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## Kitchener Briefly Reviews The War Situation

### Praises the French Troops, Who Have Shown Marked Tenacity--- Shortage in Output of Ammunition Very Serious Situation--- Blames Drink and Trades Unions

London, March 16.—Secretary of War Earl Kitchener gave a brief review of the war situation in the Lords this evening. He said only trench fighting has been possible for many weeks, but that this had not affected the morale of the British troops.

Recent occurrences in the fight around Neuve Chapelle and Epinette showed how successfully the British troops have been able to take the offensive. The Minister of War referred to the gallantry shown by the soldiers of India and spoke eulogistically of the French army, which he said had made important progress at various points along the line, especially in the Champagne, where the soldiers of the Republic have given evidence of marked tenacity.

The situation in the Dardanelles is well in hand, the speaker declared, but he was unable to say more than had appeared in the press.

Progress in the work of equipping Britain's new army is being seriously impaired by the failure to get sufficient labor and necessary factory facilities to supply war material is now and for the next month or two will be a very serious consideration he said, it is causing me serious anxiety. It is absolutely essential that the output of ammunition be increased. It also is of the utmost importance to operations in the field.

Continuing along this subject, Kitchener urged firms manufacturing certain lines to place their spare labor and machinery at the disposal of the Government. He said he considered men engaged in supplying munitions were serving their country as much as the men in the field and that a medal would be issued to workers on munitions of war if successful termination to hostilities.

The health of the British troops was remarkably good.

Another declaration made by the War Secretary and a striking testimony to the value of inoculation.

Speaking of the Russian campaign, Earl Kitchener remarked the German attacks have either been well held or have been driven back.

In conclusion the speaker said the Government is considering an arrangement by which armament firms should come under Government control so that their employees should reap some benefits which the war had automatically brought to their employers.

In some cases there has been a marked diminution of output, due in a measure to drink, but on more than one occasion failure to work at a high standard had been due to restrictions by trade unions, Earl Kitchener declared.

Secretary of War said he was satisfied that the mention of this restriction on the output of war material would remove the difficulties which seriously hampered progress in recruiting.

Referring to the Canadian division, the speaker said they have shown their mettle and received warm commendation from Field Marshal Sir John French, for high spirit and bravery with which they have performed their part.

## AMERICA THINKS DISPLAY OF POWER

### Will Bring Carranza to His Senses

Washington, March 15.—American warships were being despatched to Mexican waters today as the latest move on the part of the American Government, in the Mexican crisis. This action, officials hoped, would bring assurances from General Carranza that conditions in Mexico City which have become acute, would be ameliorated.

The sending of war vessels followed vigorous representations to General Carranza demanding prompt improvement in conditions as affecting foreigners and their interests in Mexican territory under his control. Failure to comply he was warned would be followed by such action as the American Government thought necessary to obtain the desired protection.

25,000 Foreigners in Peril

It was confidently expected in Administration circles to-day that the latest steps taken by the American Government would cause a change in the attitude of General Carranza towards foreigners. In diplomatic quarters the belief quite generally prevailed that the largest representation to Carranza were a clear implication to him that force might be employed unless conditions were bettered.

Much concern is felt among officials of the welfare of the 25,000 foreigners in Mexico City, 2,500 of them Americans who are threatened with riots and famine in consequence of the announced intention of General Carranza to order the evacuation of the city by General Obregon's forces.

After a conference early to-day with President Wilson, Secretary Daniels ordered two battleships of the Atlantic fleet from Guantanamo to Vera Cruz.

## VILLA ARMY BEATEN.

Douglas, Ariz., March 15.—General Elias Calles received a message from Gen. Alvaro Obregon yesterday saying: "Colonel Augustin Martinez of the first battalion of Sonora, numbering 1,000 men, informs me of the decisive defeat of two thousand Villa troops, one hundred and ten miles north of Mexico City. They were routed after nine hours' fighting and are fleeing in the direction of San Juan del Rio in the State of Queretaro."

## BRITISH SHIP SEIZED

New Orleans, March 15.—The British steamship Wyvisbrook has been seized by Carranza authorities at Campeche and her commander, Captain Muir, has been placed in jail, according to mail advices reaching here tonight from Progreso.

## Summary of Shipping Restrictions

### No Merchant Ships for German Ports—Merchantmen Will be Forced to Unload in British Port

London, March 15.—The following brief summary of the order restricting German commerce is published in the Official Gazette to-day.

No merchant ships sailing after March 1 will be permitted to proceed to a German port.

Goods must be discharged in a British or an allied country port, unless passed for a neutral destination.

Merchantmen carrying goods for other ports than an enemy destination will be required to discharge the cargo at a British or allied country port and submit its merchandise to a Prize Court.

The same applies to goods of enemy origin.

Persons interested in such cargoes may appeal to the Prize Court for restitution.

Merchantmen clearing or passed by neutral ports which proceed to an enemy's port are liable to condemnation if subsequently captured.

Relaxation of the order is permissible in dealing with merchant vessels of any country which may declare that no commerce of German origin or ownership will be permitted to enjoy the protection of its flag.

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## Germany Captures Swedish Steamer

London, March 16.—The Swedish steamer Gloria, grain laden from Lapata for Stockholm, has been captured by Germans and taken into Swinemunde.

(Swinemunde is an island in the Baltic.)

## German Chancellor's Declaration

### Germany to Continue the War Until She Obtains Her Own Terms of Peace

London, March 16.—A Reuter despatch from Berlin quotes the German Minister of the Interior and Vice Chancellor Clemens Delbrueck, as declaring in the Upper Chamber, Germany's intention to continue the war until she obtained the guarantees she desired.

If we were satisfied merely with repelling the enemy, said the Vice Chancellor, we should soon have peace, but we cannot rest satisfied with that alone. We shall not sheath the sword until we obtain guarantees that our enemies will not attack us again. Discussion of these guarantees at the present moment would not further German interests.

## Unlucky Goeben

March 15.—The Goeben struck a Turkish mine and was beached; her guns were dismantled and taken ashore for land defence.

The British have made great gains in France, their heavy artillery making it easy for the infantry to charge. They made substantial gains, and repulsed the enemy with heavy losses. The German counter-attack failed.

## Fishermen Tried By Court Martial

Halifax, March 15 (by mail to New York to avoid censor).—It is stated on excellent authority that a number of fishermen, who were caught laying mines in Irish waters, were tried by court martial and shot. They were in the pay of the German Government.

## German Airmen Make An Unsuccessful Raid

London, March 1 (by mail to New York).—The news has just leaked out that the Germans made an unsuccessful attempt several nights ago to raid the East Coast with air craft, but they were beaten off before they could do any damage.

British airmen went aloft and engaged the German aviators. Two of the latter are reported to have been brought to earth.

## Admiral Jellicoe Puts Out to Sea

### Ashore Several Weeks—Had Operation Performed

London, March 1 (by mail to New York).—After being ashore for several weeks on leave of absence, during which time an operation was performed upon him, Admiral Jellicoe has again put to sea in the Iron Duke.

The departure of the Admiral is expected to mark the beginning of British naval activities in the North Sea.

The weather along the line to-day is calm and dull. Temperature ranges from 19 to 28 above.

## GREECE WANTS TO JOIN ALLIES

### Thinks it Would be to Her Advantage to Fight—All Parties Unite on this Question

Athens, March 8.—Popular demonstrations favoring war with Turkey took place in Athens to-day. Eleutherios Venizelos, who resigned as premier because King Constantine would not accept the cabinet's decision to open hostilities, was wildly cheered when he appeared at his office to conclude some unfinished business, while M. Zaimis, who has been asked to form a new ministry was jeered and hissed as he went to the Royal palace for a conference with King Constantine. A great crowd surrounded the parliament building shouting "Down with Turkey" and "We want war," as the members of the chamber of deputies arrived for today's session. Because of the resignation of the Venizelos cabinet, the session was brief.

M. Zaimis, a former premier and now head of the National Bank, is reported to have asked the ministers of finance and war in the Venizelos cabinets to retain their posts, but the premier of the portfolios was rejected. A guard was placed about the Turkish legation today. Saif Bey, the Ottoman minister, abandoned his daily ride and kept closely to the legation.

## Germany's Losses

### 1,500,000 Says Military Expert London Times

London.—The military expert of the London Times estimates the German casualties at no more than 1,500,000 including 250,000 dead and 1,250,000 wounded, of whom fifty per cent, according to the present French experience, probably will rejoin their colours.

## Britain Wants Camp Inspection

### Wants American to Visit English Prisoners of War in Germany

London.—Great Britain has requested the State Department at Washington to obtain the permission of the German Government for an American representative to be selected by Ambassador Page to proceed to Germany and visit the camps of the British prisoners of war with the same freedom that a representative from the U.S. Embassy at Berlin was allowed to visit the detention camps in the United Kingdom.

## Russia Promises Educational Reform

New York.—A letter received here from a member of the Czar's household stated that the second wide, sweeping reform to be effected in Russia will be compulsory education. The letter states that M. Kasov, Minister of Instruction and Religion, in formulating a decree to be issued on the termination of the present hostilities and to be in full effect throughout the empire after a period of five years.

## Submarine Refrained From Attacking Dutch

The Dutch steamer Prinzess Juliana, which arrived at Tilbury last week, reports that she met a German submarine en route from Flushing. The submarine examined the steamer, which had her name painted on immense white letters on her side. Apparently satisfied with her examination, the submarine changed its course and disappeared.

Volunteer J. C. Parsons, who is going away with the third contingent, had had considerable practice in war training, having been five years a cadet in the U.S. Navy. He comes from Brooklyn, N.Y.

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## DETAILS RESPECTING CRUISER DRESDEN

### Was Sister Ship to the Emden, Sunk in Indian Ocean—Her Armament Was Rather Light

London, March 16.—The Dresden was a member of the German squadron which was defeated by a British squadron off the Falkland Islands in December. She was the only one of five German warships that escaped. She was said to have fled Westward, but there have been no definite reports as to her whereabouts since that time.

She was reported officially to have been seen in Straits of Magellan, and later to be in hiding in one of the bays on the Chilean coast.

The Dresden was a sister ship to the Emden which was sunk off Cocos Islands, Indian Ocean, by the Australian cruiser Sydney, after an adventurous career.

The sinking of the Dresden leaves at large on the high seas, so far as is known, only the cruiser Karlshruhe, last reported as operating in the West Indies, and the auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, which is still raiding commerce in the South Atlantic.

The Dresden's armament was comparatively light. She carried 10 4.1 inch guns, eight 5 pounders, four machine guns, and had two torpedo tubes. She was 395 feet long, her complement was 324 men.

## British and French Official Belgians Make Progress at Yser Germans Shell Soissons & Rheims

London, March 15 (Official).—The War Office reports slight further progress near Neuve Chapelle. On Friday the enemy were reinforced, by two divisions.

Our aircraft destroyed the railway junctions at Don and Douai and blew up a train. A counter attack was repulsed near Neuve Chapelle on Saturday. Our prisoners number 1,720. The enemy's losses are estimated at not far short of 10,000 in the three days' fighting.

The French Government reports continued progress by the Belgian troops near the Yser, and further progress in Champagne.

The Russian Government reports less activity, but successful engagements in various points.—HARCOURT.

Paris, via St. Pierre, March 14.—This afternoon the Belgian troops continue to advance in the Yser belt. Their artillery, supported by a heavier artillery, destroyed an important position organized by the Germans in a cemetery at Dixmude. The enemy bombarded Ypres. There were several victims among civilians.

The Germans also shelled Soissons Cathedral and neighbourhood. North of Rheims, opposite Luxemburg Wood, the enemy tried to take one of our advance trenches, but was repulsed. Rheims was then shelled.

In Champagne at nightfall yesterday we repulsed two counterattacks, pursued the enemy and captured several trenches in which we found about a hundred dead and some war stuff.

At Four de Paris, Argonne, a German attempt to débouch on our lines has been completely checked. In Lorraine our patrols occupy Emberminil. In the Vosges, artillery contests.

A British air squadron bombarded Ostend most effectively. Success gained by the British Army at Neuve Chapelle is absolutely complete. The British advanced on a front of about 3 kilometres to a distance of twelve to fifteen hundred metres, capturing successively three lines of German trenches and a defense work.

South of Neuve Chapelle counterattacks were delivered with great violence, but the Germans were repulsed. The enemy suffered great loss, and left in the hands of the Allies a number of prisoners much greater than at first reported. The British heavy and field artillery most efficiently opened the way and supported the vigorous infantry action.

## TOO LATE FOR DRESDEN

London, March 8.—A despatch to the Times from Santiago, Chile, reports the activity of German steamers with coal cargoes in South American waters. The correspondent considers that these activities supports the reports of the proximity of German cruisers in these waters. He says there are persistent rumors that the cruiser Dresden is hiding in one of the inlets in southern Chile. He adds that the Chilean government is taking every precaution to preserve its neutrality.



# The Bowrings Challenge The Power of The F.P.U.

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## Letters of Interest

From Mail and Advocate Readers

### A BRIGHTER DAY COMING

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—The final struggle for liberty is at hand, the time when our bonds are about to be broken and the grip of tyranny is released. Long has the night of oppression and wrong reigned upon our Island home, but at last the dawn of a brighter day is apparent. The lords of Water Street are now aware that Coaker means business, and that the Union has come to stay.

Ask yourselves the question, "readers! Would the final struggle for liberty be tolerated in the Old Country, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or any part of the British Empire?" No, indeed! He would be prosecuted, and punished, in view of his transactions. Yet he is suffered to go unpunished, and to have charge of a ship again at the ice-fields. Cowards of the worst brand are the men who will serve under Kean as Captain of a sealing steamer. Why do not our Government, this historic "People's Party" be up and doing? Now is the time to prove their loyalty and affection for the owners of the horny handed, which they delight to press during election times.

Poor old Terra Nova, yours is a sad case, if left at the mercy of these West Country merchant-tyrants. Oh, you who are men, you who possess human hearts which are not hardened by the lust or craving for gold, voice your sentiments against the robbers of the poor and the oppressors of the fatherless. Picture to yourselves the leave-taking of a husband on his departure for the broad ice-fields, seeking food for his children. Think of the parting caress no more to be repeated.

"For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn, Or busy housewife ply her evening care:

No children run to lisp their sire's return, Or climb his knee the envied kiss to share."

Never to return and all through the blundering and error of a captain whose only desire was apparently gold. Now, my friends, this is the man that Morris and Munn allowed to again command a ship with the with the possibility of losing 78 more precious lives? Remember this thing can happen again if we allow incompetent men to have charge of those ships. No, is the answer from 20,000 lips, Kean should not sail as captain of the "Florizel." Our slaughtered heroes call from their graves to us to avenge their cause, and brethren linger not.

Red Cliffe, Bay de Verde, March 9, 1915.

### GREAT MISTAKE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I ask space to make a few remarks in your paper in order that all other Councils may know that we are taking a lively interest in Union matters, and it is our honest endeavour to try and live up to Union principles. We are well aware that W. F. Coaker is the first and only man in the history of this Colony that attempted to uplift the underdogs and try to better their condition in life, therefore, we consider it our duty to stand by him in his battle to uplift the toiling masses.

We notice by recent issues of your paper that it is Bowring's intention to send Kean again to the ice as master this spring. Bowring may be under the impression that Mr. Coaker is fighting this battle in trying to keep Kean ashore single-handed, but this is the greatest mistake of his life.

Bowring's will find that Mr. Coaker has over twenty thousand hardy sons of toil at his back who, if occasion arises, are prepared and ready at a moment's notice to follow his lead.

### DISAGREES WITH JUDGE JOHNSON

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I saw an article in The Herald a few days ago which contained a sentence by Justice Johnson, the most ignorant, barefaced and ungodly expression ever uttered by any man with common sense. He said "I do not see any neglect on the part of Ab. Kean." It is just as well to try to make the public believe that the sun did not rise in the morning as to say that Ab. Kean is not guilty of criminal negligence.

Take for instance if on a similar day to that of the blizzard of March 31st last Ab. Kean had sent two of his own boys to a neighbour's house, a distance of four or five miles and no possible means to retrace their steps, what would he do with a telephone in his house? He would call up the neighbours in the nearest locality to find out if his boys were safe.

This is human nature, and more than that, we are under a bond by Almighty God to "do unto others as you would that they should do unto you."

If Ab. Kean was compelled to pay one thousand dollars for every man that was lost thru his blundering it would make him more careful. What would be Ab. Kean's answer that would he had this law to protect our lives? He would have summed it up pretty quick—\$80,000. Why this would ruin me for life!

"OLD SEALER," Cavendish, March, 10, 1915.

### ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

This Council will back Coaker to a man in this Bowring-Kean fight, and we appeal to every Union man in the Island to do likewise.

Signed on behalf of Penguin Arm L.C., Bay of Islands, N. J. JESSEAU, Chairman, Mar. 12, 1915.

### DEMANDS APOLOGY OF FOWLOW

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please allow us space in your valuable paper to strongly object against a statement made by Mike Fowlow in yesterday's "Herald" re his name being published in the petition sent from Cupids asking for the arrest of Capt. A. Kean.

Now, Mr. Editor, we would like to ask Mike if he knows which end he stands on, or does he know his own name when he sees it, or what part of the petition bears his name? We flatly contradict his statement, and anybody who can read the alphabet can see no such name as Michael Fowlow appearing on the list, and Mike very well knows why his name is not on the Cupids list if he'd just give himself time to think.

We don't want to have too much to say for a while, but will tell Mike Fowlow to alter that paragraph in the "Herald" and apologise to Cupids Council as we demand an apology instantly.

We would also like to state, for the information of the public at large, that every name on that petition is genuine, every man signing it of his own free will and without any forgery, such as Fowlow is trying to put on us. Thanking you in anticipation.

F.P.U. COUNCIL, per Chris. Bishop, Cupids, Mar. 9, 1915.

### UP-TO-DATE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please give me space in your esteemed paper for a few words in reference to the Road Board at British Hr.

During the summer of 1914 a petition was forwarded the Minister of Public Works asking for elective Road Board. The reply was that no Road Board was elected in the fall, but was left until the spring. This, Mr. Editor, is no doubt another Tory bluff. I expect the Minister of Public Works might have thought that the people of British Harbor want to get some Government heeler off the Board. If so he was mistaken.

Writing the Colonial to know who were the Road Board at British Hr. we received the names of eight men belonging to the said Harbor. When you hear who the said members are whose names are given on the list as the present Board, you will agree with me it is time people should elect their own Board.

Next, he name given as Chairman is residing some sixty miles away.  
No. 2 Deceased at least three years.  
No. 3 Resigned from Board some two years.  
No. 4 Deceased.  
No. 5 Deceased.

This leaves three members of eight names forwarded us by Colonial Secretary. I think the public will agree with me it is time people should elect their own Board. Why should the people complain for it is not every settlement that can find a young lady to handle money in chairman's absence.

Thanking you for space. O.O.O. British Hr., Mar. 1, 1915.

### Port Rexton Patriotic Association

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Just a word re doing here. On Feb. 5 the ladies here held a Pic Sociable in the S.W.F. Hall, the proceeds of which amounted to \$20, which goes to the Patriotic Fund. The names of those who carried pies were: Minnie and Calista Pittman, Annie Bailey, Eva Annister, Mrs. W. G. White, Mrs. James White, Mrs. Samuel Randall, Mrs. Walter Randall, Mrs. Arthur Ryan, Mrs. John Ash and Misses S. Ploverman, Tonic Ploverman, Mary Hollihan, Mary Julia Ploverman, Henrietta Cook, Amy Ploverman, Sylvia Randall, Sarah Ploverman, Mary Francis Ploverman, Maggie Butter and Master Harry Rex.

This is only one woman out of every five who could help, but didn't, and considering the good purpose for which this Sociable was organized, I think it would be only right for everybody to join in and help. We know this is a year of troubles, and that money with some people is not very plentiful. The ladies were very thankful to the young men who came forward and bought the pies, and in spite of everything a pleasant time was spent by all, and we hope next year the price of flour will not be so high as it is now, and everybody will be able to help.

Trusting I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space, I remain EYE-WITNESS. Port Rexton, Mar. 8, 1915.

### WAS IN THE PARADE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I am not a F.P.U. member because I am not a fisherman, but as several persons asked me if I was in the Sealers' Parade last night I am proud to say that I also carried a torch, and I feel disgusted that there are in our midst, men who would write or allow to be published such a downright falsehood about the Sealers' meeting as appeared in Friday's "Daily News."

Why teach our children not to tell lies when they can see a bigger lie than they ever thought of appearing in that morning's "News." I am very sorry that the editor of the "Daily News" is not at liberty to enlighten the people, but the day is coming when truth will triumph, when liars and lying papers will meet their doom by a truth-loving people.

If any person believes what is in the "News" about the meeting last night in place of what is said here, they are at liberty to call at the F.P.U. office and I will, if required, make a sworn statement, that what was in the "News" about the Sealer's Parade is false.

It was a fine crowd of young and old people of St. John's who paraded with the sealers to show that they have no use for Captain Kean and also that the Morris Government is not the People's Government, and as for shouting for Morris, that also is false. As I am writing this I would also advise the Reid employees whenever they see a parade of the working classes (like themselves) to keep as tight to the shade of the store doors on Water St. as possible. Don't let anyone see that you are man enough to join in a parade, and as there are a Government policeman and a few Tory heeled, needle and thread suckers on the road shouting for Morris, they don't care whether the poor wage earners live or die but, gentlemen you are watched.

A CHURCHMAN DISGUSTED, St. John's, Mar. 11, 1915.

### NEW COUNCIL

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
A Local Council of the F.P.U. was formed here Feb. 23, 1915. Mr. Jas. Whelan is chairman and we intend to make the Council a success.

Miss Catherine Griffin arrived home from the U.S.A. a few days ago to spend a few weeks with her friends. Mr. Thomas Ryan, who spent a few days with his friends, left by the S.S. Stephano for New York, to begin his usual work. He is very popular around here, and his many friends wish him all kinds of success.

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## Ten Thousand Electors Ask Kean's Arrest Charging Him With Criminal Negligence.

### FOGO

To His Excellency the Governor in Council:—

The petition of the undersigned residents of Fogo and electors of the electoral district of Fogo, humbly sheweth that on March 31st and April 1st last, seventy-eight sealers of the Crew of the sealing steamer "Newfoundland" died on the icehoe from exposure, and that in the opinion of your Petitioners, Captain Abram Kean, Master of the "Stegano," was guilty of criminal negligence in relation to the said men, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that Your Excellency be pleased to direct the Law Officers of the Crown to take the necessary steps to test before the Courts the liability or otherwise of Captain Kean. And as-in duty bound they will ever pray.

CHAS. WOOLRIDGE  
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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**THE NEWS' FOUL UTTERANCES**

There are various forms of intoxication, as well as various agencies of inducing it. Intoxication is not always sinful, it is some times meritorious and quite innocent, but when it proceeds from an evil passion, when it robs its victim of all sense of truthfulness, manliness and justice, when it tempts to vile mouthings, when its promptings are towards calumny, then it becomes a danger, of such intoxication is the insanity of the "Daily News" of this city. The "Daily News" that is too saintly to permit a liquor dealer's advertisement to appear in its pages, descends with scintillatingness to the very lowest ebbs of moral ebriety in those same pages, and betrays the unclean spirit that its hypocrisy so thinly veils.

The "News" holds up its white hands in horror at the mention of a glass of spirits, but it turns not a hair at the mention of foul lies and foul insinuations.

It sees no wrong in dressing up a truth to represent a lie, that has not the courage to cut from the whole cloth. The highway man is an honorable gentleman in comparison to the white-livered sneak who stabs in the dark, or who with deliberation and malice toadyly misrepresents the words and doings of another, or who for to satisfy a paltry spite or to support a rotten and tumble-down government would attempt to rob an honest and hard-working man of just merit.

Mr. Coaker has succeeded by almost superhuman toil in wresting from the seal buyers what he considers only a just and fair price for fat. Where they were offering but \$3.75, Mr. Coaker has compelled them to give \$4.50 and now, the cunning "News" insinuates that Morris has been doing the work, in the interests of the sealers.

We say the "News" insinuates as much. To insinuate is the very character of the "News." It is too cunning and cowardly to tell the lie openly, for it recognizes that it has not a leg to stand on. It knows that Morris has done in this case, as he has always done—nothing. Nothing whatever, has he done. The fishermen know who has been the cause of the greater price for fat, just as they know who it was that kept up the price of fish last fall. The "News" in its frenzy is now running amuck among the flowers with which Christianity has embellished the garden of Truth. A moral Hun, who recks not of his crime against truth, but whose contorted sense of rectitude sees sin, foul degradation in every glass of wine.

The "News" is drunk with spite and chagrin, because it sees an humble man come to call it and the party it represents to a strict account of its stewardship. It is chagrined to see a lowly man invested with such power, with power enough behind him to drive fish buyers to give better terms, and to drive governments from office. Can it be possible that the "News" is not able to recognize its true position in this matter? Does it really think that its puny, lying voice can prevail? Then indeed its madness is complete. The "News" has been living for long on a reputation that it never really

deserved. People have been wont to refer to it, as a clean paper. Surely it does not deserve that commendation. The paper that in its rightfulness vexation uses terms that are not always polite is regarded by some as a very wicked paper, but the one that defouls the very truth and gives to the many words of many men a garbled interpretation holds up its head, and rolls its virtuous (?) eyes, at the very mention of a very plain English word.

Virtue needs no lying council to defend it, and honest motives are not best served by slanders. Truth serves both, and truth is strong. What is the motive that is behind all this antagonism to Coaker? Is there an honest wish to save the people from some evil which the F. P. U. is going to bring about? We can scarcely think so, for this reason, if no other, that honesty and sincerity do not need to be served by the agents of hell. They cannot be served by such agencies either, for truth and virtue are forever opposed to evil and can never be allies to it. If the "News" was honest it would use honest arguments, it would try to lead the country from the danger which it wants to make people believe threatens it, not by lying and all forms of misrepresentation, but, by laying before the people some sound convincing argument. It would tell us just where the danger lies. It would point out to us its reasons for its antagonism to the F. P. U.

But, can it find any reason apart from its own utterly selfish interests for wishing to destroy the Union? We fear it cannot. Surely it is not a crime to educate the people and to make them understand their power under the free British Constitution. Surely it is not an offense to obtain better prices for fish, seal oil, seal skins, etc., or is it a crime to check the unscrupulous trader who would rob the poor of the country on a pretext of war times. Is it a crime to break salt combines, kerosene oil trusts and to be an obstacle to all plans to fleece the poor. Surely it is not criminal to expose political corruption, and to expose to political power, that we might be able to help the country to a higher plane than it has ever yet attained to.

It is to do those things, to preach and teach those things be a crime, then we must prove guilty. Let the "News" come out. No honest cause can be served by lying, and no fear ever espoused an honest cause yet. By their deeds you shall know them. The "News" distorted report of the Sealer's Meeting, the "News" foul attempt to instill into the minds of the people that, not Coaker but Morris has induced a higher price for seals this Spring, reveal the true character of the "News," not to help the country but to help Morris and his friends, and to try if possible to put a check to the onward march of the F. P. U., that is the aim of the "News," and we repeat, no honest cause, needs lying and vilification to sustain it. Where these are, there is rotteness.

## I. O. O. F.

The attendance at the meeting of Atlantic Lodge No. 1 I. O. O. F. held last night was larger than usual, when the mysteries of the Second Degree were conferred on three candidates by Bro. P. G. W. T. Quick. After the ceremony was over Dr. G. Forbes, of Cabot Lodge, Bonavista, gave an interesting talk on the work of the order at that place, and in addition stated that six members of Cabot Lodge were now with the army and navy.

During the present winter a number of the members of the Atlantic Lodge have formed themselves into a club and engaged the adjoining rooms to the Hall. These rooms have been completely renovated and fitted up in attractive style. A billiard table, piped board, card and gaming tables, minister to the recreative needs, while local and foreign newspapers, with the beginnings of a library minister to the intellectual needs.

Tournaments are now under consideration which it is hoped will be arranged with other city clubs and debates on topics of general interest will begin shortly.

Germany claims to have 1,033,000 prisoners of war. But the trouble about believing that is, that everything is reckoned in millions at present, and we suspect serious mistakes in the arithmetic.—The Casket.

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## IRELAND AND THE IRISH

By JAMES MURPHY

"Through ages of warfare of famine and prison Her voice and her spirit were free. But the longest night ends, and her name is uprising. The sun-burst is red on the sea."

The dawn of a glorious morn, is breaking for Erin, a bright and a happy future is in store for her. The shackles are falling from the land of saints and scholars, and of poets and warriors, the leaden clouds of trouble and turmoil which for centuries had hovered o'er her and which like a funeral pall, enveloped her from Cape Clear to Malin Head, are departing, and o'er long Ireland will see the mist which thinly obscures her progress in the course of freedom meeting with the heat of her rising sun. The faith unfolded by St. Patrick, to the Druid Kings in Tara's sacred mount on that memorable Easter Sunday morning sixteen hundred years ago have hung to the Irish, through prosecution by sword and famine. It is as green and clings as tenaciously to him, as the ivy around the oak. It urns as brightly after sixteen centuries as the beacon fires, which their glorious apostle had lighted on Tara's hill. In every clime the Irish have been praised for their generosity and for their bravery. Love of 'ches is foreign to an Irishman. Sharing with your neighbours and helping them in trouble is the pre-eminence characteristics of the Irish race. Cowardice and meanness are not akin to the Irish. Those attributes found in others have no growth in an Irish heart. They are as far apart as the Toles Irelands' statesmen and orators have been unexcelled. Curran, Burke, Sherridan, Hunt, Flood, Steele, O'Connell and Grattan were intellectual giants.

Thomas Davis says of Grattan:—"No other orator like Grattan, was so uniformly animated, no other orator has brightened the depths of 'solitary philosophy, with such vivacity and lasting light. No writer in the language, except Shakespeare, has so sublime and suggestive a diction. His force and vehemence are amazing. far beyond Chatham, far beyond Fox, far beyond any orator we can recall." My co-religionists know that among the many patriots who have lived and struggled for Ireland's liberty, some of the foremost and most clever were Protestants. Robert Emmett, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Wolfe Tone, the Shears brothers, John Martin, John Mitchell, Smith, O'Brien, and Charles Stewart Parnell were Protestants. From their birth they had imbibed the maxim, that next to love of God, is love of country, and for such a love some of them had given their lives.

Robert Emmett loved Ireland with an unquenchable love. His speech from the dock will live in history while history lives. His last request, ere he walked to the scaffold, to depart from this world was the charity of his silence. He said, "let no man write my epitaph, for as no man who knows my motives, dare now vindicate them. Let not prejudice or ignorance asperse them, let them and me rest in obscurity and peace, and my tomb remain unscrubbed, and my memory in oblivion, until other times and other men, can do justice to my character. When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then and not till then, let my epitaph be written."

The day is not far distant when the martyred Protestant's request will be fulfilled. "All things come to them that wait." The Irish have toiled and prayed and waited for their freedom, and the wisdom of a just God, is bringing it about. To

day millions of Irishmen and their descendants venerate the memory of Robert Emmett. He is enshrined in the hearts of Irishmen under every sky. Ireland has given birth to countless poets, among her most famous are Goldsmith, Swift, Davis, and Moore. Goldsmith's Deserted Village, and his Traveller are epic poems that are known wherever the English language is spoken! Swift's salutes of wit and satire are unrivalled. Thomas, Davis, the only rival of Moore, sang the songs of Irish nationhood, and to the hearts of the poor. "His 'Fontenoy' and 'The Matchless Men of Tipperary' and 'A Nation Once Again' appeal to the finest sentiments of the Celtic nature. The last named poem is being sung today in the Belgian trenches, by Irish soldiers, who are bleeding there at freedom's shrine.



Since England has proffered Home Rule to Ireland. "A nation once again" is the song which holds first place in the Irish heart. Moore's melodies are translated into every tongue. They are sung by all nations. "The Last Rose of Summer," "The Minstrel Boy," "The Meeting at the Waters" and "The Harp that once through Tara's Hall," are some of the brightest jewels in poetry's casket.

Moore's Lallah Rookh, shortly after its composition found its way into Europe and then into Asia Minor. His friend Luttrell, wrote the following exquisite compliment to the poet: "I'm told dear Moore your lays are sung—Can it be true, you luckyman. By moonlight, in the Persian tongue. Along the streets of Ispahan."

Ireland is famous for warriors. The courage of her sons, has saved the day on many a bloodstained battlefield. Four hundred and fifty thousand Irish soldiers fell in the battles of France. At Fontenoy, the Irish brigade, turned the tide of battle in favor of Louis the fifteenth, and it caused George the second of England to exclaim, "Accused by the laws, which deprived me of such subjects." Austria, Spain, Italy and Portugal have felt the warlike spirit of the Irish. Frederick the Great described Lacy, an Irish soldier, as the "Prince Eugene of Russia." To Lacy belongs the credit of having converted the Russians from the worst, into some of the best troops in the world. In 1891, a division of the Russian Army was named after

Lacy. In 1742 when the coronation of the Czarina Anne took place, Lacy rode behind the Imperial carriage throwing gold and silver coins among the populace.

The name of Sarsfield is treasured in the hearts of Irishmen and their descendants, and will be till time shall be no more. Though Sarsfield fell in battle, defending a foreign land, yet his last words as his life-blood streamed from a mortal wound were, "would that this were shed for Ireland." From a poem written by Dan O'Grady, on the death of Sarsfield on the field of Landen, I have copied the following verse:—

"And while old Nephin's pride remains And Mohair's cliffs upstand, The death-words on his lips should speak, Man's duty to his land."

He felt his heart's blood ebbing, In a stranger monarch's strife, "Oh, that this were shed for Ireland, Was his closing wish in life."

England has cause to be proud of Irish heroism. Wellington, Wolsley, Butler, White, Kelly-Kenny, Roberts, Kitchener, Beresford, Beatty and O'Callaghan, all sons of the Emerald Isle. What a galaxy of warriors. What country, more pretentious than Ireland, would not be proud of such heroes.

The beauties of Erin are praised by the inhabitants of every clime. Her loveliness is sung by prince and peasant. Dr. Kipling in his poem "A Rebuke" says:

"Go point me out on any map A match for green Kilbarney, Or Kevin's bed, or Dunlo's gap, Or mystic shades of Blarney."

Or Antrim's caves, or Shannon's waves, Ah, no, I doubt, if ever an isle so fair, Was seen elsewhere, Oh, never! never! never!"

William Makepeace Thackeray, writes in his sketches of Ireland, that her daughters were the most beautiful, the most modest and the most virtuous. Speaking of her sons, he says: "I have met more gentlemen in Ireland than in any other place, I ever saw. Gentlemen of high and low ranks, of a kindly nature, and I wish in England we were a little more."

**COMPLIMENTARY**  
In Dublin a lawyer left his chambers, and a literary man his books to walk the town with me. Would a London man leave his business, to walk to the tower or the park with a stranger. If I have trespassed upon the columns of the Mail and Advocate, I ask forgiveness. I will now finish, and I hope, ere the dawn of another year, that the great war may be ended, and that Ireland may be enjoying Home Rule, and that United at happy and Liberty's shrine "May the Rose, Leets and Thistle, long flourish and twine Round a sprig of a Shamrock and shamrock so green."

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS

- 9 a.m.—B.I.S. Annual Parade.
- Noon—Tasker Lodge Installation A.F. and A.M.
- 2.30 p.m.—Matinee "Shaun Aroon," at Casino. Moving Pictures Nickel and Crescent Theatres.
- 3 p.m.—Tasker Celebration for children, British Hall.
- 3 p.m.—Cowan Mission Entertainment, College Hall.
- 8 p.m.—Irish Night Concert at College Hall, proceeds to get boots for the poor.
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## The Submarine Not New Idea

THE submarine has played a conspicuous part for the first time in the prevailing war, but it should not be forgotten that the invention is centuries old and that its potentiality for destructive offense was practically demonstrated more than fifty years ago. While the submarine idea is old the practical development of it unquestionably belongs to America.

Nearly three hundred years ago a workable submarine was built by Cornelius Van Drebel, a Dutch physician, friend of James I. of England. Van Drebel's boat, launched in 1620, like the submarine of today, was submerged by the admission of water and raised by its expulsion. It was propelled both at the surface and beneath by oars and could carry passengers as well as twelve crewmen. According to contemporary records it could "journey several hours, twelve to fifteen feet below the surface," and on one occasion King James made a trip in it with Van Drebel. However, it does not appear to have been actually tried for the purposes of war.

The first attempt to blow up a ship of war was made in New York Harbor during the Revolution. David Bushnell, a Connecticut Yankee, about 1773 built what he called a turtle ship, because of its form. The body was somewhat turtle shaped, weighted below to keep it in an upright position, with only a conning tower above the surface. It could carry only the man, and its motive power was a small screw operated by a crank.

The method of use was to come alongside the ship and fix a screw into the hull, attach a torpedo to the screw and retire. The torpedo was exploded by clockwork. The attempt was made at night on the British ship Eagle, sixty-four guns, lying off Governors Island. The man in the turtle was not Bushnell but one of his workmen. The hull of the warship proved too hard for the screw, and in trying to set it the operator lost hold of the ship and at the same time of his torpedo. In the dark he could neither find his way back to the ship nor recover the torpedo, which about an hour later exploded not far from the man-of-war, sent up a huge column of water to the consternation of her officers and crew.

In 1801 Robert Fulton built on the Seine a submarine propelled by steam, which he called Nautilus, and which was popularly termed a plunging boat. In July of that year, with three men, he went down twenty-five feet in the harbor of Brest and remained under water for one hour. He afterward blew up a small vessel in Brest Harbor and attempted to blow up a British man-of-war in the offing, but when he was about to attach the torpedo the ship moved off and he was unable to find her again. He offered the submarine to Napoleon, who, apparently not impressed with her utility, decline her.

It remained for the Southerners, in the civil war, to make the first successful use of the submarine. Boats partly and wholly submersible were built during the war at Charleston, Mobile, and elsewhere. They were tried at Hampton Roads, but with more notable effect at and about Charleston.

The New Ironsides, of the blockading fleet, was twice torpedoed and damaged, though not sunk, by partly submersible boats. The new ship Housatonic was torpedoed and sunk a few months later by a submersible boat. The Minnesota, at Newport News, and the Memphis in the North Edisto inlet, about fifty miles south of Charleston, were also damaged, though not sunk, by partly submersible boats. The Confederate ram Albemarle was torpedoed and sunk at her moorings off Plymouth, N.C., by Lieutenant, afterward Commander, William Baker Cushing, U.S.N., on the night of Oct. 27, 1864, but it does not appear that he used a submarine for the purpose.

The sinking of the Housatonic was the first effective use of the submarine in warfare, and is therefore worthy of more than a passing notice, more especially as the submarine herself was also a victim of the exploit. That boat, whose name, if it had one, has not been preserved, had a tragic history before she went to her doom under the Housatonic. In her trial trips she went three times to the bottom and drowned more than thirty men. She was designed by Horace L. Hundley, who was drowned on one of her experimental trips. Lieut. F. M. Barber, U.S.N., writes:

"Of the submarine which destroyed the Housatonic, I have been able to obtain but a limited description. It was built of boiler iron, was about thirty-five feet long, and was manned by a crew of nine men, eight of whom worked the propeller by hand, while the remaining man steered the boat and regulated its movements beneath the surface. She could be submerged at plea-

sure to any desired depth, or could be propelled on the surface, and in smooth water she could be exactly controlled: the speed being about four knots, while the length of time under water without inconvenience to the crew was half an hour.

"It was intended that she should approach any vessel lying at anchor, pass under the keel, and drag a floating torpedo after her, which would explode on striking the bottom of the ship attacked. This, however, was not the manner in which she attacked the Housatonic. The torpedo was then attached to the bow of the boat, and from the shock of the explosion she probably tilted, as she was found by the diver after the close of the war lying on the sand with her bow pointing in the direction of the hole in the ship's side which the torpedo had made.

"It is probable, too, from the fact of her being in sight from the deck of the Housatonic for some two minutes before the explosion, that on this occasion she was merely used as an ordinary cigar boat, and no attempt was made to submerge her at all."

That has been the generally accepted, though erroneous, account of the action of this boat, but before proceeding to show how she was actually operated a brief description of her previous trials given by an English writer, Alan H. Burgoyne, F.R.G.S., may be noted:

"It was first manned by Lieut. Paine, (U.S.N.) and eight volunteers, but whilst cruising in front of Charleston the wash of a passing steamer upset the equilibrium and all except Paine perished, and he only escaped because at the moment he happened to be looking out of one of the manholes. The vessel was raised and repaired, and again Lieut. Paine took command, but while lying off Fort Sumter it sank for the second time, Lieut. Paine and two men managing to escape."

"Paine had had enough after this second adventure, but Anley (Huntley), one of the constructors of the boat, willing took command, and with eight volunteers started on a trip up Cooper River. They had not proceeded very far when, for some unknown reason, it sank in very deep water, all nine of her crew being drowned."

"Yet again it was raised, this time to be taken against the Housatonic by Lieut. Dixon, of the Twenty-first Regiment. The persistence with which this vessel was repeatedly raised and utilized, and the stolid indifference to the retrospect of disaster, speaks volumes for the indomitable pluck and heroism of the Confederate sailors, and the splendid valor they displayed in fighting for their cause, and for a regime that was fated to perish."

After the war a contractor named Mallefert, who had done some Government work in Hell Gate, and who called himself "professor," was employed to raise the wrecks at the entrance to Charleston Harbor. The raising of the Housatonic occurred in June or July, 1872. The Housatonic was sunk on the night of Feb. 17, 1864, and, though the submarine was seen from her decks a few minutes before the explosion she was not seen afterwards, so the fate of the latter remained a mystery until the wreck was raised. Then she was found hanging to the rudder chains of the ship.

It was apparent, therefore, that the boat, actually used as a submarine, had passed under the bottom of the ship towing the torpedo, and, seeing escape aft, ran afoul of the rudder chains to be carried down by the hulk.

While this and others of that period were propelled by hand power, it is worthy of note that a man named Aitist is said to have built a submarine at Mobile in 1863, to be propelled by both steam and electricity, but it does not appear to have accomplished anything. A peculiar fact, showing the biblical influences prevailing in the South at that time, is that all these submarines and partly submersible boats were called "avid," with the idea that they would slay the Goliaths of the blockading fleets.

It has been generally held they did not accomplish much, but as Commander M. F. Senter of the Royal Navy pertinently remarks, the total destruction of one ship of war and more or less serious injury of three others is a record not to be despised, and no doubt exercised a deterrent influence on the action of the Federal Navy.

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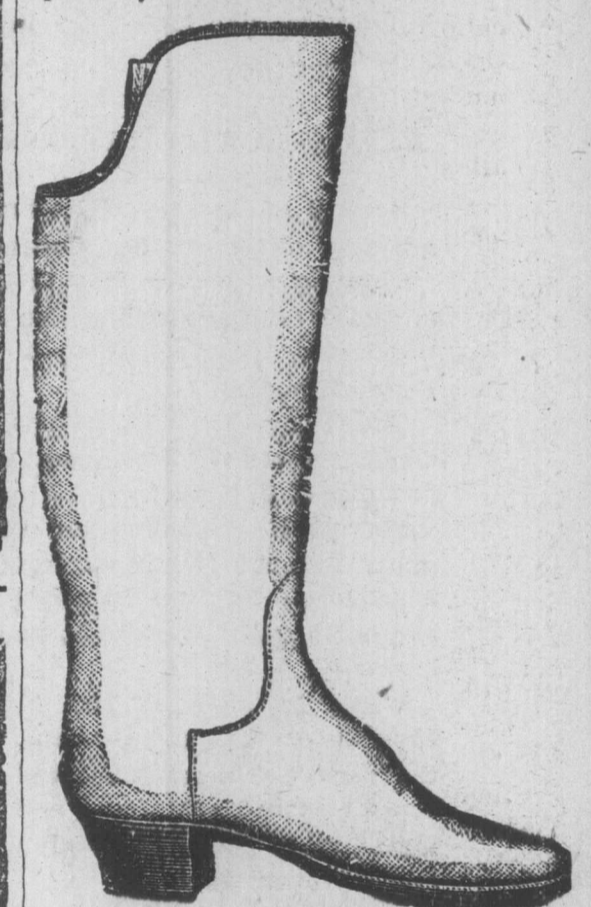
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## PRESENTATION

Mr. Herbert Parsons, of the Parcel Post Department, and who is going to England with the third contingent of our Regiment, was presented with a pocket-book and address yesterday afternoon, the pleasing event taking place in the Parcel Post Department.

Mr. John W. Kinsella, Supt. of the Department, read the Address and made the presentation, to which Mr. Parsons made a suitable reply. The Address reads as follows:—

Address.

"Dear Mr. Parsons,—We the officials of the Parcel Post Dept. cannot let you, our late colleague, depart on your manly and honourable mission, without presenting you with some little token of our good will, and admiration for the admirable step you are about to take.

"We feel no little pride, to find, that you are the second volunteer, from our small staff, to leave the branch of His Majesty's service to join a more noble and exalted one—for what can be more heroic, or honorable, than voluntarily going forth, in defence of that Country and Flag—we all love most and best.

"We will but pray and look forward to your home coming—and we will also pray, that God may make it a bright and victorious one—one of gladness and joy to your home, of success and pride to your country, and further Honour to your King.

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## B.I.S. PARADE

The B.I.S. expect to have a large turnout in their parade to-morrow. The usual visits to the Governor, at the Palace and to St. Patrick's, will be made, and the Society will attend last Mass at the Cathedral, where Fr. Cox will preach the Paschal message. A feature of the procession will be the attendance of some fifty of our Volunteers, who have been invited to join the body en route.

## THE "CORNWALLIS"

Several of our Naval Reserve men are now on board the "Cornwallis." This big battleship is with the line of attack now bombarding the forts of the Dardanelles to force a way to Constantinople.

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Willie Joy, son of Mr. S. Joy, of New Gower St., and perhaps, one of the youngest of our Reservists, is on board this battleship, and will have a big story to relate to us all when he reaches home again.

## LARGE GATHERING AT PARADE RINK

A large gathering assembled at the Parade Rink last night to witness the skating and flat races advertised.

The Championship Race of 3 miles between Squires and Hackett was well contested and won by Squires, who still holds the belt. The time was 13 min. 29 secs. This was very slow, the ice being very poor, and through some bungling an extra lap having been skated.

Evans won the All Comers' Race, with Chaney second, the latter, who runs Evans close all through, falling near the finish. Time 12 min. 29 secs.

The One Mile Race, with spiked shoes, a novelty feature, was won by our Marathon champion Jack Kavanagh, with C. Kavanagh second. The time for this race, 5 min. 52 secs. was very good considering conditions.

Gold and silver medals were awarded by the Rink Management in the All Comers' and One Mile run.

Mr. N. J. Vinnicombe acted as starter, and W. Meehan as timekeeper. Another race for the Championship is spoken of between Hackett and Squires.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN 1887

St. Patrick's Day, 1887, was an eventful one for the town of Bonavista. There was great excitement, for seals in large numbers were seen near the land.

Men, women and children, with the assistance of their dogs, secured two thousand, five hundred seals.

Great was the activity of the people of all classes, as they toiled to secure the rich harvest so providentially brought to their doors. Seals were plentiful in the harbor of Bonavista on the fourteenth, even in among the wharves.

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## ENLISTED

22 names were placed on the Volunteer Roll last night, which is the largest number to be enrolled for some weeks. The list now has reached the splendid patriotic showing of 1333 names. The young men who joined last night are:—

Riverhead, Bay of Islands—Geo. Lawrence;  
Curling—Jas. R. Bazgs;  
Goulds, Bay Bulls Road—Wm. Cox;  
English Hr., T.B.—Hesekiah Penny;  
Bonavista—John Ryder, Robt. Little;  
Salvage, B.B.—Robt. Wills;  
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Topsail—Walter Lidstone;  
Bishop's Falls—Edmond Osbourne;  
Upper Island Cove—Geo. Dobbin;  
Harbor Grace—Jno. O'Neill, Lawrence Griffin, Frank Taylor, Jos. Doyle, Jas. Quirk.

## LOCAL ITEMS

The Roanoke is set down to leave Liverpool on Thursday next for this port.

The tenders out for the refloating of the Desola have not yet been accepted.

A local express from Basques is due to arrive to-morrow with mail and passengers.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Club takes place this evening in the Temple at 8 o'clock.

At the matinee of "Shaun Aron" specialties will be given by the Christian Brothers' boys.

Some friction has existed the last couple of days between the Firemen's Union and the stokers of the Sagona, but which has since been mutually settled.

A public service for Methodist Volunteers in the army and navy will be held at Gower St. Church this evening commencing at 8 o'clock, and a hearty invitation is extended to all.

The Sagona, which is to take the place of the Bruce in the Gulf service whilst the latter is being repaired, has been held up in the harbor for the last 24 hours awaiting clear water to get away to Basques.

The schr. Nellie Louise has arrived at North Hr. according to a late message to her owner. The ship was some 60 days on her passage from Pernambuco, and was three weeks off our coast.

Messrs. A. S. Rendell & Co. have received a message from Placentia, saying that the Dunure has arrive there from Bahia. Doubtless some other from Bahia.

The Nova Scotia and Dominion Iron and Steel Cos. have chartered several steamers to be used in their business the coming summer. Those companies both at Sydney and Bell Island are looking forward to the "something doing" period and when hundreds of men will be enabled to secure employment.

This is the age of specialties and the "Irish boys" know it. With this information at hand they are introducing as a pleasing feature of their drama to be put on to-morrow night several specialties, the artists being Miss Mary Ryan and Messrs. T. H. O'Neill, P. F. Moore and A. P. Cameron. Watch 'em.

Telegraph poles are now being put in position along Waterford Bridge Road in connection with the Marconi towers to be erected near Mount Pearl. Yesterday a number of workmen commenced the foundation of the two big Marconi poles, and it is expected that next week the work of placing the sections of the building in place will be attended to.

Much sympathy is felt all over the city for the family of Mr. S. O. Steele, because of the death of their son (Dr. Steele), a promising native dental surgeon, who passed away yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele have two sons in the Nfld. Regiment, one—Sergt. Owen Steele, being at Edinburgh Castle and other (Corporal James Steele) now getting ready to go with the third contingent.

## ABSENT ONCE IN FORTY YEARS

A memorable incident connected with the Tasker Celebration for children to-morrow in the British Hall is that of Professor James Power furnishing the music for the occasion, and only having been absent from the Celebration once in forty years.

## CARD TOURNEY

Over a hundred players took a hand in the card tourney which was held in the Star Rooms last evening, and the games were most enjoyable. The prizes, coal, biscuits and tobacco were won by Messrs. Hennessey, Lynch and Murphy.

Messrs. Thos. Wall, W. E. Bearn and Geo. Trainor kindly donated the prizes.

Last night's game closed the series for the season, and the programme throughout has been very pleasing. Next Thursday night Mr. M. H. Divine will give a lecture on the subject of the "Black Bay Bugle" (which sounds humorously promising) and on Monday of Holy week Fr. Cox is to lecture in the Star Hall on "A Jesuit in the Making."

## THE NICKEL

The Nickel people have prepared a St. Patrick's Day programme for to-morrow, which is going to delight everybody. The show at the Nickel is always good and everybody knows it, so the announcement that to-morrow's repertoire is a very special one will bespeak "great things."

## SHIPPING

The Stephano is due to-morrow afternoon.

The Gaspe arrived at Barbadoes on the 13th inst.

The Dorothy Baird is held up at Barin owing to ice conditions.

## PERSONALS

Constable Spubb, of Channon, returned to his station by to-day's train.

Mr. E. J. Hoskins, travelling auditor with the R. N. Co., went out by this morning's train.

Chief Petty officer Lloyd will go over with the Reservists on the Stephano on Saturday. He will, however, return to St. John's again.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Another batch of workmen went out by train this morning to commence work on the new Marconi station at Mt. Pearl.

The local train via Brigus arrived at 12.20 this afternoon. One or two Volunteers came along by her and will report for duty this afternoon.

The dry dock is now clear, the Prospero having come off the stocks last evening. The next steamer to go on will probably be the Bruce.

There will be a card tourney to-night in the British Hall, when a half ton of coal and a sack of potatoes will be played for. Everybody is welcome to take a hand in.

Several cases of petty thieving have occurred in the West End the last couple of weeks, and the police are kept busy following up the evasive clues presented.

By last evening and this morning's trains a large number of trout were left for nearby ponds, where they will pass the morrow in company with the fancy tribe, and a reflective hot water bottle filled with liquid.

The police officer, who was arrested on Saturday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly, has been suspended for a while awaiting consideration of his report. He will probably be dismissed from the service.

A man named Bennett was slightly injured at the dock premises this forenoon. He was removing a large piece of iron from the machine shop when it fell on his foot, causing him much pain for a few minutes. First aid was rendered at the Dock Office.

## Dr. Jones Accepts Call To St. Thomas's

Mr. Frank Rendell, who is churchwarden at St. Thomas', received a cable yesterday from the Rev. Dr. Jones, now at New York, and who has been appointed to the Rectorship vacated by the death of the lamented Rev. G. R. Godden. The message reads: "Greatly appreciate the honour of election. Arrive at St. John's the middle of April."

Mr. M. A. Devine will lecture in the Star Club Rooms on Thursday at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "Some Clip-pings from the Back Bay Bugle." Admission 10 cents. Everybody welcome.—mar16/18

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## HIS EXCELLENCY ACKNOWLEDGES KEAN'S ARREST PETITIONS

Government House, St. John's, N.F., 6 March, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
Sir,—In connection with my letters of acknowledgment dated the 3rd instant in reply to your letter forwarding Petitions from certain settlements, I have the honour to return herewith three petitions addressed to the Honourable House of Assembly which, I presume, were inadvertently enclosed.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

Government House, St. John's, N.F., 6 March, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing Petitions from Cavendish, Hare Bay, B.B., Portland, Freshwater, B.D.V., Port Rexton, Ochre Pit Cove, and New Pelican, T.B.

I have forwarded these Petitions to my Ministers for consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

Government House, St. John's, N.F., 6 March, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
Your letter of even date enclosing Petitions from English Harbor, Little Heart's Ease, St. Jones Within, Trinity East, Burnt Point, Spaniard's Bay, Catalina, and Hillview, has been received.

I have forwarded these Petitions to my Ministers for consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

Government House, St. John's, N.F., 8 March, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of even date, forwarding Petitions from Keels, British Harbour, Exploits, Trinity, Elliston, Amherst Cove, Jamestown, Newman's Cove, New Bonaventure, and Champneys.

I have forwarded these Petitions to my Ministers for consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

Government House, St. John's, N.F., March 9th, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date forwarding Petitions received from Job's Cove, Port Blanford, Grate's Cove, Ba yde Verde, Middle Brook, Gambo, Northern Bay, Kitchues and Bacon Cove, and Rattling Brook.

I have forwarded these Petitions to my Ministers for consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

Government House, St. John's, N.F., 12 March, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date forwarding Petitions received from Bonavista, Hickman's Harbour, Shambler's and Loo Cove, King's Cove, Wood's Harbour, Hodge's Cove, Badger's Quay, St. Brendan's, Fair Island, Brigus, Brookfield, Safe Harbour, Wesleyville, Lower Island Cove, Bay Roberts, New Chelsea, Winterton, Colliers, Broad Cove, Burgoyne's Cove, South Shore, Hr. Main, Stanhope, and Snook's Harbour.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

Government House, St. John's, N.F., 13 March, 1915.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., Secretary, F.P.U.  
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant forwarding Petitions received from Caplin Cove, B.D.V., Penguin Arm, Chapel Cove and Harbour Main, Plate Cove, Channel, Red Head Cove, Greenspond, Red Cliffe, Pool's Island, Bryant's Cove, Newtown, Riverhead, St. Mary's, Holyrood and Curling.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

## TASKER CELEBRATION

The Annual Celebration for the Children of Masons will be held on

Wed., 17th inst., in the British Hall

Doors open at 2.30 p.m. Tickets 50 cents, to be obtained from the members of the Committee and from

J. W. McNeily, Hon. Sec. A. E. WRIGHT, Chairman.

## SEALING NEWS

Messages received this morning at Marine and Fisheries Department:—  
Twillingate—East by South, fine; Bay full of ice; weather under shore 50 to 60 hoods and harp seals shot yesterday.

Change Islands—Wind S.W., fair; ice moved off. Ten old harps killed here yesterday.

LaSce—Light South wind, weather dull. Seals within 2 miles of shore; about 500 old and young landed yesterday, appears to be South West end of seals and Easterly from the Cape, believed to be main patch of seals.

Port aux Basques—Wind W.S.W., strong, dull; no ice. Sealing steamer Erik arrived last night and sailed at 7 o'clock this morning.

From "Naseopic" March 16, 1915.  
Monday evening, our position now as follows:—20 miles S. E. Cabot Island, made 45 miles to-day, wind S. by E., tight light ice, as far as can be seen, very heavy. All the hips are in sight except Neptune, Bloodhound, position of Neptune on Monday afternoon off Elliston, making poor progress. Bloodhound off centre Trinity. Just passed one amily Hoods, all well. Just boarded Beothic, Capt very sick acute rheumatism, fear probably prolonged, receiving every attention both doctors, Sambob in charge. Unable connect Fogo before. (Sgd.) JOB.

## SHIPPING NEWS

Steamers Bruce, Glencoe and Home are still ice bound at Trepassay.

Ethic left Placentia at 4 o'clock this morning for western ports.

The S.S. Meigle left Port aux Basques at 1.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Stephena left Halifax at 3 o'clock yesterday and is due here to-morrow forenoon, ice permitting.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.45 this a.m. Her express is due into the city to-morrow afternoon.

The Sagona left at 7 and the Portia at 10 o'clock this morning in an effort to get west.

## NOT YET DECIDED

The fact that Captain O'Brien and the other officers are not on the Stephano, which is due to-morrow, has somewhat altered the plans of the Volunteer Committee, and they are not now decided if the boys will go on Saturday or not.

It is not however improbable that the contingent will be held over for another week, though possibly the lads may sail by the Stephano on Saturday, and connect with Captain O'Brien at Halifax. Some 60 of the Reservists are set down to go at the same time.

## PERSONALS

Mr. John Flynn, cooper, of Boncloddy St. was taken to the Hospital yesterday and was operated on at once for appendicitis.

Edward Chafe, 11 years of age, was removed from the General Fever Hospital yesterday, having developed diphtheria.

Whilst it has not been officially announced that the third contingent of Volunteers are going by the Stephano, it is rumored that they have to connect at Halifax with the Guard liner Orduna, due at Halifax on the 22nd inst. as transport ship for our soldiers and sailors going to the front.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)  
Moderate to fresh winds mostly South and East, mostly fair to-day and on Wednesday.

Roper's (noon)  
Bar. 29.30; ther. 39.

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