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Fierce German Advance Failed to Capture Ypres Led to Gains by the Allies

Dunkirk, Dec. 15.—With desperate energy a German attack has been directed against Ypres and in the end the Kaiser's troops have retired to their trenches utterly exhausted.

The nature of the fighting may be judged by the reports which speak of 24,000 casualties within three days over an area, extending a few kilometres north and south of the town.

The outcome has been an advance by the Allies, and it is now reported on excellent authority that the way is clear to Roulers. That town has not been taken up to last night, but a solid wedge has been driven into the German line at this point.

Some details of the renewed fighting have reached me here. The Germans, as usual, opened with bombardment with the French point d'appui St. Eloi. Heavy artillery was brought up however, and an effective reply was given to the German big guns.

The Allies went forward under cover of this fire, but they encountered determined resistance at Moorslede, a village on the railway between Ypres and Roulers. At Moorslede the Germans had collected a number of trucks, which were filled with armor plate and concealed on sidings around the railway station.

From this quarter a sweeping fire was directed upon the approaching forces, machine guns and rifles sending a hail of bullets which necessitated a brief retirement for the reformation of the ranks.

The Germans advanced confidently to the neighborhood of Zonnebeke, where the country is wooded, lending itself to defensive tactics. Our troops were posted on the heights of Gheluvelt and from this position were able to stem the rush, whereupon the Germans began to shell the woods.

At a favorable moment a general advance by the Allies was ordered, and the Germans were driven back, Moorslede being again reached. Earlier the position of the armored railway trucks had been reported by telephone and French and British shells were directed upon the station and its sidings. One evidently hit an ammunition wagon, for a tremendous explosion occurred, sending three of the trucks off the rails.

The enemy found the position untenable and retreated under the persistent shell fire. Thus the way was opened to Roulers.

Other German Attacks. In the meantime other attacks had been directed upon the Allied positions at Poelcapelle, Passchendaele, Langemarck and Bixschote. Langemarck occupied by the French was heavily shelled, whereupon the town was evacuated, the troops dashing out to meet the attack.

The Germans hoped to break through by sheer weight of numbers, and their protracted attacks led to fighting at close quarters all along the line, but nowhere did German attempts succeed. Red Cross officials who were attending the wounded at Ypres described the onslaught as the fiercest that the Germans may have so far. The boom of artillery was heard a distance of thirty kilometers (almost nineteen miles).

Officers with whom I discussed the general situation firmly believe that German resistance is broken in the west. It is of course, forbidden to mention the movement of troops, but now more than ever, talk of advance however, that before the New Year is very old there is a great probability of interesting developments in Western Flanders.

Goodridge's Rosina has arrived at Fernambuco.

Goodridge's Clementine arrived at Oporto, yesterday, after a passage of 30 days.

ADMIRALTY STATES NO BRITISH SHIPS WERE LOST IN RAID.

London, Dec. 19.—The Admiralty has issued a statement denying that any British warships were lost during the recent raid by a German squadron on the East Coast of England.

The statement adds that all German assertions to the contrary are untrue.

Contradictory Official Reports Issued By The Warring Nations

ALLIES WIN TRENCHES RUSSIANS MAKE GAINS GERMAN "VICTORIES"

Made Marked Advances Along the Belgian Front and Repulsed All Attacks

(British Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 18.—The War Office this evening gave out an official communication as follows: "The day of December 17 was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium where every counter attack undertaken by the enemy failed."

In the region of Arras, a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches. These are located at Auchy, Le Bassée, St. Laurent and Blangy. At this last-mentioned place we occupied a front more than one kilometre long almost all the Tracy Le Val.

On the Aisne and in Champagne our heavy artillery won distinct advantages.

In the Argonne the Germans blew up one of our trenches to the north of Tour-de-Paris and endeavored to move out from their position with three battalions of troops.

This infantry attack, as well as the one they undertook at Hubert, was repulsed.

To the east of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report.

Push Back All German Attacks and Make Advances in Russian Poland

(Russian Official Bulletin.) Petrograd, December 18.—On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull on nearly all the front has been replaced by attacks made by the enemy in the course of the last few days. All these attacks have been repulsed.

In connection with the advance of part of our troops towards the Bzura River (Russian Poland), and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our armies.

We checked the offensive yesterday, in Western Galicia.

On the front between Sanok and Liske we succeeded in our offensive. In this region we have captured three thousand prisoners and several guns and quick-firers.

S.S. Bonavista arrived at 1 p.m.

Schr. Jessie M., Capt. Keeping, has arrived from Berlin with 1300 qtls. fish for Bishop & Sons.

In the Clashes That Resulted From the Offensive of the Allies East and West

(German Official Bulletin.) Berlin, Dec. 18.—The German War office this afternoon gave out the following communication—"Fighting at Neuport continues favorable. No decision is yet reached.

"French attacks between LaBassée and Arras on both sides of the river Somme have resulted in failure with severe losses to the enemy.

On the Somme the French lost 1200 men prisoners, 1800 dead and wounded. Our lost were under 200. In Argonne forest our successful attacks resulted in the capture of some 750 prisoners in addition to war material.

There have been no important developments elsewhere on the western front.

On frontiers east and west of Prussia, the situation is unchanged.

In Poland we continue to pursue the retreating enemy.

S.S. Rosalind leaves Halifax tonight for St. John's.

S.S. Carthaginian arrived at Halifax at 8 a.m.

Belgians Capture German Trenches At Oastkerke In Fourth Bayonet Attack

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Chronicle prints the following despatch which is dated "Northern France, Friday."

A week of successes for the Allies has followed the resumption of hostilities in France and Flanders. Roulers has been captured after four fierce assaults on German trenches outside the town.

The inundations between Dixmude and Neuport have been surrounded by Allied troops who have pushed northward from Dixmude and southward from Neuport and have joined forces on the north-eastern side of the floods.

Repeated bayonet attacks have been pushed home at Lombartzyde with the result that our patrols have advanced to Middlekerke, a few kilometres from Ostend.

Fighting on the borders of the flooded area was particularly furious.

The Belgians advanced toward the entrenched positions of the Germans at Oastkerke but were driven back by the well-posted mitrailleuses of the enemy three times. They rallied to the charge and three times they were repulsed. The fourth assault, however, crowned the gallantry of the Belgians with success and the trenches were carried at the point of the bayonet.

So interwoven were the Allied and German trenches in this region that the defeat of the enemy at Oastkerke was responsible for the capture of nearly 1,000 German prisoners.

For a time the reckless dash of two armoured auto-cars into the Belgian lines nearly saved the situation for the enemy. The cars fired with deadly effect until they were compelled to withdraw.

The wounded are beginning to arrive at the base hospitals. German casualties are reported to be very heavy.

AUSTRIA WANTS TO MAKE PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Swiss Report Says She Asked Russia For Terms and Got Some Hard Ones stipulated

Berne, Dec. 15.—Austria has made a tentative peace proposal to Russia, but exchanges between the two Governments, in which Russia made known the terms that would be demanded, were without result, says a Swiss report to-day.

In replying to the proposal of Austria, Russia indicated that severe demands will be made when peace is ultimately discussed. The terms offered to Austria during the negotiations which just failed, included:

The surrender of Galicia to Poland; these two Provinces to form a kingdom under Russian sovereignty.

The surrender of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Servia and Montenegro.

The withdrawal from the Alliance with Germany.

The granting of a new constitution to Austro-Hungary, dividing it into federal states.

The granting of autonomy to Bohemia.

Austria refused all demands.

S.S. Durango left Queenstown, Ireland, Friday morning for here.

The Health Department having received word that a few cases are there. The patients are being attended to by Dr. Smith of Botwood.

UNION JACK NOW FLIES OVER EGYPT

And a British Nominee Has Assumed Title of Sultan of Egypt, British Protectorate

BRITISH FLAG WAS HOISTED OVER EGYPT.

Cairo, Dec. 17.—A British protectorate was formally proclaimed throughout Egypt today.

In all the garrison towns a salute of one hundred and one guns was fired and the Union Jack hoisted.

London, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced that Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed to succeed as Khedive of Egypt Abbas Hilmi. Prince Hussein Kemal will take the title of Sultan. He is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi.

The Official Press Bureau in its announcement of the appointment says: "Prince Hussein Kemal Pasha, the oldest living Prince of Mahomet Ali, has accepted the rank of Sultan of Egypt."

The British Acting-High Commissioner for Egypt has addressed the following to the new Sultan: "By reason of your age and experience

BRITISH MAKE TRENCHES SNUG FOR THE WINTER

In Some of the Trenches the Men Listen Over Phone to Gramophone Concert 8 Miles Away

London, Dec. 15.—British soldiers are now giving a great deal of time toward making their trenches comfortable for the winter.

A report from Colonel Swinton, the British eye-witness at the front, dated December 10, and issued by the war bureau to-day, tells of this phase of the fighting. "Much time has been spent recently by raiming, heating, and generally improving conditions in the trenches in preparation for the winter campaign. As an instance of the up-to-dateness of the men is shown by the fact that in some of the front trenches soldiers heard by telephone gramophone concerts eight miles distant.

Colonel Swinton says that the Germans used rifle grenades in making attacks for the first time since December 7, but our artillery quickly winds our aviators have made valuable stops the innovation. He added: "During the past four days the weather has been very wet, and despite high reconnoissances."

you have been chosen as the Prince of the family of Mahomet Ali most worthy to occupy the Khedive's position with the title of Sultan of Egypt

"I give you assurance that Great Britain will accept the fullest responsibility for defence of the territories under you against all aggression.

Former Thriving Towns Are Now Desolate Wastes In The North Of France

Paris, Dec. 14.—Telegraphing to the Figaro, G. H. Ferris says: During the battle of the Marne I described the havoc wrought among the thriving little communities on the Brie Plateau, and from there to Soissons: Since then I have seen much of what Genl. Sherman called "the Hell of war," but nothing quite like the ravaged region in Southern Champagne.

Proceeding from Bra-le-Duc to Vitry we had already passed through several villages of which only piles of brick and plaster remained (name apparently erased by censor) is a spectacle no man could lightly pass by. Its name is now tragically appropriate. It is destroyed from end to end. Out of about one hundred houses only one remains partly habitable. I climbed about piles of broken stone and brick, examined pieces of twisted iron, bedsteads, tools, kitch

en things and scattered fragments of pottery. The wood work has disappeared, save for a few blackened bones of rafter tables and chairs.

Church Fared Better. The beautiful church had better borne the torture by fire. The spire is broken, the timbers of the roof are gone, two big bells lie upon a heap of debris and the hole in one of the walls shows where a shell broke through during a battle. Outside the village a dozen human beings are still living in the wilderness, most of them in yawning holes which were once cellars of their homes. Just outside the hamlet they show a deep, covered trench from which the Crown Prince is supposed to have watched the battle.

At Vitry we visited Brabant le Ros. It suffered less, but we heard grievous tales of old town folk taken as hostages, including a woman of sixty-five, now supposed to be kept prisoners at Sedan, and of the thefts of the Passants' few pieces of silver-plate and jewelry. The market town of Revigny seems to have been scientifically destroyed. One wonders how many of the stone houses could have been broken up. The central street represents an extraordinary scene of devastation. Nothing remains except the parts of the lower walls. The town hall, a graceful building of the classic French style, has about half its outer fabric standing. The church, which is of historic interest, is roofless and much injured within.

Only Few Left. The few inhabitants who remain of the original two kinds of incendiary material, one being an explosive. The town, they say, was first pillaged and then fired. Mayor Gasotte says motor cars brought up tins of kerosene and packets of some inflammable substance. The German soldiers placed this stuff along the houses and at a signal threw in hand grenades.

"The cellars," he said "had already been emptied and pianos and valuable furniture had been placed on motor wagons to be taken to Germany."

A boy of fifteen was shot on suspicion of having communicated information to the French. Three elderly citizens were taken away as hostages and nothing is known of their fate.

The Crown Prince entered the town, but was not content with the rooms prepared and went to a neighboring country house.

Possibly the exploits of a French aviator, who dropped a bomb on Revigny on the second day of the German occupation, killing eleven soldiers and thirty-five horses, may have had something to do with the destruction of the town.

Semaize les Bains was a pleasant town of four thousand inhabitants, with a large sugar refinery, and a molished from end to end by fire. Of five hundred houses only two or three are now standing. But for a few chimneys and pieces of wall it is a rubbish heap. A few townsfolk still inhabit their cellars. You see them—women, children and old men—carrying home large truck loads of bread, or wheeling barrows of fire wood. Two enterprising tradesmen have built shanties, where they sell a few necessities of life. The church is roofless and gutted. A little way from it is the cure's house, also burned out.

France Assumes Protectorship Over Morocco

Britain Agrees to This Step—People Are Assured Religious Freedom

London, Dec. 19.—Great Britain has recognized a French Protectorate over Morocco with a French President-General who exercises civil and military powers under Sovereignty of a Sultan at his head.

The treaty proclaims the religious freedom of the people and gives France the right, for the maintenance of order, to enter into military occupation of any points.

GERMAN AIRMEN WERE CAPTURED

London, Dec. 19.—A Copenhagen despatch reports that a German aeroplane has been stranded on the Danish Isle of Fano, in the North Sea, off the west coast of Jutland.

The aviator, an officer and a soldier, were arrested and will be interned in Denmark.

CASUALTIES IN BRITISH TOWNS. TOTAL OVER 300.

London, Dec. 18.—Casualties in the German raid are approximately as follows:—Hartlepool 82 killed, 250 wounded, Scarborough seven ten killed, three wounded. Whitby, three killed, two wounded. Total casualties, 357.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fair today. Sunday, fresh to strong southerly winds; snow or rain by night.

Sleighs and Skates advertisement for G. Knowling, listing prices for various sleighs and skates.

Advertisements for Austria peace proposals, British protectorate in Egypt, and trench conditions.

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German Press Raises Chant of Hate Against Britain and Things British But Extol 'High Mission' of Germany

THE German press has gone mad. What is more the German press grows madder and madder as the days roll by. Reading in the columns of even the foremost German dailies outbursts of merciless hatred, one would imagine that the ultimate fury and madness has been reached; but nay, the next day's mental crop produces fruits of a still weirder bitterness.

Undoubtedly similar conditions exist in all of the other European countries at war. For this war is not confined to guns and armor and blood and battlefields, but all the talent and wit and brain of the journalistic light are combining to illuminate the sinister face of the great conflict, by drawing still more sinister word pictures.

Germany's "Mission."

The outstanding feature of the "war psychology" in Germany, however, is that it is not confined to the preaching of hatred of Britain, Belgium, Japan and Russia. The traditional idea of Germany's divine mission to bring "Kultur" and peace to the rest of mankind has never been so frankly, so openly and so triumphantly heralded with journalistic fanfare as since the Kaiser pushed the button that meant "Mobil" for Germany's gigantic war machine.

Here is, in a few words of plain English, the psychology of the German press:

"We Germans are right. Of course we are. That needs no mention. Not only are we right, as incidentally, we always were, but all the world is wrong. At least all that part of the world that is not with us.

Fity France for Her Position and Her Associations, but Express Most Venemous Dislike for Britain and for Japan—Saner Classes in Germany Raising a Protest Against the Campaign of Vilification Conducted by Their Own Papers.

"We were forced into this war; dragged into it by tricky, treacherous neighbors who had for years feigned to be our friends. We were, and are, for peace. We are a greater nation than any other in the face of the globe; greater in every respect. We need learn nothing from the outside world, while the outside world has to learn much from us.

"As a matter of fact, that is the essential reason for our existence, the purpose of our greatness; our mission is to make the world as good and as great as we are.

"Now then, having been thus treacherously and nefariously attacked, stabbed in the back when we weren't looking; as it were, we must punish our assailants. We must crush them, and crush them forever. By force of our invincible arms on land and at sea we are called upon by God to avoid a repetition of the present conflict.

Mercenary Britons.

"To avoid such a repetition, we must add to our own might in such a way as to hold all the world in check. For the people of all the world outside of the boundaries of German territory are

more or less moral, they are not 'Gebermenschen' (which we Germans are). We have God and might and right with us, a trinity that means in itself victory."

Britain, in German eyes, is Satan nationalized. No doubt, to be called English is now, and will long be, the greatest insult that can be inflicted upon a German.

"The Briton is a mercenary," says the Kreuzzeitung. "He fights only for despicable lucre. Great Britain started the war for money, and her opera bouffe soldiers go to the slaughter without any thought except of shillings with which to purchase whisky and with no more concern about the lives they are going to take than if it were a question of killing flies."

It almost seems as if every man, woman and child in Germany believes that.

"Poor France, too, has been victimized," says the Kreuzzeitung in the same editorial. "The Frenchman one can understand. Like the Germans, he is obliged to fight for his country and his hearth."

Kind to France.

The German press is extremely kind toward France. Traditionally Germany's arch enemy, France is now looked upon with pity, as one would look upon a misguided child. France, the Germans say, was misled by her perfidious ally, Britain, and by her traditional craving for revenge.

Japan's action, next to that of Britain, is the sorest spot on the wounded heart of journalistic Germany. "The yellow Britons" is the expression used to denigrate the Mikado's peo-

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ple. In trickery, hypocrisy and treachery the Japanese have no rivals except the Britons, according to the German view. Added to vilifications of the Japanese character there comes now and then a solemn prophecy of "the yellow peril" growing "really perilous" to the white races of Europe. Incidentally, of course, the United States is repeatedly told that the Mikado has his eye on the supremacy of the Pacific, but that, the Germans hold, is the concern of the United States. Britain and Russia are warned that some day Japan will send her "yellow hordes" to conquer those two countries.

Good Weapon for Allies.

In all the allied countries at war with Germany excerpts from the German newspapers are published freely and quotations are made with great ingenuity, if not distorted or misapplied, in order to keep before the readers in those countries the extreme statements of the German press and inflame public opinion to the utmost against the fatherland.

Slowly but steadily there is developing in Germany just now an undercurrent of protest against the campaign of vilification of the enemy. Only recently at the mothers' conference in Berlin one of the fatherland's leading clergymen voiced a warning against the preaching of hatred of nations.

Bit of a Contrast.

How striking the contrast between that doctrine and the words of the Berlin clergymen:

"Emphasize the fact to your children that in the nations with which we are at war there are, just as in Germany, mothers and children who must allow their husbands and fathers to go forth to be massacred!"

Speaking of children, the following editorial article in a recent issue of the Koelnische Zeitung is appropos:

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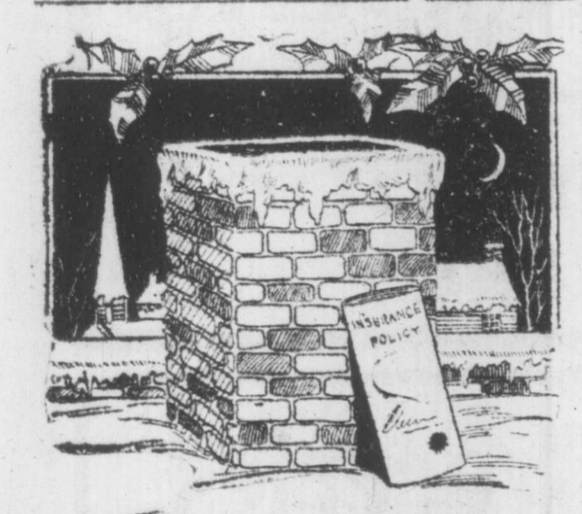
German Press Raises Chant of Hate Against Britain and Things British But Extol 'High Mission' of Germany

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"To Germany it is most refreshing to note the change that has come over our children since the outbreak of the war.

Children Grow Old.
"Gone are their games at ball and hoop, abandoned their kites and tops. The hours of freedom from school attendance are now spent in mimic battles in which not only boys but also girls engage with a spirit that speaks well for the warlike aspirations toward military fitness which we may expect from coming generations.

"Our children, unlike the pampered pets of decadent Frenchmen and sanctimonious Britons, are in these stirring times not to be cajoled to attend moving picture shows and similar entertainments. They have imbibed from their parents and elders a spark of the noble patriotism, the martial ardor that fills every German soul, and hence their very play is but a reflex of the elevated devotion to the fatherland which fathers and brothers are manifesting on the field of battle."

"Sting Will Remain."
Nowhere has the sentiment of the German press toward Britain been



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expressed more clearly than in the Vossische Zeitung of October 22. This paper is generally recognized as the most aristocratic organ in the fatherland.

"While the attitude of German universities toward foreign students hailing from the countries of our enemies," it says, "will be correct as before, our foes, and the British particularly, should understand that in the German heart there will long remain the sting of poison which their dastardly action has instilled into it."
"Our hatred will for many years remain focussed with especial intensity on the British, who will have to conduct themselves with more than ordinary decency, and give us constant and unmistakable proofs of good will for a long time to come ere they will be judged worthy of the re-establishment of former relations with Germany."

To Be Put on Trial.
"The length of that term of trial will depend entirely on our enemies across the channel. It is a question as to how soon the leopard will be able to change his spots, in other words how soon the Britons, by their own volition, are able to change from the canting humbugs they have hitherto been into decent, honorable, white-faced Europeans."

Foremost among the German dailies which have sworn eternal vengeance against Japan and employ the most vitriolic writers in their campaign is the Berliner Tageblatt. Among the many articles giving a piece of Germany's mind to the Mikado and his "tricky, yellow, ever-smiling, shifty-eyed subjects" is the following:

Japs "Yellow Britons."
"The yellow Britons, or in other words the Japanese, have now taken the first steps toward the supremacy of the Pacific."

"The yellow skinned Britons show that they have amply profited by the lessons they have received from the white-skinned ones, by starting in a practical crusade against their German higher teachers. We have here another glaring instance of Grey's selfish policy in sacrificing the interests of the white race to those of his monkey relatives in allowing them to seize the Jaluit Islands."
"But Grey will soon get his deserts. The Japanese will seize the very earliest opportunity to relieve themselves

from the guardianship of their white prototypes. We Germans may rejoice in the knowledge that the common piracy against German property to which the British have bribed and incited their yellow relations has in the germ of developments of great interests to ourselves, developments from which the United States will certainly will not be excluded."

"Opera Bouffe Soldiers."
In the article in which the Kreuzzeitung refers to the "opera bouffe soldiers who go to slaughter to get money for whiskey," the paper, which is the leading military organ of Germany, says:

"To see such riff-raff raising hypocritical eyes heavenward and crying 'shame!' about the destruction of a nest of traitors in the form of a museum, or a cathedral, which is used as a base by a cowardly foe, would be laughable were it not so sad."

Here is a passage particularly illuminative of the German point of view regarding the "divine mission."

Not "Divine" Enough.
"Speaking frankly, and as true Germans, we would see every monument, every stone that tells the history of France, every picture, though it be a work of semi-divine conception, utterly destroyed rather than that the glorious work that has been given to the German race to perform in the world should be hindered by even so much as one hour's avoidable delay."

"The world can be revitalized, society ennobled and refined, only through the German spirit."

"The world must, for its own salvation, be Germanized."

"This is the one essential task in which every German is destined to share, but let it be remembered that this task cannot be accomplished, and that peace and concord will never reign on earth, until this wretched luckless nation, this island people, which, soulless itself, traffics in the souls of other nations, and buys and sells them in the market place as though they were dealing with so many tons of coal or so many sacks of flour or potatoes, is struck down and crushed into the dust where it belongs, which is the rightful heritage of the serpent in human form."

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The German press presents few attacks as keenly as it does attacks on "Prussian militarism." How the Germans feel about this institution, so much dreaded and assailed abroad, is shown by an article in the Frankfurter Zeitung.

"The phrase we now hear so often," says that paper, "and which very appropriately has been 'made in England,' is 'German militarism.' As it is perfectly natural that this callow race of islanders should be incapable of grasping the true meaning of 'German militarism,' which is always on their tongues, we will deign to enlighten them."

"It is the peculiar property of German 'kultur' that it, alone among all other forms of 'kultur,' possesses the secret of uniting the spirit of military rigidity and orderliness to the most profound, the most delicate, conception of the great works of art and science."

"It is in this magnificent mental and spiritual capacity that no race on earth is able to imitate us."

"Nothing can be more natural than when the elect people of poets and thinkers, the people of Goethe, Kant, and Beethoven, which in times of peace even is accustomed to guide its thought and sentiment with a soldier-like control, finds it necessary to apply its scientific training to the art of war it should distinctly manifest its capacity for making its foes feel the full strength of its sledgehammer fist."

"The certainty that the German army, not only in the tactics and strategy of its leaders, but also in the deeds and thoughts of every one of its soldiers, is imbued with the scientific spirit has already been adequately felt by our foes in the blows that have been rained in their bodies."

Instilling "Kultur."
"They are destined to feel it even more acutely still, thanks to our 42-centimetre Moerser guns, the best and most direct method of teaching German science and 'militarism' to foreigners, to contemptible amateurs like the British, who have coined the phrase 'German militarism,' so that they might give expressions to sentiments similar to those credited to the fox which despised the grapes he was not clever enough to gather."
Another note is struck by the Tageliche Rundschau:

"While the German generals, driven by grim necessity, may have violated the sanctity of ancient stone and plaster, the French, both soldiers and citizens, incited thereto by their treacherous partners, the British, have wreaked their bestial passions on human beings."

"Deeds have been committed on our soldiers so satanic, so unutterably vile, that the Father of Evil himself would blush to hear them mentioned. The day will dawn when, having caused the white light of truth to shine unobscured by the poisonous miasma of lies which constitute our enemies' favorite and deadliest weapon, the nations of Europe will thunder forth their damning execration at the animalistic adversaries with whom it is our destiny to struggle."



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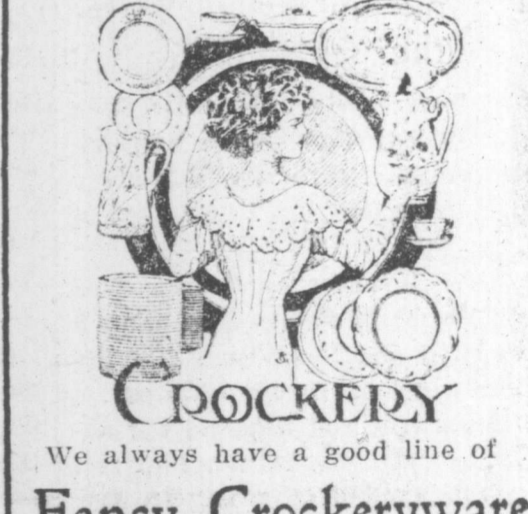
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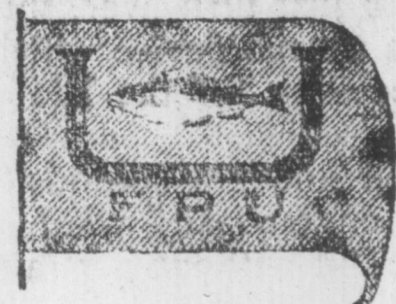
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Price of Fish

ONE of the greatest blunders ever made by a Government was that of refusing to meet Pres. Coaker's proposals in September to keep up the price of fish and prevent a slump in prices.

The fishermen will long remember the refusal of the Government to move a finger to aid the fishermen at the famous Government-Opposition Conference, called at her request Mr. Coaker.

About 150,000 quintals of soft Labrador fish were purchased at less than four dollars. The money lost to those fishermen in consequence of the slump would amount to seventy thousand dollars.

There was no reason why Labrador soft should have sold below four dollars. We continually insisted that the fish was worth four dollars here. In view of prices and conditions abroad.

No effort was made to prevent the slump by the Government. All that Sir E. P. Morris had to do was to issue a notice preventing any buyer from purchasing soft Labrador fish at less than four dollars per quintal.

Labrador soft fish is worth \$5.50 per qt. today. The highest price ever paid for it. Of course very few fishermen have received more than \$4.50 for soft fish, and most of them sold at less than \$4.00. The middle man and export buyer who hold on to their fish are the gainers, but very few export men gained much, as most of them sold their fish short and received about \$4.00 for it.

Shore fish is worth \$7.50 for dry talqual today as against \$5.75 in Oct., when the slump came. Yet every buyer and almost every business man here condemned Coaker all through the fall for calling on the fishermen to refuse to sell at less than certain prices.

Now time has shown Coaker was right, and what he said would happen has happened and his estimate of the catch has not been 10,000 qts. out.

It is the scarcity of fish and the action of the Union in refusing to sell what it commanded from day to day, except at certain prices, advancing from time to time, that has caused the astounded buyers here to pay those very high prices.

In future very few in the Colony will treat with contempt President Coaker's opinion regarding the catch of fish and the prices.

HUMOR WHEN HERMES SANK

The amazing coolness of the men on the wrecked cruiser Hermes is illustrated by the following incidents: One of the survivors says tables, chairs, bedding, and everything likely to assist them to keep afloat had been tossed overboard, and on these most of the men remained until picked up.

I saw one jolly Joey sitting on an overturned table quietly smoking a cigarette, but where he got the matches to light it beats me. The men in the water were very cool, and they chaffed each other all the time.

"Are you training for the next Derby?" was asked of one sailor, who looked odd astride of a floating dining table. Another party of men went by me on a raft singing, "Put me among the girls."

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Westminster Gazette:—We have the official announcement of the appointment of the Prince of Wales to the staff of Sir John French, side by side with the account given by the President of Magdalen through the Times of the two years which the Prince has spent at Oxford University. It is the opening of a fresh page of the life of the Heir Apparent and the closing of the old. The picture drawn of the life of the Prince as an undergraduate is pleasant. He has shared in all the life of his fellows at the University, and if he has not been too diligent a student he has shown the possession of good natural abilities and a liking for study. His career at the University has now been shortened, as has that of many of his fellows. Yesterday he passed to the most serious business of life as an officer in a historic regiment, in which he should be able to realize the promise he has given at college and by his diligence in pursuit of the hard work of military training.

DRIVE OUT TURKEY.

London Daily News and Leader:—Rumania will probably be the first to act. Like Italy, her interest lies in the dismemberment of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. She desires to add Rumanian Transylvania to her domain, just as Italy desires to add the Trentino, Istria and Dalmatia to hers. It may have been wise policy for the late King Charles to preserve Rumanian neutrality; but Turkey has made this policy more difficult. The pressure of public opinion upon the Rumanian Government is obviously very great just now. Large issues hang upon its action. The whole Balkan problem is more and more involved in the outcome of the contest. It seems to be the psychological moment for driving the Turk out of Europe, and every nation in the Mediterranean and Black Sea basin devoutly wishes that consummation.

General News Of The World

Culled From Many Sources For Readers of The Mail and Advocate

A shipload of toys, clothing and food will be sent by residents of Missouri to sufferers in the European war.

Alleging that her husband turned a nose on her to cure her dancing habit, Mrs. Mabel Locke, of Milbrook, N. Y., secured a divorce.

The Journal of Commerce of New York estimates new charters in November of companies with capital of \$100,000 or over totalled \$120,240,800 against \$70,124,500 in October and \$124,632,000 in November a year ago.

Advices from Berlin state that since the outbreak of the war, 710 Jewish soldiers have been decorated with the Order of the Iron Cross for gallantry in battle. The number of Jews promoted from privates to officers is: Twelve Prussians, one Bavarian, one Saxon and one Wurtemberger.

C. F. R. earnings for the last ten days in November were \$2,308,000, a decrease of \$1,425,000. For the month the approximate total is \$7,823,000, a decrease of \$5,357,000. The last ten days showed the smallest percentage of decrease for the month at 38.2 per cent., compared with 40 to 44 per cent. in preceding weeks and 40.6 per cent. for the full month. For five months of the fiscal year the decrease is \$14,985,117, or 23.7 per cent.

Sir William Van Horne, who has just left for Cuba, where he will inspect the Cuba railroad, of which he is president, finds it extremely difficult to get away from railroading. He built the Cuban road and assumed the presidency of it at a time when most men are retiring to private life. This activity in Cuba followed a lengthy experience on American railroads and on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sir William Van Horne is over seventy years of age and has been connected with a railroad in one form or another since he was fourteen years of age.

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Sergeant N. A. MacLeod Tells of a Visit to Great English Cathedral—Saw the Prince of Wales

Sergeant N. A. MacLeod, who is connected with the medical corps of the Nfld. Regiment, writing from Bustard Camp to his aunt, says:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the best of health, and so is Ernest. We hope that you and all yours are the same."

"Well Auntie, since writing you fast I have been off on leave. Ern. could not come with me, because he had not got his uniform, so he is going later on. He has his uniform now."

"First I went away up north to Hull to visit a C.L.B. officer whom I have been writing to for a long time. I found him to be a splendid chap and I had a fine time. He has a big place at Fenby, a small village about 7 miles from Hull, and his family is one of the oldest and best in the North of England."

"Up to London"

"Then I came back to London and saw all the sights and places of interest in the world's greatest city. I saw the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels, Westminster Abbey, the place where the Kings and Queens of England have been crowned for nearly 1,000 years and the Coronation Chair, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace where I saw the Prince of Wales an hour or two before he left for the front, the Zoo, at Regent's Park, St. Paul's Cathedral, in the world, it is a wonderful building which is to me, greatest church in the world. It is a wonderful building, with beautiful statues and paintings and the walls and ceilings are gilded and painted and carved in a wonderful manner."

At C.L.B. Headquarters

"I also visited C.L.B. headquarters and spoke to Col. Gee, the founder, and C.S.O. of the Brigade, who was in Newfoundland two years. I also saw the funeral of Lord Roberts in St. Paul's Cathedral, and after the funeral service I was able to get in and view the open grave. He is buried between the graves of Lord Nelson, Britain's greatest sailor and Lord Wolseley, the great field-marshal. The grave is right under the dome. It was surrounded by a great number of lighted candles and cushions on which were placed his orders and decorations, and at each corner 4 soldiers kept guard. It was a very solemn and impressive scene."

"As you can see by the heading of this letter we have shifted our Camp to another part of Salisbury Plain. We are here for target practice. The weather just now is very cold. We are in tents, but we have plenty of blankets and are able to keep fine and warm at night. Frost is a lot better than rain, and we had lots of that at our other camp at Pond Farm, where the mud was knee deep all the time."

WELL RECEIVED IN LONDON TOWN

Pte. G. A. Jackman Tells of Work and Diversions of Newfoundland Soldiers in England

Mr. E. M. Jackman has received the following letter from Pte. G. A. Jackman (118) of The First Newfoundland Regiment. It was written from Pond Farm Camp, Salisbury Plains, England, under date of Nov. 18th.

The letter follows: How are you at all? It's only now that I am writing you a few lines to let you know I am feeling fine. Hope you and the boys are the same. We are putting in a fine time here so far. The weather is cold, you know, but that is nothing; a bit different from the weather you are having in St. John's.

At Lord Mayor's Show

I was to London to the Lord Mayor's show. There were forty of the 1st Newfoundland there and I was one of them. London is a fine place but you want lots of money.

We are three miles away from any village, but I was down to Lavington three times. It is a nice place only small with a population of a thousand people. I think we are going to shift from here soon and going to a place, Lark Hill, near Salisbury.

We have some of our chaps in London today attending Lord Roberts' funeral. It was only two weeks ago that he inspected us at Pond Farm Camp.

Plenty of Work

We have plenty of work here. Revellie, or "get up," at 6 in the morning; Drill till 7; then Breakfast; "Fall in" at 9; Rest 10.30 to 11; Dinner at 12.30; Fall in at 2; Finish drill at 4.

Tell father that when I was in London I met a man called Lane, of Leopold Frank's, who wished to be remembered to him. He also invited me to his house, but I had no time. When we were there we stopped at the Wellington Barracks.

It's hard to find any more to say, but I am going to tell you one thing— we were well received—got a great reception in London. It was a great sight. When you are writing tell me all the news and if possible send me Newfoundland papers as it is a rare thing to see them here—GEORGE.

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A full house was present at 7.30 p.m. when the meeting was opened by Mr. R. Hibbs, W.M., who occupied the chair. After explaining the object, and importance of the meeting, and making some pleasing introductory remarks re the gentlemen who were to address the meeting, the Chairman called on Mr. Clift who upon rising was greeted with such a welcome as befitted one who has ungrudgingly given two soldier boys to uphold our glorious Empire's honor in her hour of need.

Purpose of the Meetings.

Mr. Clift first told his hearers that, in accordance with one of the fundamental principles of the Order, viz., the "Inculcation of Loyalty," the S.U.F. was convening a series of public patriotic meetings in order to meet and discuss with their friends the best possible means whereby we may serve the Motherland.

In a very logical manner he pointed out the need, and that the plain duty of every able bodied man was to rally round the flag, to uphold his Country's Cause, to do his "little bit," and thus assist in fastening a wreath of glory around the old Colony.

Mr. Clift modestly replied to the Chairman's reference to the sacrifice he had made, by saying, that his sons had only done their duty, and responded to their Country's Call. The speaker made a great impression and concluded, amidst much applause.

Illustrated His Talk.

The Hon. Mr. Job was next introduced, and received a hearty reception. He began by unfolding a splendid and up-to-date map and giving the audience a geographical idea of Great Britain's position and possessions, and where the eyes of the world were to day focussed on the greatest struggle in the annals of time.

The Hon. gentleman appealed especially on behalf of the Naval recruiting movement emphasizing his adaptability of our young fishermen for such a service, and the honour which, far greater than any financial reward and would remain emblazoned upon their Country's history, being a noble inspiration to the generations to come.

While making this appeal he was not unmindful of the great affliction caused by the terrible sealing disaster which so recently bereft so many of our homes of their best and fittest, and concluded by reciting an inspiring poem which appealed to everyone.

Made Presentation.

Mr. Job then presented the beautiful map of the Society which gratefully accepted the gift.

The Rev. Canon Colley, who has identified himself with the great cause in many ways, was the next speaker, and all regret that verbatim report of his discourse cannot be furnished.

In his usual, able and comprehensive style he outlined the true situation confronting our home and Empire in the present struggle, contrasting the freedom we enjoy under the flag of Great Britain to that of German rule, pointing out as an absolute certainty that whether we enlisted today in defence of that flag or not, were this Country under the enemy's flag we should either be slaves of the German army, or navy, whether we liked it or not, enjoying a salary of about four cents a day, without the option of going to Sydney or elsewhere to better our condition.

Votes of Thanks.

Upon closing his remarks the Canon proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Job and Mr. Clift for their noble assistance, and congratulated the S.U.F. upon the initiative they had taken to assist our great cause.

A delightful surprise awaited the audience when Mr. Llewellyn Colley our accomplished teacher, responding to the Chairman's invitation arose, and in a most enthusiastic address filled with patriotic fire fairly brought down the house. None other than a man possessing a rare talent reinforced and ennobled by a patriotic soul, could ever reach the hearts of his

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Of H.M.S. Hermes**

Few Men Got Excited and Jumped Overboard But Majority Kept Quite Cool

STOKER Ernest William Pike, whose home is at Maidstone, gives the following account of the sinking of his Majesty's ship Hermes, on which he was serving at the time of the disaster:

"We left Dunkirk early on Saturday morning, and were going to Dover. We had got about a mile and a half from the French coast, when there was a terrific report, and those of us who were below learned that the vessel had been struck in the stern by a torpedo.

"Some ten minutes later she was torpedoed again, this time on the port side, just abaft of the engine-room, and the force of the explosion threw me off my feet on to the deck. S.O.S. signals were sent out, and three destroyers which were returning to Dover after a night patrol put about and came to our rescue.

"They reached us in less than three quarters of an hour, about the same time as the S.E. and C.B. Company's cross-Channel steamer Invicta.

"Meanwhile, everything had been got in readiness for the crew to leave the Hermes, which soon began to settle down after the second explosion. Unfortunately, a number of men jumped overboard before the destroyers arrived, and some of them became exhausted and sank.

"The captain, who displayed great coolness, was the last to leave the ship, which remained afloat for nearly two hours after she was struck. The work of rescuing the crew had been completed when she finally disappeared, and I do not think there was a living man on board when she went down.

All the officers, I believe, are alive, with the exception of a lieutenant of the Royal Naval Flying Corps, who had his legs blown off, and who died after he was taken ashore."

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hearers as Mr. Colley did last night. His beautiful style of emphasizing his points is really remarkable.

Reviewed the Causes.

He brought us back to the assassination of Grand Duke Ferdinand, explaining the false pretext and intricacy of the German past masters of deceit; their contempt for honour, their violation of treaties, and invasion of peace-loving inoffensive Belgium.

He described the Belgian Chicken's defence against the great German Hawk. That people chose to accept death before dishonor, and never failing in duty to friends, country, and God, they decided, "We'll fight you."

With loyal reference to our Gracious Majesty King George—the old flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze—Mr. Colley finished by seconding the vote of thanks to the visiting gentlemen which was passed amid enthusiastic applause.

Mr. T. F. Furneaux, J.P., then recited a patriotic poem, as did also the Chairman, after which the National Anthem was sung, thus closing one of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the settlement, and from which much good will undoubtedly result.

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CABLE COMPANY ASK REDUCTION OF STREET TAX

Commercial Cable People Reopen Question of Laying Cable Along Streets—Improvement in Water Pressures

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission took place last evening, the following being present: Chairman Gosling, Messrs. Harris, Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Jackman, Mullaly, McGrath, Morris, Anderson and Withers.

The Commercial Cable Co. wrote to the imposition of a tax of \$2000 for the privilege of laying cable leads from their base at Cuckhold's Cove, to within the city limits. They asked that they be exempted from the payment.

Commissioner Withers pointed out that the company intended erecting a \$40,000 building which would be taxed as other city property, that a large staff of men would be employed and that the company was not to engage in local commercial business.

Questioned Property

Commissioner Harris while he would wish to see the company treated as Mr. Withers suggested, questioned the propriety of the present Board deviating from a decision that had been reached by an elected Board in the past Council.

It was decided that a special meeting be called when the matter would be fully discussed, the Secretary in the interim to prepare all possible data in the matter.

The Engineer submitted a tabulated statement of tests made at hydrants in various parts of the City before and since Mr. Longley's visit. It was highly satisfactory.

Increased Pressure

At every point there was an increased pressure, the lowest being 30 per cent. better than formally, while at many places the pressure was double.

This is one of the benefits derived from Mr. Longley's visit and proves beyond a doubt that the Civic Commissioners acted wisely in securing the services of the best expert obtainable.

This is one of the questions we would not know nothing about but for such a report as that given last night.

It was decided to send a copy to the fire underwriters.

Will Remove "Eyesore"

D. Galway wrote that he was prepared to remove the "eyesore" west of the Court House, and erect a fence subject to the Board's approval. The I.G. also reported on the matter.

Mr. Galway's offer was accepted. The Solicitor reported as to Duff's bowling alleys. Mr. Duff will be asked to pay for six alleys, otherwise the matter will be adjested in Court.

The Engineer reported that a couple of catch pits, into which residents were asked to throw waste water, instead of into the surface drains, had been erected in Cuddy's Street and Rossiter's Lane. They are built over gratings and empty into the sewer, and if availed of by the people, these streets would be in a much more sanitary condition than at present.

More Catch Pits

It was ordered that several more be erected.

Commissioner McNamara suggested that a better service of delivering bills for taxes would be by mail, as the bills would reach the people within a couple of days, and not within months, when taken out singly by the collectors. He suggested asking the Government for the privilege of "franking." Carried.

E. Conway forwarded plans of proposed erection in Macline place. Approved.

New Street Lights

The Lighting Committee recommend five new lights to cost \$350 annually, bringing the total cost of lighting up to \$13,260 for the city.

Inspector Norris will be advised to carry out his instructions relative to clearing of snow on Water St.

Four Council employees were voted sums for extra services in connection with Mr. Longley's visit. The only dissenting voice was that of Com. Mullaly.

Mr. Longley's bill for \$2115 was ordered to be paid.

It was decided to meet Thursday morning next to pass the pay rolls in order that the staff could be paid Christmas Eve

Will Separate

The charge against Mrs. Power for shooting at her husband has been settled.

The woman signs bonds and the couple will celebrate.

Bombardment By The British Was Effective

Destroyed a Turkish Fortification And Barracks and Drove Enemy To the Woods

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Havas Agency has given out a despatch from its correspondent at Athens and also quotes a message from the Island of Tenedos to the effect that the recent bombardment in the Gulf of Saros immediately North of Dardanelles by the British fleet completely destroyed the Turkish barracks on shore and seriously damaged the fortifications.

The Turks, panic-stricken, fled to the interior.

GERMANS FORCED ABANDON LODZ

London, Dec. 19.—A despatch from Petrograd says that according to high authority Lodz has been evacuated by the Germans who are convinced that the town cannot serve as a base of operations.

France To War To Bitter End

Nothing Will Tempt Her To Accept Any Half Measure

Paris, Dec. 18.—"The length of war orders does not depend on the State of French finances. Let France have confidence in herself and then aid in achieving final victory which the world foresees."

This was the statement of Minister of Finance Ribot today in explaining the financial situation before the Budget committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

"France will not lack resources to continue the war which was thrust upon her," the minister declared. "We have determined to wage war to the bitter end. I can view without disquietude the prolongation of hostilities to any length."

CELEBRATING IN ADVANCE?

London, Dec. 19.—The scene of the reported victory in Poland, which caused a great celebration in Berlin on Thursday night and yesterday, when the school children were given holidays, remains shrouded in mystery.

Nothing from Berlin or Vienna locates the battle or provides any details of the fighting or gives any tangible results.

NOTED BRITISH JOURNALIST DEAD

London, Dec. 18.—Archibald Ross Colquhoun, journalist and explorer, died today.

At the time of his death Mr. Colquhoun was acting as Editor of "United Empire," the monthly official journal of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Ground Gained By Allied Forces

British Advance Near Armentieres—Destroy German Artillery

(French Official Bulletin) Paris, Dec. 19.—We have gained ground along the downs north east of Neuport.

We have repulsed two strong counter attacks by the enemy at the north of the road between Ypres and Menin. British troops have advanced slightly in the region of Armentieres.

Our artillery has destroyed two heavy batteries in the region of Verdun. There is nothing of importance to report from other parts of the front.

More of the Crew Of Cruiser Emden Taken Prisoners

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Ministry of Marine announced today that the British Auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Oxford having on board three officers and four men from the German cruiser Emden sunk on November 10th by the Australian cruiser Sydney.

There are forty men who escaped to Ocas Island and subsequently sailed away in a commercial schooner

DEATHS

HAYES.—Bridget, widow of the late Thomas Hayes, native of Tintern, County Wexford, Ireland, aged 79 years. Funeral at 2.30 p.m., Sunday from her late residence, 29 Waldegrave Street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.

VOLUNTEER TOTAL NOW 685

Men of Second Contingent in Active Training—Parade Yesterday and Had Skirmishing Drill

First Week. Monday 182 Tuesday 153 Wednesday 98 Thursday 51 Friday 30

Second Week. Monday 43 Tuesday 16 Wednesday 14 Thursday 17 Friday 7

Third Week. Monday 42 Tuesday 19 Wednesday 11 Thursday 9 Friday 2

Total 685

Two volunteers came forward last night, William J. Martin and James J. Maher both of St. John's.

The total now is 685. As many have been rejected a large number are still required.

The second contingent had their first tramp yesterday. After roll call at 9 a.m. the volunteers of No. 1 Platoon under Lieut. H. Rendell were formed up and paraded down Military Road, Ordnance and Water Streets to the Cross Roads, up Shaw's Lane and along Cornwall Avenue.

On the Higher Levels the Platoon was divided into sections and some skirmishing was done.

Return was made to the C. L. B. Armoury at 12.15.

White No. 1 Platoon was for a tramp Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons were drilling in the Armoury.

In the afternoon a squad went to the Highlanders armoury for shooting practice, and No. 2 Platoon went for a tramp, taking the same line of march as No. 1.

Quite a number of new recruits reported for duty yesterday and a number of new were sworn in.

NEW UNIFORMS ARE ORDERED

Reserve Force Committee Decides to Forward Second Contingent in Batches of 250

The Reserve Committee met last evening and discussed several matters of interest.

Sir Joseph Outerbridge occupied the chair, and there were also present, W. J. Higgins, Secretary; Hons. J. R. Bennett and M. P. Cashin; F. J. Morris, Drs. Macpherson, and Paterson; J. A. Chiff, Lieut.-Col. Conroy, Major Hutchings, Capt. H. McKay, Lieut. E. Ayre, W. H. Rennie, J. W. Norris, A. Harvey, W. H. Rennie.

Transportation was discussed at length. It was decided that arrangements be made immediately and that the men be sent forward preferably in batches of not less than two hundred and fifty.

Capt. Outerbridge reported that their uniforms had been ordered and will be ready in a fortnight.

The question of Commissions was referred to a special committee which will report later. It was decided, however that one commissioned officer be in charge of each platoon.

Dr. Macpherson was empowered to secure rooms at the Seamen's Institute, where the treatment of minor ailments amongst members of the Force during training, may be attended to.

Regarding the acceptance of married men as volunteers, Capt. Montgomerie has been instructed to use his own discretion.

Capt. Rennie, of the Musketry Committee reported that one shelter had been completed at the 500 yards point of the Rifle Range and with similar work at the 200 yards point. This was agreed to. After routine business the meeting closed.

Awarded Contracts. The Equipment Committee met yesterday to award the contract for the supply of Uniforms and Overcoats for the Regiment.

Tenders were opened from several English and Canadian firms, also from the Newfoundland Clothing Company, Royal Stores and the British Clothing Company.

After full consideration as to quality, prices and delivery, the contract was awarded to the Newfoundland Clothing Factory.

The contract amounts to nearly \$10,000.00.

Dutch Steamer Arrives In Port Short Of Coal

La Flandre Was Here in 1893 After Being in a Collision on the Banks

The Dutch oil-tanker La Flandre, Capt. Claude, arrived this morning short of coal. She is 22 days from Rotterdam, bound to New York in ballast.

She had boisterous weather all the time, and as coal ran short, Capt. Claude decided to come here and replenish bunkers.

She takes 200 tons and will sail as soon as it is on board.

The La Flandre is an old friend and will be remembered by many. She arrived here Dec. 31, 1893 with a hole in her port side, having been in collision with the English steamer Cyphreus on the Banks.

The latter sank but her Commander, Capt. Kelly and her crew were picked up and landed here by the La Flandre.

The La Flandre was here all that winter and a big suit in the Supreme Court before the late Chief Justice Carter followed.

The Court decided in favor of the La Flandre. The owners of the Cyphreus then appealed to the Privy Council and that body upheld the decision of the Supreme Court.

Capt. Albert Schmuck who was in charge of the La Flandre at that time has since died.

The La Flandre is one of the old type of oil tankers being built in 1888. She is 2018 tons gross, 1275 net; 270 feet long; 37.7 feet wide and 25.5 deep. She is owned by the American Petroleum Co.

Titles Discarded By Warring Nobles

Kaiser, Tho', Still Styles Himself Knight of the Garter

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The new edition of the Almanach de Gotha has appeared and presents numerous changes as a result of the war. Names in a number of places appear in small type with the simple comment that the person has fallen in battle and the date and place is given.

A noticeable change is the fact that the sovereigns generally have divested themselves of the titles and decorations conferred by nations with which they are at war, but Emperor William is still carried as a doctor of Oxford and a Knight of the Garter, while Prince Henry is given as a chief of the Russian Hussar Regiment and as a British admiral. The Russian Emperor is no longer titled as the chief of Austrian regiments, but like King Albert of Belgium, is still credited as a knight of the Black Eagle. The King of Montenegro is carried as an honorary commander of an Austrian regiment and as a knight of the Black Eagle.

Poland Battle To Be Decided By Reinforcements

Weight of Numbers Will Give Victory to the Side Having Most Men

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent says that Russian reinforcements are pouring to the front in Poland and that the issue in the fighting west of Warsaw depends upon which side can fling the larger weight in numbers into the battle line.

S.S. Tabasco left Halifax at 5 last evening for St. John's.

Word has been received that the Annie L. Warren which loaded fish at Fogo for Brazil, Capt. Churchill, Monroe & Co.'s, made the run to Pernambuco in 25 days.

The Regulation Khaki Serge will be used, and made according to the Army Service Uniforms.

It is expected that the first lot will be delivered about New Year.

Local Company Got It. It is pleasing to see that the committee placed the order with a local company.

We congratulate the Newfoundland Clothing Co. That the order will be faithfully filled there is no doubt.

This Company made many of the suits for the First Contingent and they were most satisfactory, and shortly after an order was received from the Home authorities which was also satisfactorily filled.

The placing of this order with a local concern means so much money spent in the country.

Some weeks ago The Mail advocated that the order be placed in Newfoundland and we are pleased to see that our advice has been acted on.

Christmas Gift Suggestions For Men. In our Men's New Store we show many articles suitable for Gifts. Here are a few of the suggestions: GLOVES, NECKWEAR, SLIPPERS, DRESSING GOWNS, SMOKING JACKETS, UMBRELLAS, PIPES. Open until 10 o'clock every night. Ayre & Sons Limited.

George Street Church Adult Bible Class IN MEMORIAM ARTHUR HUSKINS LEAVES NICKEL Adventist Church Services Sunday One Diphtheria Case Patriotic Fund WANTED—A Farm