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SIBERIANS CHASE TURKS OVER SNOW-CLAD HILLS; ALLIES BRAVE THE FLOODS

Turks Reported to be Surrendering in Thousands to the Hardy Russians—Lull in Galicia

RUSSIANS MARCH INTO HUNGARY

French in Alsace Moving Into German Territory—British Produce Rival of Big German Gun

London, Jan. 8.—The winter storms and floods, while they have put an end to any military operations of a large scale, have not been able to prevent Armies east and west from pursuing the offensive at isolated points along the two extended fronts.

In the snow covered hills of Caucasus the hardy Siberians are searching out the routed Turks, who are reported to be surrendering by thousands, while in Flanders, which is virtually all under water, the Allies assert that they have found it possible to make some headway.

Lull in Poland.

Only in Poland, where Field Marshal Von Hindenberg's offensive is held up on the banks of the rivers which flow in between him and Warsaw; and Galicia, where the Russians have been compelled to call a halt to their advance, does there seem to be almost an entire lull in the fighting.

The Russians continue their forward movement in the Carpathians, and in Bukowina, while in France infantry attacks have been made in many points, followed by artillery engagements and sapping and mining operations.

The French have advanced a few yards in the vicinity of Rheims, but were compelled to give ground in the Argonne as a result of the Germans having mined some of their first line of trenches.

Getting Into Germany

With the reports of progress by the French in Alsace, which is being strenuously opposed by the Germans, the names of some German places are beginning to appear. Official communications seem to indicate that the advance, although slow is still being made.

Viscount Haldane, the British Lord High Chancellor in the House of Lords, made the interesting announcement that British experts are busy producing satisfactory equivalents to the German 42 centimeter gun, which did such execution against the Belgian fortresses at the beginning of the war.

Cardinal Mercier's Case

The reported arrest of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, continues to attract widespread attention. The Germans explain that he was not arrested, but that he was requested to refrain from inciting the populace in Belgium.

The Dutch newspaper which first published the report of the Cardinal's arrest insists however, on the correctness of its correspondent's statement, and says that even now Cardinal Mercier is not permitted to leave Malines.

Premier Viviani Loses His Son

He Was Killed on the Field of Battle At Cussigny.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Premier and Madame Viviani of France have received official confirmation of the reported death of their youngest son, on the field of battle.

He fell on August 22nd, at Cussigny.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair and a little colder tonight and on Sunday.

Have Agreed To Help Allies In The War

Italy and Roumania Reported to Have Reached Understanding—Latter Mobilising 750,000 Men.

London, Jan. 8.—From Paris comes the report that Roumania and Italy have reached an agreement to enter the war simultaneously.

London, Jan. 8.—The Morning Post's Bucharest correspondent says: "Roumania is mobilising 750,000 men, of which number half a million forms its field army. Roumania will strike, even should Italy decide not to enter the war."

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Roumanian mobilisation will begin in the last week of January, according to The Petit Parisien, by the calling out of 130,000 men. Mobilisation will be continued until 600,000 men are ready for the field.

RUSSIANS 'STAND PAT'

Oppose Stubborn Defence to the Desperate German Attacks in Poland—Elsewhere Make Rapid Progress

Petrograd, Jan. 9.—An official communication given out by the General Staff last night says that on the left bank of the Vistula front, at the villages of Soukha, Netarie and Mogsley, fighting has assumed a character more and more desperate.

The Germans, notwithstanding the great losses they have sustained, continue obstinate attacks at different points and in many places the enemy succeeded in occupying provisionally, our advanced trenches, but our vigorous counter-attacks, followed ordinarily by bayonet charges, compelled the Germans to let go their hold.

Drove Away Enemy

Thus, in the region of Metarie and Mogsley, on Jan. 7th, we drove away the enemy who rushed our advanced trenches, capturing seven officers and more than one hundred men.

In Bukowina, on Jan. 6th, Kimpoung (in Bukowina near the Hungarian border), after an advance and fighting lasting eight days.

Our troops during this fighting covered more than eighty miles and finally crossed the mountain chain at the frontier between Bukowina and Hungary. During these operations we captured more than one thousand Austrians and also took rich spoils of war.

Chased Turk Ships

On the Black Sea, Jan. 3, our torpedo boats discovered a Turkish cruiser on the Medjidie type followed by a transport sailing east and approaching Sinope on the North Coast of Asia Minor.

Seeing themselves pursued, the Turkish vessels turned West in flight. We followed and sank the transport. The cruiser escaped.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER 'NORD' AFTER SEALS

The Norwegian steamer Nord has arrived at North Sydney, and it is learned that she will engage in the Newfoundland sealing industry, says The Sydney Record.

It is stated that she will shortly proceed to Port au Basques where she will lay up until it is time to go into the ice field.

Schr. J. D. Hazen is loading salt bulk fish at St. Jacques for Gloucester.

Schr. Hilda R. left Hr. Grace this morning for Gibraltar with 4000 qts. Labrador fish, shipped by R. McRae.

Conscription Unnecessary, Says a High War Official In The House of Lords

"We Have Every Reason to be Satisfied With the Rate at Which Men Are Coming Into the Army," Stated Baron Lucas, British Under-Secretary of State for War—Earl Kitchener Quite Satisfied With the Numbers Offering

STATISTICS OF NUMBER OF RECRUITS WITHHELD FOR MILITARY REASONS

Viscount Haldane, High Chancellor, Sees no Reason at Present for Compulsory Military Service—Says That Although, at the Beginning of War, the Allies Were Behind in the Matter of Big Guns, They Have Since Rectified This

London, Jan. 8.—"We have every reason to be satisfied with the rate at which men are coming into the army but nothing will be drawn from me as to the numbers recruited, for the reason that the value of such figures to the enemy would be enormous," said Baron Lucas, Under Secretary of State for War, speaking for the Government in the House of Lords today.

"We know Germany is raising a large number of new troops outside the usual military organisations, from a part of her population not usually trained to arms. No information could be of greater value to us than to have the details concerning the progress of that work and how many men they are getting and training. The number they have or wish to have would be information of the highest military importance to the Allies."

Kitchener Satisfied. Baron Lucas added that Earl Kitchener, Secretary for War, was satisfied with the rate at which recruiting was proceeding, because he was able to supply equipment at a rate commensurate therewith. No troops fit to go to the front were being kept back owing to lack of equipment.

Dealing with Viscount Middleton's charge concerning the inequality of the burden on different parts of the country, resulting from the present system of recruiting, Lucas said he thought this was inevitable, but he pointed out that under the voluntary system the country was avoiding the enormous dislocation of industry which followed the mobilisation of the great conscript armies of the Continent.

The Big Task. Earl Seiborne said he doubted if the Government had impressed the nation with the task the country is facing. The first task of the British army was to turn the Germans out of Belgium, and if the full significance of this task were realised, it would have a powerful effect on recruiting.

Austrian Peace Proposals To Russia And To Servia?

RUMORS that Austria is seeking to make terms with Servia and Russia so that she may withdraw from the fighting and leave it to Germany to carry on the war with the assistance of Turkey are regularly denied.

No matter how strong the evidence may be of Austria's desire to quit, we must rest assured that no official whisper of peace will come from her until peace terms have been agreed upon.

'For Austria to admit that she is tired of the war before she has definitely accepted any terms that may be offered her would be madness. That she is tired of it, that the country is divided, and that there is no single party in the empire that desires the continuance of the struggle is indicated by many signs.

A correspondent of an American newspaper at Vienna, succeeded in having a letter smuggled out of the country by way of Italy a month ago. He says that a revolt of the people is likely, and if it was likely toward the end of November it must be much more likely now, for in the past month Austria has suffered the most humiliating repulse of the war at Belgrade.

A Discredited Censorship. In no country is the press censorship so strict as in Austria. Very slowly are the people finding out how the war is going, but if they do not know the worst that has happened, and how utterly hopeless it is for the Germanic allies to win, they know enough to distrust the official bulletins.

The statements of the War Office are invariably incomplete. They record nothing decisive either for Austria or against her, but deal chiefly in prophecies of future victories.

Like all other peoples, the Austrians have faith in their own prowess as fighting men, and so they find the explanation for their failure to win decisive victories in the incompetence of their generals. Auffen-

burg is in disgrace, and von Brudermann, who commanded the cavalry at Lemberg, is insane. General Weydowsky, who served under him, is reported to have committed suicide.

Austria Not Ready For War. The generals are blamed not only for defeats in the field, but for their failure in time of peace to have Austria ready for war. The truth seems to be that the Austrian army, which was supposed to be the second most formidable in Europe, and ready for a 'errific struggle' against a great power than was France in 1870.

The commissariat broke down. On one occasion, in Galicia, where a brigade advanced in the front of the main army it was without food for five days. The soldiers ate raw vegetables, and this diet is blamed for the epidemic of cholera.

Arms and clothing are lacking. In Vienna alone it is said that there are 32,000 highly trained soldiers who cannot be sent to the front because they are without equipment. On the streets obsolete swords and rifles are seen in the hands of reservists, who have supplied themselves with clothing from the pawnshops.

The Mayor of Vienna is reported to have confided to a friend that in February the city's supply of food will be exhausted.

Hated For Italy. Just as in Germany the hatred of the people is concentrated upon one of the enemies, so it is in Austria. In Germany it is Britain that is hated. In Austria it is Italy.

The Austrians call the British and the French merely "dogs"; but they call the Italians "pig-dogs." All the Italians in Austria are watched more closely than French, Russian and British subjects, and there is a common saying that the Italians who do not feel Austrians ought to be hanged.

More than once open threats have been made that if Germany and Austria win this war Austria will at once fall upon Italy.

There is a great rage at the failure of the Austrians who have been recruited in the former Italian provinces on the Adriatic to distinguish themselves. It is admitted that many of these soldiers have held up their hands so that they might be wounded by the Russians and sent home.

Once home they steal across the border into Italy, and confide their experiences to the Italian newspapers, thus increasing the anti-Austrian feeling in Italy, and the anti-Italian feeling in Austria.

Czechs Won't Fight. But among other elements of the population there is a strong disposition to refuse to fight hard for Austria. It pervades the Czechs to such an extent that up to a month ago not a single Czech commander or regiment had been honorably mentioned in despatches.

In Bohemia the prisons are full of people whose loyalty to Austria is doubted. In Bosnia and Dalmatia the sentiments of the people are such that the Austrian Government will not run a train that does not carry several hostages, Austrian citizens.

In Dalmatia the surveillance of the people is so severe that they have said they would welcome any foreign army.

HARCOURT.

Viscount Haldane, High Chancellor, replied on behalf of the Government. He agreed with Seiborne's estimate of the gravity of the crisis. He said he was one of those who had hoped the more peaceful party in Germany might prevail, but also was aware of the danger to be expected from the military notions which had laid hold of the mind of the German people.

Opposes Conscription. While at the War Office he had set himself, during years of peace, to military organisation capable of expansion, if necessary. As to the suggestion of compulsory service, he said he thought this was a bad thing, although in a time of national necessity it might be necessary to resort thereto. That time, however, had not yet come, and the Government could not adopt such a system without the gravest consideration.

Referring to some of the technical problems of the war, Haldane remarked that the Allies, at an early period in the fighting, had been behind in respect to big guns. This condition has since been rectified, he declared.

Victory Must Be Complete. "We are fighting for nothing less than the life of the nation," the Chancellor said, "in circumstances which makes it the duty of every man to put everything he possesses and values most in the scale for success. No victory can be sufficient which does not preclude the recurrence of the situation in which we are now. The task is an enormous one, and it varies in the case of each of the Allies, but on its rests the burden which is larger than that of either France or Russia, the burden of keeping command of the seas."

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GOVERNMENT LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS PRAISES IRISH LOYALTY

German Invasion Certain

So Says the Earl of Derby Who Declares Invaders Will be Destroyed.

London, Jan. 9.—The Earl of Derby in a speech at Liverpool last night said he believed a raid by Germany on Great Britain on a comparatively large scale was likely.

He thought the enemy would land in this country but would be defeated and destroyed. Nevertheless the raid would certainly come.

I. G. SULLIVAN GETS A MEDAL

Congratulations to our Chief of Police Sullivan who is recorded in the New Year honors list as the recipient of the King's Police Medal.

Inspector General Sullivan has been connected with the police force for 44 years and worked his way from private to the head of the department.

HUNGARY INVADED

Russians Cross the Carpathians and Rout Austrians in Transylvania—Drive the Enemy From Bukowina

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Russians have entered Transylvania, telegraphs the Petragrad correspondent of The Matin. The Austrians have hastily evacuated the whole of Bukowina, he adds, leaving open new roads for the Russian troops into the Hungarian provinces particularly in the direction of the city of Maramarosziget, capital of the county of Maramaros, at the foot of the Carpathians.

Transylvania is an Austrian province in the South-East of Hungary and bordering on both Russia and Roumania, while Bukowina is to the east of the Carpathians in the South of the Austrian territory of Galicia.

The Russians thus appear to be cleaning up Austrian territory both East and West of the Carpathian mountains, which divide Hungary from the Austrian Galicia and also from Russia and Roumania.

Officers Blamed For Losing Ship

Certificates of the Captain and Two Other Officers Suspended.

Yarmouth, N.S., Jan. 8.—The Court of Enquiry into the stranding of the British steamer Navara, completed its work this afternoon.

The Court suspended the certificate of the master, Robert Milliken, for ten months; 2nd officer Alexander, for six months; Chief Officer Miller, a master's certificate for three months.

Herring Vessels Leave For Home

Schr. Afkona has left Woods Island with 672 bbls. herring for Canningham and Thompson, Gloucester.

Schr. Clinton has left with 200 bbls. for W. H. Jordan.

Schr. Bohemia is still at North Arm and hopes to load to-day; herring are plentiful there.

Even in those districts where loyalty to the Austro-Hungarian Empire was based upon racial jealousies, it is fast disappearing.

If the account given by the correspondent is an accurate summary of sentiment in Austria, there is reason to believe that in spite of official denials Austria is seeking feverishly for an excuse to lay down her arms, leaving Germany to continue the fight alone.

S.S. Abisko sailed again yesterday afternoon.

Schr. Coronation, 4 days from Halifax, has arrived to W. A. Munn with general cargo.

Ireland, He Said, is Doing Her Full Share in the War and Recruiting is Going on There Satisfactorily

IRISH REGIMENTS ALL AT THE FRONT

And Are Receiving Regular Drafts From the Emerald Isle—Britain Careful To Keep Important Industries Going

London, Jan. 9.—The House of Lords has adjourned until Feb. 2, when Parliament will re-assemble.

The Opposition was not very successful in securing from the Government information on the growth of the Army or on the operations of the Navy, regarding which its members persistently questioned the Ministers, but, generally speaking, the Government expressed satisfaction at the rate at which recruiting was proceeding and Viscount Haldane declared that the necessity for compulsory service had not arisen.

The Lord Chancellor also announced that experts in Britain were producing a gun which, at least, was the equal of one of the German 42-centimetre guns.

Ireland Doing Her Share.

Unionist peers, who criticised Ireland's reply to the call to arms, were told that Ireland was doing her full share in the war.

"I am glad," the Chancellor said, "there has been an appreciation of the obligation the Allies are under to the Navy for establishing that remarkable control of the sea which, with comparative little loss to our commerce and supplies, has enabled us to use the Navy to carry on operations which otherwise would have been impossible."

The Marquis of Crewe, the Government leader in the House of Lords, replying to a criticism with regard to recruiting in Ireland and to the statement, by Lord Middleton, that desertions and discharges in Ireland were quit phenomenal, said recruiting there was going on to the satisfaction of the War Office.

In addition to this fact regular drafts had been supplied for Irish regiments, and every Irish infantry regiment in army was now at the front.

Divisions in political opinions in Ireland, the Marquis said, admittedly had made the recruiting problem a difficult one. There were in Ireland, he added, a number of revolutionary Irishmen who were vocal out of all proportion to their influence.

Traitorous Casement.

The Marquis declared that he had received no particular information concerning the movements of Sir Roger Casement, who was reported to have proposed an alliance, between Germany, Ireland and America, to the Berlin Government, but if Sir Roger had done what he was reported to have done, the Marquis said his conduct ought to be followed by severe penalties.

War Changes Situation.

Dealing with the question of the Irish Volunteers the Marquis said the veto which was placed on the Irish Volunteer force by the Home Rule Bill undoubtedly would not survive the changed state of things that would follow the war.

"Asked whether Great Britain had promised the Allies to resort to universal service in case of necessity, the Marquis of Crewe said he could make no statement on that subject. It must be remembered, he added, that the end of the war might depend on economic factors as well as military ones, and that it might be better, therefore, to keep certain industries fully occupied than to send a few thousand extra men into the field.

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Heroes Who Have Won Renown

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**Hero's Body as Shield.**  
Lord Raglan, Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, speaking in Douglas recently, said that when his son, Mr. Wellesley Somerset, who is a lieutenant in the Welsh Regiment, was seriously wounded during recent fighting in Belgium, a private soldier of the regiment first bound up the wound cleverly, and then remarked, "They shall not hit you again, sir." The private lay down in front of his wounded officer, effectually interposing his own body as a protection against the enemy's fire.

**A Gallant Peer.**  
A brave deed by Lord Innes-Ker is thus described by Private F. Sainsbury, of the 13th Hussars: "One of our fellows got hit in the back and came off, also the captain (Lord Innes-Ker), his horse being shot. His leadership promptly cut off his wallets and saddle bag, went back, put the fellow on his back, picked up his kit, and started to bring him in. I wanted to go and help him, but the officer in the trench would not let me. He went instead, and together they carried him to the trench."

**The Cyclist's Dash.**  
It was while the 2nd Yorkshires were fighting at Richebourg l'Avoue on October 24th that the telephone communication with the brigade was broken by heavy shell-fire. Sergeant R. Willington at once volunteered to take an urgent message to brigade headquarters when the shell-fire was at its heaviest, and cycled along a road which was very much exposed to rifle fire and being traversed by the enemy's heavy howitzers and shrapnel all the time. The sergeant, who had repeatedly distinguished himself, has been awarded the medal for distinguished service in the field.

**To Save The Wounded.**  
The dogged heroism of the members of the field ambulance is strikingly illustrated by the story of Lieutenant Jardine, of the 21st Field Ambulance, who, during the fearful attack on Ypres, from October 18th to November 6th, made frequent journeys from the shelter of a chateau at Gheliveldt to the trenches. He continually faced a hurricane of fire, and to see the little man coming back with a heavy burden on his shoulders was a sight not to be forgotten. After he had visited the trenches a number of times he had

the appearance of a butcher straight from the slaughter-house. It was men owe to him the fact that they are alive to-day.

**Saving the Union Jack.**  
The story of a woman's gallantry and how she saved the Union Jack from the rebels comes from South Africa. When De Wet occupied the town of Winburg, in the Orange Free State Province, some of his men hauled down the Union Jack over the Court House and trampled it in the dust. A Mrs. Pienaar went out, snatched the flag off the ground, and bound it round her waist like a sash. The rebels demanded to know what she meant to do with the flag. Mrs. Pienaar replied: "For the present I carry it with me, and you dare not touch me. When decent people return we will hoist it again." The rebels abused her, but did not touch either her or the flag, which was hoisted again when General Botha reoccupied the town.

**15,000 Against 100,000.**  
For ten days 15,000 of our men held from 75,000 to 100,000 Germans, over a tract of land extending some eight miles. "We were told," says Lieutenant H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, of the 1st Grenadier Guards, who relates this great feat, "to hold the enemy at all costs until the arrival of reinforcements, and although the Germans occasionally broke through by sheer weight of numbers, they were always driven back by our men, and when help came the line was intact. But alas! of the 15,000 Guards engaged in this terrible task only 2,300 remained!"

**Reckless Daring.**  
How a French infantryman, by a deed of reckless boldness, planted the tricolor in German territory, is described in a letter from Toulon. "One of our men," says the writer, "made a bet with a comrade that he would go and plant the French flag in German territory. The bet was accepted and won. During the night the man passed through the outposts of the enemy, and climbing a tree, returned to the trenches without being seen by the Germans. When the enemy perceived our tricolor they were naturally irritated, and made great endeavors to get it down, but our infantry prevented them from doing so, and at every attempt brought down the climber."

**Brave Lincoln!**  
"We were the first regiment to fire a shot in France, and the first to capture any guns," says Private W. Smith, one of the Lincolns, now home wounded. The guns, seven in number, were captured at Soissons. "Our colonel," says Private Smith, "asked permission of the general to try and get the guns, and he led us through a wood with only his map as a guide. We crept through the wood and took up our position just outside, quite unobserved by the enemy. The order

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The gallantry and steadiness of the Ostfriesland Fusiliers, while under fire in the trenches has received official recognition. Appended is an extract of a letter from Colonel Dugdale, the commanding officer: "Yesterday, as I was writing a letter, I was told that an officer wanted to see me. I went out, and found General de Lisle and his aide-de-camp in a car, and he said he had come to ask me to thank my regiment for their gallant conduct in the field during the four days we had been under fire. He said he was not always pleased to have raw troops in his division, but that he was delighted to have us. "That when we first came he had put us rather in the reserve, as it would not have been fair to put us right in the front at first; but that on Monday night and Tuesday we had been between two crack cavalry regiments in the most important part of the line of defence, that the officers and men could not have done better, and that he could not pay us a greater compliment than to ask me to tell the regiment that in future he should treat us in exactly the same way as the other regiments in his division, with whom we should just take our turn as it came."

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to fix bayonets was given, and our commander, Colonel W. E. B. Smith, gave the order to charge. We slaughtered them by their guns, over which the Royal Scots mounted guard, until our artillery fetched them away."  
**The Man Who Disobeyed.**  
A corporal of the Scottish Borders pays a fine tribute to the Indians. "It's an honor to fight with them," he says. "After their first fight some of their wounded were lying under heavy fire. It was a critical moment for us, and there were strict orders that no man was to leave the trenches. In spite of that, one of the Indians collected some chaputties and rushed out under fire to give them to wounded men of his own village, who were out there. He came back without a scratch, though he was under fire all the time. The queer thing was that the man who had faced death from German bullets and shells without quailing, was frightened out of his life at the thought of what would happen to him for disobeying orders on the field of battle."

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## DEVONS ROOTED THEMSELVES IN AND HELD ON

Stood Steadily by Their Position All One Night, While the Germans Launched Mass After Mass of Infantry on Them and Kept up Incessant Shell Fire

An officer in the First Battalion Devonshire Regt., in a letter to a friend in England gives a graphic description of the work of the Devons, of how they held a position against the Germans incessantly for a considerable period, displaying remarkable power of endurance and fine fighting qualities, in the face of tremendous odds. He says:

"On the night of Oct. 22, we advanced a bit and dug ourselves more or less in by dawn, and soon after light we saw great masses of German infantry emerge from woods and hedges some 1,000 yards to our front, and advance to attack us. We opened fire on them, and killed dozens. This was answered by the Germans with a tremendous shell fire from their heavy guns.

**Stuck to the Trench.**

The Devons were perfectly wonderful; not a man left his trench. All day long the battle raged, and you never saw such an inferno. By night the place was a mass of fire, smoke, and dying.

All night they attacked us. Sometimes they got right up to our trenches, only to be hurled back by the Devons' bayonets. Dawn broke on the 24th with the same struggle still going on, and it continued all day and night, and all through the 25th.

We never slept a wink and by night were absolutely done. No human could have done more.

**Repulsed Every Attack.**

The men were perfectly splendid and repulsed every attack, with great loss to the enemy. We were relieved at one a.m. on Oct. 26th, and as we marched back a mile into billets all the troops cheered us frantically. General Smith-Dorrien sent a wire congratulating us on our splendid fight.

We heard officially from Divisional Headquarters that there were 1,000 dead Germans in front of our trenches. The whole place was littered with their dead. We lost four officers killed four wounded, and one hundred and fifty men killed and wounded.

One shell pitched in my company's trench, killing and wounding two officers and thirty-five men."

**Did Heroic Work.**

On another occasion, the officer, with two men, volunteered or a particularly heroic piece of work. Approaching to ascertain the true position regarding the occupation of a certain line of trenches, the gallant officer states:

"We were met by a hellish fire, which killed both of my men. One bullet tore a hole inside my thigh about 4in. long and, as deep as a pencil. It was however, only a graze, nothing serious. Another bullet went through my coat pocket. It was a hot corner; all these shots were fired not twenty yards away.

**Crawled Back.**

To go on was suicide, so I crawled back into safety, fearing every second would be my last, and with difficulty and in some pain I got back to the General and told him the position. Reinforcements were sent up and the Germans turned back.

On the 27th we were in another fight. This time we relieved another regiment, some five miles north of our last fight, and here we found the Germans entrenched forty yards from us. We fought here until Nov. 1st, night and day again.

**Made Six Attacks.**

The Germans made six attacks on our left on Oct. 29th, all of which we drove off. We killed a lot here. One of the bayonet charges accounted for seventy dead Germans and fourteen prisoners. We lost three more officers killed and about 120 more men.

Every man German has is out, and every dead man is a man lost to her army.

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## HOW 'CARMANIA' SANK A GERMAN ARMoured LINER

Had a Duel of Almost Two Hours With the 'Cap Trafalgar' and Finally Got her at the Waterline Sending Her to the Bottom

EARLY in the forenoon of Monday, September 14, the auxiliary cruiser Carmania, formerly a popular passenger vessel of the Cunard line, observed the island of Trinidad ahead and altered her course to pass close to the west extremity. Shortly after 11 a.m. she made out a vessel off the western end of the island, and, later, saw that there were three steamers, one a large liner, the others colliers. The latter had derricks topped, and they were probably working when the Carmania hove in sight.

Before she had raised their hulls above the horizon, the ships had separated and were making off in different directions. The large vessels were apparently of about the same size as the Carmania, and her two funnels were painted to resemble a British liner of the Castle line.

After running away for a little while, the large steamer, which eventually proved to be the German liner Cap Trafalgar, turned to starboard and headed toward the Carmania. The weather was fine, with a moderate breeze. The speed of the Carmania was 16 knots and that of the Cap Trafalgar about 18 knots.

At 8,500 yards the Carmania fired a shot across the bows of the enemy, and he immediately opened fire from his starboard after gun. The Carmania replied with all her port guns and the firing became general. The ships were now well within range, and, as most of the enemy's shots were going over, the Carmania's rigging, masts, funnels, derricks, and ventilators all suffered. The Cap Trafalgar was then well opened on the Carmania's port side, and all of the starboard and port guns of the respective ships were firing rapidly.

Gave Him Wide Berth. Owing to the decreasing range, the machine guns of the Cap Trafalgar were becoming particularly dangerous; so the Carmania was turned away from him and the range opened.

Two of the Carmania's hits were seen to disable the enemy's deck steampipes, and it was noticed that he was well on fire forward and had a slight list to starboard.

At this time one of the Cap Trafalgar's shells passed through the Carmania's cabin under the fore bridge, and, although it did not burst, it started a fire which increased rapidly, no water being available owing to the fire main having been shot through, and the chemical fire extinguishers proving of very little use. The fire got such a firm hold that the fore bridge had to be abandoned, and the ship had to be fought from the after bridge, the lower steering position being used.

Capized and Went Down. By this time the Cap Trafalgar was on the starboard bow of the Carmania and showed a heavy list to starboard; and at 1.50 p.m., or one hour and forty minutes from the firing of the first shot, she capized to starboard and went down bows first, with colors flying.

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It was some time before the fire was got under control and it was only possible to do this by keeping the ship before the wind. Consequently, the Carmania could not go to the assistance of the survivors, some of whom got away in boats and were picked up by one of the colliers.

The enemy, before sinking, was in wireless communication with some German vessel; and, as smoke was seen on the northern horizon, and the signal man thought he could make out a cruiser's funnels, the Carmania made off at full speed to the southward, altering course at dusk for Abrolhos Rocks. The ship was by this time in touch with the cruiser Cornwall, and asked him to meet her, as the ship was unseaworthy, and practically all communications and navigational instruments on the bridge had been destroyed by the enemy's fire, rendering the coming and navigation of the ship difficult and uncertain.

**Escorted By Warships.**

On the 15th, at 4.30 p.m., the cruiser Bristol picked up the Carmania and escorted her until she was relieved by the Cornwall, which took the Carmania on to Abrolhos Rocks, where the ship anchored to effect temporary repairs. The Cap Trafalgar was armed with 4-inch guns and the Carmania with either 4-inch or 4.7 inch.

The Cap Trafalgar directed her fire at the bridge and upper works of the Carmania, seeking thus to put her out of action; the Carmania, on the other hand, directed her fire at the waterline of the Cap Trafalgar, destroying her stability and causing her to heel over and go down.

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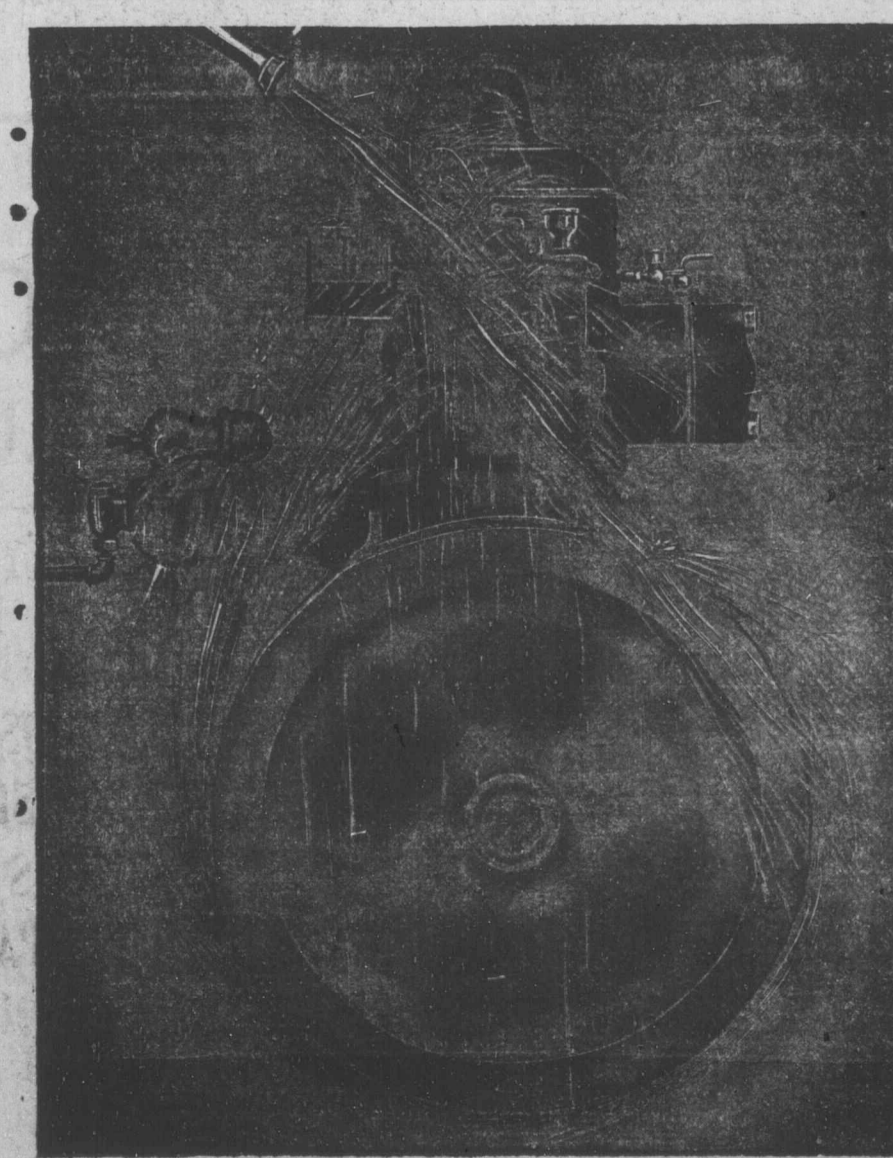
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Our Soldiers Abroad

WE learn from some of the Newfoundland Volunteer Regiment now in Scotland that they are being badly treated in respect to socks and boots. They understood they were to be supplied with clothing free. They were given two pairs of socks and one pair of boots since enlisting. Their boots have long ago been worn out and they have to buy socks continually. Two pairs of socks are of little use to men marching in heavy boots 10 to 20 miles daily. At least six pairs each should have been supplied or the supply of two pairs first given should be augmented monthly.

The ladies here should see that our own boys are well supplied with clothing. The Committee should see that boots are supplied them. Some of them have had to purchase boots and socks from their slender income of \$3 per week.

These brave boys have gone to distant lands to aid the King in fighting his enemies, and defending the Empire, and the least this Colony can do is to see that they are not compelled to wear socks with the heels and toes tattered, with the soles gone.

It is true the Colony is poor, but not poor enough to be made a show in the supplies of clothing issued the gallant lads that have gone hither to defend the old flag.

Again we notice that very few of the new Volunteers have been supplied with suits. Some of those who enlisted on the first or second night are still without their suits. If one clothing factory could not supply 300 suits in two months, surely half of the order might have been allotted to the other up-to-date factory in this city.

Wake up gentlemen of the Committee and get a move on and don't have the people laughing at your expense. Don't discourage the recruits by providing a few with suits and the many without any, and take care that what suits are being made fits better than those supplied a few days ago.

Sealing Industry

THE News' Editor is exercised over the question of Norway participating in our seal fishery, and regards the question as a very difficult one to deal with, and over the mere rumor of a Norwegian steamship, the Njord, being in our waters for the purpose of preparing for the seal fishery in the Gulf dikes at some length, in his columns of this morning.

Now if brother Robinson can take his eyes for a minute off the Imperial problem to glance at our sealing industry, it is a bit surprising that he has not seen that aspect of it which

is of much greater moment to us than a rumor of a Norwegian being in the Gulf.

We refer now to the sealing disaster of last Spring. But as there are "none so blind as those who will not see," we are compelled to think that brother Robinson has purposely closed his eyes to the fact that through culpable ignorance or indifference or both, 78 of our brave sealers lost their lives on the ice floes last April.

We should like to hear from brother Robinson whether he holds that the great sacrifice, were directly the fault of Abraham Kean, Wes. Kean, Geo. Tuff, or whether he thinks the men themselves were to blame, or whether he regards the terrible loss of life, as purely an act of Divine Will.

There are some points in these premises that The News might take up, without in any way doing violence to his great ability as a journalist. The advent of a foreign ship into our sealing industry furnishes of course, a legitimate topic for a local journalist, but when we find that same journalist silent on a far more important phase of the question, then we must express surprise, that he has the temerity, the consummate cheek, to speak to an atom of importance, and to try to raise an insignificant question into one of great gravity.

We say, that were it not for the great overshadowing and burning question of the loss of human life attached to a discussion of our sealing industry, the coming of the Njord might form a timely topic, but as it is, it has no place to-day, especially in the columns of a newspaper, that refrains from reviewing the more weighty points at issue.

The coming of the Njord need not worry us. We have all the great natural advantages, as far as our sealing goes, and Norway, has a great sealing industry of her own, and more nearly at her own door than in the St. Lawrence.

If we cannot hold our own, when all the advantages are on our side, then it is only proper that better men come in and take our places, but of this we have but little fear. It lies to our steamship owners. They have the ships, and as to men, well, they have no better, even in Norway.

The Dundee ships tried to compete with our ships and failed. Halifax ships were compelled to clear under our laws and sail from Newfoundland ports. There need be little worry occasioned by the introduction of even half a dozen Norwegian ships into the Gulf seal fishery.

They won't return many years if they venture to compete. Will the News answer the burning question now upon the lips of all the people, as to whether the seventy-eight of the Newfoundland's crew would have died on the icefloes during the blizzard of March 31st and April 1st last had Ab. Kean been in White Bay or St. John's.

Austro-German Loss Estimated At 3,500,000 Men

Correspondent Estimates the German Total at 2,000,000 From Latest List.

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.—Prussian casualty lists, numbered 101 to 108, have been received here. They contain the names of 35,883 killed, wounded, and missing officers and men, bringing the total Prussian losses up to 753,202.

To these are to be added 80 Saxon lists, 82 Wurttemberg, 125 Bavarian, and 13 navy lists. The Bavarian losses are so heavy that it may be calculated that nearly half their army is out of action.

The Prussian losses up to date, including those not yet published, may be set down as about 250,000 dead, 400,000 missing, and 850,000 wounded, bringing the total up to about one and a half million. With the Saxons, Wurttemberg, Bavarian, and navy losses, the German losses altogether must be about 2,000,000.

About 25,000 officers have been killed and 25,000 officers wounded, but only 4,000 officers are missing. According to information from Vienna the Austro-Hungarian casualties are calculated at about one and a half million officers and men killed, wounded, and missing.

NOTICE

All Local Councils in Trinity District who haven't yet sent in their district assessment, will please do so before the end of the month to the treasurer, George Fowlow, of Philip, Trinity East. J. G. STONE, P.C. Dec. 10, 1914.

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TO THE EDITOR

Can't Do Without Fishermen's Paper

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—I am enclosing Fifty Cents to renew for the year my subscription to the Mail and Advocate (Weekly Edition). I have been a subscriber for the past three years and cannot do very well without the Fishermen's Eye-Opener. It contains all the news that is beneficial to the fisherman and its motto is equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

H. W. BURDEN. Black Head, Jan. 6, 1915.

Port Blandford Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—On Jan. 1st the Local Council of Port Blandford elected the following officers: Wm. H. Dalley, Chairman, re-elected. Wm. Harris, Deputy Chairman, re-elected. Geo. R. Ploughman, Secretary, re-elected. Clement Harris, Treasurer, re-elected. Geo. Hapgood, Tyler, elected. WM. H. DALLEY. Port Blandford, Jan. 2, 15.

Burnt Head L.O.A. Hold Anniversary

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—Thursday, Dec. 31st, proved to be a red letter day for the Loyal Orange Association at Burnt Head. It was the first anniversary of the above named place, and the day being beautiful, all the members, together with those of the Mother Lodge, united at 9.30 a.m., (and after a few short addresses from the members of the Mother Lodge) fell in their respective places, marched as far as Job's Cove Church and back again to Burnt Point Church, where a very able and interesting sermon was preached by Rev. C. R. Blount, Pastor of the Circuit, from the words "Quit ye like men; be strong." A lengthy program was prepared for a concert at night and long before the hour of opening the hall was filled.

ed to its utter capacity; and after the various items were performed, the hall was given to the young people for games of various kinds, which were enjoyed by all. We wish the Loyal Orange Association a very prosperous year in all their undertakings. —MEMBER.

Spaniard's Bay Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—We had an election of officers for the ensuing year and the names of those elected are as follows: Chairman, Kennel Gosse, re-elected. Deputy Chairman, William Gosse, re-elected. Secretary, Nathaniel Gosse, elected. Treasurer, Job Gosse, re-elected. Door Guard, Alex. Noseworthy, elected. Wishing the Union every success and a prosperous year. —KENNETH GOSSE. Spaniard's Bay, Dec. 26, '14.

Postal Officials A Bit Careless

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—I am subscribing for The Advocate again this year. I would not wish to be without it, although the paper have come to this office for me and I haven't got it, one in particular—The Xmas Number.

I'd like for those agents to be called to their duty and when they deliver any one's mail to another I trust they will have brains enough to know who they are giving it to, so that the owners may get their papers or letters when they are due to them. Mr. Editor, the time is fast approaching when those agents will have to be up to their duty or get out and not to allow four or five rich persons in the office where he has his work to do and if a poor toiler come in to ask a question he haven't got time for anything, for the shutter is closed in his face. It's time for us poor toilers to have a little fair play. —UNION MAN.

Salmonier Starts New Local Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—The F.P.U. Local Council here with a view to taking action in co-operation with the general work-

ing of the organization, met at the residence of a member recently. A unanimous vote in favor of establishing the Council resulted and the self-evident necessity of a Union Hall took precedence in the discussion that followed.

The question was further discussed later, and the following plans were formulated for building the hall: Taking over a site previously considered. Each man cutting three sticks and giving free labor at the building. A member present being a lumber dealer supplying lumber. Work on the building to commence the following day.

We expect to finish the hall by the last of this month by which time we hope to be established in co-operation with the headquarters of the Union. The hall will be in the hands of the F.P.U. Amusement Committee and will be open probably two nights a week for reading and amusement when Union business does not interfere. Work is progressing quickly. —P. J. TREMLETT, Chairman. Salmonier, Jan. 5, '15.

Bay of Islands Charges Neglect By the Government

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir.—I am again writing in regard to our mail service, how we people are treated by neglect of the Bay boat. I say it's a shame and disgrace to our little Bay. We have a boat supposed to land the mail twice a week, but it would be far better if they would give this money to the poor fishermen of this Bay to build bridges or roads so that a team can get around.

We are again, as usual, with no bridge to cross Clark's Brook. The money came two years ago, something like three hundred dollars, to cut wood a few weeks before the elections, just for an election bait, but still no bridge or sign of it, only wood cut, to rot on the place. They cannot find money to make this bridge but they can find money for this boat running in our Bay, which is no use to the place. A sail or a row boat can do better; anyway they could not do worse.

I think this Government should try to do better here. They have the duty put on everything again, they are only sucking the blood out of the poor man and taking their bit of earnings out of their pockets.

I wish you to put this in The Advocate to let people see how this West Coast is treated. They can find money to keep those men with brass buttons walking around doing nothing. What is there in Bay of Islands for so many of those Grabbal men to do? What is there to do in the winter when navigation is closed? We have about twenty in this little Bay getting big salaries for doing nothing. I think two or three would do as well as twenty, and then we could get money for the bridges and roads. We are just the same to-day as we were 40 years ago, and will be so long as this Grabbal Government stays in power.

I hope the day is fast approaching when they will have to go to the fishery and give some honest fishermen a chance in their place. —A UNION MAN. Bay of Islds., Dec. 22, '14.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1915.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

NOTICE TO F.P.U. COUNCILS

A Meeting of the Officers of the Local Council of the F.P.U., operating in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port de Grave, Harbor Grace and Carbonear, will be held at Coley's Point on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, the 13th instant, to consider the advisability of combining the Councils embraced in the above Districts into one District Council of the F.P.U., and to consider matters affecting the welfare of the Fishermen of Conception Bay who prosecute the Labrador Shore Fishery.

By order, W. F. COAKER, President F.P.U. St. John's, Jany. 6th, 1915.

TO F. P. U. COUNCILS

Councils which are sending socks knitted for the soldiers at the front should notify President Coaker and inform him when and how sending and the quantity sent. Councils will please send the socks along as speedily as possible as there is a big demand for socks at the front, and will be during winter weather. Kindly send along what is ready and forward the balance as soon as possible.

Address the parcels to the Women's Patriotic Association, Government House. See that the number of pairs enclosed and the name of the Council sending the same, is written plainly on each parcel. These parcels will come post free. No need of placing stamps on such parcels. Councils sending such parcels should also send a post card addressed Mrs. (Dr.) McPherson, intimating that parcels have been mailed and the contents of such parcels.

Funny. Very Funny

The following correspondence which has passed between President Coaker and the Hon. S. D. Blandford will prove somewhat funny to the electors on the North Side of Bonavista Bay.

Mr. Coaker objected to a license being issued to A. Stanford for timber areas in Lockyer's Bay. Mr. Blandford replied on the 2nd inst., stating no application had been filed by Mr. Stanford and sent a map showing that all the land at Lockyer's Bay inland, had been granted to the Hon. P. Templeman, which implied that there was no timber areas in that locality that could be granted.

Mr. Coaker replied, enclosing Mr. Stanford's application as published in The Gazette Dec. 19th, 1914, to which Mr. Blandford acknowledging that the application had been made but would not come up for consideration until the 19th inst.

The fishermen will want to know how it was Mr. Blandford did not know about Stanford's application and denied that such had been made even after Mr. Coaker's protest had been.

**FOR SALE—A Steam Capstan with Engine attached.** A very suitable engine for a factory where a winding drum or capstan is required. A very compact, space economizing outfit. Useful for a steamer where a steam winch is not available. This engine is in first class condition, and will be sold at a bargain, if applied for at once. FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO. LTD.—Jan 9, w&f.t

ber over land inland from Lockyer's Bay, B.B. I enclose herewith application notice dated Dec. 19th, 1914, which appeared in The Royal Gazette.

W. F. COAKER, President F.P.U.  
Hon. S. D. Blandford to Pres. Coaker 8th January, 1915.  
W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A., City.

Sir—I have your letter of the 6th inst., enclosing copy of notice published in The Gazette by Abraham Stanford.

The application referred to in this notice, cannot be filed until the 19th instant, when I will have the protest filed by you in the matter, taken into consideration.

SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD, Minister Agriculture & Mines.

The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine.—dec

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OUTPORT MAN WRITES PARENTS FROM FT. GEORGE

James F. Fowler writes his mother from Fort George, Scotland, Dec. 9th, as follows:

I received your kind and welcome letter, and glad enough I was to hear from you as I thought you were all after forgetting me. I was so long without hearing from you; but I suppose it takes a letter so long to go and come.

So you got no money belonging to me, or at least when you wrote me, but I suppose you got it by this time? We are having very nice weather here lately and the best to eat and drink.

Oh, yes, I am over twenty miles from Dover now. I am with the captains building huts for the regiment. We got one thousand huts to build, but I don't know how long they will leave us here; but I'd rather be in camp with the boys on my drill altho' it is hard work, but I don't mind it.

I think we are going in barracks next week, or at least our boys are going. I don't know whether I am going or not; I hope I am.

Our Regiment is going to north of Scotland to go in barracks.

I wrote to Ned over a month ago and every mail I am expecting an answer.

I wrote Dick, but I suppose he was not home; however I am expecting a letter from him. I hope he did well this fall.

We may not have to go to the front at all, but I would like to get out there.

Pray for me; I may not have time sometimes to say my prayers. Send me a couple of pairs of socks if you can at all; I'm short. I will send you one of my photos; I haven't got them yet, but I'll have them presently.

I hope you got my clothes from Holyrood, and take care of them, for I will be home again please God. Good luck from your loving son,  
JAMES F. FOWLER.  
P.S.—The same address will find me. Remember me to all. Good luck

**NOTICE.—Trinity Bay FOR SALE—A 15 H. P. Steam Engine, almost new. Just the thing for a small factory or Lumber Mill. Will be sold at a bargain. For further particulars apply to G. MORGAN, Gazette Office, Board of Trade Building.—dec23, tw, 80d**



Nothing is too good for the Baby This Xmas.

Every New Baby and a whole lot of the older ones will have to have a High Chair or a Rocking Chair this Xmas. We have a nice line of Chairs to show you.

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Furniture Opportunities during stock-taking

Owing to the depression in business during the past four months, our General Furnishing stock is somewhat larger than is usual at this time of the year. During stock-taking we have decided to considerably reduce the prices of all General Furniture.

Do you need to refurnish, entirely or in part, any room in YOUR house? Do you need a new Bedstead, or any separate piece of Furniture? If so, here is an opportunity too good for you to miss; as the reduction on all sales during stock-taking will be a special feature.

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Regular price . . . . . \$2.50.	Selling now for . . . . . \$2.10
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WE extend the season's greetings to the general public and wish everyone prosperity and happiness. You have responded in a noble manner to our call; to visit our GREAT REMOVAL SALE; for thousands have visited us and have carried away many excellent Bargains. We want you to take in the full meaning of these words "REMOVAL SALE"—it's not a January, nor a February Sale; but a genuine continual Sale—until that Great Removal day comes; when we will vacate this

Removal Sale of Stylish Blouses

NOW is the time to buy a fashionable Blouse for that particular event. We have them in a variety of White and Cream fabrics such as Lawns, Voiles, Silks, etc., and an enormous range of Colored fabrics, as Wool-Crepe, Challis, and Sun-Resista; also abundance of Black Blouses in the best fabrics as French-twill faced goods and Silk—kinds and qualities that will surely please you—all imported this season and mostly manufacturers' samples; priced about one third off the original value.

Store; owing to expiry of our lease, and move to our New Modern Store in the West.

Therefore we invite you to come often—whenever you want to save money on your purchase, come! because, hourly we are turning out new lines of dry-goods, and marking them at liberally cut prices to make it easy for you to buy. Come today and share the benefits of this REMOVAL SALE.

Removal Sale of Elegant Dress Robes

A SPECIAL lot of fine twill, all-wool, Navy Serge Dress Robes going at liberally cut prices during this sale. These Dress Robes are handsomely trimmed and quite suitable for people that dress well. Here are some prices: Orig. Value \$7.00. Sale Price \$4. Orig. Value \$8. Sale Price \$4.25. Orig. Value \$15.00 Sale Price \$6. Also some Rich real-silk Dress Robes. Original Value \$15.00. Sale Price \$6.25. See our Dress Robes for young girls' wear. Call early to-day.

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EVERY fur that we have in stock are now marked at Sale Prices, and if you want the best, at reasonable prices, call and see our stock and buy at a considerable saving.

Removal Sale of Dress Fabrics

FIVE hundred yards fine-make, light-weight, woollen, dress fabric, richly Embroidered with a handsome Art Spray—suitable for making garments for Evening wear for yourself or child. Original price 70c. Sale price 40c. yard.

**Sale of Women's Sweaters and Sport Coats.**  
A great variety to choose from in White and Colored.  
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We have the latest styles. Silk or Satin Underskirts, Black; also Colored. See them.

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**VOLUNTEERS' PRESENTATION TO SGT. EDWARDS**

Members of His Section Do Honor to One of the Smartest C.L.B. Officers of Our Volunteer Contingents

During the progress of the present war and at the close there will be many presentations, but none we think will be more touching than that made to Sergt. W. D. Edwards of the C.L.B., at his residence Circular Road last night.

The scene will no doubt long remain in the mind of the recipient, because the gift was from soldiers to one of themselves, and coming from such a source testifies stronger than anything else the many qualities of Sergt. Edwards, and the bond of friendship which has sprung up between the lads.

In charge of Section. Sergt. Edwards, who has worked hard in connection with our volunteer movement is in charge of a section of the Second Contingent and last night he invited the lads to his home to spend the evening.

They met at the C. L. B. Armoury and as they marched to Circular Road sang Tipperary, and other songs so familiar at the present.

Games of various kinds and patriotic songs made the evening a pleasant one for all.

Just before supper time, Mr. Gordon Bastow called the soldiers to attention and announced that he had a presentation to make.

In a speech which reflected creditably upon him, he referred to the war and the part that Newfoundland was playing. They were all determined to do their utmost for the welfare of the Flag.

Surprise Presentation. He then stepped forward and presented Sergt. Edwards with a beautiful wrist watch, which the members of the Section had bought themselves as a little surprise for him. From their connections with him they realized that he was worthy of the highest honors that could be conferred.

As Sergt. Edwards received it the company sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," with a vim. The recipient was wholly unprepared for the presentation, and remarked that when he asked them to spend the evening with him nothing was further from his mind than such a presentation.

Appreciated the Gift. He felt elated that they should think him worthy of such a mark of esteem. He was charmed with the watch and would treasure it highly.

There is only one thing he would value more highly and that was their opinion of him. He prized it not so much because of its intrinsic value, but because of the donors.

He would wear it as long as he was able and it is arranged that they went to the firing line it would be a reminder of home and help him to play the game. Mr. Edwards said his feelings were such that he was unable to reply as he would wish, and if he could not express his thanks in an appropriate manner they knew the reason.

Supper was then served and at midnight the pleasant evening closed with Soldiers of the King and the National Anthem.

We join with the others in extending good wishes to the young soldier and his companions who are giving up good homes and loving friends to fight for England's cause.

The honor conferred on Mr. Edwards does not fall to the lot of the average volunteer, but all who know him will admit that he is worthy of it.

**Violent German Attacks Repulsed**

French and Russian Reports of Operations Satisfactory.

(British Official Bureau)

London, Jan. 8.—French and Russian reports are satisfactory. German aeroplanes attempting to approach Dunkirk were put to flight.

Violent German attacks at various points were repulsed.

Russian offensive continues in Bukovina. HARCOURT.

S.S. Beatrice left North Sydney at noon yesterday with coal.

Job's Mildred has cleared for Pernambuco, taking 3428 qtls. fish.

**DEATHS**

PATERSON—This morning, Agnes, widow of the late John Paterson, of Harbor Grace, aged 80 years. Funeral at Harbor Grace on Monday afternoon on arrival of the train.

**SUPDT. CURTIS SPEAKS ON WAR AT HANT'S HR.**

At Patriotic Meeting Also Addressed by Magistrate Vatcher—Missionary Meeting—Ladies' Patriotic Association Busy

While on his visit of inspection to the schools, the Rev. Dr. Curtis spent a Sabbath here and occupied the pulpit both morning and evening.

At a Patriotic Meeting held here the chief speakers were Dr. Curtis and Magistrate Vatcher. Much gratitude is felt to these gentlemen for their interesting and enlightening discourses upon the present world-wide topic of the great war. Mr. Vatcher spoke in general terms of the present situation, and dwelt upon the German atrocities which are creating such horror in the civilized world. Dr. Curtis outlined very clearly the causes of the war and dispelled all doubt (if any existed) as to the justness of Britain's interference. He went back to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Austrians and followed up the course of international affairs until the declaration of war on Germany by Great Britain.

Missionary Meeting. On Nov. 30th the annual missionary meeting was held. The speakers for the evening were Rev. Messrs. Willey and Gaukrodger. The addresses were instructive and patriotic. It is next to impossible to discuss any subject without reference to the great international upheaval.

On Dec. 7th a Patriotic Concert was held in the Fishermen's Hall. The proceeds are devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund. A crowded house greeted the performers and testified to the general desire of the people to aid in any possible way the sufferings of the brave Belgian people. Special mention must be made of the tableau which formed the opening item of the programme. In this was represented Great Britain, her dependencies and her Allies. The representative dresses together with the appropriate background and setting of national colors formed a very pleasing picture. An interesting programme consisting of national anthems, patriotic songs, duets, quartettes, recitations and speeches was gone through. The singing of "God Save the King" brought the evening to a close.

Patriotic Work. The Ladies' Patriotic Association, of which Mrs. J. W. James, is President and Mesdames S. Short, Fred. Short, and A. Targett, Vice-Presidents is doing splendid work. Fifty-nine pairs of socks have been sent on, and the balance of cash on hand, consisting of \$32.00 will be donated to the Cardigan Jacket Fund.

Hant's Harbor has her representatives in Britain's army and navy:—Walter Harold James and Albert E. James, sons of Mr. J. W. James, sons of Mr. J. W. James, in the 1st Nfld. Contingent; Arthur Pelly, son of Mr. John Pelly; James Short, son of Mr. Absalom Short and Ariel Green, son of Mr. E. H. Green, in the navy.

WEDDING BELLS Ingram-Boutcher. St. Peter's Church, Mussel Hr. Arm, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, when Miss Elsie Ingram, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Ingram, was joined in matrimony to Mr. Albert Boutcher. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Shorter.

The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of cream embroidered with bridal veil and was given away by her father.

Mr. Peter Boutcher, brother of the groom, was best man, and Mrs. R. Slade, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid.

After the ceremony a very enjoyable time was spent at the home of the bridegroom.

We wish them many years of happy married life.

Nfld. Man In Camp At Toronto, Canada

William Pilot, grandson of Rev. Dr. Pilot, who has been living in Canada for the last few years, could not withstand the call for men to fight the enemy.

He is a member of A. Co. Cyclist Corps and is now in Camp at the Exhibition Grounds, Toronto.

**Broke Into Office Of Mr. G. C. Fearn**

A 21-year-old laborer of Casey St. was arrested yesterday, charged with breaking into the office of G. C. Fearn on the 7th and breaking the door, damaging it to the tune of \$3.00.

The prisoner was before Judge Knight this morning and was remanded.

**HERRING FISHERY FOR THIS SEASON COMES TO AN END**

Last Western Star Discusses Catches and Prises—Few Vessels Still Waiting to Finish Cargoes

This season's herring fishery in Bay of Islands is fast drawing to a close, and in the course of a few days most of the fleet now in the Bay will be sailing.

We have been informed that about eight thousand barrels of herring were needed on Monday to complete the cargoes of the vessels in North Arm. The season is getting so far advanced that it looks as if some of them may have to sail without full loads.

Weather conditions of late have greatly hampered the fishermen. While the herring were plentiful in North Arm last week, the fishermen could get to their nets only on Wednesday and Saturday.

Plenty of Them. Herring struck into Middle Arm again last week, and some of the boats in Goose Arm had as high as twenty barrels on Thursday. The Alexandra, Capt. Shaw, has her fore hold filled with frozen herring and some in the after hold. The Artisan, chartered by Capt. Ross and others, has her fore hold full, and the Benj. J. Smith has about 400 brls. of frozen herring. These are the only vessels in Middle Arm.

The price now being paid for green herring is \$2.25 per barrel from the boats, and 60 cents a basket for frozen herring. It is said that some fishermen are getting \$2.50 per brl. for green herring and 75 cents a basket for frozen.

With Frozen Herring. The American vessels Regina, T. M. Nicholson, J. J. Flaherty, Athlete and Maxine Elliott are loaded principally with frozen herring, and were ready for sea on Monday. They sail first chance.

The S.S. Seal on her recent sailing from Bay of Islands took about 1,356 barrels of pickled herring to Halifax. The fishermen are beginning to break off from the voyage for this season, and daily some of them are leaving for their homes.

The S.S. Wren, Capt. Forward, is at North Arm, and is rendering valuable assistance to the American skippers and the fishermen. We understand that it is Capt. Forward's intention to procure, if possible, a cargo of frozen herring before leaving the Bay.

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And Commissioners Argify as to Who Should Get Credit Therefor—Com. Mullaly Aims His Views

NO MORE HOUSES FOR BATTERY TOWN

Health Officer to Investigate Conditions There—Com. Jackman Thinks Present Council Are Too Economical

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission was held last evening when the financial report of the year was presented, showing a surplus of \$6,155.08 which is certainly very creditable, and demonstrates once more, if such demonstration be needed, that the right men are in charge of the city's affairs.

Messrs. Gosling, Harris, Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Jackman, Mullaly, McGrath, Morris, Anderson and Withers were present.

Claimed Damages. James Murphy, Pennywell Road, made claim for \$40 damages caused through water entering his house which he alleged was due to carelessness on the part of the city in not keeping the surface drains open.

Commissioner Morris supported the claim. Mr. Morris's opinion was not shared in by the others of the board, and the matter was referred to the solicitor.

A general discussion followed as to the action of the board in dispensing with the staff who were regularly employed each winter in keeping the drains and gutters open.

False Economy? Commissioner Jackman thought it was false economy.

Commissioner McGrath held a similar opinion and cited the conditions of affairs in McFarlane Street, where not only were the inlets to the sewers not open, but they could not be located.

Commissioner Harris, opposed any large outlay of money in this connection, and thought the conditions referred to were natural, and occurred every winter, with changeable weather such as we have had the past few days.

**PATRIOTIC CONCERT, SOCIETY PARADES, CHANNEL EVENTS**

Bad Weather Interferes with Attendance at the Concert—S.U.F. and Orangemen Elect Officers

Channel, Jan. 5.—The second series of concerts in aid of Patriotic Fund was held in Parish Hall, on the evenings of 16th, 17th, and 18th December. Unfortunately the weather was not all that could be desired, consequently the attendances were small and the receipts suffered accordingly. Nevertheless, a very creditable sum was netted, which has been duly forwarded to the custodians of said Fund. The performers hope for better results next time.

The members of Channel Lodge No. 25, Society of United Fishermen, attended Divine Service at St. James Church on Monday last, 28th ult., and after the order of Morning Prayer, heard an excellent sermon on "Brotherly Love," preacher being the Rector, Rev. H. J. Read. This lodge elected officers on 22nd ult., which are as follows:—

W.M., Bro. C. T. James; C.O., Bro. Will J. Bragg; Chaplin, Bro. (Rev.) H. J. Read, Honorary; Deputy Chaplain, Bro. G. E. Pike; S.O., Bro. Alexander Batiste; Q.M., Bro. Eml. Batiste; Secy., Bro. Wm. Blackmore; Purser, Bro. Eml. Bragg; Lookout, Bro. A. Coffin; Chairman of Committee, Bro. Geo. Batiste.

"Royal William" Loyal Orange Lodge held its anniversary celebration on New Year's Day, marching in professional order to Methodist Church for Divine Service. The preacher was Rev. E. Taylor who gave the Brethren a very instructive discourse, the subject being one very appropriate at the present time, viz., "Liberty." Officers governing this Lodge for 1915 are:—

W.M., Bro. C. T. James; D.M., Bro. Geo. Evans; Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Wilcox; D. of C., Bro. Jas. M. Currie; Lecturer, Bro. Geo. Currie; Chairman of Committee, Bro. A. J. Pullings; Inside Tiler, Bro. John Hardy; O.T., Bro. Geo. Musgrave.

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A general discussion followed as to the action of the board in dispensing with the staff who were regularly employed each winter in keeping the drains and gutters open.

False Economy? Commissioner Jackman thought it was false economy.

Commissioner McGrath held a similar opinion and cited the conditions of affairs in McFarlane Street, where not only were the inlets to the sewers not open, but they could not be located.

Commissioner Harris, opposed any large outlay of money in this connection, and thought the conditions referred to were natural, and occurred every winter, with changeable weather such as we have had the past few days.



**SPECIAL SALE**

OUR **JANUARY CLEARING SALE**

is now going on

Special Reductions on all Odds and Ends, Surplus Stock, etc.

Here are some of the goods that we must clear out:

- Dress Skirts
- Costumes
- Opera Cloaks
- Sports Coats
- Raglans
- Children's Coats
- Children's Underwear
- Boots and Shoes
- Men's Underwear
- Men's Pyjamas, etc.

Remnants of all kinds.

Terms Cash. No Charging. No Approval.

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The Chairman said instructions had been given to have all necessary work in drain clearing and gully opening attended to, but it was not the intention to spend any money unnecessarily. Those whom the Council thought competent, had been given discretionary power in the matter.

Commissioner Ayre thought conditions were about the same as preceding years, at least so far as the west end was concerned.

The standing order to the Engineer's department will be carried out. J. M. Kent, K.C., for the Commercial Cable Co. acknowledged letter from Council, granting permission to lay cable leads to their office in Water Street from Cuckhold's Cove, at a tax of \$250 per annum, and would so inform the Company.

Will Install Hydrants. R. G. Reid, of the R. N. Co., wrote that the Company would bear the cost of installing two anti-freezing hydrants at the dry dock wharf.

Dr. MacPherson made claim for cost of extra work to building in Barnes Road, made necessary by Council altering original street line, and as well claimed for land taken. The claimant submitted bills covering the cost. A report from Engineer Holden, who surveyed the property was also submitted, who estimated cost of alterations at \$86.40, or about half the amount claimed.

Ordered that Mr. Holden's figure be tendered Dr. MacPherson, plus the land value.

The secretary of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society, asked the co-operation of the Board. A reply will be sent in the affirmative.

Financial Statement. Com. Anderson tabled the financial statements of the year just closed. The present Board he said, took office with an approximate deficit of \$14,000, which during their short time in office they had changed to a surplus of \$6,155.08. The city had to its credit in the banks at the end of 1914, \$45,974.78 and due by the R. N. Co. \$1290, making a total of \$47,174.78. After providing for the interest on the city debt, making allowance for all bills due and disputed bills and claims, which amounted to \$41,019.70, the Board would begin the new year with a surplus of \$6,155.08. He congratulated the board, the finance committee and the Chairman, who had given their best, during the period of their term elapsed, and had succeeded in taking the city out of

**A.N.D.Co. Present Volunteers Still Pipes and Tobacco Continue To Offer Their Services**

A wire was received from Mr. W. Scott, Grand Falls, yesterday that the Directors of the A.N.D. Co. have called from London, asking that arrangements be made for a gift of a pipe and tobacco to the Second Newfoundland Contingent.

Hard Workers. Commissioner McNamara, Chairman of the finance committee, reiterated all that the previous speaker had said. The committee, Commissioner Ayre, being the third member and worked assiduously since taking office, and met with innumerable obstacles in keeping the expenditure down so as to bring order out of chaos.

Com. Mullaly did not wish to discredit the Board, but thought the present Council was not wholly responsible. It was brought about by natural causes.

However, the surplus is there, and in our opinion the thanks of the City is due to Mr. Gosling and his associates.

The Solicitor reported on the application of H. Reid, who asked permission to erect a dwelling in Battery Town. He pointed out the law in the matter, and the powers of the Board which gave them a right to disallow any building to be erected.

Lengthy Discussion. This caused a lengthy discussion and ended by a motion by Com. Harris that as Mr. Reid had commenced he be allowed to finish but future erections will be prohibited.

The Secretary reported that as directed he had interviewed the Reid Co. re the renewal of their snow clearing contract. The Company intimated that it was the intention to use only one track in Water Street during the winter, and instead of clearing a 14 foot space, a 3.5 foot space would only require to be cleared. Consequently they asked for a new tender from the Council for one year.

The tender was fixed at \$2500, the original being \$3000.

With passing of pay rolls, reading departmental reports etc. the meeting adjourned at 10.10.

Volunteers continue to come forward steadily, and the total now is 764.

Yesterday seven new names were added as follows: Shoal Harbor, T.B.—F. Pelley, St. John's—A. Watson, Sam. Gardner, C. H. Ellis, B. Bastow, N. J. Stone, Patk. J. Brown.

The majority of the soldiers spent yesterday at Target practice, while another squad was at the South Side Hills carrying up lumber.

Before the parade was dismissed at the Armoury it was announced that ex-militations for non-coms. would be held next week, verbal on Monday and practical on Tuesday. Owing to the number coming forward for stripes, the exam. may possibly extend over to Wednesday.

Sunday morning a church parade will be held, at which the C.C.C. Band and probably others will attend.

**PLACENTIA BAY DOES ITS SHARE RIGHT LOYALLY**

F. J. Morris received the following wire from Magistrate O'Reilly this morning: "Sending four or five volunteers today; also two coming by Argyle from Red Island. "We will do our share."

**Patriotic Association of the Women of Nfld.**

The Sewing Parties at Government House will resume work on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons of next week.

It is hoped that every member will arrange to come.

Any one wishing to join, who has not previously helped in this way, will be welcomed.

H. G. HARVEY, Convener of Work Parties. Jan. 9, 1915