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TURK FORCE SURRENDERS TO BRITISH

Victory Gives Great Britain Control of Valuable Territory on Shore of the Persian Gulf

London, Dec. 9.—It is officially announced that Subhi Bey, late Governor of Basra in Asiatic Turkey, and commander of the Turkish forces in Kurna, yesterday surrendered unconditionally with his troops to the Indian Expeditionary Force which is operating at the head of the Persian Gulf. Kurna was subsequently occupied by the British, who are now in complete control of the country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers to the sea and the richest part of the fertile delta.

Big British Force.

An Indian office despatch, describing operations of the British forces in the Persian Gulf, says: "A reconnaissance of the enemy's position at Kurna was made on Dec. 5th by Col. G. S. Fraser with 110,000 Maharaja's light infantry."

The enemy was encountered on the left bank of the Tigris opposite Kurna. They were promptly attacked and driven across the river, losing heavily. Two guns and seventy prisoners, including three Turkish officers, were captured.

Strongly Held.

Kurna was found to be strongly held by guns and infantry. The British finding no means of crossing the Tigris, withdrew to their original position.

On the following day reinforcements were sent from Basra under Brigadier General Chas. Fry, who captured Lasera and cleared the left bank of the Tigris. He took three guns and one hundred prisoners, including three officers.

On Dec. 8th the British crossed the river. The next day Subhi Bey surrendered.

The British casualties during the whole of these operations were one British officer killed, three wounded, forty Indians, rank and file, killed and one hundred and twenty wounded.

British Ships Ordered From Panama Zone

U. S. Determined to Enforce Strict Observance of Neutrality of the Canal Zone.

Panama, Dec. 9.—Col. Goethals this morning issued instructions for the immediate departure from Panama of the British colliers Kirmwood and Roddam.

This step was taken in order to avoid any question as to the good faith of the United States respecting the observance of neutrality in the waters of the canal zone.

The two vessels at once went to sea.

Baron Wimborne Is Mentioned As New Irish Viceroy

Dublin, Dec. 9.—The Freeman's Journal reports that Baron Wimborne will probably succeed Lord Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland early in the New Year.

Naturalised Briton Sentenced to Death For High Treason

London, Dec. 9.—Nicholas Ahlers, former German Consul in Sunderland, was today convicted by the Durham Assizes of high treason and sentenced to death.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate N.W. to North winds; fair and cold today and Friday.

LESSONS OF NAVAL VICTORY

British Papers Say it Shows Superiority of Big Guns and High Speed

London, Dec. 10.—The Chronicle's naval expert commenting on the British victory in the South Atlantic, says: "The crushing victory justifies our hope that the methods now employed by the Admiralty are on the basis of their experience in the war and under the mastery direction of Lord Fisher, will, before long, lay the remaining raiders by the heels."

Their temporary immunity has depended upon certain resources and especially upon the abuse of the wireless telegraph and the violation of the neutrality of the coast.

Big Moral Effect.

The Daily News says the moral effect of this victory in the South Atlantic will carry even to the least understanding or most sceptical mind that conviction that the British sea power is as sure as ever and maintained by men as skillful and valiant as those who created it.

Whatever mistakes have been made earlier in the distribution of our naval force have been corrected. Superior strategy prepared the victory and that strategy bears everywhere the imprint of Lord Fisher's genius.

Lessons of the Fight.

The big gun, coupled with speed, has once again vindicated itself; it has done so in every engagement of this war. It represents Lord Fisher's contribution, persistently criticised by the many within and without the navy.

The Times says the British Naval victory avenges the loss of Admiral Craddock and his gallant comrades, and at the same time removes from the high seas the most important of the war vessels that Germany has had at large.

Dramatic Retribution.

It is a dramatic act of retribution and indicates that when the correct strategic course is followed the stroke falls hard and sure.

It is impossible to believe that there was anything fortuitous in the arrival of this British squadron on the scene in which the German ships were found, but it has every sign of being the result of a bold and thorough disposition on the part of the Admiralty.

The presence of Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, who but a month ago held the position of Chief of Staff and the completeness of the destruction of the enemy are most significant circumstances.

THIRTEEN MINERS BLOWN TO DEATH BY AN EXPLOSION

Men and Explosive Were Being Lowered Together Down the Shaft

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Thirteen mine workers were killed in the Diamond Shaft of the Delaware Lackawanna Western Company, here today, when a box of dynamite being lowered into the mine cage with fourteen men exploded, wrecking the descending cage and dropping the occupants to the bottom of the shaft.

One man, who escaped alive, is Martin Belinski, a driver boss.

KAISER SMITTEN WITH PNEUMONIA

With Which is Combined Nervous Depression—Mustn't Go to Front.

London, Dec. 9.—Emperor William is suffering from pneumonia, which is combined with nervous depression, due to over-exertion, according to a telegram from Berlin.

The message adds that the German Emperor's doctors have advised him not to return to the front.

Fogata left Exploits at 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

Earl of Devon arrived at Exploits at 5.05 p.m. and left at midnight.

BRITISH SQUADRON SINKS THREE GERMAN WARSHIPS OFF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, December 9.—It is announced officially here to-day that the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig have been sunk in the Pacific.

The following announcement was issued by the Official Information Bureau:—At 7.30 a.m. on December 8th, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig, and Dresden were sighted near the Falkland Islands by the British Squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count Von Spee; Gneisenau, and the Leipzig were sunk.

The Dresden and Nurnberg made off during the action and are being pursued.

Two colliers also were captured.

The Vice-Admiral reports that the British casualties were very few in number. Some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and Leipzig.

2 GERMAN SHIPS ESCAPED, BUT ARE BEING PURSUED BY FLEET BRITISH SHIPS

London, Dec. 10 (4 a.m.)—It is believed that some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and Leipzig, but no mention is made of the crew of the Scharnhorst which was the flagship of the German admiral being saved, and it is presumed Count Von Spee and his officers and men went down fighting.

The British casualties were light, but beyond the fact that the British squadron was commanded by Rear-Admiral Sturdee, no information is vouchsafed regarding the ships engaged and newspapers are enjoined not to speculate as to other combinations which may be affected.

London Enthusiastic

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in London over the victory. The general impression is that it will be complete, as the admiralty would not be likely to send ships but those that should overtake the Dresden and Nurnberg, which are 24 knot and 23 respectively, probably even slower after their long service. They are at a disadvantage also, because of their small coal capacity.

The British squadron which engaged the Germans left England without the knowledge of the general public. Until his

name was mentioned it was believed that Rear-Admiral Sturdee was staying in home waters. The fact that he was taken from his post as Chief of War Staff is indicative of the determination of the British Government to clear the Pacific and South Atlantic of all German warships.

Formidable British Squadron

It is believed therefore that the British commander is at the head of a formidable squadron. In addition to the Dresden and Nurnberg only one more German warship Karlshue is unaccounted for now in these waters, although there may be one or two armed merchant ships, which have not been rounded up.

The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau each carried a compliment of 765 men, Leipzig 286, Nurnberg 322 and Dresden 326; total German loss estimated not far short of 2000 men, although the actual loss of the Dresden and Nurnberg cannot be known.

Two Others Damaged

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 10.—Reports received here of the sinking of the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, by British warships off Falkland Islands, say that two other German cruisers engaged in the battle were badly damaged.

GERMAN FLEET

The German squadron which engaged Admiral Craddock on Nov. 1 off Coronel, Chile, sank the cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth and put to flight the cruiser Glasgow and the converted cruiser-transport Otranto, consisted of the five cruisers Gneisenau, Scharnhorst, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden.

It is possible to trace their course from the Pacific to the South Atlantic by the despatches that have since come from the coast announcing their passing or giving intelligence concerning their alleged supply ships. Meanwhile, it was announced that they had been joined by the formidable battle cruiser Von Der Tann. It was also reported that they had been joined by the Strassburg, last reported in South Pacific two months and a half ago, and by the Karlsruhe, which was reported on Nov. 13 as being "cornered" somewhere in the South Atlantic. The maximum strength of Admiral Von Spee's squadron in that case may be denoted as follows:

Gneisenau, 22½ knots; 2-inch, 6.59 inch, 14 24-pounders.
Scharnhorst, 22½ knots; 8 2-inch, 6.59 inch, 14 24-pounders.
Leipzig, 23 knots; 10 4.1-inch, rapid firers.
Dresden, 24½ knots; 12 4.1-inch rapid firers.
Strassburg, 28 knots; 12 4.1-inch rapid firers.
Karlsruhe, 28 knots; 12 4.1-inch rapid firers.
Von Der Tann, 27 knots; 8 11-inch, 10 6-inch, 16 24-pounders.
It is likely that the British have in the South Atlantic several battle cruisers or dreadnoughts as formidable as the Von der Tann, although only one has so far been identified. She is the Invincible of 28 knots, sister ship of the Inflexible and the Indomitable, and built in 1907. Her main battery consists of 8 12-inch and 16 4-inch guns. All of the foregoing have from two to four submerged 18-inch torpedo tubes and a proportional complement of machine guns.

ADMIRAL STURDEE

Halifax, Dec. 10.—Vice-Admiral Sturdee was born in 1859. He was in Halifax as a Lieutenant on the Northampton when Admiral Commerell was in command of the station. About 1886 he was decorated for service in Samoa and in 1907 was made A.D.C. to the King. At one time he was in command of the First division of the Channel fleet.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Falkland Islands are a group forming a Crown Colony of Great Britain in the South Atlantic Ocean, 250 miles to the East of the nearest shores of South America.

There are more than a hundred islands but East and West Falkland, separated by Falkland Sound, are the only two of any size, having an area of 3000 and 2200 square miles respectively.

Drizzling rain falls on 250 days of the year, our encyclopaedia does not say what falls on the remaining days.

SCHR. NOAH SAILS FOR GIBRALTAR

Schr. Noah sails for Gibraltar to-day with 2950 qts. fish from Monroe & Co.

The Durango sailed from Liverpool yesterday afternoon for this port. She is bringing 500 tons of cargo.

RUSSIAN ARMY ON OFFENSIVE

Inflicts Grave Defeat on German Right Wing Near Cracow

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 9.—The French Government report enemy's activity some what increased. A vigorous German attack was repulsed south of Ypres.

The struggle in the Argonne continues very vigorous.

Vermelles, recently captured by the French has been the scene of a determined struggle for nearly two months. Russian headquarters report a grave defeat of the German right wing south of Cracow. Heavy guns and five field batteries were silenced. Several guns and many prisoners were captured. The offensive is being pursued.

The Serbian Press Bureau announces considerable success over the Austrians.

—HARCOURT.

EDISON PLANT REPORTED AFIRE

Westchester, N.Y., Dec. 10.—The electrical plant of the Edison Coy. here caught fire tonight following an explosion in the testing room, and it is threatened with total destruction. The instruments, building and contents are valued at seven million dollars.

SERVIANS OVERWHELM AUSTRIANS

Latter Retire in Disorder Leaving Many Prisoners and Guns With Servians.

Paris, Dec. 9.—A despatch by the Havas Agency from Nish, Servia, says a crushing offensive movement by the Servian army has been successful along the entire front.

The Austrians are retiring in the greatest disorder, losing a large number of prisoners and cannon and war material.

At one point alone the Servians took two thousand prisoners and the band and flag of the 22nd regiment.

Victory Was Complete

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Servian Legation makes public a report from Servian Headquarters to the effect that the Servian army has won a complete victory resulting in the recapture of Vayve and Ushitza in Servia, and the rout of two Austrian corps.

The Austrians, says the report, abandoned everything, even their treasure chests.

The Servians took 20,000 prisoners and fifty cannon and large quantities of rifles, machine guns and munitions of every description.

Have To Find 6,000 Horses For Cavalry

2nd Canadian Contingent Will Need This Number of New Mounts—Easy to Get.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Active arrangements are in progress at the Militia Department for the extra recruiting called for by the new divisional scheme in connection with the Second Canadian Overseas Contingent.

There are to be twenty-seven squadrons of cavalry, each with a strength of two hundred, and this will require about six thousand mounts. They will be purchased throughout the country by the same system as was followed when the artillery mounts were bought.

The supply promises to be fully equal to the requirements, and there will be no hold-ups for high prices.

The Stephano which sailed this afternoon took a large quantity of goods which are being sent to the Belgians.

Sheep farming is the staple industry, the shepherds being mostly of Scottish origin. The population is little more than 2000.

LODZ COST GERMANS 10,000 MEN

Russians Contradict Stories of Their Losses Circulated by Enemy—Balance Favors Czar's Troops

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—Semi-Officially: "German official communication says that the Russians must have paid enormous losses when evacuating Lodz. What confidence should be placed in this communication it evidenced by the fact that the Russian troops withdrew from Lodz about midnight on December 6th, while the Germans remained motionless for fifteen hours in front of our empty trenches."

Cost Them 10,000 Men.

Their attack cost them more than 10,000 soldiers, upon which they dared not advance. Only at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Dec. 6th did the Germans move forward to find there was nobody in the trenches facing them. They entered the town then.

In changing our positions in the region of Lodz we did not lose a soldier. We undertook this manoeuvring only after we had ascertained that the Germans had definitely decided not to continue their attacks in this district.

Our manoeuvre was entirely independent of any aggressive action on the part of the enemy."

Ridiculous German Claims.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 7.—An official statement issued here, describes as ridiculous the German claims of having captured enormous numbers of prisoners, cannons and machine guns. It says that the armies have been fighting continuously, and that it is impossible to estimate the losses.

"This fact," continues the statement "prevents us from publishing an official denial, as the general staff carefully avoid giving any details that have not been verified."

False Reports.

"On the other hand, the German denial that they have lost a single gun, is disproved by the fact that in the Brzeziny district alone (near Lodz), we took from them twenty-three guns and a large amount of spoils. As to German prisoners, 10,000 have passed one point alone of our front where prisoners are registered.

"Neither do the Germans mention the supply column which they burned, nor the cannon and ammunition which they abandoned in the forests and which we are gradually finding."

Conceal Losses

"The Germans also conceal the losses which they sustained in the November fighting, although witnesses state that never has a field of battle presented such a sight as on the roads of the German retreat towards Strikow, at some points where we attacked the German flanks, the German dead were piled not less than a metre high. All the inhabitants of the district have been engaged in the work of burying the dead and clearing the fields where the recent combats were waged."

"Several German divisions, especially that of the Guards, have been so severely tried during their efforts to escape from our clutches, that they have completely disappeared from the front in order to reorganize their formation."

SAXONIAN COALS AND LEAVES PORT

The oil tanker Saxonian, Captain Leech, which arrived yesterday morning short of coal, sailed again last evening at six.

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s.s. Sjostad, two days from North Sydney, arrived last evening with a cargo of coal.

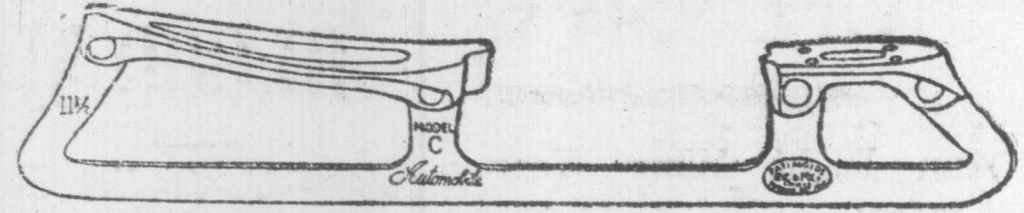
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NEAREST GERMAN GUNS 20 MILES AWAY

The Enemy Has Not Approached Near Enough for Some of the Forts to Fire Any Guns at all

In the French Lines, Verdun, Dec. 2.—This great central doorway of the Lorraine frontier is banged, barred, and bolted against the invader. Verdun has been advertised by the German commanders as subject to a close investment. They even claim to have captured some of the forts.

The German people may imagine that it is besieged, but I wish some of their representatives could have accompanied us in the last part of the tour of inspection which has been of extraordinary interest. No better proof, perhaps, could be offered in such a small compass of the futility of the adventure in which the Prussian Generals had involved them.

Verdun Not Besieged.

Verdun has never been besieged, its communications are unbroken it is the centre of a district in which there is no menace. On the north-west, and east there is at least twenty miles before the zone of German gun fire is reached. The road to the city through the Argonne is as safe and quiet as the road from York to London.

On the south the Germans touch the Meuse at only a single point, St. Mihiel. To reach it from Metz, there is but one single difficult road and all along that line the position of the Germans is exceedingly precarious.

Around the semi-circle north of Verdun the French armies make slow but steady progress. They are prepared for winter as well as any armies can be. I spoke to many of the men at different points, and there was no doubt about the height of their spirits and confidence.

I spoke also to a number of officers. They struck me as men of intelligence and vigor, possessed by a modern and liberal spirit, and watching closely over the safety and comfort of their men.

Have Not Fired a Shot.

The secret of this important success at the pivoting point of the western campaign is not the strength of the fixed defences of Verdun, for many of the forts have not fired a shot. It is that the army has never lost its freedom of action. For the moment

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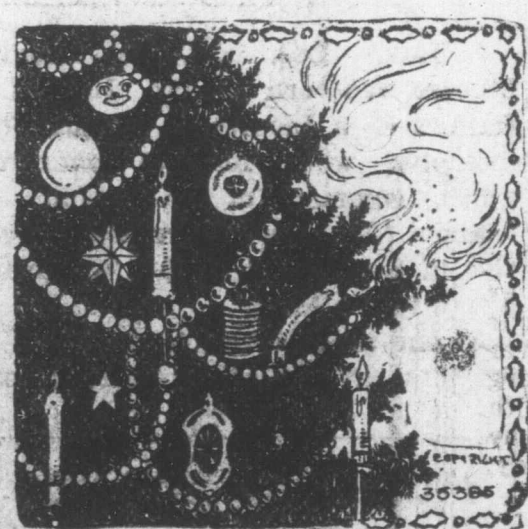
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In answer to a question about the present morale of the German troops, he said:

"Que voulez vous." It is a ship in a tempest and the sailors run hither and thither.

"There was no sound of hate or triumph in his tone, but I thought that if a symbolical picture of the defence of France were needed, one could hardly find a better one than a portrait of this general.

The "Highland" Brigade

("Spalpeen," in Glasgow Star.)

Some of the papers are finding fault with the Irish because they are not joining Kitchener's army in larger numbers, but they have only to read the list of killed and wounded in English and Scottish regiments to find an answer to their question. Among the various arrivals of wounded in Stobhill Hospital are to be found the following names in Scottish regiments:

Come, listen to me you who seek for our aid.

Till I read you some names from the "Highland" Brigade, Who went to the front all the Germans to kill.

And a batch of these wounded are now at Stobhill.

I find on the list an O'Malley and Boyle, A Murphy, a Kelly, a Riley and Doyle, A Casey, a Carney, a Rorke and M'Cann.

All strapping young Highlanders, every man.

There are Rooneys and Dohertys There by the score, And Gallaghers, too, you'll find in galore;

While Muldoons and O'Connors can also be had.

Troth, the ould boy himself couldn't bate such a squad.

And, bedad, there you'll find Piper Riordan, from Cork,

The skirl of whose pipes could be heard in New York;

And Meagher who plays the big drum in grand style,

Who, I'll swear, never slept in the shire of Argyll.

There is Driscoll, a bandsman, and Piper-Major Foy.

With Carney, M'Laughlan, Maginn and Malloy.

And O'Leary and Doogan, M'Bride and M'Gill.

All hooching and dancin' about in Stobhill;

You can find, if you wish, a Delaney and Burke,

A Carrol, a Clancy, a Toole, and M'Gurk;

A Foley, a Welsh, a M'Guire and a Quinn.

All pledged to assemble some day in Berlin.

There was Gunner O'Donnell and Sergeant M'Fall.

Who can both cut the tartan of ould Donegal;

And Barney M'Luskey, whose hair isn't dry,

And who says he belongs to the Island of Skye,

It would do good to your heart to see Paddy M'Gee,

The calves of whose legs are as thick as a tree;

And big Darby Dolan, who comes from Strabane,

Has his "wee deeh an' dorus" whenever he can.

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FRENCH REGIMENT WITHOUT FRENCHMEN

One Volunteer Came From Greenland; Others From Tropical Regions—And They Come From all walks of Life

By Phil Rader, reporter-artist-aviator-soldier, a former Chicagoan. He has served as a French military aviator on special occasions since the start of the war. He is now enrolled in the French Foreign Legion.

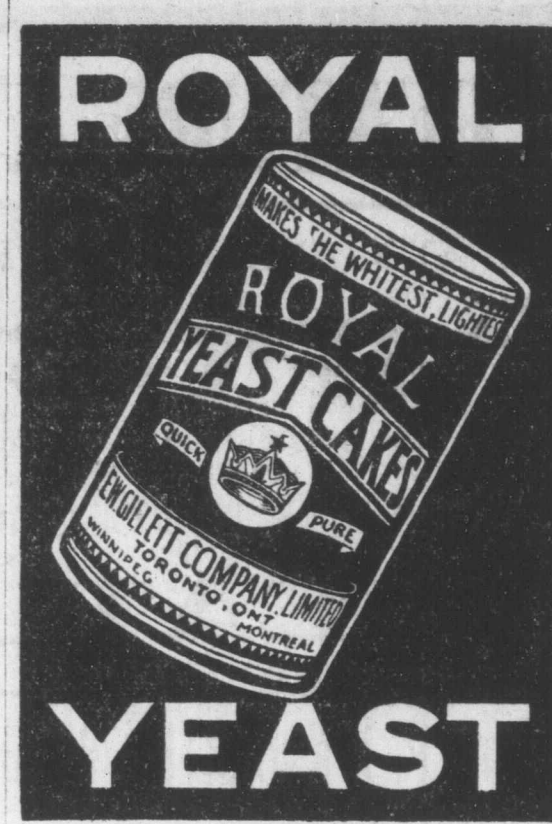
It is a great life this—in fact, it is about the strangest and most unconventional life that a man could possibly live. Here I find myself, living in Paris, in French barracks (built in the time of Napoleon I) with the oddest collection of human beings ever herded under one roof. I hear very little English spoken, except a broken shred here and there.

We are wearing the French military outfit, eating French food, drilling under French command, and yet there is not a genuine Frenchman in the place!

Headquarters of the foreign legion in Paris is at Rueilly, near the gates of the city. The regiment consists of 1 should judge, of about 1,500 men. About 500 of these could, with steady drilling, be made into fighting men. The rest would be much more useful at home.

The officers are mostly reservists, gray and aged, having fought in the war of 1870. The "sous-officers," or petty officers, are only "legion soldiers" recently promoted, and need a little training themselves. However, we are not to be criticized, as the entire regiment, from the colonel down, is made up of volunteers.

Volunteer From Greenland. Some of these volunteers have come hundreds of miles to fight for France. Their hearts are with the great cause involved and, whether they be weak or strong physically, the spirit burns in all alike. We have one man who came down from Northern Greenland. We have Dutch from the tropical colonies, Dutch from Amsterdam, two Turks, a few Moravians, plenty of Russians, a lot of Poles, some Swiss and many from Alsace-Lorraine.



Men in all walks of life are collected here, rubbing elbows and eating soup from tin buckets. Here we have a learned Swiss doctor and surgeon, now a corporal. Next to him is a Russian peasant of the lowest class.

All Class and Trades Still further down the line comes a well-to-do Dutchman, a famous author, in peace times. Next is a Polish Jew, tailor by profession. His little business has been closed by the war, so he has come to fight to help reopen it.

Now we come to a flat-faced Belgian peasant, who is more like a dumb driven animal than anything else. Following along we come to the French Canadian, a dapper little chap, who, because of his ability to speak both French and English fluently, has a position in the enrollment bureau. We have also a silent Greek and an Italian boy with a violent temper, because of which he languishes at present in the barracks prison.

Lastly we come to the Alsations who speak always to one another in German, and are fretting and fuming like dogs in leash to reach the front and get into some action. Oh! It's a great family!

Day's Grind Starts at 6 a.m. The rules are rather stringent here in regard to some things and very lax in regards to others. We must arise promptly at 6 a.m. Our beds must be made immediately, and then comes the plunge under the ice cold faucet. No time to shave or primp; just time enough to get your bayonet and belt buckled on, take a sip of the very weak and lukewarm coffee that has been toted up, grab your gun and run.

Regiments assemble at 6.30 a.m. in the court, in pale-faced unshaven groups. Some of the men are yawning, others hurriedly buttoning tunics, some snatching a puff at a black cigarette and others just rubbing the sleep from their tired eyes. The roll is then called and the companies are put under a gruelling drill for two hours. However, it certainly makes one "fit" for the day and gives one a ravenous appetite.

An Important Event. At 9.30 we disband, the kitchen police take their places in the line before the kitchen door and one gets a chance to "clean up" before "dejeuner." Promptly at 10 the "police boys" come in with huge steaming trays of food, which always consists of soup, mashed potatoes and boiled beef. Plenty of heavy army bread lies about, and it is fairly palatable if soaked in soup for about ten minutes. Nothing is given to drink with the meal, but for a penny one can get a glass of wine or a cup of coffee at the canteen down stairs.

We then have an hour's rest and sometimes a little more. The regiment is again assembled in the court at noon, and the long march to the Bois de Vincennes for manoeuvres begins. This lasts until 4 p.m., when we return to the barracks.

To Prison if out Late. At five it is supper time. The supper is virtually the same as the dinner, with very little variation. It is eaten from tin pails about six inches in diameter. After dinner one may get permission to go to Paris (provided one is not slated for "service de garde"), but must return at 8.30. If one is late it means six days in prison, and it's some prison! As I mentioned before, these barracks were built in the reign of Napoleon I; so was the prison. It is the best imitation of a dungeon I've ever seen, and I hope never to be locked in there.

At 9 o'clock taps is sounded and all lights must be out. It is about this time that a violent argument arises as to the ownership of certain blankets. The man who can do the most gesticulating and has the loudest voice wins. Finally when this subsides (usually about midnight), one drops off to sleep, and the morrow is a repetition of to-day.

And I might add, the pay is one sou (about one cent) a day.

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A CONTRIBUTOR to a London paper writes: "Would you like this new Scotch reel, inspired by the pipes of the bonny Highlanders who for a week made Scotland a little Melun? On Wednesday, the 2nd, I was in the town and saw the good women rush from the street into their houses crying in dreadful voices, 'Les Allemandes!' and there, by the old church round the corner came the Highlanders! I stood still on the pavement and sang 'Scots Wha Hae' at top of my old cracked voice, and they, appreciating the welcome and excusing the minstrelsy, waved their hands to me. The staff was here, the Flying Corps, three regiments, English and Scottish. Such brave, bright orderly, kind, young men. On Sept. 6th the cannon sounded very near. I went into the street, and said to a demure, douce young Highlander, 'Do ye think the Germans are coming?' And he replied 'I've been hearing, Ma tam, that the Chermans will have been having a pit of a setpack.' It was in this modest manner that I heard of the victory on the Marne.

Dance, since ye're dancing, William. Dance up and doon, Set to your partners, William, We'll play the tune! See, make a bow to Paris. Here's Antwerp-toon: Off to the Gulf of Riga. Back to Verdun— Ay, but I'm thinking, laddie, Ye'll use your shoon!

Dance, since ye're dancing, William. Dance up and doon, Set to your partners, William, We'll play the tune! What! Wad ye stop the pipers? Nay, 'tis over-soon! Dance, since ye're dancing, William, Dance, ye pair loon! Dance, till ye're dizzy, William. Dance till ye swoon! Dance till ye're dead, my laddie! We play the tune!

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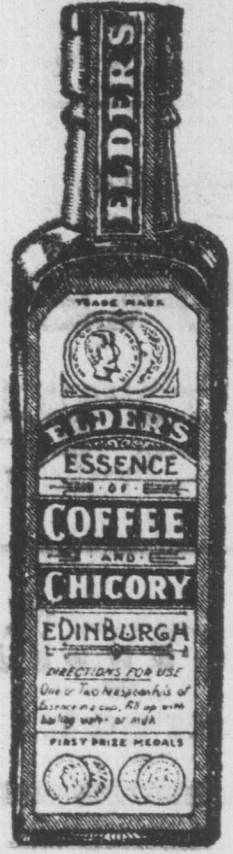
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Farce Continues

THE SEALING COMMISSION Farce is still going on. Nobody is paying any regard to it, for it is looked upon as a big cod, a waste of time and money. No serious attempt is being made to fix the responsibility for the awful sacrifice in human lives, but the Commission is busying itself with the question of food and the panning of seals, questions which have been pretty well gone into by Mr. Coaker, and questions which he has answered pretty satisfactorily. He has had improvements made, and will have still further improvements, when the House meets again. As to the panning of seals, that is pretty well settled too. A Bill will be brought into the House at next session which will provide: "That the right of property in panned seals shall cease, if such panned seals be not taken on board the same day as the panning is done."

This will ensure that the men will not be sent too far from their ships, and also that no blundering Abraham Keans will send men away in the teeth of a coming storm.

What a Commission should do, and we do not for one moment expect it of this Commission, is to get down to hard facts, and fix the responsibility on somebody's shoulders, or else make it clear that there is no blame to be attached to anyone.

They should also find out whether the unsystematic manner of keeping barometric readings on the Newfoundland and Stephano is in any way responsible for the Captains of those ships not knowing that a severe storm was making.

There is a lack of coherence in all the evidence respecting the barometer, and that is where the Commission should get busy.

There is also strong presumptive evidence that there is lying in a wholesale way about the distances and courses between the ship and where the men were put out from the Stephano.

As to the carrying of boats, we believe the Commission is agitating itself for nothing. In the event of the ships being lost in the ice, boats are of little account. What would be more useful then would be some sort of shelter and special portable provisions. Emergency provision they might be called.

There is a lot to be done by a Commission respecting the carrying of seals on deck, especially on ships coming out of the Gulf. On those ships ample life-boat accommodation should be provided, for they have a long water way after leaving the shelter of the ice. We want to see a Commission take up these matters, but the present Commission has no standing with the bulk of the fishermen, and we have repeated this warning time and again.

We will not rest satisfied till a properly appointed Commission that will have the support of the fishermen has been chosen.

Waiting Over?

OCASIONALLY one hears the querulous question: If, as is stated, the Allies in the West are now stronger than the Germans, why do they not assume the offensive against the troops of the Kaiser?

Of course, in the first instance, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces is unwilling to risk the lives of the thousands of men that would have to be sacrificed in order to carry the strong German entrenchments in Belgium by assault. And, supposing such a manoeuvre to be entirely successful, it would have to be repeated time and again, for the enemy has long ago prepared in his rear positions of equal strength to those he now holds at the front, added to which are the great frontier fortresses and those along the River Rhine. It is plain, therefore, that to oust the Germans from all these fortifications and otherwise, would be to incur the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of men and to wear down the effective fighting force of the Allies to a dangerous extent.

It must be remembered that in war he who acts on the aggressive leads in casualties. In the present great campaign in Western Europe the German casualties have been far greater than those of the forces of the Allies because the Germans have consistently acted on the offensive since the beginning of the war. It is admitted by even the officers of the Kaiser that the strength of the German forces has suffered much in consequence and the whole world knows just how little Germany has gained by her prolific sacrifice of human life in the numerous hard-fought battles.

General Joffre, too, evidently believes it best to allow the enemy to win his victories for him. He disposes his troops as a living wall against the German advances and assaults and time and again have the attackers shattered themselves almost to pieces, depleting their military units and decimating the very flower of their army in a vain attempt to treat their opponents down by sheer weight of numbers.

But there is also another consideration to take into account in this question as to whether or not a general offensive by the Allies would be better than the present "wearing-down tactics" to which Gen. Joffre has pinned his faith.

The closer the armies of the Allies in the West and of the Russians in the East approach towards each other, the easier will be the military task before the Germans.

It has been estimated that Germany has in the field fifty-eight army corps, aggregating about 2,340,000 men. Of this number 1,760,000 men are said to be operating in Belgium and the other 580,000 men against the Russians on the Eastern frontier. Possibly this may have been the original disposition of the German forces, but there it not the slightest doubt that it has been altered time and again by the transfer of German troops from West to East. For instance, the war news yesterday mentioned the fact that one of the army corps that fought against the Russians in the battle of Lodz had been transferred there from Belgium.

Now the longer the distance that separates the armies of the Allies in the East and in the West, the greater Germany's task is bound to be. In view of her continued heavy losses in the two campaigns, the necessity of transferring troops from one field to the other is bound to grow greater the longer the war lasts.

Germany has an excellent system of military railways and they have proved of vital worth to her in many instances during the present war. Should Joffre succeed in driving the Germans any appreciable distance Eastward, and should the Russians roll them back towards the West, these railroad lines will become even more vitally important to the Germans and the shortening of the distance over which troops would have to be transported would lessen to a great degree the problem involved in moving troops on any considerable scale.

It is therefore, beyond peradventure that when the Allies in the West undertake a general offensive against the Germans, it will be with a force immensely superior to their adversaries in both numbers and artillery supplies.

For some time now, it has been understood that the Allies considerably outnumbered the Germans and it was usually conceded that a decisive Russian victory in the East would be the signal for a general advance of the Allies in the West.

Unfortunately, however, the Russian military machine "slipped a cog" and the victory did not materialize. That, however, did not result in the Western offensive movement being called off, for Berlin has told us that the Allies have assumed the offensive in Belgium and we learn also from official British and French bulletins that the Allied forces have made many gains during the last week or so.

It seems evident that with the Russian line reformed and resuming the offensive in the East and with the Al-

lies conducting a vigorous offensive in the West the German militarists will have a big task cut out to withstand the double attack. They can hardly hope to rob one front of men to help the other without courting defeat, even while their troops are in transport across Germany. Neither can they afford to shorten their lines very much, for that would bring the forces of the enemy on to sacred German soil and cause intense dissatisfaction amongst their own people.

It certainly looks as though Germany was about face to face with the biggest problem that has confronted her in the course of the present war. And meantime, we, whose battles are being fought by Britain and her Allies, have greater cause than ever for the most pronounced optimism.

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TO THE EDITOR

Thinks "No Bluff" Was Entirely Right

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I just want to say a few words concerning "No Bluffs" attack on P. G. Butler in *The Mail and Advocate* of Dec. 2nd, and Mr. Butler's reply in your issue of Dec. 3rd. Mr. Butler says, "The Agricultural Society have not even imported any feeds since the great feed famine of 1912," so he is informed by the so called society.

I wonder what he means by a "feed famine." The only feed grown in this country is hay. A very small quantity of oats is produced but nothing worth speaking about. As for root crops, they were normal that year.

All feeds other than hay are imported and they were by no means scarce that year, but any quantity could be bought at a normal price. The best black oats could be bought for \$3.00 and less per 4 bushels. They are now \$3.50 and more.

Wonder why doesn't the Society import some oats now to sell cheaper. 'Twas never needed worse than at

present. Guess they're too wise. They know that people are on to their game and they'd rather have good oats for \$3.50 than doubtful oats for \$3.00.

As for hay, it was by no means scarce in 1912. It could be bought for \$24.00 per ton of 2240 lbs. from several firms in St. John's. The Agricultural Society sold it for \$21.00 per ton of 2000 lbs. So you see there was only a difference of two cents on a sundred-weight. The Agricultural Society sold for \$1.05 per cwt. while the importing firms sold for \$1.07 per cwt. (100 lbs.) That makes a difference of 45 cents on a ton of 2240 lbs.

I bought a ton of hay from a St. John's firm that year for \$12.00 and it was very good hay. I also bought two and a half tons from the Society. They called it hay but I call it dirt. When I threw away what was mouldy and rotten and totally unfit for use and shook the remainder clear of the dust I had about two and a half hundredweight of stalks and stinging nettles such as grow about our walls and headlands.

We were doubly stung. We were stung when we saw what we got for our money and when we went to feed it to our cows we were stung again as 'twas nearly all stinging nettles.

Mr. Butler says this stuff saved

thousands of horses and cattle from starving. It might have done so but that was all. When we buy feed and pay a high price for it we don't expect to starve our cattle on it, but to feed them and keep them in good order.

I would like to see more men like "No Bluff" coming forward with a little similar criticism. It might do a lot of good for everybody in general and the poor labourer in particular. It is

two years ago now since they sold us to so called hay but we haven't forgotten it and are not likely to do so very quickly.

As for Mr. Butler's school we don't know anything about it and what's more we don't want to.

He wrote us letters about the hay. We bought it and were fooled. So when we want the "larnament" We go to him to be schooled. St. John's, Dec. 8, '14. —DISGUSTED

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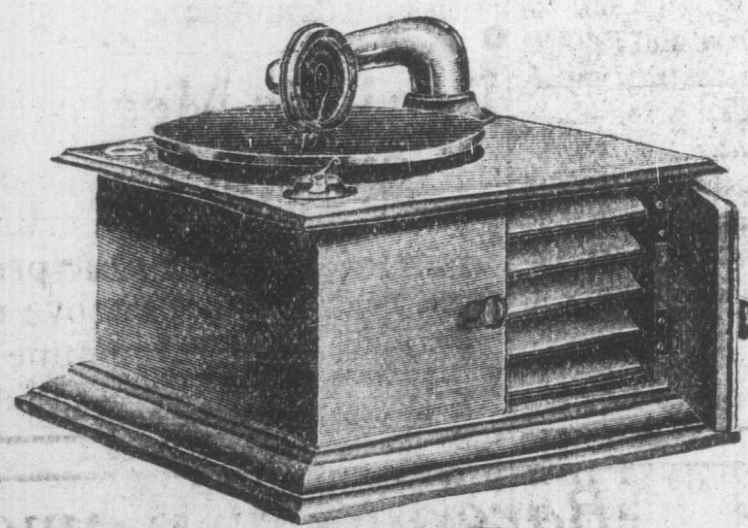
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Prices: \$2.48 to \$11.98.

**Ladies' Leather
HAND BAGS**

A small
SAMPLE ASSORTMENT
of very Exclusive Designs
with vanity outfits,

At Original Cost Prices
From
\$6.75 to \$12.00
Each.

A Christmas Toy Means Christmas Joy

A splendid assortment of up-to-date Toys for Children of all Ages from 2 Cents to \$25.00.

Railroads, Flying Machines, Battle Ships, Automobiles, Teddy Bears, Mechanicals, Drums, Guns, Swords, Buliding Blocks, etc.

Bring your Children to our Window to see the ELECTRIC TRAIN. It is the talk of all Little Folks in town.

Ladies' Sample Blouses

At Half Price

Starting to-morrow we are putting on Sale the balance of our SAMPLE BLOUSES at further reduced clearing prices.

They include the newest shades in the following materials: Silk, Wool, Lace, Voile, Delaine, Crepe Cloth, etc.

NOT TWO OF THEM ALIKE.

We have to part with these BLOUSES at prices that cease to be Bargains but become Christmas Presents to our Customers.

ALL BLOUSES UP TO \$4.50 REDUCED TO \$1.98.
Equal Values at \$2.98 and \$3.98.

You will be wise to take advantage of this offer early in the Day.

**Ladies'
SWEATERS!**

We Are Proud
Of Our Assortment.

Our Knitted Silk Sweater at \$3.98 can't be duplicated for less than \$6.00. We have them in higher grades up to \$10.00, equal to qualities shown elsewhere for \$15.00.

Ask to see our All Wool Sweaters with Caps to Match, they are the smartest novelty that came here this season. OUR CHALLENGE PRICES for these Sweaters are

\$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48 & 2.98.

**Hand
Sewing Machines**

Our
ORIGINAL EXPRESS
is a little wonder at

\$6.48

We have a few more Samples
of Regular Size

SEWING MACHINES
which are reduced from

\$19.50 to

\$14.50

GOOD NEWS TO MEN

MEN'S TWEED PANTS.

Reg. \$1.40 Our Challenge Price \$1.00.
Reg. \$1.75 Our Challenge Price \$1.25.
Reg. \$1.90 Our Challenge Price \$1.40.
(All Sizes and Patterns.)

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS

In Heavy Material.
Regular 70c. Our Challenge Price 50c.
Regular 60c. Our Challenge Price 40c.

MEN'S CAPS.

Greatly Reduced.
Selling from 20 cents to 38 cents.

Men's SILK UMBRELLAS.

Well Known "Dura" Brand.
None better. Sold for \$4.00. Now \$2.65.
Most suitable Christmas Gift.

MEN'S NECKTIES.

Very Special.

Regular 50c. Values... 39c. each.
Regular 60c. Values... 39c. each.
Regular 70c. Values... 48c. each.

MEN'S BRACES.

Police and Firemen's.
Regular 35c. Our Challenge Price 20c.

Men's KHAKI OVERALLS.

Coats and Pants.
Regular 85c. Our Challenge Price 60c.

MEN'S BLUE OVERALLS.

Sterling Brand.
Regular 85c. Our Challenge Price 60c.

Men's NEGLIGEE SHIRTS.

Regular 75c. Our Challenge Price 50c.

Bargains at Our Notion Counter

Talcum Power, large tin, 10c.
Toilet Soap, large cake, 4c.
Parisian Face Powder, 9c. box.
Quinine Hair Shampoo, 2 for 5c.
Hair Brushes, 10c. and 15c. each.
Clothes Brushes, 20c. each.
Shino, Big Tin, 18c. each.
Men's Tobacco Pipes, 15c., 25c. up to \$2.50 each.
Pocket Knives, 15c., 20c., 25c. & 48c. each.
Scissors, all sizes, 20c. & 25c. each.

Sterling Silver Hat Pins, 20c. each.
Sterling Silver Hat Pin Holders, 48c. each.
Magnifying Mirrors, 48 cents to \$1.50 each.
Large Table Lamps, 78c. each.
Playing Cards, 9c. pack.
Aluminum Cooking Dishes, 60c., 70c. and 90c. each.
Vanity Pocket Books, 5c., 10c., 20c. and 30c. each.
Pocket Books (Samples), 98c. each.

We have on display in our Store a Sample Assortment of Fancy Goods of all kinds, making most suitable presents for Christmas. The prices quoted are very low, in many cases Below the Original Cost. We invite your kind inspection of this Department which offers many suggestions for the thoughtful Christmas Shopper.

**Edison Wire Drawn
Tungsten Lamps**

NONE BETTER MADE.
28 Cents Each.
16, 25, 32 and 50 Candle Powers.
Better Light at a Saving of 60 per cent.
On Your Light Bill.

THE SAMPLE BARGAIN STORE

J. P. MAHER & CO., Ltd.

167 Water Street, East.

Electric Fixtures

For Dining Room with lovely Silk shades in different colours.

Reg. \$12.00 now \$7.40 each.

Bed Room Shades

Reg. \$4.50 now \$2.25 each.

ROLL OF VOLUNTEERS STEADILY MOUNTS UP

Fourteen Recruits Offered Last Night, Bringing the Total up to Five Hundred and Eighty-seven—Response From the Outports

First Week.	
Monday	182
Tuesday	153
Wednesday	98
Thursday	51
Friday	30
Total	
	514

Second Week.	
Monday	43
Tuesday	16
Wednesday	14
Total	
	73

Fourteen New Recruits.
Last night fourteen new recruits came forward and volunteered, ten of whom are residents of the city.

Many had thought the limit had been reached in St. John's, but last night showed that there are others who could not resist the appeal for men.

Whether our Second Contingent goes to the front or not, England will be 500 men stronger when terms of peace are discussed.

Beside this volunteering on the part of the colonies must have a depressing effect on the enemy—for before hostilities began it was openly declared by the Germans that Braents Colonies would not only aid her, but were likely to cause trouble.

Bit of a Difference.
So far not a single German colony has gone to the aid of the Fatherland while England's will be responsible for about half a million men—not such a 'contemptible' little army in itself.

To-day victory is in the air, and were our recruiting powers not strained almost to the utmost we feel sure there would be a rush to-night.

There are still a number of young men who have not responded to the call, and to them we say 'Go forward.'

What a great thing it would be for the Old Colony if we could say that every eligible man volunteered.

Offer, Anyway.
Of course all will not be accepted but that is their misfortune rather than their fault. By offering their services they prove their willingness to help on the cause. It is no disgrace to be 'turned down.'

The outports will yet be heard from. Last evening Captain Montgomerie had a message from the Magistrate at Old Perlican, saying that one young man had volunteered there and requesting instructions as to when he could be sent to St. John's.

We hear reports from other places that recruits are rallying round the flag. In a week's time there will probably be a good showing.

Recruiting and drilling will continue this evening.

Last night a squad had some miniature rifle practice at the Highlander's Armoury and did good work.

Last Night's Volunteers.
Those who volunteered last night were:

- Jas. Elsworth, Carmanville, N.D.B.
- Wm. Gaulton.
- Kenneth French, Brigus, C.B.
- Peter Bennett.
- Jno. McCarthy.
- Jas. Jos. Pike, Avondale.
- Jas. Jos. Gladney.
- Jno. W. Harvey.
- Wm. Hayse.
- Jno. W. Maddick.
- Ed. Frampton.
- Jno. A. Antle.
- Cecil R. MacGregor.
- Wm. Kearley, Topsail.

Reserve Force Committee Meets

Decides to Start at Once on Work of Equipping the Volunteers.

The Reserve Force Committee met at the Board of Trade Rooms last evening, the chair being occupied by Sir Joseph Outerbridge.

The Government announced, thru the Finance Committee, its willingness to approve of any decision reached in matters of uniforms for the Second Contingent.

Arrangements for equipping the Volunteers will be undertaken immediately.

Various other matters were discussed and a report will be presented to the Patriotic Association which meets at the C.L.B. Armoury to-morrow evening.

Schr. Carl has left Marystown for Alicante with 2800 qtls. fish.

Schr. Annie M. Parker has left Woods Island for Gloucester with 1200 bbls. herring.

NEWFOUNDLAND WIRELESS MAN IN N. RUSSIA

W. J. Sinnott is Operator on the "Canada"—Once the "Earl Grey"—Now at Archangel

German Designs On Newfoundland

Germans Regard this Country as of Great Military Value.

(Special to the Montreal Star from Its London Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 5.—German designs on Newfoundland, as disclosed in the Canadian Gazette are much discussed.

The Daily Chronicle notes how busy German spies have been in the Colony, which strategically commands the eastern entrance to Canada.

The experience of Thomas Cantley, general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, show the Krupps, and, therefore, the German Government, know every detail of the island's potential usefulness as a military base for terrorizing and possibly invading Canada.

The question arises: How far is St. John's being used as a spy centre?

Ever since war broke out there has been considerable discussion in this city as to Germans and other enemy subjects residing here or once residents of St. John's.

It will be remembered that, some time ago, this paper republished from the North Sydney Herald an article alleging that a well-known man, now deceased, who resided here was an agent of the Kaiser. This article brought down on us a storm of hostile criticism. Recent events in England, however, have proven that stranger things than this have occurred in the German espionage business.

Lately there has been considerable discussion over the fact that two enemy subjects hold property on the line of the city water mains. Do the authorities know this and are they taking any action in the matter?

PORTUGAL COVE COUNCIL MEETS

Portugal Cove Council meets on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

All members are requested to attend.

S.S. Mongolian leaves Philadelphia to-day for St. John's.

Mr. W. J. Sinnott, chief wireless operator on the Earl Grey, now the Canada, which has been sold to the Russian Government, writes a friend in the city from Archangel, Russia, Nov. 5th.

Mr. Sinnott says: Doubtless you will be somewhat surprised to hear from me all the way out here, in Archangel. I left Halifax October 7th, 1914 on the H.M.C.S. Earl Grey for here, and we arrived after a very stormy passage across the "her-ring pond."

Renamed "Canada."

The Grey was re-christened by the Russian authorities on the first of November, as Canada. They now own her for good.

They will use her for an ice-breaker during the winter months, but after that I cannot say where or what they will put her at.

It is very cold here just now, and it is getting colder every day. All the river here is frozen over hard, and we have quite a job keeping it clear, but the Grey can do it alright.

Russians Good Sailors

The new Russian crew we have are very good, in fact it would be hard to find a better crew, anywhere, even in dear old Newfoundland.

I will be on her as wireless operator for the next six months, when they will pay all my expenses home. There are only three Englishmen on her, the Chief Engineer the other operator and myself.

I hope that all my old friends are quite well in St. John's. Please remember me to them all. We have the thermometer down to twenty-five below zero this evening, so you see it is not too warm here. With best regards to yourself, and all my friends at home.

Prospero left Conche at 10.35 last night, going north.

FOR SALE—The Fast Sailing Schooner "Grace D. Day," 39 tons, Built Sable River, N.S. Vessel and gear in good order and condition. Apply to HARVEY & CO., (or to Captain on board.)—dec10.26.15

GERMAN'S SUICIDAL ATTEMPT

Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz Inconsoable at Losing Kaiser's Favor Tries to Take His Own Life

New York, Dec. 7.—A cable to the Herald from the Hague says: "It is positively asserted in Brussels that Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz recently made an attempt on his life."

"Inconsoable at having lost the Kaiser's favor, it is said he travelled to the front and there subjected himself continually to a withering fire from the Allies' trenches, and he was wounded slightly by a shrapnel splinter. He gave the impression, I am told of a desperate man anxious to lose his life.

Attempts Suicide.

Eventually his staff advised him to go back to Brussels, where he found a telegram from the Kaiser announcing the appointment of his successor, General Bissing. Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz then took a room under an assumed name at the palace hotel, near the Gar du Nord, rumor says, and tried to shoot himself through his heart. His effort failed and he was prevented from making a second attempt, on the following. The Kaiser gave him a sham appointment as military adviser to the Sultan to 'save his face.'

Officers Mutiny.

"An incident of the gravest importance occurred at Antwerp on Thursday when orders came from headquarters that all Landsturm officers, numbering about one hundred, were to leave immediately for the front on the Yser. The officers it is understood, flatly refused to move.

"We are landsturmiers," they said, "we have families at home. We are not here to fight, but only to guard the towns. If the regular army is exhausted Germany must make peace."

Off to Constantinople.

London, Dec. 6.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says that Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz, who reorganized the Turkish army, has left Berlin for Constantinople.

Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz, according to a recent despatch from Berlin, was relieved of his position as military governor of the portions of Belgium under German control, and attached for the remainder of the war to the entourage of the Sultan of Turkey.

In 1883, Baron Von Der Goltz was sent to re-construct the Turkish Army, and remained at this work for thirteen years.

Hague Report.

London, Dec. 7—8, 4.9 a.m.—A despatch to the Daily Express from The Hague says that Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goltz who has been governor of the territory in Belgium occupied by the Germans, but who is said now to be on his way to Constantinople, to take charge of the Turkish troops, attempted to commit suicide when he received a telegram from Emperor William, announcing the appointment of his successor in Belgium. The correspondent gives as the basis for his despatch, reports received at the Hague from Brussels.

"It is said that Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz," the correspondent declares "took a room in the Palace Hotel in Brussels under an assumed name and tried to shoot himself, but hotel servants forcibly broke into his room and disarmed him."

The correspondent gives another Brussels report, which says that one hundred Landsturm officers mutinied when ordered to the front last Thursday and declined to go. They declared, he says, that their military duties were confined to the guarding of towns. Headquarters ordered them to be sent back to Germany for trial.

Exploits Local Council Officers

The Exploits Local Council held their annual meeting on December 4th.

This Council is a wide-awake, fully determined one, and in spite of all opposition means to stand by the motto of the F.P.U. We regard the F.P.U. as a great blessing to fishermen and laborers, and an uplift to the country generally.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

- Chairman—M. P. Dalton, re-elected;
- Secretary—A. A. Lilly;
- Treasurer—Alex. Wells;
- Deputy—Richard Milley;
- Door-Guard—Samuel Budgell.

M. P. DALTON Chairman.

Several volunteers arrived from Conception Bay by last night's train, and will enrol this evening.



Christmas Cards and Calendars

"To the Soldier and Sailor Boys of Newfoundland"

*Glad to fight for Britain's honor,
Boldly have they taken stand
For the cause of RIGHT and FREEDOM,
For the cause of Motherland;
Proud to greet you!
God defend you!
Loyal sons of Newfoundland."*

That is one of the Seasonable Greetings on our Local Views and Artistic Post Cards, and we have others of like character. Better get a few in time for the next home mail.

3c. and 4c. each.

Calendars for 1915

The Calendars for the coming year are exceedingly artistic and attractive. Many very original designs.

Something New!

We show a charming lot of

Combination Handkerchief and Glove Sachets.
Combination Xmas Cards and Sachets.

These unique goods are put up by the Zenobia people, and are scented with their exquisite perfumes.

Our Toy Dept., Second Floor
IS NOW IN FULL SWING.

Be Sure to Visit Our Book Department

Ayre & Sons
LIMITED.

ONE DAY'S VICTORIES

South Atlantic and Persian Gulf Successes Coupled With Good News From France

London, Dec. 10.—The victory of the Falkland Islands and the success of the Indian troops on the Gulf of Persia have for the moment overshadowed, so far as England is concerned at any rate, the larger events which have taken place on the Continent of Europe.

The sinking of the German cruisers materially lessens the menace to British shipping, while the success of the Indian forces has given Great Britain control of the Persian Gulf and of the Delta of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and threatens that part of Turkey on which German railway builders have had their eyes set for many years.

With this good news for the Allies comes what is considered here as a favorable French communication of the operations in Flanders and France. There is also given a somewhat clearer view of what is taking place along the Russo-German front.

Flanders is at present considered safe from German attacks which, when they do materialize, it is believed here will be directed more at the French centre.

As the result of the Sultan's proclamation of a Holy War serious uprisings are threatened against the Italians in Tripoli and the Turkish Ambassador at Rome has hastened to assure the Italian Government that the Sublime Porte is trying to avert it.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

DEATHS

MUGFORD—This morning at 10.15 at his late residence 12 Barron Street, William J. Mugford, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

Germans Get Dose Of Own Medicine

British or Japanese Squadron Sinks Three of Their Merchantmen off The Argentine.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 10.—Three German merchantmen were sunk by British or Japanese warships off the Coast of Terra del Fuego last Sunday, according to advices just received here.

The information is contained in a wireless despatch to the Ministry of Marine from the Commandant of the Argentine War Transport Piedra Buena.

The message said a division of warships which the commander believed to have been English or Japanese, on the morning of December 6th, sank one of the Germans in the Roadstead of Pictou Island, and two other steamers were sent to the bottom the same evening outside the harbor of Pantalón near Cape Sampo.

Patriotic Meeting Set For Tonight

Don't forget the Patriotic Meeting in the British Hall tonight.

Sir E. P. Morris and Mr. Coaker will address the gathering.

It is expected a thronged hall will hear the speeches of those two political opponents when they discourse on a topic on which there can be no question of disagreement.

Let it not be thought for a moment that the political hatchet has been buried between these two warriors. Those instruments are still above ground, but will be left outside the door, when the warriors enter to talk, not of politics, but of patriotism.

S.S. Stephano sailed at 2.30 p.m., taking a large freight and the following passengers:—Mrs. King, Miss B. Whitten, A. Drummond, Miss S. Taylor and 5 steerage.

Native-Born A Volunteer In W. Canada

Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings has received a letter from Allan A. Chafe of this city who was formerly a member of the Methodist Guards, who says he has joined the Canadian Overseas Forces and is in Camp at Victoria Park, Calgary.

He is a member of H. Co., 31st Battalion. The writer says he has found the drilling he received when a private of the Methodist Guards, this city, to be of great benefit to him.

He wishes to be remembered to all his friends in St. John's.

Our Xmas Number

We will issue our usual Xmas Number on Xmas Eve. It will contain some interesting article and several illustrations. Our advertisers should prepare their ads. for this issue which will be 16 pages and number 10,000 copies.

OBITUARY

W. J. MUGFORD.

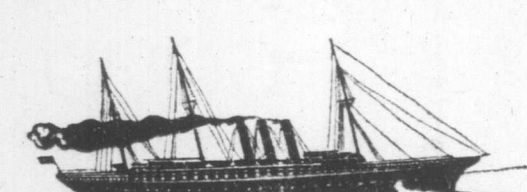
There passed away this morning a respected citizen in the person of Mr. William J. Mugford, formerly of Portland, Me.

Mr. Mugford lived beyond the allotted span of three score years and ten, and was seventy-seven years of age, most of which he had spent at the fishery. Well respected, he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn the loss of a genial and whole-souled example of manliness.

Two sons, Eliza, in Port-de-Grave, and Robert who resides in town, and two daughters, Miss Mugford, and Mrs. Fillion are left to feel the sorrow which but time can heal.

To the bereaved family and friends The Mail and Advocate extends sincere sympathy.

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POSTPONED SAILING

The sailing of the S. S. PORTIA, for usual Western Ports, has been postponed until **FRI-DAY**, the 11th. at 10 a.m. Freight will be received until 4 this evening.

Bowring Bros., Ltd.

Coastal Mail Service.

New Arrivals, December 8

Landed ex steamer 'Morwenna' and 'Stephano.'

Apples (Winter Stock) Canadian Butter,
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