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To-Day's Cables

Teutonic Allies Still Closing in on Braila

Russian Emperor Says There can be no Peace Until the Invaders are Driven from Russian Soil

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The net of the Teutonic Allies apparently is fast closing in upon Braila. Rumania's oil and grain centre, on the Danube, having taken Filipecht, 30 miles to the southwest. Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad near the towns of Rimnicu and Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east, while the guns of the Dobruja army are still hammering with some success on the Russo-Rumanians at the bridgehead at Macin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila. Prior to the fall of Rimnicu and Sarat the Teutonic Allies defeated the Russians on a front of 10 1/2 miles S.W. of those towns while the Teutonic Danube Army captured several fortified villages, according to Berlin War Office. Petrograd admits that Russians and Rumanians have been forced to fall back north to Mogura, but says elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties. Since December 22, says Berlin, more than 8,000 prisoners, and 27 machine guns have been captured in Roumania. Artillery duels, sapping operations and attacks by small patrol parties were featured in Wednesday's fighting on the front in France. There have been sporadic battles at several points along the line in Russian Galicia, from Volhynia to the Carpathians, but no important results have been attained by either side. The usual bombardment is in progress in the Austro-Italian theatre. In Macedonia comparative quiet prevails. The Russian Emperor in the order of the day to Russian army, dealing with Germany's proffer of peace, asserts that the offer was made because Germany feels her complete defeat is near. The Emperor added that the time for peace had not yet arrived and he was confident no Russian soldier would desire peace until the invaders had been driven from Russian soil, and had given the guarantees which would prevent the possible repetition of such treacherous attacks.

SINKING STEAMER NOT FOUND

NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamer Maryland, which was reported on Christmas night as sinking has not been found at a late hour to-night, according to a message received from the coast guard cutter Gresham. The message said—"Gresham is still engaged in the search for the vessel, and believed that if any of the Maryland's boats had succeeded in getting away from the steamer they would have drifted westward in the path of trans-Atlantic steamers."

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MISS ASQUITH NOT ENGAGED

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Former Premier Asquith issued a statement to-night, denying that his daughter Elizabeth is engaged to be married. Several London newspapers on Tuesday morning reported the engagement of Miss Asquith to Hugh S. Gibson, First Secretary at the American Embassy, London.

PTE. MILLER DEAD

Mr. Harold Ayre last evening had a wire from London advising him of the death of Pte. Andrew H. Miller, only son of Mrs. Mary and the late Lewis H. Miller. The deceased soldier succumbed to an attack of pneumonia and the news came as a great shock to his friends, who were not aware of his indisposition. The young soldier enlisted with the 27th Battalion, 6th Canadian Infantry, at Winnipeg, has seen heavy fighting in France and Flanders but escaped without injury. The deceased was in his 32nd year and was the brother of Mrs. Harold Ayre of this city and of Mrs. Eric Ayre, who is now residing in London and was also a nephew of Hon. Donald Morrison. Much sympathy is expressed for the family, from whose members the just war has extracted a heavy toll in the loss of dear ones.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE AGREE REPLY TO NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—England and France are fully agreed upon the terms of reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Teutonic Allies, the Associated Press learned from the Foreign Office to-day. It is hoped here that the answer may be despatched by the end of this week, but other nations of the Entente although agreed on principle, may require some verbal operations, which would necessitate further delay. It is expected that once this reply has been forwarded, the response to President Wilson's note will follow very shortly.

MORE DAMAGE

Yesterday's heavy sea did considerable damage along the East End water front. At Harvey & Co.'s it came under one of the large sheds and lifted part of the flooring. At George Neal's wharf it tore up the earth inside the planking of the wharf in such a way that teams could not go below the arch-way. Some damage was done also at Collin Campbell's and other premises. At Black Head several stages, flags and wharves were damaged, while others were destroyed completely. The sea was the highest seen there for years.

At the Cape Cove, inside Cape St. Francis, four stages were carried away and the sea went higher than ever seen there before, even sending heavy spray up to the light house which has an elevation of nearly one hundred feet above the sea level. At 4 a.m. Cape Spear and Cape St. Francis informed us that the wind had died out to almost calm and that the sea had gone down considerably since last night. There was a heavy sea at the dry dock premises yesterday and so that damage might not be done to them or the pier several of the ships there had to haul into the stream, but were removed later when the waters became calmer.

BOWRING SHIPS POPULAR

The popularity of the Bowering ships with our business people was well demonstrated to-day. Teams of all descriptions laden with freight for the Prospero filled Bowering's Cove and extended down Water Street on either side to Ayre & Sons Cove. The Prospero sails north to-morrow afternoon.

BATTLE IN AIR NINE CASUALTIES

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The report from British headquarters in France issued at midnight reads:—On Tuesday night a party of our troops searched for some few hundred yards of the enemy's front line trenches northwest of Lens, bombing his dug-outs, and doing considerable damage to his defences. After completing that work our men returned with some casualties. Our positions on the right of our lines north of the Somme and near Le Sars were heavily shelled by the enemy at intervals on Tuesday night and Wednesday. Bombardments of enemy's defences and trench mortar emplacements were carried out by us with good results. South of Arras, in the neighbourhood of Hulluch, west of Messines and elsewhere there was the usual artillery activity. On Tuesday much successful work was done by our airmen in co-operation with our artillery. In the course of a number of fights one air hostile machine was destroyed, and five others forced to land in a damaged condition. Three of our machines are missing.

RUSSIA SENDS REPLY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Russian reply to the German peace proposals was telegraphed on Monday to the French Government, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. It adds: The Swiss Minister has handed the Russian Minister a note from the Swiss Government supporting President Wilson's note.

CANADIAN AVIATOR TO BE DECORATED

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 28.—Letters from France announce the general officer commanding the British air forces proved conclusively that Lieut. Eddie McKay, the Western University hockey and football star, of this city, was with his fellow aviator responsible for the death of Captain Boelke, the famous German aviator. Decorations by the King is said to be slated for McKay.

BRITISH MARINE REPORTS WITHHELD

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—News of the movements of British vessels to and from this port will be withheld by agents of the various lines as a result of an order received today from the Head Offices at Liverpool. All sailing lists have been destroyed, and newspaper advertising of expected sailings withdrawn.

BIG MEAT SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The British Government has contracted for the entire exportable supply of New Zealand's meat until for at least three months after the close of the European war, according to reports reaching commerce department from its agents abroad. Higher prices will be paid than for the Dominion export supply commanded last year.

Mr. Edward Spurrel, tailor, of this City, by the last mail had a very kind written letter from Rev. Brother Kennedy, now of New Rochelle, N.Y. It contained a seasonable card also, and the missive showed that Brother Kennedy does not forget his former pupils or his friends in St. John's.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of Methodist Orphanage begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of cheque for Twenty Dollars from the P. G. Lodge of N.B.D., L.O.A., per Jordan Milley, Esq., Grand Secretary.

Safety First

A stranger entered the grocery store of his small town and asked for all the stale eggs on hand. As he put the last one in the bag the grocer said facetiously: "Looks as though you were going to see 'Hamlet' played tonight." "No, sir," came the answer grimly. "I am going to play 'Hamlet' tonight."

Last Night's Cables

SOCIALISTS ON PEACE

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A Congress of French Socialists today by an almost unanimous vote passed a resolution requesting Entente Allies and governments to reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace, by saying they are ready to tell him their conditions for peace, which must include just reparation for wrongs done by Central Empires. The Socialists also declared they were for such peace as was defined by International Socialist Congress held in London February, 1915. It was decided by Socialists of Entente Allied countries at the London conference that no hope for peace could be entertained until Germany militarism was crushed. Resolutions were also passed urging that Belgium be liberated and compensated. The question of Poland should be solved in accordance with the wishes of the Polish people, and that in Alsace-Lorraine and the Balkans those populations that have been annexed by force, shall receive the right freely to dispose of themselves.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN ADDRESSES DIET

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The Diet was opened today by the Emperor, who in his address from the throne expressed his gratification that the relations between the Empire and the Treaty Powers. He declared that the Alliance with Great Britain and the convention with France were becoming stronger, and called attention also to new convention with Russia, which he termed a matter for congratulation. The Emperor explained that he had ordered the Ministers to draft bills necessary for the development of the country, keeping in mind the world situation, and asked the Diet to cooperate in passing these measures.

DISASTROUS STORM IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A glaze storm which loaded the telegraph and telephone wires with ice seriously interfered today until communications in this State and to a considerable extent throughout east. Some trouble is experienced as far west as Chicago, but conditions reported here as improving. That the direction of the weather bureau unable to calculate the scope or characteristic of storm fully owing to difficulty of gathering information by wire. New York streets were coated with ice and traffic badly hampered. The Panama Canal tug Reliance, formerly the Scully, of New York, sank off Colon Breakwater in a heavy sea today. The tug's master, Peter Evens, of San Francisco, and three negroes, were drowned.

AMERICAN SKIPPER LUCKY

HAVRE, Dec. 28.—Captain Plater of the American steamer Sacramento, who arrived from Buenos Ayres with a cargo of wheat, reports he was stopped in the English Channel by a German submarine. The commander of the submarine ordered him on board with his papers and after examining them said you are carrying wheat which we consider contraband of war to France. It is lucky for you that your ship is American, otherwise we should have torpedoed her with great pleasure. You can proceed. Good luck to you.

SWITZERLAND'S NEUTRALITY

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Journal Dec Debats from Geneva says: The Swiss Federal Council has, according to information received here from Bern, received for mal assurance from Germany guaranteeing once more Switzerland's neutrality, on assurances given as result of fear recently prevailing that Germany was preparing to break through Switzerland into France and Italy.

Allies Will Answer Germany's Proposals

No Specific Terms Will be Mentioned as Such Depends on Entente Allies Victories

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Communications in concrete form so that the reply may be definitely responsible, and at the same time convey to neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the Entente Allies are contending. The reason for not stating specific terms is said here to be that the terms of the Allies largely depends upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect, and that any statement of terms now would be upon the existing military and territorial situation which the German Imperial Chancellor, Von Bethmann Hollweg claimed was the basis of German victory. It is held that Germany's position to state terms, whereas the Entente terms will become definite when military success have been achieved.

CHURCH UNION SPEAKERS ON PEACE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28.—The Dutch section of the World's Union of Churches held crowded meeting tonight at the largest church in the city. The speakers endorsed President Wilson's act of faith in sending his note to belligerents, and exhorted their brethren in belligerent countries to foster the atmosphere in which the idea of peace might be developed.

PREPARING FOR A PEACE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Despatches from the Hague says German agents have arrived at the Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to peace conference as suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

NO CONFERENCE EXPECTED

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is not believed in official circles that there exists any possibility of assembling a peace conference as proposed in German reply to President Wilson's note unless Germany is willing to make suggestions in advance regarding her ideas of terms of peace.

TWELVE PERSONS KILLED BY TORNADO

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Dec. 28.—Twelve persons killed, 23 injured in a tornado which swept over Central Arkansas yesterday.

ANOTHER TOWN CAPTURED BY HUNS

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Teutonic Allies, fighting in Roumania, captured the important town of Rimnik Sarat, on the railroad northeast of Buzen.

GREEK ARMY DEMOBILIZING

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Greek Government carrying out its promise to demobilize the Greek army and navy is proceeding satisfactory, advances indicate.

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the Daughters of The Empire gave a
supper to which were invited all the
Volunteers now in training, the Sail-
ors from the H. M. S. Briton, and all
returned soldiers and sailors now in
the city.

Owing to Scarlet Fever being on
board the training ship the only sail-
ors that could attend were those on
shore leave and a few that were off
duty at the Marconi Station.

About 250 men in all sat down to do
full justice to the bountiful repast
prepared for them, and they did it too
in truly Newfoundland style thereby
showing due appreciation of the splen-
did and thoughtful efforts of the lad-
ies to provide them with an enjoyable
entertainment.

At 7.15 His Excellency the Govern-
or and Lady Davidson arrived at the
hall and a flash-light picture of the
assemblage was taken after which His
Excellency addressed the gathering as
did also Major Montgomerie who acted
as Chairman.

During the evening songs were ren-
dered by several ladies and gentlemen,
and some of the officers, which added
greatly to the pleasures of the occa-
sion. The Celestial Choir (the N. C. O.'s)
also contributed a vocal num-
ber, to the great enjoyment of all
present. An original composition en-
titled "Fight, Fight, Fight," after the
style of Kipling, written specially for
the occasion by a friend of Mr. W. W.
Blackall's was sung by Mr. Blackall
and all joined in the chorus, making
the rafters ring. We publish the
song below.

At the close hearty cheers (Nad.
cheers) were given for the ladies of
The Daughters of the Empire, and
those friends who helped them pro-
vide the evening's entertainment, and
all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne
and God Save the King.

The decorations of the hall were
beautiful and the table arrangements
were perfect in every particular. The
Mail and Advocate begs to tender its
felicitations to The Daughters of The
Empire on their splendid efforts,
which well merit public appreciation.

FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

When you've shouted "Rule Britannia"
and you've sung "God Save the
King"

And you've strafed the bally Kaiser
with your mouth,

Will you kindly give attention while I
sing

Of the horrors he's being doing
North and South.

He has hacked thru little Belgium
when at Freedom's call she
fought;

He has butchered young and old in
France and Russia;

In Serbia and Roumania many hor-
rors he has wrought.

And his country won't be beaten till
we crush her.

CHORUS:

Sailor, tailor, fisherman, cook, e-
quire

Laborer, grocer, lumberman—
they're all the same to-night;

All who can go from Newfoundland,
Our Flag and King require,

So join the ship or regiment and
fight, fight, fight.

There are fathers, there are mothers
in this rugged little isle.

Who depend on others' sons to bear
the brunt;

There are young men by the thousand
dressed in latest New York
style,

When they ought to be in khaki at
the front;

There are girls who walk with slack-
ers when the boys of bulldog
breed

In France are facing hell on earth
to save 'em;

There are others fleeing widows on
the price of things they need.

Yes, widows who had sons and glad-
ly gave 'em.

Chorus:—Sailor, tailor, etc.:

We have often said in times of peace,
how proud we are to be

The oldest of the British Lion's
cubs;

So here's a chance for every man on
land or on the sea

To face the Kaiser's zeppelins and
"subs";

We have sent away from Newfound-
land some thousands of our
best—

In France and on Gallipoli they've
met them,

They have won the Empire's gratitude
because they've stood the test;

Will their cubs at home just sit
back and forget them?

Chorus:—Sailor, tailor, etc.:

We have cheered for David Beatty,
flung our caps for Jellicoe;

For French and Haig we've made
the rafters ring;

But cheers don't stop the murders of a
vile and crafty foe.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

RECEIVED DECEMBER 27, 1916.

Following Reported at Wandsworth,
45 Le-Corp. Herbert Dewling, Golf
Avenue; trench fever.

623 Private Robert H. Martin, 82
Flower Hill; debility.

2081 Private John Cahill, Bell Island,
debility.

1368 Private Matthew Brazil, Span-
iard's Bay; scalded hand.

1739 Sergt. Harry Williamson, Eng-
land—Myalgia.

2590 Private Levi Blake, Fogo,
trench foot.

37 Private Michael F. Sears, 82 New
Gower St.—Inflammation Connective
Tissues.

2559 Private Edward Starks, King's
Point, N.D.B.—wounded, right
hand.

1708 Private George Ricketts, Middle
Arm, St. Barbe—gunshot wound,
face. (Previously reported gun-
shot wound, face, severe, 6th Gen-
eral Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 13.)

2845 Private James N. Skinner, Rich-
ard's Harbor—gunshot wound,
right foot, slight, 10th General
Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 9th.)

2569 Private Herbert N. Ebsary, 89
South Side; New Zealand Sta-
tionary Hospital, Amiens—Dan-
gerously ill, Pneumonia, Dec. 25.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary

LOCAL ITEMS

The sailing of the S. S. Prospero for
Northern ports has been fixed for
Saturday.

The regular monthly meeting of
the Star of the Sea Association will
be held on Sunday afternoon.

A telegram, yesterday, to the Marine
and Fisheries Department from the
sub-collector at Bonne Bay stated that
no herring were being caught there.

The local train which left yester-
day morning did not go beyond Top-
sail. She returned from there to town
and brought back mails and passen-
gers which she had taken out.

Owing to the washouts on the
South Shore of Conception Bay yester-
day the only mail dispatched from the
Post Office were the mails for the
Southern Shore by the Trepassey
train.

The S. S. Suez left Change Islands
at 8 o'clock yesterday morning com-
ing south. She was hung up at Fogo
all day, the heavy sea then on mak-
ing it too rough to call at other
ports.

The heavy sea yesterday prevented
the mail boat from crossing the tinkle
from Bell Island to Portugal Cove. At
5 p.m. we phoned the Cove and were
informed that the sea had considerably
abated there but a heavy sea was on
at the island.

A meeting of the Firemen's Protec-
tive Union will be called at an early
date which every fireman in the city
will be asked to attend. It is hoped
to so arrange matters that there will
not be any friction between employers
and employees during the coming
year.

The S. S. Portia, Captain J. Kean,
hailed out in the stream after mid-
night, and sails this morning at day-
light for western ports. She takes a
full freight and the following passen-
gers:—Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Bully,
Mrs. Maunders and child, Mr. Maun-
der, Jas. Dicks, T. Shave, D. Bishop,
and 20 in steerage.

Messages received from the Straight
Shore tell of much havoc having been
wrought by the sea yesterday at Cat
Harbor, Musgrave Harbor, Dotting
Cove and vicinity. Thousands of dol-
lars worth of property has been de-
stroyed all along the shore by the
mountainous sea and high tide which
accompanied it.

We must do our bit for Country and
for King.
Let us give our boys in khaki and our
boys in blue fair play,
For them and them alone we must
rely on;
If we do, the Germans never more
will dare to toast "The Day"
Or have the nerve to face the British
Lion.

Chorus:—Sailor, tailor, etc.:

ANON.

KEEP THE TOWN LIGHTS BURNING

The City Council is most respect-
fully reminded that the street lamp on
Merry Meeting Road, at the head of
Cook Street, is now out of business for
nearly two weeks.

Last week we published a note call-
ing attention to this one time light
having ceased to exist but the matter
was not attended to, at the same time
we mentioned that the gas lamp on
the King's Wharf was not giving satis-
faction and the Gas Co. had a man
on the scene promptly next day and
fixed it up.

Yesterday morning we made note of
a light being out on Duckworth Street
and one on Cookstown Road needing
attention. The former was fixed but
the latter was not. This looks like as
if the down town section receives at-
tention while the Higher Levels is left
out in cold (and darkness).

Last night at 10.30 the light on Har-
vey Rd. was making convulsive efforts
to keep itself alive and no doubt a half
hour later it was non-existent. Again
the electric light at the middle of
Long's Hill, opposite the Methodist
College, is in that stage of dimness
which precedes a termination of its
usefulness, and the gas lamp at the
corner of Cook Street and Freshwater
Road needs regulation if it is to fulfil
properly the end for which they made
it.

When the genial Secretary of the
Council reads this note in the Mail
and Advocate it is to be hoped he will
get busy on the phone and sing over
the line to the lighting companies,
"Keep the town lights burning."

CORRESPONDENCE RE LUMBER CAMPS

We published a letter a few
days ago relative to conditions in
the lumber camps at Badger. Mr.
Coaker received a wire from the
A. N. D. Co. yesterday replying to
the complaint which reads thus:—

[Copy of Message.]

Grand Falls.

W. F. Coaker, M.H.A.,

St. John's:

We are surprised to learn that
you are receiving numerous com-
plaints about camps. Referring to
letter in The Mail and Advocate
December 22, entitled "Complaint"
about Lumber Camps, and dated
from Badger, would ask you, if
possible, to name the specific
camp, as every camp in that district
has bunks fitted with canvas mat-
tresses. We have done all possi-
ble to live up to law, and our
camps have cost us twenty-five
per cent. more than formerly on
this account. We have agreed to
every suggestion made by the In-
spector of Camps and if you care
to investigate conditions person-
ally shall be glad to give you fa-
cilities for reaching camps.

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[Copy of Reply.]

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W. F. COAKER.

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been pleased to issue a License to So-
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His Excellency the Governor in
Council has been pleased to appoint
Mr. George Perrett, to be a member
of the Church of England Board of
Education for the District of Bay of
Islands, in place of Mr. James J.
Thorne, resigned; Mr. George Vokey,
to be a member of the Church of Eng-
land Board of Education for the Dis-
trict of Spaniard's Bay, in place of
Mr. William Smith, deceased; Mr. W.
T. Burke, to be a member of the Ro-
man Catholic Board of Education for
the District of St. Jacques, in place
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The Ordeal of Peace

From Harold Begbie's New Book "The Vindication of Great Britain."

Perhaps Mr. Begbie's finest chapter is that on "The Ordeal of Peace"; this and his preface, might well have a very large and widespread separate circulation. For it is sure that the severest test which we have yet to stand is to be imposed by "the ordeal of peace." Our comfort under that ordeal will surely be the best "vindication of Great Britain."

"With this war ends not only an attack upon human liberty," says Mr. Begbie, "but an epoch, almost a world. And with peace will begin not only a new age, but almost a new world."

"We, in Great Britain accomplished in two years what the laborious Prussian failed to accomplish in fifty years. We made ourselves a mighty military power, and with passionate loyalty in all our loose-knit parts we flung ourselves as one man upon the enemy. We have greatness in our blood, and our greatness manifests itself in the hour of trial. We proved ourselves before mankind worthy of our noble heredity and worthy of our glorious heritage. Destiny is still upon our side. And destiny will not desert us in the hour which approaches; we are faithful to the beck of the Spirit and rise up and follow without fear and without boastfulness, whether the Spirit leads. Let us be of good courage, for we have withstood the cataclysm; let us reflect before we move, for the future is dark. Our energy has served us at the beginning of an epoch. We must summon our wisdom for the beginning of a new age. Let us consider what is required of us."

What is Required of Us.

"The point I wish to establish is this; in British character there is the finest material in the world for great achievement. Our energy is magnificent. I think it is matchless. But the future tells us that if this energy is to do its work and attain its consummation it must be intelligent energy—that is to say, it must be directed to a clearly visualized and highly intelligent end. There must be less Push and Go and much more reflection. Slapdash must be thrown aside and wisdom set in its place. We must leave nothing to chance. We must destroy faction. We must call our wisest and our greatest to tell us what we must do before we begin to work. The politician, as we have known him, is discredited. He has nothing to give us."

"We desire a better world, a juster world, a stronger world, and a more rational world. Let us summon our highest intelligence to this task, and pray that our intelligence may be worthy of our energy."

Why Milton?

"I heard a scholar say that the finest tribute ever paid to man was that of Wordsworth when he called to Spirit of Milton to England's aid. Why Milton?"

"Milton thou shouldst be living at this hour."

"Why Milton and not Shakespeare, who was a greater master of words and a greater genius?"

"England hath need of thee."

"Why Milton and not Cromwell who was a far more potent 'reformer'?"

"Milton, because Milton stood for certain qualities of human personality lacking in Shakespeare and lacking in Cromwell; Milton, because Milton stood for elevation of mind, for magnanimity of soul, for loftiness of spirit; Milton, because Milton was a moral force, because he meant character, because all his wisdom and scholarship and intellectualism were only elements in a spirit which was powerful by the sheer force of its moral ability; Milton, because Milton stood for truth, righteousness, and duty. By righteousness is a nation saved, by righteousness is a people nourished and sustained."

"Without a firm moral foundation to his character every man who presumes to guide or to influence public opinion is a danger to his country. He may have at his heart what he conceives to be the true interests of his nation; he may even make great sacrifices for those interests; but if he is not governed by the fixed and eternal law of morality his patriotism will for ever be a menace to his country and a menace, perhaps, to the rest of the world."

Vindication Before Mankind

"In this war of nations, Great Britain has vindicated her character. She has suffered from the aspersions of her critics, she has been gravely misrepresented by those of her own household who flung stones at her to rouse her energies, and she has lacked Miltonic leadership; she has not been, unhappily, the trumpet-voice of Liberty, but she has been servans severum; she has worked silently and humbly for all and by her own

efforts, more than by the effort of any other, the world has been saved from the domination of a selfish militarism. The nation has vindicated itself in the eyes of all mankind."

"All history is a movement toward the moral dignity of the individual man. Many and great kings have been overthrown, many and great empires have been cast down, by the immense pressure of evolution seeking this manifest end of creation. No force has been able to withstand it. The privileges of the rich, the traditional rights of the powerful, even the sacred claims and armed might of the Church yield in the end to this movement of the human mind. European history for the last hundred years is a textbook of moral evolution. From the fall of Napoleon to the outbreak of this war every democracy in Europe, opposed in every case by clericalism and privilege, has been pressing into greater liberty and towards a more rational justice. And Britain, who without bloodshed has led the way in this great movement of humanity, must still cherish as the loftiest of her ideals the dignity of the individual man, and must acquire an even greater intelligence in working for that ideal if she is still to lead the nations to the end of the present century."

"War, which seems to us a thing gigantic and overshadowing, is in truth only an interruption of this memorial movement in the human mind—a movement which becomes swifter and more resistless after the check of savage war. He who opposes himself to this movement, after such a people's war as this, will be swept aside," concludes Mr. Begbie.

These quotations, while showing Mr. Begbie's spirit and outlook, do not do justice to the valuable part of the book which has attracted most attention—his very careful survey of the causes of the war, of our political relations with Germany, of the political influence of King Edward VII, and specially by his fine vindication of the work done by Lord Haldane. Mr. Begbie has obviously had special sources of information at his disposal, and we shall deal with this part of his book in another issue, for, as the Westminster Gazette declares, "He has written a book with real historical value," or, as the Manchester Guardian says, "a stimulating and clarifying book."—Public Opinion.



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"Now from this perhaps you will be able to see the real joy out here—real, true joy. It fascinates me to play on the strings of these fellows' hearts, just as a musician plays on a harp. It won't stand rough handling—neither will they. If not kept up to the mark it gets out of tune—so do they." If frequently played on it answers to the will of the player, and new and better notes are struck—the same applies here. I'll always write and tell you about my section as long as I can keep it. Through this you'll see how I am. A happy section means I'm O.K., and living and enjoying life. Perfectly content."

"Good-night to both of you. May God bring us all three safely together again—not too soon; the idea of passing No. — to another officer would be far too hard, and yet I would love to be back again in dear old —. While there's a war on there's one place for me. You know where that place is. It's among men—men who are making history as history was never made before."

"Before I was under fire I was afraid—terribly afraid. I thought I should run, but now all that fear is gone, and in its place has sprung up easy self-confidence based absolutely on a Higher help, which help I have prayed for as I never prayed in my life; so when at church pray for my men, their trust in me, my own power over them, after that for my own personal safety."

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HENRY BLAIR

Bonaventure Council Holds Meeting

(To the Editor.)
Dear Sir,—A meeting of the Local Council was held on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, when the delegates' reports from Convention were read and received. A full house was present. Great enthusiasm for the Union was felt. After some discussion re Convention the Chairman declared all officers out of office and proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted in the following:—
Jonathan Miller, chairman;
Hugh A. King, deputy chairman;
Charles King, recording secretary;
Hy. G. King, financial secretary;
David G. Miller, treasurer;
Willis E. Miller, door guard.
We hope that much success will follow under the management of such an able and competent staff of officers. New members are still joining.
On Dec. 19th (Tuesday) another rousing Union meeting was held. Union fire seems to spread rapidly and to take such an effect on our members that everyone seems to be alive with it.
The Orange Lodge has some slight changes in its officers, and we also hope that they, too, will meet with every success. They are now preparing for their annual parade on New Year's Day, which we hope will be a grand success. We wish one and all a Merry Christmas, yet we presume that it will be a sad Christmas to many, but let us cling to the message of hope, so that a brighter Christmas in 1917 will be upon us than it is at present, not only for us, but for the whole world.—I am, etc.
—COR.
Bonaventure, T.B.

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WANTS awaken intellect. To gratify them disciplines intellect. The keener the want, the lustier the growth. —PHILLIPS.

THE Peace moves seem to hold the front of the stage now and it seems all apparent that Germany is anxious for Peace and is exerting as much pressure as she can command on the neutral nations. She has not been open in her notes and while she PEACE MOVES. has avowed peace propensities she has not been over much willing to state any terms which could provide a firm basis for peace talk. But instead we are now at the beginning of a diplomatic war which will probably mean the beginning of the end of the war. Germany on one hand will persist in "feelers" for peace and the policy of the Allies on the other hand will probably be an absolute refusal to listen until Germany decides, if not to throw up the sponge, at least to acknowledge that the claims of the Allies are based on right and proper grounds. The two stumbling blocks that we see are the occupancy of conquered territory by Germany and the possibility that Russia will want to get through the Dardanelles before peace is made.

THIS diplomacy which Germany is exerting now seems to be an essential in the life of statesmen. It is on a par with tact and both are to some extent dishonest, when they lead to misapprehension.

DIPLOMACY They are the direct opposite of frankness. Of course it is not always good to be brutally frank, and a remark can be made just as strong, without being unnecessarily offensive, but it is distasteful to see statesmen dealing with each other just as two boxers, each trying to find an opening in the other's armour and watching each other intently. If Germany wants peace, let her propose it in frank terms. We think that the Allies would then speak with equal frankness, and we should have less beating about the bush. However, even if Peace does not come just now, there seem to be indications that before many months we shall see the end of the war in sight. We hope that warfare will not break out in the East when our troubles are over. Japan is ambitious and the conquest of China is not only a dream but a very real danger. It maybe that the yellow peril, of which we heard a great deal before the war, will do more to consolidate Europe and make her united, than anything else. The nations, that we call heathen, are looking on now, and if the war continues until exhaustion comes to more than one country, it may prove an opportune time for an invasion from an unexpected source.

IT IS more necessary than ever that we should emphasize the principles upon which Britain entered the war. It was impossible to see so great a crime against a peaceful, prosperous and hopeful world, and not league ourselves against permitting it ever to occur again. But how has this vision faded? Have we ceased to think of saving the world, and only think of beating the enemy? We are out to put an end to Militarism, and to help usher in the promised reign of righteousness. The demand that men shall die for their country, or for a great cause, is what has put five millions of British youth into khaki or blue. Our duty towards all the ills of the world is to find the germ, whether in our personal being or in that of the community, and make war upon it. Are we living up to the Call in this Country? Are we endeavouring to bring Capital and Labour together so that each may appreciate the other's worth? Are we endeavouring to break down the barriers which too often separate men of different religions? After all we are all travelling the same way, though by different roads. Are we making our own Country a better place to live in? Are we seeing that justice between man and man is done? All these questions have to be considered and have to be acted upon if we are going to show our patriotism at home as well as in the foreign field. The getting of wealth by exacting the highest price for any article is not patriotism. The neglect to furnish means for the education of all the boys and girls in the Country is not patriotism. The neglect to see that all points are adequately served in having a doctor somewhere near is not patriotism. The using of Government funds as a means of enriching party supporters is not patriotism. The Call to us is to clean the inside of our cup, to regenerate ourselves, and in the desire for an era of peace, we must wish for the regeneration of the German people, for that more than anything is what we must hope for if we want a lasting peace. We want their eyes opened to the way in which they have been Prussian-led, and it is internal revolution that must be the saviour of Germany. It is not enough to force them to their knees. It is necessary that they should see themselves as they are, and revolt against the power which seeks to use them as machines. As someone has said: "It is not much use to tell a man he is a fool; make him see himself as you see him, and he will cease from very shame to be a fool."

THE editor of The Star last evening amused a few of his readers by drawing upon his imagination regarding Coalition gossip. What he stated is not true. The F.P.U. at the 1915 Convention passed resolutions against Coalition, and those resolutions will not be rescinded. The statements clearly prove that The Star editor is not conversant with what transpires in the inner circle of politics. The Premier recently intimated that he intended consulting the Opposition regarding public business, but so far he has not done so. If he does there is no hope of securing Opposition support for any schemes of local party aggrandisement. The Premier may have to secure the support of the Opposition to solve national issues now seriously confronting the Colony, which can alone be faced by the cooperation of all parties on a national and equitable basis. Such may be desirable in the best interests of the Colony and of the Empire. Action such as taken in England by the parties recently, is the only remedy, but Coalition proposals will not be considered by the Opposition Party.

THE STAR FALSEHOODS

VARIA BY GALE

AN EYE-OPENER

THE Canadian Government is now conducting a publicity campaign through the newspapers which demonstrates the activity which prevails in Dominion Government circles regarding the industrial possibilities of our big sister. We have not space to discuss the various phases of this activity; but we will deal with one item to prove how lethargic and careless we are in the matter of industrial development.

To what is this supine stupidity of the Morris Government due? Is it attributable to careless disregard of colonial industrial interests, or is it because we have no inducements to offer prospective investors? It may be ascribable to both causes; but we fancy that the latter is the potent reason for the failure of our Government to make a move in the matter of greater industrial activity.

Whatever has been done in this country within recent days is the outcome of purely private initiative; and we need not mention the activities of the organisations whose existence is the outcome of the personal initiative and industry of Mr. Coaker. The only remaining industry—the Plant at Bay Bulls—is the result of American speculation. It apparently owes nothing to the Morris Administration.

So we are forced to the conclusion that Morris has been systematically humbugging the electors of this country by pipe dreams and "oods" whose only results have been the aggrandisement of certain interests which are by no means in sympathy with the uplift of the people. The motive cause in the instances to which we allude is the increasing of the personal bank roll. "Let the public be _____" said one of our big wigs not long since! We beg to suggest to this worthy that the public have measured him at full weight, and they will govern themselves according just as soon as they get an opportunity to do so.

The phase of industrial activity to which we now wish to draw the attention of our readers is the development of the pulp and paper industry in the Dominion. We find the following statement set forth in display type in the columns of the Ottawa "Citizen" (it is one of several). "EXPORTS OF PULP AND PAPER FROM CANADA \$30,000,000, 1915."

The "Citizen" goes on to say: "The pulp and paper industries enjoy an era of prosperity which will continue after the war; and Ontario is likely to become one of the world's greatest pulp producing areas. Pulp and paper wood exports alone were worth over \$15,000,000, and another \$15,000,000 was added by paper exports. Millions of dollars are being expended this year on new plants for the increasing of the pulp output, not only in Ontario, but all over Canada."

In this item there is something which prompts us to remark: Why are not we progressing in this way? What are we doing in developing an industry which is fraught with such great possibilities? We are doing absolutely nothing. The only indication that the pulp and paper business is not retrograding is that the Northcliffe interests at Grand Falls have increased their plant. Where are the Albert Reid Co.? Where are the Horwood Lumber Co.? Where is the big thing that we were told would "revolutionize our West Coast?" Still evidently in nubibus.

Some days ago we stated that were it not for the energy and enterprise of Mr. Harry Crowe we would have gone back instead of developing; and what little development in the pulp and we may say, too, the lumber business we have seen must be ascribed to Mr. Crowe.

Where are the Reids now? What are they doing to promote the welfare of the Colony? What have they done? Nothing that means a dollar to the industrial development of the Island. Whilst they were lobbying for franchises there was a grand blare of the hiring fanfare; but beyond the blare there was nothing else. They were going "to develop these millions of acres of timber lands"; they were "going to establish countless industries"; and "the condition of the working class was going to be such as never before."

Company? We know of none; but we are perfectly willing to accord them all the kudos of any industrial development with which they have been associated, when evidences of such are presented to us. They once had a lumber mill at Soullis Brook (now Benton). Where is it? Non-existent. They had machine shops at Whitbourne, and many invested money in the most promising inland town in the country some twenty-five years ago. Where are the Whitbourne industries? Dead as the Dodo. They began the operation of a coal seam at Howley. What has become of the industry? The only evidence of it is a "hole in the ground," some two miles from Howley Station. They promised to build a Sanatorium for Consumptives near the City of St. John's. Where is it? They promised to build one in every other electoral district. Where are they?

The deluge is upon us, and it is now a question, as our Gallic friends would say, "Sauve qui peut." The fact is that owing to the tremendous concessions granted mainly through the political activities of the Morris Government stock, and barrel by the Reids) practically everything worth while in the Colony has been bartered away. The political Esaus have had their mess of pottage; and the Colony is now face to face with a condition of affairs that must be termed by every honest man SIMPLY MONSTROUS!

There are many legitimate investors who would gladly establish industries in this country; but the grasp of the Octopus renders this financially impossible. We have already specified some promising projects that fizzled out because the great blight had fallen along our industrial pathway.

We are bleeding through every pore to maintain our colonial position during the war. We are sacrificing everything that is dear to us; and when the war is over we fear that we shall be forced to face the greatest financial cataclysm in our history.

Morris and his political associates are trying to feed us with hoary platitudes, whereas they should be honest enough to say to the robbed tens of thousands: "People! we have bartered away your birthright; we have received our mess of pottage; now what are you going to do about it?"

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales from South West and West with occasional snow or rain. Friday, strong winds or gales from West and North West and somewhat colder.

COST OF LIVING A STATE PROBLEM

Governor Whitman, of New York, considers the rising price of foodstuffs a problem for the State to tackle, and he will attempt to solve the problem as soon as he has studied it thoroughly. His statement led to the belief that he will make recommendations on the subject when the Legislature convenes.

TORONTO'S NEW HOTEL

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—"The Devonshire" will be the name of Toronto's new four-million-dollar hotel which will shortly be erected on the site of the Yonge Street Arcade. A letter from the governor-general has just been received by W. S. Dinnick, of the Anglo-American hotel company, stating that he is pleased to grant permission to use his name. His Excellency will be invited to lay the corner stone some time during the coming year.

The Devonshire will be fourteen stories high and will contain 600 guest rooms. Features of the hotel will be a peacock alley and a roof garden. The size of the edifice will be approximately that of the Royal Bank and the C.P.R. buildings combined.

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'TIS HE NERVES OUR ARM

The day is long, and the day is hard,
We are tired of the march and of keeping guard;
Tired of the sense of a fight to be won,
Of days to live through and of work to be done;
Tired of ourselves and of being alone,
Yet all the while, did we only see,
We walk in the Lord's own company,
We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our arm;
He turns the arrows that else might harm;
And out of the storm He brings a calm;
And the work that we count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too;
And the days that seem long to live are His,
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—Susan Coolidge.

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The story goes that the soldier approached one of his officers while quartered in town and declared a wish to make his will. The officer began to draft the document out when the question of heirs came up the soldier had no close kin to name. After some discussion he deferred completing the will until the next day, saying that if he met the right girl at that evening's dance she would be the one whose name would be put in the will.
Next day he went back to the officer. The right girl had not been found. "Put down the Salvation Army," he is reported to have said, in effect. The will was completed, signed and witnessed, and the Salvation Army is the legatee.

NOTICE!

The Second Annual Meeting of Conception Bay District Council of the F. P. U. will be held at Carbonear on Tuesday, the 9th of January next, at 3 p.m.

All Local and District Councils in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Grace, Bay-de-Verde and Carbonear should be represented. All Officers of such Councils are Members of the Conception Bay District Council.

At this Convention the matter of selecting Candidates for Bay-de-Verde, Carbonear, Harbor Grace, Port-de-Grave and Harbor Main will be considered.

The matter of establishing a Union Distributing Store for Conception Bay and the establishment of a Union Station on the Labrador will also be considered.

By order,
W. F. COAKER,
Chairman ex-officio.
St. John's, December 28, 1916.

Conception Bay District Council of the F. P. U.

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Churchill at Admiralty

The Truth

The London Daily Mirror tells some interesting things of the way Winston Churchill saved Jellicoe and Beatty, whose promotions have been announced for the active navy:

The political and journalistic sensation of the hour has been provided by the remarkable article which Lord Rothermere, founder of the Sunday Pictorial, contributed to yesterday's issue of that journal. The article was entitled "Mr. Winston Churchill at the Admiralty: The Truth," and it comprised an historic reply to the criticisms which are still levelled at that statesman.

The facts disclosed in Lord Rothermere's article were not, prior to their publication in the Sunday Pictorial, known to the general public.

One of the most recent attacks, described Mr. Churchill's regime at the Admiralty as one of favoritism. What are the facts? The names of two of Mr. Churchill's appointments leap to the mind at once. One is Admiral Jellicoe and the other is Sir David Beatty.

In regard to Admiral Beatty, it may not perhaps be generally known that the country would have lost, by his retirements under ordinary routine, the splendid services of this disting-

nished sailor a few months after Mr. Churchill assumed the position of First Lord of the Admiralty but for the personal intervention of that statesman.

The Command of the Fleet.

Mr. Churchill's arrival at the Admiralty saved Sir David Beatty to the command of the battle cruiser squadron at a time when he had not previously hoisted his flag, must have caused much heartburning in the service.

In the case of Admiral Jellicoe, it is important that the public should remember that it is due to Mr. Churchill's action that this great officer was placed in supreme command of the Grand Fleet at the outbreak of hostilities.

Does any sane person arise to arraign that appointment as an act of favoritism? In regard to those other appointments made by Mr. Churchill one of the ordinary course, such as Admiral Oliver, the Chief of the Staff, Admiral Bacon and Commodore Tyrwhitt, it is significant that to-day, long after Mr. Churchill had departed from the Admiralty, these officers are discharging precisely those duties which

were allotted to them by our former First Lord.

What reasonable conclusion can we arrive at from this fact? Only that it would seem that Mr. Churchill's personal choice in these matters was wise and discerning.

Zepps, and "Tanks."

Early in 1913 Mr. Churchill informed the Board of Admiralty of the possible danger to this country from Zeppelins.

He dwelt upon the potential importance of Zeppelins as naval scouts, and urged the advisability of constructing similar aircraft for the British fleet.

After the "Tanks" had made their first sensational appearance in the battle of the Somme, it will be remembered that Mr. Lloyd George publicly stated that the chief credit for this engine of war belonged to Mr. Churchill. Immediately opponents in the press politely remarked that "a self-advertising politician" was secretly trying to receive credit for the new factor in warfare.

This was ungenerous. For the fact remains that in the early days of January, 1915, Mr. Churchill in a written communication outlined the entire conception of the "Tanks" to the government.

Although it was not his business, he formed a committee, and on its report he ordered, at the end of March, 1915, the construction of a considerable number of the identical engines that have been used on the Somme.

Everything that the "Tank" has proved it can do, Mr. Churchill claim-

Polygamy in Germany

It may sound incredible, but some serious-minded people in Germany are canvassing the adoption of polygamy as a remedy for depopulation. At all events, several Herren Professors are quite keen on the idea, and articles are devoted to the subject by, among others, Dr. Wecken in The Familien geschichtliche Blaetter, Dr. Grahovsky in Das neue Deutschland, and Professor Christian Ehrenfeld, of Prague University.

Dr. Wecken confines himself to the historical aspect of the question. He points out that similar proposals were heard in Germany in 1650, when the Franconian Diet adopted a resolution in favor of bigamy, the marriage of priests, and the limitation of the number of monastic inmates as a means of making good the awful human losses of the Thirty Years' War. Dr. Grahovsky, for his part, hesitates to plunge. His general attitude is summed up in a quotation from a pamphlet, "War and the Increase of Population," in which it is said:

"It is common knowledge that polygamy is an established institution in Eastern countries and among the Mormons. It is, unfortunately, not so well known in Germany that this has not led to any immoral state of things. But the introduction of polygamy into Germany would meet with extraordinary obstacles. Monogamy has taken too strong roots. Moreover, in consequences of the expense that would be incurred in the support of the family, polygamy could be practised only by the few."

"Andrew! Andrews!" A lady nudged her sleeping husband in the ribs. "Wasst?" he replied drowsily. "There's a burglar in the house!" Andrew roused himself at that. "Well, what do you want me to do?" he asked indignantly. "Want me to go downstairs and risk being killed?" "No," replied his wife warningly, but if you find in the morning that someone has been through your pockets don't blame me!"

ed for it in the early days of January, 1915.

Admiral Who Refused.

In this matter of administrative policy it is frequently asserted by Mr. Churchill's opponents that his methods brought him into contact with certain high officers under his command. It may be so; but on the other side of the ledger is the fact that Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson, perhaps the greatest naval strategist in the Empire, refused on the resignation of Lord Fisher to accept the office of First Sea Lord under any First Lord of the Admiralty save Mr. Churchill.

Strong in its aggressive qualities, Mr. Churchill's policy carried the war to the enemy's own gates. The brilliant action of the Heligoland Fight, when Beatty's ships and Tyrwhitt's flotillas surprised the foe and returned in safety after sinking three of his cruiser and six of his destroyers, was fought at the darkest moment of our military fortunes.

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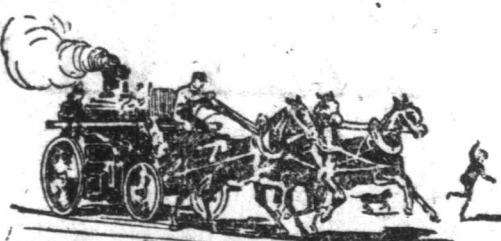
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Absolute Confidence in Final Victory

Is Britain's Answer to the German Peace Proposals--Early Defeat of Central Powers Predicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A News Agency despatch published here today follows: Never has the British army been so prepared to fight. Why should we talk of peace. You can safely give that as the British army's answer to all peace talk, declared a Staff General today in response to the question of what he and his men thought of President Wilson's note, variously commented upon by the fighting men feeling that strong influences succeeded in inducing President Wilson to believe this was the opportune time to act. Such action

was regarded as smoothing Germany's road and enabling her to take a second step in her peace plot. The sentiment at the front is unconditionally against peace now. Every indication points to much worse conditions in Germany than the world even suspects. On the other hand, the Allies are daily better situated to wage a successful offensive. The British who are little given to demonstrativeness are unanimously in their expression of absolute confidence in the comparatively early defeat of the Central Powers under pressure of the Allies' gathering strength.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE VERY BUSY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, at a meeting today, declared not to open the Exchange until Saturday, owing almost to unprecedented volume of business which has resulted in congestion throughout the finance district. The Exchange will be closed on Friday afternoon, Dec. 29. Business will not be resumed until Jan. 2nd.

TO LOAFERS AND OTHERS

The foll wing timely notice, signed by the Postmaster General, was posted in the hall of the General Post Office last evening:—

"Citizens are asked to transact their business with as little delay as possible.

"They are reminded that smoking in the halls is offensive to many whose business calls them to the office—especially to ladies.

"The public messages are posted for information. The Post Office is not the place for their discussion."

HIGH TIDE AT WINTERTON

Winterton, Dec. 27th, 1915. St. John's: Great damage by wind and sea; highest tide for years; quite a number of stages down.

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ARMENIANS STARVING

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of recent temporary suspension of relief applications, according to a cable from the American Ambassador at Elkus, received through the State Department at Washington, made public here tonight by American Committee for Armenian and Syrian relief.

PRISONERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Tageblatt announces that Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and Swiss Government. In Berlin the United States Ambassador, Mr. Gerard, attended the Christmas celebration of interned British civilians at Ruhleben. In spite of all the hampering circumstances the prisoners arranged an imposing Christmas programme and thanks to parcels from home were able to enjoy a fairly Merry Christmas as far as creature comforts were concerned.

BIG FOG OVER LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 28.—One of the thickest fogs of recent years enveloped London today, disorganizing traffic and causing great inconvenience. Owing to restrictions with regard to lighting the city, sombre pale nightfall brought surface traffic to a standstill, omnibuses stopped running, taxicabs disappeared from the streets, people moved about with the aid of torchlights and electric flashlights.

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The Irish Landlord Is Disappearing

Under its caption, "Buying Up Ireland," the Official Press Bureau, in London gave out recently a state-ment dealing with the situation in Ireland. The statement, which, among other things, states that the "Irish landlord" is disappearing, is as follows:

"This great war and financial condition arising out of it have for the moment brought land purchase in Ireland to a standstill. This is a great misfortune for all concerned, and steps are under consideration for meeting the difficulty of the moment so that the development of the great State scheme which was inaugurated in its present form twelve years ago may go on unchecked.

"Ireland has 18,739,644 acres of agricultural land. Two-thirds of that total comes under the operation of Land Purchase Acts, and the taking over of the land has been rapidly executed in the last few years. Under the various Land Acts from 1870 to 1896 some 2,500,000 acres were purchased at a cost of \$115,000,000. Under acts of 1908-1909 no less than 6,906,667 acres have been purchased at a cost of \$345,000,000, and to-day 3,237,428 acres, requiring a purchase money of \$75,000,000, remain to be dealt with. It is the last block of purchase that is being held up by the war, but the delay, it is hoped, will not be long. For the results achieved by the earlier land purchases have been so splendidly satisfactory that all lovers of Ireland are anxious to see the great schemes completed.

"The price paid for holdings vested under the 1903 act averaged 22.4 years' purchase of the rent, and for those vested under the 1909 act 20.3 years' purchase, while the annuities represented a reduction from the rents of 27.8 per cent. in the former case, and 30.7 per cent. in the latter. One of the most gratifying features of the acts had been the punctuality

with which the tenant purchasers had paid their annuities. In the financial year 1914-1915 a total sum of \$12,220,610, including arrears, had to be collected, and of this only \$71,080, on other things, states that the "Irish landlord" is disappearing, is as follows: "As a result of land purchase the Irish tenants have gained enormously. They have become owners of their farms, subject to terminable annuities not exceeding on the average more than half the rent they used to pay before the Land acts came into operation. They have an absolute right of sale, and though a mortgage for more than ten times the annuity is illegal, there is not limit to the price that may be obtained for their interest. Under the stimulus of ownership the tenants have improved their dwelling houses, offices and farms generally. They are now the real owners of the country. What the tenants have gained the landlords have, to a large extent, lost. "The State has of course, borne a part of the financial loss, but the greater part of it, as well as the incidental losses, has fallen upon the landlords. Formerly they had the status of owners of landed property. The Land acts turned them into rent-changers, and now the Purchase acts have had the effect of severing them entirely from their former estates. Financially, the landlord has been a great loser, and this has forced many of the smaller land owners to shut up or sell their country houses. When sold these places were purchased either by neighboring farmers or by Irishmen who had made money in America and had returned to spend the evening of their lives in the "Old country." "The loss of the families thus expropriated was in some respects a very real one for a country like Ireland, but Ireland herself is immeasurably the better for the change, both

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And pray for thine early relief.
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When from friends thou art sunder'd far;
I'll be with thee, my Laddie, and help thee to foil
All attempts thy soul's honor to mar.
I'll be with thee, in spirit, upon the dark wave,
In calm or tempestuous sea;
I'll be with thee, my Laddie, "Hug" perils to brave
And share all that there needs must be.
I'll be with thee, in spirit, when facing the foe,
My hand on thy weapon shall rest;
I'll be with thee, my Laddie, when striking a blow,
Thou humbleth the enemy's crest.
I'll be with thee, in spirit, when hid in the trench,
Awaiting an enemy's charge;
I'll be with thee, my Laddie, and help thee to wrench
More booty our stock to enlarge.

The Youngest Soldier

Perhaps the youngest soldier wearing the khaki is Campbell McLellan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel McLellan, of Sydney Mines, who is now recovering from wounds in England. Exactly fourteen years and eleven months old he managed to outfit the medical authorities and joined the Sixth Mounted Rifles at Amherst, which shortly afterwards left for overseas. Being only one inch short of six feet in his stockings, it was no difficulty for one so anxious to serve his King and Country to pass the medical examinations. Like his father, this young hero knows not the taste of intoxicants in any form; never used tobacco in any way, and has yet to violate the second commandment. He was actively engaged since going overseas until wounded during the great battle of Ypres on the 4th of June, when his regiment was almost annihilated. It was during his several months in hospital that the medical men discovered his youthful age, and when he tried to get back on the firing line the military authorities would not allow it. However, he is "bound to see the thing out," as he wrote home last week to his parents, and has joined the Boy's Battalion in France, intending to remain until he can "grow old" enough to get into the fray.

Asquith Supports Lloyd-George

The former Premier, Mr. Asquith, after declaring that his first duty was to extend congratulations, which he did with all his heart, to Mr. Lloyd George upon his accession to the highest and most important office in service of the Crown, made a brief but pointed reference to the question of peace. "The country," he said, "has just received some so-called peace proposals from Germany. True, these proposals are wrapped up with the familiar dialect of Prussian arrogance. But how comes it after two years of war that a power which professes itself conscious of military superiority and ultimate victory begins to whisper—nay, even to shout so that all the world can hear—the word 'peace'?" "Is this from a sudden access of chivalry? When did the German Chancellor become so sensitive to the dictates of humanity?" "We must look elsewhere for the origin of these proposals. They are borne of military and economic necessity. We all yearn for peace, but it must be an honorable, not a shameful peace. There must be no patched-up, precarious compromise. It must be a peace which achieves the purpose for which we entered the war. Such a peace we would gladly accept. Anything short of it we are bound to repudiate by every obligation of honor and, above all, by the debt we owe those who have given their lives to the cause."

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Mary's Lamb Up-to-Date.
Mary had a little lamb. Its fleece was white as snow. Its chops are worth ten cents apiece. Its quarters \$5 or so.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"GIFTS TO THE KING"

The Gifts to the King service at Canon Wood Hall last night was inspirational and a success beyond anticipation. At 8 o'clock a procession of Sunday School children bearing gifts in almost endless variety, paraded from the lower hall and deposited them beside the platform in the main hall. The contributions having been placed, the programme was entered upon. Rev. C. A. Moulton presided and in opening delivered a short address. Other speakers were Mr. H. Y. Mott, the Superintendent of St. Thomas's Sunday School, and Rev. Canon Field. The musical portion of the programme was pleasing, and the large audience went away fully satisfied with the evening's entertainment and the good they were enabled to do for God's poor. To-day the "Gifts" will be duly distributed and we doubt not many hearts will be gladdened by the generosity and self-sacrifice of the children of St. Thomas's.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Rice took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of citizens, all friends of the deceased. Interment was at Belvidere and at the Cathedral the proper prayers were said by Rev. Dr. Carter.

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INSTALLATION ST. JOHN'S LODGE

The installation of the Worshipful Master Elect and the appointment and investiture of the other officers of St. John's Lodge No. 579 R.E., A.F. and A.M. took place at the Masonic Temple last night, the ceremony being conducted by the District Grand Master, R.E., R.W. Bro. J. A. Cliff, K.C., assisted by the D.G. Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. J. Edgar. The new officers are as follows:

W.H.—Bro. Gower Rabbits;
I.P.M.—Bro. F. R. Rendell;
S.W.—Bro. R. W. Jeans;
J.W.—Bro. W. G. Currie;
Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Canon Smith;
Treasurer—Bro. R. Wright;
Secretary—Bro. W. H. Cave;
D. of C.—Bro. Major C. Macpherson, M.D.;
S.D.—Bro. W. F. Parsons;
J.D.—Bro. F. H. Ellis;
I.G.—Bro. E. S. Pinsent;
Stewards—Bros. T. Soper and P. B. Rendell;
Tyler—Bro. G. Morris.

Following the usual congratulatory addresses, joined in by the D.D.G.M., S.C., R. W. Bro. Tasker Cook, who was acting for R. W. Bro. Duder, unavoidably absent, District Grand Master Cliff, on behalf of the Lodge presented Bro. John Jeans, who is retiring from office after forty years of continued service, with a purse of gold and illuminated address. As a further reward for his faithful service to which the Grand Master paid a well merited tribute, Bro. Jeans was honoured by being made a Past District Grand Sword Bearer, which entitles him to a seat in the District Grand Lodge. The venerable Secretary was very much touched with this evidence of the regard of his brethren, and made a suitable reply. The customary collection in behalf of the Tasker Educational fund was taken following which the lodge closed in ancient ritual form.

LOCAL F.P.U. COUNCILS

BURNT HEAD COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS.
At the annual meeting of Burnt Head Council, held recently, the following officers were elected for 1917:
Chairman—Jacob Oliver;
Dep. Chairman—William R. Tucker (re-elected);
Secretary—Linus Oliver;
Treasurer—Moses Oliver.
LINUS OLIVER, Secy.

LONG BEACH COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS.
At the annual meeting of Long Beach Council held recently, the following officers were elected for 1917:
Chairman—George Vey;
Dep. Chairman—Stephen Barfett;
Secretary—George Barfett;
Treasurer—H. J. Vey.
GEORGE BARFETT, Secy.

SELDON COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.
At the annual meeting of Seldom Council held recently the following officers were elected for 1917:
Chairman—Henry Anthony;
Dep. Chairman—S. G. Holmes;
Secretary—Arthur Dawe;
Treasurer—Herbert Dawe.
ARTHUR DAWE, Secy.

The cross-country train will leave the station this afternoon at 5 p.m., and the local train at 6 p.m.

News From Prison Camps at Lemberg

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, Government Inspector of Foods, recently had some very interesting correspondence from men of the Royal Munster Fusiliers interned in the prison camps at Lemberg, Germany. One of them is the Inspector's nephew, Private Patk. Houlahan, who volunteered for service in this famous Irish Regiment at the outbreak of the war, and through him became acquainted with the other lads, whose names we mention and who though prisoners in an alien enemy land are certainly not downhearted. The Inspector and his relatives have been very kind to the men, having sent them repeatedly parcels of various kinds, including tobacco, which they highly appreciate and have gratefully acknowledged.

Besides his nephew the Inspector receives letters from Sgt. Slattery, evidently a man of refinement and education, judging from the excellence of his handwriting and the finished style of his composition. In one of his last letters to Sgt. Slattery the Inspector asked him to say if there were any Newfoundlanders interned near where the Irish lads are located, and if there were would they do for them all possible, the Inspector (as we are aware) writing eloquently of the kindness he himself has experienced during his 40 years' residence in this country. The answer received recently is typical of the warm-hearted soldiers of the Emerald Isle and should any of our boys find themselves through the vicissitudes of war, near Lemberg, they will be well looked after by the Munsters. Sgt. Slattery is a nephew of Sister Theresa of the Presentation Convent, Conception Harbor, and as well as Pte. Houlahan and the others acknowledge the last parcels sent them from here. Sgt. Slattery says that his comrades, as well as himself, are enjoying good health. Some 700 of these brave troops, after a good stand-up fight, so dear to the Irish heart, were captured at Mons in 1914. Sgt. Slattery said he had not seen the Inspector's nephew for a little while past but knew he was well, thanked his St. John's correspondent for welcome news from his aunt and observed that letters from kind friends abroad were as comforting and cheering as those received from the old land. He says the postal arrangements at Lemberg are very good and a reference to the possibility of Newfoundlanders coming to Lemberg is worth quoting. The Sergeant says—"No, we have no Newfoundland men here. However, should any come here I can assure you they will not want for anything. What is better, our good chaplain, Father Crotty, would be the first to receive them, in a manner which would leave them actually in doubt if they were in Germany or Ireland, as he did us close on two years ago. Father Crotty," he said "celebrated his Silver Jubilee on November 1st, and the men made the occasion a memorable one for him."

Another of the men, Sgt. Murphy also heartily and thankfully acknowledged a parcel of tobacco sent him by the Inspector, on behalf of the writer and comrades, but the Inspector did not hear from two other friends in the Munsters, Privates Patrick O'Brien and Patk. Roach, but expects to shortly.

DAMAGE ON SOUTHERN SHORE

People who arrived here by the Trepassey train to-day say that the sea and tide was the worst witnessed on the Southern Shore for years and did much damage to water-side property. From Bay Bulls to Trepassey the shore was swept in many places, stages, flakes, boats and other property going into the sea. Some fish was lost in some cases, but in no great quantity.

THE POLICE COURT

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., presided to-day. Three volunteers who assaulted street car conductor Matthews were each asked to give \$100 bonds to keep the peace. A Torbay man for having an unclean slaughter house was fined \$5 or 14 days.

In the Police Court in camera to-day before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., an enquiry is being held into an assault committed by one Ivany on a little girl named Mansfield.

"INDEPENDENCE II." LOST

News of the loss of the scho. "Independence II." was received here yesterday, on her way from Santa Polo here. She left Smoky, Labrador, fish laden for Europe. She was abandoned on the return voyage North of Cape St. Vincent in Portugal and the crew were brought into Lisbon.

THE TRAINS

The local and Placentia trains which should have arrived here yesterday, came to Brigus Junction, and were cancelled there, the passengers being sent back to their homes.

The Kyle's express is due to arrive here about 8 o'clock this evening and the local express a little later. The sections where damage was done by the sea will be repaired and traffic will be resumed this evening.

VIEW POINTS FROM THE CURB

By "The Man on the Street"

TO HIS EXCELLENCY.
To you, sir, who doth stand here in the place of our beloved King to control over affairs of national life, I come with a simple request. I want to ask you as Colonel of our Boys to grant, if it is permissible and possible, leave to one and all of the Boys who may otherwise be on duty on New Year's Day, for on Christmas Day some forty were detained for picket duty and while I am and always shall be one for discipline, I thought it hard, considering they are giving us their all, and knowing many of them had friends who would have delighted to entertain them on such an occasion.

Your Excellency, to you and your fair Lady, and your Household, may the New Year bring many joys.

TO THE CLERGY.
You, who are the leaders of us men who toil and labour in that great Vineyard, who each and all through various channels and different methods of doing so, whether you are of the Billy Sunday type or the deep theologian, yet all as one in the objective and pointing to the same heaven, I, a sinful man of the world, pray with you that the glimmerings through the clouds, the echo of a coming peace may soon grow brighter and that "the dawn shall soon break and the shadows flee away." How I wish with you that we wild wayward men and women would all get sense enough to once again unite in one synagogue in one thought, in one mind, for then could wars cease. Often the thought occurs to me that I, too, in that sea of glimmering through the clouds and soon may the shadows of doubt, dissent and unbelief, flee away and the dawn, whose brightness shall outshine the sun, come again. May it be so.

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.
"Fools Gold" is the big feature the Crescent Picture Palace shows to-day, produced in three reels by the Esanay Company, featuring Nell Craig Patrick Calhain and Marion Lydston. "His Emergency Wife," a very laughable Biography comedy and an interesting issue of the "Ford Canadian Monthly," Canada's foremost topical. The musical programme by Professor McCarthy is new and up to the minute, see this great show to-day.

REDUCED PRICES AT ROSSLEYS'

To enable all to see the clever Christmas production the prices are reduced and within reach of all. Matinee price is now five and ten cents. There is also a very fine three-reel feature by the Vitaphone artists, entitled "A Strange Case." The costumes, music, songs and dances are all new and specially adapted for a show of this kind. There is coming on Monday a beautiful picture in three acts by the Edison players entitled "Helen of the Chorus." "The Black Birds" is under the patronage and presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, and the Misses Davidson.

THE "MEIGLE" AT TRINITY

As no word has been received from the Meigle since she left Sydney six days ago there was some uneasiness about her and yesterday it was reported that she had been lost. How this report originated is not known. The Meigle, as far as we can learn, is o.k., being at Trinity with Captain and crew well. It is likely she will arrive here to-day.

THE MEIGLE HERE

The S.S. Meigle, Capt. Parsons, arrived here from Sydney, via Trinity, this morning, coal-laden to the Reid Nfld. Coy. The ship left Sydney Friday and had it pretty stormy Saturday and Sunday and was off the Narrows Monday morning. Such a high sea ran that deeply laden as she was the Captain thought it prudent to run to sea, and the storm increasing he bore up for Trinity, where he arrived Tuesday. The ship came through all without damage, thanks to the care and ability of her skillful commander.

Hermitage Bay Herring Fishery

We learn from people who arrived here by the Portia that herring are numerous in Hermitage Bay but can only be caught in depths varying from 40 to 70 fathoms. These fish are next in quality to the old time Labrador herring, which are again making their appearance there and if proper attention were given by business men to Hermitage Bay good money would be realized from this fishery. The reason these splendid fish are not taken in large quantities is that the people cannot procure anything but small nets. What is required is the largest kind of net or big seines and those who will turn their attention to this fishery and help the fishermen will reap a golden harvest.

PASSENGER COMPLAINS

(To the Editor.)
Dear Sir,—Permit me space in your valuable paper for those few remarks we left St. John's Dec. 27th at 8.45 a.m. by rail and got as far as Topsail, and were hung up there for about two hours. We then had to come back to St. John's again at 1 p.m., and when we got back we asked the ticket agent when would the train be fixed up again. He told us the train would go out again at 6 p.m. We went up at 6 p.m. and found her not going. We asked him (ticket agent) again and he told us she would be going some time to-morrow morning and we were hanging around to-day from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and found the train not going then. We were told then she would be going at 12 noon. Why should not the Reid Co. give us one free feed, or tell us right about the track, and not keep a crowd of people around the Station in the cold and almost frozen.

There will be nothing right done while this Government is in power. Mr. Coaker. We are longing for the day when you will control poor old Terra Nova.

Now, pack your rags and get you Reids
And let the fishermen sow their seeds—
And plant them well from Shore to Shore
When Morris' Government are no more.

DREADNOUGHT.

The Minimum Wage

(To the Editor.)
Dear Sir,—Your timely editorial in yesterday's issue of the Mail on the question of the minimum wage is to be greatly commended as it voices the desires of the working class, and that portion of the commercial class who wish to deal fairly and squarely with their employees. There are some of the smaller men among the shopkeepers, tinsmiths, building contractors, and other trades who say they would gladly fall in line, but cannot do so in justice to themselves or their business, owing to the regulation of wages being left to each individual employer to fix for himself and as there are those found who take advantage of his liberty allowed by the State they live as little as they can to make bigger profits and better wages. Failing a fixed wage established by law (recommended by a Wages Board Commission appointed by the Government that would place all employers on an equality in productive and distributive undertakings, any attempt on their part to increase wages above the average now paid would be suicidal on their part. Some consideration should be given to such cases. In connection with shopkeepers it involves the question of female employment and introduces the matter of equality of wages. Whether a woman working, doing equal work with a man, should be paid the same? Justice says Yes! Shylock says No! It is very nice to have female labor, for if the male worker asks too much we can fill his place with a girl. Then there is the tinsmith trade. Wages paid in this trade are as low as nine dollars per week to married men with families. These are not many tinsmith employers who can be regarded as rich men. Not all make a comfortable living by it, hence any attempt by one to raise wages to a living rate would make it very hard to compete with competitors still allowed to pay starvation wage. Same may be said of wheelwrights, carriage-makers, ships carpenters, small building contractors and others, all of which show the necessity for the Government to fix wages in the interest of the community of the workers, of their wives and children who, because of low wages, are half-fed, half-starved, ill-clad, ill-educated and driven by the iron law of necessity to wharves, factories, stores and other places, crippling the young at the start of the race in life and damning most of them to a hopeless future, not having the chance to properly fit themselves for citizenship or as efficient workers

THOSE RAILWAY WASHOUTS

Groups of men, sent out by the Reid Nfld. Co. yesterday under Roadmasters Connors and Graham, are busily at work making repairs to the railway on the South Shore, where, with the heavy sea running on the Bay, the rails and ties and much damage done. Damage to the line has been done at intervals along the shore for nearly 11 miles or almost up to Holyrood, and so fierce was the sea that it beat away several sections of the beach, over which the track in places is laid, and flooded low-lying parts of the shore and went over the rails in some instances where they were over 25 feet from the water level. Possibly never before was such a high sea and tide witnessed in Conception Bay and only once before in the history of the Reid Nfld. Co.'s operation of the line was such a condition of affairs witnessed. It is hoped to have the line open to traffic by this evening.

NOTICE

CREDITORS of the Insolvent Estate of Joseph H. Farrell, Tailor, are notified to file a certified bill of their claim on or before **January 30th, 1917**, to the undersigned Trustee, after which date he will start to distribute the assets of the said Estate.

WILLIAM J. HALLEY,
Trustee.
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To be full of initiative and push. You say, sir, that one firm has already established minimum wages for their employees that will give them some degree of comfort. This is not the only large firm who can do the same if they have any soul in them. They are wealthy and should show greater thankfulness to their employees who helped them in the getting of that wealth. Could any one of the heads of these firms without aid run the business he does to-day. He has to employ help to do it and out of that help he makes profits. Without that help his business would not be any larger than any small business seen on our back streets to-day. If one large firm can give a living wage, so can the others, and they will be the gainers by the contentment and appreciation that will be shown by nineteenth-twentieths of those they employ. You refer to the profit sharing conducted by some employers with success. We can think of the phenomenal success of Henry Ford, with his profit-sharing scheme, and minimum wage of five dollars per day for eight hours work. There is Cadbury's of Bourneville, Lever Bros. of Port Sunlight, Neisen of Illinois and scores of others who find it pays not only from a financial standpoint, but morally as well. It teaches them when you treat a worker well, unless he is a fool, he will surely recognize it, and give of the best in him. But as already stated, to have a wage for all workers that will allow him the comforts and necessities of life for himself and family the State will have to make it its business, and not leave it to heartless and soulless employers to regulate by their evil competition.

WORKING MAN.
St. John's, Dec. 28, 1916.
The Susu left Fogo this morning and is due here Saturday morning.

HOSPITAL OVERCROWDED

To such a pass have matters connected with the General Hospital, arrived at at present that the institution is absolutely overcrowded and patients are now lying on the floors and occupying chairs in default of cots and beds. This is caused by the habit which outport doctors have acquired of rushing cases to the city which are not at all urgent, so that overcrowding is the result especially in the female wards. Mr. Eli White-way tells us that on Tuesday no less than three ambulance cases arrived here. In spite of remonstrances again and again repeated the most trivial cases have been rushed here by outport physicians or magistrates, though most of these must be now aware that the hospital accommodation is more than overtaxed. Mr. White-way says that something must soon be done by the authorities to stop the indiscriminate sending of people to the hospital here. For urgent cases everything possible will be done but patients who can wait must be sent back to their homes.

SHIPS DID DAMAGE

In the high tide and undertow in the harbor yesterday the Prospero parted her lines at Bowing Bros.' premises, went adrift, and smashed the flake on the western side of the pier. The Portia surged against the shed and damaged it and smashed a puncheon of molasses, the contents of which, valued at \$50, were lost.

At one or two places north of St. John's considerable damage was done and stages and flakes were swept away by the high sea. At Portugal Cove the wharf, already dilapidated, was practically destroyed and three boats were smashed in pieces.

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