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To-Day's Cables

Lloyd-George in Commons To-day Will Make Most Important Statement

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The speech of Premier Lloyd George in the Commons to-morrow is looked forward to by Press and public as the most important utterance of its kind since the memorable speech in which Viscount Grey discussed whether Britain would come into the war.

Lloyd George has recovered from his indisposition, and was at work to-day. He will rise to address the Commons to-morrow about four o'clock and will probably speak for an hour and a half.

The Prime Minister's speech will be not only a reply to the German peace note, but will also outline the whole policy of the new National Government, the trend of which may be roughly anticipated from the fact that the new Ministry avowedly has the power for the definite object of carrying on war with all the vigor the nation can command to a successful end.

To-day's news from Government circles included the announcement of the departure of Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs for a three-weeks' vacation. Although the vacation comes at an important juncture the organization of the Foreign Office permits affairs to proceed uninterrupted under the direction of Lord Robert Cecil and Baron Hardinge, Under-Secretaries, while the larger question of the general policy doubtless will receive the attention of the War Cabinet over which the Prime Minister presides, Lords Curzon and Milne also being members with wide diplomatic experience.

It is recalled that Balfour's designation for Foreign Minister met with severe criticism from the Northcliffe

NO CESSATION FOR CHRISTMAS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 19.—Thousands upon thousands of packages from "Home" are being sent to the British Empire fighting in France, as harbingers of Christmas, but the usually glad season of peace on earth, good will to men will bring no cessation of hostilities this year and Xmas Day promises to go down in history as just another 24 hours of ceaseless shelling and war activities. All along the lines, through rain, fog, and darkness by day and by night British guns ceaselessly pound German trenches. Prisoners recently captured say that the effect of everlasting drumming of guns almost drove them insane. Captured letters written from trenches also speak of the terrors of constant shelling. "Death is far better than this," wrote one private to his wife.

Press. Lord Northcliffe himself urged Lloyd-George to follow the precedent of Lord Salisbury, directing Foreign Affairs as well as assuming Premiership.

While Balfour's absence is said to be due to an indisposition following illness there is no suggestion of its being prolonged beyond three weeks, yet it has the effect of leaving the shaping of policy largely in the hand of the Premier.

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ANOTHER U.S.A. LOAN TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The "Sun" this morning says Great Britain is prepared to float another large secured loan of \$250,000,000 or more in the United States, according to information obtained yesterday from high banking authority. The paper's informant says that negotiations are in the nature of feelers for opinion.

JAPAN AND PEACE

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—The German peace proposals will be delivered to the Japanese Government to-morrow. Commenting on the proposals the newspapers declare that Japan will never agree to surrender Kiao Chow. In general they express the opinion that the peace project, as has been reported in the news despatches, is a farcical procedure and will be unacceptable to the Entente because it is tantamount to an abandonment of the object for which the Entente Powers have waged war.

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While there are no crowds to bore you. Buy it now!
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"OUR" WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Colonial Secretary, St. John's: LONDON, Dec. 17th.—The Association Visiting Committee report the condition of the following men in hospital: Progressing favorably—628, Maddock, 1226; Lyons, 2100; Stone, 2007; Foley, 2033; Burton, 2940; House, 1768; Harvey, 320; Green, 457; Butler, 2628; Anderson, 1702; Dicks, 2072; Gallop, 2075; LeVigne, 2074; Chafe, 588; Humphries, 1616; Suley, 1098; Nourseforth, 1059; Riggs, 152; Voisey, 1136; O'Quinn, 989; Rowe, 573; Good-year, 2552; Kennedy, 2381; Bursley, 2368; Clarke, 350; Luff, 1926; Thornhill, 971; Mahoney, 1154; White, 2012; Sheppard, 1454; Northcott, 300; Miller, 2071; Whelan, 1360; Carter, 1936; Le Drew, 1706; Hollett, 1344; Reid, 851; Butt, 2187; Reid, 1732; Antle, 942; Walsh, 1992; Sayer (amputation); 689 Morrissey, 1609; Walsh (amputation); 2412; Crocker, 1859; Dinney, 472; Dooley, 992; Boone, 1042; Peet, 1546; Cahill, 2152; French, 1670; Higgins; 2095; Whelan, 42; Best, 1843; Hawker; Andrews, 1552; Curtis, 1505; Holmes, 1421; Gosse, 228; Rideout, 2086; Crawford; 1318; Steele; 2069; Murphy; (amputation); 1025; Powlow (amputation); 1046; Bishop; 1461; Boland; 492; Coombs; 1231; McGrath; 2188; Penny; 2746; Lewis; 1841; Hollett; 429; Cornett; 1518; Churchill; 1807; Bailey; 1139; Bursley; 1652; Redstone; 637; Michelin; 2111; Silk; 1950; Marks; 460; Butler; 1726; Sutton; 1958; Walsh; 260; Ryan; 1403; Carter; 1070; Belmonte; 1106; Riggs; 1874; Payne; 2023; Oliver; 1448; Penny; 2218; Perry; 1959; Walsh; 1753; Bowen; 2060; Snow; 1011; Kelly; 2165; Morrissey; 425; Norman; 2077; Fisher; 995; Harding; 1896; Newbury; 1003; Clarke; 1225; Eddy; 1749; Tobin; 1558; Hillier; 237; Hogan; 2022; Matthews; 1990; Nole; 1986; Cook; 1404; Tilley; 118; Jackman; 2045; Batten; 1655; Clarke; 631; Robinson; 24; Kirby; 683; Walsh; 21; Tilley; 1052; Sparkes; 2196; Stewart; 1029; White; 490; Keel; 1640; Lewis; 1837; LeDrew; 1630; King; 401; Murphy; 440; Roberts (amputation); 1557; Hipditch; 864; Tracey; 1084; White (amputation); 1263; Shelley; 2038; Colish; 1799; Hollett; 272; Manuel; 1314; Saunders; 1782; Walsh; 1149; Frost; 21157; Day; 2744; Strickland; 1681; Short (amputation); 877; Duncan; Improving—2698; Moore; 2389; Pearce; 2620; Gulliver; 2182; Connors; 1790; George; 38; Ryan; 1951; Broderick; 528; Moore (amputation); 1704; James 1981; Gosse; 153; Field; 2656; Martin; 1008; Invaany; 1852; Winter; 1723; Dover; 772; Stone; 1501; James; 1262; Wiseman (amputation). Slight improvement—1157; Costello.

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OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Following Reported at Wandsworth 72 Corporal John J. Reardon, 33 Bannerman St. Scabias. 1671 Corporal John J. Sears, Robinson's Head. Rheumatism. 2465 Private Arthur Wheeler, Summerford, Twillingate. Bronchitis 2266 Private Jas. Ryan, Halifax, N.S. Gunshot wound in head.

1769 Private Silas Bird, Cartwright. 2nd. London General Hospital. Chelsea; lumbago, severe. 2078 Corporal Malcolm Hollett, Burin. 5th. General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 16th.; seriously ill with gunshot wounds in arms and legs (Previously reported, wounded Nov. 30th.)

1602 Private A. W. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochrane St. King George Hospital, London. (Previously reported, seriously ill, later, out of danger.)

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

BUTCHERS WERE SUMMONED

To-day Food Inspector W. O'Brien summoned three butchers before Mr. Hutchings, K.C. for failure to abide by the rates governing the condition of slaughter houses, where meat for food is dressed. In this instance the provincial charge was that the men had not water sufficient for the work on their premises. Two were found guilty and were each fined \$5 on 14 days and the case against the other was dismissed.

POLICE PROTECTION ON TRAINS.

It will be remembered that on several occasions in past years at this season, peaceable people, men, women and children travelling by the shore train were greatly annoyed and often alarmed by men travelling who became drunk and caused disturbance. To obviate such occurrences this season, police will travel by the trains, we hear, a prudent procedure, judging by what has heretofore occurred.

FORFEITED HIS LICENSE.

Yesterday a butcher, who plies his trade at Flatrock, forfeited his license to kill and dress meat for food in future. He had been several times convicted, but would not improve and consequently this drastic step was taken.

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French Capture 11,000 German Prisoners On The Verdun Front

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The British Prime Minister will reply on Tuesday afternoon in the Commons to the German peace note which has been transmitted by the American Ambassadors to the British and French Foreign Office. He will also outline the policy of the new Government, a pronouncement which will have a far-reaching effect on the world war.

French troops have regained the entire occupancy of Chambreres Farm, north-east of Verdun, about the centre of their advance last week. Prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on the Verdun front now total 11,000, in addition to 115 cannon, 107 machine guns captured or destroyed. Paris reports the repulse of a serious German offensive attempts in the Somme region. Unofficial estimates in Berlin place the losses of the French army to date at 3,800,000 men and British losses at 1,900,000. Anglo-French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000, the British share being 550,000. German losses on the Somme, it is declared by the Germans, have been less than 500,000.

In the region of Buzeu Berlin states that the soldiers of Field Marshal von Mackenzen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of Filipecht, a railroad station east of Buzeu, hostile attacks have been arrested. The Babadagh-Pecineaga line, about forty miles north of the Tchernavoda-Con-

stanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who have now retaken virtually all the ground they had held during their previous advance in northern Dobruja. The advance in Dobruja brings the forces of the Central Powers near Empt, the railroad and storage centres of Ibrala and Galatz.

On the Western Moldavian frontier the Russian have taken two ridges of heights. According to Petrograd one ridge was in the Uzul Valley and the other east of Lashute, where more than 200 prisoners were captured. Except for a repulse of Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans, near Lutsk, in Volhynia, and near Zberoff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on other battle fronts.

17 American muleteers were killed on December 14th when the British horse transport "Russian" was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea. The British Admiralty, 11 members of the crew also lost their lives, including the Chief Officer, First Officer and Second Officer. Names have been communicated to the American Consul. The transport "Russian" referred to is probably the British steamer of Mackenzen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of Filipecht, a railroad station east of Buzeu, hostile attacks have been arrested. The Babadagh-Pecineaga line, about forty miles north of the Tchernavoda-Con-

A CANADIAN SOLDIER WRITES INTERESTING LETTER TO FRIEND IN TORONTO

One of the most interesting documents to come from the front-line trenches is a letter which Bombardier L. Neill Kirkpatrick, 167 Bay street, winner of the Military medal, has written to J. H. Fitzgerald, a former Hamiltonian, now a resident of Toronto. Bombardier Kirkpatrick enlisted with the 33rd. Howitzer battery, and was transferred to the 13th. battery, which has seen such terrific fighting during the past few months. That he has been decorated for bravery is no surprise to those who knew him well, for Neill was very fearless and intrepid, and could be counted upon to be in the thick of any scrap in his immediate vicinity.

"We are doing fine in this country, as you will see by the papers," he writes. "We are going ahead all the time, and giving Fritz the time of his life. The rainy season has set in here, and the mud is a foot deep, but it hasn't stopped us yet. We have all kinds of artillery and ammunition now, and Fritz is getting the full benefit of it. It would do your heart good to see the streams of ammunition going up to the guns every night, and can't go any further, they unload them and pack the ammunition the rest of the way, with horses, mules, men, or any old way, so long as it gets in. Every morning you can go along the road and see horses that have fallen down and smothered in the mud, but the guns must get their supply just the same. Our artillery is certainly making a mess of this country. Some times, when we advance, we can't ever find the place where Fritz's trenches used to be. Our infantry is doing great work, and has certainly put the fear of God into Fritz. The German prisoners say they have nothing against the French, English or Belgian troops, but that the Canadians will all go back on one bait. From what I have seen lately, I think they are just about right, but that doesn't worry the boys any."

Won the Medal. "Well, Jack, I've had some great experiences lately. I would like to tell you about some of them, but the censor won't stand for it. Even if I did tell you, you would find it hard to believe some of them; but, believe me, Jack, you would have to be out here to realize what a man can get away with at times. A fellow doesn't need to lie about his experiences out here, just now."

because if he just went ahead and told the truth he would have the best liar in the world tongue-tied. No doubt you will be pleased to hear that I have been awarded a Military medal. I haven't been presented with it as yet, because there is a lot of red tape to be gone through, but it is coming to me, and during the last few days I have been congratulated by all our officers and most of the men of the battery. The way I came to get it was by being on duty in the trenches during one of our telephone duty there, with Capt. Powell, our observing officer, during the said scrap. The other fellow's name is John Law, of Toronto. We certainly had the time of our young lives. The result was that Capt. Powell, Law and myself were all recommended. The recommendations all went through, and Capt. Powell was awarded the Military cross, while Law and I received the military medal. The cross, I believe, is for officers only. Well, Jack, I don't think I will ever forget that day. Believe me, it was fast and furious, and everything seemed to be coming our way. Fritz knocked the parapet down on us with a shell at one time, and I took us a half hour hard digging to get them out. We got them all out all right, and they are O.K. now. All this time the fight was going on full blast, but we forgot all about it for the time being. We had a few more little experiences like that the other day and, taking it all around, a pleasant time was had."

A Charmed Life. "Captain Powell has been wounded since and is in Blighty now, but, according to all rules and laws of chance, he should have been killed a hundred times. I have often read of a man having a charmed life, and taking a million to one chance and getting away with it. I used to think there was no such animal, but after watching Capt. Powell perform, I will believe everything.

"Well, Jack, I guess there is not much more to tell. I am feeling fine and still going strong. I have had all the luck in the world, so far, and if it only holds I guess I will come through all right, but I am knocking wood as I write. Will say good-bye for now."

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Last Night's Cables Britain to Fight Enemy to Finish

Rather Than Leave Germany to Consummate Her United Balkan Idea, Britain Will Fight to the Last Man—Verdun Victory Effects Morale of Both Sides

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It has now become certain that sooner than leave Germany in her present position with ability to consummate her united Balkan idea, Britain will fight to the last man. At present there can be no thought of peace. It is safe to say that except for most extreme pacifists there is no idea of peace at the present moment. British people have made up their mind to fight on and not to accept any peace except one completely satisfactory to themselves. The Telegraph says it comes at the right moment as pledge and earnest of Allied success. We can imagine no more eloquent answer to Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg than that furnished by General Neville's victory. The Post recalling the German claims to victory in the war, says France has given a most damning reputation at Verdun, and referring to peace offers asserts that all the Allies are resolved not to accept but to dictate terms of peace. The 'Daily News' says the value of victory at Verdun is not to be measured by the prisoners and guns taken, or ground recovered. Its real significance lies in the effect it must have on the morale of both sides. There is no doubt that on both sides the campaign in Roumania has exercised an influence quite disproportionate to its importance. The serious threat to Germany, both east and west, is in no way reduced by her Roumanian adventure. If the victory at Verdun reminds both sides of this it will not have been won in vain. It is an additional argument as far as Allies are concerned, not for an arrogant refusal even to consider the question of peace, but for a cautious willingness to know the terms which the sobering influences of the war is inducing Germany to offer.

Enemy Submit Peace Proposals

Central Powers Presents Peace Proposals to Allies Through Agencies of Neutral Ambassadors—Documents Submitted Without Comment

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There were no formalities in connection with the presentation of peace proposals by Mr. Page. The Ambassador was received in the Foreign Secretary's room by Lord Robert Cecil, who was acting for the Foreign Minister, Balfour having just started on a three weeks vacation. The note, enclosed in a large white envelope, was handed by Ambassador Page to Lord Robert without any comment. The recipient made no reference to the question of peace, simply thanking Page for transmission of message from Central Powers. The two diplomats spent a short time in conversation. But as one of them said, we talked about everything but contents of envelope. The note to be considered by the British Cabinet being received too late today to enable the Council to be called, the next step after the meeting of the Cabinet will be to get into communication with the Allies. Joint action must be taken at least this week. It has been ascertained the note contains no terms. The impression prevails in official circles that until these are disclosed a conference is impossible.

The presentation of the German note to the Entente Allied Governments is now practically accomplished. While the British Foreign Office on receiving documents from American Ambassador Page shortly after noon it is believed that similar delivery is taking place in Paris. The Swiss Minister at Rome presented the note of the Central Powers to Italy without comment on the same channel as message was presented to Belgium and Portugal, also without comment. The Netherlands Minister tendered the peace proposals to Serbia on behalf of Bulgaria. Prior to receipt of note by the British Foreign Office deliveries to Italy, Belgium and other countries was permitted to be exchanged concerning the exact official contents which proved to be substantially the same as given in the speech made in the Reichstag by Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg, without containing any specific indication of terms.

HOPEFUL FOR PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Action is taken by the German shipping interests, evidently in anticipation of peace, was revealed here to-day when the announcement came from the local offices of two big German trans-Atlantic lines of instructions received to make freight contracts for shipments from

New York to Germany after the resumption of our regular service. We take pleasure in announcing, said the statement issued by the Hamburg-American line, we are now open to make freight engagements from the United States to Hamburg for shipment after the conclusion of peace or such earlier time as obstacles may be removed. In the notice sent out by freight agents and brokers and by Oltreichs Company's general agents in

this country for the North Germany Lloyd Shipping Co. Similar announcement was made of similar freight rates between this port and Germany. That young fellow you hired a month ago is a wonder. That so? Doing his work well, eh? Yes. Does everything we ask him to, but he actually uses his brains as well.

Roumanian Army Safe Says Paris

Now Being Regrouped to Take Field Again—Russians to Stop Invaders

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Roumanian army is now safe, according to news received in Paris last night, says The Petit Parisien. Papers say that the survivors are now beyond the Sorth River, at Jossey and in Bessarabia where they are being regrouped and refitted for further operations. The entire Roumanian front is now stated to be held by Russians alone. After Bucharest and Plochti Tim was lost, the story says, the Russians sent divisions and forces of cavalry to support the retreating Roumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible, assured of the possibility of reforming behind the shelter of the Russians, and continued the withdrawal without halting until Sereth was crossed. The Russians offered strong resistance to the Germans in the region of Buzeu, so as to permit engineers to construct a defensive front between Rimnik Sarah and the Danube marshes, on which front it stated the Russians intended to stop the advance of the invaders.

Britain Replies Tomorrow

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is being observed in official circles that the note presented without comment, is taken to indicate that Germany feared common neutral intermediaries would act only as forwarding agents. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday, is expected to show the general attitude of the British Government. Then after the exchanges between the Entente Allies will determine the nature of a joint reply. But the informal conference already have prepared much ground. It is understood the assertion made in the German note that war was forced upon Germany, will not be permitted to go unchallenged. That the matter of historical record of Germany's part in events leading to the war will be clearly shown. What is termed in British official circles as Germany's methods of conducting the war against the civilian population and women and children, particularly the recent Belgian deportations, are also likely to be pointed out. According to latest advices reaching the Entente Allied Governments the number of Belgians deported have reached 120,000. While the note presented makes no reference to a conference, there continue to be indications that Germany is seeking a conference. This led to a careful scrutiny of the last precedent of that conference preceding the Peace Congress at the close of the Crimean war. The preliminary conference held in Vienna in 1854 proved abortive, but when the peace congress which finally settled the terms was held in Paris a year later the discussions of the conference served largely as a basis for settlement.

S. S. PORTLAND SINKING

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Wireless call is asking for help sent out by the American steamer Portland, were received by the Radio Station at Bermuda, according to advices received here to-day by the Maritime Exchange. The Portland was owned by the Ken Steamship Co. of New York. She left Havre for New York on Nov. 30. At the office of the Ken Steamship Co. similar reports were received, but early this afternoon, no direct word was heard from the ship. Capt. The ship was returning in ballast. She registers 2,286 tons.

British Active Against Turks

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The renewal of British activity in Mesopotamia after seven months quiescence is attracting attention. Nothing is known of the new movement, except what is contained in the official communication. The near approach of the British forces to Kut-el-Amara is not regarded as necessarily of great consequence except so far it may be part of a definite plan, because it is believed here that General Maude, who now commands the expedition, has been in a position to take Kut-el-Amara at any time during the past three months if he had so desired. It is remarked by The Times that if as is possible the British now to enter Kut-el-Amara, the Turks will be compelled to evacuate Sannay Yat without having the satisfaction of resisting another frontal attack, and adds that the Mesopotamian expedition is in a much happier position than it occupied at the beginning of the year.

German Steamer Stranded Venizelos

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Copenhagen despatches state that the German steamer Prince Frederick Wilhelm is stranded between Samsøe Island and Northern Funen, and that salvage steamers are trying to save her. The steamer was enroute to Bremen from Vardo, Norway, where she had been sheltered since the outbreak of the war. After having, according to German reports, been sent out last night, succeeded in running a gauntlet of British destroyers which were lying in wait for her off Bergen, Norway. The island of Samsøe, which belongs to Denmark, is situated in Great Belt, north of the island of Funen, between Zealand and Jutland.

BRITISH SUBJECT ARRESTED

LAREDO, TEX., Dec. 19.—Wm. Mitchell, a British subject, said to be a Canadian, and Manager of the Bank of London and Mexico, together with several members of the Board of Controllers of that Bank, are under arrest in the City of Mexico, according to newspapers received to-day. No cause for arrest is given beyond the statement that the men declined to obey an order of General Carranza.

BIG STRIKE IN SPAIN

MADRID, Dec. 19.—A 24 hour general strike is called by the Labor Organizations as a protest against the increased cost of food, takes place tomorrow throughout Spain. Factories, stores and many offices will be closed and no newspapers will be published. The authorities have posted notices appealing to the good sense of the public to maintain order and announcing that any disturbances would be vigorously dealt with.

British Gains Against Turks

LONDON, Dec. 19.—British forces on the Tigris front improved their position the last two days, although no resumption of offensive operations on a considerable scale is indicated in to-day's official report on these operations. Gains made below Kut-el-Amara last week, were achieved with comparatively small losses. The statement says during Saturday and Sunday, General Maude extended his hold over Hal River and consolidated his line to Magasis and Kall Hajl. Fahan, while enemy's positions were bombarded with good results, the announcement says, Cavalry reconnaissance, during the day disclosed the fact of Turks constructing new positions at Bridge, west of Shurhan Bend, on the Tigris River. Some six to eight miles west of Kut-el-Amara, several large parties of Arabs were driven off.

CONSTANTINE IN TROUBLE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The inhabitants of the Greek Island of Lemnos, have issued a proclamation declaring King Constantine to have forfeited his right to the throne, according to a despatch from Salonika to the Havas Agency. A committee of prominent citizens has been formed, the despatch adds, to convey the decision of Lemnos population to the Provisional Government at Salonika.

PREMIER IMPROVING

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Premier is much better this morning, his Secretary said that he would certainly make a promised statement in the House of Commons Tuesday.

TERMS OF PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The peace terms of the Central Powers was handed to the British Government to-day by the United States Ambassador Page, in the presence of the Foreign Secretary he presented the note to the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

RUSSIANS STOP TEUTONS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Teutonic offensive in Roumania has been arrested by the Russian fire, so the Russian War Office announces.

MANY PRISONERS AT VERDUN

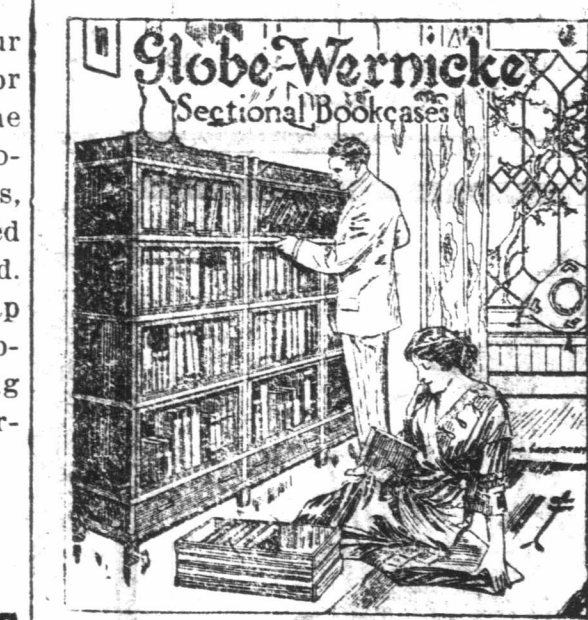
PARIS, DEC. 19.—French forces have taken a total of 11,387 German prisoners on the Verdun front since Dec. 15, according to an announcement made by the French War Office. A violent German counter-attack, on the Meuse, has resulted in the German forces securing a footing at Chambrett Farm.

VENIZELLOS ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A warrant has been issued at Athens for the arrest of Venizelos, former Premier, on charges of high treason by libelling Greek Government staff in the newspapers several months ago, says a Reuters despatch from the Greek capital.

RAEMAKERS' OBJECT.

Mr. Louis Raemakers, the great Belgian cartoonist, speaking at the Colquhoun Club of the Royal Society of Literature, said that when he set to work it was not for personal success or to make a pictorial thing of art which was pleasant to look at. His object was to make people think—to make people look at things as he looked at them. "I want," continued Mr. Raemakers, "when people are a little bit dangerously optimistic, to correct that tendency, and when they are pessimistic I want to point out what is good in the situation. I want to show the people what they are feeling themselves in expressing my own feelings. I have had the chance of expressing the feelings of all men who have a feeling for justice, for liberty, and for humanity."



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SPEECH DAY AT BISHOP COLLEGE

The exercises in connection with Bishop Field College Speech Day were held last night in the Casino Theatre. The first items on the evening's programme were, drill, by the College Company of the C. L. B., and drill by the boys of the Kindergarten Department, both these items were gone through with in a manner that reflects credit alike on teachers and pupils. Next came the report of the Head Master, R. R. Wood, B. A. This report showed that the College had added another year of highly successful educational work to the many which it already had to its credit.

The work of Bishop Field College all through its history has been of an exceptionally high standard, and the past year's work shows that this splendid educational institution is still adding lustre to its name as the years go by.

Following the Head Master's report was a musical farce entitled, "King Catarrho," by the College students. This was made a most enjoyable feature of the programme. The manner in which each one took his part showed the result of careful training and also an earnest endeavour by each boy to do his part well.

Next came the Presentation of Prizes by His Excellency the Governor, and speeches by His Excellency, Mr. Blackall, Supt. of Schools, and Rev. Canon Bolt.

A vote of thanks to the Governor, proposed by Mr. Grieve and seconded by Mr. Dunfield, was carried enthusiastically.

Hearty College cheers were given by the boys for the King, the Governor, the Lord Bishop and Clergy, after which the singing of the National Anthem brought a most successful Speech Day to a close.

PRIZE LIST.

- The prize list is as follows:
- Industry
 - Upper VI—C. L. Stein.
 - Lower VI (Classical)—A. W. Johnson.
 - Lower VI (Com.)—N. Boyce.
 - Lower VI (Teachers in training)—E. P. Hiscock.
 - Upper V (Classical)—R. Clapp.
 - Upper V (Com.)—J. Newhook.
 - Lower V (Classical)—G. LeMessurier.
 - Lower V (Com.)—H. Noonan.
 - Upper IV—H. Ellis.
 - Lower IV—C. Dave.
 - Upper III—C. Duder.
 - Lower III—C. Smith.
 - The Bowring Medals—A. A. C. L. Stein; Intermediate, A. Johnson; Prelim., G. LeMessurier.
 - The Steele Medal—H. Ellis.
 - The McCowan Medal (for Order and Discipline)—E. Parrott.
 - The Bertean Medal (for English Composition)—A. Perlin.
 - The Rhodes Ideal Scholar Medal (presented by W. W. Blackall)—E. Parrott.
 - The Knowing Scholarships and

Medals (for Best all-round Boy)—Form VI, A. W. Johnson; Form V, G. White; For IV, H. Ellis.

The Hostel Medal—E. Parrott.

The McNeily Medal (for knowledge of Newfoundland)—Form VI, D. Torraville; Form V, R. Clapp; Form IV, H. Ellis.

The Manual Training Medals—Upper V, C. Bayly; Lower V, A. Goodland; Upper IV (Hayward Medal), G. Lewis; Lower IV, E. Coaker; Form III, C. Press.

The Rapid Arithmetic Medal (presented by J. C. Croucher)—A. Perlin.

The Miller Medals—Best Drill (open), A. Johnson; Best Drill (recruits), G. LeMessurier.

Attendance Badges—Lv. VI, C. Windler, E. Ewing, H. Flett, E. P. Hiscock; Form V, J. Pearcey; Form IV, H. Ellis, G. Lewis; Form III, C. Press, F. Press, F. Calver.

Divinity—Form VI, E. Parrott; Form V, R. B. Clapp; Form IV, E. Wood; Form III, J. Penston.

English—Upper VI, E. A. Parrott; Lower VI, A. W. Johnson; Form V, R. B. Clapp; Form IV, G. Lewis; Form III, C. Duder.

History—Form VI, B. Way; Form V, G. LeMessurier; Form IV, H. Ellis; Form III, A. Baird.

Geography—Upper VI, E. A. Parrott; Lower VI, E. P. Hiscock; Form V, J. D. Newhook; Form IV, H. Ellis; Form III, C. Crosbie, C. Press.

Classics—Form VI, A. W. Johnson; Form V, R. B. Clapp.

French—Form VI, W. A. Anderson; Form V, R. B. Clapp.

Mathematics and Science—Upper VI, C. L. Stein; Lower VI, A. W. Johnson; Form V, G. LeMessurier; Form IV, H. Ellis; Form III, C. Duder.

Commercial Subjects—M. W. Cornick; Form V, J. D. Newhook.

Elocution—Senior, R. Smith; Junior, C. Duder.

Theory of Music—E. Wood.

LOCAL ITEMS

S. S. Barbara arrived at Naples on Sunday.

The Belgian steamer Emanuel is still in port, though she has been ready to sail for some time past.

A Christmas Tree and Toy Fair will be held in Bootwood Hall, Hutchings Street, to-night.

The schr. Falka, Coady, master, is loading fish for the European markets at Jas. Baird's, Ltd.

Geo. Kennedy, M. H. A., arrived in town by train last night, from Avondale, and is registered at the Crosbie.

The Executive Committee of the Long Shoremen's Protective Union held a meeting last night. The regular monthly meeting of the Union will be held in the Union's Hall to-night.

At the Police Station last night there was a clean slate. It looks as if the town were sobering up in anticipation of Prohibition.

VISITING CONSTITUENTS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Having just returned from a tour of the District, in which we visited the following places, viz:— Hillview, Long Beach, St. Jones Within, Little Heart's Ease, Heart's Desire, Heart's Delight, Hsington, and Cavenfish, we desire to publicly thank the people for the kindly reception accorded us at every place visited.

We held meetings at some of those settlements, and the manner in which we were received leave no doubt that the Union is stronger than ever in Trinity District. A gratifying feature of our tour was the splendid reception given us by many who supported our political opponents in 1913, and there is every indication that the public mind is being broadened, and that the ideals for which the Union stands for is being more appreciated than in the past.

We are proceeding to Hant's Harbor by train tomorrow, and will continue an extensive tour of the District.

Please accept our congratulations on the splendid new issue of the morning edition of The Mail and Advocate.

Yours truly,
STONE AND TARGETT.
December 18th, 1916.

THE POTATO PROBLEM

They have a potato problem in Great Britain as well as in Canada. An expert writing to a London paper remarks:

"Before the war the cost of producing an acre of potatoes was from £12 to £16; now it is £15 to £20. But even if you put it as high as £20—a most generous estimate—what justification is there for prices ranging from £40 to £80 to the merchant?"

"Some weeks ago one of the best farmers in the country thought he had made a very smart deal by selling more than 1,000 acres of growing potatoes at £40 an acre (\$25 a ton) a profit of £2,000,000. Those potatoes today have not been moved, and the purchaser can sell at £10 (\$50) a ton—£80,000—making a profit of £40,000, which means a total profit on the two deals of £60,000,000. What will the price be by the time the merchant has put those potatoes on the market and made his profit? Fortunes are being made almost every day; farmers and merchants are dazzled by the great gold deposits in potato-land.

"Everywhere I went I heard of wonderful deals. There was the case the other day of a small holder who sold his 18 acres of potatoes for £1,400, a clear profit of at least £1,400. The little man is sharing the proceeds as well as the big man. "I heard of one farmer who sold 200 acres of potatoes for £10,000; profit £6,800. The merchant will probably make quite as much, if not more."

STERILIZING WOUNDS

A system of sterilizing wounds has been successfully applied at the hospital at Compagne under the direction of Dr. Alexis Carrel, has been extended to the American hospitals in Belgium. The process, as described in the Paris Matin, consists of the complete irrigation of the wound by means of a rubber tube with numerous branches perforated with many small holes. The process of healing is carefully watched, and if the normal healing does not ensue the wound is examined for foreign substances which might inadvertently have been allowed to remain, and irrigated anew. But the removal of muscles or bones not irreparably injured is not practised on the first or second examination as frequently as has been the case heretofore, and in this way parts have been saved which might have been lost. When examination shows that the wound is aseptic the wound is closed. Experience shows that in a sterilized cavity thus cleaned nature's healing process goes on with a rapidity hitherto unknown. The duration of the treatment is abridged about two-thirds and the number of amputations diminished fifty per cent. In some cases complete healing occurs in one-tenth the time required under ordinary treatment.



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("To Every Man His Own.")

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, DECEMBER 19, 1916.

THE moral law is written on the tablets of eternity. For every false word or unrighteous deed, for cruelty and oppression, for lust or vanity, the price has to be paid at last.
—J. A. FROUDE.

LOOKING FORWARD

WHATEVER may come of the German proposals for Peace, it is evident that she is anxious for some settlement, and that all nations are heartily sick of war, as war, and look towards the day when they can come together and end the terrible war-state. And as it is essential that Germany shall pay for the wrongs she has done, so is it essential that our people shall have learned the lesson of the war, and all that such a time has taught us. If the war were to end now, and things resume their ante bellum condition, we shall have failed to profit by it. The internal relations in our Empire have altered very considerably during the war, and as this has been done for the benefit of the Empire, which means the benefit of its people, it is unthinkable that after the war is over we shall return to the exaggerated individualistic conceptions which obtained before the war. The idea that any one man or group of men shall have power to withhold food or other commodities from the people and exact the highest price that can be obtained has always been condemned by the few, who have taken the trouble to realize exactly what this principle means. It has remained for the war to turn the thought of the whole nation to this state of affairs, and now the few who dared to preach against such injustice see the Empire adopting their demands. This system which has been sheltered under the name of Business, is every day coming nearer its doom. "Buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest" is one of the most pernicious doctrines ever formulated, yet there are many who still believe in it and run their businesses accordingly. The war has brought us to the point where we realize that Co-operation, not competition, is the secret of a nation's greatness, and that nothing which down a man's spirit, or keeps him in such a position that he feels his dependence is any help to keeping that man's love of country fresh and eager. We have read somewhere that Kitchener, speaking to a friend said that as soon as he got an opportunity he was going to see what he could do to make life better for the workers of England. He found when the call was sent out and these men flocked to the standard, what he had never imagined before. He was shocked that they were being turned down by the hundreds, and seeking the cause, he found it in their daily life. Over worked, long hours, insufficient wages and consequently insufficient food had stunted their growth. And this is the call now. What shall we do for England? What shall we do for Newfoundland? Shall we help to make men physically fit, or shall we be content not to notice the fact that so many of our men have been turned down "unfit for service?" Are we organizing these men? Are we endeavouring to make them fit for service? It seems to us so inexpressibly sad that we have so many who cannot pass the doctor's test, and we wonder if any effort is being made, to help them to be "fit" for, fighting or not, the Colony wants its people to be as physically "fit" as possible. For this purpose there can be no stint of money. Conscription of wealth or if not wealth, of profits, is a scheme that will mean less hardship to us than anything else. We cannot see how the Government can escape putting such an Act in force next Session. The point we wish to make is this: that after the war, as during the war, we want men. Men who shall be clear-brained, educated, cultured in the sense of heart-culture, self-reliant, and healthy. There can be no other objective on this earth that we can as Christians, put before this one. We are now at the beginning of Christmas week. We shall soon celebrate the birthday of the One, both human and divine, whose special mission on earth was to show us the Way. Is there not something in the celebration of Christmas that we have missed? Are we not in danger of thinking of it only as an unusually expensive and festive season? If we value the Birth, we shall have to try to follow the Life also, or else it is nothing to us. The Christian teaching is one that seeks for the moral improvement of man, and differs in its scheme from philosophy, in that it hopes to cure the vices of human nature by educating the heart. And so, while it has taken the war to show us the value of our men, let us not forget it in peace. We do not advocate easy times for all men. We think it will be found that the more advantages a man has, and the greater the desire is to lift himself up, the harder will he be worked.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 19
New Moon—24th.
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MOTHER ENGLAND

whole of his pictures and drawings were left to the nation.
Dear England, Mother England,
We love you! Let them heed,
Who think we can forsake you,
In an hour of need;
For we, though many members,
Are of the whole a part;
The blood that warms the body
Is not closer to its heart.
Dear England, Mother England,
We love you! And the sea,
Though half a world divide us,
Damps not our loyalty,
However far we wander,
However long we roam,
The current of our being
Is ever turning home.
Dear England, Mother England,
We love you! And for you—

REVEILLE
BY CALCAR

SOMETIME about the end of last summer, we believe it was in the month of September a treaty was concluded between the United States and Canada under which both those countries agreed to co-operate in extending adequate protection to insectivorous bird life. The treaty applies to useful birds of migratory habits, and includes practically all the Canadian songsters, most of which are invaluable destroyers of insect pests. An absolute close season throughout the year is imposed in respect to all insectivorous migratory birds, which except for scientific or propagating purposes may not be taken at any time, and it is also unlawful according to the new arrangement to take either the eggs or the nests of these birds, except as before, for scientific or propagating purposes. Bird protectionists in general whether actuated chiefly by sentiment or economic motives, have fought a hard battle and achieved a magnificent triumph. The greatness of their cause from a purely material standpoint may be appreciated when it is stated on competent authority that the annual loss in the United States on farm and forest products chargeable to insect pests exceeds \$500,000,000, and while we have no figures to hand it may be said that Canada's losses from the same source are proportionately as great. The terms of this treaty if properly carried out should enable North American bird life to thrive and increase as never before. How long will it be before we in this country reach this stage of civilization, this degree of sound business as evinced by our neighbours. Are we to forever go on in our ruthless, senseless killing of wild birds and animals, and as far as migratory birds are concerned sponge on our good friends to the West and South of us, depend upon them to keep up by their civilized methods a constant supply for us the savages today. We notice that contemporary papers have reproduced articles from their foreign exchanges dealing with this treaty, without making one word of comment on it. We hold editors of local newspapers very remiss in their duty in that they are not urging in and day out this important matter of the conservation of wild life both feathered and furred. We have not copyright, no patent right to handle this subject and will not hold any paper or writer liable for damages if he too were to take up the burden. This is every paper's duty and why there is so much silence on the matter we cannot understand. We have for years elaborated this subject and only in a casual, desultory way has any body else touched upon it. Partridge are reported extremely scarce from one end of the Island to the other and yet public opinion in respect to the conservation of this splendid example of wild bird life is so dead that the sight of hundreds of these birds exposed for sale in the different groceries stores of the city awakens not the least comment. If we want to conserve this splendid wild fowl we must make it an offense to offer them for sale. Why are they for sale; is it because some wanton butcher masquerading as a sportsman

could not restrain himself when he found the coveys? We hear that so-called sportsmen do often supply partridge to city groceries, and that they go out to the barrens provided with suitable paper bags in which to put the birds soon as killed that the plumage may not be ruffled. Ruffled and soiled plumage detracts from the value of the bird in the grocer's eye. It is time that some action be taken with a view to the preservation of our game, bird, fish or animal. Our caribou are even now threatened with extinction. Lately there has been a lot said of the growing scarcity of these animals. It will be a calamity to Newfoundland if our caribou are extinguished, yet in face of this and in face of the many warnings we find the public seemingly indifferent, the press silent and the game board asleep. Mr. Mark Gibbons made some astonishing statements last week respecting the slaughter of the deer, so far as we can learn the Board is not taking any action in the matter. Now according to the law a warden may if he suspects or has reason to suspect that foul play has been committed against any of the game of this country take summary action against the one to whom the suspicion points. He is even obliged to take action according to his oath of office. Surely the Game Board has the authority of a warden, then may we ask them why they are not taking action in this very suspicious circumstance as exposed by Mr. Gibbons? The Board cannot easily wink its duty out of sight in this case, and they had better get busy at once. Are they waiting for Mr.

Gibbons to do police duty for them. Is not this very serious state of affairs as exposed by Mr. Gibbons sufficient to arouse the Board from his indifference? If they think they have no grounds for action it is time the public see to it that such dunder heads be made to move out. We cannot wait to see the end of our caribou herds before we take some step in the matter. The path of duty lies clearly before the Board.

KHAKI GUILD SALE.

The sale of cakes puddings, etc., by the Ladies' Khaki Guild, takes place this afternoon at the Presbyterian Hall. The sale will be opened by Lady Davidson at 3.30, and there is a splendid selection of the goods mentioned to be offered to visitors. At night there will be a real genuine Scotch concert, at which some of the best local talent will assist. The proceeds will be devoted to providing a fund for our heroes on their return after victory.

The annual presentation of prizes to the pupils of the S. A. schools will take place at the Citadel, New Government Street at 8 o'clock this evening and a good time is in store for the little ones.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

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The first case of diphtheria for some days past was reported yesterday afternoon. The patient, a young man of 21, was taken to hospital in the ambulance.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales from Eastward with snow and rain to-night and on Wednesday.

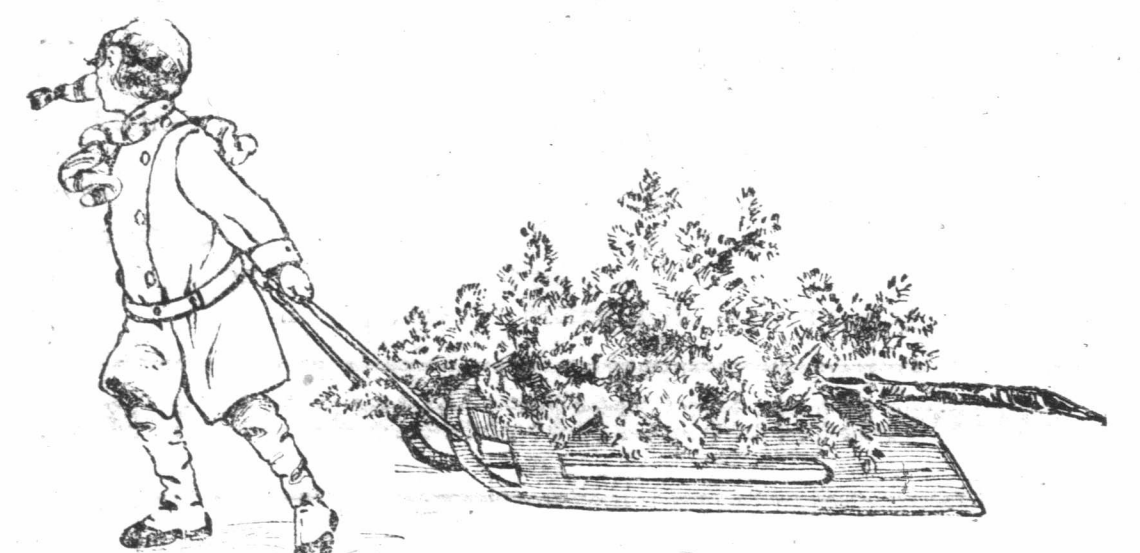
A special meeting of the City Council was held last night, to deal with an important matter which has lately been engaging much of their attention. Let us hope that the result of their deliberations, when made public, will meet with general approval.

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STEER BROTHERS.

Will gladly die or do:
We shall never shame you, England;
All we have and are we owe;
And we stand or fall together
With our faces to the foe,
—Rev. H. H. Pittman (native of Trinity).

A HERO'S FUNERAL

London, Eng.,
Nov. 23, 1916.

Dear Mr. Quinton.—I am sending you these few lines, offering you my sincere sympathy for your great sorrow; and telling you about yesterday's sad, but beautiful ceremony. Mrs. Fisher and I met at the Hospital at 1.15 and saw the coffin resting in the little chapel, covered with your flag and on it the five wreaths and the sheaf of flowers, and the colours of the Regiment. From there at 1.30 it was taken on a gun carriage, with some thirty soldiers accompanying it, to Wandsworth Cemetery, where Mrs. Fisher, a young soldier from St. John's, who represented the Newfoundland Association, and I met the cortege at the gates. It all looked so beautiful. The rays of the setting sun shone on the brave boy's coffin as it was reverently carried from the gun carriage to the little chapel, where the first part of the burial service was read by the Army Chaplain. I thought of you all, and wished with

all my heart that you could have seen him laid to rest by his comrades. It was the first time I had seen a military funeral, and the firing of the three volleys and the sounding of the "Last Post," made an impression on me, that I shall always remember. It was so inexpressibly sad, and yet behind it all there rang a note of hope, that his last sleep would have a grand awakening.

He lies near other comrades who have fallen. I sent you some flowers from each of the tributes to his memory, and I hope you will receive them safely. It seems almost wrong to grieve for him. He did suffer so much, and death for him was indeed a release.

Last Thursday, the 16th, when I went to sit with him, I found him very drowsy, so we put off writing until the following day, he wanted me to write to his sister. On Friday I went again, and then I saw a great change in him. His face was drawn, and he was very tired, and didn't want to talk. He told me to read Miss Quinton's letter, and to answer it myself. He felt too weak, even to tell me what to say. I left him after he had taken a little tea, but it made him sick. That was about 5 o'clock. He

was taken worse in the night and was unconscious nearly all Saturday. I was telephoned for in the afternoon, but found him in a drowsy state.

I think he recognised my voice, but was unable to speak to me. He found peace at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning. It may comfort you to know that he had every comfort. The Doctors, Sisters, and Nurses were so gentle and kind. He was a favorite with us all. I should be very glad to hear from you some day, if you feel equal to writing to me, a little later on.

Should the account of the funeral be in any of your papers, would it trouble you to send it to me?

And now dear Mrs. Quinton, I will close, again expressing my deep sympathy to you all.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
HILDA BRYSON.

Fishery Inspector O'Reilly, who is at present on the West Coast, will join the Fiona on her arrival at Bay of Islands and proceed north to Bonaventure Bay and other points where his services may be needed in seeing that the fishery regulations are properly observed.

SOMEBODY'S BUSINESS

Residents of the vicinity complaining that Rankin Street, off Merry-meeting Road, is in a most filthy condition. A part of this street is within the city limits, but the section complained of is just without the boundary line, and for that reason no doubt the city officials think the cleaning of it is no concern of theirs. Would it not be a good idea for the Health Inspector to pay a visit to the place and insist on having it cleaned up. If the Council is not responsible then some other authority is. Surely we are not going to have the town surrounded by a neutral zone or a kind of no man's land over which neither the Council nor the Government Road Inspector will exercise control and on which all kinds of filth may be deposited to the detriment of the public health. If there is any doubt as to where the exact line of demarcation falls the city's boundary line should be pegged off by the City Engineer or the Government Engineer. If the East End Road Inspector wants to get his line across this street all he has to do is to make a request to the Public Works Department and one or other of these engineers will have to attend to it.

BLOOD THICKER THAN WATER

The commander of the commerce raider Eitel Friedrich has stated to when we sank a British ship which an American interviewer, that when he sank a British ship which had pigs on board "we rescued the pigs first, then the English. The swine first, mind you; they were important." Blood is thicker than water.

HERRING PLENTIFUL

Herring were fairly plentiful around Portugal Cove and Broad Cove last week and many residents of these places secured enough for winter's use. They have now struck off and none can be got at either place the last few days.

The schr. Nills, twenty-nine days from Iceland, arrived in port yesterday, in ballast, consigned to order.

S. S. Florizel is due to arrive in port early this afternoon.

WRITES FROM HOSPITAL

R. N. Hospital,
Gibraltar,
Nov. 29th, 1916.

My dear mother,—I will just start to try and write an answer to your letter, received a while ago, and was more than glad to hear from you, but I didn't have time to write before. I wrote Edgar and Mary Ann last week, I intended to write you also only I wasn't feeling very good at the time, but I am alright now. I expect to get out of hospital this week, or the first part of next. I hope so anyway.

Well, mother, I suppose it is looking like winter home now, is it? But there is not much difference in summer at home and winter in England. When you write again tell me if you get any money from the "Briton." You haven't said anything about it for a long, long time, if you don't get any let me know, and I will see about it.

You asked me about that pair of socks that Uncle Will sent me. Yes, I got them about three months ago, and I wrote him as soon as I received them but I haven't got any reply, whether he got my letter or not I can't say. I had a letter from Susie Quinton at St. John's and she told me that they were still enlisting at home. I guess they will have to come now, if they didn't when the war started. Wouldn't I like to see Conscriptio in Nfld? Because I know there are lots of fellows at home (or near home) who should be serving their King and Country, instead of that, they are hiding away in the cosy corner, and just laughing at the war being on, while others are fighting for them, but I expect they will soon have to come, whether they like it or not and how much more manly it would be, if they offered their services voluntarily, instead of being pressed.

Well, I will now close my letter. Good bye, mother, and write soon to your loving son, Albert.

(The above writer is Albert Fry, L. D. S., son of Mr. Thomas Fry, of Charlestown, B. B. He has now been on active service for two years.)

L. O. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Please grant space in your valuable paper to record the death of a deceased Brother, Robert Skeffington, age 64, who passed peacefully away to the Great Beyond on Nov. 29th. We deeply regret the loss of our old and loyal Brother of our Association, whom we shall greatly miss, and whose influence was great amongst the Brethren. We tender our deepest and sincere condolence to the bereaved family who are left to mourn his sad loss.

Signed on behalf of the Loyal Orange Lodge, Newmans Cove, No. 112.
Albert Elliott—W. Master.
Nicholas Edmonds—Recording Secretary.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Herbert Ryan, elected W. Master; Samuel Cool, re-elected D. Master; Nicholas Edmonds, re-elected Rec. Secretary; Thomas Edmonds, re-elected Finan. Secretary; James S. Hicks, re-elected Treasurer; Alfred Abbott, elected Director of Ceremonies; Albert Cool, re-elected Chaplain; Joseph Tilly and Albert Ryan, re-elected Lecturers; Jeremiah Ryan, elected Inside Tyler; Frederick Abbott, re-elected Outside Tyler.

Thanking you for space and wishing you every success in your undertakings. I am, faithfully yours,
Nicholas Edmonds, Secretary.

WELL DONE

The Longshoremen's Union is acting in a admirable and very pleasing manner towards those of its members who have enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment and the Royal Naval Reserve. Of the latter there are ten and about ninety of the former. Each absent member is kept in good standing during his period of service and should he fall, his monthly benefit is paid to his next-of-kin, on receipt of a certificate of his death from the military authorities. Eight mortality benefits have thus been paid from the funds of the Union.

EXCELLENT SHOWING

Bishop Field College has an Honor Roll that any institution in the Empire may well feel proud of. As far as can be ascertained, no less than two hundred and nineteen of its students have joined the colours, in various regiments. Twenty-five of this number have already laid down their lives in the glorious cause for which they so nobly volunteered to fight.

Servicable Christmas Presents



We are showing a swell line of SLIPPERS for Christmas Shoppers. Our assortment of Felt Slippers for Women and Children is the largest and most exclusive line ever shown in the City.

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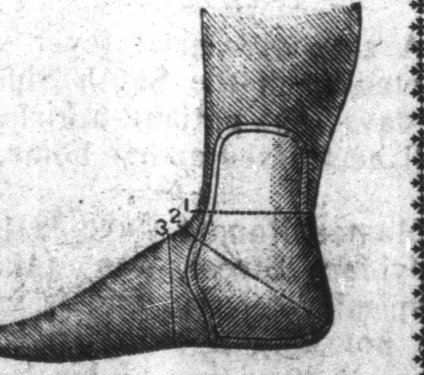


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Jensen at Torbay

At the repeated invitation of many in Torbay Pte. Phil Jensen after service Sunday night again spoke there on "The Battle-Fields of Europe." In spite of the very inclement weather the hall was filled. As is usual he was followed by the closest attention of the audiences, as he dwelt more especially on the deeds of the heroic Belgian army, the sufferings of the people, and the devastation of the land after the scourge of the Hun had passed by, dwelling on the fact that if our men do not go and help to keep the light where it is, and the enemy be allowed to cross the Atlantic, the fate of Newfoundland will be the same if not worse than that of Belgium, Serbia and the other small states that they have overrun. He ended with his usual stirring appeal for recruits and for money to succour his fellow soldiers through the Red Cross.

Several young men afterwards promised to come forward and the sum of \$27 was realized for the Red Cross.

CASUALTIES TOTAL

75,660 UP TO DATE

Of these 10,333 were killed in action, 3,825 died of wounds.

Canadian casualties since the outbreak of the war total 75,660, made up as follows:

Killed in action, 10,333; died of wounds, 3,825; died of illness, 536; presumed dead, 1,072; wounded, 47,187; missing, 2,707.

Enlistments to the end of November totaled 377,205.

For the last fortnight of November the recruiting totals for the various military districts were:

Eastern Ontario 628; Manitoba, 564; Toronto, 554; Montreal, 361; Saskatchewan, 316; Maritime Provinces, 265; British Columbia, 222; London, 216; and Quebec, 88.

PROMINENT MERCHANT DEAD

Yesterday the news reached the city that Mr. T. D. Holmwood, of London, had died suddenly on Sunday at St. Bigotta, Switzerland. The deceased gentleman was the senior partner in the firm of Holmwood & Holmwood, Ltd., London, and was connected with the business of Newfoundland for a number of years. Hon. J. C. Crosbie represents the firm in Newfoundland.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS REPORTED

Dr. Brehm, who went to Grand Falls last week, returned here by the express Saturday and while there assisted by Dr. Chamberlain diagnosed the illness of three patients to be infantile paralysis, a disease which was for a while very prevalent in New York and other U. S. cities and which created such a furor there. All precautions have been taken to prevent others becoming affected. How the disease came could not be discovered.

IS VISITING HERE

Lance Corporal Parsons, son of Mr. E. Parsons, M.H.A., Harbor Grace, and brother of Dr. Parsons, M.C., now in France, and Nurse Maisie Parsons at present in Salonika, is now visiting the city. The young soldier while fighting in France suffered from shell shock, was treated at Wandsworth and then returned here on sick leave.

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.

The Crescent Picture Palace presents to-day "Paying the Toll," a Knickerbocker star feature produced in three reels, featuring Horace Stanage and Grace Hall. "Bashful Billie" is a great Lubin comedy with Billie Reeves, the celebrated English Music Hall comedian. "The Ford Canadian Monthly," the foremost Canadian topical, is an interesting and instructive issue to-day. Professor McCarthy plays a new and classical musical programme. Don't miss to-day's show, its great.

ROSSLEYS' BRITISH THEATRE

There is a complete change of pictures at Rossleys' Theatre to-night. Several very fine feature. The rehearsals for the Christmas production are going ahead. There will be a very novel entertainment provided and something entirely new and original. A great laugh show and something never seen yet on the Rossley stage, and considering the many beautiful entertainments given there, the talent of our own little girls under the careful training of Mrs. Rossley will be shown up to great advantage.

POOR ASYLUM TREAT

The Poor Asylum Mission will hold a meeting at the residence of Mrs. Robinson, 14 Cathedral St., on to-morrow afternoon, when arrangements will be finalized to give the patients the annual Xmas treat. All look forward each year to this event, which gives as much pleasure to the donors as the recipients.

Those volunteers who reside outside the city will be given an opportunity of spending the Christmas in their homes. The volunteers who remain here will spend the day with their friends also and look forward to a jolly good time.

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Rescued After 23 Days

Captain A. Diamond and crew of the wrecked Newfoundland schooner "William A. Wight," are at Halifax on their way to their homes. For twenty-two days and nights they were battered about in a succession of hurricanes, with no fresh water, and with constant pumping necessary to keep their dismantled hulk afloat. Twice they saw steamer lights and burned flares of distress. Following these flares the steamer lights were distinguished. Finally they were picked up by the American oil tank steamer "Gold Shell," whose captain told the shipwrecked men that wireless warnings had been sent out to avoid suspicious lights as German submarines were using flares as traps and were operating far out in the Atlantic.

SHIPPING

The Prospero left Westport at 7 this a.m., bound North.

No word of the Portia was received to-day; she left Channel at 10 a.m. yesterday.

Both the schrs. Mildred and Benevolence arrived at Genoa yesterday, after a good run for each.

The S.S. Sorbough, which is now loading here, will take 3500 casks fish, containing 15,000 qtls. to Europe.

The schr. Annie L. Warren cleared to-day for Pernambuco with a fish cargo shipped by the Smith Co. Ltd.

The auxiliary vessel Lucania, owned by Job Bros. & Co., is now due from Plymouth and shall arrive here shortly.

The schr. Svalen arrived from Fleetwood, England, yesterday, after a passage of 54 days. The ship brought no cargo. She will load fish for Smith & Co., for European markets.

The schr. Glenwood, taking 2,390 qtls. Labrador fish and 900 qtls. shore left here yesterday for Seville, Spain, her cargo being shipped by A. Delgado.

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Janes, had a very stormy trip of it on the run to North Sydney but sustained no damage. She left here Thursday morning but did not arrive up till noon on yesterday.

S. S. Fiona left yesterday forenoon for Bay of Islands to go on the Fishery Protection service. When passing out the narrows the little ship was badly tossed about by the heavy swell heaving and those on board must have had an uncomfortable time particularly if there were any heavy articles around the deck not properly secured.

RESUMES HER VOYAGE

The Belgian steamer Emmanuel Nobel, which was here in port for some time past getting repairs will likely resume her voyage to Newport News, Va., to-day. She has been delayed in port the past day or so owing to some repairs being necessary to the proper working of her dynamo.

WAS DAMAGED: JETTISONED CARGO

We hear to-day that the schr. Nellie M., which arrived at Pernambuco a couple of days ago, met very stormy weather on the run South from this port and received considerable damage. She also had to jettison a portion of her cargo to lighten her in the storms which she experienced.

NOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Peter O'Keefe of 28 Fleming Street desires to heartily thank His Excellency the Governor, Lady Davidson, Sir E. P. and Lady Morris, Hon. J. D. and Mrs. Ryan and the many kind friends and neighbors who sympathized with him on the death of his son Pte. Wm. James O'Keefe of "Ours," who was killed in the drive of July 1st past.

JENSEN RED CROSS FUND

Miss Dorothy Sims, Hr. Breton proceeds of sale, \$47; George S. Mission Circle, \$15; lectures by Pte. Phil Jensen; at Wesley Church, \$38; two at Burin, \$415; one at Torbay, \$27.

ADELIN E. BROWNING

The sub-collector at Woods Island wired the Fisheries Department last evening—"Fair fishing in Middle Arm to-day. Boats average 8 tubs. Too stormy to fish on the outside. No report from North Arm."

The Archbishop At St. Patrick's

Sunday evening His Grace the Archbishop occupied the pulpit at St. Patrick's and addressed the people on some matters of finance connected with the Parish. He reviewed briefly what had been done up to the present time in matters of Diocesan finance, referring to the Corporation Bonds issued last year in connection with the Cathedral, the liquidation of the Diocesan debt, and the new buildings that had been undertaken in connection with the Presentation Convent and St. Joseph's, Holytown. His Grace then intimated that improvements in connection with St. Patrick's Church would next engage attention, plans were already being considered for the erection of new steps leading up to the Church and arrangements were being made for installing new pews and also for laying the new hardwood floor. To cover this prospective expenditure Corporation Debenture Bonds to the extent of \$50,000 would be issued this year in connection with St. Patrick's Church. The purposes for which the loan would be devoted were outlined, namely, the new works in connection towards the new Church at Kilbride, the erection of the new parish in the centre of the city and the improvement of school conditions in connection with the Convent. The new loan, the Archbishop stated, was practically subscribed and the Debentures would be issued at the beginning of the New Year.

THE FLORIZEL HERE

The S.S. Florizel, Capt. Martin, arrived in port at 1 p.m. to-day. The ship brought along a full freight which includes large shipment of Christmas goods and consignment of poultry. She had a fine run from New York to Halifax but on the run down from the latter port had high seas and very stormy weather, though all things considered she made a quick run, having left Halifax at 7 a.m. Sunday. She brought several saloon and steerage passengers.

WORST STORM FOR YEARS

People who arrived by the express yesterday say that the storm of Saturday and Sunday was the worst experienced on the West Coast for 20 years. A mountainous sea ran at Channel and right along the coast and the waves ran over the light house at times at Channel Head. Windows were blown in in many houses, trees were uprooted, the roof was blown bodily off the roof of the coal shed at Little River and some of the trains were held up in this section where the wind by actual computation blew at the rate of 38 miles an hour. Rain fell in torrents and down the coast for more than a week past none of the fishermen about Rose Blanche and neighborhood could go out on the grounds, so that the fishery for this period has been a blank.

Two Men Missing

People who arrived here by the express say that about 2 1/2 weeks ago two brothers named Churchill set out from Hill View, S.W. Arm, Random, to go in the interior 40 or 50 miles, deer shooting. They took grub enough for a two weeks expedition and when they did not return after the expiry of the fortnight their friends became anxious about them. During their stay in the country fierce storms have been experienced and the people of the place are very anxious about the men. A couple of days ago a public meeting was held and search parties were formed and went into the country in a search for the men, but up to the time our informant had left they had not returned.

NO DEER REPORTED

The train hands on the express report the weather exceptionally mild right across country and up to date no ponds or rivers have frozen over. It however has been very stormy the past few days with torrential rain and gales of wind from the S. and S.E.

LOCAL ITEMS

In Saturday's issue the name of A. Douglas Cox was inadvertently omitted from the list of those offering as volunteers.

The Belgian steamer Emanuel Nobel which has been detained in port for some days, now has her engines in working order and will sail to-day.

The Kyle's express, with mail and passengers, arrived here at 8.05 last night, after a good run across country.

The passengers who leave here Thursday morning will connect with the Glenoce, which leaves Placentia for ports on the S.W. Coast.

The S.S. Diana, two days out from Halifax, passed Cape Race at 3 p.m. yesterday, and will arrive in port this morning. She brings a general cargo consigned to James Baird, Ltd., and others.

The whaler Cabot is now on the Floating Dock undergoing her annual overhauling and will be put in first-class condition for next season's operations at Hawke's Harbor, Labrador.

Mr. W. A. MacKay, so well known in mining circles, arrived in town by the express last night, from Little Bay. Mr. MacKay has been conducting successful mining operations at Little Bay since early in the season.

The schr. Quissetta, Hynes, master, arrived from Alexander Bay Saturday night. She has a deck load of wharf sticks for Geo. Neal, and a cargo of lumber below deck for W. & C. Rendell.

The Norwegian steamer Sorhaue, Captain Bertausen, arrived in port at 3 p.m. yesterday, after a stormy passage of twelve days from Barrydock, England. She came in ballast and will load fish from several of the mercantile houses, for Alicante, Spain.

FOR HER OR FOR HIM at this season, the most acceptable Christmas present will be a SEASON TICKET for the PRINCE'S RINK. Buy them NOW at Room 15 Commercial Chambers, Water Street. —dec19,21,23,3i

The Water Street stores were open last night for the first time until 10 o'clock to give people an opportunity to purchase for Christmas. Much business was done and this will help to relieve the rush which generally comes on Christmas Eve.

The primary department of St. Thomas' S.S. Class will hold a Christmas Tree in Canon Wood Hall, on to-morrow afternoon. On Thursday evening the Adult members will hold a tea and entertainment.

Mr. Wm. Cochrane, janitor of the Supreme Court, is possibly one of the oldest of the civil servants residing in St. John's. On Thursday he will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his appointment to the position of janitor and during that time has given faithful and efficient service in the position.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Intoxicating Liquors.

FROM and after the first day of January, 1917, no persons except the Controller appointed under the provisions of the Prohibition Plebiscite Act, 1915, shall import into the Colony any intoxicating liquors, except for sacramental purposes, under a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars, and not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, or, in default of payment, imprisonment not exceeding Three Months.

If any one after the first day of January, 1917, manufactures any intoxicating liquors at any place within the Colony he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars, and not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, or, in default of payment, imprisonment not exceeding three months.

If any one not licensed in accordance with the provisions of the said Prohibition Plebiscite Act, (Druggists and Medical Practitioners) sells, after the 1st day of January, 1917, any intoxicating liquors, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred Dollars, or, in default of payment, imprisonment not exceeding Three Months.

If anyone has in his possession any intoxicating liquors at any place in the Colony after the first day of January, 1917, manufactured or imported in or into the Colony after the first day of January, 1917, except in accordance with the provisions of section 27 of the Prohibition Plebiscite Act, 1915, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars, and not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, or, in default of payment, imprisonment not exceeding Three Months.

JOHN SULLIVAN,
Inspector General of Constab.
dec19,21,23

FREIGHT WANTED—Schooner "Ellen L. Maxner," 99 tons, wants freight for points in Conception Bay. She is now discharging at Horwood Lumber Co.'s west wharf. See the Captain, WILLIAM POMEROY.—2i

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A Doctor. Reside at Western Bay. Practice from Broad Cove to Burnt Point, both inclusive. Valued at \$3000; perquisites extra. Apply EDMUND BUTT, Western Bay.—dec2,t

FOX FOR SALE—One Female Light Silver Fox. Apply to GEO. GILLINGHAM, Lower Island Cove.—dec19,3i

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