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120,000 Serbian Refugees Now In Albania

German Intention is to Strike Hard Before Allies Preparations Are Completed—French, Bulgarian and German Claim Success in Recent Fighting—Situation in Greece Still Causes Anxiety—Austrians Still Continue Their Offensive Against Montenegrins

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The preliminary stages, so far as is known, of a great battle in Southern Serbia, is taking place, the artillery alone of the different armies being active along the Vardar-Cerna-Karasiu front in Serbia. The Bulgarians have already commenced their attack against the Anglo-French forces and it is reported that the army of General Gallwitz has been reorganized and is marching south to take part in the operations. Evidently the intention of the Germans is to strike hard before the Allies, who continue to land troops at Salonika, have completed their preparations.

It is reported the Germans have forty thousand men available, but there is no indication of either the Bulgarian or Anglo-French strength; one report says five Allied divisions, of nearlone hundred thousand men, have been landed, thus the battle, therefore will be one of the greatest importance. According to French reports, all Bulgarian attacks have been repulsed, but the Germans claim the French were compelled to give up their positions at the junction of the Vardar and Cerna Rivers to avoid being enveloped. The situation for the Allies is complicated by the attitude of the Greek Government. Negotiations at Athens have not yet reached a satisfactory

conclusion, although the Greek king has reaffirmed his neutrality and repeated his assurances that Greek troops will never attack the Allies, this situation still causes great anxiety.

The Austrians continue their offensive against the Montenegrins and Serbs and are following the Serbs into Albania, where retreat is rendered extremely difficult owing to the cold weather and bad roads. There are said to be one hundred thousand Serb troops and twenty thousand refugees in Albania, and it is reported the Serbs are taking with them forty thousand prisoners who were captured during previous campaigns.

French Submarine Sunk by Enemy

PARIS, Dec. 7.—According to a German radiogram, the French submarine *Fresnel* was destroyed on Dec. 5th by an Austrian warship, says a communication issued to-day by the Ministry of Marine. Two officers and 26 men were captured. The *Fresnel* was built in 1909. She was 167 ft. long, 392 tons displacement, and above water she had six torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was 24 men.

KOREA RAMMED SOPHIA

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The steamer *Korea* and *Sophia* have been in collision off Deal. The *Sophia* was badly damaged as the result of being rammed by the *Korea* while she was anchored.

64TH CON. OPENED YESTERDAY WILSON ADDRESSES BOTH HOUSES

Thirteen Appropriation Bills Outlined—Ship Purchase Bill—Clothing For Senate—New War Tax Bill—Amendments to Underwood Tariff Act and a Programme For National Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson in his annual address to Congress to-day, dealing mainly with national defence, proclaimed that additional "Americanism was growing from the guardianship of the Monroe Doctrine to 'Full and honorable association' of all the Americas. Although in the longest address he has yet delivered to Congress, the President touched upon a variety of subjects, the predominating note was the necessity of the policy of military preparedness to meet the readjustments of the next generation as they will affect the American continent. He emphasized his point by saying "Unless you take it within your view and permit full significance of it to command your thought, I cannot find the right light, in which to set forth the particular matter that lies at the very front of my whole thoughts as I address you to-day. I mean national defence."

The point was not overshadowed when the President in the most unmeasured terms he ever has employed before Congress denounced naturalized Americans, who by their sympathies for European belligerents, have endangered American neutrality.

While Congress cheered him loudly he referred to them as having "poured poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life," and as those who would turn in malign reaction against the government and people who had welcomed and nurtured them.

With evidences of deep feeling the President expressed even deeper humiliation and scorn which every self-possessed and thoughtful patriotic American must feel when he thinks of them and of the discredit they are daily bringing upon us.

While the President's outline of administration plan for the army and navy passed without a ripple of applause, his references to pan-Americanism were only punctuated with evidences of approval. Republicans and Democrats alike joined in an emphatic demonstration at his words of condemnation for those he assailed so unreservedly.

MAY MEAN BIG BATTLE VERY SOON

German Troops Reported Pouring Into France and Belgium For Past Week—Nature of Move Not Certain

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Rotterdam says that newspapers from South and West Germany, which have been stopped for a fortnight, came to hand today which may mean that the concentration of German troops on the Western front, for an expected big battle, have been completed.

Undoubtedly troops have been poured into France and Belgium for a week back, though it cannot be learned precisely whether as a precaution against an Entente Allied offensive or whether Germany will take the initiative.

AMERICAN OIL TANKER "PETROLITE" FIRED ON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Word from the United States cruiser *Des Moines* was received today at the Navy Department, to the effect that the American boat sending the S.O.S. call out last Saturday, off Crete, was the Standard Oil tanker *Petrolite*, which was fired on, presumably by an Austrian submarine. One man was wounded.

Advises say that the *Petrolite*, an American vessel, sailed from New York on Nov. 7th for Alexandria, Egypt. She passed Gibraltar on Nov. 21st.

GONE TO BOTTOM

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch from Malta says that the steamer *Umata* is reported to have been sunk in the Mediterranean. The despatch adds that 49 survivors of the disaster were landed, but that five officers of the vessel and 47 lascars are missing.

The *Umata* was a steamer of 3,325 tons net. The last report of her was when she passed Perlm on Nov. 8th, bound north.

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GREEK GOV'T PLAYS FOR TIME PUBLIC AGITATED AND ANXIOUS

Athens Correspondent to the *Matin* Says Only Effective Course is to Apply Blockade—Greek Government Not Likely to Grant Allies Demands—Constantine's Policy Said to be Growing Unpopular With Masses

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The Athens correspondent of the *Matin*, in a despatch relative to the attitude of Greece towards the Entente Powers, says that the Government is simply playing for time, hoping that the Entente Allies will be forced to the sea by the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians.

It will be found in a week or so that an agreement between the Greek and Allied staffs cannot be reached, and that the Government will declare that, notwithstanding Greece's traditional goodwill towards the Entente Powers, it cannot accede to their demands.

The correspondent affirms that the only effective course is to apply a blockade to Greece, and adds that it will prove all the more fruitful in results, since popular discontent with the royal policy is growing perceptibly. If elections had been held three weeks ago, the Venizelos party would have been beaten, but now, notwithstanding the extraordinary conditions under which this will be held, he is likely to get a majority.

VERY SPECIAL

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 8.—After 15 years in the Penitentiary for complicity in the Welland Canal dynamite outrage in 1900, John Nolan was released today and taken to Montreal to be deported to the United States.

Of his associates, Walsh died in prison and Dillon (Carl Dullman), chief instigator, was released about a year ago.

GOOD WORK IN QUICK TIME

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Minister of Munitions, David Lloyd George, announces there are now 2026 government controlled munitions establishments.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland: LONDON, Dec. 7.—A British submarine sank the Turkish destroyer *Yar Hissar* in the Sea of Marmora, on the 3rd Dec., rescuing two officers and forty men. On the 4th she sank a supply steamer and destroyed four sailing vessels carrying supplies.

Gen. French reports air raid. Don station and munitions store are believed to have been blown up. Enemy trenches have been bombarded with good results.

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BULGAR INFANTRY MUTINY?

Unconfirmed Report Says Bulgar Regiment Order to Gallipoli Mutiny—300 of Mutineers Are Shot

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An unconfirmed report of the mutiny of a Bulgarian infantry regiment, received in Amsterdam from Frankfurt, was forwarded today by the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

This report is to the effect that the regiment was ordered to proceed to Gallipoli Peninsula to fight with the Turks, and that, when it refused to obey, the commander and 300 of the mutineers were shot.

Will Blockade German Intrigue In China

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, intimated in the Commons today that the British Government was earnestly considering the blocking of German intrigue in China generally and in British Colonies in the Far East and in foreign concessions in China.

Replying to the question whether, having assisted in turning the Germans out of the larger positions in Tsing Tau, the government could not proceed to turn them out of the smaller places, Sir Edward said the question was one that could not be easily disposed of, but that the danger of German machinations is being anxiously considered.

FOR CONSTANTINE TO PONDER OVER

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An Athens despatch Exchange Telegraph Company says: "That according to Greek papers, Col. Napier, late British attaché at Sofia, has been taken off a Greek steamer by a German submarine, near Messina.

Captured on the High Seas.

BUENOS AIRES, December 8.—Word has been received here that a British cruiser has captured the steamer "Minnevaog." It is also reported here that a British cruiser has captured on the high seas, on board the steamer "Vouban," a German officer who is alleged was involved in certain affairs in the United States, from which country he made his escape.

Baron Armistend Dead.

LONDON, December 8.—Baron Armistend, who was one of Gladstone's closest friends, is dead. He leaves no family; the Barony thus becomes extinct. It is understood Viscount Gladstone is designated as heir to his large fortune. George Armistend was created the first Baron of Armistend in 1906. He was born in 1824, and for several terms represented Dundee in Parliament.

"For Good or For All."

LONDON, December 8.—Fearing for the success of Derby's voluntary enlistment scheme, the Liberal newspapers are advocating the extension of the time limit for the scheme until the end of December, instead of the 11th of December as had already been fixed. Earl Derby, however, announced that there will be no extension of time, that "for good or for all" he will on Saturday present to the Government his report as a basis for future action.

Big Offensive in Dardanelles.

COLOGNE, December 8.—The Cologne Gazette's Constantinople correspondent says the Entente Allies have begun a grave offensive at the Dardanelles, perhaps as a consequence of Earl Kitchener's visit; but Turkish authorities are inclined to believe that it is a bluff only. Thirty Entente Allied aeroplanes on Saturday attacked Usun Kueprue, an important military railway centre on the line from Constantinople to Adrianople. They threw many bombs, but traffic on the line was maintained.

Greek Premier Follows Example King Constantine

Skouloudis Says the Allies Are Beginning to Understand Greece's Position—Says Had Greece Joined the Allies Last Spring the Country Would Today be Bearing the Cost of the Gallipoli Failure—Sends Message to America and Says Greece Must Guard Her Sovereignty and Not Abandon Her Neutrality

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—An agreement for a conference between the Greek military authorities and the military representatives of the Entente Powers to examine and report upon the necessities of the situation respecting the Allied demands upon Greece has been reached. The preliminary steps toward holding the conference has been taken.

Premier Skouloudis announced today: "Tell the American people that the Government of Greece has only two aims, to safeguard sovereignty Greece and not to abandon neutrality no matter what inducements or pressures are brought to bear."

Premier Skouloudis said today in an interview to the Associated Press correspondent: "I think I may say that the air has been surcharged for months with misunderstandings. It has been saved of these two disasters, and we should continue to follow them, for in them is our only salvation."

He was conveying letters from the Eastern Mediterranean to London, travelling by a Greek steamer, which was stopped by an Austrian submarine.

It has been ascertained, reports say, that none of the papers taken from him were of any importance.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT MADE PRISONER OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A British official report received here to-night says that Capt. Arthur Stanley Wilson, member of parliament for York-shire has been made a prisoner of war.

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ITALIAN REPORT OF ALLIED FORCES RETREAT IN SERBIA

German Occupation of Monastir Has Made Itself Felt—Entente Forces Have Withdrawn to Strong Positions in Mountain Pass 20 Miles North Greek Frontier

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The London Times says today there should be no surprise if the Italian reports of the retreat of the Entente Allied forces in Serbia from Krivolak and the fortified camp at Kavadar, prove correct.

The newspaper says the German occupation of Monastir has evidently made itself felt on the Vardar and that the Allies have withdrawn to the strong positions in the Dumarkapou Pass, where there is a great gorge in the hills through which runs the Salonika-Uskub railway, 20 miles north of the Greek frontier. Only a narrow pathway was offered the Entente forces with the precarious line of communications. With the Teutonic Allies overrunning the country, the need of the retirement of the Entente Allies was obvious.

The Athens correspondent of the Daily News in a despatch dated Dec. 6, states that the local wireless station has received appeals for help from an American ship torpedoed by a submarine. The Greek Government despatched a torpedo boat, but by the time she arrived, only some wreckage was found.

On Dec. 4 an Athens despatch announced that a wireless call for aid had been received that morning from an unnamed American ship. The message stated that the vessel was being attacked by a submarine south of the island of Crete. All subsequent efforts to communicate with the vessel were fruitless.

Distinguished Gathering At Paris

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A notable company of military authorities and diplomats lunched with Premier Briand to-day. The Premier guests were: General Joffre, Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief; Field Marshal French, Commander of the British forces in France and Belgium; Genl. Giliusky, Aide-de-Camp to Emperor Nicholas of Russia; Genl. Porro, Under Chief of the Italian Genl. Staff; Jules Cambon, General Secy. of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs; the British, Italian and Russian Ambassadors and Ministers of Belgium and Serbi.

BERLIN CLAIMS FRENCH RETREAT IN S.W. AFRICA

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The War Office announced today that the French forces in South-western Serbia, near the Vardar River, have been compelled to retreat.

The capture of Impet, in Montenegro, is also announced.

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Fighting in the Balkans Different From Flanders

No Long Line of Elaborate Trenches, But Shallow Dugouts Scattered Here and There--No Concealment Necessary, as Enemy Has No Aeroplanes.

FRENCH HEADQUARTERS, near Strumitsa Station, Nov. 30.—With the permission of Gen. Sarrail, in command of the French troops in the Balkans, I have spent an interesting day at the French front on Belaschitsa mountains in the north part of the so-called Doiran enclave in Southeast Serbia. It is a picturesque corner, this. It is Serbia's Macedonian ultima thule. The higher mountains to the north are Bulgaria. The first radiance of white dawn illuminates the Kruscha mountains to the east, and the Pavik plateau to the south, and these are Greece. At breakfast, time Gen. Ballou received me and placed an officer and motor car at the disposal of a small party, so that we might visit the French position to the right of the line in this part of the country. We sped along past camp after camp. Here were the French: there the British batteries were hidden in corners, and activity was everywhere.

The first place to be visited was Hill No. 160, which the French took a few days ago after a severe fight. The tower of eminence was pointed with shell holes and shrapnel bullets could be picked up by handfuls. From there we crossed the Bulgarians' artillery fire zone to reach Hill No. 16, which dominates the surrounding region. "In single file," cried out the officer to the little party, and just at that moment the enemy's shrapnel began to scream overhead and burst on the brow of the hill to the south. The aim was wide, or the range was too long for the shell found a harmless billet on the vacant bare hillside.

Hill No. 516 was much as it was when the French a few days ago put the Bulgarians out of their positions there. The hill having been thoroughly searched with heavy shell fire, the French took it with a splendid rush, and their losses were well under 150. The Bulgarians lost at the lowest estimate, 500 men. One

trench, a half dozen yards long, had 50 of the enemy dead in it, and many dead were found on top. Rifles were abandoned by the hundreds and cartridges by the thousands. The Bulgarians have several times attempted to retake the hill, but were easily repulsed.

A striking feature of this new campaign is the complete dissimilarity to that of France and Flanders. There are no lines of elaborate trenches. The latter consist of shallow dugouts at the brows of the hills and at any convenient spot. They are only a few yards long. They are broken and the scrub covered ground provides an excellent cover. Little concealment is required as the enemy is unprovided with aeroplanes. The French positions struck me as being very strong, though it should not be forgotten that fighting in this campaign is as yet in the nature of manoeuvring for position until the definite advance begins.

I also visited the extreme right of the position here at Gradets. That village was carried a few days ago by a brilliant French dash, and strong positions beyond the village were taken and consolidated immediately after. During the last day or two fighting on the Cherna front has been more severe than elsewhere. A fierce combat in the gorge of the River Raydeheke, a tributary to the Cherna, marked the farther point of the French advance from the direction of Dreobno, on the right bank of the Cherna. The French, however, hold a strong position in the gorge, and at an important bridgehead at Toyarsarts. This is a controlling point of the communication between a strong French position on the heights of Archangel, facing Grandsko on the Solanika-Nish railway, and a dominating route towards Veles. To-day light infantry is in possession of the gorge, which makes a strong position though open to fire from heights in possession of the enemy.

JOHN BULL'S WAY

Under the above heading a well-known United States paper says: "Nervousness among those who sympathize with the Allies, over my cabinet shindy in Britain would probably be quite without warrant. That's the way John Bull usually does it. In the life or death struggle with Napoleon he turned out half a dozen cabinets. He had no sooner got the Crimean War neatly upon his astonished hands than he indulged in a parliamentary spasm and fired the ministry.

When foreign relations are bad as they can be and brickbats are coming through all the windows like hail, John's first idea is to grasp the government firmly by its whiskers, break a chair over its head and kick it under the table—after which he feels fit to attend to the little matter outside. We have heard a good deal lately about British decadence, and maybe it is all so. But to judge simply by Britain is all yammer and wail, with everybody shaking his fist in everybody else's face, and there's a howl here over a broken head, and a shriek there as the stove lid catches papa in the eye—why, then everything is most promising and the outlook could not be better. Judging by the past if Britain fought as silently as France does we should suspect it was out of wind and could not last long."

CHINESE ORDERS FOR AMERICA

PITTSBURG, Dec. 1.—C. T. Hsia, an engineer of the Chinese Ministry of communications, arrived in Pittsburgh last week and spent some time in consultation with manufacturers of steel rails and other railroad supplies and equipment. He explained that the Chinese Government contemplates the construction of 4,000 miles of railroad, and has been commissioned to investigate American standards with a view to placing orders in this country. Heretofore, railroad construction in China has been under the direction of European engineers, who have inaugurated European methods. This has resulted in the adoption of European equipment. The war makes such purchases now so difficult that the Chinese Government turned to this country.

Some fools make more noise about it than others when they rush were angels fear to tread.

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Germans Starve Polish People

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A dark picture of conditions in Russian Poland, and incidentally an argument against the necessity of providing food by charity, is published in the Times today. "A leading member of the so-called Polish Independence Party," which remains in close touch with the supreme Polish national committee of Austrian Poland is responsible for the statements.

The Times explains that the latter committee created and is responsible for the Polish legions fighting with the Austro-Hungarian army against Russia, and says that the author of the memorandum therefore cannot be supposed to entertain hostile bias, at least against Germany's Austrian ally. "One of the main features of the German administration in Poland," says the memorandum, "is the attempt to exploit the occupied territory economically to the utmost. Every new regulation aims at getting as much as possible out of the country, although the German authorities try to disguise this tendency in different ways."

By an order on April 27, the memorandum continues, all grain and potatoes, after one and one-half pounds (about 55 pounds) had been left for each inhabitant until the harvest was to be delivered to a Posen company mentioned in the order.

The Worst Blow. Asserting that from the first the Germans "condemned the industries of Russian Poland to perdition," the memorandum gives lengthy details of alleged destruction or confiscation of property. It says that virtually all the coal mining machinery in the district of Dombrova was destroyed in the autumn of 1914 "for strategic reasons" and that the population, dependent on the mines, were made desperate thereby.

Payment for requisitioned property, the memorandum asserts, was made a matter of grace on a very inadequate basis and to be settled after the war. The worst blow is described as having been the inducing of skilled labor to go to Germany under pressure, 40,000 persons doing so.

The article says the Germans have established a monopoly on coal, for which they charge exorbitant prices, inflated the currency, compelled local authorities to pay for repairs to roads and railways, which are used only for military purposes; confiscated government estates, denuded forests, placed incredibly high customs tariffs on the necessities of life, compelled all persons to carry expensive passports, from which alone they have gained \$5,000,000, and levied high fines on towns and persons for violations of laws.

"The population," the memorandum concludes, "tired out by the war and ruined by so many disasters, accepts them in an apathetic mood. There is the reflection, however, that one does not ruin economically a country in which one expects to stay."

Germany Will be Crushed

LONDON, Dec. 1.—"In raising money for the war the government has resisted all temptations to unsound methods," said Lord Inchcape last week in his inaugural address as president of the Institute of Bankers. "Whether we continue in the paths of financial rectitude depends on how far the people respond to the urgent demands for thrift and economy. The amounts still to be raised for ourselves and our allies are enormous. We may be able to borrow a portion abroad, but the remainder must come out of the nation's savings. Any other course would involve us in inflation, and consequent rise in prices, but I am sanguine that the nation will make the heavy sacrifices."

Lord Inchcape said the financial policy of Germany bore the marks of recklessness and improvidence. None of the money required for the war had been raised by increased taxation, and each successive loan meant fresh inflation of the currency, which showed itself in a steady rise in prices.

The more this procedure was persisted in, said Lord Inchcape, the more would prices rise, and all official attempts to fix maximum prices, though they might be successful for a time in regard to individual commodities, would be powerless to meet the situation. The task of redeeming the securities and retiring the notes would be left for an exhausted and defeated nation to face after the conclusion of peace.

"AS CERTAIN AS THE SUN WILL RISE TOMORROW," he concluded, "GERMANY AND HER MILITARISM WILL BE CRUSHED AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD: SO FAR AS ANYTHING SHE CAN DO TO PREVENT IT, WILL BE SECURED FOR ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS."

DR. A. B. LEHR, (The Senior Dentist) 203 WATER STREET.



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War Messages. GERMAN SOCIALISTS AND PEACE

PARIS, Dec. 7th.—It would be a mistake to believe that a discussion of peace conditions in Reichstag will be instituted against the will of the German Government, according to trustworthy information from Germany, says the special correspondent of the Times at Berne. It must not be forgotten, the correspondent writes, that the interpellator is the Socialist member, Scheidemann, who is well known to be in harmony with the Government and violently opposed to the small group of Opposition Socialists, of which Dr. Karl Liebknecht is the leader.

Social Democrats seeks by means of interpellation to prevent this minority from voicing the claim that it is inducing the Government to express itself publicly on the question of peace. They are endeavoring at the same time to facilitate indirectly the propaganda of a certain group of Socialists and Pacifists of Allied countries.

On his side, Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg is satisfied to have this one occasion to explain himself regarding conditions of peace-making. It appears he was being forced to this expression by the popular will. The Government thus could not be reproached with having taken the initiative in this matter. The Chancellor, the correspondent asserts, also counts on certain neutral influences, particularly the Vatican and the White House, taking notice of programme

DEFENDS TOWNSEND'S ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Referring to the criticism of the inadequacy of the force detailed to advance on Bagdad, the Marquis of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, said in the House of Lords this afternoon, this was due to a misapprehension. The force at the disposal of General Townsend, he said, was considerably larger than a division, and was believed by competent authorities to be sufficient for the task assigned to it.

It was also a misapprehension to say this was a rash military adventure, continued the Marquis, as it was clear to everybody, that the early capture of Bagdad, if it could be effected, would have great results on the war.

It was evident that the troops behaved splendidly, but their task proved bigger than was anticipated. Baron Sydenham thought one bright spot in the very dark picture was the manner in which General Townsend's forces fought at Ctesiphon. Their stand against greatly superior forces and the capture of 1600 prisoners, he declared, was a very fine feat. Baron Sydenham emphasized that the force consisted largely of Indian troops, and he eulogized General Townsend, who was wise in retiring when he found overwhelming forces against him and so saved his own men from a very great disaster.

If you shiver some one is walking over your future grave, which he will set forth making efforts to have it accepted, thus, says despatch, Scenario, is well prepared for the use of neutrals.

Demands Return Gold Shipment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The request for the restitution of the \$1,000,000 gold shipped from New York on the Dutch liner, Noordam, to Netherlands Overseas Trust and seized by a British cruiser in the North Sea, was made to the British Embassy today by representatives of the Goldman Sachs Co., New York.

Great Britain holds the gold was contraband, alleging it was intended for the use of paying German trade balances, while the New York firm maintains it was shipped in the course of regular business with the Holland concern.

The Embassy officials said the incident would have to be taken up through the American government. This will be done.

Allies Take Offensive on Gallipoli

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Important battles have begun, or are impending in Mesopotamia, where the German Field Marshal, Baron von der Goltz, has taken command of the Turkish forces and is about to attack the British, in south-eastern Serbia, where the Bulgarians have already attacked the Anglo-French positions and have been repulsed; on Gallipoli, where, according to Turkish accounts, the Allies have taken the offensive, and in Belgium and France, where reports from Holland state the Germans have concentrated strong reinforcements and an immense amount of artillery, with the object of striking a blow at the Allied line in Flanders and Artois.

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Austrian Warships Getting Active

VIENNA, Dec. 8.—The destruction of the French submarine Fresnel by an Austrian warships, is announced.

The incident occurred near San Giovanni de Medua. Two officers and 25 of the crew were captured. San Giovanni de Medua is on the Albanian coast on the Adriatic, well to the south of the Montenegrin border and is 35 miles north of Durazzo.

The presence of Austrian warships in these waters may indicate an Austrian naval movement and attempted interference with the Allies' plans for an expeditionary force or other aid for the Serbian and Montenegrins by way of Montenegro and Albania.

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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., DEC. 8th., 1915.

OUR POINT OF VIEW

Coal Shortage

THE citizens of St. John's were indignant yesterday over the piece of bluff practised by the Premier in regard to the coal shortage. Everyone is asking why the Premier did not bestir himself two months ago when there was some chance to apply a remedy. No one believes that there is any hope of making up the shortage at this time of the season and most people believe that the Premier's bad break on this matter is about as barefaced an action as he ever performed.

All knew there would be a shortage two months ago and the receipts at the Customs House for coal duties are laid before the Premier every week, and it was no hard matter for him to learn that conditions were fast becoming serious when October 1st came. To wait until December 6th and feeling sure a serious shortage of coal was upon the city and wishing to muzzle the outcry that will surely come in February, the Premier now pretends to learn for the first time of the serious situation confronting the city and sends a circular about the coal shortage to coal dealers at this late hour in the season.

It is we repeat the worst break the Premier ever made, for it is apparent to all—rich and poor alike.

What will be done? What can be done?

Well, if left to the Premier, all are agreed that nothing will be done. If we are wrong, it will be the first time that anything good was done by him, for his ability has always been utilized not in doing, but in not doing anything but bluffing, in which art he is indeed a brilliant pastmaster.

Greece

ANY careful reader who digested King Constantine's appeal to neutrals which appeared in the papers yesterday must have been convinced that the Allies have good grounds for mistrusting such a man. The Allies' reply to such a pronouncement should be a bombardment of the shores of Greece and an order banishing Constantine from Greece. That craven coward who refuse to recognize the plight of Greece when Serbia was threatened with destruction should no longer be regarded as a man fit to

govern a free country like Greece. The three thousand years of honour that enthroned Greece as one of the immortal nations that all might revere and esteem, have been outraged by the Hunnish ruler of that once honoured nation who might be considered a man, if he had courage enough to do the biddings of his consort instead of attempting the double dealings now so apparent to the world.

The only cure for such rulers as Constantine of Greece and Ferdinand of Bulgaria is a dose of German medicine, administered by the armies of the Allies.

Constantine's appeal to America will meet with very little sympathy. His double dealings are transparent enough to place him and his government in a very unfavourable position with Americans.

The Allies probably know their man and once tricked won't be tricked the second time with impunity.

Greece is drifting fast towards the fate that will overtake Turkey, and no one but Constantine will be held responsible before the world. The sensible people of all neutral nations are asking how long will he be permitted to rule Greece. The answer may come much sooner than Constantine or the Butcher of Europe imagines.

The elections which will come off in Greece next week will place Venizelos once again as Head of the Government, for Constantine's policy is now considered by the people as unsafe and ignoble for mighty Greece.

Sir Tax's Latest

YESTERDAY we referred to the interview of the city coal dealers with our energetic and promise performing Premier as to the possibility of a coal famine in St. John's the coming winter. We showed yesterday how insincere the Premier is in this matter of providing sufficient supply of coals for the people of St. John's and the outports.

Sir Edward Morris well knew two or three months ago that our steel fleet of ships, which then engaged in the carrying of coals between here and Sydney, were likely to pass into new owners and that the trade would be greatly inconvenienced thereby.

Did he make any effort then to cope with this matter? Not he. That is not his STYLE. He waited till there were no bottoms to freight cargoes of coal and then suddenly gets BUSY and tries to lead the country to believe he is always on the alert to protect their interests. This is Sir Edward, and has been Sir Edward the past twenty-two years. All who know the man know this is the way he has succeeded in fooling the people who were led astray in believing him to be "one of themselves."

In a pamphlet bearing the "official" photograph of the Premier issued in October 1913, among the thousand one other great things "our beloved Edward" was going to do for the land of his birth we find this under the heading of "Coal and Oil":

"Impressed with the seriousness of the situation created by the price of coal, the Government has endeavoured to induce outside capitalists to undertake the development of our coal areas, and has begun negotiations with the Imperial authorities with a view of securing the services of Professor Dunstan, the Director of the Imperial Institute in London to come here early next year and make a thorough investigation of our coal areas, etc."

"Impressed with the seriousness" (mark that well!) What impressed Sir Tax Morris at the time he wrote this was the fact that a general election was about to take place and this opportunity appealed to him to get off this JOKE at the expense of those he was appealing too to place him and his boodling gang in power. Little did it worry the Premier then, as

it does now, whether the labouring man of St. John's or elsewhere has a winter's supply of coal in sight.

The great man Dunstan came, and as usual in such cases the people had to pay for the visit of this distinguished Professor; but we are as far from the developing of our areas now as we were before John Cabor hit Cape Bonavista, and we fear that as far as the common man is concerned we have heard the last of Coal development in this country until the time is ripe for another "Joke" to be issued by our "leather lunged" Premier.

If E. P. Morris had performed more and promised less it would have been to his credit. Public men are judged by what they DO; not by what the promise, and if we judge Sir E. P. Morris by what he has performed, we will have to look at the verdict "twice to see it once."

He has successfully inaugurated a systematic scheme of fooling the people which has now got such a hold on him that he actually thinks he can on all occasions "get away with the goods."

Look at the platform promises of the People's Party—then look at its performances. Look at the Party itself—a veritable omnium gathering of political odds and ends; huddled together under a Party blanket like barn-yard refuse after a storm.

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, lamented that he lacked Gall; but that melancholy Dane was dead years ago before the present generation of pea-nut politicians came upon Mother earth. Gall has got the world grabbed. Politics is now a high class play, whose pawns are power and plunder. Our "mighty" men are our most successful marauders; and our political ministers favourite temple is the house of Mammon.

We have to-day in the ranks of the Morris Party many self important personages who know as little of political economy as a parrot does of prayer, and its painfully manifest likewise that the rank and file of that gathering of odds and ends have as an example in their LEADER a shining example of what "gall" has accomplished.

Let us have more work and less empty speeches. Promises of what "I" am going to do won't feed hungry men or cloth and keep warm women and children.

We have had too much of this "self" advertising from Premier Morris. The people are now sick of it. If he cannot do something to lessen the burdens of our people it will be more to his credit later on if he "fades away" and let an outraged public forget—if they can forget—the record of the Morris Government and the man of "brain Storms" behind it.

Rev. P. W. Browne, of St. John's, N.F., a well-known writer on fishery subjects, and author of "Where the Fishers go—the Story of Labrador," is visiting Eastern Canada.—The Canadian Fisherman.

Business Booming In Canada

FROM all parts of the Dominion comes the announcement of a business boom. The Bank Clearings, with the exception of certain Western cities show large increases. The railway earnings are phenomenally large, and industries are flourishing.

The Eastern section of the Dominion shows the greatest prosperity, notably the Province of Nova Scotia where munitions and steel products are being turned out with extraordinary rapidity. Huge orders have been placed with the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and with the Nova Scotia Steel Company, the latter, it is reported having recently received an \$80,000,000 order. It is understood that large guns will be manufactured shortly by the N.S. Company.

WORLD OF LAROR

Gleaned From Exchanges—And Other Sources—

MACHINISTS employed by the Detrick and Harvey Machine Company of Baltimore, Md., are on strike for an eight-hour day and time and one-half for overtime. It is claimed this concern is connected with the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The Central Labor Union of Evansville, Ind., has appointed a committee to investigate charges that children under age are employed by manufacturing concerns in the city and that many of the stores refuse to permit their women clerks to sit down when not busy as the law provides.

[The latter paragraph of this item applies as well to some of our "Model" stores on Water Street.]

The shipping industry in Britain is very prosperous at the present time. Ships afloat are worth nearly double their old value. Ships now building will total over a million and a half of tons, while the loss from submarines, mines, etc., only amounts to 212,000 tons altogether.

In a statement explaining why it has decided to establish the eight-hour day for its 7,500 employees, the Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden, N.J., states that while losing \$1,000,000 the first year, certain adjustments and improvements will gradually restore profits to normal in about three years.

The Labor Government of the State of South Australia has issued an order following the National Government and New South Wales to the effect that union men and women must be given preference when workers are employed directly by the State. The system of abolishing contracting and employing labor direct is also being broadened very rapidly, and, naturally, the middlemen are hollering loudly.

Estimate place the net earnings of the United States Steel Corporation at \$50,000,000 in the last quarter of this year. This would mean a surplus after all charges, including the preferred dividends, of between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, or at the rate of one hundred to one hundred and twenty millions of dollars a year—equal to between 20 and 25 per cent on the common stock.

Despite a provision in the municipal charter at St. Louis, Mo., that wages of laborers shall be based on the "prevailing rates," organized labor is alert to dangers contained in the proposed city salary bill, which would reduce the standard of their respective trades unions. The Central Trades and Labor Union is resisting the proposal with such vigor that advocates of the bill are on the defensive.

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Of Interest To The Fishermen

THE following is taken from The Canadian Fisherman, a paper printed in Canada in the interest of the fisheries, and will be of interest to our fishermen readers all over the Island:

Prince Rupert Has Record Catch

Notable developments are taking place this Fall in the fisheries of Western Canada. The announcement is made by the Grand Trunk authorities that white fish is now being shipped in car lots from Lesser Slave Lake in Northern Alberta to Chicago.

The construction of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway northward from the main line of the G.T.P. has made this lake accessible, and in its waters are great numbers of fish. Two companies have been formed to carry on the fishing in the lake, and the Canadian Express Company is being called upon to supply special refrigerator cars to take the fish to Edmonton and thence by way of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Winnipeg, and by connecting lines to Chicago.

A great distributing point for fresh fish, the Chicago Market states that it can take all the whole fish that can be sent from Western Canada, and the transportation companies, it is expected, will have to enlarge their arrangements next year to meet the growing traffic.

Chicago is also taking from Canada large quantities of fresh Prince Rupert halibut, and the fishing industry is very brisk at the new Pacific Coast port. Over fifteen million pounds of fish handled in the month of August was Prince Rupert's record. While the salmon end of the industry was the largest part of the business, halibut showed up well, with 2,186,400 pounds landed at this port. The salmon pack for the month represented 12,999,700 pounds of fish, representing at a modest valuation well on for three-quarters of a million dollars. Of the salmon catch, 4,060 hundred weight was used fresh or shipped fresh. There was about 223 hundred weight was mild cured, while the remainder was canned. In the canning process, 149,527 cases were taken care of during August. There were 14,000 pounds of cod taken and used fresh, and flounders represented 1,000 pounds.—Canadian Fisherman.

Frozen Fish For Great Britain

The following paragraphs are from the British Fishing News: Fish is now so scarce and dear that the Government are considering the experiment of importing chilled or frozen supplies from Newfoundland and Canadian waters. The review of retail food prices in the United Kingdom for the 12 months ended July 31, just issued by the Board of Trade, shows that the greatest advance has been in the case of fish. It amounts on the average, to 75 per cent. The branch of fish trade most closely associated with the consumer which has been hit the

hardest is fish-drying, or the small dealers who sell fried fish and chip potatoes in poor neighbourhoods. In the industrial centres of the North so enormous is the number of workers who make fried fish one of the principle articles of their daily food that dealing in "fish-and-chips" has become a vast industry. The business is now beset with serious difficulties. It is primarily for the purpose of relieving it that the fisheries division of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries are consulting with a view to the import of fish, in a chilled or frozen state, from North America.

Fish Prices in England

By last mail information was received that the catch of fish in Great Britain was about 50 per cent that of normal times. The following wholesale prices were given:—

- Salmon, English, per lb.—2s. 4d. (about 57c.)
- Salmon, Scotch, per lb.—2s. 4d. (about 57c.)
- Salmon, frozen, per lb.—1s. (about 24c.)
- Salmon trout, per lb.—2s. 4d. (about 57c.)

- Soles, per lb.—1s. 4d. to 2s. 4d. (about 30c. to 57c.)
- Mullet (red), per lb.—1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. (about 32c. to 60c.)
- Turbot, per stone—14s. to 20s. (about \$3.40 to \$4.87.)
- Brill, per stone—10s. to 16s. (about \$2.43 to \$4.87.)
- Cod (live), per stone—7s. to 8s. (about \$1.46 to \$1.70.)
- Cod (dead), per stone—4s. to 6s. (about 97c. to \$1.46.)
- Haddock, per stone—3s. to 4s. 6d. (about 85c. to \$1.09.)
- Haddock (steamer large), per trunk of—28c. to 30s. (about \$8.81 to \$9.30.)
- Haddock (steamer, small), 6/2 to 7 stones—12s. to 14s. (about \$2.92 to \$3.40.)
- Haddock, Iceland, per stone—3s. (about 73c.)
- Haddock, per turn (10 stones)—30s. to 45s. (about \$7.30 to \$8.52.)
- Herring fresh (English), per bbl.—25s. to 40s. (about \$7.30 to \$8.52.)
- Herrings, salted (English), per bbl.—20s. to 40s. (about \$4.87 to \$9.73.)—Canadian Fisherman.

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W. W. HALFYARD, Secretary.

St. John's Dec. 1st. 1915.

From Our Soldier Boys

Newton-on-Ayr,
Nov. 1st, 1915.

My Dearest Mother.—Just a short letter to you before I leave for the Dardanelles, which will be to-morrow. We are all ready now, have been awful busy the last two or three days getting ready. No doubt, Mother, you will be down-hearted to hear that I am going, but duty calls and we must obey.

I will be alright, mother, dear, don't worry, I will take care of myself and if it is my lot to fall on the field, remember I die doing my duty for King and Country. I am not afraid to die fighting and it will be a hero's death. But I am in hopes mother to come through alright. May get wounded but that is nothing.

I heard mother that you were worrying about me. Don't worry, I am alright. Look how many mothers have lost their sons and husbands since the war and it is certainly something to be proud of, Mother, to have a son out fighting for his King and Country.

Remember, if I am killed it will be for the lives of you at home, and it is no more for me to go like that than it was for our Saviour to die for me. It may be a couple of months at the least before I will get the chance to write again. By the time you get this letter I will be getting near the Dardanelles, so don't expect a letter often after this. Don't worry, mother for my sake, for I will be alright. We are in the best of spirits and not a bit downhearted, and long to be out there with our chums.

So good bye, mother, dearest, for a little while.

From your loving son,
PTE. R. M. SHORT.

[The above writer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Short of New Bonaventure, Trinity Bay.]

Nipper's Hr. Notes

Captain John Jones' schooner, *Renown*, arrived here Friday, Nov. 26, with freight for the Union Store. Captain Jones will take seven hundred gals. of fish from the F. P. U. and finish loading at Seldom.

Herring are reported plentiful at Hall's Bay. One man from here secured one hundred barrels.

Codfish are also plentiful at Cape John and Shoe Cove.

Mr. James Bowers here is paying \$1.50 for herring, green from the net. It should be a great help to the people around here. He is prepared to buy 5,000 barrels.—Cor.

Nipper's Hr., Nov. 29, 1915.

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Thankful For Prohibition

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—We, the undersigned, wish to extend to President Coaker and his fellow helpers our sincere appreciation on behalf of the St. Nicholas Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society of Champneys. We, as a temperance society, are proud of the way that you have undertaken this Prohibition bill and brought it to so successful an issue. You are worthy of the noblest honor that Newfoundland can bestow on one of her sons.

We are aware of what an opposition you were up against to try and get the Prohibition Bill passed in the House last winter, and had they the least thought that prohibition would triumph you would have had a hard fight. We do appreciate all those that supported prohibition. I am sure that England ought to be proud of her oldest daughter to see that she has put all intoxicating liquors away from her.

Something like twelve years ago the St. Nicholas Branch of the C. E. T. S., of Champneys, declared war on old King Nichol and since then we have been steadily bombarding his choice parts. But thanks to you and your machine guns peace is in view for us since Nov. 4th.

Being our first temperance meeting since we learnt that Prohibition was passed, we decided in our meeting to have a little demonstration in favour of the same. We had some kerosene oil cask lying on hand, and after our meeting closed we got them in front of our hall and set them on fire, using King Kero as a substitute for King Alcohol. After they got well fired we put them on long poles and marched through the little town of Champneys, the C. E. T. S. band in attendance.

Thanking you in anticipation. Signed on behalf of the members of the C. E. T. S. of Champneys.

JAMES ETHERIDGE,
Vice-President.
GERALD F. PRICE,
Secretary.

Champneys East,
Dec. 1st, 1915.

Wedding Bells

Two pretty wedding took place at Little Bay during the week, the first being that of Mr. George Emberley to Miss Mary Mercer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Nolan. After the ceremony the bride and groom, followed by large number of relatives and friends, proceeded to the home of the bride, where a very nice supper was served, after which songs etc., were enjoyed by all present.

Also on November 23rd our mail courier, Mr. James Mercer, to Miss Mary Bouzan, daughter of Thomas M. and Catherine Bouzan. The bride looked very nice in a suit of blue with over-lace trimmings. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. J. J. Nolan, after which supper was served, and then dancing indulged in until the wee sma' hours. Mr. Quirk from Fortune Harbor, who accompanied Rev. Fr. Noon, sang lots of old favourites to keep the old people in spirit while the young were dancing.

The writer wishes Mr. and Mrs. Emberley, and Mr. and Mrs. Mercer many happy years of wedded life.

CORRESPONDENT.

Little Bay, Nov. 30, 1915.

BEAR HUNTERS

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



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PILLEY'S ISLAND COUNCIL WILL STAND BY COAKER

(Editor Mail and Advocate).
Sir.—I have been requested by this Council to explain the reason why we were not represented at Supreme Council Convention, held in St. John's. I may add at first that we are not lacking in this fight. Although not represented, we did our utmost in trying to do so, but owing to the backwardness of the steamers, and this is a sort of out of the way place to connect with the trains, we are behind. But, Sir, our hearts are with you.

We say go ahead and whatever props up at the Convention we are with you to a man.

REUBEN J. RIDEOUT,
Secretary, F. P. U.

Pilley's Island, Nov. 27, 1915.

Blames Censorship for the Action of Chicago Banks

Chicago, Nov. 29.—"The idiotic British censorship," as he called it, and the large German population of Chicago combined to cause Chicago bankers to turn down the recent loan to the Allies, according to Sydney Brooks, a well known writer who said:

"There are various reasons, I believe, why the loan was declined by Chicago bankers. One reason is the natural timidity of the banker. Another is the fact that in many Chicago banks the commercial and savings departments are merged instead of being separate.

"There is a very large and influential German population here, and, of course, it is not so very difficult to start a run on a bank.

"Of course, it is also apparent that the British censorship has hindered the flow of American sympathies. Bankers only loan money on propositions that they believe will succeed. The censors have magnified, in England, the victories and minimized the defeats of the Allies—a deplorable mistake. In news that has been permitted to go out of the country they have magnified the defeats and minimized the victories—another deplorable mistake.

"The continual stories of defeats for the Allies have created in many quarters here a distinct feeling of doubt regarding the outcome of the war, whereas victory for the allies is certain.

"In general the censors have been saying nothing about the things that have been done well, and have been shrieking to the skies about the things that have been muddled.

"Lord Devonport and Andrew Bonar Law stated in Parliament recently that England was on the verge of bankruptcy, it was entirely wrong, and they later qualified their statements. A wise censorship would have stopped those statements, but they were permitted to come to this country.

"However, when your time comes, I hope the American press will be as patriotic as the British has been."

"THE BRAVE LITTLE PRIEST"

At the conclusion of a Requiem Mass, celebrated in Westminster Cathedral recently for Father Gwynn, who has died at the front from wounds received while ministering to the Irish Guards, the "Last Post" was sounded by buglers of the Guards. There was a large attendance of officers in uniform.

"Father Gwynn," said an Irish Guardsman, "was known among the boys as 'the brave little priest.' Early in the war he was seriously wounded, but refused to return to England. During the terrible fighting recently Father Gwynn was again at his post as chaplain. I saw him just before he died. Shrapnel and bullets were being showered upon him in all directions. He seemed to be all over the place try to give the Last Sacrament to the dying.

"There was no thought of self, however, and the brave little priest, although he must have been overcome by his ordeal, went on blessing the wounded and hearing their confessions. The last I saw of him was kneeling by the side of a German soldier. It was a scene to make you cry. The shells continued to explode about the wounded, but they could not stop a little British priest from doing his duty even to a dying German."

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Port Rexton Boy Writes From Trenches

Jack Ploughman Writes His Mother a Cheery Letter—Parcel Sent Him Last August Hasn't Reached Him Yet

Gallipoli, Oct 15, 1915. Dear Mother—Just a few lines to say I received your letter a few days ago while I was in the trenches. I received your money at the same time; of course its unnecessary to say you cannot spend it in the trenches. I am quite well at present. I haven't any very narrow escapes to relate as yet, of course several bullets have passed very near me, but that's nothing. I am one of the lucky ones so far. I don't know how many have been wounded. I think there must be near forty, of course this is only guess work on my part. No doubt there is a list of casualties printed in the St. John's daily papers from time to time.

White went on board the Hospital Ship about a week ago, he was sick of pneumonia. I took his rifle and equipment and carried them to the red cross trenches and he walked over with me. He got a cold the first night he was in the trenches, of course it won't prove dangerous to him, but he's not likely to come back here for a long while.

Poor Billy Tibbs got wounded about a fortnight ago, no doubt you will have heard of it long before you get this letter. He was wounded by shrapnel in the hip and ankle; I don't think he will have to lose any part of his leg. The stretcher bearers who carried him to hospital said he had a heart like a dog. He started to unbutton his pants himself instead of having them cut off. I was in his dugout with him in the morning and left him my pipe. Twice in the afternoon I went to his dugout but he wasn't there, and two minutes after I came back the last time he got wounded. Had he been there when I went to look for him the chances are I would have got it with him. He still got my pipe poor boy wherever he is.

No doubt you will have heard good news from the Dardanelles before you get this letter. We are in rest trenches now, have been here for three or four days and we will soon be going in the firing line again. There are lots of stray bullets passing quite near over our heads this morning, but we are all well protected against them. We are in our dugouts and don't mind them in the least.

I am in a little dugout by myself and it reminds me of nothing else but a grave. Dugouts are just holes dug in the ground like graves and made the shape of a man, so that a person can lie down in it and be safe from shot or shell.

I certainly had to smile, mother, when I read a letter I had from a friend, saying there was only one of us to finish the 22 mile march. Who could have been silly enough to send that report home, do try and find out and let me know. I did the 22 mile march and I bet there wasn't two men of the whole regiment to drop out with sore feet. Newfoundland didn't send over a mob of chocolate soldiers but a hardy bunch of men. All the boys from around home are well, mother, except Whit and Billy and wish to be remembered to you, also Mr. White who taught school at English Harbor. Don't be uneasy about me, mother, I'll be a true soldier, I'll die at my post. If I happen to get wounded you would soon hear as there is a casualty list being sent home all the time. Please send me out a small writing pad and a pipe if you can manage it. I got lots of letters this last few days and was very glad to receive them. Miss Jessie Greenslade sent me a cake sometime in August, haven't got it yet.

Well, mother don't expect any long letters from me now, as long as you get field postal it will be alright, you will know then I am well. I know what it is to see Turkish shells pitching around, and I know the sound of a bullet singing over our head, but don't mind them in the least. I guess John Turk will have

OUR THEATRES.

THE CASINO. The beautifully historic and patriotic local pictures of the First Newfoundland Regiment commenced upon its second week at the Casino on Monday last and in conjunction with the remarkably film depicting the Great British General—Lord Kitchener—at the firing line in Flanders, continues to draw large audiences. These pictures are undoubtedly the finest military "movies" to have ever been exhibited, both having been taken by special permission of the war offices at their respective countries. To see "Our Boys" going through their drill &c. with such wonderful and clock-work precision is a treat in itself—added to this visit (official) of the world's greatest warrior to the trenches—in company with Generals Joffre, Juson, M. Miller and their staffs, is both highly entertaining and most instructive, giving one, as it does, an insight into the intricacies of trench work and the vast amount of skill and courage which must necessarily have been expended to finalize their ultimate completion. These great productions will be shown for the balance of the week.

ROSSLEY'S. How charmed and delighted were the patrons of Rossley's last night. Mr. Ballard Brown and his dainty little wife put over their numbers in splendid style. There never has been anyone seen at Rossley's to compare with Mr. Ballard Brown, with his fine stage presence and splendid voice, while Miss Madge Locke is positively charming. Everyone who can should see this act, and they will be well repaid, for it is very seldom one has the chance of hearing such singing and seeing the dances of such artists. The pictures, too, are fine, and are changed three times weekly. On Friday the great competition with several names already in. Look out for the great surprise and the pantomime.

THE CRESCENT. The Crescent Picture Palace presents to day Bessie Learn in a great Edison feature "An Unpaid Ransom" adapted from Scott Campbell's great story: "The Under Secretary." Alex Ridgely appear as the girl detective in "The Trap Door," a 2 reel Kalem feature: "The Puny Soul of Peter Rand" is a story of how Mother Love refines a Braggart. "Si and Sue, Acrobats" and "It Happened on Wash Day" are two laughable comedies. Mr. Dan Delmar sings "My Little Grey Home in the West." This is a favorite number of Mr. Delmar and you should hear him sing it. Altogether this is a great show, one that is sure to please Crescent patrons.

"PRAEBENDA REGIS" King George, like the Duke of Orleans, can claim ecclesiastical authority, for besides being the nominal head of the Established Church, he actually holds "orders" as prebendary of St. David's Cathedral. From time immemorial the "first curial prebend" of St. David's has been appropriated by the Crown, and the Sovereign drew the annual pension of £3 appertaining to the office. Since the days of Queen Elizabeth this remuneration, still known as the "Praebenda Regis," has been handed over by the Royal Prebendary to the Principal of Jesus College, Oxford.

to fire a few more yet before he makes it pay. I have popped off a few shots at the Turks and I am expecting to get a few more soon, its great sport using them as a target. Don't be uneasy about me, Mother, I will be alright. How is Jim and family. Give father lots of tobacco. Must close now, but will write every week, with love to all at home.

I remain, Your soldier lad, JACK PLOUGHMAN. [The above named is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ploughman of Port Rexton, now serving with the Nfld. Regiment at the Dardanelles.]

ADVERTISING IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Mr. Longly and the Water Pipes

What About the Pipes Marked With a Red Cross. What's the Whole Fizzle to Cost the Taxpayers?

Citizens generally are asking as to the result, if any, of Mr. Longley's visit a few days ago, and what it has cost for his experiment in Gills and Job's Coves. Some of the spectators remarked that even as far back as the days of Captain Reardon they saw far better pressures and better streams of water from the nozzles of the antiquated hose lengths then in use. It is up to the Commissioners now to give these enquirers the information wanted as to the result of Mr. Longley's visit and as to the meaning of the red crosses on the 20-inch water pipes.—Com.

SONS OF ENGLAND ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Sons of England Benefit Society was held last night when the following officers were elected:

- W. President—Bro. F. W. Pike, elected.
Fin. President—Bro. W. J. Pike, elected.
Chaplain—Bro. P. P. Williams, elected.
Rec. Secretary—Bro. Hunt, elected.
Fin. Secretary—Bro. W. J. Strong, elected.
Treasurer—Bro. C. K. Miller, re-elected.
Surgeon—Bro. Dr. T. Anderson, re-elected.
1st. Guide—Bro. G. F. Pike, elected.
2nd. Guide—Bro. R. Stevens, elected.
3rd Guide—Bro. Sellars, elected.
4th Guide—Bro. Winsor, elected.
5th. Guide—Bro. H. Sexton, elected.
6th. Guide—Bro. E. Frampton, elected.
Inside Guard—Bro. R. Morris, elected.
Outside G.—Bro L. Rose, re-elected.
Auditors—P. P. Chaffey, Bros. W. J. Pike and E. T. Snow.
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Removal Notice.—F. A. Mews, Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary. Address: CITY CHAMBERS, WATER STREET (over Royal Bank of Canada—1st Floor.)—dec4,2w,s,tu,th

Mr. F. Crane of Job Bros. & Co's office accompanied by his wife, left here by the Stephano for New York on a holiday trip to the United States.

SHIPPING

The S.S. Florizel left Halifax at noon yesterday here to-morrow afternoon.

The schr. Margaret McClashin sailed yesterday for Barbados with 1324 qtls codfish, 429 brls. herring and 19 qtls salmon from the Smith Co. Ltd.

The boys of the Christian Bros. Schools, St. Patrick's and Holy Cross, were given a holiday to-day, this being the 50th anniversary of the entry into the order of Rev. Bro. Whitty, who has several times visited St. John's.

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

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

Last night the semi-annual meeting of the Wesley Auxillary of the Women's Missionary Association was held in the basement of Wesley Church. Mrs. Royle presided.

After the Doxology and Invocation, reading of the Scriptures and prayer, Mrs. E. Lindsay gave an illustrated address on the work of the W.M.S. Miss Pike gave a recitation, "Christmas is coming" and Mrs. Hunter, President of the Branch, spoke of its excellent work. Miss Goobie and Miss L. Taylor rendered a beautiful duet, Miss Wornell recited "The Changed Cross" and Mrs. Payne delivered an address, urging all to work for the Auxillary.

After a few votes of thanks to those who had assisted at the meeting by Mrs. Royle, it closed by the pastor pronouncing the Benediction.

PICKED UP WITH \$270 IN POCKET

Yesterday an old man, a planter on Conception Bay, who had taken "too much" with some friends, fell on the Street and was not able to get up, when a policeman passing brought him to the station. It was well for him such occurred as in the lock up it was found that he had more than \$270 in his pocket.

OPORTO STOCKS.

Table with 4 columns: Stocks, (Nfld), Past Week, Prev. Week, Consumption. Values range from 18720 to 470.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.—nov23

Syrians Fight With the Allies

Recent Letters Here say Turks are Making Many Efforts to Force Maronites to Join Them.—People of Mount Lebanon Badly Off.

People of the Syrian Colony in St. John's who have sons studying in the American College at Beirut, had letters from them recently via the United States, in which they tell of the hardships and sufferings of the Maronites of Mount Lebanon since Turkey entered the war. Though to a certain extent secure on the Mount, the Turks are trying by every means to induce these brave people to fight against their former protector, France and her great ally, England; but they refuse absolutely to do so. The partial fracture of their crops, added to secret persecution by the infidel enemies, have oppressed them severely, but up to date they have remained firm.

They have been approached with bribes by the Guosi-rebel Kamil Pasha but they remember the treachery of 1863, and his blandishments and bribes are futile. Kamil has the Druids with him and this renders them more suspicious of his promises. They fear he wishes to get them to commit themselves, so that when later he has an understanding with his friends, there will be a good pretext for a massacre.

Since the war began and before Turkey declared for the Huns thousands of the men got over to Egypt threw in their lot with the British and French forces. The Maronite Patriarch has sold all his vast property and distributed the cash it realized to feed the poor under his spiritual charge, the letters received here say:

He was to be taken as a hostage to Damascus but his people threatened a revolution, he appealed to the Austrian Ambassador to Turkey and Austrian influence saved him from persecution if not death at the hands of the Turks. A fund for the relief of the Maronites of Mount Lebanon was sent to the Patriarch has been started in New York and other American cities and is growing to great proportions.

All the Syrian people here are subscribing liberally to it. Quite a number of priests went forward with the men who joined the Allied forces, especially with the French, and are fighting valiantly, one of them being now in New York after being severely wounded.

The Syrians are brave soldiers and are delighted to get a chance to even up, in a measure, old scores against their Turkish persecutors. The letters say that a win for the Allies means the salvation of Syria.

LOCAL ITEMS

We are glad to hear that Mr. John Henderson who has been ill the past few weeks is improving.

Four boys were arrested last evening by Const. Tobin on a charge of the larceny of a purse from a woman passenger on Monday's train. A drunk who had a lot of money in his possession was also brought in.

Mr. M. E. Condon returned a couple of days ago from Trinity and Bonavista Bays. Mr. Condon has invented and is preparing a trap for the catching of cod, herring and squid which will, he is assured, revolutionize the method of catching cod especially and will be of great value to our fishermen.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Marshall took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of citizens, including the employees of Marshall Bros. Interment was at the General Protestant Cemetery, where the service was conducted by Revs. Payne and Whitmarsh. The annual sale of work of the St. Thomas' Womens Association will be held in Canon Wood Hall this afternoon and will be continued tonight. The object is a worthy and part of the proceeds go to the W. P. A. The sale, we feel sure, will be largely patronized by the public.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 8th.

Feast of Immaculate Conception. Polls officially closed this day in first general election in Newfoundland, after 74 days from nomination. The reason for the delay was because there was only one returning-officer in each district, and he had to visit and record the votes in each booth. The following men were returned in the first Parliament: St. John's, John Kent, William Thomas, Patrick Keough; Conception Bay, Robert Pack, Peter Brown, James Power, Charles Cousins; Fogo, Thomas Bennett; Trinity Bay, John Bingley Garland; Ferryland, Robert Carter; Placentia and St. Mary's, R. F. Sweetman, John Willis Martin; Burin, Wm. Hooper; Fortune Bay, N. W. Hoyle; Donavista, William Brown, 1832.

Sons of Temperance first organized here, 1850. Governor Bannerman left Newfoundland, 1863. Burning of a cathedral and two thousand people at Santiago, Chili, 1863.

Catholic cathedral, Harbor Grace, dedicated, 1868. Rev. John E. Kinsella ordained, 1869. Ecumenical Council opened at Rome 1869. Sir Thomas Brassey died, 1870.

Melendez, the Malay cook, who killed a British sailor in the harbor, received first lashes in Penitentiary, 1876.

Governor Maxse died, 1883. Jefferson Davis died, 1889. James Mosedale, formerly of the firm of Muir and Mosedale, and for sometime buyer for the firm of Job Bros., died at Halifax. He made sixty trips across the Atlantic, 1888.

Messrs J. and W. Stewart's business closed, 1892. New Catholic cathedral, Hr. Grace, dedicated, 1899.

SOLDIER SUFFERS FROM DEBILITY.

Private Gordon Snow, son of Mr. George Snow, who formerly worked in the F. P. U. Clothing Factory and also with L. and M. Trask, the motor engine manufacturers, and who has been in the trenches with our boys on Gallipoli, writes his friends saying that he is in hospital suffering from general debility, though his name does not appear in the general casualty list. He is a plucky lad and is only hoping that he soon will get better to go back to the firing line.

He says there are some others in the same hospital as he is, and he wishes to be remembered to his friends and chums here. Mr. Snow, his father, we are sorry to hear, is very ill of pneumonia.

Our Volunteers

The volunteers are beginning to show excellent marksmanship as the result of the training being given to them with the rifle. A few days ago they held an inter-section competition at the 200 yards range when the men showed a very creditable average.

The possible number of points was 40 and the averages excellent, as the section scores show. On Friday last shooting at the moving figure target, Corporal E. Baird and Pte. E. Ellis made the maximum number of hits and are two fine riflemen. The figures of the competition were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Sec., Pts., Men, Aver. Values range from 431 to 320.

Yesterday the Volunteers were put through the various drills in the armoury and received their kit at the hands of Mr. O'Rourke and his aides. The roll now contains 2622 names with these additions:

Ian Dick-Graham, St. John's. Geo. Poole, Burin. Harry Clarke, Whitbourne. George Pike, Bristol's Hope. John Oliver, Grand Lake.

An eccentric woman is one who perters comfort to style.

With "Ours" At Gallipoli

Extracts From Letter Received From Private Fred Snow, Son of Mr. Geo. Snow, Pleasant St.—Had Encounter With Turks

"There were nine of us sent out on patrol, we had to go upon a hill from 7 o'clock in the night until we were relieved at 7 o'clock the following night. We arrived there about two or three minutes before the Turks, and with what time we had, we built ourselves a little barricade with rocks. There were quite a number of them when they attacked us. At the start we wounded a Turk, he was moaning all night; he must have been creeping up to us, for he was not more than 10 yards ahead of us. Then a big Turk with plenty of pluck walked up to him. I threw two bombs but neither of them seemed to hit him. So he got into the little dugout where the wounded Turk must have crawled, and when he was getting out Lieut. Donnelly said to me "there he is." I whipped my rifle to my shoulder and fired; it dropped him before you could say "Jack Robinson." So he has gone to the happy hunting grounds.

About five minutes after I got a crack on the head, it was then 1 a.m., they bound me up and about 5 o'clock I went in. They threw about 35 bombs at us; it lasted until 8 o'clock the next morning. We could not go back because if they got us down in the gully we were finished.

We began to run short of ammunition, so they rolled me over, took mine and slacked their fire. Anyhow, we came out of it alright, it was just luck, as they could have rushed, as they were so many of them, but if they did they would have to pay for it.

Now another party started out to try and find us but the Turks caught them in the gully, killed one and wounded two, one of the two a chap named Murphy, died coming over to the hospital ship. He was two beds from me. I forgot to say we also had another chap wounded in the neck."

Mrs. S. Ebsary of the South Side had a letter from her son a couple of days ago written at Gallipoli. He is in good trim and says that near him is Pte. Alder Whiteway, son of Mr. Eli Whiteway, who is also in excellent health and spirits. Both wish to be remembered to their friends here.

We hear from good authority that the Investigating Committee appointed to enquire into the short age at the City Club has all but completed its labours and that the Club has been "stuck" for several thousands of dollars, which it will be unfortunately impossible to recover. It will be remembered when The Mail and Advocate exclusively referred to this matter, the little "know-all" of The Herald asserted the Club was not "stuck." Will the little busy-body make the same assertion now?

We learn that within the past few days a most sensational affair has cropped up in connection with a certain mining property in Conception Bay. As far as we can hear the shareholders have been, it is alleged, victimized to the extent of several thousands of dollars by an official of the syndicate which had the mine running. Some prominent clerics we understand are amongst the victims and it is asserted that sensational developments may soon occur.—Com.

BIG GERMAN OPERATIONS SPOKEN OF IN MESOPOTAMIA

GENEVA, Dec. 7.—The Germans are preparing on a large scale for operations in Mesopotamia, under Field Marshal Baron Kolmar von Der Goltz, who has just been appointed Commander of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia, according to private information received here, although it is not impossible that they may make their principal efforts this winter from Bagdad towards the Persian Gulf.