Aug. 31.—Information collected from all parts of the island respecting the damage done by the hurricane of the 15th indicates that, for all practical purposes this year's banana crop has been completely destroyed and the crop for 1917 reduced by 50 per cent.

## In Recognition

PARIS, Aug. 31.—For the first time since Italy entered the war the French Government to-day ordered flags to be raised on all official buildings in recognition of the declaration of war by Italy against Germany, and by Rumania against Austro-Hungary.

## RUSSIAN

PETROGRAD, Aug. 31.—The situation on the western Russian and Caucasian fronts is unchanged, says an official statement issued to-day.

## Turkish Troops to be Engaged

Three Army Corps Will be Used to Fight Rumania—No German Troops Can be Spared for Rumanian Front.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The employment of three army corps of Turkish troops for active operations against the Rumanians is stated to be the purpose of the Central Empires, according to a despatch from Bucharest. This is declared to be the solution proposed by the Prussian General Staff for a very difficult problem which the Rumanian intervention has brought up. It is asserted that the Prussians have decided that no Prussian can be spared for the Rumanian front. Col. Fayler, the Swiss military expert, doubts if Turkey can dispose of as many as 120,000 men for an outside expedition, but he says this outside participation by Turkey would be a logical move.

## CONSTANTINE HAS FLED FROM HIS CAPITAL

Greek King Has Fled to Larissa in Thessalonica For Refuge is Report Current at Saloniki—Another Report Says Greeks and British Troops are Fighting at Pieraeus—Situation is Serious

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The British press representative at Saloniki sends a report which is current there that King Constantine of Greece has fled to Larissa, in Thessalonica to take refuge with 300 Uhlans. The text of the official message which is dated Tuesday, reads: "This evening's sensation is that King Constantine has fled from Athens to take refuge with a German escort of 300 Uhlans, who have been waiting for him several days at Larissa. Another report is that the Allies have already landed a strong force at Pieraeus, which has been heavily engaged with the Greek Army in a battle around the King's country house at Latoi, where several Greek princes have already fallen. Perhaps to-morrow will bring more light upon the situation, which is extraordinary involved even for the Balkans."

## REGARD VON HINDENBURG AS NO WEAKLING

London Papers Comment on Appointment of Von Hindenburg—See in Change a Proof That Germany's Military Staff Are Not a Happy Family—Von Hindenburg's Ambitions Always Were in the East

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The morning newspapers to-day devote many columns to the discussion of the retirement of Von Falkenhayn and the appointment of Hindenburg as Chief of the German General Staff under such headlines as "A Crisis in Berlin" and "Welcome to the Wooden man." All profess to see in the sudden change of leaders a sign of Germany's weakness. The Times says: "In her deadly peril Germany is unlikely to have chosen a new chief merely to placate public feeling. We shall do well to take Von Hindenburg seriously, and to recognize that, though conditions are against him, he is no weakling. The glimpse we have had of him suggests a man with being of simple ideas which often make for success in war." The Times military correspondent expects some immediate alterations of strategic ideas in German conduct of the war, adding: "All this summer Von Hindenburg has been eating his head out on the Russian front, while the troops for whom he clamored have been frittered away at Verdun, his interest and predilections are believed to lie in the East. He belongs to the strategic school who would have struck in the east. The position points to the probable shortening of the front in France and Flanders, and he is to-day the only man in Germany who could order the ruthless shortening of western front without collapse of public faith."

## BULGARIANS TO QUIT SERBIA SAYS ROUMANIA

Rumored Rumania Will Send Ultimatum to Bulgaria Demand the Evacuation of Serbia—Little News of Important From Various War Theatres—Greece's Attitude Still Undecided—Little Activity on Western Battle Front

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Rumania's invasion of Austro-Hungarian territory continues in the mountainous region from Ostrovozy on the railway north-east of Orsova in Gvergo Mountains to 80 miles north of Kronstadt, and on the Danube from the Iron Gate to Gurgevo opposite Rastchuk, in Bulgaria. There have been reciprocal bombardments at several points by Austro-Hungarian war craft and Rumanian shore batteries.

A Zeppelin and hostile aeroplane dropped bombs on the Rumanian capital. The Austrians acknowledge the retirement of their forces from the mountain region to previously prepared positions in the rear. This is followed by claims by Rumanian troops that King Ferdinand has arrived at a point within three miles of Kronstadt, the chief commercial city of Transylvania.

Vienna admits the Rumanians are engaged with the Austro-Hungarians in the Gvergo mountains, which shows that on the north-western front of Rumania hostile forces have invaded Transylvania to a distance of some 20 miles. The Rumanians are also near Koedzi Vashely, about 40 miles north-east of Kronstadt. While Bulgaria thus far has not entered into hostilities against Rumania, a news agency despatch says Rumania has decided to send an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding the evacuation of Serbia. A despatch from Constantinople reports that Turkey has declared war on Rumania. In the Macedonian theatre violent fighting continues between the Entente Allies and the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians. Paris claims that to the west of the Vardar River the French have gained additional ground, and that in Lake Ostrovo region, the Serbs have repulsed attacks by the Bulgarians.

On the Struma front, near Lake Dolran, batteries of the Entente Powers violently shelled Bulgarian positions.

Drama in northeast Greece has been seized by the Bulgarians after a fight with Greek troops, according to unofficial advices received at Paris. An Albanian detachment under Essad Pasha once commander of the Turkish first army has arrived at Saloniki to aid the Entente forces.

No official move has yet been made by Greece to meet demand of that portion of her population headed by former Premier Venizelos, that Greece join the Entente Allies, but an unofficial despatch from Athens says, the re-mobilization of the Greek army is under consideration.

Except for the extension of British lines south of Martin puch on the Somme front, in France, there has been little activity except by artillery on the part of any of the belligerents on the western battle line, where inclement weather still prevails.

Likewise on the Russian front, in Galicia, there have been no important changes in positions, although in the Carpathian region the Russians captured Panker Mountain on the Hungarian border, and the village of Rafalovo by the Stritza Nadvorona River, near the border. In the fighting between the Turks and Russians in Asia Minor and on the Persian front both sides claim minor successes.

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**YESTERDAY'S WAR MESSAGES**

**Drastic Rules For Keeping London Dark**

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—According to a London despatch to the World, a new lighting order, more drastic than the one now in operation, will come into force in London on Friday. All external lights must be extinguished with the exception of such public lamps as the police commissioner directs kept in use. All lights not extinguished must be reduced to a minimum of intensity. Internal lighting must be so reduced or shaded that no more than a dull subdued light is visible.

**Loss of Life Thought Will be Heavy**

SANTO DOMINGO, Aug. 30.—The U. S. cruiser Memphis is still on the rocks in the outer harbour, and is probably a total loss. The explosion in the boiler room resulted in a large number of casualties. It is feared the loss of life is heavy. A despatch has been received by wireless from the U. S. gunboat Castine which put out to sea when the storm broke.

**British Silence Bulgar Batteries**

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Bulgarian batteries were silenced by the British after an artillery engagement on Monday and Tuesday, the War Office announced to-day. On the Struma front the announcement says, hostile artillery shelled Kopriva Bridge on Monday night and the following morning. Our artillery retaliated and succeeded in silencing the enemy batteries. Yesterday our aeroplanes bombed Drama station and troops and transports at Poria, apparently with successful results. On the Doiran front, near Delozelli, our batteries dispersed an enemy working party.

**Many German Generals Are Dismissed**

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The Journal has the following from the Hague:—Despatches from Berlin received here to-day state that thirty German generals have been dismissed as a result of the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as Chief of the General Staff. The appointment of General von Hindenburg and the dismissal of General von Falkenhayn from the leadership of the German General Staff caused almost a panic in Germany.

**Roumanians Capture Mountain Passes**

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A despatch from Bucharest, by way of Rome says the Roumanians, operating in conjunction with the Russians, have captured the principal passes of the Carpathians. For twelve hours the Roumanians marched uninterruptedly into Austrian territory, meeting only weak resistance, the despatch adds.

**In Macedonia**

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Severe fighting is in progress in Macedonia, the War Office reported to-day. The statement says that the French gained ground west of the Vardar River. The Bulgarians attacked west of Lake Ostrovo, but were repulsed by the Serbians. The Entente Allies bombarded the Bulgarian positions on the Struma front and near Lake Doiran. Violent artillery fighting continued in the region of Ostrovo and Vetrenik.

**Von Hindenburg Active**

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 30.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to a despatch received here to-day, recently removed the Austrian Major General Puhallo from command of the army corps defending the Kovel section of the front in Volhynia, and gave command of the troops there to General Friedrich von Bernhardi.

**Ludwig III Of Bavaria Dead**

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—A despatch from Paris, published in the newspapers here to-day, states that King Ludwig III. of Bavaria, is dead, according to unconfirmed advices received by way of Madrid. Three years ago he ascended the throne of Bavaria, which, next to Prussia, is the largest and most important state in the German Empire. He was in his eighty-sixth year at the time, and deposed Otto, the mad King.

**Turkey and Roumania**

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Turkey has declared war on Roumania, says a Reuters despatch from Copenhagen.

**American Schooner Abandoned; Crew Safe**

FAYAL, Azores, Aug. 30.—The American schooner Lucia Porter, from St. John, N.B., Aug. 11, for Las Palmas is reported as waterlogged and abandoned. The crew is safe.

**Verdun**

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The French launched another attack at Verdun, east of Fleury, last night, and made further progress, the War Office announced to-day.

**MORE FISH ARRIVALS.**

The schr. Stella, with 700 qtls. and A. B. Morine with 800 qtls. arrived at Greenspond yesterday.

Mr. R. T. Tobin, of the Anglo office, Heart's Content, accompanied by Mrs. Tobin, arrived here yesterday on a visit and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Redmond, Theatre Hill. Mr. Redmond himself only arrived here yesterday, after spending an enjoyable holiday at Heart's Content.

The schr. Roma, Capt. McLeod, arrived to Baine Johnston last night after a run of 22 days from Barbados, molasses laden.

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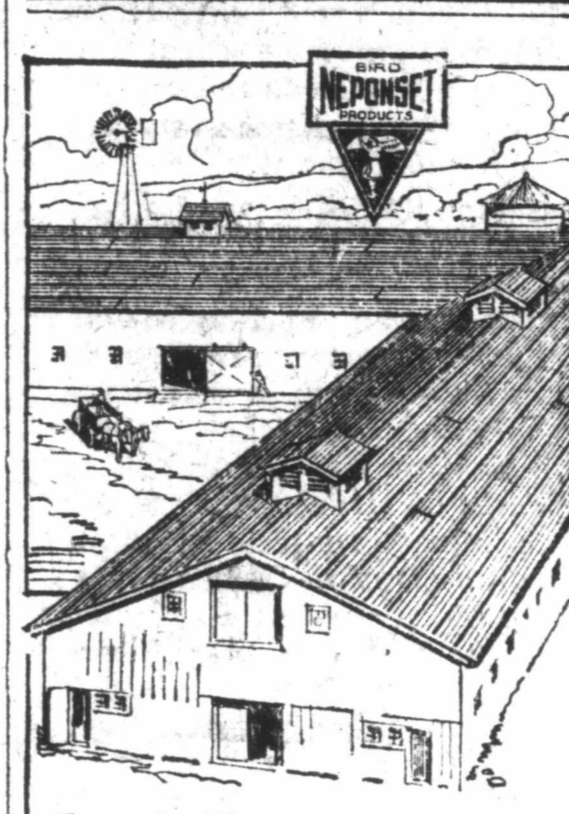
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"Many of these trenches are concrete lined throughout, and are fitted up with practically underground houses, with every conceivable kind of accommodation; drainage water systems laid out in pipes, etc.

"The general commanding the division of British troops which are at the front of the advance has just transmitted to London the report of his medical staff, which makes the following statement: "In the German trenches which were captured yesterday we found two completely equipped emergency hospitals. One of them thirty feet underground. These are great rooms with every possible convenience, exhaust and direct fans operating tables and walls lined with box board and floored with cement. In these places operations can be carried on with nothing to disturb the underground outlet. With thousands of shells bursting overhead, it is impossible to hear around. Such perfection of detail compels our admiration. It is also proof of the positive opinion of the German General Staff that their lines could not be successfully attacked or taken.

"We have seized thousands of pounds worth of operating material and table instruments and entire outfits of medical and anaesthetics, not emergency camp equipments, but full hospital units."

**ARRESTED FOR LARCENY**

For over a week past the detectives armed with a warrant were looking for two boys charged with larceny. They found them last night. They stole a lot of bags, bottles, &c., from the residence of Mr. R. White, Inspector of Light Houses, and coming before the court to-day were remanded for eight days as it is believed they were implicated in other larcenies.

**"FOLLOWING THE CUSTOM"**

The Bloodhound was ready to sail for Sydney this morning but was delayed until noon owing to the fact that the Union stokers cleared out because non-union men were on board. President Frank Woods adjusted the matter by securing three Union men so that she sailed with a full staff of Union stokers.

**SCHOONER WRECKED AT ST. PIERRE**

Messages were received in the city yesterday to the effect that the schr. "Gertrude L.", from Sydney bound for Catalina, with coal, stranded at Long-lade, St. Pierre Islands, and would likely become a total wreck. She was owned by Hon. P. Templeman.

Mr. Fred. Canning, who was hurt in the recent fatal automobile accident, is now at his home and is suffering from pleurisy as a result of the accident.

The Prospero left Little Bay at 10.30.

There was no report from the Portia.

**WORKING IN HARD LINES**

A London correspondent says: "Journalists all over the world will admire the tenacity, bravery and wit of the little paper La Libre Belgique which for over a year has defied all efforts of the invading authority to suppress or capture it. It has just celebrated its first anniversary, and its cover shows the Governor of Brussels, General von Bissing, surrounded by the copies of the audacious little journal which is regularly sent him, and scowling at some of his own numerous orders for its termination. Above is a statue of Henry Vesales who was denounced as the editor, and below is a little fleet of automobiles which are believed to shelter the editor when reconstruction begins?"

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**The Regiment**

THE whole country is aroused over the manner in which the affairs of the Newfoundland Battalion have been conducted and especially with the London Office that is costing about \$10,000 a year to operate.

If any of our contemporaries imagine that all the bungling of the authorities, London Office and British officers will not be openly and sufficiently criticized in the Press and in the Legislature when the war ends, we hasten to remove all doubts, for we can assure such that the fullest discussion will some day take place respecting the whole matter.

We have had our own opinion of what should have been done in September 1914 by the Colony to aid the Empire, and we have openly stated our opinion in those columns, and we are more convinced than ever of the grave blunder made by the Government and Governor in September 1914; and there can be no doubt now of the soundness of our opinions respecting the part the Colony should have taken in the war.

That great negligence can be traced to the management of affairs by the London Office there is now no doubt. If Timewell is doing anything, he is well paid for it, and is not risking his life at the front, and because the London Office is doing as little as it can, and that little badly. The Telegram proclaims to the house tops the wonderful achievements of the Timewell arm chair soldiers who are having the time of their lives amidst the delights of London, which is costing the people of poor Terra Nova One Thousand Dollars per month.

Those who think Timewell is a hero may do so, but we can assure all such that seven-eighths of the taxpayers of this Colony have a rod in pickle for him, and just as sure as the sun shines he will have to render an account of his stewardship.

The management of war affairs and of what has been done by the Government and Governor is now a matter of much concern to the public and it will be our burdensome duty sooner or later to fully discuss the whole matter in those columns and in the Assembly; but the present is not the time for such discussion.

Mr. Snow's letter seems to have pinched someone's corns. He deserves the thanks of the community for his action; and our only regret is that he not only pinched corns but that he with others who are suffering in silence have not an opportunity to confess their opinions of the huge blunders as well as negligence that have made so many of them sufferers since the war opened in 1914.

Some people laugh at our Tommies for making Ypres into "Wipers"; but what would they make of Kialkitschevli, a town which the Russians have just captured in Armenia?

**That Reminds Us**

THE DAILY NEWS informs us it is likely that one of the local sealing steamers, which has been in the coal trade for several months, will take up the coastal mail service in Fortune Bay, replacing the Hump which was sunk a few days ago.

This is very interesting information; and no doubt the people of Fortune Bay will be delighted! Now this reminds us that when this service was in contemplation and a big subsidy in view two steamers called the "Fogota" and the "Sagona" were built—one for the Fortune Bay service. The subsidy was secured; and the "Sagona" after several attempts at a St. Pierre, Sydney—and other places service was sold to the Reid-Newfoundland Company at a very profitable margin!

Then an ancient boat was secured. But soon came a prospect of gathering in more abundant harvests by the hiring of the "Fogota" for another service; and from the accounts, published in *The Mail and Advocate* some months ago, the new business was very profitable, indeed.

The ancient boat was transferred to the Fogo service (for which it is said she is unfit), and is scheduled to make regular trips with specified ports of call. The makers of the contract, however, did not foresee such a contingency as a wreck!

After the withdrawal of the ancient boat from Fortune Bay the Hump of sad memories was placed there. Now we are to have another ancient craft put in commission.

Is it not time that the Government realized that it is being made a football of for the benefit of certain members of the Executive? Is it possible that there is no man in this august body who has backbone enough to call this bluff? Is it so dominated by the profiteering class that it is incapable of, at least, making an effort to prevent further inroads on the public treasury?

A contract is a solemn agreement; and every violation of it is supposed to have its corresponding penalty. We ask if such penalties are enforced? We ask if Crosbie is charged \$40.00 for each port of call passed by as the contract provides?

**Favored Bailiwicks**

A PROMINENT M.H.A. obtained a good deal of notoriety during the last session of the Assembly owing to a system of handling road grants which is quite suggestive of Bret Hart's "Heathen Chinese" who is said to have been remarkable for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain.

The member was, of course, exonerated—"whitewashed"—the public term it—by a Commission (of Government members) headed by a very learned and a very practical lawyer who "advised" that such actions as those of the Hon. Member were perfectly according to Hoyle; for he was simply following "the custom of the country."

This M.H.A. is a very amiable, tho' a very ponderous personage—a "right jolly good fellow"—physically resembling two other prominent members of the Boodling Gang whose specialties are vessels and subsidies—and wrecks. He is not, as far as we know, in business; and his special line, politically, is "arbitrations," and, between whites, he exercises a little "patronage." This was brought out in connection with that Victoria Village incident.

Now we have the following announcement by *The Daily News* of recent date:

"Through the kindly and thoughtful provision of the Government, Mr. Duncan Taylor has been associated with Mr. Martin Murphy as Assistant Sub-Collector of Customs (we use capitals on account of the dignity of the position), at Rigolette, Labrador."

We have no objection to Mr. Taylor's getting a job, as we understand he is a most deserving man; but we protest emphatically against such a farce as a sub-collector's assistant at Rigolette, where the customs' business is a sinecure and could be easily discharged by the officer on the mail steamer.

Last year Mr. Murphy (with an assistant) occupied a similar position at Cartwright where, if we are correctly informed, the duties collected amounted to TWO DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS!

We alluded to this matter last year; and we were simple enough to imagine that such a howling farce would not be repeated.

In the name of the fleeced fishermen we again protest against these patronage scandals, as re-

gards Labrador which is being used as a political dumping-ground. The Colony is being bled to find places for individuals who should be otherwise employed. For example, the sub-collector in question is a very competent shoe-maker; and we understand that in his legitimate sphere he would be a most important factor in the industrial hive. If the Government have "a reason" for such an appointment, they should provide something better than a menial position like a Labrador sub-collectorship.

The two officials at Rigolette, it may be said, are from a little town in the suburbs of Victoria Village; and most of the other Labrador officials are from Conception Bay political bailiwicks between Western Bay and Coley's Point. Another of those beauties is the famous Walter Grosbie—brother of the hero who got the big haul from selling Marconi spars.

**JUDGE NOT**

JUDGE not; the workings of his brain  
 And of his heart thou canst not see;

What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,  
 In God's pure light may only be  
 A scar, brought from some well-won field,  
 Where though wouldst only faint and yield.

The look, the air, that frets thy sight,  
 May be a token, that below  
 The soul has closed in deadly fight  
 With some infernal fiery foe.  
 Whose glance would scorch thy smiling grace,  
 And cast thee shuddering on thy face!

The fall thy darest to despise—  
 Maybe the angel's slackened hand  
 Has suffered it, that he may rise  
 And take a firmer, surer stand;  
 Or, trusting less to earthly things  
 May henceforth learn to use his wings.

And judge none lost; but wait and see,  
 With hopeful pity not disdain;  
 The depth of the abyss may be  
 The measure of the height of pain  
 And love and glory that may arise  
 This soul to God in after days!

—ADELAIDE A. PROCTER.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

AUGUST 31

JOHN BUNYAN died, 1688.

Bennet's foundry first opened, 1847.

First case of cholera broke out in St. John's; a man named Barrington the victim, 1854.

Gilbert Browning died, 1882.

Johnanna Hanlan died, aged 105 years, 1858.

Morning Chronicle registered, F. Winton proprietor, 1865.

Dr. Jos. Shea, coroner, died in London, 1872.

Rev. J. Glover, father of Governor, arrived here, 1876.

Earl Dunraven arrived here, 1876.

Mr. O'Brien, Irish lawyer, arrived here in search of claimant for estate of Tobin in Australia, 1876.

General Roberts relieved Candahar, 1880.

The Allan steamer Hanovarian, bound to St. John's from Halifax, with mails and passengers, lost near Trepassy, 1885.

William Woodford, M.H.A., married, 1893.

Steamship State of Alabama arrived here with crank-shaft broken, 1890.

Thomas Meagher Son & Co., dissolved partnership this day. (The principal of this firm was grandfather of the famous General Thomas Francis Meagher, one of the leaders of the Young Ireland party, of 1848, who escaped from Australia, to which place he had been transported, and finding his way to the United States, offered his sword and his life to the Northern party. He headed the Irish Brigade, and won many brilliant victories. Local tradition says that Meagher spent some time in St. John's while very young, but he was a native of Waterford, 1820.)

Few critics ever get what they are entitled to in this busy world.

Train your dog not to look too much like a wolf when he goes in the woods.

**VARIA**

BY GALE

IN a former article we discussed the means by which maritime nations were developed; we now enter upon the discussion of the agencies by these means became effective and treat of: **The Toilers of the Sea.** This term is sufficiently comprehensive to embrace the humblest fisher and the "sailor of renown"; and as we proceed it will be demonstrated that from earliest times to the present day, the fisheries have been the nursery of seamen—*la pepiniere*—as our French friends term it.

It is just this little word which has been the stumbling block in our dealings with France regarding that remnant of Empire—St. Pierre. When some years ago we were making efforts to adjust the mess resulting from that infamous treaty known as Clause XIII of the Treaty of Utrecht, we endeavored to induce France to withdraw the bounty given to French fishermen, by which our fish was forced to compete with the St. Pierre produce France having pleaded that, as the fisheries, were the *pepiniere* (nursery) of her navy, she felt obliged to induce men to go to the Banks off the Newfoundland coast; and the inducement given was a bounty on their catch—about \$2.00 per quintal.

"Who was the first sailor of whom we have record?" We remember the venerable old teacher asking this question to the advanced class in the old school at several decades ago, when we were struggling with the then seemingly-insurmountable difficulties of a "Second Book." It was on the occasion of an inspectorial visit in "those good old days" when we received a good rudimentary education, and the system of fads and frills was still in embryo. The inspector—a very patriarchal personage—was very interested; and when a pupil—a subsequent master-mariner who went down in the North Atlantic a few years ago—answered, "Noel," the inspector smiled his blandest. This question was followed by another: "Who knows the story of a great shipwreck mentioned in the Bible?" Several hands went up; and a young member of the class—now a very highly respected clergyman—told the story of "Jonah and the Whale." Should his eyes meet this page, he will perhaps recall the incident.

We do not know, however, that there was any fishing in those far off days, at least any commercial

fishing industry such as was found at a later date among the Phoenicians who made regular fishing voyages to Tarshish (the region of Tartessus on the Guadalquivir, in Spain) where tunny and muraena (a large species of eel) were abundant. These appear to have been freighted to points in the Mediterranean just as we freight our codfish at the present day. We don't know if they were sold tailed, or if they "passed the board," in the market. Neither have we any record of the freight rates; but they were hardly as high as the rates on 4 qt. casks at the present time.

From their fishing and trading ventures the Phoenicians became a country of sailors, and, as we have already stated, are entitled to the credit of rounding Cape Horn long centuries before Vasco da Gama was born.

These old sailors had a very extensive knowledge of navigation evidently, and their courses were governed by the pole star, which the Greeks in later times called the Phoenician star. They were well acquainted with Astronomy, the meaning of which is hardly known to some of our C.H.E. candidates at the present day.

The early Greeks and the Romans were also skilled in the art of navigation; but they never attained the place in commercial history such as the Phoenicians had occupied at an earlier date. Both Greece and Rome were too busy with wars to devote attention to external commercial pursuits and perhaps they were too "cultured" to occupy themselves with such people who are alive today and who seem to regard fishing as a very "mean" occupation and, the fisherman as a sort of

pariah, forgetting of course that their forbears had secured the golden fleece of "respectability" from the backs of oft-shorn fishermen.

Culture did not preserve either Greece or Rome from decay; and the domination of the world passed from them to other nations whose peoples developed the harvests of the sea.

During the Middle Ages the Venetians and the Genoese were the great maritime peoples; and the history of Venice in its early days is the history of its fisheries. Its chief item of trade was salt which Venetian vessels carried to various parts of the Mediterranean; and it was doubtless largely used in curing fish. Venice occupied a unique place in the maritime world; and she was known as "Mistress of the Seas"—a title which has long since passed to another. She is still known as "The Pride of the Atlantic"; and the ceremony of the "Sposalizio" (Espousal of the Sea) dates from the Xth century. This ceremony took place on the *La Sensa* or Feast of the Ascension.

The clergy set out from among the olive woods of San Pietro in Castello and met the Doge (chief magistrate) at the Lido and all proceeded to the sandy line of the shore where litanies and prayers were recited, and the supplication "Grant, O Lord, that this sea may be to us and to all who sail upon it tranquil and quiet. To this end we pray. Hear us, good Lord." Then a ring was cast into the sea; Venice was wedded to the Adriatic; with the formula: "We wed thee, O Sea, in token of perpetual domination."

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**THE BURDEN OF FRANCIS JOSEPH**

THE author of "The End of a Chapter," one of the most readable of the autobiography books of the season, Mr. Shane Leslie, is one of the brilliant band of young Irishmen, who in recent years have helped to enrich the literature and mould the political thought of his country. A first cousin of the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., the author of the accompany poem springs from an old Ulster stock which has contributed prominent men to the Church, the Army and Parliament. At present Mr. Leslie is Associate Editor of "Ireland."

Sad Emperor, crowned with royal misery,  
 Blest would he be who cast thee on the stones  
 From thy twin-eagled, doubly sorrowed thrones  
 Aye, blest by friend and foe, and most by thee,  
 Who art thy kin and kingdom's destiny.

Long doomed to bring thy Austria her fate,  
 Thy love is far more fatal than thy hate.  
 Have not thy well-beloved died for thee?  
 Elizabeth and Maximilian fell, gentle face  
 Of thee whose eye casts sorrow every place.  
 And now thy hapless legions feel thy spell,  
 Whom like the slaughtered Arch-dukes of thy race,  
 Hast thou not loved of old, and loved too well?

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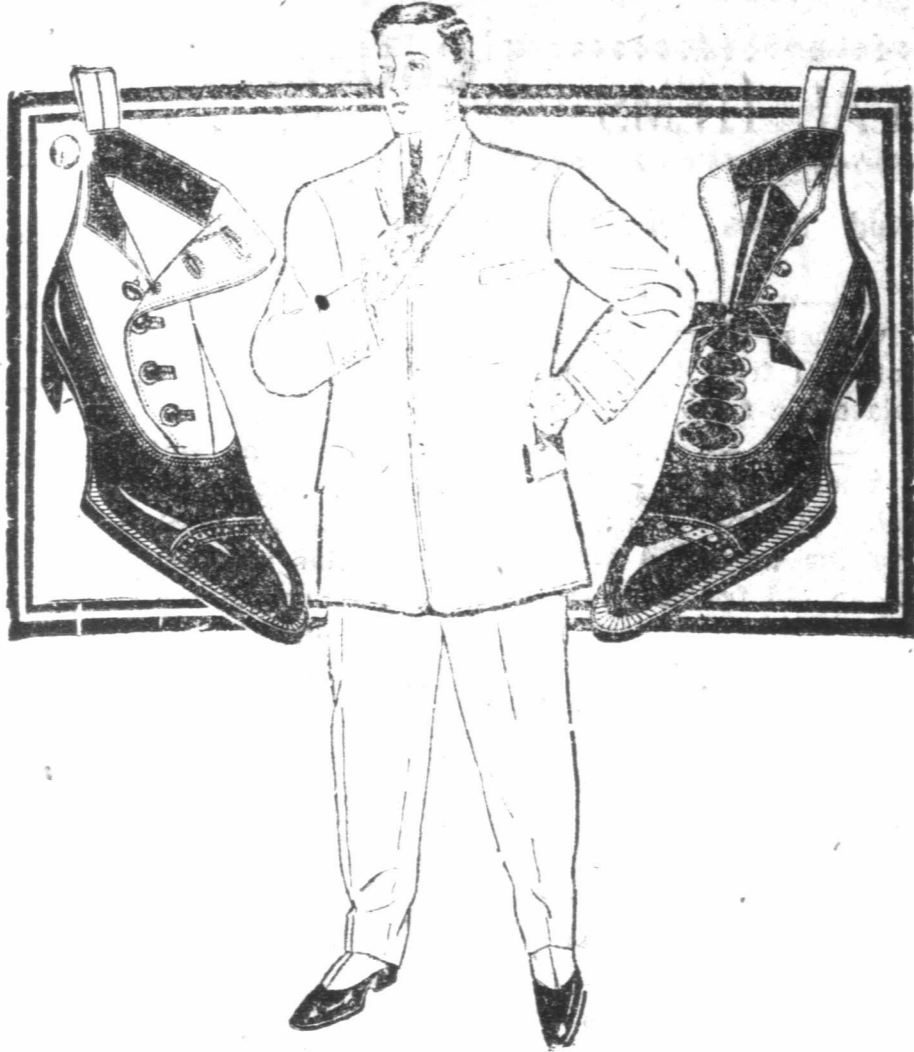
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**Carmanville Will Support Coaker and the Union**

(To the Editor)  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
Will you please oblige me in a few remarks which I wish to relate in your highly esteemed paper, and to let you know that Carmanville is not asleep or backward in doing its work for the Union. Although this is my first time writing to your paper, I am glad to tell you I am interested in your noble work which you have taken in hand, to uplift the poor down-trodden fishermen, which our forefathers have often wished for. We are thankful to know such a day has dawned when Mr. Coaker stepped forward to help the poor of Newfoundland. We are glad that Newfoundland has given such a son as Mr. Coaker and we believe he is a god-sent man. Go ahead Mr. Coaker, although there are a few who say your work is hush; but Mr. Editor if there was an easy job on the go they would be the first to try and step in. We are looking forward to the day when these traitors will have to kneel and confess their faults, but the time will come when they will see the errors of their past life and the way they have treated you, Mr. Coaker, and

will wish they had listened to our worthy President.  
Go ahead Mr. Coaker, we realize the majority are in favour with you and your work throughout this Island Home of ours. We cannot praise you enough Mr. Coaker for the good you have done and especially such a branch as you are erecting at Catalina. Who thought it, or who could realize such a day would dawn. You need the thanks throughout the universal world. We also thank our soldier and sailor boys who are nobly fighting for their King and Country and fighting for the right. We long for the day to come when swords will be sheathed and peace will be proclaimed to every Nation. We know and realize that mothers are weeping for their dear boys, but we believe it is God's will and what He wills is best.  
Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, I am not a Union man, Mr. Editor, but a Union woman to the backbone. Wishing the Mail and Advocate every success.  
AUNT PRICILLA.  
Carmanville, Aug. 29, 1916.

**Quebec Bridge Span to be Placed Sept. 14**

**One of the Greatest Feats of Engineering in World's History Will be Attempted Then, the Lifting of a 65,000 Ton Span Into Position**  
OTTAWA, Aug. 26.—During the second week in September a tremendous and spectacular engineering feat will be performed on the St. Lawrence. The center span of the Quebec bridge, 600 feet long, 100 feet wide and 65,000 tons in weight, will be floated to its place between the two big cantilevers 160 feet above the water and gently sunk into its place, thus connecting up the two sides of the river and making a through route from Prince Rupert to Moncton. The operation will be performed between the 14th and 16th of September, at a time when tidal conditions are favorable to the big hydraulic feat.  
There are engineers living today who say it cannot be done, but those in charge of the work claim that every inch of the great span has been tested, and that it will rise along the guides on the cantilevers without a hitch, providing tide conditions are favorable. If they are not favorable,

the operation will be postponed until they are.  
The two great cantilevers, which are the longest in the world, now reach out towards each other from either side of the river. It only requires the centre span to join them. The span is being completed at Sillery, three miles down the river, and will be brought down on huge pontoons, from which it will be hydraulically jacked to its place 160 feet above the water.  
The Quebec bridge was commenced about 1905. In 1908 the Dominion was shocked by the news that one of the great cantilevers had collapsed, hurling to death 90 employees and causing a damage estimated at several millions. There will be a gathering of public men present when the connection is made.  
**Production of Wheat in Japan And England**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—A cablegram to the department of agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, gives the production of wheat in Japan as 24,444,000 bushels or 98.8 per cent of last year and 101.2 per cent of a five year average. The production of barley was 99,822,000 bushels, or 99 per cent of last year's crop.  
The production in England and Wales compared with a year's average is for wheat 98 percent, for barley 97, and for oats 95 per cent.

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**Sees no Reason for Four Special Constables Guarding Western Union Cable Co's Office**

(To the Editor)  
Sir.—Quite a number of people are beginning to ask what is the need of four policemen being stationed in a place so small as Heart's Content. Of course three of them are special constables and are here to keep an eye on the cable office, at least we suppose so, by the way they hang round the door. We know that the cable office needs to be watched, but if a stranger should enter, cannot the manager or assistant manager or the clerks in charge, ask him his business and if necessary get him out. We do not see why the Western Union Co. should not place detectives there themselves, they are making millions enough out of the business and can afford to pay. At the same time these three men, young men too—ought to be at the front—are regarded as unnecessary public expense, and we sometimes believe that they them-

selves feel ashamed to be seen standing around, imposing upon the public.  
We also wonder, in these strenuous times, in which the people are taxed up to the hilt, whether the cable company is also taxed equal to the demand of the times, and the enormous profits which they reap every year. Let the Government look into the matter and see that we have "equal rights for all, special privileges for none." But they should first move these three so-called special constables, so that they may go to the front and do for themselves what others are doing for them. And if it should be necessary to have extra constables on, let three men beyond military age be put on. No man is too old to stand around and chew gum at the public expense.  
Yours, etc.,  
CABLE CITY.  
Heart's Content, Aug. 26, 1916.

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**WANTED A GENERAL HOSPITAL AT HARBOR GRACE.**

The Harbor Grace Standard Scores the Government Over its Failure to Fulfill its Promise in This Respect—Conception and Adjacent Bays Would be Greatly Benefitted by the Establishment of a Hospital There—Would Relieve the Pressure on St. John's  
At St. Anthony, the Mission is building a new hospital which is large and up-to-date. An up-to-date staff house and hotel is also in course of erection—St. John's paper.  
We have often thought that if this town had committed to Dr. Grenfell the task of providing Conception Bay with a hospital, and he had accepted it, we would have had that crying need long ago.  
The Government knows that the General Hospital at St. John's has to turn patients away every day, to ask them to go to the risk of their lives and the expense and trouble of waiting long weeks till a vacancy occurs. It acknowledges that outport hospitals at convenient distances to the sufferers are the due of the outport sick. It has promised as we all know a hospital to Harbor Grace, and its friends here and elsewhere have already given money towards the establishment of a hospital here, and have promised more. There is a nest egg of \$800 or \$900 in the Bank. The Roddicks' handsome offer still holds good. We lately heard of another generous offer to help as soon as the work is well under way though we do not feel at liberty to mention the name of the prospective donor. There are many good sites here to get for a comparative trifle of money.  
When the town and its "benefactors," present and prospective, have done or are ready to do so much, and when this location for a hospital is in every way so good, and the need of a hospital so very pressing, the Government cannot feel that it would be doing an injustice to any other town in providing the suffering in this and adjacent Bays with cheap prompt and effectual means of getting treated for their ailments. Rather it should feel that it is unjust to the town and cruel to the suffering to delay so long in providing for their relief. Not only would this Bay be

served by a hospital here but adjacent bays as well. Why, our fresh breezes and wholesome air and water would supply half the cure. Not to speak of the curative effect of having your loved ones within easy reach of seeing you when you are sick. Why does the Government delay? It cannot be for want of money. Money is well and economically spent that saves suffering and restores to health and vigor. Better spend it on hospitals than on almost anything else. Governments spend—and not always unwisely—thousands of dollars on things not half so worthy of it. Isn't the life more than even food and body raiment? Then look at the amount that flows from the exchequer in lavish waste on sops to political partisans. The Government can well afford to do it. It cannot afford not to do it, and stand guiltless. The town would do well to be more alive and shall we say, more united than it has been in this matter. But a Government should not want for a town or country to prod it on to do things they know they ought to do. We hope our members will take up this matter at once and see that we are provided with a hospital before winter sets in. Make a beginning on a good site with plenty of room for extension.—Harbor Grace Standard.  
There are moments in these moonlit nights when a man cannot help wishing he were young.  
The Russians and Teutons have been fighting around Brody. We'll bet Brody took a hand too.

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At the entrance to the beautiful grounds there was a generous display of bunting which lent a warm glow to the rich foliage of the forest.

The Punch and Judy Show likewise had its attraction. Then if you wanted to test your dexterity there was the blindfold driving competition.

To the great gratification of the lady promoters it was announced that the total proceeds were \$1,083. The Daughters of Empire are deserving of all praise in this splendid outcome.

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The weather being so very fine yesterday, despite the several counter-attractions, many people attended the baseball games between the Wanderers vs. the Cubs and the B.L.S. vs. Red Lions.

The Wanderers were easily put out of commission. It was similar with the Lions, who had a walk over and the splendid work of Cooney, both in pitching and fielding was commented on.

Messrs. Chesman, Smith and Britt were the umpires and Messrs. Hiltz and Clouston, the scores during the day. The line up of the teams was:

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Letter from Acting Premier

(To the Editor) Dear Sir,—There have been so many enquiries made by the friends to those who were reported as missing in the action of the 1st July in France, that in order to lessen the anxiety to the fullest possible extent and afford the utmost satisfaction, I wired to the Prime Minister in London, asking him to take up the question personally and to endeavour to obtain additional information. I am how in receipt of a cablegram from Sir Edward Morris to the effect that everything possible has been done by the Record Office, through General Headquarters, to obtain complete lists, and the information as obtained has been forwarded to the Colony. Repeated efforts are being made by the Record Office, through the War Office and the Foreign Office, for possible information in relation to the missing men, in the hope that some of them may be prisoners of war. Of the men who went into action July 1st, all have been reported on lists of killed, wounded and missing, except about half a dozen, who do not appear on my lists. Enquiries regarding these are still going on but Sir Edward intimates that he will make a special effort himself at the War Office and will wire any information he may be able to obtain.

So far as it has been possible to ascertain we have only two prisoners of war in Germany—Coombs and Barron—who both receive from England warm clothing and food.

Ten large packages of deceased soldiers' effects have been shipped by the Record Office to Newfoundland and will doubtless come forward at an early date.

I shall at once acquaint the public should I receive further information in relation to the men of the Regiment from Sir Edward Morris or from the Record Office.

Yours truly, J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

A PROSPECTIVE WEDDING The wedding of Miss Trixie Dickinson to Mr. Earl Pinsent, P.L., will take place at St. Thomas's Church on Thursday next. Both are well known young people, the prospective groom being the Usher of the Black Rod in the Legislative Council and the bride-to-be being the daughter of Mr. G. H. Dickinson, the well known broker.

WILL BE TOTAL WRECK The idea of the Captain was to seal up the hatches, keep the air in, and then have the ship pumped out and re-floated. He never reckoned with the accident which occurred and did not think she would go so quickly. Owing to this he lost a deal of valuables and most of his personal belongings.

A Composite Crew. The crew are a composite crowd and consist of 5 negroes from British West Africa, Swedes, British, Russians and others, all are in the Seaman's Home.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOLS WILL RE-OPEN TO-MORROW (Friday) morning at 9.30. Parents will be glad to learn that the management is able to open a class this year for Standard 5.

REID'S STEAMERS REPORT Argyle left Marystown 7.15 p.m. yesterday, inward. Clyde arrived at Lewisporte 6.40 p.m. yesterday. Dundee arrived at Port Blandford 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Ethie left Humbermouth 3.30 a.m. to-day. Glencoe left Hermitage Cove 5 p.m. yesterday, coming East. Home left Little Bay 5.40 p.m. yesterday, inward. Lady Sybil arrived at North Sydney 2 p.m. yesterday. Kyle left Port aux Basques 3.35 a.m. to-day. Yren arrived at Clarenville 2 p.m. yesterday. Meigle left Long Island 29th, coming South. Sagona north of Twillingate.

Two American priests arrived by the Stephano from New York on a visit. They were met by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, and will be guests at the Palace of His Grace, the Archbishop.

Exciting Time At the Wreck Capt. Stephens and 21 men, the crew of the ill-fated "S.S. White Sea," arrived here to-day by the "Ingramham" and were promptly interviewed by the Mail and Advocate reporter. The men say the ship was bound to England from Montreal with 100,000 cubic feet of logs, specially cut and prepared for the making of matches.

Run Over Reef. She struck head on and ran in over a reef, hanging on the rocks which held her right amidships just under the engine room. The shock was a severe one and the weather was pretty rough but there was no panic, and Captain and crew decided to remain by the ship. In the meantime a large number of St. Mary's men arrived by the "Stella Maria" sent by Mr. Black from the stranded "Matatua" to render assistance. These with others worked hard to get the cargo out, got the deck load off her and were working hard at noon yesterday when the vessel, which had been gradually filling with water, gave all a disagreeable surprise.

Sank Without Warning. When the tide became low and as all were busy getting out the cargo the ship gave a sudden lurch and slid by the head into seven fathoms of water.

Scene of Confusion. In an instant those working on board, or most of them, fully 20 men were left struggling in the water. But for the dories about, and the presence of "Eagle" and "Stella Maria" some must have been drowned. Some of the dories which went to the rescue were overturned in the excitement and this added to the confusion. The wreck commissioner, Dr. Hogan, indeed had a narrow escape and went under several times but was eventually picked up by a dory.

LOCAL ITEMS

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Mr. Fisherman, to save nine-tenths of your engine trouble, use CARBONVOID. During the last week there has been an abundance of codfish on Cape St. Mary's grounds, and the crews fishing there did well. The weather, however, has been unfavorable, and bait has been scarce.

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