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United States Will Claim Damages From Britain For Detaining Cargoes

President Wilson Claims That Many American Cargoes Have Been Unlawfully Detained and That Protests Have Been Lodged in Specific Cases—Appeals to American Shippers to Issue Only Absolutely Honest Manifests—All-American Conference to be Held

WASHINGTON, December 29th.—President Wilson, referring today to the American Note to Britain, insisting on better treatment of American commerce, declared that large damages would have to be paid by Britain for the unlawful detention of American cargoes.

of pan-American diplomats here. He said it was not, but the position of the States would apply to any neutral, and that the contention advanced was not peculiar to this country.

are inclined to await the actual text of the Note before indulging in detailed criticism of it.

ST. GEORGE'S CAPTURED BY ALLIES

Austro-Germans and Russians Battle for Cracow, the Key to the Great Manufacturing Centres of Germany

Paris, Dec. 29.—In Belgium, the village of St. George's has been taken by our troops and occupied.

Christmas Season In Great Britain Was Characterised By Atmosphere Of Sadness Rather Than Hilarity

Everywhere Throughout the Island, Men in Khaki and in Blue Were the Object of Attention and Admiration—London Full of Soldiers, Including Thousands of Canadians From Salisbury Camp—Needy Ones Well Looked After

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Christmas of 1914 will long be remembered in Great Britain as a military Christmas.

andra Palace had a similar celebration. A special committee, formed to watch conditions of distress in London, has reported that there are less pauperism and unemployment in the city than any Christmas in thirty years.

German Officer Admires Prowess Of Indian Troops

Says They Have Proved That They Are Enemies Who Are Not to Be Despised.

Pittsburg Mills Are Given Orders For 300,000 Miles Barbed Wire

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Demand from the belligerent nations of Europe for barbed and plain wire is reaching the feverish stage in the wire mills of this district.

Special Device For Tearing Down Entanglements

Fire Grapnel From Gun and Bit of Pulling on the Rope Does The Rest

The German Efforts Entirely Fail To Check The Russian Advance

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Complete failure has marked the efforts of the Germans to check the Russian advance at half a dozen points along the battle-line.

Frontiersmen Are Favorites With Belgians

Retain Their Picturesque Uniform And Have Proved Dashing And Brave

Five Hundred Thousand Moslems Under No Obligation To Russia, Offer Men And Money To Czar

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Half a million Calmucks, members of a nomadic, pastoral race which has always been free from obligation to furnish any soldiers for the Russian army, have just been added to the Russian forces.

Russians Captured 50,000 Austrians During First Half Of December Month

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The following statement, received from the Russian General Headquarters, was issued this evening:

Sets Duration of War at 2 Years Expects The Italians And Greeks To Be Involved In The Conflict

London, Dec. 28.—I have had an opportunity of learning the results of inquiries made in the course of a several weeks' tour by a high British authority, sent to investigate conditions in the war area.

Austria Gives Greeks Rebuke

Because They Allow French Warships To Use Their Ports.

Submarine Officer Gets Coveted Cross

Decoration for Commander of B. 11, Which Sank the Turkish Warship "Messudieh."

Stock Taking

Trade has been slack in the Water Street Stores since Christmas Eve.

Germany Fail to Penetrate Russian Lines or to Sweep Them Aside for an Advance on Warsaw

Our troops met with success while crossing the Lower Nida, taking by storm the villages of Starekeroz and Senslawice which were well fortified.

Prince Henry Now In Charge Of German Fleet

Once British Admiral, But Will Now Direct Strategy of the Kaiser's Ships

Others to Come In

All evidence collected in Italy, Greece, and Roumania go to show that they will join the conflict early in the new year.

WEATHER REPORT Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and moderate gales, southerly to westerly; snow and rain.

The Head Office of the Furness Withy Co. has been transferred to Royal Liver Building, Liverpool, from Jan. 1st, 1915.

There is still no word of the Durango; she is no doubt delayed by fog.

On the river Rawka our heavy artillery is fighting efficaciously a large number of German batteries of heavy guns.

During an attack on a German redoubt, south of Inowolodz, we captured three machine guns.

During the first half of December (old style calendar) we captured fifty thousand Austrians.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

Lights and Shadows of War

British Officer Writes Human Description of Life in the Trenches.

ONE of the most human descriptions yet received from the front is the following story of his experiences from a young officer. We are indebted for it to the Daily Sketch, which very rightly gives it at length and in a prominent place in its interesting pages:

The other day I was, with another subaltern, holding a farm in front of our trenches to prevent the Germans massing troops behind its cover and rushing us.

Well, we held on for perhaps an hour without anyone taking any special notice of us, and then they turned the big guns on us. My hat! we didn't half get a time. Within fifteen minutes they put fifty-five shells (weight about 60lb., and probably 8in. in size) fired from a howitzer into, and around the farm within a circle of fifty yards' radius. We literally "smelt hell."

Found the Target.

Two shells which followed on each other's heels hit the barn, which was at right angles to the farmhouse, and smashed it up completely.

The whole of the farm was covered with dirt, splinters, and vile-smelling smoke, in which we checked and spluttered and cursed. No one was hit, although some of my men were standing with their backs against the barn.

After that we left the buildings and went into the rick yard, where we could dodge shells better.

Another lot of shells came over, and four of my men who crouched round the base of the stack lay close together and got as near the earth as possible. Three shells went on and burst yards away, the fourth landed some fifty yards to our flank. Immediately it burst, and mingled with the clang of the explosion came a shriek which stopped suddenly, began again, and died away with a horrible bubble and gurgle.

A corporal sat up with one arm twisted horribly under and behind. We buried him where he lay in the rick yard, with a rough cross over him, and then we went back to the farm.

Time To Get Some Tea.

The German gunners by this time

had shut up shop for some tea, so we were able to get some tea also.

Two of the men volunteered to milk the cow, and proceeded to do so when, having half-filled a pail, the old girl kicked and booted them both out of the shippin.

One of them fell into the milk pail, and when he came out the sight defied description.

He was one sheet of milk from top to toe, and we simply shrieked with delight at him. So soon in war does comedy follow tragedy.

Nerve-racking.

All our work has been in trenches up to the present, and it is rather nerve-racking work.

These big shells make a sound exactly like the rip or tearing a starched collar and the whistle of a railway engine mixed.

You hear them coming, and you bob down in the trench and wonder with your muscles tight and your lips set, "Will it land on this bit of the trench this time or not?" Then the whistle goes over or finishes in

front with a perfectly hellish crash and you are safe for the next two minutes.

Then, perhaps, when it is dusk you are sent out in front of the trench to see if any Germans are within 400 yards of you.

When you are moving along a beet field with your feet rustling in the leaves there is a sudden crack and you hear a "seeee—ep" as a bullet goes past your head.

On the occasion I am thinking of I did such an inglorious and hasty dive to earth that the corporal with me thought I was hit, and was just preparing to do the V.C. act when I moved.

A Sniping German Blighter.

However, the blighter of a sniping German who fired at me got it in the neck or rather throat, from me a minute later, for we stalked him, and I shot him at about 150 yards range.

He leapt about five feet in the air, and I sent his helmet back home yesterday as a souvenir.

When I landed at Havre I was much amused at two awfully pretty girls (French), who were with their father (a captain of infantry.)

The three solemnly advanced on me, my hand was unmercifully pumped by the captain, and I was vigorously kissed on each cheek by the two girls.

Ticked the Men.

The troop (my men) fairly howled with delight, and I never heard the last of it for two weeks.

If ever a girl was seen within a hundred yards the men began to grin at me and nudge each other, and someone would whistle softly "Chase Me, Charlie," or "You're My Blue Eyed Baby," until I had to threaten to knock their heads together for them. They haven't forgotten it yet, con-found 'em.

It's a jolly life and most interesting, but it's a little wearing on the nerves.

One doesn't mind shrapnel—that's harmless—but the "coal-boxes" and rifle fire put the fear of God into you. It's damn lucky that the Germans can't use their rifles well or we would catch it awfully.

They equip their men wonderfully well, and their uniform of grey is absolutely invisible except in broad daylight. At early morning and dusk, two favorite times for attacks, you can't spot 'em at all.

Not so long ago we were holding a line of trenches near a wood, about 300 yards from it. We fixed wire up in front, with tins to rattle on it, and retired to sleep. About midnight the tins began to rattle and we lined the trench.

Then something began to appear in front, and then we saw a solid wall of infantry appear. When they were about fifty yards away fifteen rounds per man of rapid fire was pumped into them, and when it finished you never heard such a pandemonium in your life.

The Germans screamed and shouted, and it sounded exactly like a pack of hounds in kennels at "even-song."

War Is Horrible.

Next morning there were any amount of dead in front of the trench, and we learnt from a wounded man that two companies (400 men) had attacked us, and only one and a bit companies reached home again.

People at home have no idea what war is like. It's horrible. I had never seen a corpse until the other day, and I plumped on a dozen Germans laid out for burial. I should have been sick for a week, if I had seen one at home, but here a dozen didn't affect me at all.

LOOK OUT NOW!

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GERMAN EXCUSES NAUSEATING

RECENT German newspapers, copies of which have just reached New York, give prominence to a letter written by a Dutch university professor to a German colleague, in which the writer criticises the proclamation sent by a large number of German "intellectuals" to the universities of the United States, denying German atrocity charges.

The letter was first published in the "Koelnische Zeitung," and a translation follows.

"A certain lack of national pride speaks out of those German defence writers. That, at least, is the impression they make upon us neutrals. We Netherlands have a saying which means, 'Do right and don't look around.' The Germans would make a greater hit with me if they would live up to that theory.

Undesirable Tone.

"Another thing about these defence papers is that they are all written in a broad tone of conviction, scorn and authority, in the style of congressional speeches, that upon the sober Dutch people they make an impression almost humorous.

"What is it supposed to mean, the expression which is repeated time and time again, 'It is not true.' Perhaps, it is not true.' But the mere assertion that it is not can be convincing only for those who presumed from the beginning that everything the Germans said or did must be absolutely right and just.

No Argument.

"No German savant would allow himself to be told what he should believe, or not believe, in any question, no matter by what authority. But we neutrals are supposed to believe without question. 'It is not true!' Another feature is that a noted scientist, whose judgment in this respected profession everybody appreciates, certainly is not necessarily a man who can decide such questions properly.

"We Hollanders know very well that armies turn to barbarism. That has been taught us often enough by our colonial army of about 30,000 men. The troops in the field are therefore changed as often as possible, so that brutality is prevented as much as possible, so that brutality is prevented as much as possible.

Unpleasant Impression.

"All the warring nations, however, by acting as if their own soldiers never did anything wrong, create an unpleasant impression. I was very indignant when Germany violated the

neutrality of Belgium. But when the Imperial Chancellor said, 'We are doing wrong, but we must do it for military reasons,' I was partially conciliated. Necessity offers a strong excuse.

"But there the thing should have ended. Afterwards, when all kinds of little excuses were made to show that Germany had the right to take the action she took, it served only to antagonize the neutrals. The standpoint represented by the chancellor in the beginning was more manly. I can understand his attitude; yet I maintain that Germany is no longer entitled to such a tone of disgust when others do not keep international treaties.

"Some people think only of this unfair proportion, and they do not have to be asked with whom they sympathize. If I may take the liberty to give the Germans a piece of advice, I would say, 'For goodness sake, quit excusing yourselves.' Let us have nothing of that which only history can judge."

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE FOR BEST RESULTS

AT THE CASINO

Those who attended the Casino Theatre last night saw a very clever little playlet, well presented and handled, and illustrating the fact that there is much dramatic talent in the team of Franklin and Hiatt. "All a Mistake" is the story of a young lady and gentleman who are guests at a reception arranged by the physician in charge of a private sanatorium. They had not been introduced previously, and, in consequence, one takes the other as an inmate of the asylum. There are many very funny incidents before their identity is revealed, and the manner in which they endeavour to handle the situation affords abundant opportunity for the display of talent. Miss Nellie Franklin as Clara Manners and Mr. W. S. Hiatt as George Fielding took their parts with compelling attention, and gave clean-cut renditions of their respective roles.

As usual, the motion pictures were good last night, and were well shown. The films were of an interesting character, and the dramatic feature was especially gripping. Indeed, it can be said that the show at the Casino is well worth attending, and from a variety standpoint is to be recommended to people out for an evening's entertainment.

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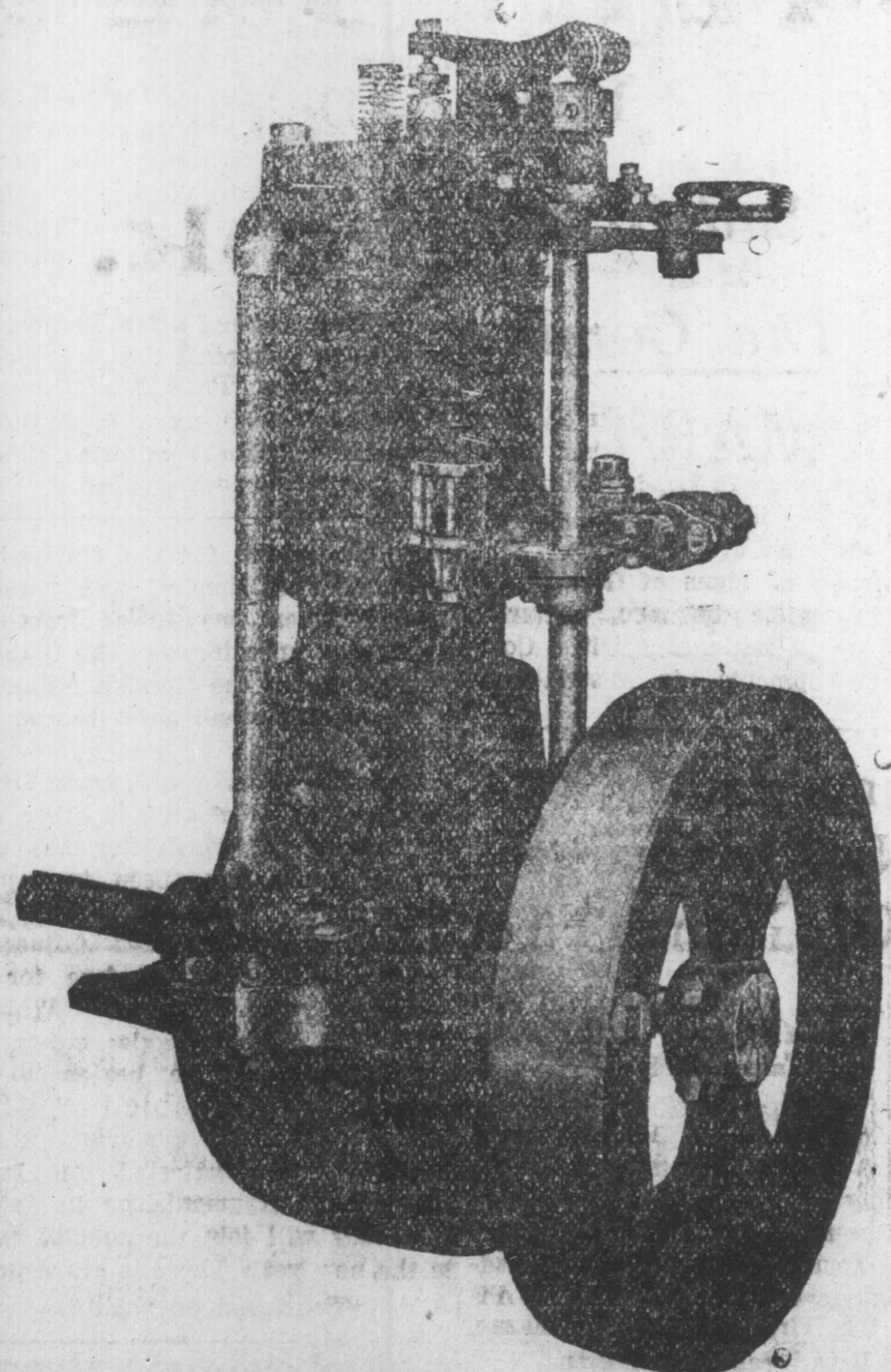
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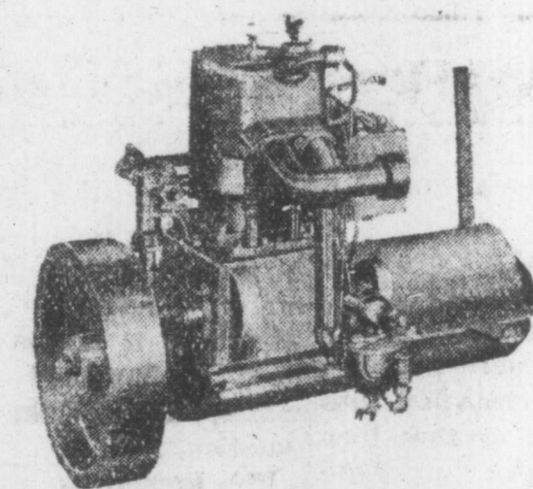


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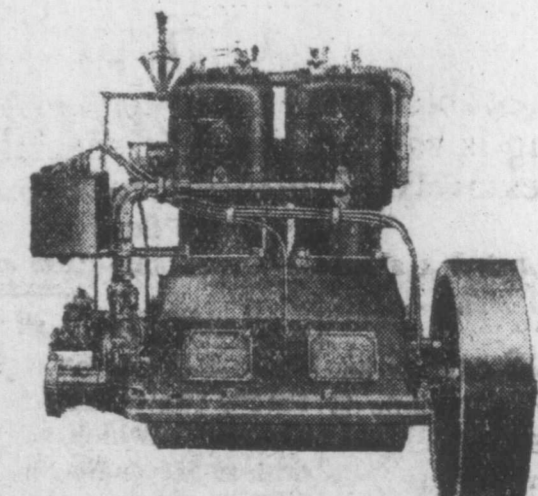
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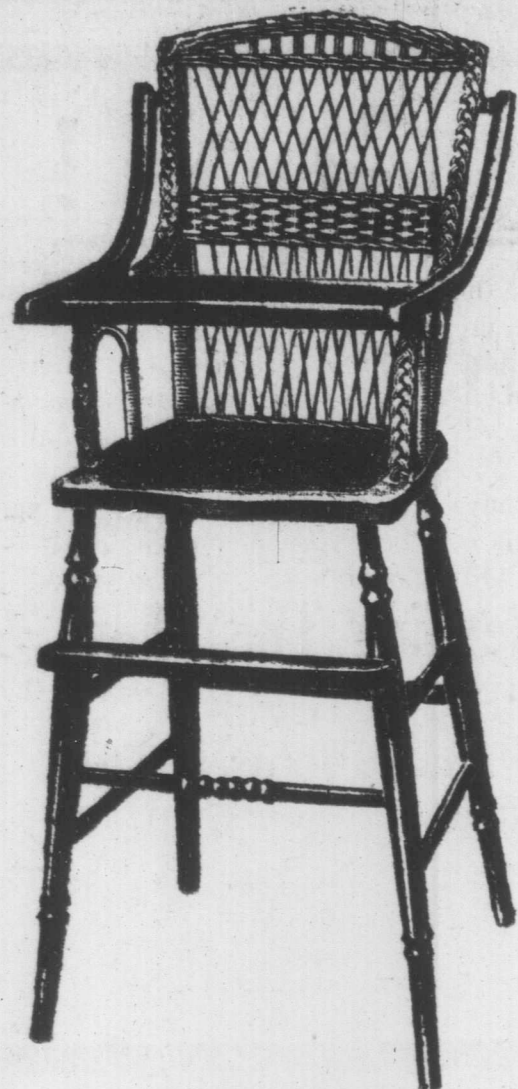


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STREETS OF BELGIAN TOWNS RAN WITH BLOOD OF CIVILIANS

Germans, Furious at Being Checked by the Belgian Soldiery, Vented Their Spleen on the Inoffending Non-Combatants—Details of Slaughter Bear Witness to Horrifying Barbarities of Kaiser's Men

(By Jacques Obels.)
ROOSENDAAL, Holland, via London.—I have inspected many Belgian ruins and talked with many desolate Belgian people. Readers of my despatches may not suspect, I hope, that such anti-German sentiments as I have would lead me to suppress or distort the facts. Certainly I have tried to play scrupulously the part of an impartial correspondent.

It is my duty to chronicle certain facts relative to military methods of the Germans in the early stages of the invasion. These were almost unobtainable heretofore, because every witness shuddered at the idea of incurring German displeasure. You could question them, but they answered not a word. This silence is gradually being broken and the truth is bursting all bounds.

Possibly the Germans are not concerned enough to deny stories of military ruthlessness. As I understand it, they say that their "methods of frightfulness" are necessary to bring people of the invaded country to a proper sense of the fact that disasters must be visited upon anyone opposed to the German advance.

Resistance Made Germans Furious.
Andenne is a pretty little town on the Meuse, half way between Liege and Namur. I went there to investigate. In some streets every house was burned. Wretched persons were digging in the ruins in search of some treasure which they thought might not have been utterly destroyed.

Alfred Lens, a well-known business man, who managed a hotel in Chicago several years ago, said: "The Germans came on August 20, bent on crossing the Meuse on a bridge commanded by this town. The Belgians, entrenched, strove heroically to stop the onrush, but it was a pitifully unequal task. As they retreated they blew up the bridge, seriously checking the German advance."

This angered the Germans fearfully. On reaching the shore and finding themselves baffled, the Germans raised a mighty shout of indignation and threatened to wreak vengeance on the civil population. I, with other citizens, was brought before the commandant, who said there was ample proof that civilians had destroyed the bridge.

All denied the charge energetically without result. The commandant stated that summary justice must be done. Small detachments of soldiers were sent about the streets to round up the inhabitants.

Shot Down and Bayoneted
As these issued from their dwellings many were shot down without mercy. In a half-hour's time the streets and sidewalks were littered with bodies. The majority were killed with the bayonet and many lifeless persons were trodden by soldiers. The shooting and bayoneting began at 7 p.m. and was finished by 10 the next morning. It is known there were 400 victims, among them a dozen big manufacturers.

Included among the victims were M. Gillet, consulting engineer; M. Camus, a doctor and Mayor of Andenne; M. David, an alderman, and seven members of his family; M. Lallemand, town clerk. A solicitor named Froidbiz informed me that his father, aged 83, was among the victims. The chief of police informed me that sixty-five civilians were locked in a church and told they would be shot in thirty minutes.

Increased Their Agony.
Every five minutes soldiers entered to remind them that they had so many minutes longer to live. When the half hour expired all were brought out, led before a file of soldiers and lined up. Some wanted to close their eyes, but the soldiers forced down their arms with bayonets. They kept this agony up for another half hour before the order was given to fire. These dead were hardly recognizable. Anyone who showed signs of life was despatched with the butt of a rifle or the bayonet.

Blood flowed in the gutters along the wall behind where the people were shot. I counted 221 bullet holes in one window shutter. The town was thoroughly looted, soldiers sparing not even poor homes, and 250 houses were set on fire.

I counted in a ditch 238 civilians who were shot. I spoke to a woman, who asserted she had been repeatedly attacked by soldiers.

Some Tales of Horror.
Continuing my journey, I came to Huy, where the same tales of horror were repeated. It is alleged the first Germans who entered the town were sent to be under the influence of drink. They immediately began to commandeer large quantities of wines and choice liquor.

Certain inhabitants who were reluctant to obey were marched into an adjoining field and shot. Twenty-one met their end this way. Their houses were ransacked and burned.

At Wepion, some distance toward Dinant, evidence was abundant of grave looting and much slaughter of innocent people. At the castle of Count De La Vaux all the silverware and costly ornaments were taken away and priceless old masters were slipped from their frames and sent to Germany. Seven civilians, it is alleged, were shot because as the Germans approached they hid in their cellars. Among these were M. Bouchat and his two sons and Chapelle De Jehay, a caretaker.

Men Shot Before Wives.
In Dinant civilians perished by hundreds. Perhaps 1,000 were killed. Men were shot in the presence of their wives and children. The commander adopted a lofty tone, asserting that these methods were necessary, that the Belgian nation might properly be impressed to refrain from acts calculated to prolong the horrors of war. He declared the Belgians killed enough unsuspecting soldiers to warrant "any sort of retribution whatever."

I found Namur thoroughly repaired and strongly fortified. A shed capable of holding two Zeppelins was erected near Cogneulle.

Everything points to energetic defenses along the Meuse.

TRAIN GOT IN 7 YEARS LATE

A train which reached its destination more than seven years behind time actually ran on a part of the Gulf & Interstate Railway, in the United States, now included in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe system. The train started from Beaumont, Texas, at 11.30 a.m. on September 8, 1906, and was bound for Port Bolivar. The distance is seventy-one miles, and the train was due at Port Bolivar at 1.55 p.m. It kept its time for the first thirty-three miles to High Island. There it was surrounded by water from the Gulf of Mexico, which had crept more than thirty-eight miles inland, and flooded the railway. When the waters subsided, the train was high and dry on the prairie, the only rails left being those on which it stood. For miles up and down the line not a vestige of track remained.

After hours of terror the passengers made their escape through the mud. The engine and four cars were abandoned, and remained a landmark. Eventually the affairs of the railway company revived. The road was rebuilt, and at last the rails from either end were connected with those under the long overdue train. At first it was proposed to tow the weather-beaten equipment to its original destination, but the engineers looked over the rusty locomotive, and pronounced her fit to complete her journey.

The news was telegraphed to Port Bolivar, and when the train, more than seven years late, arrived, half a dozen of the original passengers assembled to greet it, and the fact that it had actually reached its destination was telegraphed all over the country.

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Sealing Disaster

ON this page we publish a letter from a "Sealer" who belongs to Wesleyville and is one of the most experienced men of Bonavista Bay. The question he puts is just what thousands are asking. To-day it is the foremost matter of conversation and instead of time having eased the situation it has intensified it and made it the chief topic of conversation throughout the Colony. The people are now aroused over this issue. They have seen that another attempt has been made to fool them. They read evidence supposed to be about the disaster that any intelligent man knows is nonsense and not intended to solve the issues which have arisen out of those awful disasters. They hear witnesses say they were prevented from giving evidence they wished to give. That they were only permitted to answer the silly questions put to them and were cut off scornfully when they attempted to give their own version of affairs. All this the people have heard from witnesses who have come on here to give evidence and have returned to tell the story.

They see Dr. Lloyd there, paid to do so by the Government and appointed to do so by the Government. They know he does not represent them, for no one but the Government asked him to make such a tangle of the case for the dead men's relatives.

They see Judges of the Supreme Court coming off the bench they adorned to mix up in a tangle that only experienced sealers could unravel.

They see the Dummy Minister who was kicked out of public life by Trinity fishermen acting for the Government, and they know Squires and Morris cares as much about the slaughtering of 78 sealers as they do about public opinion in the North. Who on earth does Squires represent? What right had he—a Mummy Minister of the Crown—to be there? Why did not the Commission select Counsel to represent it, and why were not the sealers through the F.P.U. asked to select Counsel to represent the relatives of the dead men?

We reply—and we defy anyone to deny our assertion—the chief reason is that if the F. P. U. had selected Counsel to represent the men the evidence adduced would have amazed the world and stripped Abram Kean of the command of any ship in the future and proved that some ewooden ships were no better than floating coffins and that the Southern Cross was no better than she ought to be. Perhaps some ships that will clear for the icefields this spring would be forced to remain in port if the F.P.U. were allowed too free a hand in se-

lecting the evidence that the Commission would be asked to hear.

Again, we denounce the present proceedings as a farce. No good will come from its stupendous (!) labors. Great harm will flow from the proceedings. For years to come this farce will be remembered by the people. Election after election will find this contemptible trick brought forward against all and sundry connected with it.

For years the Judges of the Supreme Court will be connected with this rotten business. Men will in future lose the respect they always had for the Bench, because of its connection with this sealing disaster muddle.

The name of Morris will stink forever in the nostrils of the fishermen because of his trickery and knavery in relation with this awful destruction of human life.

Gentlemen, this matter must be fought to a finish. On the floors of the House of Assembly the coming winter this scandal and crime against the people will be exposed and out of it those responsible will only crawl after swallowing medicine as bitter as ever administered to a horse.

Past conditions will not now save Premiers, Judges or Dummy Ministers from swallowing their medicine. New conditions have arisen and the people will find a way to bring home wrong-doings and trickery to the perpetrators, no matter what the consequences.

The slaughter of 251 tollers will not pass unavenged and if influence and red tape can sway enquiries and big fees can find legal men ready to dance to the tune of the people's insulters, the people will demand full payment with big interest in their own way and in their own time.

Never again will Trinity Bay elect Dr. Lloyd as their representative. He took his political life in his hands when he defied the F.P.U. in this Commission farce and he will pay the penalty meted out to all traitors-of the people's interests.

This matter will not be dropped until a square deal is afforded the interests of the fishermen, and we care not who is mixed up with this outrage against the people, they will have to swallow their medicine.

He who thinks he can coddle the people in this year of Grace as those in authority have attempted to do over this slaughter of 251 breadwinners will if he lives long enough be a wiser and sadder man.

Thank God, fishermen, for one blessing, and that blessing is that eight true and faithful representatives of the F.P.U. occupy seats in the House of Assembly, and they will do their duty as your representatives fearlessly, or die in the attempt.

One you thought would be true has turned traitor, and the lesson of electing men to represent you who are outside of your own party is being so well learnt that "never again," "never again," has now become your watchword, and who but timeservers will condemn your decision.

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

SITUATION UNCHANGED

New York Tribune:—Of actual invasion the attack (on the East coast) contains hardly a suggestion. Much as we can admire the skill of the attack, we are bound to feel that the military situation of the opposing fleets and of England's relative safety from invasion remains unchanged.

BELGIUM

London News and Leader:—Belgium—a land of graves, with thousands of half-starved, ill-clad refugees tramping dejectedly through the slush and snow, past the brightly lighted hotels full of noisy, well-fed soldiers to the ruins of the villages where there is not enough food to maintain even the remnant already there.

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SEALER ASKS VITAL QUESTIONS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—The people have been watching very closely the proceedings of the Sealing Disaster Commission and are hoping that something will be done by it to show the public if anyone was responsible for the slaughter of seventy-eight of our fellow countrymen. Judging from the proceedings so far, the people believe that the investigation will be another bluff of the Government. Surely this Commission does not intend to let this become the same sort of a farce as it was last spring before Judge Knight. As far as one can learn, the public intends to demand that either this commission or one to be soon appointed must decide who is responsible for the disaster. The people do not intend to permit such a massacre of their friends and relatives to go without punishment to the parties responsible.

I hope that these men who compose the Commission of Enquiry will consider that the country at large is watching their actions just as it watched the progress of the enquiry into the losses of the Titanic and Empress of Ireland. Here are some of the questions asked and answered by the ordinary man.

Who is responsible for having signalled the Newfoundland to send out her Crew? Capt. Abram Kean.

Who sent the men away to travel to the Stephano? Capt. Wes Kean, because his father signalled for him to do so.

On what conditions did Capt. Wes Kean send his men to his father's ship? That they were to pan seals and board his father's ship for the night.

Who failed to carry out these conditions? George Tuff, because he listened to Capt. Kean's reasonings.

Why did he do as Kean advised? Because Capt. Kean assured him there would be no weather and it would be an easy matter for them to reach their ship that night.

Who put the men on the ice and made no attempt to rescue them when

the storm broke in its fury? Capt. Abram Kean.

Who could have rescued the men if he had made any attempt to do so? Capt. Abram Kean.

Who refused to bother about the Newfoundland's crew when others on the Stephano were continually asking the question What about the Newfoundland's men? Capt. Abram Kean.

There are many other questions similar to these being asked continually among the masses. Some may think that the writer wants Capt. Abram Kean to be blamed for the whole affair. That is not my intention. What I do want is the Commission of Enquiry to show that it is in earnest about the matter and that it will proceed in a manner which will secure the good-will of the country.

As things are at present, it looks as if human life is less protected than brute animal life. An act was passed in the Legislature last winter which protects a dog from being harnessed until it grows to a certain weight and provides that the dog must be looked after and well fed. But it appears that a man can be destroyed with impunity because he is only a toiler and the widows, orphans and aged parents have to suffer while the destroyer goes without being brought to account for his negligence and his refusal to use common sense, when placed in a position of great responsibility.

If we had had a Coaker to agitate when former evil deeds and disasters took place, there would be no one mourning today over the loss of the seventy-eight who died on the icefloes and the one hundred and seventy-three who sank with the old worn-out Southern Cross. Go ahead, Mr. Coaker, the people are at your back and expect you to keep up the fight. Right triumphs and wrong-doers will be punished. The Northern men will stand by you to the last man on this disaster business. The people now plainly recognise that their only friend is Coaker and their only mouth piece The Mail and Advocate. Come

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 Moor & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nichol, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine.—dec5,14

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BRITISH RULE TRANSFORMS FACE OF EGYPT

Reformation of the Country's Affairs Generally is One of the Greatest Glories of British Rule in Any Part of the World

Egypt is now a British Protectorate. To that effect notice has been issued by the British Foreign Secretary, and all who have anything to do with Egypt are expected to govern themselves accordingly. The change is really little more than one of terms. Egypt's future had long been determined by British policy. In fact, if not in form, the country was already permanently under British control.

The one thing previously lacking to British rule in Egypt was a title. That the proclamation now provides. Until it was issued Britain treated Egypt technically as not one of her possessions, but somewhat as a country in the hands of a receiver might be treated.

Egypt's Status.
Egypt was previously regarded as nominally tributary to the Sultan of Turkey, and the hereditary line of Khedives established by the forceful Mehmet Ali in 1841 was recognized by Britain. But under British occupation, which began after Walseley's suppression of Arabi Pasha's rising in 1882, Egypt has been administered, protected and fostered along the characteristic line of British Imperial policy. Under soldiers like

Kitchener and statesmen like Cromer, that exhausted and much-decayed dependency of Turkey was nursed into a state of economic health and general progress that no one could have thought possible a generation ago.

Glory of British Rule.
The transformation in Egypt is one of the glories of British rule. The Sudan, a vast region long dominated by fanatical warrior tribes who were a constant source of trouble to upper Egypt, has been converted into the seat of a settled and prosperous people, to the aid of whose production have been brought the advantages of modern science. The Nile, which throughout the ages was regarded as the particular providence of Egypt, has been made a still more potent and benign influence by the engineering skill which created the irrigating system of dams, barrages and locks of which the Assouan dam is the head. The cultivation of cotton has been wonderfully successful. The lot of the fellahen has been raised far above that of the last generation of them.

Great Blessing.
Truly, British rule has been a blessing to Egypt. To Britain herself the occupation has been a great care, and has doubtless been a benefit. It was entered upon against her will, it was continued despite repeated efforts on her part to withdraw from it, and finally it settled down into a case of "What have we'll hold." Had British rule not been established in India it is improbable that it would have become established in Egypt. The state of affairs into which Egypt's finances had been brought by the spendthrift Ismail Pasha in 1876 led to the appointing of a British and a French Controller-General of Finance. It was as British Controller-General that Baring, now Lord Cromer, be-



gan his long service in Egypt in 1877. Very possibly even the financial interests of British and French investors might not have led to the constituting of these offices had not France had her empire in Northern Africa to consider and Britain her interests in India. The British Government was able to buy from the improvident Khedive 176,000 of the total 400,000 shares in the Suez Canal Company. The price paid was £4,000,000. The shares then purchased are now valued at £39,000,000 or about \$195,000,000.

Freced Britain's Hand.
Notwithstanding this proprietorship in the canal and the immense importance of that waterway as a link in the route to India, Britain would not have interfered in Egypt's affairs in 1882 if Gambetta had been less forceful and less clever. But just when he had overcome the British Government's scruples and had got it entangled in the situation he resigned office. De Freycy, who succeeded him, completely changed the French Government's policy towards Egypt. He was afraid that if France were to venture into any military enterprise in that corner of Africa she might again be attacked by Germany. Bismarck, still in the ascendant at Berlin, was not above taking advantage of diverted attention on the part of the power he had crushed twelve years before, whose speedy recovery was disquieting to him. At that time France and Britain were excellent friends. But the occupation of Egypt by Britain was the beginning of estrangement. France often protested against the continuance of the British occupation, and kept urging

Britain to withdraw. The relations between the two powers were brought to the verge of war when Lord Kitchener met the French officer, Marchand, at Fashoda, which the latter held to be within France's African sphere of influence. Happily, the controversy passed over without war.

Settled the Trouble.
The treaties of 1904 for the settling of colonial differences between Britain and France wiped this Egyptian and Sudan score off the slate along with many others. That was the beginning of the entente. Another of the questions settled by that treaty-making, with which the name of Edward VII. will always be honorably associated, was as to France's sphere of influence in Morocco. Britain practically conveyed her interest there to France. When in after years Germany challenged the Morocco arrangement and sought to make it an occasion of quarrel with France, Britain stood by France, and in two crises over that question prevented war. Her action was made use of by the Kaiser and his war caste to stir up the enthusiasm of the German people for the "big navy" required for "the day" Germany should attack Britain.



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Another officer writes as to the 2nd Wiltshires, and the details of how they were cut up so badly are beginning to be known. It appears that the Seventh Division were trying to hold a front of something like seven miles, and the Germans drove through them in several places. The division had to retire to three successive positions, and during one of the retirements the battalion was surrounded and cut up. Every single officer was either killed, wounded or captured, and only a hundred men are now left.

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NEWFOUNDLANDERS APPRECIATE THEIR QUARTERS AT FORT GEORGE

Lance-Corporal Jack Reardigan Says Scotland Reminds Him Quite a Bit of Home—Pretty Spot and Kind People

Lance-Corporal Jack J. Reardigan writes another chatty missive to his parents.

His letters are always newsy and interesting and are eagerly read by the public.

We have published several from him, and to-day's we think will prove as attractive reading as any we have printed before.

He is now in barracks at Fort George, Inverness, and judging from the tone of his letter he is pleased with the place.

That Corporal Reardigan is a Newfoundlander there is no doubt. That is plain from his reference to the trout. While at home he was a faithful disciple of Isaac Walton, and even now he cannot resist the temptation to have a try.

The letter is addressed to his mother and father, the latter being the well-known fire constable connected with the East End Station.

He commences by saying that he is well, and continues "I received the cake and had it for a whole week. All the boys wanted a piece of it. They certainly admired the way it was done up."

Fond of "Gems."

"I received the tobacco and cigarettes, too. It is just like home to get 'Gem' cigarettes. There is none like them. We all prefer the home made article."

"We are having a fine time. All the boys are well."

"We are now in the North of Scotland."

"Before leaving Salisbury Plain I was talking to a couple of Canadians and I found Jack Baxter and gave him Mr. Baxter's address, and he told me he would write. He is a fine fellow."

Reason Enough.

"The Canadians are certainly some mad, and they asked why it was that we were going to barracks and they have to stop on the Plain. But look who we are! We are the Newfoundlanders."

"Well we broke camp Dec. 7th and marched down to Amersbury Station and boarded the train for Scotland."

"The run is nearly 600 miles and we did it in 22 hours."

"The sights and scenery were grand. I can't remember all the stations we stopped at, but we got a great reception everywhere."

Kind Hearted.

I wish all the folks at home could see the splendid treatment we receive from the men and women here. Believe me the English are all right. I often heard that they were "staid-offish," but such is not the case. They are kindness itself.

"All you have to tell them is that you are from Newfoundland and there is nothing too much for them to do for you."

"All our boys say the same."

"Our train travelled from 40 to 60 miles per hour, and you would hardly know she was moving, she ran so easily."

First Colonials.

"We have come from the South of England to the North of Scotland. We are the first colonial troops ever to go to Scotland. That is one thing we can say."

"Do you know Scotland reminds me somewhat of home. I mean where we are, the scenery is much the same."

"There are lots of sheep here, and the wool on them is touching the ground. You would think they had no legs."

"The Barracks we are in is called Fort George. It looks right out to the sea."

Fort George.

The Fort is composed of rooms. In each room seven men stay. There is a bed for each and a box to put his kit in. There is also a fire place and I can tell you it is much more comfortable than camp.

The barracks is fortified with a rampart all round. When you walk around the ramparts you have a commanding view of the whole place. There are all kinds of shops here.

"There are some rivers here, but I have not found out yet if there are any trout in them; if there are I intend having a spell fishing."

Splendid Soldiers.

"Hundreds of soldiers are here, but they belong to Scotch regiments. They are splendid types of men."

There is a school here, and they don't forget to teach the children the Highland fling. You will see the youngsters everywhere dancing it.

The non-coms. have a room to themselves and also a reading room.

"We are hardly settled down yet."

MISSING WOMAN HAS BEEN LOCATED

Mrs. Power, who was reported missing on Saturday has returned to her sister's house.

The police found that she was at the Seamen's Institute on Christmas night. After she left that place nothing could be heard of her until last night when the Superintendent was informed that she had returned to her sisters.

GOOD MID-WEEK SHOW AT NICKEL

The mid-week show at the Nickel Theatre has been arranged to suit all tastes, and is certain to afford pleasure and satisfaction to all who attend.

It is an all feature entertainment with some of the best artists in their line of business specialised. With each subject there will be appropriate effects.

Miss Margaret Ayer, the new soloist, will sing a pleasing song. You simply cannot afford to miss today's entertainment.

New Year's Day will be another big time at the Nickel.

There are three sessions—morning at 10.30; afternoon at 2 and evening at 7. It will be a bright holiday festival show with the choicest selection of the latest films, pictures that will entertain and amuse. Will be one of the finest entertainments ever given at the Nickel.

New Year's Night Concert of B.I.S.

The B.I.S. rooms will likely be crowded for their concert on New Year's evening. As the members of the society and their friends are greatly interested in it.

Besides Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Davidson, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche will be present.

SECURE YOUR TICKETS at the Atlantic Bookstore for the Concert in St. Patrick's Hall New Year's Night.

but as soon as we get stowed away, I will write another long letter and tell you all about the Fort.

"I have made several attempts to finish this letter, and now there is some one singing out for Corporal Reardigan, so I must run and look after my section."

"I have a few minutes more to spare so I will finish my letter. It is rather long, but no doubt you will find time to read it."

Beautiful Town.

"Inverness is a beautiful town. They say there are about 25,000 people in it."

"The buildings are swell. They tell me it is a great place for people to spend their holidays, and in the summer time thousands of visitors are there."

"There is a beautiful cathedral, Royal Academy, a big suspension bridge, and other places of interest."

"Ships are built there and there are immense iron works. There are also places for making whisky, but that does not trouble me. I have not forgotten my promise to you not to drink, and I don't think I will break it."

"You can have a good time here without getting drunk. Most all our boys are sober, and the sober ones never get in trouble."

"Remember me to all the folks Christmas Day, including Ned, Jack and Mr. Sage."

"Love to all. Don't forget we are soldiers now. We are having a good time. I believe we will soon be in Ireland, where the shamrock grows."

Must Apologise Or Do Without The Krupp Guns

Kaiser's Temper Said to Have Deprived Him of Means of Answering British Ships

London, Dec. 26.—The true story of the delay in sending three 42-centimetre German guns to the Belgian coast has just leaked out. It is certainly one of the most startling developments in the repertoire of the German Emperor's recent doings that has yet come to light, and fully explains his quarrel with the Krupps.

An English army officer who arrived here in charge of German prisoners ascertained from one of them that the distinguished Krupp engineer, Herr Blesner, was especially sent by the Krupp firm to take charge of the fixing and transportation of the monster guns. On arriving at Antwerp the Engineer had a dispute with the Grand Duke of Wurttemberg as to the manner in which the guns were to be placed upon the coast.

Kaiser Turned Him Down.

Herr Blesner appealed in a personal interview to the Kaiser. The Emperor supported the view of the Grand Duke and told the Engineer that, in the future, he must take his orders without question. Herr Blesner replied in a manner which the Kaiser regarded as disrespectful.

The Emperor, in his rage, struck Herr Blesner in the face. The engineer at once returned to Essen and handed in his resignation to the Krupp firm, declaring he would not resume his duties unless the Kaiser apologised.

Wouldn't Apologise.

The Krupps asked the Emperor to apologise, but he declined point-blank, and requested that another engineer should be sent to take charge of the transportation of the howitzers. Up to the time of this writing, no engineer has been found to take Herr Blesner's place, with the result that the Germans are still powerless to reply to the fire of the British ships off Ostend.

The three monster guns meanwhile are still in the Krupp factory.

SETS DURATION OF THE BIG WAR AT TWO YEARS

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pect also that Persia and Beluchistan will be dragged in.

He found Denmark and Sweden strongly pro-British in sympathy—they are only marking time, because they are doubtful exactly how Holland stands. Indeed, the war area is bound to undergo such enlargement that the Armageddon of the scriptures will be nothing compared to what the world must prepare to face before the conflict reaches a climax.

This official especially investigated the war situation in Russia. Russian officers put the case thus: "We admit we have not realized your British hopes as yet. The truth is, we are slow-moving, by the necessities of our national economic conditions. This slowness will continue for another two months at least, and we shall not be ready to make a real beginning of the war, as we conceive it, until March. Then and not till then, will Russia's full weight in the conflict be felt. And are you not in much the same position in Britain? Not till March will your million men reach the fighting area. Meanwhile, Joffre and French are more than holding their own. We could not ask for more."

Big Gun Practice

A squad from H.M.S. Calypso were at Fort Amherst this morning engaged in big gun practice.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS FROM COLLEGE

Official Organ of Mount Allison Contains Laudatory Reference to Quartette of Newfoundlanders

From the "Argosy," the official organ of Mount Allison, we clip the following complimentary reference to the Newfoundlanders who attended the University and who are now fighting for the Flag. Pictures of the young men appeared with the items:

Pearson V. Curtis, '13.

Pearson V. Curtis, '13, was appointed Rhodes Scholar from Newfoundland in 1911 while attending Mt. Allison. Mr. Curtis left at once for Oxford, and during the summer of this year, volunteered for active service. He has since been ordered to India, where we trust his Military career will be as fortunate as his scholastic has been—successful.

William F. Hutchings, '16.

'Bill' Hutchings entered the University with the class of '14, and later joined '16 (rejoining). Those who know him will realize that the Army has gained a man who embodies all those attributes of courage, fidelity and good cheer which go to make England's soldiers what they are. Wherever the battle is thickest there you will find Bill, and wherever Bill is, we are our best wishes, and our sympathy for the German who happens to be in front of him.

R. W. Bartlett, '17.

Rupert W. Bartlett, of Brigus, Newfoundland, Corporal in the First Newfoundland Contingent now doing duty in Inverness, Scotland. "Padeo" as he was commonly called, entered last year with the '17 class. From the first day he entered until he left he was a general favourite. He was a member of last year's football team. We wish him success and a safe return to Mount Allison.

R. B. Herder, '17.

Ralph B. Herder came to Mt. Allison with the reputation of being a real "sport." This reputation was splendidly sustained during the year he was with us. He developed into a lever football player and contributed largely to the success of last season's hockey team. There was general disappointment when the word was circulated that Ralph was not coming back this year, but the feeling changed to one of satisfaction when the news came that he had joined the Newfoundland Contingent.

To-night's Tourney

The card tourney at the British Society Club rooms takes place tonight at 9 o'clock. It is open to all. Special prizes will be given.

T. A. Tourney

There was a card tourney at the T. A. Club last evening. Messrs. J. Armstrong and P. Griffin each won a turkey.

Curling Club Meets

The Curling Club met last night. Mr. Hon. LeMessurier in the chair, when fifteen new members were admitted.

Mr. J. C. Hepburn's motion that the first session of play close at 9.15 p.m., instead of 9 was carried.

The Captains of Divisions meet shortly to arrange the fixtures.

There is a splendid sheet of ice on the rinks at present.

Charity Day will be observed on Jan. 25th, the first holiday. During past years Charity Day has been one of the greatest with the curiers, and many poor families have been assisted. They realize that there is even greater scope this year, and every effort will be put forward to exceed the receipts of last season.

A committee has been arranged to look after the distribution of the funds, and the secretary has formulated a scheme which has met with the approval of all members.

New Publication


We thank the publisher, Mr. V. J. Parsons for a copy of his New Year publication, "The Janusian," on sale on the street to-day. It is a bright, readable production and should meet with a ready sale. As the authors of the various articles are local men, the number would make a very appropriate souvenir for sending to the Newfoundland Volunteers, now in Scotland.

Detained By Fog

The S.S. Carthaginian left Philadelphia at 7 a.m. yesterday, but as there is dense fog on the Delaware and she has not been reported passing out of the river, she is no doubt at anchor.

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GALICIA SCENE OF BIG BATTLES

Petrograd, Dec. 26, via London—Large bodies of Russian troops are moving toward Cracow, the Galician stronghold, from the north and east. An important battle apparently is developing in South-Western Poland near Cracow.

While the Germans are not relaxing their efforts along the line from Sochaczew to Skiernewice in the movement toward Warsaw, the greatest activity Tuesday was made in the vicinity of Miechow and Andrejew, immediately north-east of Cracow. The Russians have moved back to positions along the left bank of the Nida River near its junction with the Vistula, thirty miles east of Cracow. The objective of the Austro-German forces in this vicinity appears to be Kielec. Their front extends about seventy miles from the right bank of the Nida.

Their strength is estimated at eight to ten army corps (320,000 to 400,000 men).

Austrians Heavy Loss.

The Teutonic Allies on December 18 attacked the outskirts of Plinzow, 25 miles east of Miechow, and were successful in crossing the river. Subsequently, however they were thrown back with heavy losses, after a desperate fight.

The Russians are in force along the Pillica River, twenty miles south-east of Piotrkow.

The Nida River is occupied by five divisions of German cavalry. The two Russian armies are seeking to close in, moving in the direction of Opoczno. Near the latter point, in the vicinity of the town of Shedbero, an Austrian force was defeated several days ago, losing 1,000 men and 17 officers.

Success in Galicia.

It is the opinion of Russian military critics that the action in this territory is intended by the Germans to draw away the Russians from the vicinity of Cracow by threatening their communications.

The official announcement of Russian successes in Galicia is interpreted here as meaning a definite defeat of the third Austrian advance. The Russians claim to have taken the offensive, attacking successfully the entire southern frontier forces of the Austrians under General Boehm-Ermolli.

Garrison Driven Back.

The attack extended along the River Dunajec as far as the upper valleys of the San. The Austrians who advanced over the Mazolaboretz Pass in the Carpathians toward Dukla were attacked along a front from Liszko to Sanak. A series of attempts in that direction is reported to have failed.

The Przmysl garrison on December 18 made a desperate sortie but was driven back on the fortifications with heavy losses. Simultaneously the Austrian division which was advancing toward Dukla was attacked with bayonets and forced to flee, leaving an enormous number of dead. The Russians captured 1,000 prisoners, including ten officers.

To the west, on the road leading to Baltefeld, an Austrian corps was attacked by Russians at Ryoliatz, on a front descending from Ryg to Vodlov. The Austrians were thrown back, leaving about 1,500 dead on the field.

S.S. Stephano leaves New York to-day for Halifax and St. John's.

Portia Sails

Portia sailed westward at 10 a.m., taking a large freight and the following passengers:—G. Bishop, Mr. Winter, Miss Street, Miss Hogan, W. H. Foote, J. Petite and 20 steerage.

Prospero left Little Bay Islands at 6.50 last evening. She is due here on Saturday.

The express is due at 5 this evening.

No Society Parade

The British and Orange Societies will not parade on New Year's Day. This is because of the Sealing Disaster and the war.

Mediterranean Mails

The s.s. Adventure sails for Mediterranean ports tomorrow afternoon. She takes a mail and it closes at 3.30.

C.L.B. BAND

Will parade at the Armoury at 9.30 a.m. New Year's Day for the purpose of parading with the Volunteers. Bandsmen who have volunteered will also parade. Fur Head Dress, Practice Thursday evening at 9 o'clock sharp.

S. W. CAKE,
Bandmaster.



1st Newfoundland Regiment.

RESERVE FORCE

All ranks whether drilling at night or day will parade at the C.L.B. Armoury on Friday, January 1st, at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

By order,
A. MONTGOMERIE,
Capt., Adjutant.

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