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A Study of the War and the Fighting Strength of the Powers Engaged

By W. K. HILL, in "The Navy"

It is unreasonable not to believe that the wave of German success has reached its highest point and that hereafter the defenses of the extended battle lines will be gradually weakened to such an extent by the inevitable casualties, that at some point the Allied Powers will be able to break through the German defenses and win a decisive battle, entailing a German retreat which will probably prove more disastrous than that from the Marne in September, 1914. To make this point clear, it is only necessary to compare the fighting strength of the nations at the outbreak of the war and on November 1, 1915.

In order not to underestimate the possible German and Austrian military strength, 12 per cent. of their total population may be considered as the maximum military force, and owing to the non-military policy of Great Britain and to the difference between German preparedness and French preparedness, allowing but 8 per cent. of the population of the Allies as their maximum military strength, the following tables have been computed:

| CENTRAL POWERS. | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | Population. |
| Germany | 70,000,000 |
| Austria | 50,000,000 |
| | 120,000,000 |
| | Maximum Fighting Strength. |
| Germany | 8,400,000 |
| Austrian | 6,000,000 |
| | 14,400,000 |

Less 25% needed for the maintenance of the fighting armies 3,600,000

Actual number available on the fighting line August 1, 1914 10,800,000

| ALLIED POWERS. | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| | Population. |
| Britain | 40,000,000 |
| France | 40,000,000 |
| Italy | 35,000,000 |
| Russia | 166,000,000 |
| | 281,000,000 |
| | Maximum Fighting Strength. |
| Britain | 3,200,000 |
| France | 3,200,000 |
| Italy | 2,800,000 |
| Russian | 13,280,000 |
| | 22,480,000 |

Less 25% needed for the maintenance of the fighting armies 5,536,000

Actual number available on the fighting line August 1, 1914 16,844,000

The above tables show that the Allies had a superior potential fighting force at the start of the war, but owing to their unpreparedness these forces were not immediately available, and taking into account the lack of munitions, the advantage was with the Central Empires, but after fifteen months of war this advantage on the side of the Austro-Germans has disappeared and is now with the Allied powers.

The results, as set forth in the following table, is calculated on the basis of the published official German losses for the fifteen months of war ending November 1, 1915: Prussian losses officially admitted by Berlin 2,099,000 Other German losses (estimated) 1,000,000 Austrian losses (estimated) 2,500,000

Less 25% wounded, returned to front 1,399,750

Net loss in men by German and Austrian armies during fifteen months of war 4,200,250

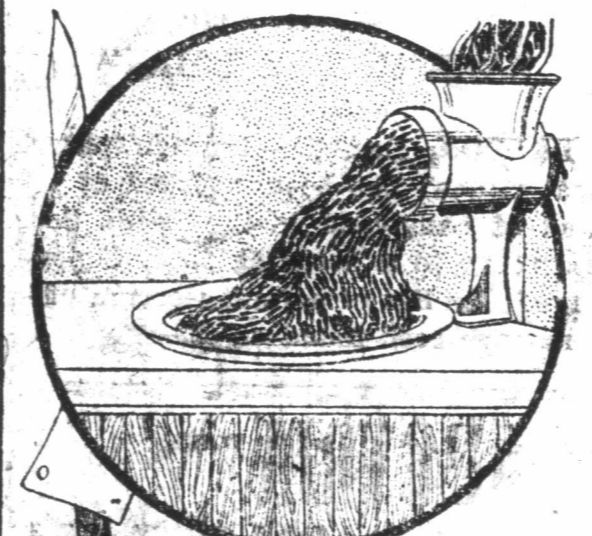
These are conservative estimates and show that the fighting strength of the Central Empires have been reduced over 40% and admitting that the Allied powers whose military efficiency is now approaching its maximum strength, have lost an equal number, although this is questionable, as the Germans have waged an offensive war and the Allies a defensive, the Allied powers have an overwhelming preponderance of fighting men without taking into consideration the available troops in the colonial empire of Great Britain, or the Serbian, Montenegrin, or Belgian armies.

The Teutonic allies have been brought to a standstill after losing 40% of their entire fighting forces, having been stopped on their way to Paris, turned back from Calais, and halted in their invasion of Russia. Fifteen months of offensive warfare, waged by a people having the best military preparedness in the history of the world, has resulted in overrunning the small Kingdoms of Belgium and Serbia, a strip of north-

ern France and Russian Poland, and has cost Austria and Germany 40% of their fighting forces.

The entrance of Bulgaria and Turkey into the war has increased the extent of the frontiers to be defended against invasion by the Allies out of all proportion to the number of men that those countries can place in the field. Especially is this so in the case of Bulgaria, whose army of 400,000 men represents but an average of one month's casualties for the Central Empires during the past year. King Ferdinand has relieved the Allies from any regard for the neutrality of Bulgaria, and his espousal of the Teutonic cause will enable them in case of the success of the Anglo-French attack against the Bulgarians invading Serbia, to attack Constantinople, through Bulgarian and Turkish territory, thus making the forcing of the Dardanelles unnecessary for the capture of that city.

Any forecast of the future losses that will be incurred by the Central Empires during the coming year, based on the latest German official statement, indicates that if the German and Austrian losses continue at the same percentage rate, the fighting forces of the Germanic alliance will be reduced to a point where they will be completely outnumbered, and retreat from the conquered territories of Poland, Serbia, Belgium, and France will be inevitable, leaving the way open for an invasion of German territory by the Allied powers.



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We of this country have seen men cross the skies like comets. We think that it is inevitable that such men rise. We view them not for what they are, but for what we ourselves think of them. We cannot see their driving power. We wouldn't understand the mechanism of mind that forces them onward if it was explained to us. All we can see is an able, later a widely-known and finally a celebrated figure dashing toward success with the firebreath of a pursued bear breaking it way through a cane field.

In peace we have brains of many calibres and of diverging lines. In war there is only the one great supremacy. In our own Civil war Grant was an obscure figure for a long time. But his genius could not be hidden in the stress of years. Weaker and less able figures rose, triumphed and faded. It left him with a clear field, once his orth was known. He had brains. He had disciplined them into the service for which they were needed. Their use for those purposes came as an impulse, so well had they been trained. So out of that momentous calamity, that hideous drama whose plot is unfolding in Europe, there will come a Grant, a Lee a Wellington, a Blucher, a Napoleon—a great, dominating intellect. His success will have been determined by that rigid test—whether his brain quality is of the showy, inefficient brand which is purposeless and which yields to ordinary emotions that shackle the average human—or whether he will see the ultimate end and drive straight way to it.

Such brains have not only their foundation in an extraordinary conception of life—selfishness for a supreme purpose—but they are bastioned cannily on a granite base upon which there may be built the successive stages of their career. It is of daring, of superb courage that such brains are webbed. They are a piece with the goods made on the same loom that makes for success in peace. Only the pattern is changed. Brains are valuable.

French Count Has Brilliant Record

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Count Paul de Vallobrosa Mores, whose mother, Marquis de Mores, as Medora van Hoffman, of New York, is today mentioned in army orders for a magnificent individual fight on the western front.

The count, who is a lieutenant of dragoons, fell in the midst of a German patrol. With a revolver in his right hand and a saber in his left, he dashed at the Germans. When his revolver was emptied he whipped out a short lance and hacked his way through the Germans. The official record says he alone slew sixteen.

The count's father, Marquis de Mores, was the most famous duellist of his day. He killed seventeen men in affairs of honor. He built the town of Medora, in North Dakota, and was killed by native tribesmen while exploring Morocco a few years ago.

"UNTIL THE THREE MAIN CULPRITS ARE PUNISHED"

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, in an interview obtained by Dr. Paul Goldmann, expressed the view that the foes of Germany do not desire peace at the present time, says a Berlin despatch transmitted by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam.

"They are not yet sufficiently battered," said the Field Marshal. "We must continue, therefore, to press them, since they will not admit any of our successes."

He considers the German tactical situation excellent, the interviewer reports.

"Particularly in the east," said the Field Marshal, "the German army has reached the most favorable strategical line conceivable. He believed that the Russian reserves which have now been called can only complete the existing cadres and not create new armies. He added that it would would fill him with special joy if the war does not end until the three main culprits—Britain, Serbia and Italy—are punished as they deserve."

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Cabinet Ministers Object to Salary Cut

Personnel of Cabinet and Ministers

The proposal which has been voiced in several London newspapers that the salaries of the British cabinet ministers be reduced does not appear to commend itself to a majority of the cabinet. Some of the ministers hold that it would be a good arrangement if all salaries of £5,000 (\$25,000) and upwards were reduced during the war. The ministers' salaries included, but they asked why the ministers, who are hard-working men, should suffer while business men who are making big incomes escape.

It is apparent that any proposal to reduce the salaries of members of Parliament would be strongly opposed, because Laborites and Nationalists, for example, would not be able to continue their respective representations if they were not paid.

The personnel of the British cabinet and the salaries of the members are as follows:

Prime Minister, Herbert Henry Asquith—Unpaid.

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Colonies, A. Bonar Law—\$25,000.

War, Earl Kitchener—\$25,000.

President Wilson Seeks Re-Election

He is Definitely in the Field—Announces Democratic Committeeman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson's tacit acquiescence in the invitation of the Democratic National Committee to become a candidate for re-election is seen by Democratic politicians in today's developments. The President entertained the National Committee at an elaborate luncheon at the White House and delivered a speech predicting party success in the 1916 campaign.

Members of the committee said after the luncheon that they did not expect any further announcement from the President on his candidacy for re-election. They interpreted the President's action in entertaining the committee and addressing them upon the subject of party success, following so closely on the adoption of a formal resolution urging him to be a candidate, as nothing less than his entry into the national campaign.

"The committee nominated him last night," said a prominent National Committee man, "and if there has been any doubt in his mind as to what he was going to do about it he certainly would have indicated this today. I predict there will be no formal announcement from the President as to his willingness to be the standard-bearer of his party next year."

A statement published by the proprietor of the Telegraaf in last week's issue says:

"The attitude of the Telegraaf will not be altered by the arrest of its editor. I am pro-ally and shall do all in my power on behalf of the cause of the allies. I consider that in so doing I am rendering a great service to Holland."

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Why the Czar Put Aside the Grand Duke

Things have happened in Russia with startling promptitude and just as predicted in this column. For no one in his right senses believes that the czar has suddenly, and without any apparent cause, sent his dearest of all the Muscovite forces, all the way back into the wilds of the Caucasus, after depriving him publicly of his exalted position, which amounted almost to dictatorship, unless he had ample and all sufficient reasons for such a deliberate and startling step.

Grand Duke Nicholas heads the court clique of Pan Slavists, composed mostly of members of the Romanoff family, who have long tired of the weak and vacillating but peacefully inclined Nicholas as the ruler of Russia. He would have been deposed long before this, but for the lack of a plausible cause. This cause, as has been pointed out before, was furnished most opportunely through the recent events, manipulated in a fashion of the wily grand duke and his fellow plotters to disgust the masses by reverses, due apparently to unpreparedness of the czar to let his enemies get the better of him and to threaten the very heart of "holy" Russia, when the redoubtable grand duke, with an iron fist, would grasp the reins of government, depose the czar and raise the standard of Pan Slavism, much in the same manner as Islam has raised the green flag of the prophet, proclaiming a holy war.

It is plain that the czar's suspicions were aroused by the uncalled for praise bestowed by the British and French press so persistently upon the grand duke about "his masterly retreat" day after day when they and he knew how utterly undeserved this was. And, as usual, no doubt there were among the grand duke's accomplices some who played a double game and through these, using feminine intercession and help, czar and czarina were "put wise" as to what was going on at the front and among the army, where the plain soldiers were one solid mass of grand duke followers. That this cannot also be said of the officers, whom the royal commander-in-chief treated as dogs, inflicting unheard of punishment for trivial breaches of discipline, may well have been the cause of his downfall—The Great Divide.

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"Pennsylvania, however, has repented of her progressive folly of 1912, and next year, unless my calculations are all awry, the Progressive vote in the election will be practically negligible. I presume some of the colonel's followers of the last presidential year will align themselves with him in 1916, but the great mass of voters will be found as of yore in the Republican ranks."

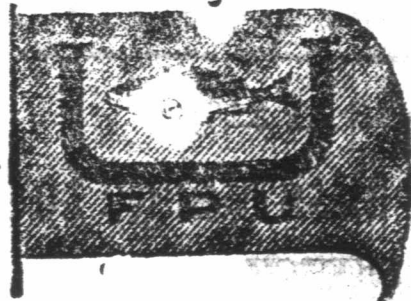
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Fish

THE last of the fishermen's catch has now been received here and the only fish remaining is what may be held by Green Bay merchants. The stock of fish at present held by firms here is no larger than the stock held at this season last year, which is about 150,000 qtls. The usual winter export of fish is about 50,000 qtls. per month; consequently if tonnage is available for export, the stocks held in April will be very small. No fish can be cured for the Brazilian market until next July, hence stocks for Brazil now held will not be sufficient to supply that market after April. The stocks held by Harvey & Co., Job, Baine Johnston, Bowring and Goodridge are the smallest those firms have had stored at this season during the past fifteen years. Baird's Smith's and Monroe hold fairly good stocks but not larger than usual.

The whole of the cod oil in the hands of fishermen has passed to the exporters and there is no cod oil to come in except what is held by a few northern business men. The price of cod oil will be higher in April than it has been for forty years. Last spring over 700 tons of cod oil was held here and as much as \$150 per ton was paid for some of it. The present holdings of the trade do not now exceed 500 tons and before April cod oil will be scarcer here than it has been since cod oil was first exported. Cod oil will easily fetch \$160 to \$165 in the spring; \$150 has already been paid by local firms for 100 bbl. shipments from northern business men. The steamer that left for New York last week took about 1400 casks, which was all the big exporting houses could collect together. They expected to ship 2500 casks by that steamer but could not secure the additional 1100 casks. The Trading Co. was offered \$157 per ton for 1000 casks by a local firm last week but declined the offer. The Company has since closed a sale of 1000 casks at \$160 per ton and is holding the balance of its stocks for \$165 per ton. A few small potatoes here who pretend to handle oil are asserting to-day that prices are declining in order to get the little that remains at their own figures but those holding oil should move slowly or they will be giving the middleman the

chance of making \$20 per ton, on what they can get at the low figure. There is no possible supply but from Newfoundland; consequently the market being almost cleaned up, price must not only hold firm but must advance.

An Insult to Twillingate

ONE of the most colossal insults hurled at the town of Twillingate for some time is that which W. J. Scott, the Magistrate, is guilty of in connection with the Road Board election. Mr. Coaker received a message from the Council at Twillingate on the 16th saying no notice had been given by the Magistrate of any meeting to elect a Road Board. Mr. Coaker immediately wired Magistrate Scott as follows:—

W. J. Scott, Magistrate,
Twillingate.

Surprised to find you failed give public notice Road Board election which should take place to-night. May I ask why. Must try get meeting off even though no regular notice.

W. F. COAKER.

Reply

Herring Neck, Dec. 17, '15.
W. F. Coaker, M.H.A.,
St. John's.

Was absent. Notice out for election 23rd. I don't think all elections will be on sixteenth. See Secretary Public Works I return Twillingate Prospero.

MAGISTRATE SCOTT.

For pure impudence and consummate puppyism this message of Magistrate Scott's cannot be equalled. Three months ago the Colonial Secretary issued Proclamations, naming December 16th as the date of Road Board election under the new act. Copies of the Act were sent to all Magistrates, J.P.'s and Board Chairmen. Rules guiding the election have been Gazetted and mailed to all concerned. Yet a Magistrate at such an important town as Twillingate has the impudence to confess that he treated the whole transaction as of no consequence—with silent contempt—and allowed his town to be made a laughing stock of throughout the Colony—ignored the laws of the land and the proclamation of the Government.

Surely this action is enough to convince all that this man Scott is unfit to hold such an important position as Magistrate. We forbear from dealing further with this matter until we hear further from Twillingate, but Magistrate Scott will find that he will not get out of this matter as easy as he imagines according to the tenor of his message. He will answer to Twillingate and to the House of Assembly when in session for the deliberate insult hurled at the people of Twillingate as well as the contempt he has shown for the laws of the land.

We draw the attention of the Minister of Justice to this very serious neglect of duty and contempt for the law on behalf of Magistrate Scott, and trust the matter will at once be brought to the notice of Magistrate Scott and dealt with as its seriousness warrants. Full particulars will be required when the House opens and the Minister of Justice will now be enabled to take steps to secure the information necessary.

Our Xmas Number

BY midday yesterday the total issue of our Xmas Number consisting of 15,000 copies was sold. There is not a copy of obtainable to-day. It has, thrice, the circulation of any other publication and will be read by twenty thousand who will not see any other Xmas publication. Those sent to out-ports consisted of a three section—the third section being our weekly issue.

Our Marine Department

THE tragic occurrences of the past few weeks have aroused our people such as never before; and the Department of Marine and Fisheries has been execrated with denunciations loud and deep. This Department is a disgrace to the Colony. Its head was "roamin in the gloamin" all summer, doing patrol work on the north coast. This patrol work consisted in supervising the movements of the warship? Petrel. We understand that the patrol fired two shots and nearly sank the Beothic. We are not aware that this incident has ever been recorded in the press; but it is too interesting a fact to permit to pass unnoticed. It was of course a most warlike act. Now it seems to us that the officer who directed and the navy who fired that shot should receive a decoration—we suggest a Leather Medal—on which should be inscribed "for well not bravery. This incident occurred in the Straits of Belle Isle. Of course you could understand a vigilant officer firing on an unknown vessel; but Job's flag is pretty well known, so we imagine that the officer in question must have been suffering from defective vision, caused probably by the strong saline waters of the north.

We wonder who looks after this acephalous combination when Minister Piccott is off junketing. It is high time for somebody to intervene and demand that this Department be looked after. Then there should be somebody with backbone enough to hire a steamer in case of emergency to protect life and property.

The schooner Rose M. Blanche incident is a disgraceful example of blundering. The whole earnings of a capable and venturesome planter and others have gone to the bottom owing to inefficiency of this Department. As we have several times suggested, there should be a powerful tug kept for the purpose of rendering assistance to vessels in time of distress, and then there would be no need of hiring cast off whalers from the Crosbie outfit to search for missing vessels. The Cabot is an excellent little vessel for excursions such as she was engaged on in Placentia Bay during the summer at the expense of the Colony, but she is absolutely unfit for either the Labrador service or to render assistance to vessels in distress. By the way, there are some strange stories in connection with the sister ship which was supposed to ply along Northern Labrador during the summer, and before the subsidy is paid we would suggest that the Government get hold of the Captain's log. We may return to this subject again.

Bay de Verde Elect Union Road Board

(Special to Mail and Advocate)
BAY DE VERE, Dec. 17.—Election of Road Board held here Thursday. Union carried the day by sweeping majorities. Five members elected belong to our Council.

A. BROADERS.

Diphtheria Epidemic

WE have several times in these columns discussed the unsanitary condition of certain sections of this city, and we have repeatedly drawn the attention of the City Commissioners to the dangers that threatened us. Now our predictions have been unfortunately verified, and we are face to face with a most serious problem. Some of our contemporaries try to minimize the seriousness of the situation by informing us that the disease which has the city in its grip is "of a mild type." This is not going to help in any way. Let them be honest enough to admit the gravity of the situation, let them face it manfully. Some time ago, we went to a good deal of trouble and secured a masterly article on "Sanitation" with a view to awakening the people to a realization of the situation; but of course nothing good could come from "Coaker's paper." The fact is that we are the only journal in the Colony that has the courage to discuss public issues. There are no strings to us; we cater to nobody, but we desire to promote the public weal. We are not subsidized by any clique or coterie, and we care not for the smiles of the 'higher ups.' The toilers' cause is ours, and to promote their welfare, we make every effort to discuss issues that interest them.

We warned the City Commissioners when they were squandering monies on the Tarvia fiasco and the "improvements" on Renzie's Mill Road, Monkstown Road, and other "fashionable" centres that there were parts of this city that were a disgrace to any civilized community. We reminded them of the tragic happenings which resulted at the widening of Long's Hill some years ago. We specified certain localities where there was neither water nor sewerage, but our remonstrances were in vain. There is surface sewerage arrangements on the higher levels that are merely cesspools, and it is in these localities that the outbreak of diphtheria is most severe. We declare that the Civic Commissioners are mainly responsible for the awful conditions existing in this city at the moment. We tell them that consultations with the Medical Health Officer are not going to remedy them. They should have taken our advice months ago and cleaned up the city, thus preventing contamination.

Platitudes and explanatory measures are not going to compensate for the losses that have come to the people from this outbreak of an infectious disease. Even though diphtheria should not have a fatal issue in a family, the loss cannot be estimated. Should the father be a wage earner, or any member of the family for that matter, the loss is serious, for quarantining precludes them from getting out to work. At this season particularly, it is serious beyond calculation. The winter is upon us, and fuel is a necessity. At the price that coal is selling for at the moment, some of these unfortunate stricken ones must be in very straitened circumstances.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 18

STEAM-TUG Dauntless re-launched, 1858.

Captain William Jackman presented with silver medal and thanks, engrossed on parchment, from the Royal Humane Society, for saving the lives of 27 persons at Spotted Islands, Labrador, Oct. 9th, 1867, 1868.

Thermometer 6 below zero, 1879.

Andrew Connors, shoemaker, died, aged 78, 1875.

Michael Loughlan died, 1891.

James Buckley, cooper, Hoylestown, died, 1893.

Mrs. Thomas Murphy (Old Garrison) died, 1890.

Barque Helen Isabel, Capt. Olsen, arrived to-day after round trip to Oporto—40 days—quickest trip on record, 1890.

DECEMBER 19

THOMAS CASHIN, tobacconist, Duckworth Street, died, 1875.

Lash's lottery drawn, 1876.

John Stuart, Secretary Board of works, died, 1882.

Dr. J. S. Tait married, 1882.

Captain Terrence Halleran, famous seal-killer, died, 1887.

Rev. Joseph Kearney ordained, 1887.

Sheriff Bemmister died, 1892.

H.M.S. Tourmaline arrived here to quarter for the winter, 1894.

Mrs. Lundregan, Duckworth St., died, 1898.

Rev. W. S. Lalor died at Utica, N.Y., 1893.

John T. Daly, Bonavista, died, 1890.

STILL INTERESTED IN UNION MATTERS

To Editor Mail and Advocate.
Dear Sir,—I know you will be surprised to get a letter from us. We have nothing strange to tell you, you know as much about this war as we can tell you. We are all anxious to see it over. There is quite a crowd of us on the "Columbella," and mostly all Union men. Although it is war time you are not forgotten by us. We are safe in saying if we get home again we will be stronger Union men.

We must fight again all obstacles. Britain would not be in the war to-day if she had no thought for the future, so when this war is finished we hope there will be a long and abiding peace.

We hear that most trapmen have done well this summer at home. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, and a Successful New Year.
FRANCIS HEAD,
CHARLES BRETT.

H.M.S. "Columbella."
Nov. 29, 1915.

The schr. Ada Peard, which only arrived here a few days ago, is now loading codfish at Baine Johnston's for Pernambuco.

This country certainly is an eye sore at present. Every department seems to be in the last stage of corruption. Our public men seem to have care for the proletariat, and the "eat, drink, and be merry" theory seems uppermost. We ask in the name of humanity, that stringent measures be taken to cope with the plague that is now in our midst.

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Read what Mr. C. G. Atkinson of Newelton, N.S., writes about the two Regattas in Western Nova Scotia.

Newelton, N.S.,
August 14, 1915.

Acadia Gas Engine Co. Ltd.,
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Dear Sirs,
Since my return from the regatta at Shelburne have had one thing and another to bother me from writing particulars on the boat races, but will do so now, but expect Mr. Sallows has given you particulars before this.

Everything went along in fairly good shape, except the handicap race and in this race the time between the fast boats and the slower ones was so great that no boat ever built could make up the difference, and the boats finished almost in the same order as they started, that is, they did not all start together, but each one started on his allowed handicap and it was supposed to be a close finish between them all, and instead they were strung out at the finish nearly as much as they were at the start. Lyman Thorburn came in first with a 4 H.P. ACADIA; S. Sherman, second; Award Smith, Newelton, N.S., 6 1/2 H.P. ACADIA, third.

In the race for boats not less than 25 feet with engines of 5 H.P. there were seven boats. The fastest boat of the fishing boat class was that of Award Smith's of this place with a 6 1/2 H.P. ACADIA, as she made better time in the "Free for all" than Victor Morrissey did with his 7 1/2 H.P. by two seconds. This boat did not enter in the race boats with 6 to 7 H.P., as his boat fell a little short of 20 feet, but he went around the course with them and could beat the best.

Colby Nickerson, of Woods Harbor, won this race with a 6 1/2 H.P. ACADIA. David Morrissey of C. I.; second with a 6 1/2 H.P. ACADIA, George Lowe; third with a 6 1/2 H.P. ACADIA. Time was 1 hour 11 second; dist. 9 knots.

So you will see that the ACADIA made a good showing at the races. This also shows that the ACADIA is the engine of the day.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) C. G. ATKINSON.
P.S.—The 11 H.P. "Bridgeport" made a poor showing. She entered in the 8 H.P. class and the engine expert figured this machine down to 7 1/2 H.P. at 740 revolutions per minute. The Bore and Stroke is 5 1/2 x 5 1/4.

Newelton, N.S.
September 7, 1915.

Acadia Gas Engine Co. Ltd.,
Bridgewater, N.S.

Dear Sirs,
The boat races at Clark's Harbor resulted in an excellent showing for ACADIA engines. I cannot give you the time they made in the different races over the 8-mile course, but as the ACADIA won each race it is the most important thing to know that they won by a good margin.

The 5 H.P. race for boats 25 feet and over, there was six entered and was won by Ennis Newell of Newelton (ACADIA).

The 6 1/2 H.P. race was won by Job Nickerson, Clark's Harbor (ACADIA), second Oscar Shoalds, Bear Point (ACADIA), third, Henry Murphy, Clark's Harbor (ACADIA).

The 7 1/2 to 8 H.P. race was won by Will Blades of this place, 8 H.P. (ACADIA); second, Fred. C. Smith, Newelton (ACADIA); third, Will Nickerson, Clark Point (ACADIA). These three boats were very close together and the boats with M-engines were so far behind that they dropped out.

Might add that these three winners with 8 H.P. engines were those equipped with the new cylinder. I now have the frame of the different size boats over the 9 1/4 mile course.

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Yours truly,
(Sgd.) C. G. ATKINSON.

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Health Club at Herring Neck

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—The Women's Health Club of Herring Neck has increased its membership from twenty-eight to forty in the past few weeks, through the efforts of four energetic recruiting officers.

The week beginning December 3rd was a most busy one. Despite the dark nights and stormy weather, meetings were held nearly every night, and were usually crowded. Miss Margaret Craig of the Botwood Health Club addressed these meetings on various topics, devoting one evening to "Emergencies and How to meet them," another to "Value of Pure air and pure water," still another discussed "The proper choice of Food," and also "Causes of Common Complaints," with "Training for Girls" and "Fair Play for Dogs." After each lecture members asked advice upon health topics and were answered within publicly or privately as time allowed. A half hour of physical drill always closed the meetings, and was always greatly enjoyed by both members and visitors. So simple and helpful are these exercises in correcting common ills of the body, that they can be easily practised daily in the home.

Miss Craig visited several homes of the sick in Green Cove, Pike Harbor, Hatchett Harbor and Murritt's Harbor, suggesting slight changes in diet and other simple means of relief, which she has found valuable in her many years of nursing in both private and

visiting work.

The Herring Neck Club is considering a programme for the New Year that assures its physicians of its hearty co-operation and a thorough course in Home Nursing and the Preparation of Foods.

Respectfully yours,
MRS. CHAS. MCGUINN,
Secretary.
Herring Neck, Dec 12, 1915.

WEDDING BELLS

REVEL—WHALEN.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday last, Dec. 8th., at Great Burlin Church, when Theresa Revel, daughter of Mr. William Revel was united in marriage to Jethro Whalen, son of Mr. John Whalen, Western Bay, Nfld. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. Coppleton. The groom was supported by Mr. Raymond Darby, and the bride was attended by Misses Ella E. Hollett and Lizzie Adams. They wore white dresses and black picture hats. They left the church amidst showers of rice and proceeded to the home of the bride's father where a dainty supper was awaiting them and some fifty or sixty guests.

The groom's present to the bride was a gold bracelet. They were the recipient of a serviceable collection of wedding gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen will reside at Great Burlin, and may they spend many years of wedded life.

A GUEST.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO AGED S. S. TEACHER

Mr. Samuel Elson,
Supt. of Methodist School,
Botwood.

Dear Mr. Elson,—We, your fellow officers and teachers of the Sunday school most heartily write in offering you our best wishes, and heartily congratulate you upon your 70th birthday, and pray that the Lord who has spared you and blest you for these many years may continue to bless you during the remaining years of your life. We recognize the great service you have rendered to the Church as Superintendent of the Sunday school and Lay Reader, and in token of our appreciation of your valuable services we beg you to accept this small present.

(Sgd.) JOHN T. NEWMAN, Minister.
JESSE DEAN, Secretary.
V. R. ANTLE, Treasurer.
Botwood, Dec. 6th, 1915.

FROZEN TRAIL OPENS; MAIL FROM STEFANSSON

DAWSON CITY, Dec. 10.—With the freezing of the Yukon River the winter highway to the railroad terminus at Whitehorse was opened today, three horse-drawn stages moving each way.

The annual North-West Mounted Police expedition, carrying mail for the Stefansson explorers, whalers and traders will leave here shortly after Christmas.

At Fort McPherson the expedition will meet another party of men bringing the mail from Herschel Island and other points on the Arctic. Letters from Stefansson and his men are expected to be in this mail.

Church Services

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street.—Holy Communion at 3 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Intercession Service, 11 a.m.; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton. Children's Service, 8.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher The Rector; Subject, "White Gifts for the King."

Christ Church, Quid Vidl.—1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m., 2nd Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd Sunday in month, Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; 4th Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Virginia School Chapel.—Evensg. Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's, West.—Hours of Service in Parish Church.

Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first and third Sundays in each month at noon.

Wednesdays—Holy Communion, and Intercessions on behalf of the War at 10.30 a.m.

Fridays—Evensong and Intercessions on behalf of the War at 7.30 p.m. Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Public Catechizing—The third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m.

Churching of Women—Before any Service.

Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Brookfield School Chapel
Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.
Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, the Goules.
Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.
Asylum for the Poor
Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m.
Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST

Gower St.—11, Rev. W. H. Thomas, 6.30. Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.
George St.—11 and 6.30. Rev. N. M. Guy.
Cochrane St.—11, Rev. C. A. White-marsch, 6.30. Intercession Service.
Wesley—11 and 6.30. Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.—11 a.m. and 6.30. Rev. J. S. Sutherland.
Congregational—11 and 6.30. Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.

C. M. B. C.—The Class will meet tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the Synod Building. The annual collection for the Orphanage will be taken up during the meeting. There are at present some seventy little ones under its roof; and although there are many extra calls upon us in consequence of the long and terrible war in which we are engaged, yet you would be failing in our duty to allow the claims of

Britannia

Mine were the sons that in warlike
mirth
Wove with their grey bones over the
earth
Ways for the passing of countless
feet
Of the pilgrims of liberty, making
sweet
Hopes that were dim, but following
grey
In hearts of the dark James far away,
With the red, white and blue of my
flag unfurled
The sons of my lone isle have draped
the world.
If I only raise my bugle and blow,
From the lauds of the sun and the
deserts of snow,
With a laugh on their lips,
Borne on the ships,
They will come, my children over the
sea,
To the mother they love, to die for
me.
Sons of my breeding, while we
stand together,
Brave and true,
I and you,
What care we for weather?
Naught can break us,
Naught can shake us,
War against us hurled,
Cannot blind us,
My hands round the world.
—The Sphere.

RECRUITING IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Recruiting throughout Canada, according to statements at the Military Department is proceeding at a rate which indicates that the extra hundred thousand men authorized will be enlisted by mid-winter. The total authorized establishment of a quarter of a million men will then be attained. This would be equivalent to ten army divisions or five army corps.

When the total now authorized is reached it is expected that the number will be increased to 300,000 men, in a speech here last night the Minister of Militia hinted at this.


As there are plenty of troops overseas to justify such a course, it is regarded as a question of only a brief time when another division will be sent to the front, making four in all or two complete army corps.

Big Camera Trade Now in Europe

While it is as much as one's life is worth to take a camera around Europe these days, the established photographers are doing a regular "war-order" business. Never in the history of England and France, for instance, it is impossible to obtain a likeness of oneself within a month after the picture has been taken, and in some places in London aspirants for seeing themselves pictured in uniform have to wait in line. Mothers, sweethearts, wives, sisters, want pictures of the lads going to the front, and not a few of the boys take pictures of their women folk with them. The passport demands, which include one's photograph, have also helped those who make photography their livelihood.

the fatherless and helpless to go unheeded. No doubt, there will be a full attendance and a substantial offering. Subject: "The Apostolic Ministry."

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