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## DETAILED ACCOUNT ISSUED OF BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY OVER THE GERMAN FLEET OFF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

### Big Battle Rages At Sochaczew 30 Miles West Warsaw, Poland

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—A great battle is in progress at Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw, the German wedge which is proceeding in a south-easterly direction from Ilow has managed after heavy fighting in which serious losses are reported to have been inflicted to establish itself a quarter of a mile west of Sochaczew.

The Polish campaign now centres at that point. The German columns were met at Sochaczew by fierce resistance on the part of the Russians. Fighting was extremely severe at points leading to hand to hand encounters. Artillery fire on both sides are heavy and continuous. Reinforcements are being poured in rapidly on both sides.

### Turkish Suzerainty Is Abolished Egypt Now British Protectorate

London, Dec. 17.—The Press Bureau to-night issued the following statement concerning making Egypt a British protectorate: His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that in view of the state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of His Majesty, and will henceforth constitute a British Protectorate.

The Suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and His Majesty's Government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests. The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieut. Col. Sir Arthur Henry McMahon to be His Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt.

### Kaiser Entirely Queered Plans Of The German Staff In Flanders

London, Dec. 12.—Arthur W. Leech telegraphs to The Daily News from "in France": "A Bavarian lieutenant captured by the French states that after the fall of Antwerp it was the German plan of campaign to completely cut off from the main French army the whole of the British forces then moving into position in Flanders. For this purpose huge masses of new troops were

brought to the western front from Germany. "At the end of October, while these operations were maturing, the Kaiser arrived on the scene and was present at the attacks on Ypres, which thereby gained a false importance in the whole scheme and wrecked the German plans. "The Bavarian lieutenant states that (Continued on page 6)

### SCHARNHORST REFUSED TO SURRENDER AND CREW WENT DOWN WITH THEIR SHIP, CHEERING TILL WATERS ENGULFED THEM

Germans Were About to Seize the Falkland Islands, British Possessions in the South Atlantic

#### BRITISH WERE THERE BEFORE THEY CAME

Enemy Saw Only the Canopus at First, Rushed to Attack Her and Were Received by a Whole British Fleet

#### ACTION LASTED HOUR

And Resulted in Sinking Four Ships Out of Five—Dresden Escaped—Glasgow Sank the Zeipzig

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 18.—The first detailed accounts of the naval battle of Dec. 8th, when four German cruisers were sent to the bottom, reached here today from Puerto Gallegos, Patagonia.

According to these accounts the Germans were on their way to seize the Falkland Islands, British possessions, when they came unexpectedly upon a lone British warship. The other members of the British fleet were taking on supplies from the neighboring islands at the time. Before the Germans were aware of the strength of their opponents, these ships closed in on them and the fate of Admiral Von Spee's squadron was soon sealed.

#### FORMIDABLE BRITISH FLEET.

It was a formidable British squadron which faced the Germans and included in it were the Battleships Canopus, the battle cruisers Invincible and Inflexible, and the cruisers Kent, Cornwall, Carnarvon, Bristol and Glasgow. It far outmatched in strength the German squadron. The British squadron arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on Dec. 7th to take on supplies. Next morning, the Canopus, which was guarding the entrance to the port sighted the hostile warships and four other quickly came into view and were recognized as the squadron of Von Spee.

#### SAW ONLY CAOPUS.

Only the Canopus was visible at first to the Germans who steamed straight at her. The Canopus opened fire and the other British warships rushed to her assistance.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig formed in battle line, but the Nurnberg and Dresden, however, dropped back from the firing line. The British warships concentrated their fire on the Scharnhorst which sank after an hour's fighting. When it became evident that the Scharnhorst, flagship, was doomed, her crew assembled on the forward deck. The Scharnhorst refused to surrender and soon plunged beneath the waves.

#### CHEERED AS THEY SANK.

The crew preserved its formation as the ship went down and cheered as the waters closed about her.

The Glasgow engaged the Leipzig and sank her.

The Gneisenau went down eighty miles from Port Stanley.

The Nurnburg attempted to escape but after a pursuit of two hours was sunk.

The Carnarvon pursued the Dresden, but was not swift enough to over haul her and the German warship escaped.

After the battle the British picked up 194 Germans including a few officers.

The cruiser Cornwall was damaged slightly below the water line. None of the other warships were damaged.

SHIPS ENGAGED IN FALKLAND I. FIGHT	
British—8.	Germans—5.
Canopus	Scharnhorst
Inflexible	Gneisenau
Invincible	Nurnburg
Kent	Dresden
Cornwall	Leipzig
Carnarvon	
Bristol	
Glasgow	
Total Tonnage, 89,000.	Total Tonnage, 33,240.
Men Engaged, 4,744.	Men Engaged, 2,511.

On December 10th, funeral services were held for the eight British sailors who were killed.

#### THE BRITISH FLEET.

The Canopus, the only British battleship that fought in the Falkland Islands engagement and the ship which lured the Germans to their doom is a comparatively old ship as ages go in the Navy. Built in 1895, at a cost of almost \$4,000,000, she is a light draught ship, one of several designed for voyages through the Suez Canal. Her speed is eighteen knots, and she has a tonnage of 12,950. Her main armament consists of four 12 in. and twelve 6 in. guns.

The battle cruiser Invincible of this British squadron is nameship of her own class of warships. The Invincible is a sister ship, but slightly smaller, having a tonnage of 17,250, as compared with the 18,750 tons of the Invincible. Both are fast ships, having a speed of 25 knots. Their main armament comprises eight 12-in. guns, sixteen 4 in. and each is also equipped with two torpedo tubes.

#### THREE ARMORED CRUISERS.

Of the remaining five ships of the British squadron three, the Cornwall, Carnarvon and Kent, are armored cruisers.

The Carnarvon is a ship of 10,850 tons, built in 1905 and steaming 23 knots. She is equipped with four 7.5 and six 6 in. guns.

The Cornwall and the Kent both are sister ships of the ill-fated Monmouth sunk in the battle off the Coast of Chile. Their speed is 23 knots, tonnage 9,800 and main armament fourteen 6 in. guns. The Kent was built in 1903 and the Cornwall in 1904.

The Bristol and Glasgow are sister ships, unarmoured cruisers of 4,800 tons each, but steaming at the high speed of 27 knots. The armament of each consists of two 6 in. and ten 4 in. guns.

Special interest attaches to the presence in this fight of the Glasgow, which escaped the Germans in the

### 6 New British Battleships To Be Added To Our Navy Within The Next 6 Months

New York, Dec. 16.—From an American visitor to England, just returned to New York, who through merest chance was afforded exceptional opportunity to inspect the vast naval plant at Devonport, the World has obtained a close-range description of the secret fruition of the British Admiralty's most closely guarded plans for the crushing of Germany on the high seas.

What is going forward at express speed behind the walls of Britain's navy yards, if it were known to the German authorities, would dispel decisively any Teutonic belief that Admiral Jellicoe's fleet intends to restrict its activities to blockading the North Sea and keeping the Atlantic and other oceans clear of enemy vessels.

Within six months the lists of the royal navy will be augmented by six super-Dreadnoughts and eight battle cruisers from its yards at Devonport and Portsmouth alone. All of these ships will be equipped defensively and offensively more powerfully than any men-of-war of their respective classes now afloat. At least one of the super-Dreadnoughts, for example, has an arrangement of turrets which is quite new, and which permits big calibre guns to be fired broadside or straight ahead with equal facility. Probably all of that class have the same equipment, but The World's informant personally saw only one during his visit to Devonport.

#### Working Night and Day

Obviously it is impossible to reveal what the circumstances were under which an American was enabled to roam practically at will about an establishment which British naval men declare is the biggest of its kind in the world. It is equally out of the question for him to narrate for publication all that he saw, particularly as not being a naval expert he could not understand fully the more technical features of the spectacle. Under the new Defence of the Realm Act, recently

#### Super-Dreadnought Described.

The following is the World's informant's description of the super-Dreadnought (Continued on page 6)

#### SIX New Dreadnoughts

It is easy to understand the First Lord's meaning when one realizes that within six months there will be six super-Dreadnoughts ready to go out of Plymouth and Portsmouth harbors into the battle-line, and furthermore, that from the time plans for the construction of such a monster are drawn up until the day she sets out on her trial only eighteen months must elapse. Incidentally, every part of a super-Dreadnought except her guns can be built in the navy yard.


#### Stories from war correspondents in Northern France have already mentioned the fact that British naval guns have been used on land in siege operations against the Germans.

Therefore there can be little harm in disclosing the fact that at present a very large number of men are engaged constantly at Devonport in turning 12, 13 and even 15-inch battleship guns into siege howitzers.

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## FALSE PRIEST WAS DETECTED SAYING GRACE

French Officer, Himself an Ecclesiastic Noticed that Latin Was Bad and Arrest Followed

AGAIN and again, in the course of the war, the consummate audacity of the German system of espionage has been proved beyond the possibility of question. Your German spy turns up in all sorts of disguises. Now he is a French officer calling boldly at the French military headquarters for information; now he is a farm labourer ploughing a field. But of all the counterfeits to which he resorts, the garb of the ecclesiastic seems to be the one he is fondest of assuming. This was the make-up to which he had recourse in an episode which shows that, as it takes a thief to catch a thief, as the saying is, it requires a real priest to detect the false.

### Greeted by "Priest."

A French battalion had just entered into occupation of a village which for some time previously had been in the occupation of the Germans. The place was pillaged, devastated, deserted; the inhabitants had fled. What was the satisfaction of the Roman Catholic soldiers in the battalion to observe that the church and the priest's house adjoining it were still intact? How more pleased were they when the aged cure came forth to greet them with open arms.

That very evening the officers invited the venerable cleric to dinner. When the first course was brought in they, as a matter of custom, invited the old gentleman to say grace. As he proceeded to murmur a Latin prayer, one of the officers, a lieutenant, became strangely interested in him. Surprised at first, the lieutenant became absolutely astonished as the old man went on. The lieutenant whispered a word to his colonel, and before the company had quite begun to realise



what was happening four men with fixed bayonets had ranged themselves behind.

Then the lieutenant arose from his place and addressed various technical questions to the old man. For the lieutenant was himself an abbe, and knew just the sort of questions to put in the circumstances. The man in the soutane was completely nonplussed, turned ghastly pale, and had not a word to say. "That man has never been a priest!" exclaimed the lieutenant, and forthwith the man was searched.

The truth was clear enough. The man was a German spy who had disguised himself as a priest in the deserted village, while the real pastor was being carefully taken care of as a hostage. And it was generally recognized that it was only by the accident that one of the officers was himself in holy orders that the spy was detected. And he had given such a dramatic account of the German atrocities in the town!

## The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by using only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Inkpen & Chate, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine.—dec 1

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## PRES. POINCARE SENDS GREETING TO RUSSIAN TSAR

On the Occasion of the Anniversary of His Accession—Optimistic of Victory

PRESIDENT POINCARE sent the following telegram to the Tsar on the occasion of the anniversary of his Majesty's accession: "Never has the anniversary of your Majesty's accession to the Throne afforded the President of the French Republic a more moving opportunity of expressing the sentiments of France towards the Emperor of Russia and the valiant Allied people.

"I beg your Majesty to accept my warmest wishes for yourself, for her Majesty the Empress, for the Tsarevitch, and for the Imperial family. I do not doubt that Russia will celebrate your next anniversary in peace and gladness, firmly established by victory."

(Signed) Raymond Poincare. The Tsar replied as follows: "The Empress and I beg you, Monsieur le President, to accept our most sincere thanks for the good wishes you have sent me and my family.

Like you, Monsieur le President, I am firmly convinced of the final success which will crown with victory our glorious sister armies. I do not doubt that the forces of France and Russia, joined by those of our gallant Allies, will secure a firm and durable peace, to the advantage of the prosperity of our two friendly countries and of all Europe."

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## Stories From The Front

A corporal in the 1st King's Regiment writes:

"Do not believe what you see about us having a wash and shave in the trenches. Before I came into the firing line we had not washed for eight days. The sight of the wounded is terrible to describe.

"When out of the trenches we have a daily sing-song. At the time of writing this, the company are singing 'Everybody's doing it now.' You would hardly think they were on active service. The war is an artillery duel. There have been more shells fired in one day than we fired in the whole South African war. The war will last a long time.

"The Germans can't understand how we fire so accurately and quickly. Each time their infantry has made an attempt to advance we mowed them down like sheep. But their artillery is excellent."

**Killed at Chess.** A private of the Royal Fusiliers at Nottingham has written home as follows:

"When we captured the German trenches over the Aisne one of the strangest things we found was a chess board with the pieces arranged in the middle of a game, and the two players lying dead beside it. They had been hit by fragments of shell, but the strange thing was that the board should not have been disturbed by the explosion. Nearby were the bodies of other men who had probably been watching the game."

**The "Softie's" Vindication.** The following story is told by a sergeant of the Warwickshire Regiment, now in hospital at Bristol: "Every regiment has its 'softie,' just as every village has its idiot. Mostly, they are big half-baked chaps, who are bullied by every man in the regiment and never can stick up for themselves. The man I am telling you about was one of these.

"He was mooning about one night along our front when he almost walked into a large body of the enemy marching towards our

lines with the obvious intention of surprising us. "For all he was supposed to be a half-wit, that chap had cunning enough for the occasion. He kept up with the advance German for about three-quarters of a mile without being discovered, and just as he came in sight of our outposts he dashed out of the wood and made a dash for our outposts. Shots were fired at him by the score, and it looked as though he could not help being hit. Still he dashed onward, and it was not until he reached the outposts that he collapsed. Then it was found that he had been hit badly and had only managed to dash across the space that lay between him and our lines by one of those bursts of super-human energy that come to men in moments of crisis. He had just time to tell the story of the advancing Germans before he broke down altogether, and next day he was dead."

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## B.I.S. MEMBERS CARD TOURNEY

B.I.S. members to the number of 70 Wednesday at their rooms, indulged for one hour and a half in the good "old game" of 45's. Much enthusiasm prevailed, especially amongst the old-timers who know the game from A. to Z. and gave a good exhibition right through the contest.

The prizes—two briar root, silver mounted pipes and a beautiful billiard cue—were finally won by Messrs. M. F. Power, W. J. Harris and Dr. M. Power.

Last night arrangements were finalized for a billiard tourney, when the junior members will contest for a choice pair of turkeys for Christmas.

## SHIPPING

Schr. Elen has left Herring Neck for Gibraltar with 3800 qtls fish, shipped by G. J. Carter.

Schr. Rose left St. Jacques yesterday for Oporto with 2254 qtls fish, shipped by Smith & Co.

The Bessie Crooks, Capt. A. Crooks, sails for Brazil to-day with 5373 qtls fish from Bowring Bros.

The Allan liner Mongolian sailed at 4 yesterday afternoon taking the following passengers:—A. H. Ridley, W. Coles, Jas. Pike, H. Padley, P. Padley, Mrs. V. Paver, A. Curtiss, H. Sheldon.

The three laborers arrested at an early hour yesterday morning, charged with disorderly conduct were sentenced to three months imprisonment by Judge Knight this morning. As is an unconscious acknowledgement of our Penitentiary is full, they will be sent to Hr. Grace to do their time there.

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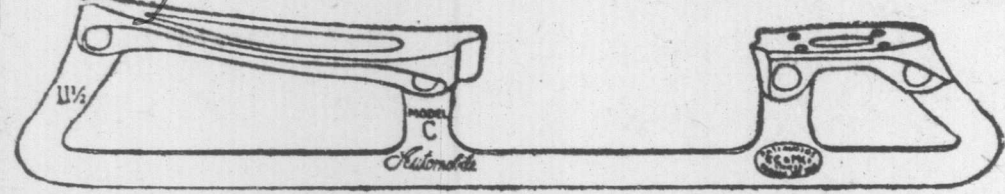


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## Germany Offered South Africa 'Recognition' of Its Independence Guaranteed by a 'Scrap of Paper'

Berlin, Dec. 12 (by wireless to London).—Dr. Solf, the Secretary of Colonies, states that the German Government does not intend to permanently occupy the South African Union. Germany desires, he says, that the hostilities which were forced upon her by the South African Union shall cease.

Dr. Solf further declares that if the Union Government abstains from further hostilities against German territory, and if the territory which has been invaded is evacuated so that the South Africans may establish a neutral State, Germany would officially recognize this condition and would respect the territorial integrity and political importance of the neutral State.

**Offer Made to Maritz.**  
The foregoing despatch evidently refers to the arrangement made by the German Government with Lt.-Col. S. G. Maritz, the South African rebel, and reported by Governor-General Hulton, of the Union of South Africa, in October, when he sent Major Ben Bower to take over the command of the loyal forces of Maritz in the north-west of Cape Province. Lord Hulton said:

"Major Bower saw an agreement between Maritz and the Governor of German South-West Africa guaranteeing the independence of the Union

as a republic, ceding Walvisch Bay and certain portions of the Union to the Germans, and undertaking that the Germans would invade the Union on the invitation of Maritz. Major Bower was shown numerous telegrams and helio messages dating back to the beginning of September."

**Grave Crisis.**  
The war thrust upon South Africa a crisis of considerable gravity. The Union Government decided upon a policy of operating against German South-West Africa, but so far as is known here no active measures have been taken except in the quelling of the rebellion.

A Johannesburg writer says: "This policy has made the war their war—South Africa's war. There is only one way of securing permanent peace in Southern Africa. It is by eliminating the German menace. The Union has no particular desire to acquire the sandy wastes of German West South Africa. But it does desire to see removal of the German flag from the sub-continent. It wants an assurance of lasting peace in which to work of its own by no means easy future."

"While Kaiserdom has a grip upon only a portion of the southern half of the continent, there is no guarantee of quiet years."

## ANNUAL MEETING BONAVISTA LOCAL COUNCIL OF F.P.U.

**Retiring Chairman Delivers a Stirring Address—Officers Report Much Steady Progress**

The annual meeting of the above Council was held in the Orange Hall Dec. 8th and the retiring Chairman delivered the following address:

My Friends,—I gladly welcome you one and all to this 5th Annual Meeting of this Local Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland. Since last we met in annual session some sad happenings have occurred to our Island Home. The sealing disaster cast such a gloom over the whole of Newfoundland that it will not soon be forgotten. I am thankful to say that this little settlement was not smitten by that catastrophe yet we feel the amount of sorrow it has brought to many a fresidee.

**The Great War.**  
The great European war, the greatest the world has ever seen, is now raging. Germany, eager for more power has come forward to try to crush the Mother Country. But let us pray that they, with the help of her allies, will break the power of Germany and cause peace to be restored for many years to come. Let us do our utmost to aid the Mother Country in this her time of peril and war.

Your present Chairman was a delegate to the 1914 Convention held at Catalina and I only wish that this Council could have visited (to a man) that great training college and learned for themselves the meaning of this noble F.P.U., for words fail to express the reality of the power of this noble organization which the delegates learn in a measure when attending those Conventions.

**Labors Abundant.**  
The fights and the troubles that our worthy President has had to encounter the past years in order that you may benefit by it, and the way he has overcome them, is indeed proof of the guidance of an unseen hand.

And we feel sure that the Great Father of all is aiding our noble President in his work to uplift the fishermen of this country.

Here we are about to engage on the flotation of a new company that will put the finishing touch on any work. May every one do his little to make this long wished for project (the Exporting Co.) a success.

**Self Help.**  
And by aiding in the uplifting of the Export Company, Union Trading Company and Publishing Company you are making yourselves importers, exporters, buyers and sellers, and last of all a mouth to do your talking for you.

One thing more, my friends, as this Union is established on a firm basis, safe from all outside harm, let us prove ourselves true Unionists and let no harm come from inside.

A traitor to this noble F.P.U. who acts as a spy and reveals secrets to our enemies, is deserving of no light or punishment then to be court-martialed and shot as a traitor to his country.

The Secretary and Treasurer will now present their reports which I hope will prove satisfactory and show us on the road of "progress."

**Announces Retirement.**  
I am going to retire from my office of Chairman, having occupied this position for the past three (3) years and I call upon you to find out among you a man who is full of vim for this cause and will still continue to push this Council in the forward march of Unionism.

Trusting that Divine Providence will direct our doings during the coming year and bring us all safe to meet again on the 1915 annual session of this Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. G. KING.

The Secretary and Treasurer then presented their reports which were proven satisfactory, after which the election of officers resulted as follows:  
Joseph Miller, Chairman.  
Arthur S. Miller, Deputy Chairman.  
Thomas Miller, Secretary.  
David G. Miller, Treasurer.  
Matthew Hyde, Door Guard.

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

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## British Sailors On The North Sea Doing Alright

"Beastly Cold," said one of them, a Convalescent, "but we don't mind."

Liverpool, Dec. 11.—The hospital ship, China, chartered by the British Admiralty, put into Liverpool with about 200 sick sailors, collected from various warships in the North Sea. Some had to be carried on stretchers to the ambulances, but most of the men were able to walk. From one of the convalescents some idea of their life in the North Sea was gathered. He said:

"We are getting on all right in the North Sea. It is beastly cold out there, but we don't mind. At times life is a bit monotonous, but we bear it all nicely.

"Some of our vessels had a look more than once at the German ships, and if they would only come out we could settle the whole lot quickly with our big guns. The German do not touch our big ships, but only the smaller ones. We give chase to their submarines when seen, and make them clear off—though mishaps will occur. There are not so many German submarines about as people think. We have plenty of sleep, good food, and hard watching and cruising.

"Some of us have had a glimpse of Heligoland, but the atmosphere was misty, and the place lies low. Some of our destroyers looked in to see what was going on, but, owing to the torpedo nets, they could not go far enough to do damage."

Orders for 6,000,000 pairs of canvas or cotton gloves for foreign army purposes were placed in New York.

## Deadly Air Dart Thrown By French Killed General

Bavarian Newspapers Report Tragic Death of Gen. Meyer in Western Field.

Berne, Dec. 10.—The Bavarian press reports that General von Meyers, while entering his motor car, was killed by an arrow shot by a hostile aviator.

The French call these arrows "les fleches." They are six inches long, grooved to insure straight, downward flight, about an ounce in weight, and are carried in a box which launches one thousand at a time. Actual service has proved that from 2,000 to 3,000 feet altitude, the arrows hit with a driving force of 100 pounds and will go clean through a horse and his rider. All French airmen are equipped with them whenever there is a chance for their effectiveness.

Major-General von Meyer was, in command of the sixth German army corps, principally composed of Bavarians, which is operating south from Lorraine, through the Verdun-Toul barrier line. It was stated a few days ago that Crown Prince Rupprecht had been requested to go to Brussels to aid in the reorganization of the German civil administration of Belgium, and had left Gen. von Meyer in Command of the Bavarians.

Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz who has been ordered to go to Turkey on November 30 to superintend the German-drilled army there, was, up to that time, governor of Belgium.

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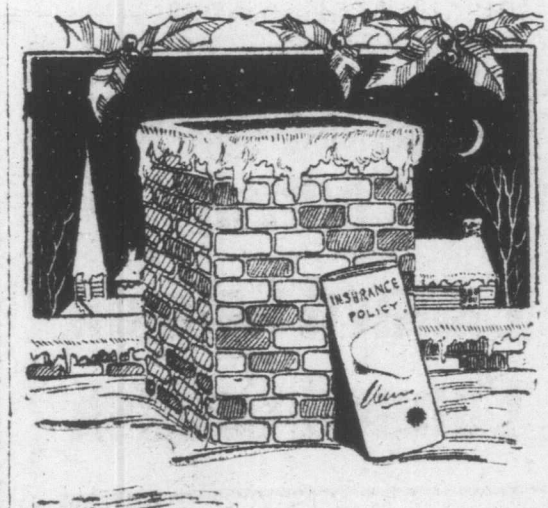
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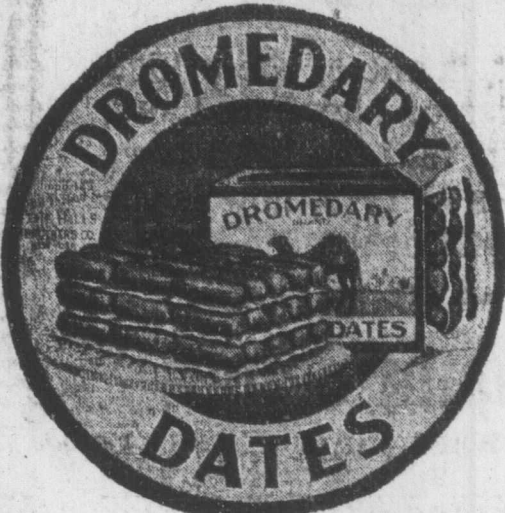
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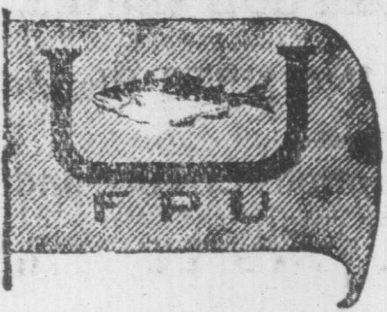


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ST. JOHN'S, NFLD., DEC. 18, 1914.

OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Naval Reserve

ON the 12th inst. we remarked that some dissatisfaction existed respecting the amount of pay given the Naval Reservists. Mr. Coaker wrote the Premier on that date in reference to the differences existing between the amounts paid the Naval and Land forces gone to the front from Newfoundland. We find the Naval Reservists qualified seamen receive 1s. 8d. per day, or 40c. and £1 or \$4.86 in addition, which is 18c. per day, making a total of 56c. per day. If the Reservist is married his wife is allowed an additional 6s., equal to \$1.46 per week, and 2s., 48c. per week each for two children.

The most of the reservists are unmarried and therefore receive but 56c. per day, against \$1.00 per day received by the volunteer land forces. The pay of the Naval Reserve is made by the Imperial Government. It now becomes the duty of the Colony to grant our Naval boys the same pay as received by the Mid. Regiment, which would amount to an additional 44c. per day, and any difference sufficient to make up the \$1.00 per day in the case of married men.

We cannot consider any other arrangement fair. All our boys at the front should receive the same rate of pay.

Some of the young fishermen hesitate to join the Navy forces for one year owing to the land forces receiving more pay, and we trust the Government will at once give this matter consideration, and immediately announce their decision to equalize the pay of both services and thus remove one stumbling block in the way of Naval recruiting.

We herewith publish the correspondence in reference to the matter which has passed between the Premier, President Coaker and Capt. MacDermott.

Writing the Premier under date of Dec. 12th inst., Mr. Coaker said:

There is a considerable amount of dissatisfaction amongst the Reservists in connection with the wage paid them. The Landsmen are receiving \$1.10 per day, the Reservists about \$2 per month. One of the reasons why there is so much hesitation on the part of the Naval recruits coming forward is this matter of pay.

If you will notice, there are quite a number of young outport fishermen who are joining the land force rather than the naval force because of this difference in wages. I think it would be a wise move on the part of the Government to make up the difference in the pay of the Reservists in order to place them on the same footing, with regard to wages, as the land forces.

Would you kindly give me a statement showing exactly what the Naval Reservists receive? I certainly believe that the young fishermen are only too glad to offer as recruits for the naval service, and think that leveling up of the wages would be quite a stimulant to recruiting. Will you please take this matter into consideration and see if something cannot be done?

W. F. COAKER, Pres. F.P.U.

To this letter the Premier, on the 15th inst., replied as follows:

Dear Sir,—With further reference to your letter of December 12th, in relation to the pay of the Naval Reservists, I now send you communication from Lieut. Commander MacDermott, of the H.M.S. Calypso, in which he gives the information required.

E. P. MORRIS.

Lt. Commander MacDermott's letter, referred to by the Premier, was written Dec. 12th, and was as follows:

Dear Sir Edward Morris,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. W. F. Coaker, M.P.A., relative to the pay of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve Men.

2—A Royal Naval Reserve Man on joining as a recruit receives 1s. 1d. per day and £1 per month War Retainer. After 28 days training he receives 1s. 3d. per day and £1 per month war retainer.

On being rated Qualified Seaman (i.e. after two months training course) he receives 1s. 4d. per day, and £1 per month, or 16c. per day War Retainer as before.

3—When a man proceeds on active service, if he is married and allots £1 per month or more to his wife, the Admiralty pay the wife a separation allowance of 6s. a week, and 2s. a week each for the first two children, and 1s. a week of every subsequent child. This allowance is paid monthly.

4—It is to be noted that the separation allowance is at present only payable to wives, but the question of extending it to parents or other dependants is under consideration; of course it will only be payable to one individual in each case.

5—A man receives a free kit on joining the reserve and of course while actually serving.

6—Naval Reserve Men who have served twenty years in the Reserve are granted a pension of £12 per annum on attaining the age of 60.

7—With regard to pensions for widows and orphans, I have had no official information as to the revised rates, but the attached cutting from an English newspaper of the 15th of November gives information which appears to be official.

8—There has been no recent increase in the rates of pay of Royal Naval Reserve Men, but the Separation Allowance is a new thing since this war broke out.

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT.

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

LORD FISHER.

London Telegraph.—Lord Fisher is a sailor-statesman. He was mainly instrumental in creating the Fleet which is "the sure shield of Britain and the Empire." He realized years ago that our supremacy was about to be challenged by Germany, and he worked for "the day"—knowing that our treacherous friend was toasting "the day."

TORY BEER AND WHIG COCOA.

London Times.—Our only comment on the suggestion that there is any sectional or party feeling in the selection of beer for a war tax is that it entirely justifies the rejoinder that cocoa, which is a well-known Liberal preserve, is left untouched. We deprecate, however, at this juncture the introduction of suspicious either of favoritism on the one side or interested motives on the other.

RATHER INCONSISTENT.

London Express.—Mr. Asquith tells us that for three years the Government have been aware of the existence of a German espionage system in Great Britain, and it is remarkable that over and over again during that time Ministers have gone out of their way to assure the public of Germany's pacific intentions. It would be interesting to know for what purpose they supposed the spies were being paid by the authorities in Potsdam.

CONSEQUENCES OF DEFEAT.

London Daily Mail.—The consequences of defeat are so terrible and disastrous, especially for a nation which has provoked war and treated its neighbors with the savagery displayed by the German troops, that the world must be prepared for a desperate and protracted resistance to the Allies. The Germans will fight till their last penny has been spent and their last man placed in line. We in this country have then to see to it that our efforts are equal to the emergency.

FEW SURVIVE NAVAL FIGHTS.

London News and Leader.—At Trafalgar the wounded were to the killed roughly three to one. In the present war the killed—if we include the crew of the Good Hope—are about ten times as numerous as the wounded. These figures and the contract they bring out leave no doubt that the naval warfare we are waging is an entirely different thing from what was known in the days of the wooden sailing ship. The difference is not disposed of by saying that the submarine has revolutionized matters. The losses to the Germans in the Heligoland battle and to ourselves in the Chite battle, in both of which cases the determining factor was the gun, were just as heavy as, if not heavier than, in those conflicts determined by the submarine, and the disproportion of killed to wounded even more striking.

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HOW do we schedule, Mark?

"Half a meal ticket, lodgings paid up to Saturday night, cash, one penny."

"Very good," said Vance Byford, with somewhat of a serious face, however. "Give me the penny."

"Going to make an investment?"

"Yes."

"What in?" queried Mark Early, whimsically. "Central preferred or Midland debentures?"

"Neither. I'm going to buy a newspaper and see if there are any ways to change our luck."

Dubious luck it was, for a fact. Here were two bright young fellows who had come to the big city to make their fortunes. They had filled in several brief positions, had run the gamut of experience from shipping clerks to members of a movie group. Now they were stranded completely, but Vance was bright and cheery and Mark hopeful, and both energetic in fighting the fate of leisure and insolvency that had nearly overcome them like an armed man.

"Hello!" ejaculated Vance suddenly, and with some satisfaction, scanning the "Help Wanted" column of the newspaper he had bought.

"What now?" queried Mark.

"Listen," and Vance proceeded to read: "Wanted—A presentable, active young man of some imagination and good facial expression. Liberal compensation. Mrs. A. 537 Hawthorn Terrace."

"Well, I yum!" exclaimed Mark. "Now what in the world does that mean? What has presentableness, imagination and facial expression to signify in an everyday, practical job?"

"It's odd enough to deserve attention," said Vance, seriously. "A woman, too. Can it be a model she wants?"

"I should say an actor," suggested Mark.

"Well, I shall try for the position," announced Vance.

"You will?" challenged Mark, somewhat dubiously.

"Why not?"

"It says 'presentable!' and Mark Early shook his head gloomily, as he looked up and down his companion, whose attire, while well fitting, bore the threadbare marks of long usage.

"Oh, I'll fix that all right!" declared Vance lightly. "I've saved turning this last clean collar I've got on for just this occasion. I'll retire beyond those bushes in the park yonder, make my toilet and give things a try. Meet you at the lodging house to-night and report success."

"Or failure," supplemented Mark, and went his way, himself scanning the newspaper now.

The Hawthorn terrace address proved to be a fine mansion set in a charming nest of greenery and flowers. Vance adopted his best bearing and having handsome features and a well-modeled form to recommend him to the housemaid, who showed him into

a little gem of a reception room, saying she would take word to "Mrs. Arlington" at once. Vance appropriated an easy chair and took in the warmth and comfort of the room luxuriously. It reminded him of home. He arose to inspect a little bijou of a water color on the wall. He strolled about the apartment, taking in the richness and taste of the hangings. He ran a covetous eye over a well selected shelf of books. Then a drapery parted and an active, nervous lady of perhaps fifty faced him with keen eyes and a quizzical smile.

"You came about the advertisement," she spoke rapidly. "Well, I think you will do."

"Why, madam—" began Vance, astonished at this speedy decision.

"Oh, I have been watching you, and I am sure you will suit. You know how to walk and gesture, and I can see possibilities of expression in your eyes. I shall need your services from nine to twelve each day. The compensation will be fifty dollars a week."

Vance gave a gasp. "First, I will introduce you to my other aid, my adopted daughter, Rilla!" and she called loudly.

Vance felt as though he had stumbled across some scene of enchantment. Fifty dollars a week! Three hours' work a day! A fellow-worker, one "Rilla!" And then "Rilla" came into the room. She seemed to bring with her the radiance of a rare beauty, an atmosphere of roses, smiles and kisses commingled. His senses dizzied as he looked upon this vision of loveliness.

"You two are to be my special companions," explained Mrs. Arlington, while Vance grew awkward and the young lady blushed, as they were introduced after Vance had murmured his name. "You see, Mr. Byford, I am an authoress. They call me of the impressionist type. I am well grounded as to theories and the plot quantity, but deficient as to details. I first thought of employing an actor and an actress, but they would be ranters. Naturalness is what I want. For instance: I am now at the fourth

chapter of a novel where the young broker finds himself ruined, comes to his room to be alone, and spends an unhappy hour deciding what he should do. You need not speak. Just move about and act out what you would do under those circumstances. You can be seated, Rilla. You are to appear later as his sister endeavoring to drive away the desperate thoughts that come into his mind."

"Oh, excellent! excellent!" went on the speaker a few moments later, as Vance began his unique role. "He sat pondering deeply at his desk, anon casting a desolate glance at its rich surroundings, his no mire. I know you would do. I am truly fortunate!"

Within a few days Vance was in rapport with the peculiar position. Then the experience grew more interesting. Rilla had her part in the pantomime of suggestion, alone and in conjunction with Vance. There were some vivid love scenes to depict. They became all too real to Vance Byford. The prosperous times had brought a vast change in his appearance. He was able now to dress well. He looked at his best and Rilla was interested in him.

One evening he met his friend Mark, who had also found work, just outside the Arlington grounds. They halted near the vine-covered wall, little dreaming that Rilla on the other side was an auditor.

"Why so gloomy, Vance?" inquired Mark, noting the downcast demeanor of his friend.

Then Vance told his troubles. He was going to give up his position. And wherefore? Rilla. Every time in their play acting when their hands met, Vance confessed to a fervent unrestrained impulse to clasp her in his arms and confess his undying love.

It was the next morning when Vance and Rilla sat awaiting promptly as to some scene from Mrs. Arlington. Something new in the eyes of Rilla attracted Vance. His hand stole towards her own, her eyes met his.

"Excellent! Maintain that, please," spoke the authoress, her pen traveling rapidly. "Oh, indeed!"

She sat up rigid, staring with attentive eyes at the twain. Their attitude showed not acting, but real love.

"I think that we will end your services, Mr. Byford," she said, icily, but after he had gone gloriously from the house Rilla sobbed brokenly:

"It was not play acting, mamma—I love him and I shall die if he goes away!"

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It was the next morning when Vance and Rilla sat awaiting promptly as to some scene from Mrs. Arlington. Something new in the eyes of Rilla attracted Vance. His hand stole towards her own, her eyes met his.

"Excellent! Maintain that, please," spoke the authoress, her pen traveling rapidly. "Oh, indeed!"

She sat up rigid, staring with attentive eyes at the twain. Their attitude showed not acting, but real love.

"I think that we will end your services, Mr. Byford," she said, icily, but after he had gone gloriously from the house Rilla sobbed brokenly:

"It was not play acting, mamma—I love him and I shall die if he goes away!"

So, to "save the life" of her cherished darling, Mrs. Arlington relented.

Wonderful Results From the A. I. C., The World's Cure

The remedy discovered at far Labrador has given relief to many a sufferer; hundreds testifying of this great remedy. Another gives her testimonial from the City.

Couldn't Eat a Half Meal. St. John's, Oct. 12, 1914.

I have been troubled with indigestion for a number of years, in fact I have been so bad I couldn't eat half a meal of anything.

A friend advised me to try A.I.C. and one half pint bottle cured me. I couldn't believe I could be cured in such a short time and now I can eat anything, and food does not trouble me in the least. I think I am perfectly cured. I haven't felt indigestion this month.

I recommend this medicine to all sufferers from indigestion. You are at liberty to use my name, and anyone not believing this statement can write or consult me personally.

MRS. GEORGE WELLS, St. John's.

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Manufactured by Saunders & Mercer, Shearstown, Nfld.—Oct 1910

According to New Jersey laws, a man's home is where his washing is done.

The American Express Co. has completed plans in Chicago to establish a farm-to-table service. The company will use its 10,000 agents from coast to coast to gather up produce and drum up purchasers.

The total registration at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, to date, is 459 students, as against 381 last year.

Report collected by the U. S. National Civic Federation show improvement in the business situation and foreshadow an era of great prosperity.

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# Austrian Casualties Totaled 13,000 In Series of Fights Around Cracow

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The Russians defending the line in the Lowicz region, have inflicted such serious losses upon the attacking army of General Mackenzien that his lines will have to be reformed before another general offensive can be attempted.

Reports reaching here to-day make this claim, and assert that the Germans have been held in check all along the thirty miles front over which the engagement has been raging. The German attack against the Russians continues day and night, but the force of their assault has greatly diminished, it is stated.

Thousands of men have been thrown forward in a vain attempt to break through the Russian defences. A half million Germans are declared to be massed on this front, which is on the line of the main advance of the enemy. The greatest part of the entire bat-

## Austrian Force, Fifteen Thousand Strong Made a Sortie Out of the Beleaguered City and Only Two Thousand Came Back

in the Lowicz region which has lasted for days has been at extremely short range. The Germans have thrown every available man into the fight, dismounting cavalry and changing these men with infantry regiments. Tremendous losses have been inflicted by the Russians by playing the old German trick of evacuating trenches and then blowing them up as the enemy rushes in.

**Enemy in Retreat.**  
The latest official statement from the War Office claims that the forces to the north of the Vistula have met with complete success in repulsing the

German advance from the direction of Mlawa. This movement has been completely crushed. It had for its object an advance upon Warsaw from the north-east. The Germans were attempting to make a wide detour through Przasnysz, but are now declared to be in retreat.

Numerous villages in the Mlawa-Przasnysz region, have been destroyed in the fighting. Guns from both sides have raked the towns and the inhabitants are homeless and destitute.

**Sustained Severe Losses.**  
Continued successes in the operations in the Caucasus are claimed in an official statement issued to-day which says: "Throughout December 1 there was fighting in front of the villages of Pyrousk, Esmer and Doutak. The enemy was everywhere repulsed and pursued beyond the Euphrates with severe losses."

## BRITISH QUANTITY BALANCES GERMAN SHELL QUALITY

Haven't Shells as Good as Germans But Give Enemy Lots More of Them

A cavalry officer attached to the General Staff, writing home to Lincolnshire, says:

"We are going through pretty thick times at the present moment. The bursting of the German high explosives is terrific, and we have none to reply with, but what we lack in power we are making up in quantity. We generally send back three shells to their one."

**Narrow Squeaks.**  
"Already I have had two pretty narrow squeaks: a high-explosive shell burst twenty yards behind us, and a huge piece struck the ground five yards in front, and the bullets whizzed past our heads. On another occasion we were all standing outside a farm, watching a night attack,

when one shrapnel burst quite close to us, and a small piece struck the bottom of my coat. Had it not been for that button I might have been on my way home again.

"The division is doing splendidly—holding its own against a force far larger. The shrieking shells are flying all around the chateau, where General — has taken up divisional headquarters, and one piece struck the verandah and knocked a lump clean out."

**Foe's Artillery Wonderful.**  
"There is no doubt the German artillery is wonderful, and they give us a peppering all in turn. The German infantry is pretty well sick of fighting, but they come up as pluckily as anything, and our machine-guns simply mow them down."

"Our men are doing splendidly under the fearful shower of shrapnel and high explosive shells. It does one's heart good to see it. They are well dug in, and the casualties are comparatively small, considering the gruel they are getting."

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## JAPANESE GUNS FOR RUSSIA'S USE

Siege Artillery Used at Tsing Tao Brought to Poland.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—The monster siege guns with which the Japanese battered down the German forts at Tsing-Tao are being transported across the Trans-Siberian Railway to be used against the German fortresses in East Prussia, according to information received here today.

Some of these heavy cannon are said to be fully as powerful as the 42-centimetre guns of the Germans. Expert Japanese gunners are said to be with the guns.

Prospero sails northward at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Anyone can repair a roof with Elastic Roofing Cement Paint. It is easy and ready to apply. No heating required. You can do the work yourself with an ordinary whitewash brush. P. H. COWAN, Agent.

## Scandinavians Are Indignant Over Seizures

Denmark, Norway and Sweden Protest Decision of German Prize Courts.

London, Dec. 12.—Reuter's Christiania correspondent says a German prize court at Winemunde has declared as prizes two Danish steamers and twenty-four Norwegian steamers, all of which were captured in the Baltic, many of them laden with lumber.

The newspapers throughout Denmark, Norway and Sweden, express the greatest indignation over these seizures, the correspondent adds, and the national committee of Norwegian ship owners have met at Bergen and passed a resolution urging the Foreign Office to act promptly to secure a change in the sentence of the prize court. The sentenced is described in the resolution as "an insult against the administration of justice."

It adds that "it is appalling if the declaration of Norwegian consulates and of the Norwegian Foreign Office cannot be believed by German courts."

## Special Appeal Made To Britons

How the Authorities Stimulate Recruiting in England.

A SPECIAL appeal is being made to "the manhood of the nation" to complete as quickly as possible the second half-million men for our new armies. The latest poster issued from the Central Recruiting Station for London, England, says:

"Do you realize all that we are fighting for in this greatest crisis of British history? Not only our Imperial honor, our Imperial existence, but our very life as a nation is at stake. Our brave men at the front are now fighting to preserve our honor and independence. A long and bitter struggle lies ahead before the goal of victory is reached. Men of London come forward now. However trained to reach the goal, every day you hold back is an added danger to our beloved country. Five hundred thousand men are now in training. Another half-million is still required."

In a call to "young men who have not yet joined the Army," another special poster issued recently states very plainly:

"More men are needed. Another half-million men are urgently required to ensure success abroad and safety at home. No personal sacrifice can be too great when your honour, your country's honour and safety are at stake. Every man between the age of nineteen and thirty-eight who is fit has a duty to perform. Remember you have yet to be trained, and training is not a matter of a day or a month. Come forward now, and be ready to show the enemy that the Empire's call is yours."

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Mr. F. Roberts, of the Elite Tonsorial Parlors, begs to announce to his many patrons, that he has installed the very latest Massage machines for face and hair; also that he will carry full assortment Choice Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco.

On and after to-day the Parlors will be open each weekday from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

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Worth 50c. a pair.  
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We always have a good line of  
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Crystal Glass,  
**25c.** each.

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## RECRUIT LIST SOARS STEADILY

Nine Volunteers Last Night Brought the Total up to Six Hundred and Eighty-Three

First Week.	
Monday	182
Tuesday	153
Wednesday	98
Thursday	51
Friday	30
514	
Second Week.	
Monday	43
Tuesday	16
Wednesday	14
Thursday	17
Friday	7
611	
Third Week.	
Monday	42
Tuesday	10
Wednesday	11
Thursday	9
683	

Recruiting continued last evening when nine additional names were added to the list, bringing the total up to 683.

Those who entered their names last evening were:

Henry Miffen, Bonavista.  
Chas. Parsons.  
Gordon Ivany.  
Ralph Goff.  
Corbett Pittman, New Perlican.  
Wm. Ollerhead, Heart's Content.  
M. Fleming.  
Hy. Raynes.  
Ernest Noseworthy, Hr. Grace.

Recruiting will be continued at the usual hour to-night.

### Hard at Work

The day unit of the second Newfoundland contingent has been hard at drill since Monday. Nearly 250 are being instructed, with new recruits being added every day.

The volunteers of the day unit parade at 9 o'clock each morning. They are divided up into three platoons, consisting of about 70 men each.

The morning is occupied by the volunteers being instructed in turnings, gymnastic exercises and musketry practice by different instructors until 1 o'clock, when they are dismissed for dinner.

They parade again at 2.30 when the roll is called, and the evenings are occupied in section marching and manual exercises.

There are two intervals of fifteen minutes during the day. One at eleven o'clock and the other at four o'clock.

### At the Armouries

Different sections in turn parade to the Newfoundland Highlander's Armoury and are given instruction in target practice and musketry.

There is a large shed being built at the South Side range and when completed the Volunteers will practise shooting there. The Volunteers are being sworn in daily.

Orders for the day are read at 5.45; the parade is dismissed at 6 o'clock.

The Volunteers are a fine body of men and are making great headway in drill. They hope soon to be able to take long country tramps, as to get into the way of marching and skirmishing.

## KAISER ENTIRELY QUEERED PLANS

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the corps which made the first attacks on Ypres was almost entirely wiped out under the very eyes of the Kaiser, and regiment after regiment thrown in to make a victory for the Emperor were all badly handled and forced to retire. The German headquarters staff thereupon decided to strike the decisive blow at Arras, but this was vetoed by the Kaiser, who ordered up the Prussian Guard corps from Arras to hurl it upon Ypres.

"The allies, by holding Ypres with such steadfastness, shattered the Kaiser's plans, which in themselves had defeated the plan of the German headquarters staff."

## British Cabinet Discusses Raid Of The Germans

London, Dec. 17.—The Cabinet today met in full session to discuss the raid made by German ships on the English coast yesterday.

Premier Asquith, Winston Churchill and Earl Kitchener were among the first members of the Cabinet to appear before the meeting.

All the other Ministers were present.

## Carried German Trenches at Point Of The Bayonet

Allies Occupy Territory Between Lombaertzyde and St. George's Taken From Enemy

Paris, Dec. 17.—The French War Office gave out a statement this afternoon as follows:

Between the sea and the Lys we have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet, consolidated our positions at Lombaertzyde and St. George's and occupied territory taken from the enemy.

To the West of Gheluvett we have made progress at some points in the region of Vermelles.

There has been no infantry action along the remainder of the front but we report very effective shooting on the part of our heavy artillery in the environs of Tracy Le Val.

On the Aisne and in Champagne as well as in the Argonne and the region of Verdun in Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing to report.

## SNOOKS ARM YOUNG LADY AT THE FRONT

Miss Martha Loder Writes Her Mother From No. 13 Stationary Hospital of British Force in France

Mrs. John Loder, of Snooks' Arm, F.B., has received the following letter from her daughter Martha, who is at the front with the British Expeditionary Force. The letter is dated Nov. 18th, from No. 13 Stationary Hospital, France, where Miss Snook is employed as a nurse.

My Dear Mother, the letter runs, I expect you are very anxious for a word from me and I am sorry to keep you so long waiting, but I have not felt settled enough to begin writing before. We left London last Thursday at 2 p.m. and arrived at Boulogne about 6 the same evening. The crossing was not at all a pleasant one. The little boat rolled and tossed a good deal and we were all quite glad to get on land again. We went on duty in the wards on Saturday.

### Working With Friends

There are six of us Londoners all working in the same hospital. I was very glad we were not separated to begin with. We are enjoying the work very much although many of the cases are very bad ones. They are exceedingly patient and good about their treatment which must be very painful for them.

Some of the cases are heart-rending. I am not allowed to say much but I am writing a diary, so perhaps some day in the future we shall be able to go over it together. I can only say that I am thankful that I am a Nurse and am more thankful that I have been accepted for service and am able to do something just now.

### Likes the Work

I shall remain out here as long as I am needed and hope I shall keep strong and fit for the work. Perhaps we shall have some of the Newfoundlanders here, if any of them get wounded.

## CAPT. RANDELL WILL COMMAND BIG NEW SEALER

New Ship Will be Size of the Stephano or Three Times the Size of His Old Command

Capt. John Randell, the well-known commander of A. Harvey & Co.'s Bellaventure, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of the year.

He has accepted the command of Baine Johnston's new steamer, which is now being built on the other side, and will be ready for next spring's seal fishery.

The new ship will be the latest of the ironclad class of sealing vessels. She is so constructed that she will stand the greatest strain.

She will be 3500 tons or about the size of the Stephano and will carry about three times the cargo of the Bellaventure.

As we stated some time ago, she will be fitted out in first-class style. Capt. Randell has been with Messrs. A. Harvey & Co. for six years, and during that time has done splendid work. We congratulate him on his new appointment.

## Operate On Boy To Effect Cure Of Bad Habits

Boy Has Developed Criminal Tendencies, it is Believed to Injure To His Skull

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Clarke L. Borton, a Germantown contractor, has decided to risk his fourteen-year-old son's life in a surgical operation in an effort to cure the boy's criminal tendencies. Judge Gorman consented after sending the boy to the Glen Mills School for committing many robberies. The sentence was withdrawn pending the operation.

The boy J. Wilfrid Borton, is under observation in the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital.

It is intended to remove a depression in the boy's skull, disclosed by an X-Ray examination.

"I am convinced said the father, that my son's actions have been influenced by this depression. When he was six years old his head was injured, and his waywardness dates from that period. I believe he does not know right from wrong. Specialists have told me that the boy is not criminal. I am sure he can be cured by an operation."

### Adventure Arrives

S.S. Adventure, Capt. Couch, arrived from Sydney with a cargo of coal. After discharging, she will load fish for Alicante and Naples, sailing Jan. 2nd.

I don't think I can say any more tonight. I hope you are all keeping quite well. I am sorry I do not speak French although it is not really necessary. All the other nurses speak it slightly. The people at the Hotel where we stay can speak English, yet I should like to know French.—MON.

## Most of Victims At Hartlepool Non-Combatants

Shell Burst Amongst Group of 15 Boys and Fourteen of Them Were Killed

London, Dec. 17.—A majority of the victims at Hartlepool were women and children.

Fifteen school boys were killed by a single shell only one boy in a group escaping. Ten persons were killed by the collapse of a building in which they had taken shelter.

## Three Steamers Sunk By Mines In The North Sea

Only One of the Ships Identified—One Believed to be a Passenger Ship

South Shields, Eng., Dec. 1.—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger ship, were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night.

Only one of these three vessels has so far been identified. This is the steamer Ellerwater. Twelve of her crew were saved but seven lost their lives.

The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessels were seen taking to the boats.

The Admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely.

## Argentine Warship Takes German Prize After a Hot Chase

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres says the Argentine cruiser Puzosredon, after a hot chase, has seized the German steamer Patagonia in the Gulf of San Jorge.

## Many Naturalised Germans Arrested

London, Dec. 17.—All naturalised Germans in the seaport of Sunderland a short distance north of the English towns which were bombed by the Germans yesterday, were arrested overnight.

### Engagement

The engagement has been announced in Pernambuco of Miss I. Marian Duder, daughter of Mr. Charles R. Duder, Ordnance Street, this city, and granddaughter of the late Sir Frederick B. T. Carter, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice, and Administrator of Newfoundland to Frederick C. Walden, Esq., of Henley, England, and now electrician of the Staff of the Western of Brazil Telegraph Co., in Pernambuco, Brazil.

Mrs. (Const.) Simmonds lost a hand bag yesterday afternoon somewhere along Bond St., west of Prescott St., containing a sum of money and the lady would like it returned to this office by the finder.

## Christmas Gift Suggestions



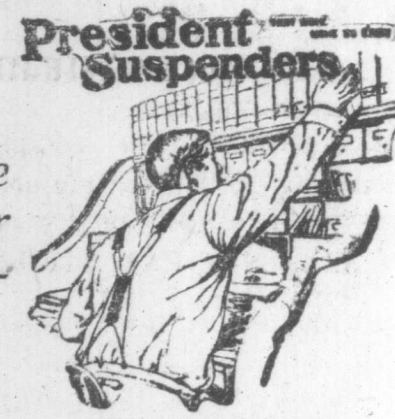
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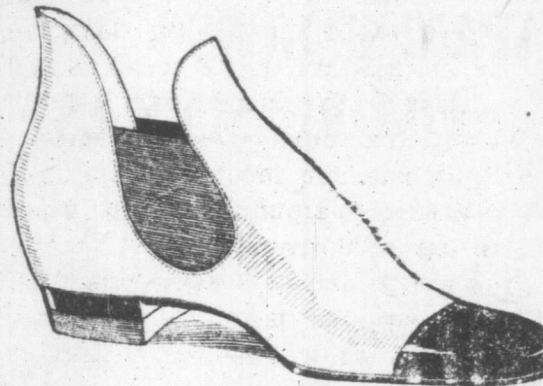
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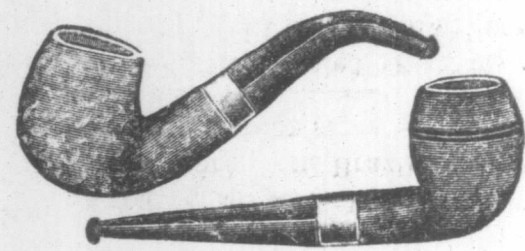
**SUSPENDERS.**  
The popular President at 55c. & 95c.  
**COMBINATION**  
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Other good makes from 25c. up.



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Romeo in Black and Tan . . . . . \$1.90.  
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Useful and Serviceable  
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## 6 BATTLESHIPS TO BE ADDED TO OUR NAVY

(Continued from page 1.)

tough Warspite, most important of the men-of-war he observed in the Devonport yard:

"Suddenly we—my officer friend and myself—stood alongside a dilapidated looking vessel, which I took to be an obsolete cruiser. My companion briefly introduced this object as His Majesty's super-Dreadnought Warspite, of the Queen Elizabeth class, none of which are in commission as yet. The Warspite will be ready for action, so I learned, within six months. At present she is lying in one of the basins in the yard, submitting to the attentions of many hundreds of workmen, who clamor about her vast hull like veritable ants. On the quay alongside of her are reposing the massive 15.5 guns, ten of which she will carry.

"Even my layman's eye could detect and appreciate the wonderful arrangement of her turrets, which, I am told, is absolutely new. They are laid out somewhat like boxes in a theatre, each jutting outward from the one ahead in such a way that she can fire all ten of her fifteen-point-five from the bow as well as broadside on.

**Torpedo and Mine Proof**  
"The wonderful slope—flange is the technical word—of her bow, narrow at the water-line and widening in such a way as to offer the least possible resistance to the seas, is indicative of her great speed—twenty-six knots an hour—greater than that of the Mauretania! She displaces 28,000 tons of water. Most important of all, perhaps, is the fact that she has a triple coating of armor below the water-line.

"That and other features which it would be improper to reveal makes her practically immune from any existing torpedo or mine. That is, she may be badly damaged by an explosion below the water-line, but she cannot be sunk by one. Her fuel is oil exclusively, no coal being used aboard her except for culinary purposes.

"She and her sisters are real beauties. Of course, the reason she looked so unassuming to my unpractised eye was because she had not been painted and was partly concealed beneath all sorts of scaffolding. Her cost will be close upon \$15,000,000 before she leaves the hands of the en-

### HOLLY LEAVES

The Christmas edition of The Holly Leaves will be issued at noon to-morrow. The articles and stories comprise the following:

Lancela, by I. A. Taylor; Life of His Grace Archbishop Howley, by Terra Nova; The White Feather, by E. J. Penney; The Early Coming of the Christian Brothers, by James Murphy; War Poems, by C. T. Chancey, M. A. Devine, R. G. MacDonald and a Hymn for Christmas, selected from His Grace's poems.

It also contains illustrations of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment and the Commanders of the Allied Forces.—11

### At Rest

The remains of the late Brendan Cleary were interred at Belvedere Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the funeral being largely attended.

Rev. Fr. Conway conducted the service at the R.C. Cathedral.

Deceased who was only 23 years of age and had been an invalid for several years.

### Mongolian Sails

S.S. Mongolian sailed for Glasgow at 6.45 last evening, taking the following passengers: A. H. Ridley, W. J. Edgar, W. Coles, J. Pike, J. Mitchell, P. Padley, P. Padley, Misses Curtis and Shelton. She took 650 casks oil as cargo and a large mail.

### "LITTLE MYSTERY" ON HER WAY HERE

The English schooner, "Little Mystery," Captain Greete, is now on the way here from Grand Bank to load fish.

The captain is well-known in St. John's, though he has not visited the port for several years. His friends will be delighted to see him.

**FOR SALE—We have a quantity of Large Dry Codfish, suitable for eating, which we are retailing at a reasonable figure. Anyone wanting eating fish should see this before buying elsewhere. FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO.—dec18**

And to think that such a vessel can be completed in eighteen months!"

### SHIPPING

Schr. Bessie Crooks sailed for Brazil to-day.

Portia arrived at Channel at 8 a.m. and left at 9, going northward.

S.S. Bonaventure is now due from Mediterranean ports.

Prospero sa' northward to-morrow evening.

Fogota arrived at Tilting at 8.45 a.m. and left at 10 a.m.

Schr. Freedom with 4214 qtls. fish from Monroe & Co.'s has sailed for Brazil.

Crosbie & Co.'s Waterwitch, Capt. C. P. Moore, left Brazil on Wednesday for St. John's.

S.S. Florizel sailed yesterday afternoon for Halifax and New York. She will not return here for some months.

Schr. Wilfred M., Capt. Parks, finishes loading fish to-day at Alan Goodridge & Sons. The Captain hopes to sail this afternoon.

Six schooners are now at Bonne Bay for herring. The fish are in deep water and consequently there is some delay in loading.

S.S. Beatrice, Capt. Stewart, arrived from Sydney at 10.30 last evening with a cargo of coal to Mullaly & Co. The run occupied 70 hours, stormy weather being met all the way.

**SPORTS AND PASTIMES** for sale at S. E. Garland's and Ayre & Sons. It contains a list of Newfoundland's Heroes. dec17.21.

### Durango Damaged; Had To Put Back

S.S. Durango, Capt. Chambers, which was expected from Liverpool to-morrow, has met with a mishap to her machinery and had to put back to Queensport, probably Queenstown, for repairs.

The Furness Withy Co. had a cablegram this morning that she will leave again to-day for St. John's.

John Neil, son of Mr. Neil, of the West End Fire Station, was taken to the hospital in the ambulance.

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