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## Railway Men's Union Has Defied Government Enforce Conscription

**Resolutions Most Drastic Yet Adopted by Any Labour Party Hint at Immediate Strike of All Railway Workers in Great Britain—The Action Coupled With Anti-Conscription Resolutions of 800,000 Miners Has Caused the Government Much Concern—Efforts Are Being Made to Amend the Bill in Order to Eliminate the Objections of the Miners and Railway Men**

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A News Agency despatch from London published here this afternoon says the National Railway Men's Union, one of the greatest labor organizations in Great Britain, has defied the Government to enact the Conscription Bill in the most drastic resolution yet adopted by any labor body. The Executive Committee of the Railway men declared that their organization will resist conscription to the uttermost. They hinted at an immediate strike of all railway workers of Great Britain if the Bill passes Parliament, unless the Government are prepared to confiscate the wealth of privileged classes for more the successful prosecution of war.

The resolution says, the railroad workers will resist to the uttermost the confiscation of men whose only wealth is their labor power. The Executive Committee declared the railway workers are overwhelmingly opposed to any form of conscription. They have not receded, they said, from the position they took up several months ago when they warned the Government that any attempt to enforce conscription would be followed by a general strike. The drastic action of the railwaymen coupled with anti-conscription resolutions, adopted by the representatives of eight hundred thousand miners yesterday, unquestionably has caused the Government deep concern. Asquith conferred informally to-day with members of the Cabinet. It was rumored that efforts are being made to amend the Bill before a final vote is taken to eliminate the objections of railway men and miners.

## Yellow Press Again Attacks Asquith

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Daily Mail in view of its campaign against the Government on the ground that the Government is allowing food to go to enemy, and the products to leave that country, is triumphant over Lord Lansdowne's admission in the House of Lords that quantities of cocoa from Great Britain probably are reaching her enemies, and the statement that the Government regards the situation as serious and contemplates taking measures to remedy it.

Basil Clarke, who went to Copenhagen, for the Daily Mail, and there gathered material for the campaign, has another article in this morning's issue alleging that the importation of British tires into Copenhagen is enabling the Germans to export numbers of cheap autos without tires to Denmark where they are fitted with British tires and the Germans are thus able to pay for the goods which they are receiving from Denmark, thereby lessening the slump in Exchange rates.

The Morning Post editorially draws attention to the blockade question, saying there are, at last, hopeful signs that Parliament is recovering from the mental catalepsy which was one result of the formation of the coalition ministry. It blames the Foreign Office for making useless agreements with neutral traders, and adds, "We can only repeat that, so long as the Foreign Office usurps the proper business of the Admiralty, so long will the war continue."

## Has Been Released

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Swedish-American line steamer Stockholm, with passengers, mail and general cargo, which was taken into Kirkwall by the British authorities for examination on her voyage from New York for Stockholm, was released to-day.

## German Minister Shouts Victory

LONDON, Jan. 14.—In describing the opening of the Prussian Diet, a Reuter despatch from Berlin, received by way of Amsterdam, says that the President of the Lower House, Count Schwertfeger, reviewed the events of all the battlefields, referring also to the establishment of communication with Turkey, and to the failure of the Anglo-French Dardanelles expedition. If the might of the British army, as the British Premier has said, will take a prominent place in the glorious victory of Great Britain, remarked the President, this proves that our cousins on the other side of the Channel have become much more modest, in their claims to real military success.

The Finance Minister, Dr. Lentze, in submitting the Budget, said the most prejudiced spectator must recognize that our enemies are losing the war. We are saved by our industries, which were equal to the greatest tasks, and by German science. We had to help ourselves. We could not go to America or Japan for arms and ammunition, as our enemies did. Thus we kept many thousands of millions in the country while the enemy had to pay them abroad. The success of the German war loans has proved how greatly this has helped German political economy. Dr. Lentze then dwelt on various measures concerning maximum prices, bread tickets and the regulation and the distribution of products.

## Greek Queen Not Expected to Visit Kaiser

PARIS, Jan. 14.—A despatch to the Journal des Debates, from Athens, dated to-day, says no one here believes that the Queen of Greece is thinking of going to see her sick brother, Emperor William. It has been pointed out that she been to do so for a long time, and that it is unlikely she would expose the Greek dynasty to serious risks by visiting Berlin under present conditions.

## Destroyed by Fire

ROME, Jan. 14.—The Cathedral at Sora was destroyed by fire to-day, while services were in progress throughout Italy commemorating the earthquake at Avezzano and Sora a year ago. The fire destroyed the statue of Saint Restina, Sora's protector and Saint, which was almost the only object in the church of Sora which escaped uninjured in the earthquake of last year.

## Bulgar Trenches Bombed by French

LONDON, Jan. 14.—A squadron of French aviators on Tuesday bombed the first line of Bulgarian trenches in the Strumitza sector, wrecking several trenches and killing and wounding a number of soldiers, says a despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

## Ice-Breakers Are Powerless

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Post's Stockholm correspondent reports Arctic conditions throughout Sweden with the record temperature of 23 degrees below zero. Twenty steamers have been frozen in at Gatte during the last few days and ice-breakers are powerless to release them.

## Will Exclude Luxuries

London, Jan. 15.—Owing to the serious fall in her exchange, says The Morning Post Bernese correspondent, Austria contemplates the creation of an office for the control of imports and to exclude all luxuries.

## Will Stop All Imports of Butter

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The municipality of Berlin has taken the lead in the reduction of bread allowances which were ordered recently by the general authorities. The order is only to accumulate a reserve supply of fifty grammes per week. The reduction is from 1950 to 1900 grammes, which is equivalent to slightly more than four pounds, supplementary cards for working classes with incomes up to 2500 marks annually will call for only 350 grammes per week instead of 500. Butter for bread also is the subject of governmental action.

The official announcement issued gives warning that municipalities and communes will not be allowed to import butter purchased abroad. A number of cities desiring to satisfy complaints of citizens sent agents abroad to buy butter, thus establishing an undesired competition with the Imperial Butter Bureau, and encouraging foreigners to demand higher prices.

## NO PEACE TILL VICTORY IS WON

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—"Rest assured, as I said at beginning of war, I will not make peace before we have forced the last of the enemy out of the limits of our Mother Country, and not otherwise unless with the consent of our Allies, to whom we are bound not by paper, but by sincere friendship and ties of blood."

Emperor Nicholas, in these words, addressed to one of his armies on the Russian western front during the week preceding Russian Xmas, once more replied to rumours of separate peace in Russia which from time to time have run throughout the country and even reached the men in the trenches.

## CHINESE BANDITS RUN LOOSE

Peking, Jan. 15.—The American Vice-Consul at Canton sent a telegram yesterday to American Minister Reisch here, that all was quiet in Canton and no trouble was anticipated. Bandits have looted and burned Saratsi and other villages in the province of Shansi and are threatening Kwei-huang, Missionaries at Patowitchien, Saratsi and Partzobolung, in Mongolia, are in danger. The Government is now rushing troops there.

## Mercier Greeted by Cheering Crowds

Rome, Jan. 15.—Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, arrived in Rome to-day. He was received at the station by the Belgian Minister to the Vatican, Mgr. Desanper, Papal Master of the Chamber, and a large number of residents of the Belgian colony. A large crowd of Italians also greeted the Cardinal, crying "Viva Mercier," "Viva Belgium," accompanying him along the streets to the Belgian College, where he is stopping.

## Terrible Floods In Holland

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—At seven o'clock an alarm bell rang from Broek, a province of North Holland, about six miles north-east of Amsterdam, as flood was pouring in with terrific force. Many farms were completely inundated. The inhabitants are proceeding in boats to the surrounding villages. Volendam is entirely flooded and the Mouneknd main land, the island of Marken, is under water.

## HAMBURG IS STORM SWEEPED

HAMBURG, Jan. 15.—All street car service and vehicular traffic of this city has been tied up owing to unprecedented floods, caused by a storm from the west blowing water from the sea back up the River Elbe. Many cellars has been filled with water and the streets in the lower portion of the city have been flooded to a depth of 30 inches. The storm reached its height at 11 o'clock on Thursday night.

## OURS WIN FRESH LAURELS

The Governor has received by the mail a letter written by a most distinguished and gallant General in which occurs the following passage:—"The Newfoundlanders are a class by themselves" as an American said to me—"They fight like hell and have an air of refinement and gentleness."

## GREAT DYKES ZUIDER ZEE COLLAPSE

London, Jan. 15.—The damage caused by flood in Northern Holland, is said by the Amsterdam correspondent, to be greater than was believed at first. The great dykes along the Zuider Zee collapsed at several places. Peasants, with their cattle, fled precipitately before the rising waters.

## OFFICIAL

BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The French report that the Allies have found it necessary to blow up the bridge at Demin Hissar, thus cutting communication with Bulgaria.

Russians report the repulse of two enemy offensives on the Middle Strypa and the capture of enemy trenches northeast of Czernowitz.

Four British aeroplanes sent out did not return. The enemy exploded a mine near Givenchy, and made a bomb attack which was driven back.

Lord Chelmsford has been appointed Viceroy of India.

BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—An official communication made public to-night says:—"The enemy's trenches about Givenchy were heavily bombarded by us to-day and considerable damage done to the parapets. Artillery is active to-day on both sides about Kimmel and Hill No. 61."

LONDON, Jan. 15.—It is officially announced to-night that Baron Chelmsford has been appointed Viceroy Governor-General of India in succession to Baron Hardinge.

FRENCH

ROME, Jan. 15.—It is officially announced that the French submarine 'Focault' attached to the Italian fleet, torpedoed and sank Thursday in the Adriatic Sea, an Austrian scout cruiser of the Novara type, of which there are four, and which have a displacement of 3384 tons and carry as their armament two 18-inch torpedo tubes and nine 3.9-inch guns. The 'Focault' was built at Cherbourg, and is 167 feet long.

GLASGOW, Jan. 15.—The threatened strike of seamen in the coasting trade has been settled, the owners conceding an increase of five per cent. in the wages of the seamen, making their minimum wage 55 shillings weekly.

## Fifty of Crew Still Missing

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Malta correspondent of Reuter's Telegraph Co. sends the following despatch:—"Fifty members of the crew of the British steamer Clan MacFarlane, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Dec. 30, are still missing and have been given up as lost. Capt. Salanson, commander of the ship is included among the missing.

The survivors who have arrived here state the steamer was torpedoed without warning in a rough sea. The submarine appeared on the surface only after the torpedo hit the ship. After the crew had taken to the boats the submarine came alongside the boat occupied by the Captain of the Clan MacFarlane. The submarine commander asked and received miscellaneous information regarding the ship and crew.

The submarine was one of the largest type and had mounted two guns. Its commander showed great uneasiness, the survivors say, while waiting for the steamer to sink, and finally accelerated her sinking by placing five shots below the water line.

The life boats battled eight days against mountainous seas, with the occupants on rations consisting of half a biscuit and a small cup of water twice daily. Six life boats were seen together, but three broke away before help came and they are believed to be lost."

## GREEKS PROTEST USE OF CORFU

Paris, Jan. 15.—A despatch from Athens states the Greek Government has decided to protest against the landing of troops at Corfu, alleging that disembarkation took place before the arrival of the Greek answer to the notification of the Entente Allies of their intention to occupy Corfu.

To this the Allies replied that no answer was expected to the intimation of their decision due to necessity, an ultimatum, moreover, which announced that they had no intention of infringing upon the Greek sovereignty of the Island.

## OBJECTS TO ALLIES ACTION

Vienna, Jan. 15.—Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has requested American Ambassador Penfield to convey to the British and French Governments the Austro-Hungarian protest against the arrest of the Austro-Hungarian Consul at Saloniki and his assistants and the violation of the archives of the Consulate.

The note refers to the conduct of the Entente Allies as a brutal exercise of might and the violation of the most elemental principles of International Law. It further declares that Austro-Hungary reserves the right to take such steps as are dictated by the further course of the Entente Allies in respect to the officials under arrest.

## The Protective Tariff Finds Many Converts

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The adopting by Britain of a tariff and other measures to protect agriculture after the war is finding many converts, even among those newspapers hitherto devoted to free trade, as a means of continuing the fight against Germany by economic pressure.

The Morning Post, in an editorial, strongly supports the protective idea urged by Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, to take proper steps immediately, first by forming a union with Britain's Colonies on this basis, then by approaching France, Russia and Italy with concrete proposals for a Zollverein. The Morning Post says it has been assured that France is anxious to join such a union.

## Austrian Flag Now Flies Over the Capital Of Montenegro

## We Mean to Use Our Sea Power

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Discussing the freedom of the seas, the Spectator in an article says:—"The British people cannot, and will not, be entangled, in a web of words. The State Department at Washington is served by men much quicker and with more able pens than our Foreign Office. We shall not be surprised to see victory won by President Wilson and Mr. Lansing over attempts to define such words and phrases as 'blockade,' 'retaliation,' and 'freedom of the seas.' Call blockade 'retaliation as regards war zones,' 'organic development,' 'contraband of war,' or what you will, but the fact remains that come what may, we mean to use our sea power."

The Spectator then asks: "Who dares to assert that we have ever used our naval power to tyrannize over our neighbours or to serve our selfish ends?"

## Papers Seized Are Sent to Washington

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Copies of correspondence seized from Capt. Franz von Papen, the recalled German Military Attaché at Washington, when he reached Falmouth on his way to Germany, have been turned over to the American Embassy for transmission to the State Department. They show that Von Papen made frequent payments to persons charged with the responsibility for blowing up munition works and bridges in the United States.

## Will Adopt Harsh Reprisals

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The German Government has transmitted to Great Britain, through the American Embassy a note which declares, that as a result of Britain not fulfilling Germany's demand for an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the sinking of a German submarine by the British patrol boat Baralong, Germany will adopt suitable measures for reprisal.

## Prominence Given Lloyd George's Message

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—Greetings to the Russian people from various prominent men in other countries were published in the Petrograd newspapers on the observance of the Russian New Year. Among the messages displayed most prominently is that sent by Lloyd George, British Minister of Munitions, which contains the following: "The time is soon coming when on both fronts we will face the enemy in conditions of equality as regards munitions and with numerical advantage on our side."

## 'Times' Says There is Lack of Strategic Plans

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Times which considered the failure of the Entente Allies to succour Montenegro, following a similar failure in Serbia, suggests that either there has been an absence of strategic plans or that the Allies have not been successful in their execution, and refer to the reported invasion by Turkish regular forces as another step in the German thrust eastward to Kermanshah. The newspaper says it is known to the headquarters of German intriguers in Persia, and the rebels, stirred up by Germans to revolt. The rebels were defeated at Kamada and withdrew to Kermanshah, on the main caravan route to Bagdad, when they were last heard of, Prince Henry of Prussia, who is instigating the revolt, was with them. Kermanshah has been for some time under German control. It is an important point to hold because the roads from the Turkish frontier meet there. Last December there were reports of an impending march by Turks and Germans across the country to India, under Field Marshal von der Goltz, and possibly they may have reached Kermanshah without the Entente Allies being aware of the movement.

Montenegro is now encompassed on all sides—With the Fall of their Capital and no Let up in Austrian Pressure Their Position is Critical—Allied Fleet Again Bombard Turk Positions on Gallipoli—Nothing New from Greek Centre to Show Any Development Tending to Change the Situation There—Allies Continue to Land Reinforcements at Greek Port

London, Jan. 15.—The flag of the Dual Monarchy flies over Cetinje and the Austro-Hungarians are continuing their march southward toward the fortified post of Antivari, driving before them by force of numbers the soldiers of King Nicholas. Montenegro is now encompassed on all sides, except in the south, by invaders. Across the southern border in Albania, should they be driven there they will have to face foes in Albanian tribesmen. With the fall of their capital, and with no let up in the Austrian pressure against them, the situation of the Montenegrins seems critical one. The newly acquired positions of the Austrians dominating the Adriatic Sea have not sufficed to keep from harm their warships, one of which, a cruiser of the Novara type, has been sent to bottom of the Adriatic by a French underwater craft. Where the sinking took place or whether there were any casualties connected with it, is not made public.

The Turks, according to unofficial reports from Berlin, have taken Kermanshah, the so-called capital of Persia, famous for its rugs and carpets, and surrounded by a fertile wheat country. Little fighting is going on along any of the various fronts, except by means of big guns and sapping operations. The Entente fleet again has bombarded the Turkish positions on the evacuated Gallipoli Peninsula. Since the blowing up of railroads and bridges, near the Greek frontier by engineers of the Entente Allies, there has been no new development tending to show any change in the situation there. Nothing has come through concerning the promised attack by the Teutonic allies along the line leading to the base of the Entente Allies at Salonika, but advices from a Macedonian sea port, are to effect, that the British and French continue to land reinforcements there in large numbers. It is hoped by them to make Salonika a second Ypres in strength and resisting ability.

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## Will Not Allow Shipments of Milk

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## The Question of Bait Fishes.

Letter from Mr. M. E. Condon.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Mr. Editor.—Would you kindly give me the use of your valuable paper by publishing some of my ideas as to our great national issue, a plentiful supply of bait fishes, squid and herring, to the fishermen of our Island home. I am now at Placentia, Newfoundland's old historic capital, after my return from the principal ports on visiting Rose Blanche, and on the bait freezer erected at that important fishing station by the energetic and progressive firm of Harvey & Co. of St. John's, and said firm takes first place in that line. As to the Hon. John Harvey and his Company's bait freezer, the country must give credit for thousands of quintals of fish caught through squid and herring preserved in said freezer. And what did I see in the Rose Blanche freezer? Squid imported from Gloucester, Mass. Coals to Newcastle. Oh shame on us Newfoundlanders.

After the Governments of the country prohibiting the American bank fishing fleet from procuring bait fishes, squid, etc., from our waters, now we have to go to Gloucester, Mass., and ask the Gorton Pew Fisheries Co. to sell us frozen squid for God's sake for our bank fishing fleet, and the fishermen of the West Coast to use said as bait to catch the codfish on the West Coast, and plenty of squid in our own waters. I expect to be the means of having said freezer at Rose Blanche filled with frozen squid and herring the coming season, procured and caught with my patent traps in Bonavista, Trinity, and other Bays, and conveyed with cold storage cars to a bait receiver at Port aux Basques, and then by the S.S. Glencoe or S. S. Portia to Rose Blanche for the fishermen of the West Coast, including Shore and Bank fishermen. I here ask: Where are the other progressive firms at St. John's doing to try and secure a plentiful supply of bait for the Shore, Bank and Labrador fishermen? I mean Messrs Baine, Johnston & Co., Bowring Bros., Job Bros. & Co., Monro & Co., A. Goodridge & Sons, Jas. Baird, Ltd., Smith & Co., G. M. Barr, A. S. Rendell & Co., T. and M. Winter, G. C. Fearn, G. Knowling, Ayre & Sons, Steer Bros., etc.

Why are all taking no part in this our great national issue, a plentiful supply of bait to all our fishermen for our various fisheries. Is not the fishermen's success your and the country's success? And what are our losses the past season, 1915? I say about \$2,000,000; and I maintain that there is an abundance of bait, squid and herring in our waters, particularly Trinity, Bonavista, Notre Dame, Placentia and other Bays; and I have experimented the past season as to same in one of our Northern Bays with satisfactory results. Would not the merchants, labourers, and artisans of all kinds at St. John's, and the various Banking institutions, viz: the Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Commerce, and the Royal Bank of Canada benefit thereby? I ask the various progressive managers of same to seriously consider same and endorse me in this great national issue, a plentiful supply of bait, squid and herring, to our fishermen. And are not all the various religious denominations interested in same? Prosperity to the labourers and artisans would help to ally the drink habit at St. John's, as man in prosperity does not drink to the same excess as man in adversity, who often drinks to drown trouble and sorrow.

Many of you for various reasons contributed largely, financially and otherwise, to the Prohibition issue, and the Government of the Colony to the amount of over thirty thousand dollars to defray the expenses of holding public meetings. And I as a life time total abstainer, contend before all that the great national issue, that takes first place in our Island home is a plentiful supply of bait fishes to our fishermen. And the increased catch through same, would bring prosperity to their homes and prosperly to all, and the fishermen all over the Island endorse me, in same. And I maintain that Prohibition is only a secondary consideration in comparison to the bait issue. Had you helped me financially, and with one-tenth the energy, inclusive of press and ocular demonstration, that you used for Prohibition, you would have made this real national issue a success long ago. I intend to call a spade a spade, fellow countrymen, and therefore do not take offence, but be united and assist me in this great issue, as I will win. Otherwise, I will only have to call public meetings of the fishermen in different localities, and they will be to a man with me to endorse my views on their behalf, as to a plentiful supply of squid and herring, and I would

not take second place to any in enthusing my fellow countrymen and fishermen on that subject; and I could do much better than I can with the pen, as I have had 26 years' study, the best of my life, to bait fishes, caplin, squid, and herring, also codfish and ice, and trying to devise a means of catching same, and I can say thank God, that I have devised or planned a trap that will be the means of catching squid and herring, and revolutionizing cod traps, and that is the foundation stone of bait freezers. First locate the waters where our bait fishes are in, and then devise the means of catching same, and then erect bait freezers in the best localities.

To the Premier, Sir Edward Morris, K.C.M.G., great credit should be given, as Sir Edward was the first to promote and have a bait freezer erected at Petty Harbour in 1900, 16 years ago, for which he collected the sum of eight thousand dollars. His ideas were good, but the fishermen of Petty Harbour did not appreciate same then as they would now, and the answer to same, bait fishes, squid and herring being more plentiful then then now; low prices of fish then ruling, and fishermen in ways not being as smart, and a little backward in education. To-day conditions are different. Seven dollars for fish; scarcity of bait, squid and herring; the day of motor boats, and the fishermen getting smarter. Is not this the day of cold storage plants or freezers all over the world, and are we Newfoundlanders, the smartest, most endurable and best fishermen in the world, to remain fifty years behind the times? I say that we should be ahead of the times as to the fisheries. As one that has been identified with the fisheries for over 25 years, with the shore and bank fishermen, I now ask Sir Edward Morris, the Premier of our Island home and his Cabinet, to give this real national issue their immediate attention, and to save the situation for this year now in 1916 by helping me in my proposition to have bait freezers and bait receivers erected in different localities all over the Island, and on the coast of Labrador; and cold storage cars to convey same from one section of the Island to the other, and cold storage rooms on the various coastal steamers to convey bait to the different Bays, French Shore, and the coast of Labrador.

The past season hundreds of Labrador fishing schooners returning from an unsuccessful trap fishery on that bleak coast would have increased their catch with the handline and trawl, as there was plenty of fish at Battle Harbour and vicinity, and on the French Shore, and they would have secured and brought home saving and good voyages, which would have enabled them to remain at home with their families, and not have to cut cutting pit props, and in the lumber woods away from their homes and families. Now that we have the branch lines of railway to Bonavista, Trepassay, Bay de Verde, Heart's Content which are indispensable to the fishermen and people of the above districts and a blessing in disguise,—(as I can personally give one of my experiences coming from Cape Broyle to St. John's, a distance of 40 miles. It took three days to cover that distance in zero weather, with a light horse, and impassable roads. Now it's to and from in a comfortable car in six hours.)—to convey bait from freezers at Bonavista and other Bays to Bay de Verde and other districts all over the Island.

Year after year the great national cry all over the Island, Labrador and Grand Bank, is plenty of fish and no bait; and plenty of bait in our waters. The banking fleet last season lost same; to the owners must be enormous and discouraging to the crews of said bankers. I myself sent on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915, one hundred and fifty squid in a biscuit box by rail from Princeton, Bonavista Bay, to Dugald White, the energetic fisherman of Catalina, and no sea to preserve same, and he stated to me that he caught over five quintals of fish on said squid; and that is only same, and the coming season I will be in a position to ship squid and herring to Bonavista, Catalina, French Shore, Labrador, Bay de Verde, St. John's, Port aux Basques, and other place. And I am informed on reliable authority that we will have at least two cargoes of imported squid come to the country in our own local vessels to help to supply the West Coast bankers with bait for the coming winter fishery. Probably twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars sent out of the country to Gloucester, Mass. It is time to stop burn the so-called bait act, so wake up fishermen, merchants, etc., and do not be afraid to come to the fore in

defence of this great national issue, and endorse my views on this subject. I ask the progressive merchants, etc., of Burin, Grand Bank, Burgeo, Rose Blanche, Belleoram, St. Jacques, Harbour Breton, and other places, Messrs Samuel Harris and Son, W. and T. Hollett, Patten and Forsy, R. Pike, S. Tibbo and Sons, G. Buffett, T. Moulton and Son, R. Moulton and Co. Ltd., C. F. Bishop and Co., Eph. Inkpen, D. J. and T. Burke, S. Young and Bros., Jer. Pettie, John Rose, John Smith, Danl. Boyce, T. Bond, Kearley Brothers, Critchell Bros., Lake and Lake, Reddy Bros., and our famous fish killer, Capt. Vatcher Cluett, and to come north, Captains John Lewis, Walter Kennedy, Wm. Winsor, Jesse Winsor, George Barbour, Wm. Bartlett, John Parsons, and others, and only the past season I had personal correspondence for to supply squid to Messrs. Baine, Johnston and Co., Job Bros. and Co., John Clouston, Louis Dawe, from Labrador, and also from the firm of Le Feuvre Bros. of Burin as to a squid trap, and the coming season I expect to be able to supply any of my enquiring friends with bait, squid and herring, caught in different localities. North with my patent traps, and herring from same will be a superior bait fish and food fish than the netted herring or strangled fish.

Fellow countrymen, all I ask is a square deal, and not to condemn without a trial. Scripture says for to judge not, etc., and energy, sobriety and brains, made up of good English stock fused with good Irish, it's got to win, and cannot be turned down. When I erected the first concrete ice house in the country at Cape Broyle for the preservation of bait fishes for the fishermen, the first two years when bait was plenty, I protected the industry, and was the means of adding thousands of quintals of fish to our catch, and estimated that over twenty thousand quintals were added to the Lunenburg catch in one year; but owing to the failure of squid bait fish, I had to go North and find out conditions as to squid and herring in some localities in Bonavista and Trinity Bay the past eighteen months, and now having located and planned and devised a patent squid, herring and cod trap that will make it next to impossible for said fish to get out of same, I contend that I have the problem solved as to our bait supply, and I will revolutionize the cod trap industry; and if I could only get my fellow countrymen to believe for the time being that I, (M. E. Condon), have come from Norway, the United States or Canada, and having the experience of over 25 years, as to bait fishes, then I have my proposition won. It is the old saying over again, (No man is a prophet in his own country.) When I will be the means of having concrete bait freezers, bait receivers, and ice houses erected at Bonavista, Trinity, Conception, Green Bay, Cape Broyle, Trepassay, Placentia Bay, Burin, Grand Bank, Burgeo, Port aux Basques, St. John's Bay de Verde and other places and also at St. Anthony and other places on the French Shore; also at Battle Harbor and other places on the Labrador coast, which will be the means of adding hundreds of thousands of quintals of fish to our catch, which will mean prosperity to the fishermen and their families, by the codfish, and that is indirect prosperity to our merchant, labourers, artisans and the Government of the Island, and then I will claim my just reward that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and when I am on the other side of the Great Bay I will not be forgotten by my fellow countrymen; and I, as the solver of the bait problem, will do more than has ever been done in our Island home, and all those that will assist me will not be forgotten, but will go down in the history of the Colony names never to be forgotten by generations to come. I may state that I have interviewed the Premier, Sir Edward Morris, K.C.M.G., and several all members of his Cabinet and they have all treated me with courtesy, and I have reason to believe will commence now by making a beginning to remedy the bait evil, and I am strongly endorsed in my views by W. F. Coaker, President of the F. P. U., and am making the Government a proposition as to same; and I am sure that the Reid Newfoundland Co., President Sir W. D. Reid, and brothers, will assist me in this great national issue—bait freezers with a plentiful supply of bait to the fishermen of the Colony. So fishermen and merchants of our Island, do not be afraid to come to the Press over your own signatures endorsing my views on this great national issue. I must now close for the present.

I remain, fellow countrymen,  
Yours sincerely,  
M. E. CONDON.  
Placentia, Jan. 3rd, 1916.

CHILDREN PLACED.—Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own should communicate with the above.—Jan 4, 1916.

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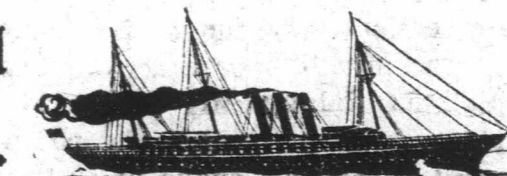
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# LATEST WAR MESSAGES

## Cell Blooded Massacres by Turks Uprooted

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Armenian refugees arriving at Erivan, in Russian Transcaucasia, state that 1500 Sassun Armenians, who were forced by cold and famine to surrender to the Turks under a Government amnesty, were killed by order of the Government. Such men were massacred and the women and children drowned in the

Euphrates River. This news was telegraphed to Viscount Bryce by an Armenian refugee worker. Commenting on the telegram to Viscount Bryce from the frontiers of Transcaucasia and Asiatic Turkey, the Armenian Refugees' Committee of London says: "This seems to indicate the final destruction of the unfortunate Armenians who fled to the mountains to escape massacre. They were mainly a part of the Armenian nation, leading a quiet life in remote valleys of the Euphrates."

## Disastrous Floods in North Holland

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—A message from Edam says that the dyke protecting the Polar Zeevang is in danger, and that if it breaks, the result will be the flooding of the greater

part of North Holland. A Jaber report says: "The 'Telegraaf' reports that the Zuider Zee dyke at Katwoude, has burst and that Zuid Polder has been flooded. Inhabitants at the place are obliged to abandon it and have fled to Edam, which is also partly flooded."

## One Only of Crew Was Saved

CROMER, England, Jan. 15.—Thirteen members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Hafra perished when the steamer broke in two after stranding. Only one member of the ship's personnel was saved. When the steamer stranded all took to the ringings, but all, except one, were washed away before lifeboats arrived to aid them. Available shipping records do not contain the name of the steamer Hafra.

## The Vatican And the Belligerents

ROME, Jan. 14.—The Holy See did nothing, up to to-day, either directly or indirectly, to solicit from either group of belligerents an invitation to participate in, or preside at a peace conference, says the Catholic organ, *Girirera d'Italia* in an article, evidently inspired by the Vatican. Both groups of belligerents, the paper adds, thus far intend to be completely victorious, dictating conditions of peace outside of any extraneous interference.

## THE WHITE COMRADE

You came to me upon the field,  
You knelt down by my side,  
You gave me drink with Your own hand,  
Or, in my sins, I'd died.

You told me, how on 'Calvary's Hill,'  
You "thirsted" in Your pain,  
When, to redeem the sons of men  
You suffered in Your shame.

The folks at home will never know  
How much You did for me,  
My many sins have been forgiven,  
My soul has been set free.

I did not know, I did not think  
That Thou could'st make pain cease,  
Annihilate the fear of death  
And give me perfect peace.

If this be death, I fear it not,  
For I can truly say,  
"Oh grave where is thy victory?"  
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## MISSING MAN IN HALIFAX

John Broadrick reported missing to the police, Thursday, took passage with a man named Hall and went with him to Halifax, where he now is.

## FISHERMEN WERE FINED

While Inspector Dee was at Burin on fisherman was fined \$15 for packing inferior lobsters. At Odein a fisherman for assaulting another was fined \$25 by Magistrate O'Reilly.

## THE S. S. SYHL.

While the Eagle and Fogota were at Sydney Crosbie & Co's new S. S. Syhl, Capt. Kennedy, was there from Halifax. She is a fine vessel of 600 tons, does 12 knots and will soon be coming this way.

## ANOTHER BARRATRY CASE

Const. O'Neill who arrived here yesterday evening brought in an old man and his son of Birch Hill, Bay Roberts, for casting away their schooner, the "Birch Hill" of 56 tons at Stag Hr. Run. She had no cargo on board and the vessel was insured in the Conception Bay Mutual Insurance Co. Today Judge Hutchings remanded them for eight days.

## THE HOME HERE—TERRIBLE TIME.—CARGO SHIFTED.—SHIP DAMAGED.

The S.S. Home arrived here this morning with 1200 bris. herring from Bay of Islands. She was out in the storm of Wednesday lay to 50 miles off St. Pierre in a terrible sea, her cargo shifted, giving her a bad starboard list, part of the bridge was carried away and she had to run for St. Lawrence for shelter. The ship was practically under water until she reached St. Lawrence.

## STEAMERS ARRIVE FROM SYDNEY.

The S.S. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, got in from Sydney this morning after a run of 43 hours with 330 tons coal to Crosbie & Co. She reports bad weather while at Sydney.

The S.S. Eagle, Capt. Couch, arrived also from Sydney to Bowring Bros. with a cargo of coal and both ships had quite a race down and up. The Eagle beat the Fogota on the run up by four hours and the Fogota coming down was ahead of the Eagle by three hours. The Fogota goes to Fogo, Tuesday to land 100 tons coal.

The man W. Williams, hurt at Bay Bulls yesterday, could not come by train to-day and the ambulance was sent to bring him to Hospital to-day.

The Stephano arrived at Halifax at three a.m. after a run of 42 hours.

The S.S. Susu will dock next week to get a new propeller to replace that damaged by striking a rock at Greens pond, as exclusively stated in The Mail and Advocate.

## DEBS TELLS SOCIALISTS HE WILL NOT RUN AGAIN FOR PRESIDENT.

Eugene V. Debs, four times Socialist candidate for President, announced recently at Terre Haute, Ind., that he had declined the fifth nomination for the presidency at the hands of his party.

"It is the first time that I ever have had the opportunity to decline the nomination," said Mr. Debs. "Heretofore I have always been dominated at conventions when I was not in attendance. This time the nomination was made by referendum, and I recently received notice that I had been nominated. I have mailed a letter to the national officers of the Socialist party announcing that I will decline the nomination."

France is looking forward to a wheat shortage. Its total available output will be about 212,830,600 bushels and the total consumption owing in part to the large number of Belgians in France, will reach 312,151,800 bushels. The country will therefore have to import about 180,000,000 worth of wheat.

## Trade Alliance Against Germany

LONDON, Jan. 5.—With the object of forming an offensive and defensive trade alliance of the Entente powers against the central powers and their allies, an important conference of British Chambers of Commerce is soon to be held in London.

The conference is to draw up a programme, which will be submitted to the Government in the name of British commerce, laying down the lines on which the proposed alliance is to be based. The proposal is practically to form a free trade union of the Entente powers and exclude Austria and Germany from trade with their territory by means of a high tariff wall so as to prevent the central powers recovering their former prosperity after the conclusion of peace.

Premier Asquith is understood to favor the scheme, and with other members of the Government he is already studying the broad lines of a trade agreement with Great Britain's allies. Mr. Asquith is strongly of opinion that not even the pre-occupation of military occupations ought to prevent the allies from taking measures to secure that this problem shall be carefully explored by expert investigation.

The Chambers of Commerce want to get the scheme so far advanced that the commercial alliance shall become operative on the day that peace is signed. Arthur Samuel, a member of the executive council of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, has offered various suggestions for discussion at the conference in January, and these have been circulated throughout the country. Mr. Samuel urges that after the conference the delegates shall lay the concrete proposals before the Prime Minister in order to permit the Government to study them.

## A CLERGYMEN'S REGIMENT.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The proposal on the part of the Minister of Militia and Defence to raise a regiment of clergymen is being well received by the cloth throughout Canada. Rev. Mr. Muncester, of Calgary, has been the first to write the Minister and assure him he is ready to serve in such a regiment in any capacity from private to colonel.

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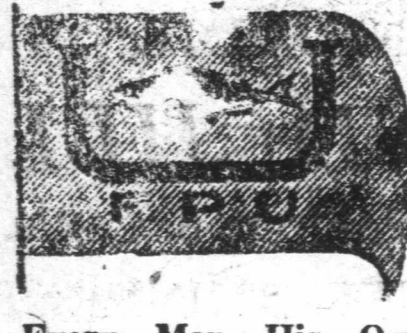
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**PATSY'S NIGHTMARE**

YESTERDAY'S Herald contained another of Patsy's scrawls re Coaker and the Volunteer movement which was a tissue of falsehoods from start to finish. We will note a few of his falsehoods.

No. 1. "He induced Dr. Mossell to resign as a member of the Patriotic Committee." The truth is Dr. Mossell did not resign, nor did Mr. Coaker endeavour to induce him to do so.

No. 2. "He called upon Mr. Kent and Dr. Lloyd to withdraw." This is another falsehood. Mr. Coaker never spoke to Dr. Lloyd or Mr. Kent about their appointment or resignation.

No. 3. "He declared the people of the Country would never forgive their action." Mr. Coaker is still of the same opinion and has not been convinced to the contrary, notwithstanding all that has happened, but for patriotic reasons Mr. Coaker subsequently acquiesced rather than decide the Country on the issue; but the day will come when Mr. Coaker will be in his place in Parliament give his reasons for opposing the action of the Governor and Premier in the early days of the war, but will abstain from public criticism until the proper time arrives.

Mr. Coaker's patriotic address at Catalina was delivered because the Colony had pledged its word to supply 1000 Naval Reservists by the end of October, 1914, of whom one-third was then lacking. The Patriotic Committee asked Mr. Coaker to help them out, as they could not secure the men. Mr. Coaker believed in the fishermen enlisting as Naval Reservists, and he did not want the Empire to point the finger of scorn at Newfoundland, as having promised 1000 Naval Reservists through the Governor at the behest of the Premier, and then going back on such a pledge, which meant disgracing the Colony before the world.

Mr. Coaker's thanks for helping the Premier to fulfil his pledge is the vile and uncalculated attack upon Mr. Coaker's patriotism by such a despicable creature as P. T. McGrath, the well-known benchman of the Premier, and the sole incubator of calumny and bigotry in Terra Nova.

Again and again McGrath has cast insinuations against Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone did ask for permission to join the Naval Reserve in order to aid in raising the 1000 promised Reservists that the Governor and Premier had promised the Home Government. Mr. Coaker did not see his way to grant Mr. Stone's wish at that time. Mr. Stone subsequently did take part in a recruiting campaign a year ago to raise the balance of the 1000 promised Reservists, and

succeeded in raising the required number.

When England is pressed for Naval Reserves Mr. Stone is ready to enlist, and when England requires Newfoundland to send what fishermen she can supply to man England's sides of steel, Mr. Coaker will not be behind in responding; and if that day comes thousands of fishermen will be ready to follow. If that call comes the F.P.U. will do its duty.

The Mail and Advocate don't intend to discuss with a serpent like P. T. McGrath, Mr. Coaker's or Mr. Stone's patriotism, nor the patriotism of the Northern fishermen; but a day will come when the insults hurled against Mr. Coaker, Mr. Stone and the Northern fishermen, respecting their patriotism, will be fully discussed, when the Premier will, we hope, stand face to face and discuss the F.P.U.'s opinions of his actions in September, 1914.

If P.T. will take the trouble to scrutinize he will find that two-thirds of the Volunteers and Naval Reservists outside of St. John's, now enlisted, belong to Union Districts, and are members of the F.P.U.

What Mr. Coaker or this paper has stated in reference to the war, enlistment, the Governor and Premier, both will stand by. What we have written, we have written. We have seen no reason to alter our opinions advanced when the war opened. We are more convinced to-day, than we ever were, that what was done in the early days of the war by Governor and Premier was not in the best interests of the Empire or Colony; and when the war is over, we will endeavour to justify our opinion in the Press and in Parliament.

Will P.T., who made such an outrageous attack on the Patriotic Committee re promotions, which attacks were proved absolutely unfounded, and called forth the apologies of the fanatic who fathered the attacks, explain why he did not publish the particulars and correspondence relative to the conduct of W. Kean, in that Bay of Islands incident, that caused such a public upheaval the past fall, or why he is so silent over a communication sent the Premier recently by a high dignitary of the Catholic Church which caused such a commotion amongst certain Executive Councillors, all of which is well known to P.T., but which he dare not mention owing to the damage it would cause him, his Church championship, and the Government in general?

**INTERESTING**

P. T. McGRATH, ESQ., is a member of the Legislative Council of this Country. He is likewise the editor of a discredited rag known as "Morris' dish-rag." He is moreover, the accredited representative of Northcliffe newspaper interests in Newfoundland, and a special, or regular, correspondent of the London Times, and presumably of the "Daily Mail," otherwise the "Daily Mail," also of London. We have defined P.T.'s status so that the following extract from a lengthy article in a recent exchange on the effects of Northcliffe's campaign against Premier Asquith, Lord Kitchener and others on the issues now being discussed in the British Parliament:

"The serious side of the censorship of the press in Great Britain is that the Government has not seen its way clear to muzzle Northcliffe, his many MISCHIEVOUS newspapers, and the news agencies which cable his ECCENTRIC STATEMENTS all over the world. Their effect is almost as far reaching in heartening Germany as the failure of an army corps.

"Northcliffe is a man of no great importance, except for his ability to build up and control newspapers. This, however, make him a formidable power in England; so great indeed that he may succeed any day in bringing about the gravest political crisis ever known in England, in the middle of the greatest war ever seen. There can be no greater proof of the power of the press than this evidence of its power for harm."

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**AT IT AGAIN**

THE long promised reply to the remarks of The Mail and Advocate, which the little chap of The Herald was compelled to hold over from day to day owing to pressure on his space, was yesterday given in the light of publicity. We suppose the Hon. Patrick is feeling "some" better now that he has got this off his chest.

So Mr. Coaker, has escaped any injury from the mob whom The Herald would have the Country to think were laying in wait to attack him the first time he appeared after the issue of yesterday's Herald.

The little fellow of the now unsavoury Herald, the Champion of the Sectarianism, is again at the task, congenial to him, of pelting first at men who have done more for the advancement of recruiting than he or any of his ilk have done.

The Editor of The Herald, the famous Patsy McGrath, is greatly concerned over the fact that Mr. Stone is still at Catalina. Now why should he worry? It would be just as fair for us to ask McGrath where Mr. Will Higgins, Mr. Geo. Kennedy, R. A. Squires, John Crosbie and the many other leathery lunged patriots of the boodlers tribe are. Are they at the front? Have they not as much right as Mr. Stone or Mr. Coaker, to be at the front?

If things are in such a bad mess as The Herald, the Newfoundland edition of the Harmsworth yellow press, says they are, why is Honourable Patrick Timothy McGrath not over in Downing street giving Kitchener and Asquith a few tips as to how the campaign should be run? Perhaps if he was, all the blunders and errors of the past fifteen months might be lessened by the fact that McGrath's great knowledge of "campaign" strategy would be gladly welcomed by the British War Office, and besides when he was on the spot he could rectify the cruel game which the Roman Catholics, which Honourable Mr. Grath said they did "with marked cards and loaded dice." Then when the war is over and the drums no longer beat The Honourable Patrick could return to the land of his birth loaded with honours of every description and the populace would shout "Hurray!"

Mr. Coaker, so Patrick tells us, forced Mossell to resign from the Patriotic Committee. What a nice obliging chap the "Doc" is to be sure! And Mr. Coaker again says Patsy, wanted to force Mr. Kent and Dr. Lloyd to resign too. Well did you ever hear the like! Wake up, Pats, and go to sleep right!

Not satisfied with claiming Mr. Coaker is disloyal, the contemptible creature of The Herald, ridicules Mr. John Stone, the popular representative for Trinity. McGrath says, "What looked at first like a splendid example of patriotism has now been reduced to the LEVEL OF A FARCE which may be set out, as we have a theatrical troupe in town in three acts" (which Hon. Patrick names).

Mr. Stone, says Patsy, is a family man. If Patsy would he have offered to fight for King and Country, seeing that as a (sh)ingling man all he did was create ill-feeling and discord at home by his despicable tactics in trying to rouse a religious warfare to prevent enlistment.

How many recruits did McGrath secure for either the Navy or the Army? How many we ask? If there was a dollar to be got for each one secured McGrath would have bought, bribed and secured them like cattle in order to swell his bank account. There was no money to be made at this job, so Patsy kept quiet. McGrath will

do almost anything for the dollars but be decent. His name, to-day stinks in the nostrils of self respecting men and he is repudiated to-day a thousand fold more by his co-religionists than he is by the Protestants whom he so bitterly attacked some few months ago.

We have compelled McGrath to purify his filthy columns before, and this service to society has never been forgiven by the benighted hydrocephalous grand pandrum of that paper. Owing to the mental perversity of its editor respectability for it is impossible.

Now, as regards these 20,000 fishermen which Patsy deplores have not gone to the front to protect him and his family where, may we ask, are the men that Morris the Bluffer was going to send over to England to man them twenty Dreadnoughts? Will the Honourable little crackle of The Herald tell an anxious public when they may be forthcoming? We ask again will he? We ask who had to secure the 1000 he offered? Was it Morris or Coaker?

Why in God's name is he always poking his meddlesome snout into matters that no wise concern him? He should take something for the meddlers' itch and respect that passage from the Book of Laws which says, "Judge not lest ye be judged."

From the foundation of the world falsehood has been the best weapon of the fool. Answer him with logic and he only assails you with lies; lash him with sarcasm and he retorts with abuse. The respectable journalist is ever ready to enter into discussion of public matters with clean hands, and if he is one with the instincts of a gentleman he will leave the concocting of unclean and uncalled for falsehoods to cowards.

But what is the use of talking. McGrath cannot act the part that Nature never intended him for. One cannot squeeze blood from a turnip or make a silk purse from a sow's ear.

McGrath's outburst of yesterday, which is the result of pent up fury and unabated envy against Coaker, owing to Coaker forcing the Government's hands in the coal crisis, will but strengthen Coaker in the hearts of the masses for whom he is toiling. It will have the direct opposite effect that McGrath's hopes it will; and even here in St. John's there will be thousands of men, women and children thank their God that we have a Coaker to protect the interests of the common people.

Coaker's action in forcing the Government to deal, and deal effectively, with the coal question is not forgotten, and these same people will remember that McGrath and his disreputable rag not long since were fighting the fight of the Coal Sharks, who would have bled the labouring man of this town to the tune of \$2.80 on every ton of coal they were compelled to purchase to keep body and soul together; but P. T. McGrath reclined in his easy chair with a cellar full of "black diamonds" purchased with the boodle he has scooped out of the Treasury of the Colony, which boodle was secured at the expense of the masses, amounting to \$100,000 in six years.

**THE WRECK**

OUT of day and the peaceful sleep  
Of calm on the blue and vasty deep,  
A gallant steamer rode:  
Into the dark of a stormy night;  
Into the ocean's rage and might,  
That howling tempest's god.  
On with the winds and pitiless waves:  
Dashed on the rocks where the mad sea raves,  
The noble vessel's lost,  
And through the storm and darkness wild,  
The last voice heard was the wail of a child,  
On the crest of a billow tossed,  
—William Lightfoot Visscher, in "Poems of the South."

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

JANUARY 15  
BRITISH MUSEUM first opened, 1759.  
Opening of last session Irish Parliament, 1800.  
Mutual Marine Insurance Company established in St. John's, 1852.  
Rev. Andrew B. Jordan died, 1899.  
John O'Regan, butcher, interred, 1899.

JANUARY 16  
Benjamin Franklin born, 1706.  
Battle of Corruna, 1809.  
Nicholas Cusack (merchant) died, 1870.  
Thomas J. Nurse, shoemaker, died suddenly, 1894.  
The S.S. Bulgaria arrived short of coal; biggest steamer up to this date to have ever entered the Narrows; 10,236 tons, 500 feet long, 62 feet beam, 4900 horsepower; cost \$600,000, 1899.

**HISTORY OF FORMER DAYS**

OPENING OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM, JANUARY 15TH, 1759

THE year 1759 is a memorable one in the History of England. It was the year of Mindew, of Lagos, of Quiberon Bay, and the Conquest of Canada. This year also saw the opening of the British Museum.

This institution was first started by the presentation to the Government of the valuable collections of Sir Hans Sloane. These were kept at Montague House, and only ten visitors were allowed at one time. New buildings have since been built in 1845 and 1857 and various extensions have since been made while the Museum has been enriched from time to time by private individuals of collections of books and antiquities. The reading room of the Museum contains over two millions volumes arranged on more than forty miles of shelves.

To know and appreciate the contents of the British Museum would be a task for a lifetime. The rooms are well arranged, and a full description of every object is printed beneath it.

The manuscript room contains many curious and interesting letters and papers. Here we may see the signatures of our Kings and Queens, a complete set of the Seals of England, and the written copy of such famous works as "Kenilworth," "John Gilpie" and Gray's "Elegy." The Book of Prayers that Lady Jane Grey wrote and carried with her to the scaffold may be noticed as well as the agreement under which John Milton sold the copyright of "Paradise Lost" for a few pounds.

In the middle of the Hall are cases containing strange old manuscripts, showing how slowly mankind learned the art of writing. Here, too, are the oldest of our written histories and chronicles, by which the records of our lands were laboriously kept before the invention of printing.

—W. H. J.

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**Notice!**

THE Third Annual Meeting of Harbor Grace District Council will be held at BAY ROBERTS on the 18th instant at 11 a.m. Prior to the Meetings of the Convention all Local Councils will please send Delegates.

A. MORGAN,  
Chairman.

**Notice!**

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Port-de-Grave District Council will be held on the AFTERNOON of MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at Brigus. All Local Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the Meeting or the Convention which meets at Bay Roberts the following day.

GEO. GRIMES,  
Dis. Chairman.

**Notice!**

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay-de-Verde District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at LOWER ISLAND COVE on the 19th instant, at 11 a.m., after the arrival of the train from Carbonear. All Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.

A. G. HUDSON,  
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## THOROUGHFARE UNIONISTS ERECT FINE NEW HALL

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—A word to let you know how things are going with us. At our regular meeting on Christmas Eve, we decided to put in Christmas week at our hall if the weather was at all suitable. I may say that we put the bedding down in the spring, and now we decided to put it in order to hold meetings in before we stop, or as will be seen in the Minutes of our Council meeting held on Saturday night, we will carry forward the work until we have used up all our material.

Well, it seems as if we are going to have a second Union week and that there will be no cry of halt until the hall is practically completed. We cannot boast of a very large number, but we are proud of the quality of men we have, and when the Hall is finished, it will stand as a silent witness to what men can accomplish along these lines and what sacrifices can be made to uphold the cause the hall represents. Long may it live supported by true, loyal unionists, led by such a man as our beloved President.

The case of Mrs P. H. Mills, plaintiff vs. Mrs. E. Millers, defendant was heard on Dec. 20 in the School Room before Magistrate Somerton. The defendant was sued on a charge of slander with intent to take away the character of plaintiff. Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and judgment was given against her. Upon the plaintiff not desiring the full extent of the law to be imposed, the Court decided that defendant pay costs and sign bonds to keep the peace which was accordingly done.

The L. O. A. Society paraded here on Dec. 31st and attended divine service at the Methodist Church. The service was conducted by S. Loder, P.M., who took for his subject "What we men," speaking from the words of Joshua "What mean these stones." We hear that it is the intention of the Lodge to have a supper in their hall on the 6th inst.

The Ladies' Aid also held their Sale of Work before Christmas and realized the sum of \$80. We consider that great praise is due to all who helped to make it such a success.

Thoroughfare, Jan. 3, 1916.

## Southern Bay F.P.U. Holds Annual Parade

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—On the 6th we held our annual parade. We assembled at our hall at noon and started on our march, every man full of Union spirit, with flags and bunting floating in the breeze. We marched down to Princeton, then back again to the Hall, where the good ladies of Southern Bay and Princeton were in readiness with tables filled to overflowing. It would do one good to gaze upon the good things to which we did justice. After the inner man was satisfied, the tables were laid aside the younger folks enjoyed themselves dancing until the "wee sma'" hours of the morning, when all wended their way towards home, being well satisfied that they had spent the best Union Day ever spent at Southern Bay.

We are still doing our little bit, adding to our number and more than ever determined to stand by our noble President, W. F. Coaker, through thick and thin. Why? Because we have one in whom we can place our confidence. We also see the citizens of St. John's looking to W. F. Coaker to help them in these "graball" times when they prove him as we people North have done, they will rejoice with us.

Southern Bay, Jan. 8, 1916.

## Note From Musgrave Town

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—It is quite a while since I saw anything in your paper from this place but nevertheless the Union is still flourishing here.

There was a concert held in the Orange Hall on Dec. 23rd in aid of the Patriotic Fund and the sum of \$10.20 was raised, which has been forwarded to the President of the W.P.A. at St. John's. The following taking part: Mesdames Leonard Oldford, Allen Greening, Norman Matthews, Misses Hazel Oldford, Hettie Saint, Mildred Saint, Pearl Cheffey, Mable Saint, Dorothy Oldford, Messrs. C. Dominey, H. Stead, J. Saint.

The programme was read by Mr. Alfred Saint, who presided as Chairman.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, and wishing the President and the Union a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,  
L. B. CHEFFEY,  
Musgravetown, B.B.

## Shambler's Cove Has New Road Board

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—We held our road board election on December 18th. The following are the names of the Road Board for Shambler's Cove, Bonavista District:

Samuel Bragg,  
Henry Vivian,  
George Vivian,  
Wm. Stagg,  
Robert Bragg.

R. B., Chairman.

Shambler's Cove,  
Jan. 8, 1916.

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## Germans Admit Navy is Useless

This Confession Made in a Cologne Newspaper—Cannot Meet the Enemy—German People Sore at Result of Fleet's Failure to Make Good.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—"Honest confession is good for the soul." For the first time the Germans have admitted that their navy is useless—outclassed and outnumbered by the British! The Allies were perfectly well aware of this long ago. The French press make much of this German admission, for it is very seldom that the Germans condescend to speak the truth. In a recent issue of the Vossische Zeitung appeared the first series of articles under the title of "Naval Cruise." A certain number of Journalists have been the guests of the commander of the high seas fleet, and their impressions are now being published in Germany. The unfortunate German people have once more been "sold": first they were assured their army was absolutely invincible. What remains of it now does not altogether corroborate this "fact." Now, after being finally bled to death in order to build a navy which was a outright that of Britain, the "victims" are told that that too is useless. Can you wonder at riots taking place in Germany? There is no denying the fact that one of the greatest surprises which the war has produced is the methods employed by the German Admiralty. No one anticipated the complete inaction of the enemy's high sea fleet. We know how why the German navy prefers retirement to activity.

For years Britain and France have been taught to regard the German navy as a serious opponent from which they were to expect great things the moment war was declared. For months now the enemy's great fleet has remained within the security of German harbors until there is a danger of Britain and her allies—all-powerful from a naval point of view—overlooking the fact that Germany does, after all, possess a large fleet which must be dealt with sooner or later. Germany has been bluffing for a long time now—her admission that her navy is useless may also be partly bluff, intended to throw her enemies off the scent.

Powerful as the German fleet may be, it stands no earthly chance of crushing the British, French, Russian and Italian fleets. The first alone is more than a match for the Kaiser's "fleet." The various sorties made by German ships have not been attended with encouraging results, but on the contrary, led one to believe that the German fleet is but a mere detail which will quite easily be sunk when the time arrives. Only a short time ago, when British submarines made their way to the Baltic, this work went on under the very nose of the German fleet; yet not a shot was fired, because the Germans were afraid of the results. Japan, some months ago, advised Britain not to destroy the German fleet in hiding, as it would prove an acceptable gift at the end of the war, and help to pay some of Germany's huge debts. Is that why it is being kept as intact as possible?

The patriotism which leaves a nation unprepared and underestimates the strength of the enemy, is at present the most dangerous order. The French feel confident that will deal the final blow that will ever crush Germany's strength. True, Germany has locked her fleet away in harbors which have hitherto proved inaccessible to the British or other Allied fleet; true, also, that the enemy has always refused to give battle to the British fleet—the mightiest of all—and that during the sixteen months that have elapsed since the declaration of war Britain has been adding to her naval strength and increasing the perfection of the machine which is her first line of defence. But is it to be supposed for one moment that Germany will ever maintain the attitude which she has adopted? If the German navy is useless as the Germans admit, there is nothing to be gained by bringing out such a navy to be pounded to death. Surely Germany is not allowing her fleet to rust and decay—whether useless or otherwise? There are many who still maintain that "the day" on sea is as powerful as the German fleet may

we really to believe that Germany and the people of Germany who have had to pay so dearly for the fleet they possess and of which they have been taught to expect so much, are quite agreeable that it shall be added to British seapower? Germany has not wrung millions of pounds from her people, and within a few years constructed and placed into commission a mighty fleet, solely with the object of tying it up in harbors behind defence booms when war broke out. She built that fleet with the object of using it sooner or later, like every other naval power similarly situated. Has Germany waited too long before bringing her fleet into action? That is very probably the case, and much as she would now like to make good use of her "bottled-up" fleet, she sees no advantage in adopting such a risky step, being outclassed and outnumbered. If what Germans say of their navy is correct, namely, that it is useless, then the German fleet must today be indeed in a most critical position, and her safest place is in hiding with whereabouts well known to Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Japan. The same remark applies to Austria and her navy, for she, too, is in the same most critical position, more so, even than Germany. Is Germany preparing a surprise for Admiral Jellicoe? It is stated in well-informed circles that the "admissions" are more bluff and that Germany has been doing all in her power to add to her naval strength, so that during the winter months and with the North Sea fogs to act as a screen, the German navy may emerge from its hiding place and by means of new inventions surprise Admiral Jellicoe and pick off certain ships.

Concerning Greece.  
Greece's psychological moment has at last arrived—the Allies, after attempting impossibilities on behalf of Serbia, have in first-class order retreated to their starting point, Salonika. To remain in Macedonia under the circumstances would have been suicidal for the Anglo-French forces. Is Greece a safe place for the hard-pressed Allies? The victorious Bulgarians have not dared to cross the Greek frontier in pursuit of the British and French. As much cannot be said of the Anglo-Germans, who have threatened to invade Greece unless the Allies are ordered out of Greek territory at once. The Greeks has, in spite of German threats, left the Allies a clear field—a free zone from Salonika to Dolran. It is the intention of the Allies not to evacuate Salonika, but to make a stand there against their enemies. King Constantine must now show his true colors.

# 'THE SQUAW MAN' DRAWS A BIG AUDIENCE

Drama Was Voted the Best Yet Seen by Our Theatre Goers and is Sure to Draw a Big Second Audience

Last night, the fifth since the opening of the Klark-Urban's theatrical season here has fully assured the St. John's public that the Company is one which can be relied on for excellent performances, and that their repertoire contains dramas of exceeding interest and the productions of the most celebrated playwrights. To another capacity house last night this talented combine produced the very entertaining and vivid drama, "The Squaw Man." In every aspect the piece is redolent of Western life and customs, and so different from the wild life of the plains, though lacking anything that in the slightest might offend the sensibilities. The opening scene of the drama opens in England, in an old manor house, the home of Earl Kerhill, who hypotheates the funds of an institute for orphans, invests them in speculations which are fraudulent, and ruin and disgrace stare the Earl in the face. Capt. Wynnegate, his cousin, who loves the Earl's wife—which sentiment is reciprocated—and who is a co-trustee of the fund with the defaulting Earl, to save him, his wife and mother from ruin, agrees to fly, so that the onus may fall on him. His further adventures are continued in the Western United States, and we would strongly advise our readers to follow them by being present at to-night's repetition for certainly this one of the best Western dramas it has ever been our good fortune to witness.

As we have already stated in dealing with another production, the Company is one of the best ever seen in St. John's and where the personnel is so clever, we are loath to make distinctions, which might be considered invidious. However, we cannot refrain from giving the praise so well deserved to those who portrayed the leading roles. Mr. Harden Klark, both as the "Earl" and when carrying the alias of "Bill of Carston Ranch," gave the dual character perfect rendition and the same must be said of Charlie Mills, Billy Webb, Frank Urban, Albert Patterson and the others. Miss Dean was inimitable as "Lady Wynnegate" and Masie Cecil as "Diana," the Earl's wife, while Auralia Clarke beautifully portrayed the Earl's sister and the Indian lad "Hal." Mr. Brower gave one of the finest delineations we have ever seen of an Indian in the character of "Taba Wana," chief of the Utes.

All were delighted with last night's performance, and justly so. A feature of the performances is the very excellent music given by the orchestra, consisting of Miss Crippen, director, (piano); Prof. Power (Clarinet); Miss Power (violin) and Mr. P. Fennessey (cornet).

### RAILWAY LINES AGAIN CLEAR

The railway from St. John's to Port aux Basques, which in sections as far as Bishop's Falls as a result of Wednesday's storm, was blocked with drifts is now practically cleared of snow. Snow plows were used Thursday and yesterday with good effect on all west-bound and east-bound trains and to-day traffic is unimpeded.

On the Bay de Verde Branch there are very heavy drifts in the cuts, especially between Northern Bay and Bay de Verde where snow plows are now at work clearing the rails. One of the trains was stalled by the snow near Northern Bay and returned to Carbonear last night.



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**St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street**—Holy Communion at 8 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.; Holy Communion and Intercession Service, 11 a.m.; Preacher, The Rector. Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton.

**Christ Church, Quidi Vidé**—1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; 2nd Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd Sunday in month Evening 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**—Even'g 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. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.

**George St.**—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.

**Cochrane St.**—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.

**Wesley**—11, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

**Presbyterian**—11 and 6.30, Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

**Congregational**—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

There is a special reason why every member of the Church and congregation should make an effort to be present at their orning service.

**WESLEY**—At Wesley on Sunday evening the subject will be: "Brighter than the noon-day sun." Everybody and anybody will be made quite welcome at the services, both morning and evening.

### C. M. B. C.

The Cathedral Men's Bible Class will meet in the Synod Building tomorrow afternoon at the usual hour. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. George House on "The Turkish Empire." A meeting of the general committee will be held after the closing of the Class, and all are specially requested to be present.

## CHANGE OF BUSINESS

**THE BEAR BRAND Rubber Agency**, heretofore conducted by the Cleveland Trading Co., will in future be carried on by the **CLEVELAND RUBBER COMPANY**. This Company will handle Rubbers exclusively, and will specialize in the BEAR BRAND, which are becoming more widely known and more greatly appreciated as time passes. They will also deal in WHITE and RED Rubber Boots, which were so successfully introduced during the past summer. A complete stock of rubber boots and shoes will at all times be carried in St. John's, to meet orders which are to be filled promptly, while customers will be assured of receiving in ample time goods for which they place orders for future shipment direct from the factory. Mr. John B. Orr's careful personal attention will be given as usual to all the requirements of his customers.

**CLEVELAND RUBBER COMPANY**,  
New Martin Building, St. John's.  
Jan 12, 15, 16

## CIVIC BOARD WEEKLY MEETING

Chairman Gosling Tells of Interview With Tarvia Expert—Regrets Full Board Did Not Meet Mr. Bliss

At last night's meeting of the Civic Commission Chairman Gosling presided with the full Board present.

A letter was received from Mrs. Agnes Tobin, sister of the late Hon. John Harris, thanking the Board for the resolutions of condolence passed at the last meeting.

James Davis asked that a board fence erected by Mr. P. Hanley on King's Road be removed, as it closed a passage-way which would be most necessary in the event of fire. The Board is powerless, the fence being a private property.

James P. Ayre, 12 Rennie's Mill Road, complained of the poor pressure of water to his house. The Engineer reported that he had already attended to the complaint.

The Martin Hardware Co., wrote, asking if the Board intended purchasing a new steam roller, and submitted prices. The communication was ordered to be filed.

R. Chaplin asked permission to repair house, 54 Gower St. Referred to Engineer.

Asst. Engineer Holden reported that Dr. Rendell had built a coachhouse at the rear of his residence, Duckworth St., with out permission. He must conform with the law.

M. Gibbons' plan of erection on Gear Street was referred to the Engineer.

The Health Officer reported 11 cases of diphtheria for the week, with 40 in Hospital and five being attended to in their homes. The Engineer reported the arranging of the valves to regulate the water pressures would soon be finished.

Chairman Gosling informed the Board that during the week he had had a most lengthy interview with Mr. Bliss, who represents the Tarvia Co., responsible for the work in Duckworth Street. The Chairman said, Mr. Bliss was at a loss to understand how the entire work had not given satisfaction. In the opinion of Mr. Bliss, the Tarvia was either spread where the Macadam was well, or that when being prepared the liquid was allowed to overboil, and consequently lost some of the essentials that are absolutely necessary for binding. Mr. Bliss considered that a couple of days' work would suffice to remedy the defects. In discussing the matter of contracting for further work, the Chairman expressed the opinion to Mr. Bliss, that the present experimental work should be put in order, which he thought the Company was morally bound to do. The Chairman was sorry that the full Board did not meet the expert. The latter's experience was that in all the towns where Tarvia roads were laid the utmost satisfaction resulted, and his company regretted that such had not been given here. The Chairman in concluding thought it would be a good thing if Tarvia were put down on our streets, but under existing conditions the present Board could not contract for further work.

## Well Deserved Promotion

It affords us much pleasure to-day to record the promotion of another of our brave boys doing service for King and Country, viz. Sgt. John Moakler. Letters received recently from Ayr, Scotland, say that Sgt. Moakler, who is now with our lads at Galls Camp, Ayrshire, had been appointed to the office of Quarter-Master Sergeant on the 18th December. The young officers brigade and business training here have stood him in good stead in the Camp, as he is entrusted with a deal of clerical work, which he performs to the satisfaction of his superiors.

Sgt. Moakler is in fine health, as are most of his comrades-in-arms, and says that Lieut. Keegan was soon to take to the firing line, 150 men to fill the places of those ill or wounded in recent actions.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Miss May Furlong has been ill the past few days with an attack of bronchitis but is now improving.

Last week the municipality collected \$9,289.58 in taxes as against \$2,981.86 for the corresponding week of last year.

Mr. J. L. Slattery, Secretary of the Municipal Council, has been ill the past few days of a cold and is confined to his room.

Two vagrants were gathered in by the police last night. One of them came of his own accord and asked for shelter at the station while the other was taken off the streets. Both are homeless and often appear in court as vagrants.

## MOR PRAISE FOR "OUR" SOLDIERS

The appended brigade order recently issued by Brigadier General Cayley, C.M.G., has been published in a number of British papers and is an official testimony to the worth and gallantry of Newfoundland's sons now at the front.

"The G.O.C. wishes to place on record his appreciation of the excellent work done by the Newfoundland Regiment during the last few days. By their conduct in this, their first important work, they have brought distinction to the Brigade, and have proved themselves to be possessed of self-reliance, bravery and tenacity, the first qualities of a good soldier."

Company has gained honour for its Battalion and for Newfoundland. At the same time, it is a certainty that other Companies will do equally well when they get their chance. The whole Battalion has been called upon for special exertions during the past week, and it has responded finely. Thanks to Newfoundland, an appreciable advance has been made against the enemy."

## MORE SAW MILL APPLICATIONS

Another list of applications for saw mill licenses for the ensuing year:

**District of Trinity.**

J. W. Hillier, New Harbor; W. and K. Hefford, New Perlican; Charles Turk, Pittman's Pond, near Hat's Hr.; W. Brown and H. Bryant, Brownsdale; Geo. F. Gushue, Chipman's Bridge, Dildo Road; Josiah Taylor, Inland Green's Hr.; Geo. Gooby, Goodie's Siding; Ambrose Churchill, Seaward's Mill; Archibald Drover, Goodie's Siding; Wm. Avery, Deep Bight; James Noseworthy, Spread Eagle River; Ambrose Churchill, Mercer's Mill, Come bye Chance; Bursney and Lowe, near Clareville; Ebenezer Strong, near Clareville; Malchus Tilly, Clareville; Wm. and John Adey, near Clareville; William Tilley, Clareville; Eleazar Robbins and Bros., Hatchet Cove; Philip Stanley and Geo. Vardy, Clareville.

**District of Bonavista.**

Albert Lethbridge, Lethbridge; Joseph Hodder and Sons, Blackhead Bay; Patrick Walsh, Blackhead Bay; Thos. Blundon, Brooklyn; Arch Bennett, Ryan's Pond Brook; Marcus Moss, Muddy Cove, Jamestown.

**District of Twillingate.**

Elias Seabright, Red Rod Cove, near Wigham Point; Henry March, Dog Bay Brook; Henry March, Dog Bay Brook; O. Stuckless & Bros.; Pt. Leamington.

**District of Placentia and St. Mary's.**

Benjamin Stanford, Piper's Hole.

**District of St. George.**

Talbot Butt, St. George's.

The "Helen Stewart," Capt. Sinclair, is making a rather long voyage of it from Bahia to St. John's. She is now 49 days out and is no doubt detained by last weather and head winds.

## PREMIER ENCAMPMENT

I. O. O. F.

Large Gathering Present at Interesting Ceremony—Outlook Highest in Lodge's Career—Enjoyable Concert Held and Supper

Last night the Premier Encampment of the Oddfellows' organization of this city, held their regular monthly meeting, when the third degree was conferred on several candidates by Chief Patriarch D. Cook in the presence of the largest assemblage of members yet seen at any one meeting. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and will live long in the memories of the new candidates. New interest has been awakened in this branch of the Order and the outlook is probably the brightest in its career.

After the meeting the members retired to the ante-room where a tasty repast was served, after which the following programme was gone through:

"The King"—Prop. Bro. D. Cook.

"The I.O.O.F."—prop. Bro. C. Hammond, resp. Bro. C. Phillips.

"The Maple Leaf"—Prop. C. Hammond.

"Premier Encampment and Atlantic Lodge"—Prop. Bro. Geo. Grimes, resp. Bro. S. Butler.

"British Empire"—Prop. Bro. Alcock, resp. Bro. H. Smith.

"Army and Navy"—Prop. Bro. G. Bradley, resp. "Soldiers of the King" and "Rule Britannia."

Song, "Killarney"—Bro. Hedley Smith.

Song, "Hearts of Oak"—Bro. D. Cook.

"Newfoundland"—Prop. Bro. Adrain, resp. Bro. Joseph Moore.

Bro. Parson's services at the organ were much appreciated by the gathering.

## YESTERDAY'S Late Messages

More Reprisals

PARIS, Jan. 14.—As reprisals for the internment of French subjects in Turkey, the French authorities to-day arrested Salt Bey, architect of the Turkish Embassy. His wife and daughter also will be placed in confinement.

## Ford Peace Party Elect Officers

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Ford Peace expedition has elected the following American members of the permanent peace board to sit in Europe indefinitely with the purpose of using all efforts to settle the war:—William Jennings Bryan, Henry Ford, Miss Jane Addams, the Rev. Charles F. Aked, and Mrs. Joseph Felle of Philadelphia. Five other Americans will be chosen to-morrow as alternates. The board will be composed of an equal number of members from the various neutral countries, and will remain in the Hague of Stockholm with the financial backing of Mr. Ford. Each member will receive a salary, and the entire expenses of the Board will probably amount to \$50,000.00 yearly.

Dr. Aked announces that he would offer his resignation from his San Francisco Church. It is not known when Mr. Bryan and Mr. Ford will come here. Judge Ben Lindsay, of Denver, refused to accept a nomination to the permanent board, but will remain in Europe indefinitely, in the interests of his family. Five other Americans will be chosen to-morrow as alternates.

## Dutch Steamer Mined

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Dutch steamship Princes Juliana arrived at Gravesend to-day, bringing the body of the Captain and seven members of the crew of the Dutch steamer Manshaven, which was abandoned on fire from Bahia to St. John's. She is now 49 days out and is no doubt detained by last weather and head winds.

## SHIPPING

The schr. "Minnie", Capt. Wakeham, is to-day out 47 days from Bahia to this port and no doubt will shortly arrive.

The schr. Success, Capt. Churchill, is now out 43 days from Bahia and should soon arrive in port.

The S.S. Meigle arrived here last night from Sydney with a full freight for the Reid Nfd. Co. She had the storm of Wednesday night at Sydney and had a good run to port, all things considered.

## Drive Against Egypt Has Been Delayed

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Turko-German expedition against Egypt has been delayed but has not been abandoned. The railroad from Jerusalem has now been carried across the Sinai Desert and is only 50 miles from the Suez Canal. Supplies of water and provisions have been accumulated along the route the expedition is to follow. The delay in the attack on the Suez Canal possibly is due to the fact that the railroad is not yet completed since the Germans are convinced that military operations in the desert are impossible, unless the railway extends as far as the neighbourhood of Ismalia on the Canal, 48 miles from Port Said.

Meanwhile the British, besides defending the Suez Canal, where they are confident they will be able to repulse the Turko-German attack, have adopted measures insuring the safety of the Interior of Egypt. They have prohibited navigation in the Red Sea, which is patrolled by warships. The garrison at Aden has been increased with the object of preventing the Turko-German emissaries from reaching Abyssinia, which communicates with Europe only by way of Djibouti in French Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden, from which the French railroad now reaches Adisababa, 48 miles by rail from Djibouti.

## Seek to Crush British Forces in Mesopotamia

ROME, Jan. 14.—The mass of rumors and reports, spread of late concerning a contemplated Turko-German drive against Egypt, is believed here to be a veil, artfully cast by the Central Powers and their Ottoman Ally, to cover extensive preparations now underway for a concerted gigantic effort in Mesopotamia with the aim of inflicting a crushing defeat upon the British there. Suez and Egypt will not be seriously attacked until this aim is accomplished. The Germans, it is said, are purposely spreading reports about an imminent attack on the Suez Canal, and are pretending that troops have been sent to Syria. Instead, however, the Teuton and Turks are concentrating all their efforts at present in Mesopotamia. Reinforcements of troops and enormous quantities of war material, including heavy Austrian artillery, have been sent to Bagdad, which is to be the base for the new drive. Only demonstrations in force are expected against the Suez Canal, while the main effort will be made from Bagdad. A crushing defeat of the British in Mesopotamia is the immediate object, the Germans believing that such a defeat would open up the way for operations against the Suez Canal and Egypt.

## May Have a General Election in 1917

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The German Government is sounding public opinion as to the advisability of a general election in January, 1917, in case the war has not ended by that time, as the Reichstag expires this year. According to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., the Government hopes by this means to reduce the number of Socialists in the Reichstag.

## PATSY'S LOYALTY OF A DUBIOUS BRAND

"Pacifist" Says he Should go Over and Join Harmsworth as an Example of "Frightfulness"—No Nation Could Stand the Apparition

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Sir,—I notice that in his silly tirade of last evening in the "Herald" that the brummagen aristocrat (as he has been termed aptly) yclept "Honorable" Patsy McGrath, is much exercised over the failure of Messrs Coaker, Stone and others to go soldiering and sailing. I have noted repeatedly since the war began that this little arm-chair critic of Prescott Street, to demonstrate his loyalty, which is of a rather dubious brand—while glorifying the Northcliffe's one breath, in the next advocates the enlisting of more and still more of Terra Nova's sons. His zeal is laudable, but there is a decided kink in it. Patsy would like to see the children or relatives of others go to the front, but I would like to ask the little egotistic patriot? how many of his own flesh and blood have yet volunteered or are doing duty where there is blood-letting and danger? There are some eligibles in his family. Where are they? Possibly P. T. will don the khaki himself some day. If he does he need only advise his friends, the Northcliffes, and "his bread is baked." If his friends report to Kaiser Bill—their friend—that the martial P. T. is on the warpath he will be sent as the exhibition of "Frightfulness" amongst the belligerents and peace would be proclaimed instantly. No nation could stand up against Uncle Bill after this apparition.

Enlist immediately P. T. You will immortalize yourself.

PACIFIST.

## GASOLINE IS ADVANCING.

We learn that gasoline—the wholesale price—advanced in the city yesterday 23 cents on the gallon, the Standard Company quoting this figure. This news will be learnt with sincere regret by our people in its effects, it will be almost as harrowing to them as the little grab which the coal barons tried on the poor widows. Gasoline is as indispensable to those afflicted with automobiles, motorcycles &c. as gas is to our politicians. An agitation should be started forthwith to reduce this exorbitant figure on such a very necessary article to our poor plutocrats.

## ACCIDENT AT BAY BULLS

Mr. Michael Williams of Bay Bulls, according to a message received by Mr. P. F. Moore, M.H.A., yesterday, met with a serious accident there yesterday and he was brought along to hospital by this forenoon's train.

## HERRING PLENTIFUL AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had a wire yesterday saying that herring had struck in large quantities at North and Middle Arms, Bay of Islands. There are several vessels there awaiting frozen herring cargoes and these will no doubt load quickly. There is not as much fish at Bonne Bay, and ice is making quickly there.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Yesterday the volunteers had drill in the armoury. There are now 2741 enlistments with the addition of Fred. W. Squires, St. John's; and Frank LeVigue, St. John's.

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