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LLOYD GEORGE ADDRESSES TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AT GLASGOW

Appealed to Trade Unions to Help Their Fellow Countrymen in the Trenches—Will We Have to Get American Workmen Over Here to Make the Necessary Guns and Ammunition Necessary for the Successful Management of the War? Asks Lloyd George

"TIME IS VICTORY AND TIME IS LIFE"

Victory is impossible he Says Unless British Workmen Follow the Example of the French People Without Cavi and Above all Without Delay—Will Britain's Skilled Workmen Suspend Their Rules to Save Their Fellow-Countrymen on the Battlefield Asks Lloyd George

LONDON, Dec. 26.—David Lloyd George addressed a meeting of some three thousand trade union officials and work stewards at Glasgow on Saturday, on the imperative need of dilution of skilled by unskilled labour. He explained that he had come to submit proposals for acceptance on which depended not only victory, but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report through Parliament to the British Army that skilled workmen refused to suspend their rules to save their fellow workers on the battlefield, he declared, and added that he refused to believe that British workmen were less patriotic than the French, whose devotion and self-sacrifice had enabled the French to successfully withstand the terrible machine which, with the aid of German workmen, had scored a great victory over the Russians. Time was vital, and help must be given without delay.

The Minister of Munitions said, in closing in his appeal to the workmen, either we must tell the soldiers that we are sorry that we cannot get the guns to enable them to win throughout 1916, owing to the trade union regulations, or we must tell them that if they manage to hold out for another year perhaps American workmen will help us to get a sufficient supply for 1917. Another alternative is that we might tell the Kaiser frankly that we cannot go on. He might let us off with the annexation of Belgium, with the payment of indemnity, and with a British colony or two, but he certainly would demand that Great Britain surrender her command of the sea, and Great Britain then would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium is to-day.

The Minister of Munitions' scheme to amend the trade union regulations was proposed by a committee, including seven trade unionists. "We don't trust trade union leaders," several voices in the audience cried. "Whom do you trust?" Mr. Lloyd George demanded, and the voice replied, "Nobody."

Mr. Lloyd George then proceeded to explain how the national gun and munition factories were being established throughout the United Kingdom, and that 80,000 skilled workmen

were required. "You won't get them," some one in the meeting declared. "I come here and face three thousand Glasgow trade unionists," the Minister shouted in reply. "Will that gentleman venture to go to Flanders and face three thousand British soldiers in the trenches?" (prolonged cheers.) Continuing, the Minister emphasized the point that the Russian retreat was due to the aid the German workmen gave their comrades in the field by manufacturing an endless supply of guns and shells and it was the French workmen, he declared, coming to the rescue, that enabled France to successfully face this terrible machine. Victory is impossible, he said, unless the British workmen frankly followed the example of their French comrades without cavi and, above all, without delay. "I cannot return to Parliament," he declared, "and report through the House of Commons to the British Army that skilled workers won't suspend their rules to save their fellow-countrymen's lives on the battlefield."

Referring to the excellent work he had seen done by women during the last few days, Mr. Lloyd George said that skilled British workmen, whose patriotism was manifested by their readiness to give their sons to fight their country's battles, would give such an answer. Time is vital, he declared time is victory, and time is life. There already are 540,000 casualties, including 300,000 between the Trade Unions and the Government in March. Further delay means further loss, and I appeal to the workmen to help thoroughly and quickly. Such aid will strengthen your claim at the end of the war upon the British people. As for the protests of the minority of this meeting, I feel that I can thank the vast majority for an appreciative hearing.

Near the close of the address, Mr. Lloyd George said that he wondered how many people fully realized the magnitude of the war and its tremendous issues. Sometimes, he feared, he said, that they treated it as a passing shower, but this is not a passing shower, it is the deluge; it is a convulsion of nature; it is a cyclone, which is tearing up by its roots the ornamental plants of modern society, and wrecking some of the flimsy trestle bridge of modern civilization. It is an earthquake which is upheaving the very rocks of European life. It is one of those seismic disturbances in which nations leap forward or fall backward for generations in a single bound. All this chattering about relaxing a rule and suspending a custom is out of place. You cannot haggle with an earthquake, and I beg the skilled workmen of this country, in whose keeping are the doctrines of nature, to lift up their eyes above the mists of distrust and suspicion, and ascend to the height of the greatest opportunity that ever opened before their class, and by so doing there will emerge, after this war, that future hope which the great leaders of democracy of all ages have pictured in their dreams.

At the outset of his appeal the Minister said that he had come to Glasgow on behalf of the Government, at the request of the British Army, to arrange for the manufacture of big guns and projectiles to supply the gallant fellows at the front, and we need your help, he said, if we are to accomplish our task. This is a weird business for Christmas morning, but I want you to remember here at home, there are hundreds of thousands of our kin in damp, dreary trenches with the whistle of death hurling around them, and I come to submit to you a proposal, on the acceptance of which depends not merely victory, but the saving of numberless lives of these brave men."

At the conclusion of his speech, Lloyd George met the district committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. At this meeting which was highly satisfactory, proposals were discussed with the view of definite and immediate action for the dilution of labour.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Headquarters in France report that an enemy bombing attack on Ploegsteert Wood failed. Artillery was active at Hartmannswellerkopf. The French abandoned captured positions on the right retaining the left and centre on a front of a mile and a quarter.—BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Dec. 24 (official)—General Townshend, commanding the British troops at Kutelamara reports the nights of Dec. 21-22 quiet.

LONDON, Dec. 24 (official)—Early this morning the enemy made an unsuccessful bombing attack, on our posts near Ploegsteert Wood.

The day being bright the artillery was active, but the preponderance of activity was on our side.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office last night. In Belgium during the day the artillery continued to display marked activity on both sides in the region of Lombartzyde. In Artois our batteries successfully bombarded German works to the South of Angres, and in the region of Arras. In Champagne we dispersed an enemy convoy on the road from Tahure to Somme. In the Vosges there was an artillery duel of a rather intense character, the enemy bombarded without effect our position on the Hirzsteen and on the slopes to the north of Hartmannswellerkopf.

The Belgian official communication reads: Calm prevailed last night and this morning; the enemy this afternoon showed some activity before the central part of our front. There batteries were immediately silenced by our artillery which afterwards destructively shelled the German works at Vicogne and an important enemy work to the north of Dixmude.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A statement issued by the French War Office to-day says the night was calm along the whole front.

FOR AND AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The repeated postponement of Asquith's announcement of the figures of Earl Derby's recruiting campaign, is now said to be due to pressure brought to bear by the anti-conscriptionists. It is also alleged that the Premier can only hold his Ministry intact by introducing some form of conscription, although he himself is not in favour of this course.

According to Parliamentary gossip the number of single men attested under the recruiting scheme was only a quarter of the total of single men on the National Registry, and it is asserted that when men unfit for service or engaged in munition work are eliminated, only very few will be available for the army.

Of course it is impossible to confirm these statements before the official figures are forthcoming, but there is little doubt that there is a strong force within the Cabinet working for conscription on the ground that single men responded inadequately to the appeal of Earl Derby. On the other hand, there is a very strong party in Parliament dead against conscription. According to the "Weekly Nation," this party numbers two hundred and is well organized and determined to fight.

KAISER'S CONDITION IS VERY SERIOUS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—According to rumours in Berlin, Emperor William's illness is very serious, says the Morning Post's Rotterdam correspondent, but these rumours have been officially denied. It was only when the rumour insisted that an operation for cancer was necessary in order to save the Emperor's life, the correspondent adds, that physicians issued a bulletin declaring that his illness was due to inflammation of the cellular tissues.

Suggestions that German Influence is at Work in Foreign Office are Emphatically Denied by Lord Cecil and A. J. Balfour

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Most important speeches before the House of Commons adjourned to-night for the Christmas recess were made by Lord Robert Cecil and A. J. Balfour.

Lord Robert Cecil's speech was a defence of the Foreign Office. He denied rumours of dissensions among the Cabinet, of dissensions among the Allies, and pro-German influence in the Foreign Office. He announced the Foreign Office would shortly issue a White Paper stating the principles on which the British blockade of Germany is based. Until the resignation of one or more members of the Cabinet, he said, every one is bound to accept the view that it is united on the main lines of its policy. As to the unity of the Allies, they have carried on the war in a manner which, in one's opinion, is really an unexampled performance. Suggestions have recently been made in various forms that some one in the Foreign Office is in the pay of Germany, or at least is pro-German. This is a grotesque and serious charge. It shows that there are some people who are

unable to stand up to the strain of the war and have become mere hysterical neuretics. When things are not going right for the moment, such people think the proper course is to turn on the men who are trying to save their country and shout 'traitor! traitor!' This is a disgrace, un-British state of things. It is utterly destructive of the morals of the country, and it is the duty of every patriotic man to stamp these things out.

"I assure the House that everything that could be legitimately done to prevent goods going to Germany has been done. One member of the Commons has said the only way to effectively blockade Germany is to go to war with the neutral countries surrounding Germany. I want to say frankly this is not the policy of the Government. The great difficulty of the blockade is to discriminate between goods with enemy destinations and those genuinely for consumption by neutral countries. As to our Balkan policy, the aim throughout has been to produce in these unhappy countries unity instead of discord. The suggestion that the Foreign Office rejected an alliance with the assistance of Greece is absolutely without foundation.

Balfour, replying to various speakers who had complained of the shortage of ships for mercantile purposes, said, the whole possibility of carrying on the war rested on the British Navy and its mercantile fleet. He was willing to confess that there had probably been some wastage of tonnage but the first business of the Admiralty was not to save tonnage but to win battles. We cannot expect to carry on the war with the same economy that we manage the ports of Liverpool or Hull, said the First Lord of the Admiralty. The first thing has been to see that every warship was ready to fight whenever required, and that every soldier was supplied with all that was necessary to make

OFFICIAL RUSSIAN

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—The following official communication from General Headquarters was issued yesterday. On the Western Russian front six versts, about four miles, northeast of Buczacz, we repulsed enemy attempts against our advanced trenches. In the region of Narancze we took an enemy post by surprise, capturing twenty-one prisoners. The enemy's desperate attempts to recapture the position were ineffectual.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A Montenegrin official statement received here late last night says: "On Dec. 23rd. our Sanjak army, in continuance of its offensive attacked the enemy towards Lopozatz. After a severe struggle the enemy was completely repulsed and driven back on Bjelopoljje, leaving on the field five hundred dead. We took as prisoners, one hundred men including a Captain. On the other fronts there has been artillery duels and infantry combats."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The Turkish War Office gave out the following statement last night:—"The situation on the Irak front is unchanged. On the Caucasian front, Russian detachments which attempted to approach us in a mile section were repulsed. On the Dardanelles front, five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit. At Seddul Bahr there was a violent artillery action on the right wing. A hostile aircraft was shot down at Birshebat."

MAKING ENERGETIC PREPARATION

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—Despatches speak convincingly of German preparations for an attack on the Suez Canal which is now timed for the end of January, but the British press continues to declare that the defensive preparations would make an attack in that territory simply folly. From Russia comes reports that Germans and Russians alike are making energetic preparations for new operations early in the new year. The Russian military organ says the winter campaign on the Russian front will not be confined to a war of attrition. Important events may be looked for very soon. Russians and Germans declare the war will be decided on the Russian front for no successes elsewhere can have a preponderating effect, until a result has been obtained here.

Peace Talk Gets No Support

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's wiring under date of Thursday says:—"To the full sitting of the Budget Committee of the Duma to-day the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sazonoff made a statement on the political situation, in the course of which he said that relations with Greece, following the Entente Allies' fortifications of Salonika, were perfectly well defined. He continued, "The occupation of Hamadan and Kum enables us to prevent the Germans causing trouble in Persia. In future it behooves Russia to adopt a firm attitude in regard to Persia."

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him the best fighting unit. He urged the wisest remedy for the shortage in tonnage was to go on with the building of merchant ships, which he thought should be recognized as war work, and second only to the manufacture of munitions.

THE UNITED KINGDOM IS NOW FACING A POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Greek Uneasiness Increases Hourly

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Despatches report some clashes between Russians and Austrians in Galicia with minor successes on both sides. Russian forces are also reported within 25 miles of Teheran.

Despite the fact that there has been no severe fighting for several days, Greek uneasiness over possible Germanic operations in Greek territory increases hourly. The Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that the first act of Parliament when it meets will be the proclamation of martial law, in order to muzzle the Opposition newspapers which have been mercilessly attacking the Government.

A Reuter despatch says Germany has informed Greece she hopes to reach Salonika on January 15th, promising also to evacuate Greek territory as soon as her task is finished. Other despatches assert that the Teutonic allies will take up strong positions in the Macedonian defiles and there await an offensive movement by the Entente Powers.

Bulgars Swipe Red Cross Supplies

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Salonika correspondent of the Corriere della Sera of Milan says that General Castelnau, Chief of the General Staff, has just arrived and has had a long conference with General Sarraill, the French commander in the Near East. General Castelnau's visit under present circumstances is of great importance, says the correspondent, and the best proof that decisions taken by him are in accord with General Sarraill's views is to be found in the fact that transports are arriving every day and material is being landed. Only now is the real Expeditionary Corps being organized.

The Bulgarians in possession of Monastir, the correspondent adds, have requisitioned a great quantity of flour, which was handed over by the retreating Serbs for the American Mission for distribution among the poor. Monastir is still lacking all the necessaries of life and the people are suffering greatly from hunger.

Every Man Is Needed

LONDON, Dec. 27.—It is announced officially that the armet scheme, which is already in force for men enrolled under the Derby plan has been extended to give the right to wear a special symbol to men who have been refused for military service on account of medical reasons. Earl Derby has issued a booklet on the administration of the group system in which he says in a preface note that the duration of the war will depend on man power the allies are able to put in the field such an overwhelming majority of men and guns that no matter at what cost the offensive could be pursued until the enemy armies were largely destroyed and their country invaded the war would not be prolonged. Every man who can possibly be spared for the army and navy directly assists in shortening the war, thereby diminishing industrial loss.

WILL CLOTHE BULGARS IN GERMAN UNIFORMS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Newspaper correspondent at Athens and Salonika cable that the Bulgarians will be in the vanguard in the Teutonic advance on Salonika. All pretended German guarantees, says the Morning Post's correspondent, are mere sedatives intended to induce Greek public opinion to take the bitter dose as quietly as possible.

A rumor is in circulation that the Germans are preparing to clothe the Bulgarians in German uniform so that Greece cannot object to their entry.

Christmas Day Passed Without Heavy Firing on the European Fronts—A General Abandonment Now the Order of the Day of the Truce Between all Political Parties—Northcliffe's Papers Lead in Attacking the Government

ACCUSE GOVERNMENT GENERAL MISMANAGEMENT Speculation Continues Over the Future of the Allies at Saloniki—Some Sources Say it is Feared the Central Powers Will Bear Down on Saloniki From Three Sides—Turkey and Bulgaria Still Try and Hold Friendship With Greece

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Christmas Day passed without heavy fighting anywhere on the European fronts, but it passed also without a truce which gave a touch of humanity to Christmas Day a year ago.

The United Kingdom, however, witnessed a general abandonment of the truce between the political parties which was observed during the early months of the war and which apparently was cemented for the duration of the war when the Coalition Government was formed. The past week has seen a steady growth of the newspaper attack on the Government, the general burden of which is slowness, the lack of foresight and decision and the mismanagement of the Dardanelles enterprise. While the newspapers disclaim any partisan motives all the more prominent ones participating in this opposition belong to the Conservative party, with the exception of the Manchester Guardian.

David Lloyd George is the only candidate in advance for succession. He commanded Lord Northcliffe's support some time ago by his spirit in charging the Government with being late at the most important crisis of the war, at the same time gaining for himself a large following.

The two latest accounts of indictments of the Cabinet are the postponement until after the holidays of the Munitions Bill and the postponement giving the country insight into Lord Derby's report and the receiving the results in time.

The verdict of union labor on Lloyd George's appeal to relax union rules in munition works to permit the entry of eighty thousand unskilled laborers is awaited with interest. One hundred and fifty delegates of the Engineering Society met in London this week to consider terms for settling all differences with the Government.

Speculation over the development of the attack on the Entente Allies at Salonika continues. Some papers credit the Central Powers with the plan to bear down on Salonika from three sides, the Germans forming the centre with Turks and Bulgarians on the left and right wings respectively.

From different correspondents come various reports on the situation in the Balkans, some contending the Bulgars have accomplished all territorial gains within their immediate ambitions, and therefore, will move no further. Other correspondents represent them as being determined to extend their boundaries and Germany is probably confronted with the problem of reconciling the conflicting ambitions of her two Balkan Allies. Turkey and Bulgaria are also trying to keep their friendships with Greece, whose support she is credited with still hoping to gain. The latest reported Greek move is the prohibition of the export of food supplies from Greece to the Franco-British army at Salonika.

General Castelnau, Chief of the French General Staff, visited King Constantine and met the Greek Army Staff and Minister of the Allied countries.

King Peter of Serbia has arrived at Italy from Avona and will be a guest of King Victor Emmanuel. King Peter will be entertaining in the Royal Palace at Caserta.

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**The Waiif's Christmas**

It was Christmas Eve and the great city was wrapped in a mantle of glittering snow. Up and down the broad thoroughfares, carpeted in white, the long lines of street lamps, stretching away to interminable distances, threw their yellow glare out into the frosty night and millions of scintillating diamond points, Nature's flashing gems, reflected the rays from the snowy surface. The dark blue firmament was studded with a myriad of twinkling stars. Icicles hung from every projection. It was bitterly cold. Along the fashionable avenues the tinkling of silver bells was heard as sleighs passed rapidly by, or drew up at the curb to discharge their rosy-faced occupants muffled in warm furs and fleecy head-coverings. Laughter and song were in the very atmosphere and happiness seemed to reign supreme, for it was the day of good will toward men.

Up one of these avenues lined with the mansions of the wealthy crept an incongruous figure—a small waif from the slums, thinly-clad, ragged, with a pale, pinched face sunken at the temples and with the preternaturally old look seen on the countenances of neglected and suffering children. Over his shoulder hung an old sack half filled with coal, for Patsy had been on a foraging expedition and had "swiped" his find from an unguarded area. Christmas had no significance to him, except that it was a holiday and on holidays his father got drunker than usual and beat him and his mother. In his little heathen heart he loved and pitied the poor woman who never struck him even in her tighest moments. In his mind's eye he saw how new in the desolate attic he knew as home, cowering over the cheerless stove, hugging a ragged shawl about her shoulders and weeping maudlin tears over her misfortunes. The bag of coal that he was taking home would change all that and he felt a boyish pride in his ability to make so good a haul.

The moral quality of his act of pilfering did not trouble Patsy at all, for he had been taught to believe that the "Cop" was the only law to be feared and so far the cops had not molested him. He stopped suddenly before one of the most splendid of these mansions, which was brilliantly alight from bottom to top. Through the window beneath the partially-raised shade he saw a gorgeous spectacle which stunned his senses. It was a huge Christmas tree ablaze with vari-colored electric lights and glittering tinselled gewgaws. Dropping his sack of coal inside the iron fence he crept, fascinated, up the broad steps until his eyes were on a level with the window and there he stood revelling in the happiness of others, shivering in the biting air, wet to the skin with the snow that had ceased falling only a half hour before. He saw a fine gentleman taking packages from the generously-loaded branches and distributing them to happy recipients, among them a pretty lady and a little girl with curly golden hair. It was a vision of fairyland to the little waif. Such magnificence he had never seen, never even dreamed of. As the white parcels were handed down each recipient untied the silver-gilt strings or bright-hued ribbons with a smiling, eager face and broke out in exclamations of pleasure as the contents were disclosed. As each package was distributed he would rub his half-frozen little hands together with trembling anticipations and during the untying of the string would dance up and down in an ecstasy of excitement. When finally a long, carefully-wrapped box, the biggest package of all, was handed to the curly-haired child, Patsy almost screamed with nervous expectation.

"I hope der little kid gits de best of 'em all," he eagerly said aloud to himself, and when a big, sumptuously dressed dollie was lifted out of the box amid the child's screams of delight, Patsy could contain himself no longer. "I knew it!" he shouted. "I knew der big box was all to der candy. I knew it, I tell yer!" and his teeth chattered as he violently beat his breast with his arms to keep alive the spark of life in his chilled and meager frame. Poor Patsy! He was too young to make comparisons and his tender years had not yet suggested to him that eternal, burning question of the proletariat: "Why?" But his little heart did suffer a pang when he thought of his poor mother waiting for the coal he was bringing her. Just a minute more and he would go.

To his surprise he now saw the pretty lady put a warm wrap on the curly-haired girl and don a capacious fur coat herself as though intending to go out of doors. The vestibule door opened and with the instinct of his class he turned to run. A wave of delightfully warm air touched his face and to Patsy, almost on the point of succumbing to the intense

cold, it was an invitation impossible to resist. He stepped doubtfully inside the vestibule and looked through the half-opened door. Now he was face to face with a world stranger to him than any foreign country, a world of jewels and soft furs and warm-hued carpets, of childish glee and happy laughter, a world, in short, of delight. Poor Patsy! A pathetic figure he made there in the gloom—a pale spectre of want, starvation and friendlessness gazing upon the very apotheosis of luxury and happiness.

The fine gentleman standing within with his hand on the doorknob, waiting for the pretty lady and the child, smiled contentedly as his eye took in the brilliant scene and the shower of goodly gifts which his purse had made possible, and murmured to himself: "After all, how much more blessed it is to give than to receive!" He threw open the door and for an instant stared blankly at the ragged apparition in the dark vestibule; but only for an instant. Before Patsy could see he had caught him by the collar.

"Ah! you little rascal!" he exclaimed. "I've caught you! You won't get away this time—!" and he shook him roughly.

The pretty lady came hurriedly forward.

"What is the matter, Charles?"

"It's one of those little sneak-thieves," replied her husband, "looking for a chance to steal. Perhaps he's the same one who stole my fur gloves last week."

"Oh! It cannot be," she replied. "You didn't want to steal anything, did you, little boy?"

"Nope," said Patsy. "I was jes' a-lookin' in."

"Yes," interrupted the gentleman ironically; "you were just a-looking in. Well, we'll just look in at the police station. Mootie" (turning to his wife), "you and baby run ahead to Aunt Mary's and I'll be with you in a few minutes." Grasping Patsy's collar firmly he left the house, his wife and the little girl following.

"Let him go, Charles!" pleaded the lady, following him to the corner.

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Patsy said nothing and showed little emotion. The children of the gutter do not cry easily. His captor felt the little body tremble under his clutch—with guilt and fright as he thought; but the force that shook him was the grip of the pitiless frost. The lady said nothing more, but pressing her muff to her lips hurried with the little girl across the avenue.

A car came rattling merrily down the street and as it neared the corner, with clanging bell, a scream from the lady caused her husband to turn quickly. The little girl had suddenly left her mother's side to run back for the dollie's hat which had dropped on the track. The father in one anguished moment realized the child's danger. He saw the motor-man vainly tugging at a defective brake and his hand dropped from Patsy's shoulder as he stood dazed and unmanned for the fraction of an instant. Then he leaped forward.

But Patsy was quicker. In an instant he had reached the child and thrown her out of danger. He could save himself had he not stopped to grab the splendid dollie and fling it aside also. As he did so the cruel wheels caught him, crunched their dreadful way over his thigh and dragged him to the very door where he had a few moments before seen his vision of fairyland.

When the mangled little form had been drawn out from under the truck they carried him into the fine gentleman's house and laid him on the couch beside the Christmas tree. The doctor, hastily summoned, gave one glance and shook his head. The child was still conscious, and moaning. They asked him what his name was and all he could tell them was "Patsy." They heard his weak little voice mutter something about "der coal for me mudder," but they did not understand. The fine gentleman bent over him and in a voice broken with sorrow and remorse begged Patsy to forgive him. The boy's eyes wandered around the room until they fell on the child and he asked:

"Did the little girl get all dat was a-comin' to her?"

"Yes, oh, yes, Patsy," broke out the sobbing mother, snatching up the little one and her doll to show them to Patsy, "you saved her and her dollie, too."

"Dat's all right," whispered Patsy, smiling faintly.

"Get well, my boy," said the gentleman, "get well, and we'll make every day a Christmas day for you."

"Youse is awful nice to me youse is," said the little fellow brokenly, "and so is der pretty lady."

His voice grew suddenly weaker; but he tried, with a pitiful show of bravery, to make light of his great trouble, as he whispered, his little chest heaving with anguish: "I guess I got wot's comin' to me, too, didn't I?"

The pretty lady, unable to speak, bent over and kissed the pale forehead. When she drew back a spasm of agony shook the little frame and death stamped its gray seal on the countenance.

From the starry heights a kindly Eye looked down upon the Christmas tree and the torn remnant of human driftwood beside it and the Great Soul which gave to Christmastide its nobler significance and which said to suffering humanity: "I am the Tree," saw to it that from its branches of love, laden with unearthly blessing, Patsy, too, got what was coming to him.

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# War Messages.

## French All Ready for Surprise Attack

Paris, Dec. 27.—Hostilities on the French front which thus far have consisted only of cannonades may take on a more serious form says the Temps in its military review. "The winds is blowing from the east which will permit enemy to use asphyxiating gas, it is then most elementary prudence for us to be ready with masks and manned batteries. It is not known where the enemy will attempt a supreme effort, the one point on front nearest Paris may be selected as well as English line at Ypres, and it is possible that the champagne will be chosen as a field of battle. The condition of ground which is thorough soaked and almost impracticable in certain regions will also play a part in decision of the enemy; nowhere will French be surprised by an attack as we are on guard along entire line."

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Absolute confidence in the army and navy in the success of their efforts is the keynote of the King's Christmas message. His Majesty expresses gratitude to those in hospitals and prays for their recovery. To the navy and army he says, I rejoice to know that the goal to which you are striving draws nearer in sight.

Berlin (via wireless), Dec. 27.—A special despatch from Sofia says the Overseas News Agency reports an attempt to land at Kavania, European Turkey, of Anglo-French troops from Gallipoli. The Greek commander at Kavala protested against this.

### A TURKISH YARN

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—A Turkish statement says the British left their sick and wounded behind, in addition to guns and ammunition, when they vacated Anafarta and Avli Burnu.

### ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Salonika despatch says General Edouard de Castelnau, Chief of Staff of the French armies, arrived there unexpectedly and conferred at length with General Sarrail.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The following official statement from Montenegro concerning the progress of hostilities was issued to-day.

"Combats on Friday along the entire front of the Sajak army were without result for the enemy, who also were repulsed near Vouchide. After a hot fight the Austrians captured our position of Raskova Gora which we retook by a vigorous counter-attack, taking a number of prisoners and a quantity of material."

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There is normal activity along the front. Artillery in France continues active. An enemy convoy was dispersed in Champagne. Intense duels in the Vosges.

The Russians took an enemy post by surprise and made many captives. They have also taken a Turkish grain boat in the Black Sea. In a pitched battle south of Teheran, the Slavs beat the Turk raiders.

The fall of the Persian Cabinet is reported, and Prince Firma is nominated Premier by the Shah. This is regarded as a great diplomatic victory for the Allies.

The Bulgars are driven back at Sanjak, leaving 500 dead on the field. The Austrians are entrenching at Sanjak and have driven the civil population from Tara.

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## Will Greece Allow Bulgars to Cross Her Frontier?

LONDON, Dec. 27.—King Constantine telegraphs Emperor William saying would he allow Bulgarian and Turkish troops to cross the Greek frontier, says the Mail's correspondent at Athens who has had interviews with Greek Ministers.

M. Gounaris, Minister of the Interior, candidly confessed according to the correspondent, that he did not know what would be done if Bulgarians and Turks attempted to cross the frontier.

Minister of Justice, R. Hallis, on the other hand, was just as emphatic in declaring that no Turk or Bulgar would be permitted to set foot on Greek soil.

### THE KAISER'S ILLNESS CAUSES MANY RUMORS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Alarming rumours, probably of an exaggerated nature, are being circulated in Switzerland to-day concerning Emperor William's illness. According to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., the rumours state that the Emperor's condition is causing profound anxiety in Berlin.

### WANT TO REOPEN SERBIAN PARLIAMENT

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Athens correspondent of Havas Agency sends the following—

"The Serbian Minister of War arrived here yesterday and was received to-day by the Premier and Greek Minister of War. A number of Serbian Deputies also arrived and held a meeting, at which it was decided to ask the Serbian Government where the Serbian Parliament could reopen."

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### OBITUARY

MR. JOHN HENDERSON.

Expressions of sincerest regret were evoked from citizens generally, Christmas afternoon, when the sad news of the passing of Mr. John Henderson became known. Known to all classes and creeds in St. John's as one of our most prominent and prosperous business men, Mr. Henderson was highly esteemed by all for his kindly traits of character, his gentlemanly demeanour, urbanity and integrity. He had been ill for several weeks and it was known of late that the malady from which he suffered had been a serious turn, so that his demise did not come as a surprise to his friends, though it occasioned them poignant sorrow.

As a young man he was employed in the office of Edward Smith & Co., but in 1881 he went into partnership with Hon. John Harris, both carrying on in a most successful manner ever since the business of the well-known firm of Hearn & Co. Mr. Henderson, when he permitted himself to take a vacation, travelled extensively both in Europe and America and his knowledge of the continents was not comprehensive.

For at least two years past his health has not been satisfactory and since receiving a fall while boarding a street car some months ago his illness had been intensified. Mr. Henderson was born on Midsummer Day, 1853, and it is a curious coincidence that he died on Christmas Day, a day which also marked the passing of his brother, Mr. Wm. Henderson in 1882.

There are left to mourn him a devoted wife, daughter of the late Sir Frederick B. T. Carter; one sister, Mrs. C. Loughlan, residing in England, and one brother, Mr. Hector Henderson of this city. To the bereaved relatives *The Mail and Advocate* extends its condolences.

### OFFICIAL

No. 711.

Code Telegram from Secretary of State.

(received 23rd Dec. 1915.)

The following message issued by His Majesty the King has been given directions that it be published on Orders on Dec. 25th. Please publish that date.

Another Christmas finds all the resources of the Empire still engaged in war and I desire to convey on my own and on behalf of the Queen heartfelt Christmas greetings and our good wishes for the New Year to all who on sea and land are upholding the honor of the British name. In the Officers and men of my Navy on whom the security of the Empire depends I repose, in common with all my subjects a trust that is absolute. On the Officers and men of my Armies, whether now in France, in the East or in other fields, I reply with an equal faith, confident that their devotion, their valour and their self-sacrifice will under God's guidance lead to victory and an honourable peace. There are many of their comrades now, alas, in hospital, and to those brave men also I desire to express our earnest Domestic Prelate by His Holiness prayers for their recovery. Officers and Men of the Navy and of the Army: Another year is drawing to a close as it began—in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to many years to enjoy the new honour

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BONAR LAW.

[The above message was received too late for publication on Friday—Ed.]

### APPOINTED DOMESTIC PRELATE

Yesterday His Grace Archbishop Roche had the very welcome news from Rome that Rt. Rev. Monsignor sive with the Queen to express our

deep gratitude and our earnest prayers for their recovery. Officers and Men of the Navy and of the Army: Another year is drawing to a

tending heartiest congratulations to close as it began—in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to many years to enjoy the new honour

conferred upon him and of which he is so worthy.

### POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., presided to-day and had a big docket to deal with. In conformity with the charitable spirit of the Christmas season the Judge tempered mercy with justice and dismissed nine unfortunates, drunks. Seven disorderlies were let off on fines, mostly of \$1.00 each, and and unfortunate woman, drunk, was admonished and let go. The mothers of several boys, summoned for using toy revolvers, had to sign bonds for the future good behaviour of the lads.

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**Road Board Election**

PROBABLY the most important Act of Parliament passed for twenty years so far as it concerned the improvement and advancement of the outports was that passed in May known as the "Local Affairs Act." On Thursday, the 16th, a general election of Road Boards in outports took place, and the interest manifested was indeed another surprise to those who take an interest in the country and people's advancement. For sixty years Road Boards were appointed by the Government in power and of course each Government appointed only their own friends. Consequently if monies were not properly handled it seldom interested the Head of Departments responsible as to reprove or punish wrong doing meant making enemies of their best political friends. Wrong doing was not noticed. It was eventually under Morris Rule became so brazen and barefaced as to mean giving out public monies directly to friends and families of the party and in hundreds of instances nothing whatever was done in return for such grants and in most cases what was done in return for the grants, was of a purely personal benefit. Family grants, hush grants and special grants prior to the last general election became a demoralizing agency and threatened to destroy the morale of the whole Colony, and replace it by a system of boodle and grab such as no country in the world ever beheld.

The return of Union members to the House of Assembly saved the situation and the nine so impressed the House respecting the demoralizing effect of those givings out, that the Premier had no alternative but to yield and he bravely resolved to enable the F.P.U. to put its Road Board preachings into practice and the Bill which passed the Legislature last spring reflected the ideas and proposals of the F.P.U. upon Road Board matters.

For many years attempts were made by Governments to do something to improve Road Board affairs, but all their efforts proved futile. It must be gratifying to the Premier to find he had made no mistake by listening to the F.P.U. Party as regards the principles and contents of the Road Board Act, for it has already justified its existence and proved probably the most successful piece of legislation ever enacted by our Legislature. The outport people are delighted by the confidence replaced in them by the Act. The day so many of them hoped so long for has really come, and to-day hundreds of elected boards possessing powers far surpassing anything yet given to outport Boards are responsible for public matters in their settlements and towns. The interest taken was indeed a

surprise, for no effort had been made by the Press to create an interest. The only paper taking any notice of the change was **The Mail and Advocate**. The great interest was of course aroused through the agency of the 240 Local Councils of the F.P.U. which form a continuous chain from Kelligrews to Bonne Bay.

The people have now the power to expend their own grants, not one penny of public grants for roads, bridges, wells, wharves, marine works, etc., can be expended in future except through and by those Local Boards. They should no longer be called Road Boards—Local Boards more properly express their duties and responsibilities.

The Bonavista Platform of the F.P.U. (1912) included a plank known as "Electoral Municipal Boards." Union men recognize this Act of Parliament as the fulfillment of that proposal.

We extend the thanks of the F.P.U. to all Magistrates and J.P.'s who presided over those meetings and did their part so nobly. Very few complaints have reached us as regards unfair conduct on the part of the presiding Chairman. The case of Twillingate has been already referred to; that case was indeed a glaring one and in the interest of the Act must be investigated and properly reprimanded. Another complaint is from King's Cove. Musgrave town also seems to have had matters much mixed, but taken on a whole, the result is most gratifying and bespeaks a remarkable success for the measure.

The Boards must now do their duty. Very little money will be available while the war is on for local improvements but they must see that all monies granted to be expended in their locality must be expended under their supervision and control. Special grants cannot now be expended through a Commissioner. Petitions asking for public improvements will of course be necessary as they have been in the past, but whatever amounts are allocated because of such petitions, such allocations must be sent to the Board to be expended.

The Boards recently elected will remain in power for two years or until the next general election are over. Any settlement not possessing a Local Board can secure such by petition signed by a majority of the electors of such a community. Any settlement included in the jurisdiction of a Board, which wish to possess its own Board may secure such by petition to the Department of Public Works; when such petition is found to be in order, authority will be issued by the Department to elect a Board.

If in future there are any complaints of a local character re expenditure of public grants the blame will be solely with the people. The members for the district nor the Government cannot now be blamed for improper expenditure. The members do their part in securing a grant for any purpose, their responsibility then ends, and the Board becomes responsible.

Why Governments were so blind as not to enact such an act and establish it, years ago, is a puzzle to Union members, for in their opinion one half of a representative's troubles find their source in giving public monies to private individual political friends to expend. The cure has been administered, and the outports are rejoicing. We trust this measure is but the forerunner of many such that are necessary to make our country what it should have been many years ago, and which are embodied in the platform of the F.P.U. as proclaimed by the Bonavista Convention.

On behalf of the F.P.U. we thank the Premier for the support given the Union Party's endeavors in the House to place upon the Statute Book the Local Boards Act and for bringing its promises into effect. We may go further and as-

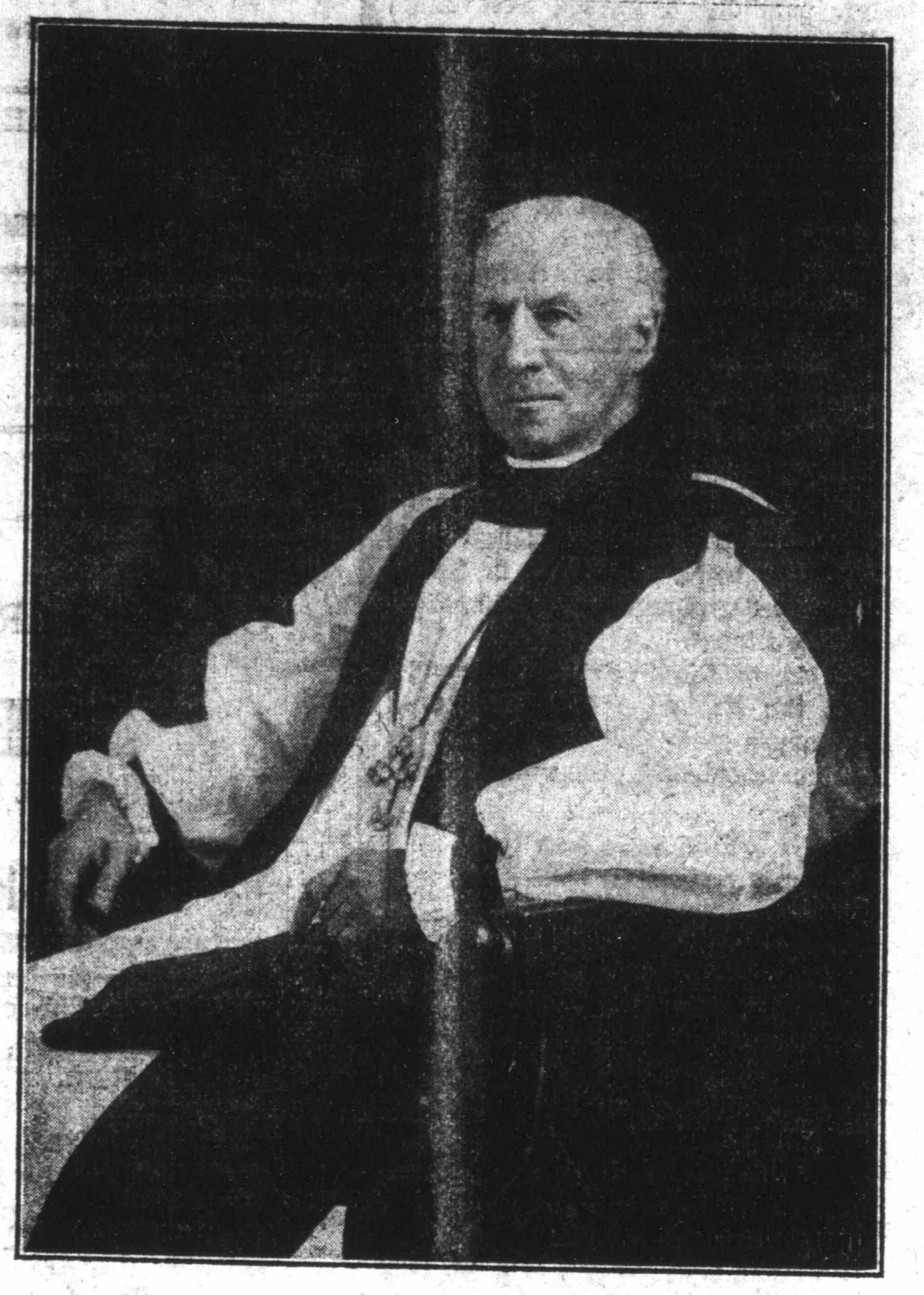
sure him that he will never regret aiding any Union proposal made in the House of Assembly.

The Union Party has indeed established a splendid political record by its actions in the House the past two years, and the whole country is convinced that many of the Union's proposals are worthy of earnest consideration and are based solely upon principles that ensure most beneficial results to the whole Colony, if enacted into law. Why should the Premier longer delay accepting the proposals of the F.P.U. respecting Compulsory Education, the erection of Bait Depots, the establishment of Night Schools, the cutting out of all fees to Elementary Schools, the combining of public positions in outports, the prohibiting of large steel steamers in the seal fishery, the encouragement of ship-building yards, providing a public emergency tug for the port of St. John's, the formation of advisory Fishery Boards for each section of the country or for the different Bays instead of the one Board now performing the work so unsatisfactory, the encouragement of motor engines for fishing boats and coasters, the enforcement of a standard cull for fish by buyer and exporter, the enactment and strict enforcement of laws protecting the cure of herring and Turbot, protection for lobsters by prohibiting packing for two years, the repeal of laws which enable magistrates as commissioners of the Supreme Court to attach and compel payments of all sorts of claims without an order of the court, the reducing of the period for enforcing payment of certain old debts from six years to three, thus allowing a poor creature unfortunate one year from being loaded with an unbearable burden for six long years, thus assassinating his energy and enthusiasm and placing him amongst the dependables when he might be a successful and independent fisherman or planter.

Oh for four short years of a Union Government for poor Terra Nova, for we are firmly convinced that in spite of a huge public debt and the effects of the world's most colossal death struggle, that a Union Government could so change conditions and affairs as to make Newfoundland the happiest and most prosperous portion of the British Empire. To carry out the above programme would involve no big expenditure of money. Probably half a million of dollars would cover the whole expenditure, while the revenue would gain at least one million and the contentment and progress of the people would be amazing. Oh, Sir Edward, what a chance you lost when Coalition was upon the carpet. How will you ever give the interests and action of those who assassinated your honor and tarnished your record as a Party Leader! One thing feel assured, that is the people intend to return a Union Government in 1917.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**  
 December 27  
**ST. JOHN'S** the Evangelist's day.  
 Bishop Mullock consecrated at Rome by Cardinal Franzoni, and Newfoundland became a Bishopric, 1847.  
 Governor Bannerman and lady gave a treat to children of St. Thomas's school—cakes, confectionery and books, 1860.  
 Str. Bloodhound launched at Glasgow, built by R. Steele & Co., 1862.  
 The addition built to St. Thomas's Church consecrated, 1874.  
 Brigus Court-house burnt, 1876.  
 Commercial Bank directors arrested, 1894.  
 Daniel Monroe married Miss Stott, 1882.  
 Patrick Prendergast, cooper, Harbor Grace, died, 1894.  
 Andrew McCoubrey died, aged 22, 1890.  
 John Vinnicombe, pilot, died, 1890.  
 New Masonic Temple (present building) opened, 1895.

**LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND.**  
**Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Right Reverend Llewellyn Jones, D.D.**



THE RIGHT REVEREND LLEWELLYN JONES, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

This being the Jubilee year of the Bishop of Newfoundland's Ordination to the Priesthood, it was the unanimous wish of the Clergy of the Diocese to embrace the opportunity which such an auspicious event offered of expressing their love and loyalty to their Diocesan who is so rightly and deservedly esteemed by all creeds and classes.

Arrangements were accordingly made for carrying out this wish with the result that on Christmas Eve a deputation of the City Clergy—clergy in the outports being unable to attend—consisting of Rev's. Canon Smith, Canon White, Canon Bolt, C. H. Barton, H. Uphill and Dr. Jones waited upon His Lordship at Bishop's Court and presented him with the following address, together with a handsome silver salver of chaste design, on which is beautifully engraved the Bishop's Arms with the years of Ordination and of the Jubilee (1865-1915), and the following inscription:

Presented to  
 The Right Reverend Llewellyn Jones, D.D.,  
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 On the occasion of the Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood  
 by his Clergy as a  
 token of their affectionate regard.

The address, printed on parchment, which was read by Canon Smith, Episcopal Commissary, was as follows:—

**TO THE REVEREND LLEWELLYN JONES, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND:**

On the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Lordship's Ordination as a Priest in the Church of God, we, the undersigned clergy, who have served or are now serving in your Diocese, desire to offer to your Lordship our hearty congratulations on the completion of a Ministry of half a century, the greater part of which has been spent in this Colony.

Of your Lordship's happily extended Episcopate, the longest but one in the whole of our Empire, during which you have given many proofs of your care for the welfare of the Church, and of your devotion to duty, especially in remaining at your post when you might have accepted less onerous work, it is not necessary for us to dwell. Your work and labours of love are known and read of all men.

While always rendering to your Lordship our filial affection as our Diocesan, we desire at this time to acknowledge the many acts of kindness which your clergy have from time to time received at your hands. It is as one, not only "given to hospitality" at all times, but also as the friend and brother of your clergy in times of stress, that we desire to approach your Lordship on the present occasion; and we humbly ask your acceptance of the accompanying Salver, with the hope that it may long remain in your family as a slight token of our affectionate regard.

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The Bishop who expressed himself as taken by surprise, gracefully replied and referred feelingly to the happy relationship which have always existed between him and his clergy during his long tenure of office.

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### More German Plots Discovered In America

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Possession of evidence by the Government in the alleged German bomb plots, which Federal officials declare to be "the most vital to the case of any yet discovered," became known to-day through the detailed report of testimony alleged to have been given by Johannes Henrikus van Koolbergen, now in Canada.

Van Koolbergen, it was learned, was the corroborating witness upon whom the Government depended to a considerable degree to support indictments returned yesterday by the Federal grand jury against Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, C. C. Crowley, an admitted agent of the German Consulate, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's agent. Each was charged with conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce with the allies, and with use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

Van Koolbergen, according to reports, was alleged to have represented to agents of the Department of Justice that a German official here employed him to act in violation of the neutrality law, and that Von Brincken, whom he knew during the Boer War, hired him to make clock-work bombs in thermos bottles at \$100 a bomb, with a bonus for each ship destroyed.

Van Koolbergen also alleged, it was said, that he was employed to dynamite a railroad trestle in Canada over which supply trains passed, and that he was paid \$250 by von Brincken and \$300 by a representative of the German Government at the German Consulate for expenses when he produced clipping from Canadian newspapers to show the trestle had been destroyed.

He also is said to have received \$1,750 in payment for services, of which \$250 went to von Brincken. The newspaper stories which he produced, it was said, were ordered printed by officials of the Canadian Government, who were directing Van Koolbergen's activities in an effort to trap the German agents in the United States. Every detail of the agent's meetings with German officials, with corroborating evidence was alleged in this manner to have been given to United States officials.

Van Koolbergen, it was stated unofficially at Washington, had been located. Officials here said he probably would be brought here under a detainer warrant as a witness.

One bomb was delivered at the German Consulate here, according to Van Koolbergen, in the presence of Van Brincken and an official who examined it and ordered more. Later this order was countermanded with a suggestion that the agent wait until excitement over bomb plots in the east subsided.

### BROTHERHOOD

WHEN in the even ways of life  
The old world jogs along,  
Our little coloured flags we flaunt:  
Our little separate selves we vaunt:

Each pipes his native song,  
And jealousy and greed and pride  
Join their ungodly hands,  
And this round lovely world divide  
Into opposing lands.

But let some crucial hour of pain  
Sound from the tower of time,  
Then consciousness of brotherhood

Wakes in each heart the latest good,  
And men become sublime,  
As swarming insects of the night,  
Fly when the sun bursts in,  
Self fades, before love's radiant light,  
And all the world is kin.

God, what a peace this earth would be

If that uplifting thought,  
Born of some vast world accident,  
Into our daily lives were blent,  
And in each action wrought,  
But while we let the old sins flock  
Back to our hearts again,  
In flame, and flood, and earthquake shock,  
Thy voice must speak to men.

### EDITOR ACQUITTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—Herr Schroeder, editor of the Telegraaf, was acquitted to-day at the conclusion of his trial on the charge of having made improper utterances in his newspaper. The public prosecutor demanded that he be sentenced to six months' imprisonment for saying: "There are in Central Europe a number of scoundrels who are responsible for the war."

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### THE SERBIAN CAMPAIGN

THE German General Staff announces the close of its campaign against the Serbian army. That army has now been driven beyond the national frontiers and the object of the German operations—an open road to Constantinople—has been attained. It is rather unusual for a war staff to inform its opponents that it has gone as far as it expects to and so relieve the enemy of undue anxiety. The Berlin statement is intended primarily, of course, for the people at home. The irresistible onset of the German arms has been proved in another theatre of war. Serbia is now at one with Poland and with Belgium as a sign of victory if the war is to be decided by the clash of armies, as another trump card in the hands of the German diplomatic if peace is to come through weariness and a matching of gains and losses. Possibly, the announcement of the "close" of Teutonic operations in the Balkans is not intended for the German people alone. Among the Allies the query will arise where Germany may strike next. In Italy, for example, the question might well be the cause of some anxiety.

titude of the Balkan peoples. Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, without question, would now be fighting on the side of the Allies. The German Powers would never have executed their march into the heart of Russia. Instead, it is not unlikely that the Czar might have broken through the Carpathian barrier, and the end of the war would be in sight. It has turned out the other way. Germany, in turn, faced the necessity of bringing aid to a beleaguered ally—Turkey—from whom in turn she might draw food supplies, in moderate quantity, for her own people. This she has accomplished. Germany, in the second place, faced the problem of swinging the Balkan balance in her favor. This, too, she has accomplished. Bulgaria is her ally, Serbia is out of it. Greece is friendly. Rumania, in spite of all rumors about Rus-

sian armies preparing to march through her territory against Bulgaria, desires to remain neutral. As a military achievement the conquest of the greater part of Serbia does not rank particularly high. What is impressive is not the speed with which the task has been performed or the obstacles which have been overcome, but the smoothness with which the operation has been carried out. Suppose the campaign conducted under Austrian instead of German leadership, and there would probably have been temporary setbacks, delays, mistakes, even if the ultimate outcome were the same. It was the German machine at work. But the German machine, while working smoothly, did not perform miracles. We may compare the operations of the last two months with the progress of events during the first Balkan war of 1912. In that year the combined forces of Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, and Montenegro outnumbered the Turkish armies as 7 to 4. In the present campaign at least three-quarters of a million Teutons, Bulgars, and Turks were arrayed against 200,000 Serbs at most, and about as many Allies in Gallipoli, or nearly 2 to 1. The Germanic attack upon Serbia began on October 6; and Belgrade was occupied on October 9, the very same day on which, three years ago, Montenegro gave the signal for war against Turkey. Just seven weeks after Belgrade, the Teutonic forces reached Mitrovitsa. But in 1912 the Bulgars had won the battle of Lule Burgas in less than three weeks after the outbreak of war, and were before the Chataldja lines in less than five weeks, covering a greater distance than from Belgrade to Mitrovitsa. In six weeks the Serbs in 1912 had occupied Monastir. In four weeks the Greeks were at Salonica. Actually, the odds against the Servians were much greater than



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those faced by the Turks in 1912. The Allies in Gallipoli have not entered into the reckoning. With 200,000 men at most, Serbia had to face an attack on three sides carried out by 200,000 Austro-Germans and probably a quarter of a million Bulgars. Against German leadership there was no chance of a dramatic coup such as shattered the Austrian Army of invasion last December. The Serbian army had the choice between retreating with forces intact into Albania and by a roundabout route back into southern Serbia, or thinning its lines and fighting a delaying campaign. The first alternative would have given the Central Powers immediate control of the road to Constantinople, while the Bulgars, facing no resistance in the north, would have poured larger forces into Macedonia than they have done, and might now have been in possession of Monastir and all of Serbia. A delaying campaign meant the loss of the greater part of the Serbian army, but it furnished Allied reinforcements which at least safeguard a remnant of the national territory. This is what has happened. The parallel with Belgium is complete. The Cerna River on which the French are established is the Yser of Serbia. Monastir is Ypres.

Berlin's announcement of the "close" of the campaign against Serbia is coincident with the arrival of winter. There is snow in the mountains. Operations can be conducted only with great difficulty. Yet Berlin's statement does not necessarily mean a suspension. The "end" may have been attained, but there is no reason why the victors should not press on to unforeseen advantages. Unless the rumored agreement between Bulgaria and Greece regarding Monastir is a fact, there is no reason why the Bulgars should not use their forces, released in the north, for exercising increased pressure against the Allies in the south. But even if a respite is granted to the Allies, the task which confronts them next spring is formidable. To match the forces of their enemies in the Balkans, they have now about 300,000 men in Gallipoli and Serbia, with the remnants of the Serb army. Before spring they must double their forces, if they are to be on equal terms, and they must pour in half a million men if they are to assume the aggressive.—The Nation.

### HIDDEN SERBIAN JEWELS FOUND

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—A special despatch received here from Nish, says the Overseas News Agency, reports that the hidden Serbian Crown Jewels have been found in the houses of former Serbian Ministers.

It is said that the Serbian crown also has been found.

### BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work upon their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet: you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in through toe you will find the water go: coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,tf

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## Aged Widow Meets With a Nasty Accident

An old widow named Finnerty who lives alone in the lower flat of a residence on New Gower Street met with an accident which resulted in serious injuries to herself and from which she may not recover. Her bedroom adjoins the kitchen, in the stove of which was a big fire, and at about 7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Mrs. Wickham who lives in the flat above heard a noise resembling the fall of a body, and rushing down stairs to the old woman's apartments was horrified to find her lying across the stove with her clothing in a blaze. Screaming for help neighbors were quickly on the scene, the old lady who is 75 years of age was taken from her perilous position, the flames were quenched, restoratives were applied and by the time she regained her sense Rev. Fr. Sheehan had arrived from St. Patrick's Deaneery, and Dr. O'Connell was also on the scene. All that was possible was done to modify the sufferings of the woman who was badly burned about the hips and legs and who for a while endured great agony and also suffered from shock. She was constantly attended by the neighbors and well cared for that night and Christmas Day was removed to Hospital.

Had Mrs. Wickham been absent from her home even for a short while the old lady would have been incinerated and the house destroyed.

### SIXTEEN ARRESTS MADE.

There were a considerable number of drunks on the streets on the evening of the 24th and the police had a busy few hours of it. No less than 16 arrests were made, all for drunkenness, and amongst the number was an unfortunate woman who often appears in Court for inebriety and who has been better days. Ten of the drunks arrested were liberated Christmas morning on making deposits of from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Held over till to-day were six old offenders who had not the wherewithal to purchase their liberty. A man was also taken off the streets Christmas Day for drunkenness.

### ATTACKED SGT. FURLONG.

Christmas Eve a Naval Reservist who had been celebrating, became boisterous on New Gower Street and when spoken to by Sgt. Furlong acted in a very disorderly manner and ended by attacking the officer. Furlong, however, is one of the old guard and though a man of quiet temperament can do a bit of "roughhouse" work when necessary. His antagonist soon realized this when he closed with him. Sgt. Furlong held the enraged tar who had to be handcuffed, before being brought to the station. He was released Christmas morning and brought to the Calypso.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—nov23

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 8 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers:—Miss C. Roberts, Miss M. Yudel, S. Ivany, A. Campbell, Dr. Burke, Thomas Youden, E. Ash.

## AWARDS FOR ACTS OF GALLANTRY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY

Christmas Day, 1915. His Excellency the Governor has received notification of Awards for Acts of Gallantry and Devotion to Duty, as follows:

**Military Cross**  
Lieutenant James John Donnelly, Distinguished Conduct Medal No. 266—Sergeant Walter Martin Greene (of Avondale). No. 807—Private Richard Hynes (of Fogo).

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## LOCAL ITEMS

The weather across country since Christmas Eve up to last night has been like that in the City fine and mild. It was a bit stormy last night and this morning.

In one or two instances, Christmas Eve, boys were noticed to be under the influence of drink. These lads of course would not be supplied at liquor stores, but they—being of the vicious class—secured it at least in some cases by stealing parcels of liquor left by men on outport teams. These boys could be seen closely watching the teams standing on George street just at dusk.

In honour of the bravery of Lieut. James Donnelly in winning the Military Cross with our boys on Gallipoli the tower of St. Patrick's Hall was gaily bedecked with bunting yesterday. Lieut. Donnelly is a popular member of the Benevolent Irish Society which has several other members at the front.

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

## OUR THEATRES

**THE CRESCENT.**  
"Rated at Ten Millions" is the great feature the Crescent Picture Palace opens the week with. This modern society drama is produced in three reels by the Lubin Company. The Lubin Stars, Lillie Leslie and Joseph Smally are the principals, supported with a strong cast. The story of a feud is told in "A Pothill Problem," the great emotional actress, May Malatesta features in this strong drama. A fine Vitagraph Comedy is "Mr. Jarr's Magnetic Friend," this is one of the Jarr family series. Mr. Dan Welmar sings a very pretty ballad "In Loveland Days." Don't fail to see "Rated at Ten Millions" its a great picture.

## NOTICE

ALL Trinity District Assessments for the District Council should be sent to the Treasurer, MR. GEORGE FOWLOW, of Phillip, Trinity East.  
J. G. STONE, D.C.  
dec24,2m,d&w

## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

DECEMBER 24th, 1915.

- 1020 Private Alwyn Winter Keeping, Forest Road. Seriously ill, enteric, Malta, Dec. 18.
- 1332 Private James Adams, 23 Scott Street. Gunshot wound in knee, serious, Bighi Hospital, Malta, Dec. 17.
- 518 Private Daniel Alexander Des Roches, 5 Livingstone Street. Gunshot wound in leg, Bighi Hospital, Malta, Dec. 17.
- 1143 Private Albert John Myer, 81 South Side. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Jaundice.
- 1323 Private Paul Hugh Lilly, Ex-ploits, N.D.B. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Jaundice.
- 412 Private Kenneth Morris, Lower Island Cove. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Jaundice, Nov. 26th.
- 1004 Private Thomas Ivamy, 98 Springdale St. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Jaundice.
- 598 Private L.-Corp. George Edward Pike, Grand Falls. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Jaundice.
- 1256 Private Frank Hibbert Somerton, Trinity. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 1352 Private Ronald Crummell, 1 Hutchings St. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 1329 Private Richard S. Redmond, Avondale. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 523 Private Francis Ernest LeMesurier, Masonic Terrace. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 1065 Private Arthur Colin Goodyear, Musgrave Hr. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Debility.
- 268 Private Stanley Gordon Tulk, St. George's. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Debility.
- 762 Private Nicholas Prout Hunt, 88 Barnes Road. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Debility.
- 720 Private William George, Bell Island, C.B. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26th, Diarrhoea.
- 904 Private Cyril Henry Tresise, Pensilva, Liskeard, Cornwall. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Diarrhoea.
- 834 Private John Hutton Clouston, Patrick Street. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26; Rheumatism.
- 816 Private John Bertram Young, Forest Road. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26; Rheumatism.
- 42 Private Frank Gordon Best, 20 Holloway Street. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Nov. 26; Diarrhoea and prezia.
- 415 L.-Corp. Wilfred Down Stenlake, Guernsey. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia.

## Xmas Made Happy for the City Poor

The Salvation Army people did good work in caring for the poor of the city this Christmas. The collections in the pots somewhat exceeded that of last year, showing the generous spirit of the people of the city. The making up, arranging, labeling and dispatching of the parcels entailed a deal of work, but this was given willingly by the officers under the supervision of Major Cave who saw that each package contained enough to supply the wants of the family for which it was intended. The number of parcels distributed was 380 and the number of persons assisted 1500.

Each parcel contained potatoes, turnips, meat, bread, sugar, tea, raisins, currants, biscuits, apples, oranges, candies &c. The parcels were handed the recipients at the Army Headquarters, Springdale Street, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Otway presiding at the distribution which was conducted with order and decorum. The officers personally saw that each case was a deserving one.

They do not take credit to themselves for this effort, regarding themselves only in the light of acting agents for the many kind friends who responded so willingly and liberally to their appeal. The officers desire to thank all who contributed in money and material in the relief of so many deserving cases.

The Officers and the Army people generally are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts in affording to those who otherwise would be without it, the good cheer, which Christmas should bring to all.

Friday the S.S. Masconomo arrived here from New York and immediately the work of transferring the oil cargo of the Shabonee on board began. The oil is being pumped into the Masconomo's tanks fore and aft, and when loaded it will be taken back to the port of shipment.

Nov. 26; Dysentery.

162 Private Leonard John Jupp, Storrington, Sussex. Seriously ill, 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26; Dysentery.

1097 L.-Corp David Manuel Hackett, 31 Pleasant St. Previously reported wounded, next, fit for duty, Oct. 1st. Now, Seriously ill at 54th Casualty Clearing Station, Suvia, Nov. 26, Jaundice.

DECEMBER 25th, 1915.  
156 Private Gordon Greene, Parade Street. Dangerously ill, enteric, Alexandria, Dec. 20.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## LATEST WAR MESSAGES

### From British Headquarters In France

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British statement from the army headquarters in France to-night, says:—

"There has been some mining activity south of LaBassee Canal, where the enemy mine failed to do any damage to our trenches.

North of the Somme our artillery was effective against the enemy's positions.

East of Albert and elsewhere along the front nothing but intermittent minor artillery engagements have occurred.

**BRITISH**  
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A British official statement from Delhi issued to-night says that General Townshend reported yesterday that there had been heavy enemy rifle fire supported by artillery, but that no attempt at an assault had been made.

### Graham Frazer Dead

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Graham Frazer, the creator of the steel industry in Canada, died suddenly in New Glasgow on Christmas morning.

### CZAR NICHOLAS THANKS PRESIDENT POINCARÉ

PARIS, Dec. 24.—An official message says Czar Nicholas has wired President Poincaré thanking him by General Pau and rejoicing in the fraternity of arms which unites his army with that of the Allies and France, to which President Poincaré has sent an appropriate reply, at the same time communicating the Czar's message to the French Army.

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

### DEATH

TUCKER—At the General Hospital early this morning (Dec. 27), Agnes, beloved wife of the late Captain W. H. Tucker. Funeral at Harbor Grace to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, on arrival of the train there.

## GREEK TROOPS REVOLT?

Paris, Dec. 27.—The long leaves of absence now being granted to large numbers of Greek soldiers, are due, not so much to economy, but on account of mutines, which have broken out, says the Petit Parisien. The nearness of their hereditary enemies, the Bulgarians, is exasperating Greek troops to such a degree that their officers have no control over them, the paper declared, adding that Premier Skouloudis is granting extended furloughs in hopes of checking the spirit of revolt.

### Turks Repulsed With Heavy Losses

Delphia, Dec. 27.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kutelamara was driven back on Saturday with heavy losses according to an official report received from General Townshend, British Commander. These reports says: Yesterday the enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our positions, which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from six to eight hundred killed and wounded; our casualties were under 200.

### Asquith to Resign Says Berlin Paper

London, Dec. 27.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that the Zeitung am Mittag of Berlin, makes a feature of a dispatch to the effect that the British Cabinet is on the eve of resignation, and that the Premier and Grey will withdraw, while Kitchener will leave the War Office for Egypt. The new head of Government, says newspaper, will be Lord Haldane, and Lord Fisher will become First Lord of the Admiralty. Commenting on this news the Zeitung am Mittag surmises that "the task of the Haldane Cabinet will be to bring about a hurried peace." A Tripoli despatch to Secolo says: "Italian Liner Port Said has been sunk by a submarine flying the Austrian colors. Six passengers and one member of crew perished; rest saved."

### ON THE WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The British official report issued last night says there was normal artillery activity along the front to-day, but nothing special to report.

### JOFFRE ACTIVE

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Joffre continues relentlessly his policy of eliminating from higher commands, all officers who are not maintaining the highest standards of efficiency, both technically and physically.

### BIG SILK CARGO

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 24.—The S.S. Empress of Japan, brought here last night 4000 bales of silk, valued at \$2,200,000—the biggest cargo of silk ever brought here.

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