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RUSSIANS ANNOUNCE A VICTORY

Inflicted a Serious Defeat on the Germans, Turning Their Right Wing—Captured Artillery and Supplies

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—An official communication given out by the General Staff says "Engagements which have developed in the region of Plesnanyes and Cerehanow, east of the East Prussian border and Mlawka have not yet terminated.

In the fighting which took place in the region of Piotrkow we were only partially successful. The battle which commenced December 5th, S.E. of Cracow in the region of Wieliczka on the river Deriutka has developed in our favor.

Courageous Act.

After having courageously forced the passage of the Donauetz River in the vicinity of Novy Sandov, our reinforcement assumed the offensive and inflicted a serious defeat on the German troops which had formed in the valley of Leszczyna.

The German right wing, which was pursued, was turned. The 24th German corps transported here from Belgium opened this combat with an auto battery in its advance guard which was partly disabled and partly put to flight without striking blows.

Put Artillery out of Action.

Following this we successfully put out of action several pieces of heavy artillery, silenced five field batteries and captured several cannon.

German prisoners affirm that their units sustained enormous losses, some of the companies being reduced to forty men.

We are pursuing the offensive. On the morning of Dec. 7th, the Turkish cruiser Breslau was discovered in the vicinity of Sebastopol. Our cruisers and hydroplanes started in pursuit, but before an attack could be made the Breslau disappeared out to sea.

Victory Won By Servians Overwhelming

Austrians, Overwhelmed, had to Retreat in Disorder, Losing Many Guns and Men.

Nish, Dec. 8th.—The Servian victory of Dec. 5 on the north-eastern front is further emphasized in a Servian official statement to-day which concludes as follows:

"The enemy was overwhelmed and had to retire in disorder. In the pursuit we took six officers and 1810 men prisoners and captured two howitzers and nine other guns, many rifles and some telegraphic material.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Twenty nations of the Western hemisphere yesterday expressed their disapproval of the effect of the operations of European belligerents in the waters of the two Americas and appointed a commission of diplomats to formulate practical steps contemplating a more vigorous assertion of the rights of neutrals.

ALLIES MAKE GAINS IN WEST

(French Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 8.—In Belgium the Germans have bombarded Oost-Dunkirk, located two and a half miles west of Newport.

Between Bethune and Lens we have taken possession of the village of Vermelles and a portion of Rotture to the east, on which we are along the railway line.

Along Battle Line of 300 Miles Germany and Russia Still War For The Possession Of Poland

Victory on Part of this Great Front Appears to have Fallen to the Germans, but the Russians Still Press on Cracow From the South—Violent German Attack in Belgium is Repulsed—Contradictory Reports From Austro-Servian Field—Kaiser Reported Sick

London, Dec. 8.—The great battle for the possession of Poland continues. The front extends along three hundred miles. Victory over part of it at least appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pressing upon Cracow to the South.

That Lodz is in the hands of the Germans seems undoubted, and the Russian official report just issued is apparently preparing the public for the news by referring to the difficulty in defending that city, which gives the Russian front an abnormal contour.

Fearful Slaughter and Intense Suffering.

The details of this mighty battle have yet to be written. General facts that there has been a fearful slaughter and intense suffering from cold, comprised about the total information received.

The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians south and southeast of Lodz. Several correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle broke out, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of strict censorship.

British military experts insist that three quarters of the best material of the German army have been held in the Western Theatre of war throughout the campaign, and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist mostly of the second line organizations.

Violent German Attack.

The French official report tonight announces that the Germans have made a violent attack on the Allies at Steloy, south of Ypres, which was repulsed. This may mean the renewal of the German attempt to batter through the Allied lines, which was predicted from their movements in Belgium.

Elsewhere in the Western theatre there have been only local engagements. Austrian-Servian reports continue to claim successes for their respective sides. Serbia reports a victory on the northeast front, with nearly two thousand prisoners. Vienna says the Austrian advance to the South of Belgrade is progressing.

Apart from the field battles, the illness of the German Emperor at Berlin from bronchial catarrh with fever, is the most interesting news today. The Emperor's prolonged activity and recent reports, have caused the public to watch with particular interest any developments regarding his health.

Lost Its Urgency.

Petrograd, Dec. 8.—Official by General Staff of the Russian Army—Considering the abandonment of Lodz, reports say that during the fighting of the second half of the month of November, Lodz acquired a great military importance, but German offensive on the Lodz-Lowicz line having failed, the defence of Lodz lost its urgency.

The defence of this large city presents many difficulties from a military point of view. It gives our front an abnormal contour, which is embarrassing our communications with the rear.

It may, therefore, be expected with the settling of a lull on the left bank of the Vistula, the Russian lines in the region of Lodz will be reformed.

AVIATOR EARL AND COMPANION SHOT BY ENEMY

London, Dec. 9.—Earl Annesley, and his companion Lieut. Beaver, who disappeared early last month after starting on an aeroplane flight to the Continent, have been killed by the Germans.

Countess Annesley was notified to-day that the men were shot November 5th, while flying over Ostend.

Prospero left Westport at 8.30 a.m. going north.

Allies Drive German Staff From Roulers

The Bombardment of This Place Marks Distinct, Important Advance by the Allies.

SEVEN PLANS OF GERMANS HAVE FAILED

Notable Instances Were Failure to Capture Paris, Dunkirk, Calais and Ypres, or to Pierce Allies' Lines

Bordeaux, via Paris, Dec. 8.—The Bulletin Des Armees after reviewing at great length the military operations since the outbreak of the war, sums up the French situation on December 1st as follows:

In numbers, the French army to-day is equal to what it was on August 2, all the units having maintained their full strength. The quality of the troops has improved infinitely. Our men fight to-day like veterans. They are all deeply imbued with their superiority, and have absolute faith that they will be victorious.

The higher command, renewed on account of necessary dismissals, has not committed during the past three months, any of those faults noted and punished in August.

Larger Supplies.

Our supplies of artillery and ammunition have been largely increased. The heavy artillery which we lacked has been organized, and is working well.

The British army has been strongly reinforced during November, and is numerically stronger than at the beginning of the campaign. The Indian divisions have finished their apprenticeships in the European war.

"The Belgian army has re-formed in six divisions, and is ready and resolute to reconquer its native soil.

"The German plan has met with seven far-reaching reverses, namely: The failure of the dash on Nancy, the failure of the march on Paris, the failure of the attempt to roll up our left flank in August, the failure of the same movement in November, the failure to pierce our centre in September, the failure of the attack on Dunkirk and Calais by the coast, and the failure of the attack on Ypres.

"In this barren effort Germany has exhausted her reserves. The troops she brings into the line to-day are badly officered and badly trained.

GEN. BEYERS MEETS FATE

Was Shot While Attempting to Lead Rebel Force Across Vaal River—Search for the Body

Johannesburg, Dec. 9.—Brigadier General Beyers, one of the leaders of the rebellion has been shot. It is officially announced, and is believed to be dead.

Pretoria, Dec. 9.—The circumstances which led the Government to announce that General Christian Beyers had been killed were made public here today.

It appears that, during a sharp engagement on the banks of the Vaal, Beyers, with some others, endeavored to cross the river. They were fired on and Beyers was seen to fall from his horse. His body drifted down the stream and then disappeared under the water. Search is being made for the body. General Beyers was the only important rebel leader still at large.

'It's a Short, Short March To Calais' Sing The Germans

But, Just the Same, that Short Bit of Road is too Hard for Them to Pass.

London, Dec. 8.—The British marching song 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary,' has now a rival on the other side of the trenches in Belgium.

Refugees tell of a new song heard in cafes and other places where German officers and soldiers gather which, in English, runs: 'It's a Short, Short March to Calais. The refugees say the Germans are becoming adepts at singing it.

Austrian Cruelty In Galicia, Wholesale Murders Reported

Thousands of the People Are Starving and Homeless—Austrian Officials Act With Unrestrained Cruelty—10,000 Arrests and 1000 Executions Reported Throughout the Province—Notable Instances of Barbarity

Lemberg, Galicia, Dec. 7.—A committee appointed to investigate conditions in Galicia reports that there have been wholesale murders, executions and excesses of every description in Galicia. Thousands of starving, homeless families give evidence of these depredations. The Russian population, the committee says, suffered most severely, less from natural consequences of war than from the cruelty of Austrian officials, who always suspected the loyalty of the Galician populace and have acted with marked severity since the beginning of the war.

Hanged or Shot Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Men.

The committee established the fact that in seven counties two hundred and sixty-eight men have been shot or hanged, including two priests. Throughout Galicia it is estimated that ten thousand arrests have been made and one thousand executions have taken place. In five counties the committee states its members counted four thousand and fifty burned homes. In the county in which Przemysl is located there are three thousand six hundred and twenty families with three thousand eight hundred children under five years of age, who are homeless.

Whole Families Imprisoned. Whole families, including babies, children and decrepit old men, in one instance a deaf mute, have been thrown into prison. Near Przemysl the committee reports, every village has been burned. In the neighborhood of Jasiao, one hundred and sixty persons in a deserted hamlet were found to have been hanged.

Most of these outrages are said by the committee to have been committed by the Hungarians. Girl Crucified. It is stated that Cossacks who were pursuing a detachment of Hungarian soldiers found the body of one Russian girl who had been crucified. It is also alleged that in one field hospital five persons horribly mutilated were received. The committee reports that all these facts have been authenticated.

The report said the Russian troops had been aroused to a high pitch of fury against the enemy. The members of the committee made their investigation under the direction of its president, Count Bobinsky, Governor-General of Galicia.

Colombia Not Taking Chances With Wireless

Minister of Foreign Affairs Orders High Power Station at Cartagena To Be Dismantled

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 8.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs to-day ordered the removal of a high power wireless station at Cartagena.

Cartagena is a seaport town of the South American republic of Colombia and is situated on the Southern Coast line of the Caribbean sea near the entrance of the Gulf of Darien and three hundred miles eastward of Colon at the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal.

Oil Tanker Here For Bunker Coal

Saronian is New London Ship of Over Four Thousand Tons.

The s.s. Saxonian, Captain Leech, eighteen days from Sunderland, bound to New York, arrived this morning short of coal.

She takes two hundred tons from the Beatrice and will sail again tomorrow.

The Saxonian is a new ship built this year at Greenock and owned by Lane and MacAndrew, London.

She is 4,850 tons gross, 374 feet long, fifty-one wide and twenty-seven deep.

Fierce Storm Off Gt. Britain Cruiser Ashore

H.M.S. Venus runs on the Rocks—Steamship Ashore—Norwegian Vessel Founders.

London, Dec. 5.—In a violent storm off the English coast to-day, the British cruiser Venus and the steamship Anthony were driven ashore. The Norwegian steamer Waterloo foundered last night.

LODZ LOSS NOT A BIG REVERSE

Does Not Give Germans Any Important Railways Which Are All Held by the Russians

London, Dec. 8.—It is unofficially admitted in Petrograd that the Germans have taken Lodz after a bombardment which set portions of the city on fire. It is denied, however, that the loss of Lodz is a severe reverse, since the city does not control the main line of railways from Petrov to Warsaw but is on a branch line.

The Russians are holding the junction point of Koluski and until the Germans are able to occupy Koluski they cannot take advantage of the railroad system.

There is no longer any misapprehension in Petrograd as to the seriousness of the situation in Poland, but army officials assert that the Russians have anticipated the German plans and are developing a further surprise. There will be much more fighting before the campaign in this district is concluded.

Lodz was won only after hand to hand fighting in the suburbs of the city and the whole Russian line from North to South is now straightened out and will contest every foot of the ground with the invaders.

PARTY LEADERS WILL ADDRESS BIG MEETING

One of the most important of patriotic meetings held in this city since war began will be that at the British Hall tomorrow night, under the auspices of the Society of United Fishermen.

The speakers are to be Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris and Pres. W. F. Coaker, M.H.A.

A full house is expected and doubtless the patriotic appeals made by these two leaders of opposing political parties will give a great incentive to recruiting in this city.

London Hears German Fleet Is Now Abroad

Rumors Persist in British Capital that Kaisers Ships are out of Hiding.

London, Dec. 5.—Reports persist here that the German fleet has started out from its home port for a battle in the North Sea and that the Zeppelin fleet is ready to aid it in attacking the British warships or in all probability the English coast.

Fire Patrol Hold Annual Meeting

Number of Fires This Year Much Less Than Last Year

The annual meeting of the Fire Patrol Board was held Monday at the office of the Agriculture and Mines.

Hon. S. D. Blandford, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, acted as Chairman.

There were also present Messrs. L. R. Cooper (Secretary) and W. J. Scott, of Grand Falls, representing the Harnsworth Co. A. E. Harris, of Bishop's Falls, the Albert E. Reed Co. T. Howe, Chief Fire Ranger and R. Horwood, Esq.

The reports showed that \$4,730.25 were subscribed by voluntary contributors, outside the \$4,000.00 contributed by the Government.

The number of fires this year was considerably less this year than last year.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fresh northerly winds; fair and colder today and on Thursday.

## WILL RAISE 2,00,000 MEN IN CANADA

**Canadian Contingents to be Raised to this Strength Within a Year—Now Recruiting for 60,000 Men**

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—There will two hundred thousand Canadians under arms and in uniform upon the battle line in Europe if the war continues for another year. It is learned that the Minister of Militia expects to continue the enlistment of men in large numbers until the war closes.

There appears to be an ample supply of men offering. There might be some difficulty in getting more than three hundred thousand men in Canada, but up to that number men of the right sort can be obtained without difficulty.

**Delay in Supplies.**  
The supply of arms, uniforms and equipment has delayed the mobilization of men somewhat up to the present time. The supplies are now becoming more ample and will continue to be more and more easily available as time goes on.

The first expeditionary force has made a very good impression on the English officers and they are willing to take many more of them as fast as they can be forwarded.

**Hunt for Horses.**  
The raising of more cavalry regiments in Canada will start a lively hunt for horses. There have been but

few cavalry men sent forward so far, though the artillery and transport absorbed a large number of horses. With a big force of cavalry and artillery being raised, the question of horses becomes an important one. Already gray and white horses are becoming conspicuous on the streets. They are not taken for military purposes.

### Classes to be Raised.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The distribution of the additional forces which are about to be recruited for active service is announced subject to possible revision, and the plan shows practically an equal number of men to be raised in the east and in the west. While the west will raise five cavalry regiments to four in the east, it will recruit only nine infantry regiments as against ten in the east. The extra forces will total 31,700 and in proportion to population, of course, the west will be contributing a very much larger share than the east.

### The Recruiting Districts.

The distribution is as follows: London district, two cavalry squadrons (700 men each, three squadrons making a regiment) and two infantry regiments; Toronto, two cavalry squadrons and three infantry regiments; Kingston and Ottawa, two squadrons and two infantry regiments; Montreal, two squadrons and one infantry regiment; Quebec, one squadron and one infantry regiment; Maritime Provinces, three squadrons and one infantry regiment; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, six squadrons and four infantry; British Columbia, three squadrons and two infantry; Alberta, six squadrons and three infantry.

### Prospective Total 25,000.

When these forces are also recruited the total enrollment will be 33,000 in England; 8,000 on guard duty, 23,000 raised to date for second force, total

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## British Tommies Gave Own Rations To The Refugees

Private T. Gasking, of the Royal Field Artillery, writes to his parents at Hoxton:—

I have always longed to see active service, but after the sights one has seen on this expedition, well, really they have been too terrible to relate. England does not know what an invasion is—women and children, old and young, cripples and invalids, turned from their homes starving and destitute. It absolutely makes one's blood boil. I have seen our Tommies give their biscuits and thinned bally to them and bite their lips with wrath not thinking of their own stomachs, but only of the children who are not old enough to understand and the helpless women.

in active service now 64,000. The 31,700 about to be raised will bring the grand total up to 95,700.

The forces about to be raised will include nine cavalry regiments of 5,500 men, nineteen infantry regiments of 20,000 men, army service corps, 2,000, army medical corps, 1,500, six batteries of artillery, 600 engineers, 1,000 signal and cycle corps, etc. 500.

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## General News Of The World

### Culled From Many Sources For Readers of The Mail and Advocate

Three well-known New York restaurants served ostrich as a rival to Turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

A membership of the New York Coffee Exchange was sold for \$1,275, the last previous sale being \$1,500.

Persons who take a gloomy view of the war in England are called "Dismal Jimmies" and "A. I. L.'s," the latter being an abbreviation of the "All is Lost" brigade.

Owing to the destruction of Lille a great shortage of wool in France is reported, and anxious as the women of France are to knit comforts for the soldiers the fact of wool being at a premium makes this difficult.

The Norwegian Government has arranged a new \$4,000,000 loan at 5 per cent, chiefly to cover extraordinary expenses, including cost of grain bought by the government.

It is said that German submarines have been able to lie close off the English coast, unnoticed by shipping.

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Before Judge Bazin, sitting in the Court of Special Sessions, Montreal, Monday, Alexander Caron, found guilty of false pretences in connection with a real estate deal, was condemned to three years in the penitentiary.

The Comedie Francaise and Opera Comique in Paris will open on December 6, for the first time since the outbreak of war.

Every German regiment capturing a flag, gun or machine gun will receive \$187 for each trophy, proceeds to be invested for permanent benefit of men.

The United States Steel Corporation has ordered resumption of work at Bluefield, Penn., coal mines; 20,000 men will be employed.

The New York Post, financial, says Ford Motor Company has reduced its output from 1,000 to 600 cars daily,

while General Motors Company has curtailed 50 per cent.

In Holland the fastest trains make only 40 miles an hour. The ground is inclined to be soft and yielding, and it is unsafe to use heavy engines drawing trains at a high speed.

At a meeting of the Life Underwriters' Association, of New York, it was said that the new policies paid for in Greater New York for the first ten months of 1914, show increase of 15 per cent. over a year ago.

There are now at the front engaged in various capacities 63,000 ecclesiastics. They belong mainly to the Belgian, French and Austrian armies. A large number of them are working in the hospitals, among this section being seven bishops.

The International Committee of the Red Cross at Geneva warn relatives and friends that prisoners of war in Germany are strictly forbidden to re-

ceive newspapers or even parcels wrapped in newspapers. Any infraction of this rule, it says, renders the recipient liable to be shot.

Five German prisoners captured a few days ago made the statement that the Kaiser had offered a reward of \$5000 to any German soldier who would kill the commander of the British armored-train that has wrought so much havoc among the ranks of the enemy in Northern France and West Flanders.

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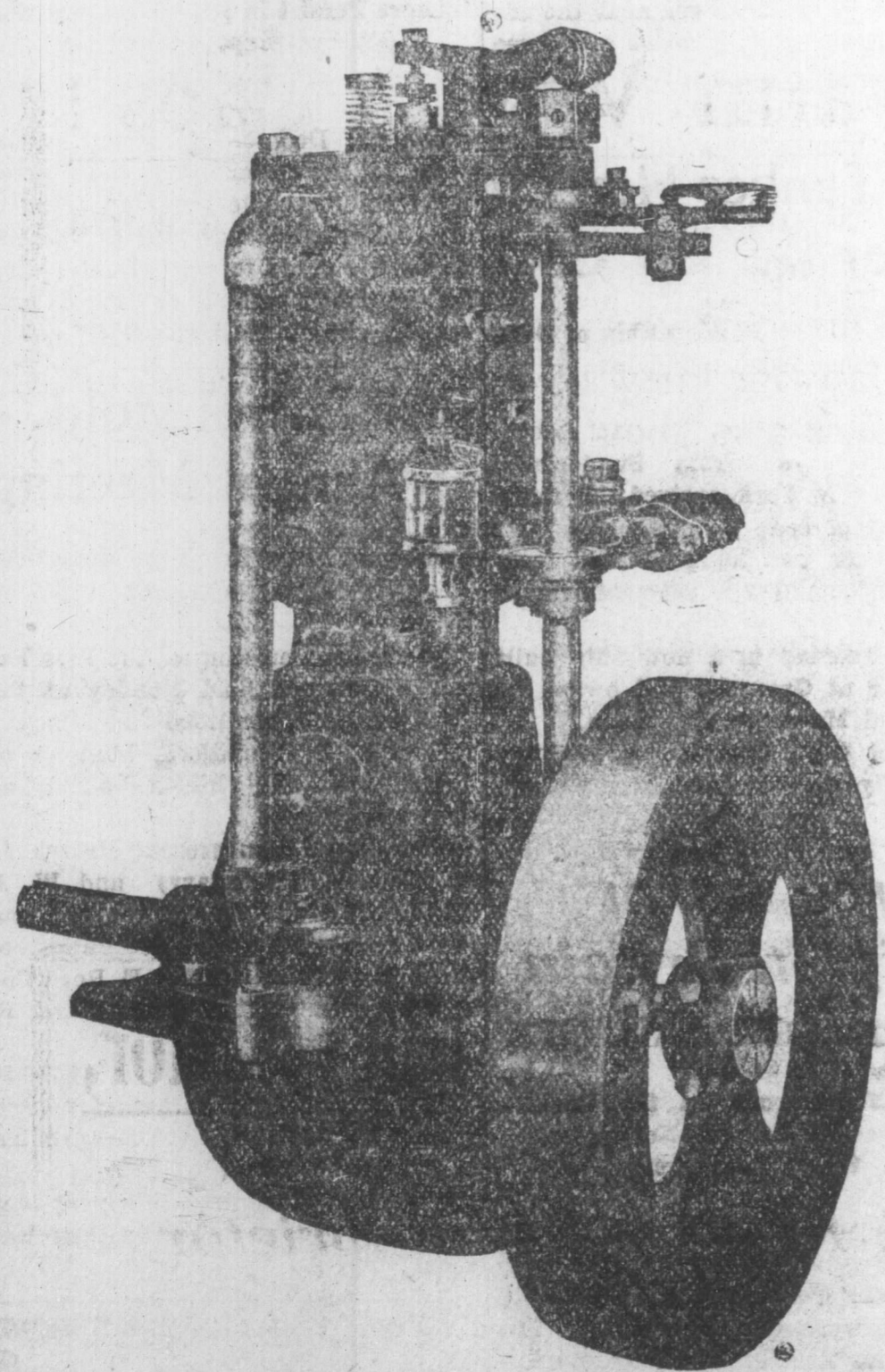
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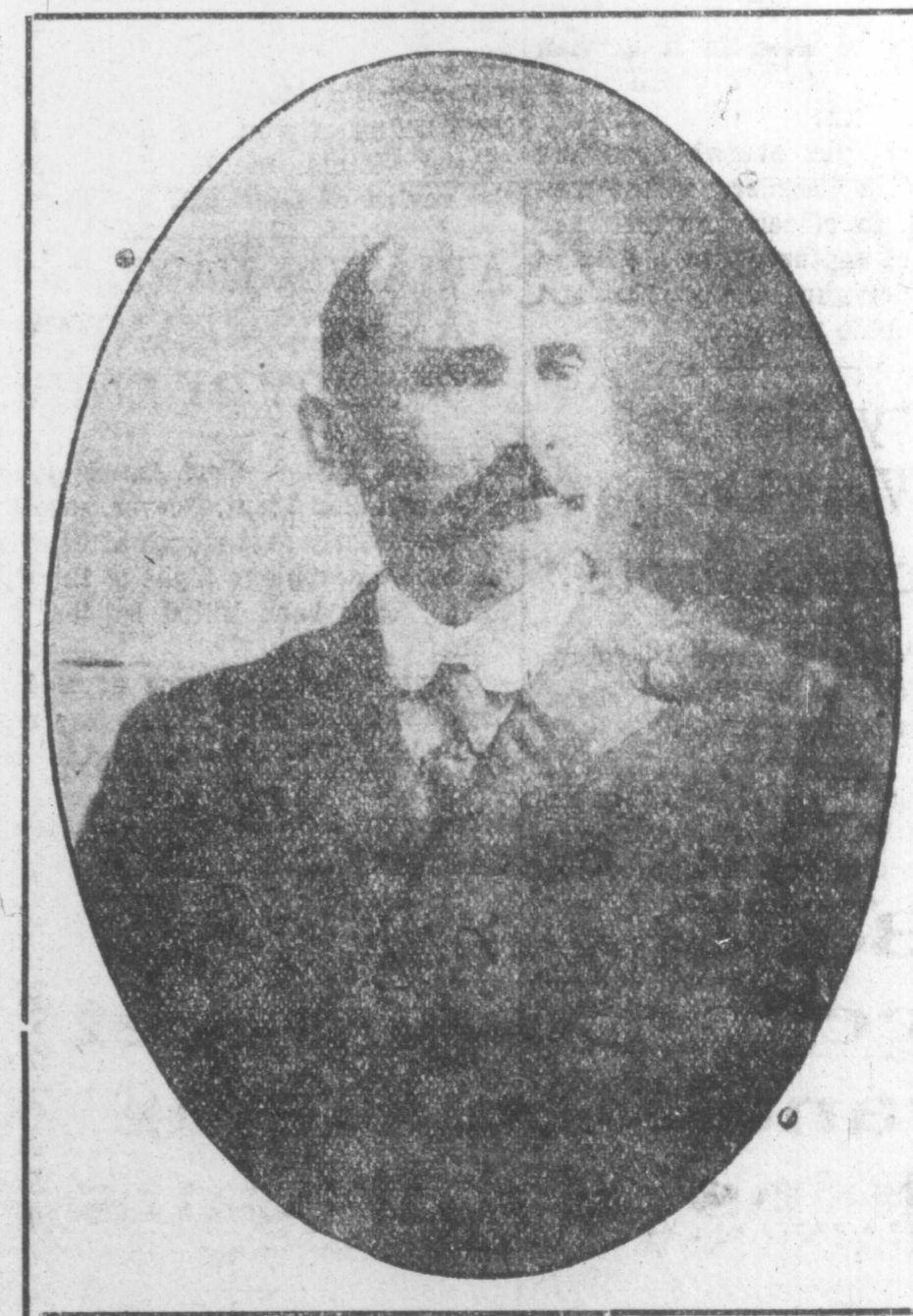


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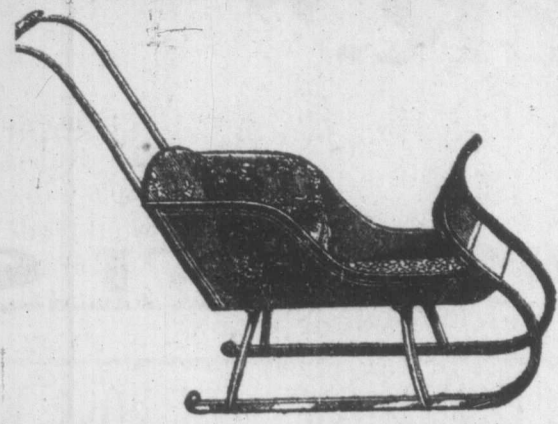
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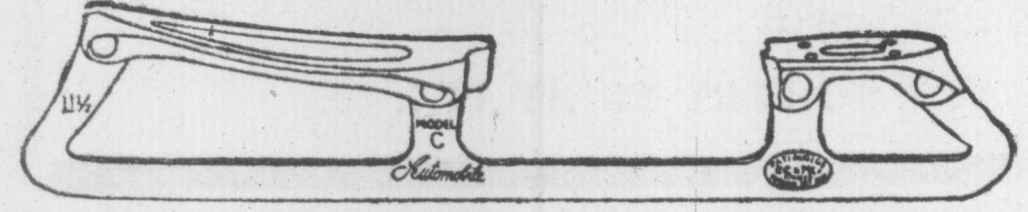
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## Stories From The Front

A member of the London Scottish, who was wounded while they were receiving their baptism of fire, gives the following description of their charge:

As we had expected and hoped for, we soon received instructions to take the enemy's position, and with the order "Fix bayonets, Charge!" we scattered across the large beet-field which lay between us and the enemy as fast as our legs could carry us.

A large number, including myself, never succeeded in reaching the German trenches, being victims to the hail of lead let loose upon us, but the remainder, though blown with the sprint over the rough ground, used their bayonets with all their might and main.

Our lines were broken three times, so desperate was the resistance of the Germans, who appeared to be endless in numbers, but our men, nevertheless, reformed on each occasion, and under heavy fire, charged again and again with bayonets already dripping with blood.

At length we took the position, though only — (deleted) of the whole battalion were able to answer the subsequent roll call.

### Hero Into Death.

A striking tribute to the bravery of a British officer is paid by Bandman Imeson, of the 4th Middlesex Regiment, in describing the death of Lieutenant Williams, of the same regiment.

"He was a hero," said Imeson, who is in hospital at Barnstaple. "When in the trenches he would expose himself to danger so as to take good aim with his rifle, although we frequently requested him to get under cover."

"His answer was, 'Look at the boundaries, men don't waste a shot; take careful aim so that each shot tells.'"

"It was while he was taking aim that he was shot through the stomach, and later died. His last words were, 'Men, give it to them.'"

### Belgium Understood Scotch.

Writing to his father at Cheshire, Harry Eastwick, who is a motor mechanic with the transport section of the expeditionary force, tells an amusing story of how a Scotchman got disgusted at his inability to make a shopkeeper understand what he wanted to purchase. He first relates his experience in conveying badly wounded Belgians—some of whom were almost dead—to hospital, and adds that it was "not a very pleasant job." He then proceeds:

There is a joke going round about one of the Scotchmen in our section who thinks he can speak French. Of course the people round here speak Flemish, and he did not know that it is very like Scotch. He went into a shop to buy some things, and, of course, tried his French. After a lot of jabber he gave it up as a bad job and tried them with more English, which only made matter worse, especially as his pals were all laughing at him. So in disgust he lapsed into broad Scotch, when the people immediately understood him.

### Used to Cover Retreat.

How he was left alone in a trench and used by the Germans for cover is narrated by Private William Davies, Loyal North Lancashire, formerly of Oswestry United Football Club. He says:

During our rushes forward a few of us got a little in advance of our firing line and within 300 yards of the

enemy's trenches, on which we kept up a good fire.

Owing to the terrible din and smoke of the battle we neither heard nor saw an order to retire or advance. My chums on either side of me had been hit. My rifle had become jammed owing to the heat and mud, so glancing round for another rifle I was greatly surprised to find that our men had retired and I was alone.

Just on the point of getting up I heard a shout from the right, and I found a line of German infantry within twenty yards of me. Being without a rifle I merely lay still, but felt very uncomfortable when two of them lay behind me and used me for cover. After a time they passed on, but one had been hit in the throat.

### Fight Against Odds.

Writing to his wife at Bradford, Private S. Bennison 2nd Manchester Regiment, now lying wounded in a hospital in Rouen, France, sends a vivid description of a fight in which he took part near a farm against overwhelming odds. The section with which he was engaged was subjected to an enfilading fire while in a trench, and at first thought their own comrades had mistaken them for Germans. There were only 14 men, including the officer, and when it was found that there were 300 Germans attacking them they were told to retire.

"We were just starting to retire," he proceeds, "when the Germans made a bayonet charge. Some of our chaps stopped behind a turning haystack, which wasn't much cover. Another chap and I could not run. We stood and fired three shots each—all we had in the magazines. I know for a fact I killed one German and wounded another. Then we had to drop our packs—except rifle and ammunition—and ran through a burning farm house. The Germans would not follow us, but kept firing after us. A last we reached our company, and later formed up with another company, and made a bayonet charge which sent the Germans back to their own quarters."

### Hit in Drain Pipes.

An amusing story of a German who crawled up a drain pipe in an effort to escape after being wounded is told by Private Haseldine, of the 13th Royal Lancers, in a letter to a friend at Husbands, Bosworth, Rugby. He says:

"We had to go off on patrol duty, and soon found plenty of Germans. We dismounted and went on foot. I wounded one fellow, and he fell in an open ditch by the side of the road. By the time I got to the place he had gone up a drain pipe, so I told him if he did not come out I would shoot up the pipe. He begged for mercy and came out, and I took him prisoner. . . . You would have laughed at the German coming out of the drain smothered in mud, and Tommy standing over him with his rifle ready."

### "Last Post" in a Bedroom.

There was a touching incident at the funeral at Willey, Shropshire, of Major Arthur Weld-Forester, M.V.O., of the Grenadier Guards, son of Lord and Lady Forester, who died from wounds received in action. Major Weld-Forester was buried with military honors. The "Last Post" was sounded by trumpeters of the Grenadier Guards, who visited the hall, and also sounded the "Last Post" in the dead officer's bedroom.

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Hon. Secretary,  
Reserve Force Com.

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## Press Bureau Mum On Loss of "Audacious"

Kept the Affair Quiet So As Not To Depress People—Had Other Reasons

THE "New York World" of Dec 3rd says:

The fact that H. M. S. Audacious which was mined on the north coast of Ireland, has been raised and is now in dry dock at Belfast, which was first printed in the World of last Saturday, was confirmed in despatches received by other N. Y. newspapers yesterday.

In that connection it is interesting to note that as yet no word of the disaster to the big superdreadnought has been permitted to be published in a British newspaper. While all the details are known to thousands in official life and in the newspaper world, the great mass of the British public is in absolute ignorance of either the sinking or subsequent raising of the vessel.

### The Explanation.

And this is the explanation given to the writer by the head of the Press Bureau about the middle of November:

"The Admiralty has decided not to permit the facts regarding the Audacious to be printed. Whether I agree with that decision is of no importance, because it is merely my duty to carry out its instructions."

"First of all, the Germans do not yet know that the Audacious has been sunk. It has not been printed in German newspapers and it has not yet been sent out in the German wireless official news."

### Keeping It Quiet.

"We do not intend to let it be printed here, because we do not wish to depress our people."

"By the time the Audacious is afloat again and in service we shall have added to our fleet two dreadnoughts of greater power than the Audacious, which are building for the Chilean navy, and which were taken over by His Majesty's government."

"The two announcements will be made simultaneously, and the accident to the Audacious will be then merely an unimportant incident."

"But you know the story was sent by steamer to the American newspapers and that these newspapers will soon be here in London, do you not?" he was asked.

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## THE UPPER HOUSE

THE F.P.U. Catalina Convention emphatically protested against the outrage committed on the common people by the Dumping Chambers' refusal to give the Loggers' Bill even a second reading.

That Chamber knew the Bill had been passed by the Lower House without a dissenting voice. What was strongly objected to by the employers had been removed from the Bill and the provisions it contained had reference only to the food supplied the men and their accommodation. The members of the Upper House cared little whether men were forced to lay on beds of boughs which were often icy and wet, nor did they care that more attention was bestowed upon the fittings of the sheds which served as stables for the employers horses than was bestowed upon the condition camps used by the loggers.

A gas-bag that any sensible man could easily read, came here to represent one of the small companies and lobbied until he had secured the support of men that he knew were not responsible to the people and the old trick so long practiced across the water of keeping down the masses by the power of the House of Lords was adopted here and to-day the strongest organization this country has ever owned is pledged to abolish the power of non-responsible slave masters, as their brothers in Britain did three years ago with the power of the House of Lords.

Never, in all the history of this Colony's sixty years of responsible government was anything so bare faced and brazen attempted in connection with a measure going up from the Lower House.

The peoples' representatives fresh from the polls and by an unanimous vote decreed that the four thousand men working as loggers should have some attention bestowed upon them as regards the food supplied them and the condition of their living and sleeping quarters. That was all, but that little was enough to cause the Lords of the Dumping Chamber to hurl its hitherto concealed hatred of the masses into the face of the Party in the Lower House that introduced the measure and who were sent there to represent the wishes of the toilers of the country.

No country was ever treated so insultingly, no body of upstarts clothed in a little brief authority in any country under the sun ever attempted such an outrage.

But it was not done with impunity. The toilers, thank Heaven, have an influence now that can reach even to the Throne and when the next political battle is fought the foremost matter to be submitted will be the abolition of that useless and autocratic chamber now known as the Dumping Chamber.

To treat the Loggers' Bill with contempt would have been sufficient to arouse the indignation of the people, but in addition the country this year was further humiliated by having two defeated candidates just fresh from the polls, thrust into the Dumping Chamber as soon as a couple of vacancies were secured, and because of being dumped there the Government got the Governor to consent to their appointment as members of the Executive Government and as Ministers of the Crown—positions the electorate had declared only four months previous they should not occupy.

This was done against the protest of the F.P.U. Convention which had laid its protest against such action in the hands of the Governor through a deputation of the whole Convention which had paraded from their place of meeting in this city to Government House.

If the Dumping Chamber had not been guilty of any other objectionable action, this would have been sufficient in any other country in the Empire to bring public indignation to boiling point to elicit a demand for the abolition of such a trickish and unconstitutional proceeding.

The time has now come for action. The fishermen have struck the first blow, and when the next general election comes the fate of that useless appendage of our Legislature will be decided.

Had it been decent enough to observe the signs of the times and had it treated the peoples request with respect that useless body might have gone on for a few more years, but as in England the local Lords defied the decision of the People's Parliament respecting the collection of taxes and thereby initiated one of the greatest political struggles in the history of England, which ended in making the House of Lords a Consulting Chamber, shorn of all power. So here the Upstart Lords hurled their insults and contempt, at the People by refusing to give a second reading to the first measure that ever went up to that Chamber in the interest of common humanity.

Had it been a beaver or deer bill, or a bill to preserve the herd of seals, or a bill to protect brute beasts it would have been given days of consideration and ultimately have passed—but this bill came from the largest body of men in Newfoundland—an organization that had controlled the return of thirteen members of the Lower House at the recent election and was intended to protect suffering humanity in a manner that would do no injury to any other interests, and was supported by every member of the Peoples' High Court—yet it was treated as though it was a bill intended to introduce small pox or cholera into the country.

The Dumping Chamber have made their own bed and they must now lay upon it.

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## AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS PROPOSED BY THE F. P. UNION RESOLVED AT CATALINA CONVENTION

### THE PRESENT LAW

Wherever practicable a doctor shall be carried in each ship.

In addition to the food usually supplied, not less than one pound of soft bread shall be served to each member of the crew three times each week.

Beef, pork, potatoes and pudding shall be supplied for dinner three times each week.

Fresh beef shall be supplied to each member of the crew once each week and when fresh beef is not available through circumstances over which the owner or master of the ship has no control, canned beef shall be substituted therefor.

The owner or master of any steamer offending against any of the regulations set forth in sections 1 and 2 shall be liable, for every offence against section 1, to a penalty not exceeding \$500, and for every offence against section 2, where such offence shall arise from any act, neglect or default of such owner or master, after his attention has been called to such offence, to a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars and not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be recovered in each case in a summary manner by any member of the crew of such steamer, who shall sue for the same before a Stipendiary Magistrate. Provided it shall be proved that complaint of any such offence against section 2 was made to the master at the time it occurred, provided that written notice of such suit shall be given to the said owner or master within seven days after the arrival of the steamer at port of discharge.

One half of any fine imposed under this section shall be paid over to the person or persons taking suit and one half to the Minister of Finance for the use of the Colony.

No seals shall be killed by any member of the crew of any ship prosecuting the seal fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence before the 12th day of March in any year, nor shall seals so killed be brought into any port of this colony under a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars to be recovered from the master, owner or other person on whose account such steamer shall have been sent to the fishery and subject to the proviso in the latter part of section eight.

The owner of steamers shall be liable in the case of the crew of any steamer being paid off at the end of the voyage with a balance insufficient to amount to pay the fares of the crew to their respective homes, to contribute a sum not exceeding four dollars which when added to the amount paid the crew will be sufficient for payment of the said fares.

### THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

A doctor shall be carried in each steel ship.

In addition to the food usually supplied, not less than two pounds of soft bread shall be served to each member of the crew three times each week.

Beef, pork, potatoes and pudding shall be supplied for dinner daily, fish may be substituted for beef and pork on Wednesdays and Fridays and soup on Saturdays.

Fresh beef shall be supplied to each member of the crew on Sundays and when fresh meat is not available through circumstances over which the owner or master of the ship has no control, canned beef shall be substituted therefor.

(d) By adding the following as s.s. (g): "In addition to their 'shares of seals chief cooks if their services have been satisfactory, shall each be paid a bonus of \$30.00, and assistant cooks each \$20.00 at the end of each voyage by 'the owners.'"

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One half of any fine imposed under this section shall be paid over to the person or persons taking suit and one half to the Minister of Finance for the use of the Colony.

No steamers crew shall be paid off with less than four dollars per man, exclusive of cropping.

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- Sec. 1, s.s. (h) of the said chapter is amended by deleting the words "wherever practicable."
- Sec. 2 of the said chapter is amended as follows:
  - s.s. (a) by substituting the words "two pounds" for the words "one pound."
  - s.s. (b) by substituting the word "daily" for the words "three times each week," and by adding the words "fish may be substituted for beef and pork on Wednesdays and Fridays and soup on Saturdays."
  - s.s. (c) by substituting the words "on Sunday" for the words "once each week."
- Sec. 4 is amended by deleting the words "provided it shall be proved that the complaint of any such offence against Sec. 2 was made to the master at the time it occurred," and by substituting the word "thirty" for the word "seven" between the words "within" and "days."
- Sec. 10 is repealed.

be liable for the amount.

(7) The right of property in seal pelts arising from the killing of seals and taking the pelts thereof into possession shall cease if the pelts be not taken on board the steamer by whose crew the seals were killed on the day of such killing. Thereafter the pelts shall belong to the owners of the sealing steamer on which the said pelts are put or whose crew or some member thereof have actual physical possession of the pelts.

(8) The Workmen's Compensation Act 8 Ed. VII, Cap. 5, shall apply to employment on board a sealing steamer. Injury by or from unusually severe exposure while on the ice shall be held to be injury by accident within the meaning of the Act.

(9) The Governor-in-Council may appoint a Board of Inspectors composed of three ship-builders, and make regulations for the performance of their duties, which shall have the force and effect of law after publication in the Royal Gazette.

(10) No Sealing steamer shall be cleared outwards for the seal fishery in any year without a certificate from the Board of Inspectors that she has within one month of the date of the clearance been inspected and found seaworthy and well fitted for the seal fishery.

(11) The Governor-in-Council may appoint a Board of Examiners consisting of three persons having not less than ten years' experience as masters of sealing steamers, and make rules and regulations providing for examinations which shall have the force and effect of law after publication in the Royal Gazette.

(12) No person shall be employed in any sealing steamer as second hand, or master watch, or Master without a certificate of competency from the Board of Examiners, under a penalty of five thousand dollars for each unqualified person, payable by the owner of the steamer.

(13) If two or more members of any crew of a sealing steamer shall die from exposure due to negligence on the part of the captain,

while on a sealing voyage, the master shall not afterwards be employed as such in any sealing steamer, under a penalty of five thousand dollars payable by the owners of any steamer so employing such masters.

(14) Any penalty provided by this Act may be sued for by any member of any steamer's crew in connection with which any offence here-

under has been committed, or by any other person in his own name who has been authorised so to do by any member of a crew.

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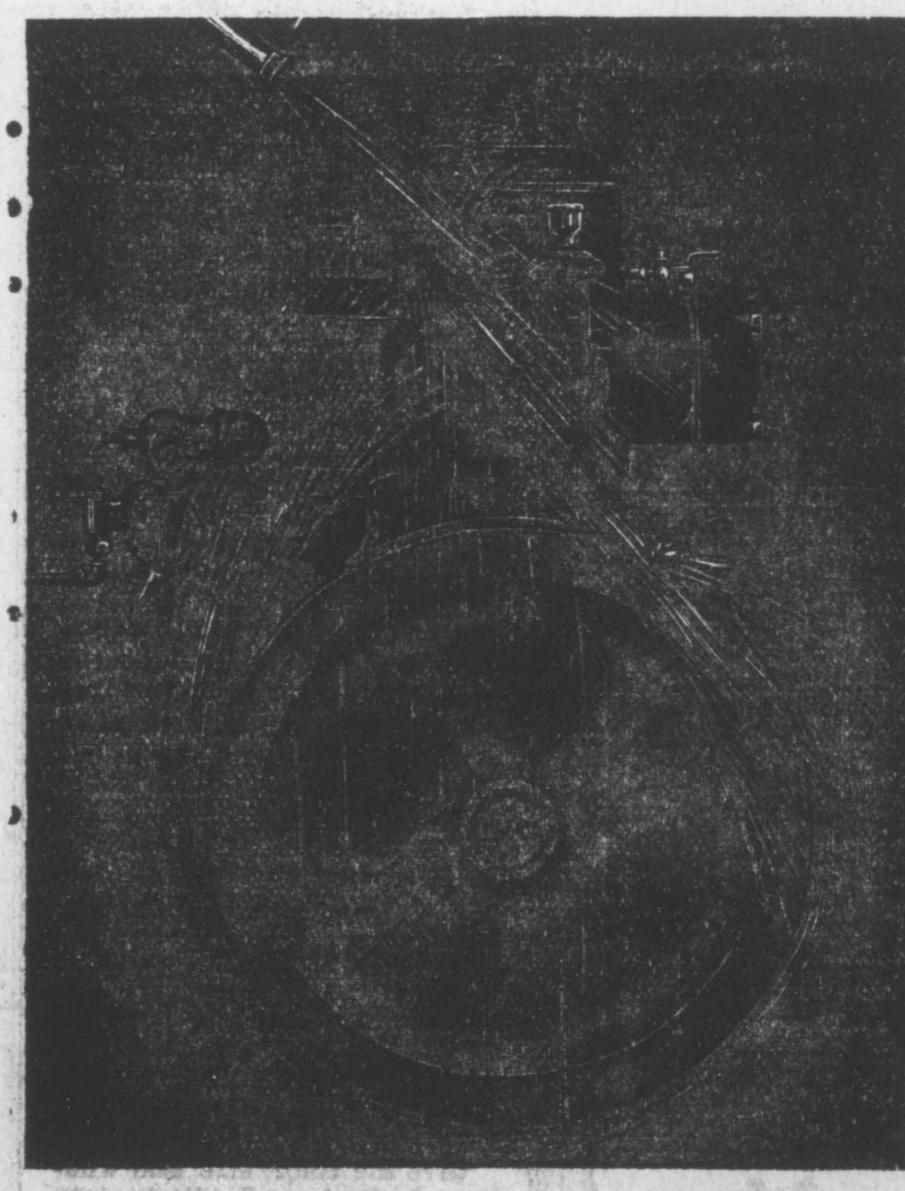
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## OUR NAVY SCORES BIG TRIUMPH

So British Papers Term Safe Arrival of Australians in Egypt—Conditions in Belgium and Poland

London, Dec. 5.—The fighting in Lodz region has developed into such a jumble that it is almost impossible to follow it. The most important factor from the allies point of view is that the German advance on Warsaw seemingly has not succeeded in its object, nor has it had the effect of diverting the Russians from their forward movement through the Carpathians, and on to the plains of Hungary, or against the fortress of Cracow, around which they are drawing a closer ring of men and artillery.

Likely Hold Out Longer  
With the case of Przemysl, which has held so long against the Russian attacks, before them, military men do not look for an early fall of Cracow, and are rather inclined to believe the armies of Emperor Nicholas will endeavor to keep the large Austrian force inside the fortress and enter Silesia from the southeast.

However, much depends on the battle which is being fought with such intensity further north, between the rivers Vistula and Warta, and in which all agree the losses on both sides have been very heavy. There is an inclination to believe in success for the Germans in this field, or Emperor William, who has returned to Berlin, would have remained to witness the victory of his troops.

Condition of Stalemate  
The battle in the west continues in a condition of stalemate. The allies and the Germans have attempted to take the offensive at different points along the front but as neither claims to have made any advance, and as both official reports mention repulses of the enemy, it is evident that the attacks which have been made have not met with much success.

War," the French bulletin of the armies, is publishing a report of the entire operations of the war. In it the explanation is made that the French were unable to take the offensive until the British army was ready, and that the advance into Alsace, which has been criticized as bad strategy, was designed to draw the Germans from the Belgian front. This plan did not succeed, it says, and the allies were driven back to the Seine.

British Naval Triumph  
The arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in Egypt on forty transports is quoted as another triumph for the British navy. The German cruiser Emden was not far from this fleet of transportation when she was overtaken by the Australia cruiser Sydney, and destroyed. It is taken for granted, however, that the convoy of the transports was so strong that even the Emden would not have dared attack them.

The statement made in the Italian parliament by Premier Salandra that Italy should maintain her attitude of watchful and armed neutrality, has created a lot of interest here, and much sympathy is expressed for the aspirations of the Italian people.

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## GERMAN CRUISERS TRICKED REAR-ADMIRAL TROUBRIDGE AND MADE THEIR ESCAPE

Explanation of Escape of Goeben and Breslau From Straits of Messina Comes With Declaration That British Got Order in Secret Code

London, Nov. 25 (By mail to New York).—Rear-Admiral E. C. Troubridge, commanding the British Mediterranean squadron at the opening of the war, was ordered to permit the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau to escape from the Straits of Messina. This is the information that comes from an unquestionably authoritative source, which explains how Rear-Admiral Troubridge happened to be acquitted when court-martialled for permitting the German warships to elude him.

There was much astonishment when Rear-Admiral Troubridge was absolved of all blame in connection with the escape of the Goeben and Breslau. His squadron was supposed to have the cruisers securely bottled in Messina harbor. Troubridge had been called home, presumably in disgrace. His complete vindication is thus explained. By means of his log-book and the testimony of his flag lieutenant, his secretary and his wireless operator, the Admiral was able to prove absolutely that he had received a radiogram in the British Admiralty's secret code, worded and signed in regulation Admiralty form, ordering him to permit the Goeben and Breslau to escape.

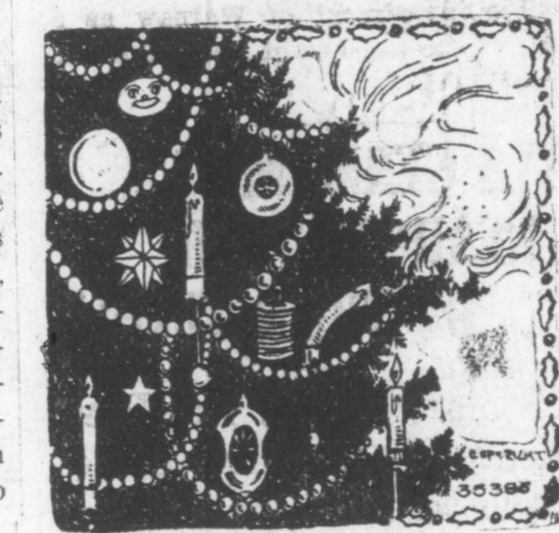
Let the Ships Go By.  
Assuming that the Admiralty knew its business, and that it probably had other plans for the disposal of the German vessels, he did not question the order. If he had, there would have

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been time to obtain confirmation from the Admiralty.

The wireless was received on the morning of August 6. Under the laws of neutrality, the Goeben and Breslau were to leave the Italian port that evening. There was nothing to do but obey. The German ships left on scheduled time without molestation, later entered the Dardanelles and were "purchased" by the Turkish Government.

It was not until he reached England, that Rear-Admiral Troubridge learned no such order had been sent him by the Admiralty. It had come from the Goeben itself.



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ELIAS KEAN.

## The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e. Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Iukpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whitehead and J. M. Devine.—dec1

## WE SHOULD WORRY!

Hardly, but advertisers should worry, and that's a sure thing. Almost every newsboy in town sells The Mail and Advocate, as well as a large number of shop agents, in different sections of the city and outports.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## New Budget For U.S. Army \$104,124,512

Increase of More Than Three Million Dollars Over the Previous Year—Extra Expenditure.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Appropriations aggregating \$104,124,512 to carry the army through the coming year are proposed in estimates which the War Department has just completed for submission to Congress. This is an increase of \$3,105,300 over the total carried by the Army Bill for the current year, although reductions are made in the allowances for many branches of the service.

A new item of \$350,000 for purchase of automatic machine rifles is asked. For the signal service \$700,000 is asked, of which \$400,000 would be for the purchase, maintenance, operations and repair of airships. Provision would be made for giving one year's additional pay to the beneficiaries of men killed in the army aviation service.

## LOOK OUT NOW!

Everybody's doing it now? Doing what? Why, reading The Mail and Advocate of course. It's surely the house paper now! Without doubt the most widely circulated in the country.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## Jap Revenue Has Decreased By \$40,500,000

War Caused a Decrease of Eight Million Dollars in the Customs Revenue.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—Japan's Budget for the coming year shows estimated expenditures of \$268,000,000, and a decrease in revenue of \$40,500,000.

The war has caused a decrease of \$8,500,000 in Customs revenue. Curtailments of expenses to be made in some departments of the Government will permit of credits for two additional army divisions, the completion of three dreadnoughts and the construction of eight.

## NOTICE.—Trinity Bay

Councils of the F.P.I. will please notice that January 16th will be observed as Union Day in Trinity District, when every Council is expected according to the Constitution to parade. By order, J. G. STONE.—dec8

## WANTED—One McKay

Sewing Machine Operator. Apply N.F.L.D. BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTURING CO. LTD., Job St.—dec4,tf

## FOR SALE—One Dwelling

House, Store and Work Shop combined. Will sell at a bargain. For further particulars apply to W. J. DOVE, Chance Hr. East.—dec5,tf

## BAIT!

Or rather the want of it, is one of the principal drawbacks to the fisheries of Newfoundland, and as it is tolerably certain that we shall have good markets and high prices in 1915, now is the time to prepare to capture Bait fishes.

## Cheap Light Caplin Seines

that will be easily handled, and as one good haul will pay for the outfit, every Schooner should have one.

- We are making SQUID TRAPS, which will be most effective.
- We are making SMELT NETS, in all sizes.
- We are making GILL NETS, various sizes.
- We make COD TRAPS and COD SEINES, Hemp and Cotton.
- We make superior HERRING NETS, Standard and Crescent brands.
- We make Hemp and Cotton LINES and TWINES of Superior quality.
- We make CORDAGE and CABLES, of all sizes.

In fact we make everything required for the fisheries, and we ask all our people to support Home Industries by using everything that is home made where ever possible, and so keep the money in circulation in Newfoundland.

COLONIAL CORDAGE COMPANY Limited.

## BIRCH JUNKS

now selling at Bowring Brothers, Limited,

\$1.00 per Hundred Sent Home.

Also in stock, selling cheap to clear,

60,000 ft. Spruce Lumber (various sizes), and

900 Wharf Shores.

# Anderson's Great Removal Sale.

SATURDAY, Dec. 5th, 8.30 a.m., our Great Removal Sale Starts. Our lease has expired at Grace Building, and in the near future we will remove to our New Modern Store in the West.

Later we hope to tell you all about that Store, but to-day we are concerned in asking you to help remove our surplus stock—we will repay, by giving splendid bargains in dry-goods.

We will begin with liberally, cut prices, on women's stylish, perfect-fitting coats—which will give hundreds of women an excellent chance to save dollars.

We stocked for a frosty season, but mild weather has left us with a wonderful display of excellent coats. Bring your friends and embrace these bargains.

### Women's Fashionable Black Coats.

If you require a Black Coat you'll like these, all the Newest Styles, best fabrics, and for cut, fit and finish they are right—going now at Removal Sale Prices.

Here are some values:

- Women's Black Coats. Orig. price \$3.30. Sale price \$2.65.
- Women's Black Coats. Orig. price \$4.00. Sale price \$3.15.
- Women's Black Coats. Orig. price \$4.50. Sale price \$3.65.
- Women's Black Coats. Orig. price \$6.50. Sale price \$4.85.

Women's Sample Black Coats. Values ten to \$14.00. Sale price \$6.25.

You should see our Women's Black Fur-like Coats. Sale prices \$4.00, \$6.25, \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 each.

We expect a tremendous rush for our bargain coats, because we believe that owing to mild weather, many a woman has delayed purchasing her winter coat.

We have spent days in marking down prices, and you know, we are renowned for genuine December Bargain Sales.



### Women's Stylish Coats

Here are some values in Women's Stylish Winter Coats.

- Women's Tweed Coats. Orig. price \$2.50. Sale price \$1.50.
- Women's Tweed Coats. Orig. price \$3.30. Sale price \$1.95.

Women's colored new fabric Coats, manufacturer's Samples—no two alike, all the leading colors, some with straps, belts, pockets, various styles of trimming—wonderful values, worth from five to six dollars each.

Another lot of manufacturer's Samples—worth from ten to fourteen dollars each. Colors Tan, Saxe, Royal, Reds, Fancy Checks, Helio., and New Season's Shades—this season's leading styles, with belts, straps, pockets, etc.

We have coats to suit every figure, and every purse and many a woman will be glad of this opportunity to get the best at the lowest possible price.

The above noted prices just gives an idea of the genuine reductions. Come and see these coats to-day.

Sale Price \$3.25

Sale Price \$6.25

### Women's Electric Seal Coats

\$25 and \$30 for 75 dollar Value.

We have a few left. If you want a fur coat see these splendid bargains, to-day.

### Bargains in Women's Costumes.

We have about fifty Women's Black and Navy Costumes that will go at cut prices.

- Women's Costumes. Orig. price \$4.50. Sale price \$3.00.
- Women's Costumes. Orig. price \$6.00. Sale price \$3.60.
- Women's Costumes. Orig. price \$9.00. Sale price \$7.00.

Also a few Maid's Tweed Costumes. Sale price \$4.80.

Anderson's, Water Street, St. John's, N. F.

## NO MILITARISM FOR THE U.S.A., DECLARES PRESIDENT WILSON

**American Republic Won't Allow War Scare to Stampede it Into Military Preparations on Any Big Scale—Will Rely, as of Yore, on its Citizen Army**

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Wilson, in his annual address to Congress, coupled with a defense of the country's military preparedness, a word of assurance to business men that they would not be embarrassed by further legislation.

He said the Trust and Currency Legislation program of his administration virtually had been completed, leaving no conjecture as to what was to follow and that there was a clear and firm road ahead on which honest men might travel with perfect confidence.

The President spoke with great emphasis and deliberation when he began a discussion of the military situation and was enthusiastically cheered, the galleries joining in the applause when he said, "It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war. What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant that we are not ready, upon brief notice, to put a nation in the field; to call a whole nation of trained men to arms? Of course we are not ready to do that, and we shall never be in time of peace, so long as we retain our present political principles and institutions.

Proclaiming the people of the United States champions of peace and of concord, the President emphatically opposed a great standing army and was again cheered when he asserted that in time of national peril the country must depend upon a citizen force trained and accustomed to arms.

When the President had concluded he was surrounded by senators and members to extend their congratulations.

## ALLIES GAIN TWO POSITIONS FROM GERMANS

**Recapture Vermelles and Routhire, in Belgium, for Two Months the Scene of Incessant Fighting**

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Dec. 8.—In the region of Arras a brilliant attack has given us possession, it is announced, of Vermelles and Routhire.

Vermelles has been, for nearly two months, the scene of desperate fighting. The enemy had taken footing there on Oct. 16, and from the 21st to the 28th of October succeeded in forcing us back from that locality.

From the 25th of October, sapping and mining operations brought us back, until we were again in close contact, and on Dec. 1st we occupied the Park Chateau of Vermelles.

In the region of the Aisne and in Champagne, there have been some artillery engagements, and our artillery dispersed several gatherings of the enemy.

In the Argonne, Forest of Grail, and to the northwest of Pont au Mousson and the Forest of Loportie we gained a little ground.

## YOUNG LADY OF ST. JOHN'S A RELIGIOUS

An impressive and interesting religious ceremony took place at Torbay, at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, when Miss Agnes Walshe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Walshe, Pleasant St., took the white veil.

The ceremony was performed in the Chapel by the Rt. Rev. Mons. Roche, V.G., who was assisted by Revs. Mgr. St. John, Frs. Pippy, McEneaney, Rawlinus, Nough, Kelly and Sheehan.

A large congregation was present, including the parents and relatives of the young lady.

Miss Walshe will be known in Religion as Sister Mary Clare, being called after the patroness of the Convent at Torbay.

After the ceremony, lunch was served in the Convent.

In two years time Sister Mary Clare hopes to make her final vows and receive the black veil.

## Bought Liquor For Boy

Sergt. Furlong summoned a man before Judge Knight today on a charge of buying liquor for a boy fifteen years old whereby the lad became drunk.

The Judge gave the man a lecture he will not quickly forget and then fined him \$50.00 or two months.

## GERMAN FLEET OFF FOR AFRICA

**Chased From South American Waters by English and Japs**

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 9.—Authentic information has been received here to the effect that the German fleet finding itself outnumbered, has left these waters for South Africa.

The report said the Germans were outnumbered by the British and that Japanese warships were coming around from the Pacific.

## Sons Of England Elect Officers

**W. P. Butler, President of Dudley Lodge—Large Attendance and Keen Interest Shown.**

Dudley Lodge Society met last night for the purpose of electing officers. There was a large attendance, and voting was keen.

The election resulted as follows:—  
W.P.—Bro. N. Andrews, elected;  
W.P.—Bro. W. P. Butler, elected;  
V.P.—Bro. Hennebury, elected;  
Chaplain—Bro. J. Hemmens, re-elected;  
Secretary—Bro. C. W. Udle, re-elected;  
Fin. Secy.—Bro. J. S. Taylor, re-elected;

Treas.—Bro. G. P. Hutchings, re-elected;  
Surgeon—Bro. T. Anderson, re-elected;  
1st Guide—Bro. S. Merrills, re-elected;  
2nd Guide—Bro. R. Pike, re-elected;  
3rd Guide—Bro. S. Taylor, elected;  
4th Guide—Bro. H. Taylor, elected;  
5th Guide—Bro. C. Puddister, elected;  
6th Guide—Bro. E. Elsbary, elected;  
Inner Guard—Bro. M. Spurrell, re-elected;  
Outer Guard—Bro. W. Thistle, re-elected;

Auditors—Bros. J. L. Noonan, W. Quick, W. Clark, re-elected;  
Trustees—P. P.'s Goodland, McCoubrey and Collier, re-elected.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS WERE TRANSFERRED ON MONDAY LAST

**Their Address Now is Fort George, Inverness, Scotland—New Quarters Lonely.**

His Excellency the Governor has received advice by cable from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the First Newfoundland Contingent was transferred from Salisbury Plain to Fort George, Inverness, Scotland, on Monday last.

Fort George is the home of those famous Scottish fighters, the Seaforth Highlanders. The barracks there has accommodation for 2200 men.

Our men will find their new quarters rather lonely as they are stationed at a point thirteen miles away from the nearest village.

Relatives and friends of the Volunteers are asked by the authorities to note this change in the address of the Regiment.

## Rev. G. L. Powell In a New Church

The many friends of Rev. Gideon L. Powell, the talented son of Newfoundland, will be delighted to learn that he is now pastor of the beautiful Methodist church at Kerkimer, New York, one of the most influential Methodist churches of New York State.

The rev. gentleman, who was born at Bonavista, is a noted preacher and since going to America has won much prominence, not alone as a pulpit orator, but as a church worker.

## ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## S.U.F. Patriotic Meeting

The second of the Patriotic Meetings under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 5, will be held on **Thursday next, 10th inst., at 8.30 p.m.** The Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, K.C.M.G., Premier, and W. F. Coaker, Esq., Pres. F.P.U., M.H.A., have kindly consented to address the meeting. Rev. W. H. Thomas and others to sing. The chair will be taken by J. A. Clift, Esq., K.C., W.G.M., and a cordial invitation is extended to ladies and gentlemen. No collection. Admission free.

**J. CURNEW, Chairman.**  
**W. H. GOODLAND, Sec. Com.**

## CARDIGAN JACKET FUND.

Previously acknowledged	\$735.73
Mrs. McNelly	2.00
Max Lindsay	2.00
Mrs. Drover	2.00
Mrs. James Dwyer	1.00
Chas. G. Howard	2.00
Mrs. Stick	10.00
Mrs. Swann (Topsail)	4.00
Mrs. Fitzgerald	2.00
Cardigan Box	1.00
Miss Violette Macpherson	20.00
Mrs. A. J. Ryan (Placentia)	2.00
Mrs. Tobin	2.00
Mr. W. J. Keats	5.00
Miss Jessie G. Darby	2.00
Queen's College	2.00
Mrs. Eric Bowring	2.00
Mr.	4.00
Mrs. W. C. Job	5.00
Mrs. N. Elsbary	2.00
Mrs. G. Taylor	2.00
Mrs. C. H. Hutching	2.00
Miss Mary Harris	10.00
W. D. Blackall	2.50
Mrs. E. Ryall	2.00
"William the 2nd"	5.00
Mrs. E. D. Spurrell	2.00
Mrs. Edens	2.00
St. Mary's Sunday School	2.00
Mrs. Sears	2.00
Miss Duff	2.00
Mrs. Franklin	5.00
Mrs. Linberg	2.00
Mrs. G. Knowling, Jr.	10.00
W.P.A. Ferryland	29.70
Mr. F. T. McGrath	4.00
W.H.P. (Hr. Grace)	2.00
Mr. Kent	2.00
Ballif Cross	2.00
Total	\$897.93

## Yesterday's Funerals

**MR. W. J. MCKAY.**

The funeral of the late Mr. W. J. McKay took place yesterday afternoon. The remains were in a beautiful casket furnished by Undertaker Carnell. Interment was at Belvedere.

**MRS. R. EVANS.**

The remains of the late Mrs. R. Evans were interred at Mount Carmel yesterday. Undertaker Martin had charge of the arrangements.

Schr. Gossip has left Woods Isld. for Gloucester with 1497 barrels of herring. There has been a scarcity of herring there the last few days.

## "Cadet" First Of Our Local Xmas Numbers

**Contains an Excellent Budget of Articles by Local Writers Well Illustrated.**

We thank Mr. T. J. Foran, editor of The Cadet for an advance copy of his number which will be on sale tomorrow. The Cadet is our youngest quarterly, and has already won great favor with the reading public, especially the members of the C.C.C.

The present number which is the Christmas edition, is a good one and we feel sure it will have a large sale. There are a number of very interesting articles by well-known local writers:—

"At the Turn of the Road," by A. A. Parsons, Esq., J.P.; "The Volunteers gone to the Front," "The Unthinking Crowd," by J. M. Devine; "Home Rule or the Irish Restoration," by Rev. M. J. Ryan, D.D.; "The Value of the Brigades," by Rev. Dr. Levi Curtis; "Cat-o-Nine-Tails," by W. J. Carroll; "Treating Tuberculosis in Newfoundland," by Dr. H. E. Rendell; "The Belgian Case," by J. A. Barron, B.A.; "The St. John Ambulance Corps," by the Secretary; "London Town from the Top of a Bus," by Miss Mary Morris (Beaconsfield); "The Willing Slave," by a Friend; "The Irish in Newfoundland in the 19th Century," continued, by P. K. Devine; "Through German Spectacles," by a Prisoner; "How to Live Long," by J. A. Standish; "Pats on the Back in Business," by A. N. Watson; "The Proper Appreciation of Values," by A. E. Lyons.

It is profusely illustrated, many of the pictures being most appropriate, showing the Newfoundlanders preparing for war.

We commend The Cadet to the public.

## BIRTHS

HIBBS.—A baby girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hibbs, of Portugal Cove, on December 5th.

## TALK IS CHEAP—

Advertising is also very cheap, if carried in the right medium. **The Mail and Advocate is the Can't Lose paper now. Must be true. Everybody's talking. It's not the price you pay but the returns you get.**

S.S. Cape Breton left Humbermouth this morning for Sydney.

## ALLIES ON OFFENSIVE SAYS BERLIN

**But Germans Claim They are Repulsing it—Berlin Anticipates Investment of Warsaw**

London, Dec. 8.—Official advices from Berlin to-day confirm the reports that the Allies have assumed the offensive in France and Belgium, but do not indicate that the movement has yet grown to formidable proportions. The attacks, it is declared, has been few in number and have been defeated.

Private despatches from Holland are to the effect that fierce fighting is in progress along the Yser Canal.

These reports are in partial agreement with the latest official French communications which, however, tend to show that the forward movement of the Allies is being attempted at points all along the line.

Berlin is already looking toward a possible investment of Warsaw as a result of the capture of Lodz, Russian Poland.

## SAYS GERMANS NEAR THE END OF THEIR TETHER

**M. Thierry Mallet, Vice-President of Revillon Freres Tells of the War—Twice Wounded in Battle**

Many St. John's folk know Monsieur Thierry Mallet, of Paris. He has visited our city several times and made many friends. He has been at the icefields with Capt. George Barbour in the Neptune, was popular with all on board and on his return paid a glowing tribute to our sealers, saying he had never seen a braver lot of men in his life.

M. Mallet is a man of great wealth and education. He is Vice-President of Revillon Freres, and a son of the famous French banker.

Volunteered. When war broke out M. Mallet offered his services, and his friends will regret to learn that he has been wounded twice, but he is still full of fight and by this time is probably back in the firing line.

By yesterday's mail, Mr. Tasker Cook, the agent for Revillon Freres received a letter from M. Mallet, written at Dunkerque, Nov. 13, in which he says:—

"Thanks very much for your letter. I received it the other day in Belgium.

Wounded Twice. "I am being invalided home—that is to some military hospital in France, as I was unlucky enough to get wounded for the second time on Nov. 11. The first wound was only a slight bullet cut in the forearm, but this time I got by head cut open by shrapnel.

"Happily my skull is thick. There is no fracture and the scrapings of iron were taken out immediately from where they were resting on the bone.

"I guess I'll be back on the firing line in three weeks. This war is pure hell, but considering the tremendous odds in number we (French and British) had against us, we are not doing so badly.

At End-of-Tether. "The Germans are getting at the end of their tether, and the Russian forces are coming in now good and thick. Pity the winter cannot be postponed. We would have made a clean job of it in two or three more months. Now, I'm afraid that the war will not be over before next summer.

"Congratulations to the Newfoundland boys. They are doing the right thing. Every young Englishman and Frenchman's duty is to fight tooth and nail. The German nightmare must be put aside once for all, and it's a question of life and death for either country.

Kind regards to Capt. Couch when you see him. Tell him that my army binoculars are not as good as the ones I gave him. I missed them more than once during this war, when I was trying to spot the Germans in their trenches.

"Good-bye and good luck."

## The Christmas Edition of "The Cadet" will be on the street to-morrow, and at Byrne's Bookstore, Atlantic Bookstore and Mrs. McRae's Fruit Store. Price ten cents. See the illustrations of the First Newfoundland Regiment. Boys wanted.—dec.21

S.S. Cairnstorff which loaded pit props at Lewisporte sails this evening.



## Christmas Cards and Calendars

**"To the Soldier and Sailor Boys of Newfoundland"**

*Glad to fight for Britain's honor,  
Boldly have they taken stand  
For the cause of RIGHT and FREEDOM,  
For the cause of Motherland;  
Proud to greet you!  
God defend you!  
Loyal sons of Newfoundland."*

That is one of the Seasonable Greetings on our Local Views and Artistic Post Cards, and we have others of like character. Better get a few in time for the next home mail.

**3c. and 4c. each.**

## Calendars for 1915

The Calendars for the coming year are exceedingly artistic and attractive. Many very original designs.

## Something New!

We show a charming lot of

Combination Handkerchief and Glove Sachets.  
Combination Xmas Cards and Sachets.

These unique goods are put up by the Zenobia people, and are scented with their exquisite perfumes.

**Our Toy Dept., Second Floor**  
IS NOW IN FULL SWING.

Be Sure to Visit Our Book Department



## NEWEST GERMAN GUN IS CALLED MINE-THROWER

**Throws a Shell Over a Foot in Diameter and is Used in Wrecking Entrenchments—Not Used as a Man-killer**

London, Dec. 7.—Scarcely a week goes by that the Germans or the Allies do not produce and try in battle some new weapon of destruction. Many of these prove failures and others have not been described in print because they are still kept secret as to details.

## New French Gun.

The new German trench gun is called the "minenwurfer," (mine thrower), and is no more than a "hand" grenade thrown by a gun. It is, like the giant forty-two-centimetre siege gun, a product of Krupp ingenuity. The howitzer part of the "minenwurfer" is only about three feet long and weighs 130 pounds. The mounding weighs 100 pounds, and the bed or platform 930 pounds. The total is a little more than half a ton. It is mounted on wheels and, when it reaches its position in the trenches the "minenwurfer" is removed from the travelling wheels.

The diameter of the bore is only three inches, but it throws a shell over a foot in diameter, spherical in shape and containing nearly 200 pounds of high explosives!

## Curious Device.

It does this by a curious device. There is a long stem which fits into the muzzle of the gun. A second stem

## "The Imposter" Film To-day at the Nickel

The Nickel Theatre has another special film by the Gaumont Co. for this evening. It is entitled "The Imposter" and is in three reels.

Madame Durioux, a Parisian widow of wealth, for ten years has mourned for her son, George, who left Paris under a cloud.

She receives a letter from him saying that it was the memory of these errors that restrained him from writing. He says that he is dying, and begs that she will look after his wife and little girl. Quickly the mother cables to him in New York to tell him that a home and a mother's love awaits him and his.

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No one should fail to see this great picture. It has been pronounced the best ever acted by the Gaumont Co.

fits into the outer end of the first and on this second stem the big sphere is fixed. When the gun is fired both stems leave together, but the back half the part which fitted into the muzzle soon drops off. The great shell then hurtles on its way.

The grenade travels through the air very slowly and the enemy can easily see it coming and might conceivably in favorable circumstances dodge it.

The initial velocity is only 230 feet a second. The lowest elevation used is forty-five degrees and at this angle the shell reaches a height of 419 feet in the air.

As four pounds of dynamite or gun-cotton will usually demolish breast works of three feet in thickness composed of dirt rammed between planks, it is easy to see what effect this trench howitzer shell must have.

The shell depends for its effect almost entirely on the explosive itself, as the walls are thin and do little damage and no bullets are carried such as are employed in shrapnel.

## SIXTEEN MEN VOLUNTEER

**Last Night's Recruits Brought the Grand Total up to 573**

**First Week.**  
Monday ..... 182  
Tuesday ..... 153  
Wednesday ..... 98  
Thursday ..... 51  
Friday ..... 26

**Second Week.**  
Monday ..... 47  
Tuesday ..... 16

Sixteen new recruits signed on at the C.L.B. Armoury last night. Those who have passed the medical exams, were busy drilling, while a squad from the Cadet Armoury went for a tramp countrywards.

The General Committee meets this evening.

Those who volunteered last evening were:  
Edward Butt, Thomas Jos. O'Brien, William Hy. Escott, Dewey O'Dea, Charles Barber;

Ernest Wilcox (Brigus, C.B.), Wilfred M. Windsor (Aguaforte), Roy S. Grandy (Bay L'Argent, F.B.)

George Fowles, Jas. W. Morrissey, Jas. Kearsey, Jos. A. Kavanagh, John Joseph Foley, Edward P. Foley, John M. Redmond, Henry Stanton Windleler.

S.S. Almora with 4500 tons paper and pulp has left botwood for Lizard Head for orders.

S.S. Parthenia left Botwood yesterday with 2500 tons paper and pulp. She goes to St. John, N.B.

## SEE IT RISING!

What? Why! The Mail and Advocate circulation, that's what. Second to none just at present. Bear this fact in mind when advertising!