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34 NAVAL AEROPLANES FROM THE BRITISH FLEET RAID GERMAN NAVAL BASES

Dropped Bombs at Bruges, Zeebrugge, Ostend and Blankenberg Causing Great Deal of Damage

GRAHAM WHITE FELL BUT WAS RESCUED

Warships Bombarded the Germans on the Belgian Coast While the Aerial Raid Was in Progress

AIRSHIPS FIRED ON

But all the Pilots Reached Their Rendezvous Safely Although Two Airships Were Damaged

London, Feb. 13.—Aerial warfare was waged to-day on its largest scale in its history under adverse circumstances from the standpoint of weather. The British airmen, buffeted by snow in the air, swept over the cities of Northern Belgium held by the Germans and dropped bombs on Ostend, Bruges and other places.

Thirty-four aeroplanes and seaplanes of the British navy took part in the operations and all later returned safely to their base without casualties to their drivers, although two machines were damaged.

The raid was made in order to prevent the development of submarine bases and establishments which might further endanger British warships and merchantmen. It inflicted much damage on the enemy.

During the raid British warships bombarded the German positions along the coast.

Official Report.

London, Feb. 12.—The official information bureau today issued the following statement: "Thirty-four naval aeroplanes raided Bruges, Zeebrugge, Ostend, and Blankenberg, (all in Belgium), Claude Graham White fell. He was rescued."

The description of the raid given out by the official information bureau is as follows:

"The Secretary of Admiralty makes the following announcement: During the last twenty-four hours, combined aeroplanes and seaplanes operations have been carried out by the naval wing at Bruges, Zeebrugge, Blankenberg and Ostend districts, with a view of preventing the development of submarine base establishments.

"Thirty-four naval aeroplanes and seaplanes took part.

"Much Damage Done.

"Great damage is reported to have been done at Ostend railway station, which, according to present information, has probably been burned to the ground. The railway station at Blankenberg was damaged and the railway lines were torn up in many places.

"Bombs were dropped on gun positions in Middelkerke, also on a power station and German mine-sweeping vessels at Zeebrugge, but the damage done is unknown. During the attack our machines encountered heavy banks of snow, but no submarines were seen.

Afterwards Rescued. "Flight Commander Graham White fell into the sea off Niouport, but was rescued by a French vessel.

"Although exposed to heavy gun-fire from rifles and anti-air-craft guns and machine guns, all the pilots are safe, the two machines are damaged.

"The seaplanes and aeroplanes were under command of Wing Commander Samson, assisted by Wing Commander Longmore, and Squadron Commanders Parke, Courtney and Rathorne."

French Report.

Paris, Feb. 12.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Dunkirk says: "Thirty British aeroplanes left here last night to fly over Zeebrugge and Ostend. A biplane fell into the sea in the Zeebrugge Channel, suffering severe damage. It was towed with its aviator into Dunkirk by a British gun-boat."

"The proposed German air raid over Dunkirk was defeated by the British aviators."

Russ. Forces Are Retiring In E. Prussia

London, Feb. 12.—The French Government reports violent fighting in the Argonne near Bagatelle. The German attack was broken by artillery and infantry fire, with heavy losses on both sides.

The Russian Government reports four new German Army Corps concentrated in East Prussia. The Russians are retiring, holding the enemy in the Carpathians the enemy's attacks were repulsed and more prisoners were captured. —HARCOURT.

Work On Greek Dreadnought Been Stopped

Was Building in Germany and Was to Be Completed in 1915—Men Recalled Home.

London, Feb. 8.—According to the Exchange Telegraph Company's Athens correspondent, the construction of the Greek dreadnought Salamis at the Vulcan Company's shipyards at Stettin, Germany, has been stopped because the Greek government, for special reasons, has not made the fixed payment on the contract. The Greek naval mission supervising the construction of the vessel, the correspondent adds, has been recalled.

The Salamis, according to the specifications, was to be a 19,500 ton ship. She was laid down in 1913, and was to have been completed in 1915.

1600 Deserters From German Army Flee To Holland

Large Numbers of German Soldiers Deserting from the Yser and Are Interned.

London, Feb. 12.—A London Times despatch from Amsterdam, says The Telegraph learns from Antwerp today that some 1600 German deserters have fled to the Netherlands including numerous officers. All of these men have been commanded to proceed to the Yser.

Large numbers of soldiers are reported to be deserting from the Yser and large numbers of soldiers are reported to be deserting from the Drascha and Merrem Ports.

To Watch Deserters. The measures which the Germans have taken with regard to the Dutch frontier have not been adopted to prevent the passage of Belgians into Holland, and thence to England. The reason is—from the German point of view—much more serious.

Since the battle of the Yser there has been a growing epidemic of desertion in the German army. Between mid-November and mid-December, from the barracks at Bruges alone the number of deserters was 11,000.

The German guards on the frontier have orders to shoot at sight anyone who attempts to cross, man or woman. They are carrying out these orders with enthusiasm.

THINKS FIND IS BIG LUMP OF AMBERGRIS

The Western Star has received a letter from a correspondent, who states that he has what he thinks is a lump of ambergris. It weighs about 100 lbs. and corresponds very closely to description of the valuable substance as published in the Star of Dec. 16th last. It was found on the South Coast in September last. After the receipt of a sample we hope to give further particulars relative to the find.

Mrs. R. G. Reid won the Club Cup yesterday with 28 points and Mrs. W. M. Clapp the Macpherson Cup with 21 points.

King Gives Adml. Jellicoe Order Of Bath

London, Feb. 13.—King George today conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath on Admiral Sir J. R. Jellicoe, Commander of the British Home Fleet.

French Warships Foil Turk Attack On The Suez Canal

Requin and Entrecasteaux Silenced The Turkish Batteries, Scattering Their Troops

Paris, via St. Pierre, Feb. 12.—Between the sea and the Somme artillery contests.

South of Boiselle the enemy exploded a mine at the extremity of one of our trenches, but we held on. Bombardment by the enemy of Tracey le Mont, and our artillery busy in Rheims and Soissons sections.

In Woivre rather sharp cannonading opposite Lambuscourt and Hazelle Wood.

We bombarded Thiancourt and Arnville.

During an attack on the 3rd Feb. delivered by the Turkish army against the Suez Canal, two French ships contributed successfully in the defence of the Canal. The coastguard cutter Requin silenced the Turkish heavy guns and cruiser Entrecasteaux dispersed an important Turkish grouping. These ships were unscathed, and suffered no loss whatever.

Germans Object To Being Starved By Great Britain

German Chancellor Says Winston Churchill Is Enforcing a "Barbarous Plan."

London, Feb. 8.—"England treats the United States as a besieged fortress," declared Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor of Germany, in discussing with a Danish correspondent Great Britain's attempts to prevent imports of food into Germany, says a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

"Winston Churchill" continued the Chancellor, "wants to starve a people numbering 70,000,000 in this barbarian fashion. Against this effort Germany will use every opportunity to take revenge.

"With regard to the complaint that we are injuring neutral interests, neutral powers have not protested against England's action, and they must make the consequences. We certainly are not going to die of famine."

U.S.A. Attitude Rouses The Ire Of The Germans

German Press Says That President Wilson Is Simply Truckling To Great Britain.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Via London—A news despatch has been received here from Washington saying that President Wilson has consented to an amendment of the Ship Purchase Bill, which provides that no vessel is to be bought by the United States if such would lead to conflict with any one of the belligerent Powers.

Nearly all the German newspapers criticize this course sharply; they virtually unite in calling it a back-down before Great Britain on the part of President Wilson. The Kreuz Zeitung says: "This tender consideration for Great Britain is the more remarkable inasmuch as it injures America herself."

CARGO STEAMER TORQUAY SUNK

Scarborough, Feb. 13.—The new cargo steamer Torquay, of Dartmouth, was towed into Scarborough Harbour in a sinking condition after either striking a mine or having been torpedoed eight miles East of this port. One man was killed and two were injured.

EIGHT VOLUNTEERS FROM CHAMPNEY'S T.B.

Champney's, via Port Reson, Feb. 13.—Recruiting officer, Dr. Curtis, J. G. Stone and G. Grimes, arrived here tonight and held a meeting in the Temperance Hall, which was packed with an enthusiastic and patriotic audience.

Eight volunteered and five young ladies offered as nurses.

VERY HARD TO ASSUME ACTIVITY

Very Little Likelihood of Any Important Advance on the Western Front For a Long Time to Come

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SWAMPY GROUND FOR OPERATIONS

Have to Construct Breastworks on Top of the Ground—Masses of Well-Hidden Guns on the Rear

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The district which the British army is operating is practically a swamp, he declares. Breastworks have been constructed by both armies on top of the ground to meet the difficulties of holding the flooded trenches, villages and farmsteads and other arrangements to complete their position.

In the rear, masses of guns of all calibres are so well concealed that they are practically invulnerable and joined up by telephones to all advanced trenches to make a strong framework for defence.

During all the months that the British have occupied this district only three direct hits have been made by German shells upon British guns. An attack therefore has to deal with an intact artillery which knows every range to an inch.

As for the flying corps, despite the weather, it has missed only six days in the air since August and not easily can any hostile strategical surprise escape the notice of these armies.

BIG ITALIAN APPROPRIATION FOR WAR PURPOSES

Rome, Feb. 13.—The Italian Government has appropriated \$34,000,000 for further military expenses up to July 15th.

Woman Suicides At Hant's Harbor

Mrs. Pilley Found in an Outhouse With Her Throat Cut

Word has been received from Hant's Harbor that a young married woman of that place, Mrs. Pilley, committed suicide last week.

She was found in an outhouse with her throat cut, her husband's razor being by her side.

She died shortly after being discovered.

The s.s. Tabasco sails at 4 p.m. Her mail closes at 3.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—N. and W. winds decreasing tonight; fair and cold today and Sunday.

French Report German Defeat 40,000 Dead

Paris, Feb. 12.—The French War Office officially states that the Germans have been badly defeated in Poland, and the dead exceed 40,000.

Germans Sink 2 More British Merchantmen

Ororio and London Trader Torpedoed By German Submarine—Many Men Lost

Havre, Feb. 13.—Shipping circles here consider it certain that the British steamer Ororio was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The last time the vessel is known to have been seen was at 2 p.m. of Jan. 30, near Dungeness, in company with the London steamer London Trader, which also is missing. There is equal certainty that the London Trader shares the fate of the Ororio.

A telegram from Rouen says James Cullen, a survivor of the Trader was landed there by the steamer Poland, the captain of which stated another ship whose name he could not give, had saved three other sailors from the Trader.

Good Returns

The total receipts of the dance recently held in the British Hall by Messrs. Brown, Taylor, West and Ewing amounted to \$237.00. The net receipts \$167.00 will be given to Lady Davidson for the Sick and Wounded Fund.

"Newfoundland Volunteers" Is Good March

Prof. Bennett's Composition Tried For First Time Last Night by The Star Band

Our former townsman, Prof. John Bennett, now of Montreal, has forwarded the original copy of this harmoniously arranged composition to the T.A. & B. Society's Band. They practised same for the first time last night, under the direction of instructor M. J. Murphy.

Mr. Bennett states in a letter accompanying the manuscript that the gentleman when here some years ago on a visit to St. John's presented him with the "March" asking him to render same at coming weekly concert at Bannerman Park, which the orchestra did.

The Rev. gentleman at the conclusion ascended the bandstand and heartily congratulated the leader and his talented associates.

Victoria's Lose To The Feildians; Score 16 To 3

Only Two Penalties Imposed During the Match—Game Was Won in Second Half

The Feildians and Victorias were the competitors in last night's hockey match, and the latter were defeated by 16 goals to 3.

In the first half the Feildians scored 11 goals and their opponents 1, and in the second half the College boys added 5 more and the Victorias 2.

The line up was: Feildians. goal Hunt; Strang point Ford; Jerrett cover Long; White rover Coultas; Payne centre Lilly; Munn right Turner; E. Jerrett left King.

Following is a summary of the goals and penalties: GOALS. First Half. 1. Munn (F.) 3 mins.; 2. Munn (F.), 7 mins.; 3. Munn (F.), 8 mins.; 4. Payne (F.), 10 mins.; 5. Payne (F.), 10½ mins.; 6. Payne (F.), 11 mins.; 7. Ford (V.), 12 mins.; 8. Payne (F.), 14 mins.; 9. White (F.), 16 mins.; 10. Munn (F.), 18 mins.; 11. E. Jerrett (F.), 20 mins.; 12. White (F.), 29 mins.

Germany's Press Counsels War on British Passengers As Well As on British Ships

London, Feb. 13.—The Daily Express correspondent telegraphs from Amsterdam: Germany is beginning to realize that the impending blockade of England may not, after all, be sufficient to bring about Great Britain's doom and the German press under instructions from Grand Admiral von Tirpitz Press Bureau is launching schemes to improve the blockade.

The Deutsche Montags Zeitung publishes an open letter to Grand Admiral von Tirpitz in which the following savage policy is advocated: "As long as our blockade only destroys ships and goods it remains for England a question of money, and ships that are sunk are written off as business expenditure and the fight is unequal because Britain puts in only money while we put in our good men."

"Things will be different when British passengers are drowned. Persons acquainted with the psychology of England know that the German blockade will be effective only if it costs the lives of many English women and men."

"Strategic Retreat" Say Russians But Germans Claim Big Victory In The Fighting In East Prussia

London, Feb. 13.—All eyes are turned upon East Prussia where the German army, under the observation, if not under command of Emperor William, has taken the offensive, compelling the Russians to evacuate their position east of the Mazurian Lakes and retire to their own territory.

The Russians refer to this as a strategic retreat, but the German official communication intimates that the appearance in this district of a strong new German force was a surprise to the Russians and that Germans captured 26,000 prisoners, completed its training in Central Germany.

The Army, which the Germans flung so suddenly into East Prussia is believed to have numbered 200,000 men and to have been made up of soldiers who have been fighting on the Bzura and the Western fronts and of units of a new army which has just completed its training in Central Germany.

N. POLAND RUSSIAN VICTORY

In Which the Russians Inflicted Losses on Germans, Including Forty Thousand Dead

RUSSIANS GAIN IN CARPATHIANS

Capture Eighty-nine Officers and 5220 Men with a Large Number of Guns—Bayonet Fights

Petrograd, Feb. 12.—German attacks in Poland are completely broken, and the losses inflicted by the Russians on the enemy are 40,000.

North of Poland, minor engagements. In the centre the situation is quiet for the present. The Germans had considerable losses in their attacks at Borzynow, Gymmin, Wola, and Sydlovske.

In the Carpathian Mountains the Russians are strongly compressing the enemy in the Dukla, Lupkowet and Uzzow Passes, where they made several thousand prisoners.

In one day the Russians captured eighty-nine officers, five thousand two hundred and twenty men and eighteen maxims.

On the seventh the Germans crossed Tucholka pass and delivered twenty-two attacks to take the Russian positions on Kozlowa heights.

An irresistible German advance in closely packed formation managed to reach the heights twice, but they were thrown back each time by a bayonet charge without precedent.

On the front of one battalion, one thousand Germans were killed. On the tenth they renewed an attack, but were repulsed, and the Russians, pushing forward, took possession of the heights to the east of Lupkow Pass.

In the Black Sea the Russian cruisers bombarded Trebizonde, destroying bridges and sinking fifty Turkish vessels.

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OFFICER FOUGHT IN HOT CORNER

Trenches so Close to Enemy That They Often Bombarded Germans With Tins

An interesting narrative of his experiences in that historical corner of Belgium which has seen the hottest fighting of the war was told to a Daily Telegraph representative by Corporal George Welsby, of "The Blues" (Royal Horse Guards). Corporal Welsby, who in times of peace is a constable of the Metropolitan Police, has just returned home convalescent after receiving a shrapnel bullet-wound in the leg.

Speaking of their work in the trenches, Corporal Welsby referred to the difficulty of arming the men at first. In the ordinary way the Horse Guards are armed with sword and revolver, and for some time the close proximity of the enemy's trenches rendered their revolvers efficient weapons. The service revolver, however, fires a bullet of lead, and it was found that officers and men captured with these cartridges in their possession were shot out of hand by the Germans, who apparently regarded the leaden bullet as a species of "dumdum." When this became known an order for the destruction of all lead-bulleted ammunition was given, and the men were supplied with rifles.

Lighter Side.
Much has been said of the lighter side of the trench warfare, and Corporal Welsby saw his share of this. So close were the enemy's trenches at times that the men frequently bombarded the Germans with empty tins after a meal. They had orders to throw all tins in front of the trenches, in order that any night attack by the enemy might be revealed by the tins being kicked in the advance, and this gave ample excuse for daily fusillades of bully-beef tins against the enemy's trenches.

"The Indians are fine," said Corporal Welsby, "but there's one funny thing about them—they can't let an aeroplane pass without firing at it. It doesn't matter whether it's German, French, or British, you can't keep their rifles down when they hear it. One day I was with some Gurkhas in charge of a transport wagon when a British aeroplane passed over. Up went all their rifles at once, and began blazing away at it for all they were worth. Try as hard as I could, I couldn't make the little chaps stop until it was out of range, but fortunately none of them hit it."

Thrilling Air Duel.
Corporal Welsby had the satisfaction of witnessing a most thrilling air duel. A Taube was making a scouting flight over the British lines, but to avoid disclosing their position the men were not allowed to fire. Just as the Taube passed overhead two British machines rose to meet it, and a most exciting duel took place right above the trenches. The German turned to escape, but was too late, and the three machines, darting round, above, and below each other like huge birds, were engaged for several minutes, until a lucky shot from one of the British machines brought the German fluttering down.

Corporal Welsby is one of a family of soldiers, having no less than six brothers now at the front, and at present he is the only one wounded—a record he is very anxious to retain, for their sakes.

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Some Good Yarns Of Leading Folks

The neutrality of Holland led John T. Conover, secretary of the Holland Society, to tell this story in New York:

"Queen Wilhelmina, in the first flush of her youth and beauty, was honored by the Kaiser with a review at Berlin.

"A troop of six-footers passed. The Kaiser looked at the young Queen interrogatively. She smiled and shook her head.

"Not tall enough," she said.
"A little later a regiment passed wherein every man was 6 ft. 5 in. in height.

"Not tall enough," laughed the young Queen again.
"Not tall enough?" exclaimed the Kaiser. "What on earth do you mean?"

"I mean, sire," the Queen answered, "that when we open our dikes the average depth of the water is eight feet."

What He Wanted.

In the middle of a public speech Lloyd George asked: "What do our opponents really want?"

"I know what I want," chimed in a member of the audience in a husky voice that told its own tale; "I want a change of government."

"No, you don't," answered Lloyd George in a flash. "What you want is a change of drinks."

Hates "Red Tape."

Lord Kitchener, head of the British army, hates red tape.

It was in the Khartoum campaign that Kitchener's abhorrence of red tape was first impressed upon whom it concerned, according to the World's Work. A certain general, who may be called Fussymah, insisted upon issuing a daily order with all due forms and ceremonies. So importunate was he that in sheer weariness Kitchener at last dictated an order. Buoyed up by a blissful sense of importance, Fussymah hurried off to have it duly copied, registered, duplicated, sealed and delivered in the good old style. Meanwhile Kitchener strolled out, accidentally met Broadwood, his cavalry commander.

"Oh, Broadwood," exclaimed Kitchener in his softest drawl, "will you kindly take four squadrons and a couple of guns and push on 40 miles to clear up the situation, and start in half an hour?"

"Very good, sir."

As the cavalry was jingling out of camp Fussymah came out of his tent with the order of the day. Upon finding that Broadwood's orders were totally different from the formal version entrusted to him by the commander, Fussymah gave Kitchener up as hopeless.

Kitchener's detestation of theatrical effect is no less fervent than his hatred of red tape. This was indicated at the battle of the Atbara. After the British had rushed through the Dervish lines Kitchener chanced to ride up and meet the lines reforming. He was received with a frenzied roar of applause. Obviously the sirdar would rather have been anywhere else just then. He had to be urged before he would say a few words to the men, words which were drowned by a fresh outburst of cheers.

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SOME SIGHTS UNFORGETTABLE

How Delirious Wounded Man Danced in Moonlight in Room Filled With Injured

"I have seen many terrible and unforgettable things during the war (writes a correspondent of the Bourse Gazette), but still I find that the horror of war is not exhausted; that there is still more of it, and that this many-faceted terror brings with it daily some thing that surpasses that which has gone before. The battle was in full swing when our sanitary train crawled slowly up. About a mile and a half separated us from the battlefield, and the station house was crammed with the wounded whom we had arranged to remove. We were compelled to hasten, as any moment a big shell might strike the house and bury in its ruins our wounded soldiers.

Room Was Cramped.

When the doctor and myself opened the door we found ourselves in a room in which there was not an inch unoccupied. An hour passed before we succeeded in getting half the wounded men into the railway cars, and darkness fell before we had concluded our task. The battle appeared to be abating, and we were about to start when my attention was called to the twinkling of a light in the window of the station house. There was a tiny point of fire which alternately appeared and disappeared; sometimes it appeared to glide slowly along the window pane, and then it died out altogether.

We returned to the room, which was full of wounded a short time before, and was now silent. We were on the point of returning to the train when we heard distinctly a metallic sound, and an uneven rapping. On looking round we discovered a small door, which we had not noticed in the confusion and the darkness. It was locked, but we opened it and entered.

Strange Sight.

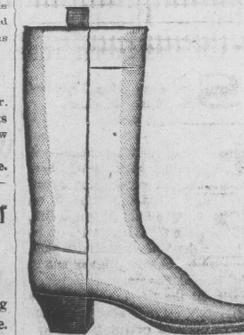
Our eyes met a strange sight. In the centre of the room, which was slightly illuminated by the rising moon a tall man was executing a wild and weird dance. In his right hand he held an electric torch, and in his glimmering light we saw that the inmate of the room was dressed in the uniform of a German cavalry officer. His chest was bare, his arms were covered with blood, and his eyes glared like those of a lunatic. A rattling sound came from his spurs as he danced, and a hoarse sound came from his throat, which had been shot through.

It appeared that he was recovering consciousness in the room with the locked door (which someone had slammed behind him), when he heard our voices. He called to us in vain, and in his alarm knocked his head against the wall of the room. Still he had not heard him, and it was only when he began his wild dance in the light of the electric torch that we were able to locate him and remove him to hospital.

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

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**AWFUL SCENES
OF DESTITUTION**

British Soldier Paints Picture of the Havoc by Germans in Belgium

A member of the Queen Victoria's Rifles, writing home to his employer, says:

We had our first severe test on Sunday and Monday, and have succeeded in pleasing the brigadier, who has complimented us on our steadiness. It is not really so dreadful after the first few minutes of funk, and up to now the small part we have played has been creditable. I think we shall come out of this safely, and with credit to the battalion, and am glad to say that the men are keen and eager.

The country around is a terrible scene of desolation, and the wanton destruction is terrible to witness. It would be impossible for me to try and describe the inhuman way these poor, simple peasants and farmers have been treated. Where we are taking possession the people are reappearing and living in the ruins of their former homes.

They have perfect confidence in our soldiers, which is not misplaced, for a more thoughtful lot of men would be hard to find. Tommy out here is a very different man to the one we know at home. Here he has big responsibilities to face and great danger to encounter. He is a splendid fellow under such circumstances. The officer commanding my platoon is a splendid young man—an old Cheltenham boy. We all are very proud of him, and I hope he gets safely home.

**Were Inspected
By Kitchener**

Word was received yesterday that Lieut. Hugh LeMessurier is still at the officers training quarters Inns of Court.

The men were recently inspected by Lord Kitchener and the French Minister of War. They do not know when they will be sent to the front.

Mr. John Duff, prop. Queen Theatre, leaves shortly on a business trip to Canada and the United States.

**TO HARPOON
SUBMARINES**

London naval experts believe that it will be possible to invent a sort of giant harpoon to cripple or destroy German submarines. Fred T. Jane, writer on naval subjects, has this to say:

"It is probably not beyond the wit of man to devise some means of transforming small steamers into some kind of submarine destroyer. Take the harpooning of nature's submarine—the whale—for example."

**AWFUL DISTRESS
OF THE BELGIANS**

Thousands Live Chiefly on Potatoes—Many Have to Eat Pet Animals

Distress in Belgium is assuming terrible proportions, notwithstanding all that has been done to supply the people with food.

A gentleman who has just come from Louvain states that people there of all classes are existing chiefly on potatoes and fat. Many are killing and eating pet animals.

Cooking presents great difficulties, and numbers of families club together to prepare all their food in a single pot. Practically no coal is left, and a meagre store of petroleum is made to keep potatoes boiling and, at the same time, give a little light in the long evenings.

Some wheat which was secured by townspeople was ground in a coffee-mill and between small blocks of stone.

**MIRRORS ON
ALL TRUCKS**

By way of increasing the safety of pedestrians and the occupants of other cars, the New Jersey Legislature has ordained that all commercial vehicles must carry mirrors which will afford their drivers unobstructed view to the rear.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

**SOLDIERS FILED
'INTO PURGATORY'**

Queen Victoria Rifles Fought in Mid-day Water up to the Knees for 56 Hours

Lance-Corporal H. Jones, of the Queen Victoria's Rifles, writing to a friend in London says:

We have had our second experience of the trenches, and compared with our first, it was absolutely hell. The way to the firing line seems of necessity to be through mud and water, but, anyhow, we got there without any mishaps, and filed into purgatory. A plank had been laid down the middle, and you stepped off into filthy mud and water up to your thighs.

The regulars we relieved had done twenty-four hours in them, and were "whacked to the wide." We were, of course, wet, muddy, and tired when we took over, but did our job, and did it as best we know how; in fact, our fellows are more surprised every time the way they stick it.

Like Benefit Night.
The Germans kept sending up star shells like a Brock's benefit night, made the place as light as day, and then opened a fusillade. One, however, burst over their own trenches, and we spotted them building wire entanglements, and opened rapid fire on them, and with a maxim got them A 1.

The enemy had built some very elaborate entanglements, and were evident in the trench in the rain in full marching order for five hours before the relief turned up at about ten o'clock. We were done up by the time we had trekked back to the reserve trenches, after fifty-six hours of the firing one. They gave us hot tea—the first hot drink since Wednesday dinner-time—and we went to sleep directly.

Regular Scarecrows.
Talk about scarecrows—mud and filth to the eye-brows, wet-togged up in sleeping-caps, &c.—we must have looked a crew. Next day we spent in the reserves, where things were quiet, and we cleaned rifles and scraped a little off ourselves and slept. Rations included sardines, which the captain had bought us. We found a bantam and brought her with us for the section's pet. She is as tame as anything already, and is near me now roosting on a post as calm and as confident as can be. In the evening we were relieved, and those who could marched back; the rest went in carts.

All of us had terrible feet, owing to standing over our boot-tops in mud and water for so long, and the sick represent about one-half our number now, but everyone is still very cheerful. Nearly all of us lost things, because if you dropped anything the mud swallowed it up directly. After this, if anyone calls a Terrier a Saturday afternoon soldier when I'm about, there will be trouble.

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**ENGLISH NURSE
KILLED BY SHELL**

It is only a brief obituary, in the midst of a despatch concerning the destruction of Arras. But there is, in its very brevity, an appeal to the sympathy that might be lost in a longer account:

"The body of Miss W. Bell, a young English nurse, who had shown great gallantry in attending the wounded at the battlefield, has just been buried at Le Mans. She was struck down by a shell, and, having both legs broken, was conveyed to the British hospital at Le Mans, where she died. She lies amid the British, French and German soldiers for whom she gave up her life."

**HIGH TRIBUTE
TO THE BRITISH**

Britons Have Performed Prodigies of Valour Says Belgian "Army Courier"

The Courier de l'Armee Belge publishes an enthusiastic tribute to the work of the British Army.

"The British Army, which the Emperor William dared to describe as 'contemptible,' has accomplished prodigies of valour wherever it has been in action. From the beginning of the campaign it has shown itself, under a great commander, equal to the best.

"Alike in the retreat of the end of August, when it had to contend against forces far exceeding it in numbers, and on the Marne, when it shared in the offensive and pursuit, it disclosed remarkable qualities of fighting, of sacrifice, and of endurance.

"In the trying war of the trenches, which began in mid-September and still continues, it displayed, first, high qualities of mobility and organisation, and, since its arrival in Flanders, in its resistance during a full month of the avalanche of the enemy's attacks, which coincided with those which we ourselves faced on the Yser, it exhibited a power and heroism almost superhuman."

**This Is The House
That Krupp Built**

(From The New York Life.)
This is the house that Krupp built.

This is the spirit of militarism that appropriated the gun that was made in the house that Krupp built.

These are the generations of iron men that are responsible for the spirit of militarism that appropriated the gun that was made in the house that Krupp built.

This is the ruler who is the culmination of the generations of iron men that are responsible for the spirit of militarism that appropriated the gun that was made in the house that Krupp built.

This is the war that from sheer greed was born that was waged by the ruler who is the culmination of the generations of iron men that are responsible for the spirit of militarism that appropriated the gun that was made in the house that Krupp built.

These are the countries all bleeding and torn that were wrecked by the war that from sheer greed was born that was waged by the ruler who is the culmination of the generations of iron men that are responsible for the spirit of militarism that appropriated the gun that was made in the house that Krupp built.

This is the future of hatred and scorn of the various countries all bleeding and torn that were wrecked by the war that from sheer greed was born that was waged by the ruler who is the culmination of the generations of iron men that are responsible for the spirit of militarism that appropriated the gun that was made in the house that Krupp built.

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SAYS FISHERMAN.**

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

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines concerning the Coaker Engine that I purchased from the U. T. Co. this spring. I have used this engine all the summer without any trouble or difficulty; it really works like a clock.

We had our traps twelve miles from the schooner and that engine used to go there twice a day for a month, making its forty-eight miles a day back and forth, and used to tow another trap boat with her, which made a difference of about seven miles in forty-eight, so she actually ran fifty-five miles per day while at Belle Isle.

At Mugford's Harbor she averaged about thirty-five miles a day from the 14th of August to the 10th of September. I would not change this engine for any other six horse power engine on the market, either for speed or simplicity of operation. I passed motors this summer up to nine horse power. I haven't seen one to go with her this summer.

I advise all who want a good strong and reliable engine not to refuse the Coaker Engine, for she is certainly the best on the market.
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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, FEBRUARY 13, 1915.

ANOTHER BUSINESS TRANSFERRED

MESSRS. EARLE & CO have sold the premises, stock, lands, and book debts of their Twillingate Branch to Mr. Wm. Ashbourne of Twillingate, for the sum of \$23,000—a goodly price in view of the money stringency. Mr. Ashbourne will do his principal business at the new premises as it is more sheltered from stormy winds than the premises he has hitherto transacted his business on—which formerly belonged to Edwin Duder.

Twillingate has nothing to gain by having one business transferred to another firm doing business there. Its object is to cut out competition. Two small firms is much better than one large firm. Hodge at Twillingate last year purchased the business premises once operated by the late Mr. Tobin and has disbanded the principal stores and thus wiped out the chances of another business competition.

This is what ruined Harbor Grace. Had Harbor Grace found new business men to operate the premises owned by the several firms which had withdrawn from business instead of having all those premises purchased by Munn & Co., thereby enabling one large firm to monopolize the whole business, the history of Harbor Grace may not read as it does to-day. Munn having a complete monopoly of the business of Harbor Grace, compelled Harbor Grace to carry all its eggs in the one basket and when Munn went the whole town collapsed.

Had others taken the places of the several firms as they withdrew from trade and operated them it would not have mattered so much if anyone of them collapsed, but when Munn began buying up every business premises as they became vacant or began buying out running concerns, he laid the foundation for a business disaster at Harbor Grace that would spell ruin to the town when it came.

This is the sole reason for conditions as they prevail and have prevailed at Harbor Grace since the Bank Crash. Twillingate must bend all its energies to prevent the same fate overtaking it—for conditions there are fast resembling those of Harbor Grace and it will be the duty of the F.P.U. now to undertake reforms at Twillingate that will counteract the monopoly of Hodge and Ashbourne. Those reforms will be initiated before long.

We do not take kindly to the system of allowing merchants to own all schooners and hire captains to run them on the share system as is now so prevalent at Twillingate. There is nothing like the old system of planters owning their own schooners at it prevails in Bonavista Bay.

Such men as Ashbourne and Hodge who aim to close out competition in trade, must be closely watched, and watched they will be, and it is just possible that legislation will sooner or later have to be enacted preventing one firm at a town buying out another firm or its premises in order to oust competition in trade. The sad fate of Harbor Grace, which is directly the result of ousting local competition by one firm, ought to be a lesson for always to our large outports. The fact that a F.P.U. exists is a blessing to Twillingate today in view of what has transpired.

Our outport people must not look on calmly and permit one firm to monopolize the business of the place. There must be lots of money in supplying and fish buying when a man like Ashbourne who started with about \$5000 can build up a large trade and in a few years be enabled to purchase another local business paying such a large sum as \$23,000.

Open the House

ONE of the greatest outrages ever committed by a Prime Minister against a self governing colony is that committed by Sir E. P. Morris in running away from the Colony on a penny twopenny pretext at this season of the year and during the existence of the world's greatest war and refusing to make provision for the army of destitute people all over the Island who are to-day existing on scraps that can be gathered from their neighbours.

This outrage and that of refusing to pass legislation to safeguard the lives of 4000 sealers before the commencement of another sealing voyage and scorning with bitterest contempt the efforts of the sealers themselves to aid with proposals founded upon their life long experience.

The man Ned Morris must have a heart as scornful in every respect as the half mad man who rules Germany. No self governing people can forgive such an outrage as to have busy men hanging around St. John's attending to Parliamentary duties in April when such duties could well have been performed in February.

We can assure the Government that the Union Party will fight them when the House opens, to the bitter end. There will be no hesitation to criticize every action of the Government since it robbed from the electorate in 1899 by false catchcries the power to rule and rule the Colony.

From day to day the Union members will fight the Government in every conceivable manner, believing that it is a plague that is bringing evil and a curse upon the people of the Colony and as a Government that is utterly unworthy of the support of any men who love right and justice as founded upon the principles of democracy.

To run away from the Colony even in the summer, under present war circumstances would be a crime, but to

run away secretly at a time when 10,000 persons are verging on starvation, and when the proper season for Parliamentary work is passing away is something no one but a political hypocrite of the blackest hue could be guilty of.

When one considers that at last year's sealfishery 253 toilers lost their lives, and not one iota has been done to safeguard the lives of the 4000 men who will again engage in this calling in a month's time, no words that the English language contains are strong enough to condemn the conduct of such scoundrelism guilty of such conduct. The poor may starve, the sealers can be massacred on the icefloes or be sent into eternity with the sinking of an old wooden sealing steamer, and according to the Government's action it all doesn't amount to the value of a row of pins.

Great God, we ask how can those things be in a free country? How can the people put up with such deliberate scoundrelism? How can such outrages against the common people be tolerated? Has common sense forsaken those responsible for such invitations to revolution? Would our fathers have submitted meekly to such rascality and contempt of the poor man's interests?

The wonder to us is that the people have not arisen in their indignation and suffering and swept away ere this the shame—men who would smilingly look on and permit those outrages to exist without even a protest.

Morris, the Premier of this Colony, is now on a picnic tour of Canada and America while 10,000 starving men and women and children in Newfoundland are crying to Heaven for a crust of bread, and when 4000 men are again about to engage in a calling that last year took 253 and worse than killed 11 more and not a finger has been turned. If those heartless wretches who are supposed to govern this Colony, to pass any laws to protect the

lives of those men or to prevent as far as possible the slaughtering of human beings as was witnessed by the world last spring.

God's curse must follow those wretches responsible for such outrages. Their existence as a Government can't be much longer tolerated. The prayers of the starving, and the bereaved who lost their loved ones last Spring are ascending to high Heaven and the response can't be far off, for the latest outrage of seeing the Prime Minister run away from his duties under such circumstances as exist to-day must be the last straw to break the camel's back.

Capt. Ab. Kean

SOME time ago we announced that President Coaker had written Messrs. Bowring Bros. in reference to the action they intended taking regarding the demands of the F.P.U. concerning Capt. Ab. Kean being ousted from the command of a sealing ship belonging to the firm.

President Coaker's letter was replied to by Mr. Munn, who intimated that the letter in question would be forwarded to the Head Office at Liverpool.

Recently Mr. Coaker asked the firm here if any reply had been received, to which the firm replied, stating that no reply had been received from the Liverpool office. Mr. Coaker then called the Head Office as follows:

Bowring's, Liverpool.
What your decision request Fishermen's Union concerning Kean not commanding sealing steamer. Kindly reply. Munn says our letter sent you. (Signed) COAKER.

To which Mr. Coaker received the following answer:

Fishermen's Protective Union, St. John's.
Replying your cable decided withdraw Stephano also can admit this season's sealing voyage. (Signed) BOWRING.

This ends the matter so far as the F.P.U. is concerned. The firm here might have so decided when Mr. Coaker interviewed them in November, and all this unpleasantness over Kean going to the ice as ~~undoubtedly would not have been~~ de-stated.

The Country and the Union will receive the decision of Messrs. Bowring, Liverpool, who are the largest shareholders in the Red Cross steamers, with gladness, and all will highly appreciate their endeavours to satisfy the wishes of the public of Newfoundland, and their gentlemanly action towards the F.P.U.

The fishermen will long remember this action on the part of the principal owners of the Bowring business, and we trust all will endeavour now to co-operate to make the sealing voyage of 1915 a great success.

We do not rejoice over Capt. Kean's position, we rather feel inclined to remember his good qualities and to forget his failings, and had he expressed proper regret for the loss of those 78 poor chaps who died in the blizzard last Spring, and taken his medicine as a man, the people would not have been as hard upon him. We have not been actuated by feelings of animosity against him first or last. We have a sacred duty to perform towards the toilers of the sea and that duty we will perform faithfully, no matter who we offend in so doing.

We offend, not because we find pleasure in so doing, but because our stern duty compels it, and we must be true to our duty or hand it over to a more faithful servant. With us the peoples' wishes must prevail.

This sad business is now over and glad we are of it, for the F.P.U. had resolved to prevent Capt. Kean from sailing as master, no matter what the cost, and President Coaker had so informed Bowring Bros.

Let them appoint Capt. Kean their ship's husband—a position that has not been filled since the death of the renowned Capt. Arthur Jackman. It would be considered a promotion, and

as strong as we have had to fight Capt. Abram, we would be glad to see him promoted in the service and just treatment accorded him.

The people's will has prevailed and punishment sufficient to satisfy the Country has been administered. Therefore we trust the Country will never again be called upon to discuss a serious sealing disaster. We are convinced that never again will another such loss of life occur, for laws the most perfect possible will have to be enacted when the House opens to render such a catastrophe again impossible.

Our chief regret is that we are not privileged to-day to thank the firm's principals here for the graceful action performed by the principals at Liverpool. For Mr. Munn we have always cherished the best of feelings and we regret that he lacked the foresight and initiative to accede to the F.P.U.'s request when first intimated and thus have prevented much unpleasantness.

System Wrong

That the cry of distress which assails our ears from day to day is a genuine one there is not the remotest doubt. Many cases of absolute want are vouched for by men whose integrity no one can doubt, such as Mr. Abbott, M.H.A., for Bonavista. Mr. Abbott cites cases that have come under his personal observation, as also does Mr. R. Hibbs, of Kelligrews. To this we can add that of our own seeing. That there is a large amount of actual distress here in St. John's is too painfully evident, and no body can deny the fact.

Neither can anyone deny the fact that war or no war this country was in a poor state to face a winter, when even at the best of times work in town is a bit slack.

To the thoughtful person there must be apparent the fact that there is something wrong with the economic system that can admit of such a poor condition of things, as to have people in actual want.

The shortage of the catch of fish or the failure of a farm crop should not reduce people to actual want. Enough food has been produced to allow considerable margin after having fed the multitude.

A short catch or small crop should not reduce the people to starvation so long as we can import the necessaries of life, and for this reason, there should be, under a more just and equitable system be a reserve fund in the hands of every industrious worker sufficient to tide him over the lean year.

Our much vaunted prosperity has failed to deliver the goods.

It is quite easy for a glib tongued politician to mouth empty platitudes about prosperity, and of late we have had a superabundance of that line of talk. The test has been applied. The reactionary agent has been applied to the sleek skinned mockery of prosperity, and the result shows how false, how pretensions has been the boast of our prosperity. Work slacks off, and in two months the gaunt wolf of hunger stalks among the working people. A people who merely exist from hand to mouth, as we do, cannot by any stretch of truth be said to be prosperous.

There is much food for thought in all this, and he is recreant to his duty as a citizen who fails to weigh seriously the question.

Why are we hungry, and cold and naked? Can't our country produce enough to feed and clothe us decently? What is wrong? Is the country overpopulated, or is the cause of all our distress to be laid at the door of our economic system?

PICKED UP—The owner of a Locket, picked up yesterday, can have same on application to this office.—Feb 9

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.—dec 5/14

Changes On Our Staff

D. R. MOSDELL and R. Dowden end to-day their connection with **The Mail and Advocate**. Mr. A. English will replace Dr. Mosdell and R. Dowden will be replaced by two reporters—James Carmichael and P. J. Kinilla. Mr. John St. John will succeed Arthur English as accountant. Mr. Arthur English will become Business Manager.

Mr. English was on **The Advocate** staff for some time and joined **The Mail and Advocate** staff last Spring and have therefore some experience in journalism. He is above all strongly in sympathy with the aims and objects of the F.P.U. and is a member of the Union.

We understand Dr. Mosdell and R. Dowden intend launching out into journalism and will start a daily paper in the near future, the capital being provided by a few of Water Street merchants. It is said the Hon. Geo. Knowling, Mr. J. S. Munn, and the Harveys are putting some money into the venture in the hope of using it as an Anti-Confederate paper in event of that matter becoming a live issue.

Mr. Thistle, the accountant of the Trading Co., is also joining the venture and will shortly terminate his service with the Trading Co. Mr. W. Hardman, accountant with the late H. R. Silver, will succeed Mr. Thistle as chief accountant with the Trading Co. Mr. Lewis Crummy becoming assistant accountant.

Those changes will supply St. John's with another daily paper, making no less than four evening dailies. There is not sufficient demand for three daily papers, much less four—some of them will have to go to the wall. Which will it be?

High Appreciation Of Mail and Advocate

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to your highly esteemed paper.

First I wish to congratulate you, for if there was no **Mail and Advocate**, we would be blind fools in the world. We are deeply grateful to our noble resident, who has organized such a Union, established such Companies as the Trading Co. and Publishing Co., and who is now about to establish an Exporting Co. which will be the favorite scheme for the fishermen.

It will prove a God-send to the fishermen and a blessing to them all through the future.

—LOVER OF YOUR PAPER.
Dear Sir, B.B., Feb. 12, 1915.

A. G. Stickland Naval Reservist Writes His Parents

Dear Mother,—I am glad to be able to write you once again to tell you that I am well and finding life full of sunshine as I hope you find it too. We are getting very wet weather over here but I have not seen any snow yet. By the time you get this letter, Mother, your son will be out in the North Sea, as we expect to be leaving to-morrow or Wednesday.

I hope you spent your Christmas well. I should have liked to have been with you, but never mind, there is another Christmas coming, and if the Lord spares my life, I shall be spending it with you. I hope the New Year will bring you joy and comfort, loving mother, and do not get down-hearted because I am away. You know I love you, and if we do not meet on earth again, I shall be waiting for you on the Golden Shore.

Your son is true blue and true temperance, and he is proud to be fighting for his King and Country.

Give my kind regards to any friends who may ask for me. Good bye and God be with you till we meet again.

—A. G. STICKLAND,
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GERMANS SHOT BURIAL PARTIES

Paid No Respect Either To Red Cross—Mud Baths From Exploding Shells

According to Private Arthur Garner, of Letchworth, who has just returned home suffering from a shrapnel wound in the arm, the Herts Territorials left on Nov. 7, and were taken up to Ypres by motor-busses. Ypres was in ruins on their arrival, but the big guns of the enemy still kept dropping shells into it. Prior to relieving the troops in the trenches, the Herts Territorials were quartered in dug-outs in a wood, but their position was given away, and the Germans shelled it unmercifully, so that they were forced to leave.

On the night of Nov. 11 the Herts again took possession of the trenches, and were only 200 yards from the Germans. They could hear the enemy singing repeatedly between the bulks in the shell fire. The weather was very bad, and to make it worse snow fell heavily. That night and early on Thursday the Germans launched their attack, the shells whistling round them without cessation from early morning until noon. Then a short but terrific cannonade took place, and several of the Herts were wounded, very few seriously, while one or two men in the front trench were killed.

Shells kept exploding within three yards of the trenches, the men being buried in the mud thrown up by the explosions. One man jumped up when hit, and was again struck by fragments of a shell which burst close to the trench; while another had his jaw broken with a piece of shell. The main attack ceased about two o'clock. German snipers, hidden in trees, paid no respect to the Red Cross, and a pastime of the snipers was "potting" at burial parties. The Herts bore their baptism bravely, and when Garner was taken from the trenches the men were whistling and singing.

NARROW ESCAPE OF CROWN PRINCE

Only a Tunnel and Treachery of a French Mayor Saved Him From Capture

A special despatch to the New York Times from its Paris correspondent gives the first authentic description of the Crown Prince escaping by a tunnel after the battle of the Marne. Before the battle the Prince was at St. Menchould for about a week with the Crown Princess. He occupied a chateau belonging to a rich drug manufacturer, who gained considerable notoriety some years ago by advertising a cough specific upon the Eiffel Tower. When the Germans retreated the Crown Prince and Crown Princess retired to the small village of Montfaucon, in the Argonne, where they lived for some days in a large house which previously had been prepared for his Imperial Highness. Learning of this, the French Dragons made a furious dash on Montfaucon, which they surrounded with a regiment, and captured several hundred Germans, but the Royal party had flown.

The raiders found a new subterranean passage, 800 yards long, connecting the house with a by-road at the further side of a small wood. There a motor was always waiting during the Crown Prince's stay. It is further asserted that even this would not have saved him from capture if the Mayor of Montfaucon had not run to warn him when the French entered the village. For this treachery the Mayor subsequently paid with his life.

LORD FISHER SELFMADE MAN

Lord Fisher, new first war-lord of the British navy, is a self-made man in the sense that he owes nothing to birth, social influence or wealth in a service in which all three counted for much when he first entered, and the story of that entry is called typical of the man.

At the age of 13 he scrambled aboard the admiral's ship at Plymouth, marched up to a splendid figure in blue and gold, and handing him a letter said: "Here, my man, give this to the admiral."

The man in blue and gold smiled, took the letter and opened it. "Are you the admiral?" said the boy. "Yes, I'm the admiral." He read the letter and, patting the boy on the head, said: "You must stop and take dinner with me." "I think," said the boy, "I should like to be getting on to my ship," speaking as though the British navy had fallen to his charge. The admiral laughed and took him down to dinner.

PERILOUS WORK OF THE STEAMERS TRAWLING MINES

Now Trawl for Floating Explosives as Once, in Piping Times of Peace, They Did for Fish Harvest of the Sea

VERY VALUABLE IN NAVAL WORK

Trawlers are Armed With Quick-Firing Guns and are Effective Against Submarines

Yarmouth, England, Feb. 8.—The nickname of "Mosquito Fleet," applied to the navy's torpedo flotillas, should properly be given to the steam fishing trawlers, of which the Government is gathering together a swarm for the three-fold purpose of mine-sweeping, protecting battleships from submarines, and operating in the shallow waters of the Belgian coast against the Germans. Over 500 of these boats were requisitioned the past week, and thousands are already out. They are found so useful that the Government evidently thinks it cannot have too many.

Trawlers still continue their original duty of seeking for menaces to shipping, as enormous quantities of mines are still strewn at sea.

Following the German raid on Scarborough and the Hartlepoons in December, as many as 1,000 mines were picked up in one week. Many boats have been lost in this work; more than have been officially announced. These German mines, with their bristling contact points, often explode in the nets. They have enough weight attached to their cables to sink them about four feet under the surface, so they run with the tide to the shallow water, where the weight strikes bottom and anchors.

Nothing is so effective against submarines as a cordon of trawlers around a fleet. The submarines must come close to be effective, and they are easily detected by the trawlers on rising to the surface to use the periscope. There is also the chance of getting in a shot at what the navy calls "tin whales."

A large fleet of trawlers will soon take part in the Belgian coast operations, and some already are there. They carry one gun forward, another aft, and two abeam. The weapons are quick firers, of comparatively small calibre, but the boats, sailing in close under the lee of the small dunes, and increasing the general volume of fire, help to prevent the enemy's guns from taking a base along the shore and making a direct target of the big monitors and cruisers.

Very few fishing boats are now left in Yarmouth, out of its once great fleet, and these are allowed to fish only off a small strip of coast. Moreover, it is difficult to man these, since practically every able-bodied fisher is in the navy, to which he belonged as a reservist.

The Government pays a liberal rental for the boats. If it were not for this, and the pay of the men now in the navy, there would be great want in Yarmouth and all the coast towns at this time.

GRAFTS BONES ON SOLDIERS

Dr. Voronoff of Nice, who, with Dr. Alexis Carrel of New York, discovered a method of bone grafting in experiments conducted at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, is teaching the method to French army surgeons at the Russian hospital in Bordeaux.

The method already has been used in several cases, and soldiers who had lost pieces of bone from arms and legs have been treated successfully.

Special Program At Nickel Theatre

A splendid programme has been arranged for the Nickel Theatre this evening, including two two-part films. One is a Vitagraph Co. entitled "Father's Flirtation" showing how John Bunny eludes his wife and flirts with the girls. It is very funny to watch him.

The other is "A pack of cards" a strong melo-drama, the scenes of which are laid in the Canadian Northwest.

"Melody and Art" is a beautiful love story, and the "Fatal High C" is a Keystone comedy riot. Mr. Arthur Cameron—the man from Yorkshire will repeat his comic song.

To-morrow afternoon there will be a regular bumper matinee for the children, with extra pictures which are certain to please the little ones.

BRITON WONDERS THAT HE LIVES

Section Wiped Out and Officer Badly Wounded, But Wanted to Stay At Front

Lieutenant John Henry Stephen Dimmer, of the 2nd Batt. the King's Royal Rifle Corps, on whom the King bestowed the Victoria Cross for gallant work with his machine gun in the fighting during the repulse of the Prussian Guards at Klier, Zillbeke on the 12th inst., in a letter to Miss Beatrice M. Gilliat, Woodside, Wimbleton, who contacts the Oakleigh Bible Class, of which Lieutenant Dimmer was a member for many years, gives further interesting details of the fighting, and at the same time makes an appeal to all able-bodied men to join the ranks. The following are extracts from the letter:

"My section exists no more. We did our job only too well when the Prussian Guards got into us. The section and guns have gone, and I, the leader, am knocked out—my face torn with splinters, a bullet in it, too, and four holes in my shoulder. Nothing much, because, fortunately, it did not blind me or smash my jaw.

"I do not want to come home; we need all our officers here. I am the last one left of my battalion. So I have begged not to be sent home, and in a few days I shall be back with our men again.

"Please do not send anything for a couple of days, until I am certain of my movements. After that I shall be only too grateful for trifles for our men. They are too splendid for words. We fought in the trenches from Oct. 23 almost day and night. How I live to tell it is wonderful. But there is nothing to worry about; I shall soon be at work again.

"God grant the country will realise the gravity of the crisis, and send every able-bodied man to the ranks. We shall need them."

In another letter to the same lady, thanking her for gifts she had forwarded, Lieutenant Dimmer says, "The gifts comforted my men and helped them to endure the daily awful strain, and also in almost every case comforted them when wounded and dying."

HERO GARIBALDI DIES FOR FRANCE

Second Soldier Death in Family Sets Seal on Friendship Between Italy and France

A second Garibaldi has died fighting for liberty and for France. The communique gives us his name and rank. It is Costante Garibaldi, chief adjutant, who has fallen, as his brother Bruno fell, in a heroic and victorious attack of the Italian Legion in the Argonne.

The sad news was received in Italy through the telegram of condolence sent recently by M. Millerand, French Minister of War, to the dead man's father, General Ricciotti Garibaldi. The blood of such heroes is, to use Gustave Hervey's phrase, "An indelible seal of kinship between the two great Latin sisters."

"To-day," writes the Temps, "France too, is at Rome in heart and thought and firm resolve. It is a day of hope as well as of mourning. With our brothers in arms we swear on these coffins and on these flags never to return our sword to the sheath till our common civilization has been saved. The generous blood which we deplore, and shall avenge, will not have been shed in vain."

The telegram in which M. Millerand the French Minister of War, informed General Ricciotti Garibaldi of the further loss that had befallen him was as follows:

"I learn with painful emotion of the new loss that has smitten you, striking at once the brave and noble Italian army and our own. In expressing to you our deep admiration for the hero who has fallen in our ranks, I desire to assure you, on behalf of all his comrades in the French army and on my own behalf, of the share that we take in your sorrow."

M. Poincaré, President of the Republic, has sent to General Ricciotti Garibaldi the following telegram of condolence:

"Hardly had I received your noble telegram (the General's reply to the President's message of sympathy on the death of Bruno Garibaldi) when I learned of the glorious death of another of your sons, fallen in this forest of Argonne, where daily the Italian Legion gives proof of valour and heroism. Accept my renewed and heartfelt sympathy."

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FERVID LOYALTY OF THE FISHERMEN

Enthusiastic in Their Anxiety to Show Their Patriotism to Our King and the Great British Empire

FORTY-TWO OFFERED

Brought Bonavista's Totals up to Eighty-two, Eight Later Recruits Making the Grand Total Ninety

The meeting held here last night in the Orange Hall, under the auspices of the Local Patriotic Committee was one of the most enthusiastic and inspiring of its kind witnessed by Capt. McNab since he started on his recruiting tours.

"It's a record breaker" said the Captain, with unpeaking joy: "Bonavista's patriotic effort will be an eye-opener to the country."

The Captain was right for eighty-two of her noble sons, including the forty-two at last night's meeting have volunteered, and while all have not passed examination, they have done their part. Besides nearly a score of Bonavista boys who were in Canada when the war broke out, joined one or other of the Canadian regiments.

Capacity Crowd.

Long before the meeting opened the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. There were a large number of ladies present. Altogether there must have been at last one thousand, while as many more were unable to obtain admission.

Magistrate Roper presided over the meeting. The principal speakers were Messrs G. F. Grimes, J. G. Stone and Rev. Dr. Curtis, who spoke in the order named.

Mr. Grimes referred to the some of the heroic deeds of our forefathers in this fight for liberty, justice and fair play in the defence of the Empire and the maintenance of Democratic principles which preserved and improved they handed down to us to preserve and improve, and asked, were we ready to measure up to the standard set by our fathers. Did we possess the same courage that they did to fight and maintain the cause of Democracy which is now threatened by Germany? The unity of the Empire was also referred to, particular emphasis being given to the action of most of the British labor leaders who saw that a victory for Germany would destroy all their cherished hopes for attaining true Democracy for labor the world over.

Fervid Speech.

Mr. Stone followed with a speech full of loyal and patriotic fervor, and spoke interestingly of the splendid response made in other portions of the Island for the defence of home and Empire. Then he told of the loss of the Viknor and how the news was received by the Trinity boys who learned that one of their townsmen went down with her. "Well," they said, "for that one gone down, eight of us will take his place," and eight of them did. That the Bonavista audience appreciated the patriotic action of the brave boys of Trinity was fully demonstrated by the tremendous outburst of applause that greeted this story of Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone said he was ready to go as soon as arrangements were made to relieve him of his present duties.

Splendid Oration

The Rev. Dr. Curtis followed and in an eloquent, inspiring, thought-inspiring and earnest appeal that held the close and rapt attention of his hearers, which now and then was punctuated with outbursts of applause clearly brought into view that Bonavista was true to the cause of the Empire, recognized her duty and was ready to send more of her sons to do their part along with their comrades. The rev. gentleman clearly showed Britain's cause was a just and righteous one, that she had endeavored by all the means within her power to avoid war, but when Germany placed her in the position of either sullying her honor and betraying her friends she threw down the gauntlet and challenged the military Germany to do its worst.

The noble response to the call for volunteers in other portions of the Empire was enthusiastically referred to. India, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Canada and elsewhere were offering their thousands and in many

places the number coming forward were so great that the authorities were sometimes unable to make the necessary provision. The Rev. Dr. closed with an earnest appeal to the young manhood of Bonavista not to allow the fair name of Newfoundland to be tarnished. We were credited with being Britain's ancient and most loyal colony. Any failure on our part to meet the duties of the hour would cover our name with shame. We were now being put to the test, and the true worth of the loyalty we so often express in song and speech would soon be given its true value.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was then proposed by Dr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. P. Templeman. Both expressed hearty sympathy with all that had been said and hope to see further response by the young men.

The Committee.

Capt. McNab then called for volunteers. Chief Petty Officers Strickland and Knight went to and fro in the audience explaining the value of the Navy, the time of service, and giving other information. Inside of an hour forty signed the roll, and two more were added next morning with others to follow. During the hour the Revs. Bailey, Howse and Mr. M. White spoke giving words of encouragement, and patriotic songs were sung as well.

"This successful outcome has been largely due to the work of the local Patriotic Committee, who have been indefatigable in their labors to educate the people, showing them their responsibilities in the crisis and otherwise arousing them to patriotic endeavour.

Quick Response.

The Committee composes Magistrate Roper as chairman; H. Swyers (Secy. Treasurer); Revs. G. Bailey, Howse, Hillier, Adjutant Bruce, Rev. Father Owyer, P. Templeman, J. Abbott, M. H.A., Drs. R. and Alec Forbes, Dr. Rutherford, Messrs. J. T. McCarty, F. Brown, J. Lawrence, A. Reader, N. Ryan, H. Abbott, M. White and the ardent policeman, Sergeant Fitzgerald. Up to last night forty had volunteered since the war broke out of which twenty-seven passed.

It is hoped by the Committee that this proportion will be kept from the number volunteering last night.

This morning Magistrate Roper, Capt. McNab and the Petty Officers were busy. Dr. Forbes and Dr. Rutherford were busy with the examinations, and up to noontime 25 passed and will go out by Monday's train. There are a good proportion of members of the F.P.U., showing that the advice of President Coaker to make good the promise of 1000 naval reserve men was being followed.

Want Equal Pay.

Some are of the opinion that equal pay for the Navy to that of the Army will see a readier response in other portions of the Bay.

When the special car moved out for Catalina in the afternoon, a large assemblage of people gathered. Adjutant Bruce, with the Salvation Army played patriotic airs and ringing cheers were given for the Volunteers and the Recruiting Delegation.

The Rev. Dr. Curtis thanked the people for the hospitality shown the delegation and the many acts of kindness shown all through.

The Oddfellows, whose meeting was on for the night, although receiving very short notice, adjourned its meeting to give all the assistance possible for the success of the meeting. It is the unanimity displayed by the people regardless of politics, religion or other differences, that has deserved the well-merited tribute, "Well done, good and faithful servants. Other outports go and do likewise."

Help the Destitute.

What is the matter with the Government that no steps are being taken to relieve the destitute are some of the queries now being made. Here we are, giving up our sons freely to do battle for our Empire, and yet we who are left behind to produce the wealth of the country, make its revenues which makes possible to pay for the Contingent abroad, have many of us been rendered poor in our efforts.

SAYS GERMAN SUBMARINE X2 HAS BEEN SUNK

London, Feb. 13.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent telegraphs from Amsterdam: From inquiries made in Ymuiden, I have every reason to believe the German submarine UDX-2, which attacked the British steamer Laertes has suffered a mishap and is now at the bottom of the North Sea. She gave up the chase of the steamer when she was gaining and was last seen in a cloud of steam apparently in difficulties.

Country Parade Of C.C.C. Friday

Two Hundred Members Take Long Tramp Under Captain Kent

The C.C.C., numbering upwards of two hundred, under Capt. Kent, went for a tramp countrywards last night in the vicinity of Long Pond Road and Smithville.

Before leaving the Armoury they were addressed by Lieut.-Col. Conroy, who complimented the lads on their appearance, and was pleased to see them in such large numbers and still increasing.

Cheers were given for their absent comrades at Fort George.

VICTORY Flour, Fresh and Sweet while the loaf lasts.—Feb 12

VOLUNTEER LIST MOUNTS

There are now 1094 Volunteers on the roll the following having enlisted yesterday:

St. John's—Fred J. England, Pak. J. Tobin, M. Boland.

Whitbourne—Geo. Phillips, Dillo, T.B.—Stewart Benson, Gauder Bay—Art. Thomson, English Hr., T.B.—Wm. Ed. Penny, John Jas. Ivany.

Bay Roberts—Dougal Mercer. Witless Bay—Jas. M. Power. Tilt Cove—Sam. H. Spencer. The soldiers spent yesterday morning in platoon drill at the Parade Grounds.

In the afternoon they marched to Government House grounds and were inspected by His Excellency the Governor who was delighted with them.

Outport men coming to enlist are requested to bring extra clothing boots, etc. as it is impossible to fit them out immediately on their arrival.

If you want to free your roof absolutely from leaks and repair bills, then use Elastic Cement Paint, P. H. COWAN, Agt.

At the Nickel

There was a large attendance at the Nickel Theatre yesterday afternoon and last evening. The pictures were delightful and all were charmed with them.

The big matinee for children takes place this afternoon, the doors opening at 2 o'clock. The programme has been specially arranged for little ones, and will include cowboy films and others which will delight everyone. Mr. Cameron will sing a very funny song.

Last night's programme will be repeated this evening.

VICTORY Flour, Fresh and Sweet while the loaf lasts.—Feb 12

Gower St. Bible Class

Rev. N. Guy will deliver an address at the service of the Class Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14. Subject: "Was Britain justified from a Christian standpoint in entering the great war."

A cordial invitation is extended to men to come and hear Mr. Guy on such an important subject. Service begins at 2.45. Entrance to rooms from Gower St.

Don't tear your old roof off because it is old, worn out or leaky. Use Elastic Roofing Paint, P. H. COWAN, Agent.

The fishing failed us. We are willing to work, but no work offering. Can the Government be so callous as to take all and give nothing.

Mr. P. Templeman supports the F.P.U. member for Bonavista in all that he says about destitution prevailing, and that something must be done. Other prominent citizens express the same feeling, and the F.P.U. says it must be done or else patience will cease to be a virtue.

They say we do not want something for nothing. Pro-ide work for the destitute and relieve their needs. Private enterprise is unable to meet the situation.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Bonavista, Feb. 10, 1915. P.S.—Since writing above, news has been received that seven more for the Navy, making 49, or a total of 87 since war began from Bonavista.

BONAVISTA VOLUNTEERS.

Frank Brown, Donald Templeman, Harold White, Norman Harris, John Paul, Job Little, Henry Faulkner, Jas. Powell, John Carroll, Edmund Sweetland, Geo. Dyke, Wm. Moulard, Herbert Fisher, Henry Case, Fred Best, Mark Keel, Jos. Way, Jack Abbott, Abel Moulard, Stephen Brown, Edmond Dunn, Wm. Linthorn, Raymond Little, Jas. Harris, Harold Templeman, Dugald White, Newman Shirran, Val Fitzgerald, Chas. Abbott, Absalom Powell, George Dunn, S. J. Gray, Arthur Moulard, Albert Little, Harold Brown, John Reader, Hector Abbott, Maxwell Abbott, Alex. Reader, Baxter Little.

"CROSS-FIRING" AT THE MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mullaly Alleges Discourteous Treatment of Himself—Cable Co. Application Taken Up

The Civic Commissioners met last evening, Chairman Gosling, Comms. Harris, Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Jackman Mullaly, McGrath Morris Anderson and Withers, being present.

Many points causing general discussion were brought up. One point which will interest all citizens is the increase in revenue.

In reply to Com. McNamara, the Chairman stated that the total collections to date for 1915 was \$16,247.00 as against \$8,419.50 for 1914, an increase of \$7,827.50.

Collectors Do Well. This is largely due to the new system of collections. It also indicates that public spirit has been aroused and that citizens understand that if the Commissioners are to carry on the work they desire they must have the support of all.

D. Whitten, Southside requested that attention be given the road near his property. Referred to the Engineer.

The Solicitor reported on the Commercial Cable Co's application re taxation on their business, if offices were established in the city. In the Solicitor's opinion the Board had no option than to impose the tax, the maximum being \$400.00 per annum.

Considerable discussion followed, the consensus of opinion being that the framers of the Act had no such case in view as under consideration this company not being open for local business.

Ask for Amendment. In view of the solicitor's report, however, the Legislature will be asked to amend the Act next session, giving the Council a right of option in such cases.

The Engineer submitted a report on water measurements taken during the last seven days. It showed that there was abnormal wastage during frosty weather, particularly at nights. The difference between the minimum draught in summer and the maximum draught in winter is 2,000,000 gallons in 24 hours.

The Sanitary Supervisor submitted his annual report. It had been carefully compiled, and suggested different improvements. The principal items dealt with were sanitation, cobble-stone drains, disposal of night soil, public lavatories, and the dog nuisance.

Keep Them In. In the latter matter the Supervisor suggested that the owners be compelled by law to keep the animals in kennels at night, as was the case in every other municipality.

The dog nuisance will be taken up at an early date, and with it the question whether the dog tax should be \$2.00 to the dog, and not to the general revenue.

Inspector Rooney reported on houses in various streets which were not connected with the sewers. The Engineer will prepare plans, and the whole matter will be gone into by the Sanitary Committee.

Com. Mullaly drew attention to the money's voted to officials at last meeting. He had opposed the motion at the previous meeting and thought it discourteous on the part of the Committee to pass the motion during his unavoidable absence.

Alleged Discourtesy. He also referred to the discourtesy of some officials who refused to furnish information. He had been looking for information for three weeks and officials were always too busy to get it.

Com. McNamara said no discourtesy was intended.

Com. Morris thought that if Com. Mullaly was treated discourteously it was largely his own doing.

A general discussion followed and for a few minutes there was considerable cross-firing.

At 10.15 the meeting adjourned.

VICTORY Flour, Fresh and Sweet while the loaf lasts.—Feb 12

Pte. Jack Edens Nicely Recovering From His Operation

We are pleased to be able to state that Pte. Jack Edens who was operated on for appendicitis a fortnight ago is healing rapidly and the doctors hope to have him round again in the course of a week or two.

Jack is one of our Volunteers. Owing to his operation he was not able to go with the last contingent as he hoped but he is looking forward enthusiastically to going with the next.

Wallace & Co. Chocolates are "Candies of Character." They Sweeten Life.

Abandon Attempt To Invade Egypt

London, Feb. 13.—The Copenhagen correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphs that a Berlin despatch says the Commission of Turkish affairs had decided to abandon the invasion of Egypt.

The Palestine army will be transferred to Bagdad, Erzerum and Constantinople.

REV. G. R. GODDEN CROSSES THE BAR

Breathed His Last at 10 O'clock Last Night—Death Generally Regretted

Rev. G. Ross Godden, M.A., Rector of St. Thomas's Parish Church is dead.

The news was heard this morning with profound sorrow and came as a great shock to the whole community.

It was known that he was seriously ill and for the last few days the attending physician held out no hope of his recovery, but it was not thought that death was so near.

Yesterday Dr. Scully, who was a life-long friend, and has been in daily attendance for the last six weeks announced that the disease consumption had taken such a hold that the patient might linger a couple of weeks or may go at any moment.

At Evening Prayers at church last evening many prayers were offered for his welfare, but little did the congregation think that their Pastor's life was so soon to close.

Mr. Godden last officiated at Holy Communion on Christmas Day. He had not been well for some time previously, but in spite of the weakness of the body he continued to perform his sacred duties.

After that service many of his people remarked his condition. After service he was obliged to go to bed, and had been there practically ever since.

The following Sunday he made three efforts to attend service but was unable to do so.

Gradually Failed. Since then he gradually grew worse and became weaker until last night.

His physicians advised him to proceed to a Southern clime where it was thought the less rigorous air would improve him, but his fever was so high that he could not attempt to travel.

He underwent open air treatment as far as possible, but since the opening of the year was denied the visit of friends because his body was so weak.

At 10 o'clock last night he quietly breathed his last.

Rev. G. R. Godden was born at Hr. Grace and received his early education at Bishop Feild College.

St. John's Municipal Board.

NOTICE TO RATE PAYERS

The Collectors will call at the following localities next week:—

EAST END.

Wednesday, February 17th—Gower Street, North and South Side.

Thursday, February 18th—(Forenoon) Victoria Street, Chapel Street.

(Afternoon) Prescott Street, Cathedral Hill.

Friday, February 19th—(Forenoon) King's Road, North and South Side.

(Afternoon) Cummings' Street and Colonial Street, East and West Side.

Saturday, February 20th—(Forenoon) Cochrane Street.

(Afternoon) Military Road, South Side.

Monday, February 22nd—(Forenoon) Boggan Street, Bulley Street and Bell Street.

(Afternoon) Military Road, North, Garrison Hill and Henry Street.

WEST END.

Wednesday, February 17th—(Forenoon) Pleasant Street, West Side, Hagerty Street.

(Afternoon) John Street, Dunford Street.

Wednesday, February 18th—(Forenoon) LeMarchant Road.

(Afternoon) Monroe Street.

Friday, February 19th—(Forenoon) Gilbert Street and Casey Street.

(Afternoon) Springdale Street, West Side.

Saturday, February 20th—(Forenoon) Springdale Street, East Side.

(Afternoon) Charlton Street.

Monday, February 22nd—(Forenoon) Central Street and Clifford Street.

(Afternoon) Barter's Hill, Stephen Street.

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

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Removal Sale Prices.

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Connections at Halifax for Boston: (1) Plant Line Wednesday at 8 a.m. (2) Dominion Atlantic Railway through the beautiful land of Evangeline to Yarmouth, thence by Boston and Yarmouth S.S. Co., Ltd., Wednesday and Saturday. Luxurious accommodation and excellent cuisine by either route. Full particulars from

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