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GERMANS LOST 2 SHIPS IN SUNDAY'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BRITISH FLEET

German Cruiser Kolberg, 4,281 Tons, as Well as the Battle Cruiser Blucher Sunk—Admiral Beatty Sends in Official Report in Which He Says Damage to the Lion's Engines Deprived the British of a Great Victory

London, Jan. 27.—An official statement issued to-night says: "It is reported that the German cruiser Kolberg was sunk in Sunday's naval battle in the North Sea."

The Kolberg was a vessel of 4,350 tons displacement and carried a crew of 362 officers and men.

She was 402 feet long and had a speed of 24 knots.

The cruiser was armed with twelve 4.1 inch guns, four five-pounders, four machine guns and two torpedo tubes. She cost \$1,907,400.

Beatty Tells Story Of Fight With Germans

Overhauled Germans, Despite Their Efforts to Escape, and Gave Them a Big Drubbing.

London, Jan. 28.—The Admiralty received the following preliminary telegraphic report from Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty regarding the naval action between the British and German squadrons in the North Sea Sunday.

"A flotilla of destroyers patrolling at 7.30 o'clock in the morning sighted and attacked the enemy, whose force, according to reports received, consisted of four battle cruisers, six light cruisers and some destroyers.

Their position when sighted was approximately 14 miles east-south-east of our battle cruiser squadron. Orders were given by the signal to the destroyer flotilla to chase the enemy and report their movements.

Commenced to Retire.

As soon as sighted they commenced to retire to the east-south-east. The battle cruisers were directed to steer south-east with a view to securing the lee position and cut the enemy off, if possible. The situation developed by degrees into a stern chase. Speed worked up to 28 or 29 knots, and the enemy were gradually being overhauled.

At about 18,000 yards, slow and deliberate fire opened. We began to hit at a range of 17,000 yards. Our fire was returned by the enemy. The Lion and Tiger having drawn ahead of the remainder of the squadron, were in action alone for some time and consequently were subjected to the enemy's concentrated fire, more particularly the Lion, which ship suffered more as a result.

Other vessels as they drew up engaged the enemy.

Destroyers Driven Off.

The German flotilla of destroyers disappeared on starboard beam of the cruisers, and an attack by them was driven off.

About 11 o'clock, unfortunately, a lucky shot damaged one of the Lion's feed tanks causing the port engine to stop. At the same time the enemy's submarines were observed on our starboard bow. A course was steered in order to avoid them.

The Blucher (German) was now in a critical condition with speed reduced. The Indomitable, which had now come up was directed to complete her destruction. The rest of the squadron directed an attack on the rear of the enemy.

Only One Engine.

The Lion with an escort steered north-west, steaming with one engine, and I transferred my flag to one of the destroyers, and subsequently to the Princess Royal.

With the damage to the Lion's feed tank, by an unfortunate chance shot, we were undoubtedly deprived of a great victory. The presence of the enemy's submarines subsequently necessitated the action of being broken off.

The result of the action was that the Blucher was sunk, while two other battle cruisers were heavily on fire and seriously damaged.

Telephone Aid To The Surgeons On Battlefield

Medical Man Using a Clever Appliance for Locating Foreign Substances in Wounds

London, Jan. 25.—The use of the telephone as an aid to surgery by communicating to the operator the noise of contact of knife, forceps or probe with foreign bodies imbedded in the flesh has been discovered and perfected by Sir James Mackenzie Davidson, who says his method will do much to simplify military surgery.

The X-ray, says Sir James, has serious limitations. It shows the presence of the foreign body, but gives no idea of the depth this body has penetrated or of its relation to the parts among which it has lodged. Surgeons often fail to find the object seen in silhouette on the fluorescent screen.

Potato or Nail Gives Results.

It is not necessary to have a man full of shrapnel brought from the trenches to demonstrate the use of the telephone in surgery, as a potato and a nail do quite as well.

The surgeon uses a double pair of receivers. One of the telephone wires is attached to a piece of platinum foil. In a real operation this foil is held in place on the patient's skin by plaster or bandage, dipped into salt water and placed on the foil. To the end of the other telephone wire is attached a small sterilized silver wire which in turn is made fast to the knife, probe needle or forceps used in sounding the wound or incision.

Makes a Loud Noise.

When the surgeon's instrument touches metal, whether in flesh or in a potato, a distinct and unmistakable grating noise results. This means the foreign body is discovered.

There exists a popular fallacy that it is necessary to remove not only bullets but every scrap of metal from the wound. But experience has shown that the human body does not mind a little metal, and the removal of bullets is often too dangerous to attempt.

London, Jan. 28.—The list of casualties in the naval action of Sunday shows that Engineer-Captain Charles Taylor of the battle cruiser Tiger, five stokers and three seamen of that ship were killed.

The three men who were killed on the Meteor were stokers while most of the wounded on the Lion, Tiger and Meteor were stokers.

Attack Varied By Counter-Attack Marks Fighting Fierce Fighting in the Trenches all Along the Extended Battlefield in the West.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The British troops repulsed last night a new attack on Quinevich and La Bassee and by a counter-attack completed the reoccupation of their trenches. The engagement was very spirited and on the only road from Bethune to La Bassee the Germans left three hundred of their number dead.

Last night following the fierce attack previously reported, the enemy managed to enter our trenches between Heurtehoise and Foulon Woods to the West of Craonne after overthrowing the trenches by means of aerial torpedoes.

We counter-attacked, and according to latest news from this district, a part of Foulon Woods, lost ground, had been recaptured.

In Argonne our troops made two attacks towards St. Hubert and Fontaine Madame and managed to recapture several trenches and to overthrow several German sap works.

A German counter-attack was repulsed from the 25th to the 26th.

In Alsace and the Vosges there was a quiet night.

ADDS AERIAL DREADNOUGHT TO ITS FLEET

Geneva, Jan. 28.—The newest and fastest Zeppelin dirigible balloon yet constructed, fully equipped for war, aboard, left Friedrichshafen yesterday morning in fine weather for the purpose of saluting the Emperor William on his birthday.

The Zeppelin will subsequently join the North Sea Fleet.

War Expenses Of Canadians \$150,000,000

Montreal, Jan. 27.—Confirmation of the forecasts of the Canadian Parliament being asked to agree to war vote of \$100,000,000 at next session, was given by Sir George E. Foster, Dominion Minister of Commerce, at the Canadian Club this afternoon.

He was outlining what had been done by the Dominion to assist the Mother Country, and mentioned that the people were being made to realize the terrific nature of the struggle by \$50,000,000 already voted and would realize it still more when \$100,000,000 was asked for next month.

CONCERT FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

Last Night's Patriotic Entertainment at the Casino was Most Successful in Every Way

The entertainment at the Casino Theatre last evening, arranged under the direction of Miss Johnson was one of the most successful ever held in St. John's and Miss Johnson and her talented artists are to be highly congratulated.

The numbers were varied being patriotic, sentimental and comic.

A feature was the fancy costumes, the following being specially good:—"The Amorous Goldfish," from the "Geisha," by Miss Dorothy Johnson; "The Invitation to the Dance," by Miss Armine Gosling, which was accompanied by a pretty Gipsy dance in which Mrs. Colville, and Miss F. Clift, M. Rennie, S. Bartlett, J. Miley and A. Anderson took part; and "Hats," by Mrs. Chater, assisted by Mrs. Colville, Misses Job, F. Clift, E. Mare, M. Rennie and A. Anderson. These, with the "Duet," "Men! Men! Men!" by Mrs. Colville and Mr. Basil Jackson's artistic dancing following her solo, "Villa," brought down the house.

The balance of the programme included Mrs. Ayre's nicely voiced song, "There's a Land"; Mr. Ruggles' sturdy songs, "Yeomen of England" and "Up from Somerset"; Miss Jean Strang's excellent rendition of "The Pipes of Pan"; Miss Louise Anderson's delightful solo, "My Heart at thy sweet voice"; Mr. King's song, "Follow the Drum"; the charming song in costume by Miss Rennie, Miss G. Strang and Miss E. Mare; musical sketches by Mr. Hutton; recitations by Mr. O'Neil and a pretty trio, "Queen of the Night," by Misses L. and J. Anderson and Mr. King. In addition to these, the "Soldier's Chorus," "Faust," was given by a number of gentlemen, while the orchestra rendered national airs and other selections.

The Entertainment closed with Rule Britannia and the National Anthem. We have been asked to request the performers to repeat the entertainment.

Big Gun Contests Still Predominate

At One Place on La Bassee Road, 300 Germans Were Killed

(French Official Bulletin.) Paris, via St. Pierre, Jan. 27.—In Neuport and Ypres sections artillery contests continue.

A German airship was brought to earth in the Belgian lines. Prisoners' statements establish the fact that it was not a battalion, but a brigade that attacked our trenches east of Ypres on the 6th. The enemy lost about a battalion and a half in this engagement.

It is also confirmed that near La Bassee, Givanchy and Cuiuchy, the Germans suffered very heavy losses. On the only road from La Bassee to Bethune, corpses of six officers and four hundred men were found, thus the total German losses represent certainly an effective force of two battalions.

From Lens to Soissons was an artillery duel.

In Craonne district we maintained our hold on the trenches captured by us during our counter attacks on the 25th.

In Perthes region, on Height 200, four fierce German attacks were repulsed by a bayonet charge.

At St. Mihiel we have destroyed the enemy's pontoons on the Meuse. A quiet day was passed in Lorraine and Vosges.

RUSSIANS GIVE GERMAN TROOPS HARD DRUBBING

Petrograd, Jan. 28.—In a stubborn fight in the vicinity of Sochaczew on the Bzura River, the Germans, on Tuesday, broke through into the Russian trenches from which they were only repulsed after bayonet charges.

At Lank, two miles North of Sochaczew, in a battle lasting thirty minutes the Germans lost 500 killed.

S.S. Adventure left Alicante on Monday for St. John's.

Schr. Robert J. Dale has loaded 4178 qtls. fish at Bowring's for Brazil. She sails first chance.

U.S. Diplomat Was Arrested By The Germans

Was in Charge of a Party of English Nurses Under Protection of U. S. Ambassador.

London, Jan. 25.—United States Minister Brand Whitlock is having serious difficulties with the German authorities in Brussels. Reports which slowly come through from Brussels show that in December Whitlock had great trouble concerning the release of seven British nurses who were under his protection, and who, after faithful promises had been given by the supreme authorities of Brussels that they would not be molested, were imprisoned at Mons, despite the presence there of a representative from Whitlock, who was also placed under arrest in spite of his diplomatic character and his possession of perfect credentials, both German and American.

TURKS SEND BIG FORCE TO ATTEMPT INVASION OF EGYPT, SAYS REPORT

Great Military Activity Reported in the Suez Canal Where Troops and Warships Are Being Assembled—British Victory Over the Turks at Karna Reported—Turks Had Claimed a Victory Here

Athens, Jan. 27.—It is reported here that three Turkish Army Corps about 120,000 men, are marching to Egypt under command of Djemal Pasha.

London, Jan. 27.—Despatches from Cairo state that great military activity prevails in the Suez Canal. Troops and warships are being assembled; and all civilians are leaving the vicinity of the Canal. An important reconnaissance is being made.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The defeat of a Turkish force near Karna by a British army moving into Asiatic Turkey is announced to-day in a Foreign Office despatch to the British Embassy here.

Previous reports from Constantinople said the British offensive at this point had been repulsed with heavy losses.

Turko-British Clash Occurs East Of Suez

Invaders Suffer Severely From British Machine Guns in the First Skirmish of the War.

(British Official Report.) London, Jan. 28.—The advance guard of the Turkish Army, which is undertaking an invasion of Egypt, has reached the British outposts, east of the Suez Canal, where the first skirmish of the war in this region took place yesterday.

The fight according to an official report, was apparently a small affair, only one British officer being wounded, but despatches from Cairo say the invaders suffered severely from the machine guns of the British troops.

Despatches do not disclose the size of the Turkish force, but say the engagement took place at East El-Kantara, which is right on the Suez Canal and is the terminus of the caravan route from Kafati border station, between Egypt and Syria.

Filled in Wells.

The distance from Kafati to El Kantara is one hundred and forty-three miles and the British having filled in all the wells along the caravan route the invaders would have to carry their own water.

It is believed that those fighting against the British forces were Arabs or Kurdish horsemen, who are employed by Turks as scouts for the main army under Djemal Pasha, which consists of three army corps, which are believed to have hardly had time to cross the desert.

Nothing has been heard of the military venture which it was reported the Germans were preparing for Emperor William's birthday, unless their attacks on the French at Ypres and on the British at La Bassee were intended as such.

Severe Attacks.

All official accounts agree that these attacks were very severe ones, but beyond this there is nothing in common between the accounts of the Allies and Germans concerning the fighting.

The French communique last night repeats the statement that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses, while Germans say the British were unable to capture their former positions.

Similar contradictory statements are made regarding the severe fighting which is taking place near Craonne and Perthes in Argonne, and in the vicinity of St. Mihiel. In all these cases both sides claim the battles resulted in their favor.

Increasing Liveliness.

There has been increasing liveliness along the eastern front.

The Russians are reported to be pushing their offensive both in east Prussia, and in Poland, north of the Lower Vistula, while the Germans are said to have been repeating their attack in central Poland.

In Galicia the Austro-German force attempted an offensive which, according to a Russian account did not meet with any success.

Now 956 Names Entered On Roll Of Volunteers

Ten Recruits Offered yesterday—Medical Examinations at the Armory Tonight.

There are now 956 names on the roll for the Second Contingent. Those who signed on yesterday were:—Chammel.—Ed. A. Ayre; Burgeo.—Geo. Thos. Lerner; Conception Hr.—Fred. Max O'Toole; St. John's.—Ches. J. Rowe, Wm. Jos. Byrne, Jas. J. Kelly, Robt. Crimp, William Pumphrey; Freshwater, Carbonear.—Walter A. Dean; Harbour Grace.—Geo. Martin.

The doctors will be in attendance at the C.L.B. Armory to-night, and those who have not yet undergone the medical exam. should attend.

Bathing parades have been arranged and each afternoon squads visit the Swimming Pool at the Seamen's Institute.

Schr. Little Mystery, Capt. Greete, sailed for Europe yesterday with fish from Smith & Co., Ltd.

Violent German Attacks Repulsed

Especially in Neuport and Ypres Sections—Heavy German Losses.

(British Official Bureau.) London, Jan. 27.—Several violent German attacks against our first division near Labassee on Monday, were repulsed with severe losses. At one place on the LaBassee Road three hundred Germans were killed and fifty-five captured.

The French Government reports a similar attack east of Ypres. The Germans left three hundred dead.

West of Craonne there were violent German attacks. They captured some French trenches, but part of the lost ground was regained.—HARCOURT.

TWELVE REBELS KILLED IN BATTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Pretoria, Jan. 24.—It is officially announced that 1200 rebels with four guns under their leaders, Lieut.-Col. Maritz, and Kemp, attacked Uppington in Bechuanaland today. The rebels were repulsed leaving behind 12 dead, 23 wounded and 96 prisoners.

REPORT TO WASHINGTON

It is understood that Mr. Whitlock has made a full report to Washington, bitterly complaining of the arrest of the nurses and his representative.

MR. WHITLOCK POWERLESS.

When Whitlock's insistence in Brussels they were finally released they were expelled to make the return journey to England through Germany via Scandinavia in spite of passports from Whitlock, asking them to go via Holland. On this trip they were detained in German barracks thirty-six hours.

At Mons the nurses endeavored to obtain reasons for their arrest. They were first told it was by way of reprisal for the arrest of Germans by the British, then that it was because they were spies, and finally because they had criticized the German army.

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Canon Doyle Urges Modern Measures Save Naval Men

London, Jan. 26.—Writing to the Daily Mail, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle urges that measures be taken to minimize the fearful loss of life entailed by such naval disasters as those of the Bulwark and the Formidable.

He suggests the use of collapsible boats.

"We have to remember," he says, "that the objection to boats was that they were inflammable and to some extent in the way in a surface fight. No doubt that is true; but we have learned now that a hundred men perish from mines and torpedoes for one who died in fair action, and therefore we must cease to provide for what is exceptional and must take precautions for what is usual. It is also easy to jettison boats in a surface action.

"It is no exaggeration to say that had our ships been provided with collapsible boats we should have saved the vast majority of the seamen for whom we mourn. No one is to blame for this. The conditions were new and the lesson had to be learned; but now that the lesson is learned, not a day should be lost in getting boats for the ships, making first provision for those, like the Zebrugge blockaders, which are infirmest perils.

"We can spare and replace ships, we cannot spare men. They must be saved, and this is how to save them."

BIG BATTLES ARE PENDING IN GALICIA

Petrograd, Jan. 28.—The battles in Galicia appear to be developing on a broader scale. Along the Carpathians for a distance of a hundred miles and both sides attach great importance to the outcome.

The Hungarians, it is said, have been concentrating in the Carpathian Passes since December, awaiting the arrival of Bavarian reinforcements.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Winds increasing to gales from E. with snow or rain.

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But it Spoils the Fun, Says British Officer, When One Hits Your Trench and Messes Things up a Bit

MARCHING SONG ON GEN'L. FRENCH

Officer Says He is Billeted For the Present in a Pig-sty Padded With Straw—Not Exactly Palatial

A member of the Honourable Artillery Company, writing home to his parents, replies to a "Round Robin" sent by his many friends in London. It is the family custom every Sunday evening when friends drop in for a fireside chat to ask each to contribute a few lines to a "Round Robin" letter. "It seems to us," add the parents, "a good way of transmitting the atmosphere of the fireside circle of his old friends, at the same time relieving him of the feeling that he must write a lot of individual letters in reply. As a hint to others we enclose a sheet of notepaper and an envelope whenever we write, because stationery does not usually form part of a soldier's kit." The young soldier writes:

Cheered Him Up
"I received the 'Round Robin' yesterday morning early, on our longed for return from the trenches for a good rest. I was feeling weary, as we had been in the trenches for thirty-six hours, and there are no opportunities there for restful slumber. The 'Round Robin' cheered me very considerably.

"Then trenches we recently left are, of course, right in the firing line, but I do not call that 'battle.' The Germans seem to be sitting tight in their trenches, and the only danger is from sniping and shell fire, and we certainly have plenty of that, but fortunately very few casualties. The fighting has tamed down very considerably lately on our wing, and all we have to do is to sit in our trenches and watch the shells plinking round about us. It is quite an amusing pastime, except, perhaps, when one happens to drop on to the parapet of the trench, then there is a little damage done.

Boots Worn Through.
"While the trench digging was going on we did a good deal of marching backwards and forwards, and my boots testified to it. On my last march back after a day's digging (a distance of about twelve miles), my boot soles were right through, and I did the distance practically on my stockings, but I stood it well, with the exception of a bruised feeling about my feet. When I got back one of the regulars did me a good turn; he saw the condition of my boots, and was astounded that I had managed the march, and he let me have a spare pair of boots he had, which fit me beautifully. These are the lines of our special marching song, and which we also sing at our little sing-songs:

D'ye ken John French.
(To the tune of "D'ye ken John Peel")
D'ye ken John French, with his khaki suits
His belt and garters and stout brown boots,
Along with his guns, and his horse,
On the road to Berlin in the morning?

Yes, we ken John French, and old Joffre, too,
And all his men to the tricolour true;
And Belgians and Russians, a jolly good few,
On the road to Berlin in the morning.

The Prussian Kaiser must be made to kneel,
The Prussian Eagle must be made to feel
The force of the bullet and good cold steel,
On the road to Berlin in the morning.
For the mothers they slew, and the kids as well,
And for sundry things it's not fit to tell,
We've got to catch and to give 'em Hell
On the road to Berlin in the morning.

We are billeted for the present in a pig-sty padded with straw. This is one of the discomforts of active service, but we expect to go up to the trenches again to-morrow evening.

"Our trenches are about 600 yards from the Germans. By the way, 'H.A.C.' stands for 'Happy and Cheerful.'"

BRITISH PRESS FEARS COLLISION WITH THE U.S.A.

Spectator Resents Deeply "the Indifference, Indeed Callousness, Toward Great Britain and Her Cause, Shown by the Government of the United States"

London, Jan. 24.—The Spectator, in a leading editorial article entitled "A Great Danger," expresses "anxiety and alarm at the way in which we are drifting towards a collision with the United States."

This article speaks in praise of the good feeling toward Great Britain of many prominent Americans, but it resents deeply "the indifference, indeed callousness toward Great Britain and her cause, shown by the Government of the United States."

Comparing the present situation with that which existed at the time of the Sidell and Mason arrests (1861) the Spectator says that British statesmen were as much a fault then as American statesmen are now but happily the Queen and Lincoln prevented war.

Believing that the American Government would certainly be on the side of those who were fighting to restore Belgium, the British people "suddenly find America, officially playing the German game, and in effect, trying to prevent our bringing Germany to her knees and driving her out of Belgium." "The disappointment is the greater because, like the Americans of fifty years ago, we fancy that our flesh and blood across the water are influenced by the thought of profit just as Englishmen were believed to have been influenced in the Civil war.

"So now America wants to make a profit out of copper," the Spectator continues, "and the American Government is on the side of Germany and in effect claims the right to provide Germany with the means of holding out Belgium and killing English soldiers and freely to supply the material required in bombs to slay non-combatants."

"Can it be wondered at, even though it is unreasonable and though of course we ought to see the American case, that we feel cut to the heart that America seems to reckon up the matter in cold dollars and cents, rather than in terms of flesh and blood and human suffering."

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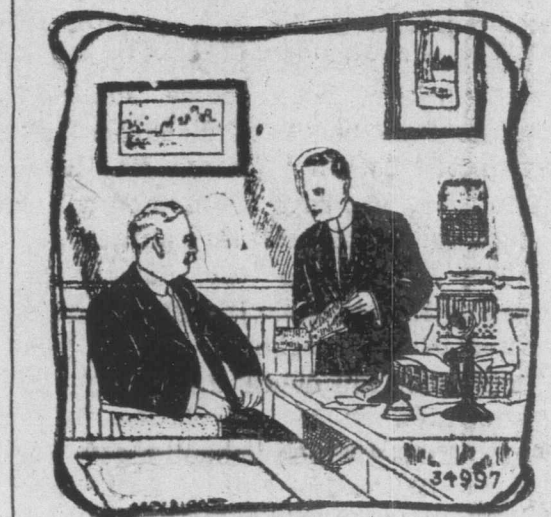
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SUDDEN CHANGES THAT TRANSPIRE

One Moment the Field is Quiet, as if All Were Asleep, the Next all is Life, Stir, Excitement

Hanover, Jan. 21.—Though the modern battlefield at night is the abode of terror, it does not lack picturesqueness, according to a German officer whose opportunities to be impressed have been many. In a letter to a friend here he wrote:

"Being on observation duty at night is not as lonely a job as you think. Time passes very quickly. There are nights, however, when every minute seems an hour. All that depends upon circumstances and your own frame of mind.

"War here is more intense than it is in the East. My observation post lies close up to the French lines on a hill. From there I report the movements of the enemy and direct our artillery fire. Over me fly hundreds of shells and shrapnel from both sides. A share of them came last night.

"Until about ten o'clock all was quiet. From out the dark night came the usual battlefield noises, if noises one could call them. Somewhere men spoke in an undertone—what language I don't know. Then came the sound of footsteps. A man coughed in a suppressed manner, and the steps of another were recorded by the faint voice of two metallic substances striking together. Then the steps and other sounds vanished and I replaced my revolver.

"Tongues of Purplish Fire. There was nothing to be seen until to my right the rifles in a French trench began to sputter. Little tongues of purplish fire seemed to leap across the ground, and through the air went the wail of thousands of bullets. What they shot at I could not discover—false alarm, of course. But they kept it up valiantly and the excitement communicated itself to the trenches in front of me and to those beyond on my left.

"In less time than it takes to write it the entire field rose from sleep. Searchlights which had lain still began to move about frantically. Here and there other lights appeared as if somebody had turned on the electric current of a city.

"Headquarters wanted to know what was all the trouble, and I returned to my task of observing things in the dark. But through my glasses the little flames of the rifles became merely a trifle larger and more intense and the silhouettes and shadows cast by the searchlights blacker. From near by came the buzzing of an aeroplane motor—it passed on, which way I don't know.

"And then green flames in the far off sky told of rockets or shrapnel, whichever they were. A detonation back of me caused me to look around. Just then two of our guns emitted columns of fire, and the next instant a shell sailed through the air above me with an uncanny moan. Another came. Ahead of me, in rapid succession two sheaf like flashes and two explosions that shook the earth around me.

Pillars of Fire. "Soon the fire became general. The battlefield assumed an aspect which I would call beautifully terrible. There were moments when it resembled a large city in which the inhabitants passed the night by pulling up and down the shutters of their windows. Of a sudden whole rows of houses would be lighted up as the men in the trenches fired volley. For a moment a part of this city would lie in utter darkness and then would rise from it the columns of fire emitted by the howitzer batteries. The pillars of fire would rise almost perpendicularly, giving the impression that you were looking upon a vast number of steel ovens.

"Of man you heard not a sound. No human voice could be heard in the din. Softly I tried my own. But the effort mingled with an explosion near by.

"For some time the fury of the battle in the dark about nothing increased.

"For the greater part of an hour the threshing continued. Then the outbreaks lessened in volume and frequently and finally died out altogether. In the trench in front of me men now spoke, but soon it was so still again that I could hear the ticking of my watch and the sighing of the wind in the nearby willows."

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

PRES. COAKER MAN OF THE HOUR

Mr. Coaker, President of the Fishermen's Protective Union, who, as our readers know, has been over to this Bay in behalf of the Union, paid his first visit to Harbor Grace this week, and was much struck as so many with the natural advantages of this town and its possibilities of rising to far greater heights than it ever attained to in its past. He said in the speech he delivered here that it is within the reach of its people, particularly its young men to more than revive its ancient glories.

He spent Sunday and part of Monday here, and proceeded to Carbonear, where he delivered on Monday evening, a lecture to a large and highly interested audience.

On Tuesday he held a meeting here at St. Paul's Hall which was attended by a very numerous and deeply interested audience.

Mr. H. H. Archibald occupied the chair, and on the platform were besides Mr. Geo. T. Gordon, and representing the Union at Brant's Cove, Mr. A. Morgan. The speech occupied two and a half hours in delivery, and has been the subject of general discussion ever since.

There is no doubt that Mr. Coaker is looked upon by the fishermen and the working people in general in this Colony with growing favor, and that to him and the Union they will commit the leadership of their cause and the maintenance of their interests.

The part the Union under his leadership has played both in business and political fields has convinced them of his capacity and his sincerity. He and his colleagues are the ones to whom they are looking to remove the handicaps under which they labor, and to better their lot. Unless we are greatly deceived, the Union leaders are the coming men, in effect the 'come' men.

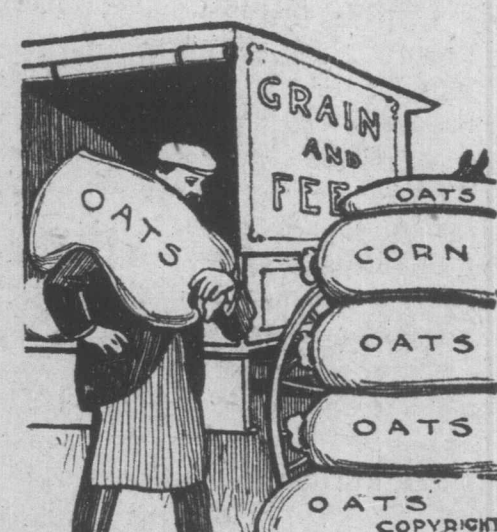
The guidance of the Colonies' destinies are already largely in their hands. The strong stream has set in and it cannot without great injury to the country be set back.

The wisdom of all classes of our people is to recognize the fact and to be solicitous that it flow into the most beneficial channels rather than to resist its onflow.

We can well see how the policy of the Union boldly and yet discreetly carried out will eventuate in the improvement of the lot of the fishermen, and the consequent general welfare of all classes in the ruling of the country in the interests of the public at large rather than of the few, and in the purification of politics.—Hr. Grace Standard, Jan. 22nd.

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Paris, Jan. 7.—(By mail).—The second court martial of the intrenched camp of Paris soon will judge the case of Captain H—, accused of homicide. Captain H— has a wife and three children, to whom he is particularly attached, but the former seems to have signally hindered his military career by reason of her refusal to be separated from him in any circumstances.

When the war started she went to the south of France, but learning one day that her husband was with the regiment at Compiègne she took the first train for that point. This was at the time when the general in chief issued a circular prohibiting all officers and soldiers from receiving their wives during the campaign.

His superior officer remonstrated with Captain H—, remarking that he was compromising his promotion and also was likely to spoil his chances for the Cross of the Legion of Honor. The captain tried to bring his wife to a reasonable view of the situation, but she continued to remain.

A new warning was given to the captain without effect. When the third warning came the captain was told that he must act without delay or he would be cashiered. Again he supplicated his wife to return to the south of France, which she refused to do and in a moment of great mental excitement, fearing dishonor and degradation, he shot the woman he loved, but not fatally.

The captain will be defended before the court martial by the head of the Order of Advocates, Mr. Henri Robert. In the meantime he is being subjected to examination regarding his mental condition.

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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., JAN. 28, 1915.

OUR POINT OF VIEW

Starvation

THERE is no destitution in the Country, so say the patriots. Collect money to send to Belgium, says some patriots, while our own Countrymen are left to starve.

Day by day we receive letters appealing for aid to save families from starvation. Here is one received today:

"I haven't got a bite in my house but some caplin and potatoes. I have four children and it is hard to see them hungry. Unless I can get some work or some help I must starve. I did nothing last summer with fish, and the Grabbals won't help anyone who can't pay as they go. What am I to do?"

Now you men and women who are collecting funds to send to Belgium, why not first take a peep homewards and if all is well then help the outsiders. The cry of hundreds of hungry children in Newfoundland is daily ascending to heaven.

The author of this letter is a Methodist man, yet the Methodist clericals are sending some thousands of dollars collected on Monday as Thanks giving offerings to Belgium.

We advise all those men in want to apply to the Chairman of the Local Road Boards and demand work or advances under guarantee to be worked on roads in the spring.

The Road Boards will all have spring grants made to them and they can well afford to expend these grants in aiding the destitute. Either that or go to the Magistrate, if one is near you, and demand work or assistance, and if not forthcoming tell him squarely what the consequences will be.

If Morris intends to compel the starving people to loot he will remain inactive, and be cursed as the greatest villain that ever held a position of trust in this Country.

We received information today from one town intimating that 60 families were in a starving condition.

Will the Government open the House and give the people a chance to make their condition known and take some proper steps to meet the demands of the situation?

Something must be done or looting will result. No one can blame the hungry people for taking food to satisfy the cravings of hunger.

Morris don't care a cobbler's curse. He is well fed and so are all his clique, and he has as much sympathy for those in need as the Devil has for his dupes.

Why don't the clergymen in the outports move?

The Government has lots of money for every other purpose, and there is no reduction in the extravagance or waste going on in every public department and the clergymen should see that assistance for the destitute is forthcoming.

The Sealing Commission

At Coley's Point Convention the following resolution was unanimously resolved:

RESPECTING THE WORK OF THE SEALING COMMISSION:

RESOLVED—That this meeting composed of Delegates representing the Fishermen's Union in the Districts of Harbor Main, Harbor Grace, Port de Grave and Carbonar protest

against the proceedings before the so-called Sealing Disaster Commission, as useless, ineffective, and calculated to instill amongst the people a contempt for law and order;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED—That we place on record our disapproval of Dr. Lloyd's action in appearing before the Commission as the representative of the sealers because of an appointment by the Government and in return for a professional fee paid by the Government done in defiance of the protest of President Coaker.

In view of what has transpired since this Commission was appointed about the 25th of November or about 10 weeks ago it is not surprising to find the fishermen of Conception Bay placing on record their disapproval of this huge piece of bluff.

Nothing has been done in the way of examining witnesses for over two weeks, yet no report has yet been made, or if made, unheard of. It ought to have completed its work at least in a month and a report of its findings should have been in the hands of the Government by Christmas.

No fisherman has any confidence in the proceedings or in what the findings will be. The public look upon it as a dodge of Morris to fool the people once more and the general regret is that the Judges of the Supreme Court should have allowed themselves to be used in such a manner by such a pastmaster in political insincerity as Premier Morris. The Country is unanimous in its opinion that the Judges committed a serious blunder when they consented to act as pitchforks for Morris.

Then again, the two lawyers in charge of the case are utterly incapable and therefore their appointment is considered nothing short of an outrage and an insult.

No good can come out of this Commission's investigation, nothing but mischief, and just as sure as the sun shines this disaster business will not end with the work of this Commission. The evidence produced and the questions asked prove to the practical man the great trickery attempted by the Government through this dodge.

Every sensible fisherman is indignant over the manner in which the important and far reaching issues of this awful massacre of 78 men has been hoodwinked. Silly and childish questions that would reflect upon a school boy have been put to the witnesses, out of which no material benefit or improvement can ensue.

No serious effort has been made to get to the bottom of the causes of the disaster or of how such might be averted in the future.

No sealing captain of experience not concerned in the disaster has been placed in the witness box. Why was Captain John Parsons, who was right on the spot during the whole trouble, not examined or asked to give evidence? Why was Captain George Barbour not availed of to demonstrate the knowledge he possesses of the sealfishery and asked for his suggestions regarding laws for the guidance of the future?

Where are the experienced second hands and master watches who have faced the Northern winds of 40 springs to secure whitecoats? Why was such care taken to ascertain the opinion of a young snipe like Wes. Kean on such matters that sealing experience could be the only true guide? Why hundreds of old officers have forgotten in a year as much as Wes. Kean learnt all his life time about sealing?

Why was Ab. Kean permitted to give new evidence to explain his wonderful chart of the graveyard of the 78 heroes his blundering sent into eternity? If Ab. Kean did not know the ground and the courses in April when he made that famous chart, how came it that he could remember the facts more or less months later?

All of these questions are being asked and discussed by the public outside of St. John's.

The public will never forgive Morris for appointing three Judges as a Commission to enquire into those awful catastrophes. They will never forgive Morris for placing Squires and Lloyd in charge of the case.

They will never forgive Kean for the part he played in the losing of those men and they will never rest satisfied until a full searching and sufficient enquiry is made by a Commission of practical men with sealing experience, aided by counsels who know as much about those conditions as lawyers can know, who would be appointed by the Commission and the Fishermen's Protective Union.

Until that Commission sits and renders its impartial report, there will be no let up about the sealing disaster.

If Morris ever faces another election the strongest card facing him will be this outrageous sealing disaster, and we can assure him that if he doesn't hear enough about it at the next election to suffice for breakfast, dinner and tea, it won't be our fault.

As for Squires and Lloyd they had better never show their faces on a Northern platform again. Their only chance for political honors would be

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TO THE EDITOR

Lewisporte Local Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—The annual meeting of Lewisporte Council took place on Saturday, Jan. 16th, when the following officers were elected:
Nathaniel Turner, Chairman.
Levi G. Layte, Deputy Chairman.
Stephen R. Joans, Secretary.
Joseph Anstey, Treasurer.

—S. R. JEANS, Sec.

Annual Parade Held At Red Cliffe

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—On Wednesday, January 20th, as is the usual custom, the F.P.U. of Red Cliffe held their annual parade which proved a great success, and they had the privilege of having one of the finest days for the year.

The parade started from the F.P.U. Hall at Red Cliffe, and from thence to Tickle Cove, and then to Open Hall and back. Tea was then served out by the ladies who are interested in the society.
After tea a dance was held by the young folk, when everybody enjoyed themselves. The dance broke up with the old style "kissing dance" which was enjoyed by all present. Everybody being pleased with their dancing, etc., returned home at an early hour Thursday.

—TRADER.

Open Hall, Jan. 20, 1915.

Rattling Bk. Local Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—We held our annual meeting and the officers elected for 1915 were all re-elected as follows:
J. R. Bartlett, Chairman.
Robert Dawe, Deputy Chairman.
William Rowell, Secretary.
Freeman Toms, Treasurer.
C. E. Bartlett, Door Guard.

We all hope that the F.P.U. will progress as rapidly in the future as it has in the past.

The F.P.U. has been a great benefit to the people in the past and the people of Rattling Brook will derive great benefits from the Union contract of pit props.

There are 46 men working at it from this little settlement beside all that are working from other places.
—J. R. BARTLETT, Chairman.
Rattling Bk., S.W. Arm, Jan. 14, 15.

Pilley's Is. Loses Two Good Citizens

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—We regret to record the death of one of our Local Council, Mr. Martin Metcalf, at the age of 63 years. He was a devoted Christian and highly respected by all. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn their sad loss. One son, Albert, is with the First Nfld. Contingent in Scotland.

Mr. George Howell passed away at the age of 66 years. These deaths have cast a gloom over our little settlement that won't be removed very soon.

Mr. Howell was not a Union man but always ready to lend a helping hand. He was a devoted Christian and loyal Orangeman.

We cannot speak in praises too high of these two men for they will be missed from among us for a long time.

—R. VERGE.
Chairman Pilley's Isld. Local Council.

FORGING AHEAD!

That is the position of The Mail and Advocate, as each issue sees a larger sale. What about that WANT ADVT!

Harry's Hr. Alive With Patriotism

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—It is not often we have anything of interest to report from our little settlement, but we feel we must let the outside world know that the patriotic spirit is far from being dead here.

Just a few days ago the ladies arranged to have a social, the proceeds of which were to go to the Patriotic Fund. So they all with one accord came forward last evening, Jan. 13th, with an ample supply of cakes, pies, and everything that goes to make a social what it should be.

A goodly number gathered from the nearby settlements and all repaired to the Orange Hall which was kindly lent for the occasion where a most enjoyable time was spent.

It seemed that people were only too glad of an opportunity of helping, if only in a small measure, a cause so noble.
The patriotic spirit evidenced by all present was really remarkable for a people so far removed from the more important towns where the war and all its possible consequences are being constantly presented to them.

At the close very hearty cheers were given for the Allies, and when the writer called for three cheers for our gallant Volunteers, one young man was heard to shout, "Let's give them three times three," and you may be sure that was done with great enthusiasm, even the ladies joining in.
We are glad to be able to say we realized the sum of \$30 for the Patriotic Fund and \$2 for the Belgian Relief Fund, which has been forwarded to Mr. John S. Munn, Hon. Treasurer Financial Committee of the Patriotic Fund.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Harry's Hr., Notre Dame Bay, Jan. 14, 1915.

Time For Sealers To Make Own Laws

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—Will you please renew my subscription to the weekly edition of The Mail and Advocate. I feel that without The Advocate one is in the dark so far as the affairs of this country are concerned. And this is a time when our people should be awake to the doings of the Country and Government.

With regard to the war, I think the people are doing their very best to keep the Union Jack flying over us, but I would like to know what the Government intends to do. This has been a hard winter on the people of Newfoundland and every day one can hear the cry of the poor and destitute.

If the House does not open until April, I do not know what the People's Party, as they call themselves, are going to arrange in the way of employment for the men out of work. Rumor has it that the House would be open but for the Sealing Bill which our President has to present.

It is high time for the sealers and our countrymen in general to wake up to the fact that laws must be brought into force on the basis of life protection.

The disaster of 1914 will not be forgotten soon, for the Commission of Enquiry has come to no decision as to what can be done to prevent such a disaster, occurring again. And, further than that, the man who thought more of a few seal pelts than he did of the lives of seventy-eight men, is wanting a crowd of two or three hundred men to sign their names in opposition to the three thousand five hundred toilers who were connected with that affair of last Spring.

If the Government does not offer to make laws for the protection of the sealers' lives, I think it is time for the sealers to make their own laws for the icefield.

—SEALER.
New Perlican, Jan. 1915.

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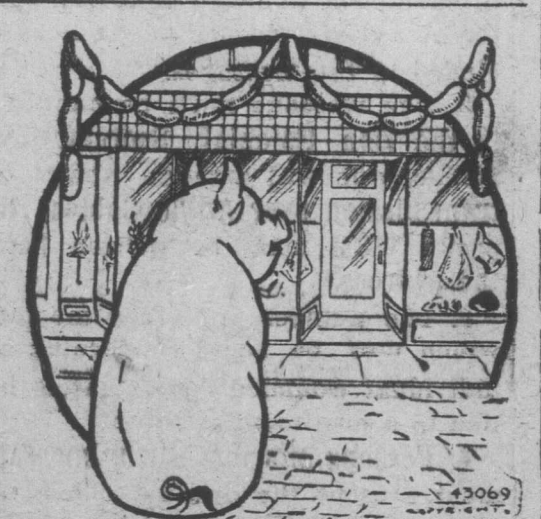
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TO THE EDITOR

Another Letter

From Mr. J. Murphy

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—The "Twelve Apostles" acting on the advice of their oracle, consigned my modest claim, locally speaking, to the "ash heap." Were I deriving an income from timber lands, oil wells or fox farms I would then be in a position to place my claim in the hands of a higher tribunal, but being one whose income is devoted to the housing, victualing and clothing of eight persons all told, I am forced to "grin and bear it."

My humble home has been turned topsy turvey—floor, carpet, clothing and other incidentals were destroyed by the inflow of water, caused by the neglect of the Council. The truth of the old adage is once more illustrated in my case of there being "one law for the rich and another for the poor." My sufferings, combined with that of my wife and little ones, "cuts no ice" in the eyes of the heartless Commissioners.

If I were some "big bug" with brass enough in my make up to make a kettle, or whose father or myself had helped to break a bank, causing the breaking of human hearts as well, then all would "be lovely along the Bowery."

Engineer Ryan, I presume, was the person who gave the solicitor the plan of the locality, and made a statement also, in re the condition of things. If he did so, I wish to brand him Ananias the Second. The solicitor's report on my claim says: "From the vacant plot to Rice's, the drain was filled with snow."

"Oh what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive."
I say fearlessly, and truthfully, that the above statement is a lie of the "first water." There was not snow enough in the drain near the vacant plot, the evening previous, nor the morning of the "flood," to make a snow ball. Water has made its way into my domicile, principally due to the drain, which is a misnomer, being as shallow as a table spoon. The flow of water is further fostered by the

sidewalk, which slopes downward, towards my yard.

The good book tells us, "Where your treasure lies, there your heart lies also." John Ryan's heart lies in "side lines" and not in side drains, by the former he amasses, through so called extra work, many dollars, while the poor man who has to do the dirty work, blow high, blow low, have to accept the miserable pittance thrown at him, as a bone is thrown to a dog. Gosling's kennel, where the four legged brutes reside, is thought a great deal more about than I am, or the poor, in general.

We are told that the poor are hated by their neighbors while the rich have many friends. I am convinced that if my claim was placed in the keeping of any twelve men, whose minds are not warped politically, or religiously, that I could receive recompensation at their hands. When we look around us and view the neglected state that St. John's is in to-day, and then cast a glance backwards, and muse on Gosling's promises, before we let him "rule the roost" we are seriously reminded of the phrase, "too green to burn," which at present seems to permeate the city's atmosphere, sullying us a "T," only that nature has been so generous in her gifts towards us and living as we are on "raised land" what in the name of the Almighty would become of us.

Grazing the fat sow, squabbling at the Council Board, and attempting to pull the wool over the eyes of the taxpayers by shouting about a paltry surplus. Those are the "feathers in their caps." We have men amongst them who have not the kindness of heart of the dog which licked the sores of Lazarus. Hard words, it is true, but they can bear the light of day.

Fancy Gosling, bothering about the wants of the poor man. Isn't it laughable! What's spawned in the parlor of a rich man's mansion cannot be otherwise but disadvantageous to the best interest of the man who must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Gail, so it is said, has the world grabbed, and I believe it.

In this country it is a "bright and a shining light" those who are afflicted so, and unfortunately they are in the majority; those I mean who are in the front rank as Stons, it is as hard to get rid of them as it is to rid the fish from a beggar.

Our Commissioners have practically done nothing for the welfare of the

people, they are not off the people, then how can they be for the people. The broadness of some of their souls may be seen by their actions.

On soil cart wheels, one would put rubber.

To drown their noise, so he once did say.

While another would cover the streets with blubber.

And the third would cut the sanitary man's pay.

"Oh tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon." We are a long suffering and apathetic people, lick spittles, if you will, the slave who would free himself must strike the blow. We are a slaving, cringing, crawling lot, let us throw out apathy and servility to the winds and stand up and be men, for honor's sake. When Archidamias was asked what number of men were in Sparta, he replied: "Enough to keep bad men at a distance."

Thank God there's enough manhood in St. John's, as yet, to keep those fossils called Commissioners in the distance, should they ever again attempt to impose on the feelings of a kind hearted public. When they go in the spring, into oblivion, we will bestow upon them a cross for their ability, marked "Made in Germany."

—JAMES MURPHY.

The First Real War Drama—"For King and Country!"—Casino Theatre, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, under the Patronage of H.E. the Governor.—t.h.f.3i

Annual Parade of Keels Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space to narrate the events connected with our fifth annual parade of the F.P.U., which took place on the 21st, although the weather was very unfavorable.

We met at the Hall about 2.30 p.m. from which we turned out and paraded through the settlement, after which we again returned to the Hall and there partook of a splendid repast prepared by the ladies, and by whom it was kept going till midnight, which the younger folks enjoyed themselves at dancing.

J. H. Keels, Jan. 22nd, 1915.

Ferryman Replies To Criticisms

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space to reply to an article that appeared in your issue of Dec. 19th, signed "One Who Knows;" the writer goes on to say that unless there are three or four other passengers at the time, women and girls are afraid to cross the Tickle with me.

If this is true, how is it that I so seldom cross with less than three lady passengers. Anyone reading such a statement, and not knowing me, must imagine that I am a very bad character. Correspondent says I once called her "a devil's liar;" this I cannot remember, but do not profess to be too good to say so if occasion required.

The statement goes on to say that I disregard all rules and hours of working, perhaps my old "time-piece" might sometimes be too fast or too slow, to correspond with this lady's watch; and her statement is that I always ask girls to hold my sails for me, this, of course, is too foolish to talk about, although during the summer it might have happened; as some girls are only too proud to hold a sail and steer the boat if needed; but of course, the lady referred to is an exception.

Although near three score years and ten I think myself too smart a man yet to want women, or even men to do my work for me. I did not apply for the ferry. The old ferryman resigned, and I was asked to take her. "One Who Knows" thinks that someone else could do it better; if so they are welcome to the job, and as it is a well-known fact that this lady is a constant traveller to suit her requirements, I suggest that the Ferry should call at Loq Cove instead of Shambler's Cove.

ABRAM BRAGG, Ferryman.

Lamaline Elects Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—It is a long time since we claimed the privilege of writing in your newsy paper The Mail and Advocate, but even so, I hope you will insert this to let the Union friends of this Colony know what we are doing.

Although this branch of the F.P.U. has been established one year and a few days and has not had much time to make great progress in Union business, yet we have done something since the Union was started here. We have made up a membership of 89 in good standing, also during the year this Council bought some hundreds of dollars worth of goods from the Fishermen's Union Trading Co. Ltd. which I think is very good, taking the war and local conditions into consideration.

On the 4th inst. we met for election of officers, which resulted as follows: Henry Haskell, Jr., Chairman, re-elected.

Frank L. Haskell, Deputy Chairman, elected.

Albert Day, Secretary, elected.

George Foote, Treasurer, elected.

Allan Cake, Inner Door Guard, elected.

Robert Hebbitch, Outer Door Guard, elected.

After election of officers were over a vote of thanks were given to the Chairman and retiring officers, after which the Chairman addressed the meeting. It being a late hour it was decided that the remaining officers would give their annual address at the next meeting.

On the 11th inst. we met again and after disposing of some business the several officers addressed the Council and were applauded with great vim, after which several friends spoke on matters pertaining to the Union which brought the meeting to a close.

Although the present outlook is far from bright owing to the blighting influences of the war being felt on every side, I hope to be in a position to report continued progress from this Council during the coming year which will materially aid the aims and objects of the F.P.U.

We are of the opinion that if our President could find it possible to visit us it would be a great impetus to the Union of this district and I hope, sir, ere long to have the pleasure of hearing him discourse from a public platform.

—CHAIRMAN.

Lamaline, Jan. 12, 1915.

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MEDIUM and high-class Furs are each marked at liberally cut Sale Prices. Call and examine them early.

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Some MORE Challenge!

A certain Firm Selling Motor Engines having advertised that their Engines would run submerged in water, and challenging any other Engine manufacturer to produce an Engine which would

Stand a Similar Test

We wish to call the attention of the fishermen to the FACTS OF THE TEST.

In the first place, what is the meaning of the word submerge? "It means to put under water; to drown or sink."

Now as all Motor Engines require 95 per cent. air and 5 per cent. fuel to give a good explosive mixture, it stands to reason that the Engine which was supposed to have made this "test" was never submerged, and that if it was possible for Engines to run submerged in water

The British Navy

as well as all other navies in the world would be using them in their Submarines, which would avoid the expense of the installation of Electric Motors for propelling the boat when submerged.

This picture looks very nice on paper where you cannot hear whether the Engine is exploding or not, and

The Truth is Only Half Told

In fact, the statement is so preposterous that

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that no Gasoline Engine will run submerged in water.

Now regarding the "Test."

An Eye Witness

to this Photograph was at the Factory where ignitors for these Engines are made and states that he saw the picture taken, that the water was put in the Engine when running, and although she stopped exploding, the movement of the fly wheel was sufficient to keep her going till the picture was taken.

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HUNDREDS KILLED IN ONE CATHEDRAL

Took Twenty Thousand Soldiers a Whole Day to Rescue Eight Persons—Three Babies Taken Out Alive

Rome, Jan. 20.—The destruction caused by the great earthquake is fully as great as had been feared. Complete reports of the damage done and the lives snuffed out from all but one of two small towns show that the fatalities will reach well over 30,000 and that the number of injured will probably exceed 50,000.

The Government has appropriated the sum of 100,000 francs for the relief of the earthquake sufferers. This sum will be added to in any amount as needed as Italy is prepared to handle the situation without aid from outside and to use the national resources to the fullest extent.

Fortunate Escape.
Sora, 15 miles south-east of Avezzano, has apparently had a most fortunate escape. By comparison the harm wrought in that town of 20,000 inhabitants is slight, for the rescue and relief parties have discovered that the number of dead was much overrated and that conditions are no nearly so bad as was first believed. What saved the survivors from the most horrible fate was the fact that the local garrison escaped and took such efficient charge of the situation at once that thousands of lives were preserved.

The greatest loss of life in Sora was in the cathedral, where hundreds of worshippers were at their devotions and in the market-place just outside. Many buildings in the town were damaged but did not collapse, and a majority of the inhabitants, because of promptitude of the soldiers and the fact that hundreds were already a work in the fields when the shock came were saved. Six hundred bodies have already been recovered and the great problems of the present are preventing pestilence, finding place to inter the dead, and caring for the living.

Babies Rescued.
In Avezzano three babies, only slightly injured, have been taken from the ruins. Four children, the eldest eleven, were also found. Although exhausted they kept shouting until they were saved.
They promised the soldiers who dug them out that their father would pay them, but he was found dead in the ruins nearby. A girl who also was saved uninjured from a neighboring building asked the soldiers whether it was dawn. She said she felt that she had slept a long time but could not see the light. Eight rescues were the result of an entire day's work by 20,000 soldiers, which shows the enormity of the task confronting the Government.
Twelve thousand bodies, it is semi-officially estimated, are buried under the fallen walls of Avezzano. Rescuers believe there still are many living beneath the tons of debris and desperate efforts are being made to rescue them.

Big Nickel Show

There were large attendances at both sessions of the Nickel Theatre yesterday afternoon.
The special feature film was a beautiful story, entitled "The Message of the Sea" in three acts which is a masterpiece of the Gaumont artists. Everyone was delighted with this story, and it left an impression which will not soon be forgotten.
There was also a grand two part film, "Seeds of Chaos" which pleased all. The pictures will be repeated this evening and Miss Margaret Ayer will sing another popular ballad.
There will be another big matinee for children on Saturday.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Thomas LeDrew
We record with deep regret the demise of a very estimable old lady, in the person of Mrs. Thomas LeDrew, which sad event took place on January 11th.

Mrs. LeDrew lived to the ripe age of eighty-one years in the practice of every Christian virtue.
She leaves two sons to mourn the loss of a fond and devoted mother.
Mr. Richard LeDrew, of Grand Falls, is a son. To him and his brother and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Good Work Done By The St. John's Technical School

Has Helped Many Young Men in the City to a Wider Knowledge of Their Profession.

The above school has been in existence for the past twelve months. It was founded in 1914 by Captain Saunders. He visited Newfoundland as Lloyd's representative, when the ill-fated Manchester Commerce was here undergoing repairs.
He gave a series of lectures on Marine Engineering. Twenty-six or 30 apprentices of the Reid-Newfoundland Company attended these lectures. Their good attendance combined with their keen interest showed the necessity of a Technical School in our midst.
Captain Saunders approached the business men of the town and succeeded in collecting from six to seven hundred dollars for the purpose of technical education. This sum has been expended mainly on books and apparatus.

Secured Help.
He then approached some of the representative business men of the city and succeeded in obtaining the permission of the following gentlemen to act as trustees of the school:
President—Hon. John Harvey.
V.-Pres.—Col. Rendell.
Secy.—R. F. Horwood, Esq.
Auditors—Alex. Marshall, Esq., Taster Cook, Esq., W. E. Ladley, Esq., R. B. Job, Esq., J. S. Munn, Esq., H. B. Saunders, Esq.

Captain Saunders left in April, and J. James Davies, B.Sc., F.C.S., was appointed Principal.
From April to June three subjects only were taught and the school met Tuesday and Friday nights.
Extended Curriculum
On the recommendation of the Principal the Trustees agreed to extend the number of subjects, so as to make the school appeal not only to engineers, but also to those engaged in other pursuits.

A tentative prospectus was issued in June, which comprised the following subjects:
Heat and Steam, Magnetism and Electricity, Mechanical and Architectural Drawing, Elementary Geology, Chemistry, Agricultural Chemistry, Mathematics, Wood Working, Pattern Making and Special Classes for Marine Engineers.

Successful Session.
The opening term of the new school session, which began on Oct. 5th was successful one; forty-four pupils were enrolled for the different subjects, and classes were held in nine out of the ten courses named in the prospectus.

Some of the pupils have already determined to work for the Entrance Examination to McGill University as engineering students and judging from their good attendance and application, they should succeed in their object.
This shows that a few have already grasped the usefulness of our new institution.

Thirty-Six Students.
The second term of the present session began on Jan. 4th, and thirty-six pupils are now on the register. These include six special classes conducted by Mr. Kelt. Some are working for the Chief's Certificate.

These classes give the necessary instruction in Marine Engineering which will enable the pupil to obtain their certificate without leaving their native city.
Up to now, many an ambitious engineer has had to proceed to Scotland for the States for his tuition, which meant an outlay of many hundred dollars.

This term a new class in wood carving has been started.

Add Other Subjects.
There are many other subjects that may in time be added to the curriculum of the school.

At the present times are unfavorable; many possible pupils have answered the call of their King and Empire to participate in the great war.
When peace is declared—be it sooner or later—then, the Technical school ought to be placed on a firm foundation. A building properly equipped with workshops and laboratories provided, so that the youth of Newfoundland shall enjoy the same technical advantages that are already in existence in other countries.

Casino Theatre—Wednesday Next—Beautiful Patriotic Drama, "For King and Country!" Book your seats today at the Atlantic Bookstore.—t.h.31

Wesley Bible Class

Tonight at 8 p.m. Wesley Bible Class are giving a farewell to their members who are going to the front in the 2nd Contingent. A good programme is arranged for and a Patriotic address will be given by Geo. B. Lloyd, Esq., D.D.S.P. of Sons of England. Refreshments will be served. A big rally of the class is asked for.

MOROCCANS ARE GLUTTONS FOR FIGHTING

Were Ordered to Hold Position Guarding French Rear At Soissons and Didn't Want to Leave it at all

BESTED GERMANS WITH THE BAYONET

And, Generally, Covered Themselves With Glory—Ordered Away Twice Before They'd Agree to move

Soissons, Jan. 22.—The rear-guard of the Moroccan rifle regiments, who covered the retreat of the French centre across the river on the 14th, covered themselves with glory. They had been posted in the village of Crouy.

At 4 o'clock in the forenoon the Germans, in serried ranks, debouched in the road and advanced toward the village. The riflemen carefully concealed their quick-firers and posted themselves on each side of the road. Not a murmur arose and nothing was allowed to show itself above the blackened ruins. The Germans thought the road was clear and ran to the village to get shelter from the French heavy artillery.

When they were within 500 yards of the place the riflemen opened fire suddenly. The Germans were surprised. There was no room to deploy and they fell in heaps. Those who could fell back to the brook of Braye. Twisted their bayonets. Reinforced, they reformed their ranks and tried to turn the French position by way of the east side of the village. Three companies of riflemen were detached and charged. The shock was awful. Bayonets were twisted out of shape and the dusky soldiers used the butts of their rifles. For a second time the Germans gave way.

The Moroccans were told to hold the place till 5 p.m. It was then 1 o'clock but they still refused to retire. They only did so after a staff officer was sent to them twice with an order for retreat.
During the night the German artillery roared ceaselessly in a bombardment of Soissons, but at dawn of the 15th the artillery slackened and gave place infantry fire.

Fighting at St. Paul.
At 7 o'clock a battalion of the line, occupying the farms of St. Paul, were ordered to protect the advanced trenches, which were threatened by the German attack. They charged and broke the German ranks, driving them as far as the Crouy railroad station and taking 100 prisoners. Hardly, however, had they got back with the prisoners when they were assailed by fresh German forces, and for two hours St. Paul was subjected to a furious assault over plowed fields, through orchards and in gardens, court yards and in barns.

The tide of battle ebbed and flowed in the angle of a stable wall. Here the German dead were so numerous that some stood upright, lacking room to fall.
The good practice of the French three-inch guns, guided by aeroplanes, prevented German reinforcements from debouching from the western slope of the Vregny plateau, and the Germans, exhausted and discouraged at their lack of success, retired in a body to Crouy at noon.

The French retain the mastery of the suburbs of Soissons, on the right bank of the river and of the bridge head. Their front is stronger than ever.

St. John's Municipal Board.

NOTICE TO QUARRYMEN

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received until Friday next, 29th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m., for the delivery in the West End of the City near the promenade of One thousand tons (1,000) Quarry Spawls.

Also, for the delivery in the East End on the Old Railway property One thousand tons (1,000) Quarry Spawls.

The spawls are to be subject to the approval of the City Engineer or the Road Inspector.
Tenderers are requested to mark across the envelope the words "Tenders for Spawls."

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

By order,
JNO. L. SLATTERY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Jan 27, 29, 31

Newfoundlanders Are Much Liked In Great Britain

Robert Phillips writes as follows from the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, England, to his father at Burgoyne's Cove. His letter is dated Dec. 28th.

Dear Father,—Just a few lines to tell you that we are enjoying the best of health and hope you are the same. We arrived in Glasgow on St. Stephen's morning and since that day have seen too many wonderful things to begin to talk about. We were particularly interested in the merchant ships, warships and the immense buildings. We were driven to the station to take the train. There were large carriages drawn by three horses and there were thirty of us in each carriage. The streets were crowded with people waving flags and handkerchiefs and cheering us as we drove along. As the train stopped at each station, the women and children would come to the doors and cheer the Newfoundlanders, for they think a lot of Newfoundlanders over here.

Remember me to all the boys, especially the Union boys, and tell them all to write me as it is a treat to get a letter from home. I would like you to send me a bundle of "Advocates." We fellows would like to get an "Advocate" now, especially the Bonavista Bay men. The boys like being over here and will hardly want to go back to Newfoundland again. The largest warship in the world, the "Queen Elizabeth" is here. She certainly is worth looking at. There are 20 Newfoundlanders on her.

ROBERT PHILLIPS,
of Burgoyne's Cove.

On Friday night, the 29th inst., the St. Andrew's Society are giving a Farewell Smoker to fourteen of their members, who will shortly leave for the front. Concert commences at 9 o'clock.—Jan 28, 11

GAVE ADDRESS TO R.C. MEMBERS OF CONTINGENT

Rev. Fr. Pippy addressed the Roman Catholic members of the Second Contingent at the Chapel, St. Bon's College, last evening.

Fr. Pippy spoke plainly and impressively to his audience. He exhorted them to conduct themselves as true members of their Church, and to be loyal to the Empire and the cause they fight for.

For an hour Fr. Pippy spoke and his words visibly affected every lad. Benediction was imparted by Rev. Fr. Nangle, after which he distributed in the Aula Maxima, a rosary to each man. Prayer books are being printed, and will be given out later. It is likely the men, in a body, will attend Confession and Communion before leaving for England.

M.C.L. to-night's debate: "Is the present European conflict an indication that the Churches have failed to impress the teachings of Christianity in relation to War?" Leaders: Mr. G. Grimes, M.H.A., and Rev. N. M. Guy.

TERRA NOVANS BEAT ST. BON'S BY 14 TO 2

The second Hockey match of the League series took place at the Prince of Wales' rink last evening in the presence of a fair number of fans.

The St. Bon's and Terra Novans were the competitors, the latter winning by 14 goals to 2.

At times play was interesting, but the big difference in scoring ability of the teams was quickly seen.

The opinion now is that the Terra Novans will make a good showing.

E. S. Pinsent was referee, C. Ellis and J. A. Carmichael timekeepers.

The players were:
Terra Novans—Burnham, goal; Tobin, point; M. Stick, cover; Mews, rover; R. Stick, left; Trappell, centre; Gear, right.
St. Bon's—Walsh, goal; Power, point; Higgins, cover; Callahan, rover; Barnes, left; Crawford, centre; Quinn, right.

Patient Landed

The Spanish sailor of the Tiflis, who is suffering from small pox was landed yesterday afternoon and taken to the Signal Hill Hospital.

The patient is in a very serious condition, and it is not known if he will recover.

The steamer has been disinfected and sails as soon as ice conditions permit.

Capt. Sytor of the Tiflis is making his first visit to St. John's.

The Bowring coaster Prospero is now on the dry dock. An examination of her bottom has shown that the damage is not as great as was first feared.

NFLD. SAILORS ON THE VIKTOR?

The loss of the Viktor has caused grave anxiety in parts of Conception Bay.

It is thought that Thomas Jackson, son of Mr. Jackson, blacksmith, was one of the crew.

Mr. C. E. Russel, of Bay Roberts, sends the following message:
"It is thought that a number of Bay Roberts and Shearstown boys were on the Viktor. Parents and friends are anxiously awaiting more definite news Jack Parsons and Eli Sparks, of Shearstown, and John B. Mercer, of Bay Roberts, are said to be on that vessel."

These men sailed on the Franconia, but it is not known if they were on the vessel.

Serious Charge

Another citizen was in court this morning to answer to a charge made by a young woman. He also had to furnish bonds.

It is reported that a similar deposition will be made this afternoon.

Disorderlies Fined

The disorderlies, who were the principals in the scene at Haymarket Square were before Judge Knight this morning and were each fined \$5 or fourteen days.

Upper Is. Cove Local Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—The following are the officers of Upper Island Cove for 1915:

John Lundrigan, Chairman.
Wm. Bradbury, Deputy Chairman.
Norman Coombs, Secretary.
John T. Jones, Treasurer.
Joseph Lundrigan, Door Guard.
—N. COOMBS, Secretary.
Upper Isld. Cove, Jan. 21, 1915.

OBITUARY

Jabez Wells.

Wild Bight has lost one of its staunch Union members in the death of Brother Jabez Wells who died very suddenly on December 18th at Pilley's Island, at the age of 57 years.

He was a loyal Unionist and our Council deeply sympathizes with the bereaved friends.

—ROBERT YOUNG, Chairman.
Wild Bight, Jan. 18, 1915.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

A Public Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, will be held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C. M.C., on

Friday Jan. 29th
At 8.15 p.m., in the Grenfell Hall

King George V. Institute.

There will be a distribution of Certificates, and all who have passed the Association's examinations are particularly requested to be present. The General Public are cordially invited. God Save the King.

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