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FIERCE BATTLES RAGED ALL THRU XMAS SEASON

And Great Numbers of Wounded Have Been Sent to the Rear—Successful Operations of the Belgians—Conflicting Reports From the Eastern Field—British Pride in Exploits of Airmen

London, Dec. 28.—The battle lines east and west have undergone only infinitesimal changes during the past twenty-four hours. French and German reports agree that the Germans captured a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French and German reports agree that the Germans captured a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line to the extent of about 800 or 900 yards in Lens region, further east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended lines.

No Christmas Lull. Reports say that the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the battle lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting during Christmas in that country was the fiercest during the past month.

Correspondents in the rear say the Belgians, as a result of five days' sapping, captured nearly three thousand Germans, with only small losses to themselves.

According to Russian reports, the German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed, while a Berlin official statement says there is general confidence in the German-Austro-Hungarian forces, who are making progress along the great front.

English newspapers are enthusiastic over the raid by their cruisers and seaplanes on Cuxhaven. They decline to accept without reservation the German statement that the ships in Cuxhaven and the gas works were

hit by bombs, but that no damage was done. They consider this improbable.

Naval writers dilate and speculate lavishly upon the most remarkable engagement of twelfth century warfare. They conclude that the German ships feared to come forth and give battle to the British cruisers, because of the uncertainty as to whether British battleships were lurking behind them.

The fact that the Zeppelins were driven off is taken by some as evidence that the Zeppelins are really untrustworthy craft, while others think it means that the Germans are heusuband all their dirigibles for a raid upon England. It is argued by some writers that if Cuxhaven had been attacked, why not Heligoland and Wilhelmshaven, or even the Kiel Canal?

Loss Comparatively Small. The only damage the British expedition sustained was the loss of several hydro-aeroplanes, costing \$45,000 and the only loss of life was Commander Hewlett.

The British people are beginning to lose whatever fear of Zeppelins they held, perhaps prematurely, but the exploits of the airmen on their Continent scouting trip and that of the German flyer over Kent on Christmas Day show there is a strong possibility that the Taubes may repeat over London a visit with bombs which they paid to Paris and Warsaw.

A heavy wind storm with rain and snow, swept over Paris, England and adjacent places tonight.

Circle London With Up-to-date Trench Works

British Capital Being Fortified Against Possible German Invasion

New York, Dec. 28.—Trenches are being dug about London, and extraordinary precautions are being taken throughout the English east coast region in anticipation of a further German raid or invasion. This information reached the United Press here from a reliable private source in England. The trench digging around London began two months ago. It was announced at the time that it was mere practice work for reservists. This pretence has now been abandoned. Any traveller by road out of London, especially to the north and north-east, has ample opportunity to observe lines of trenches that would do credit to seasoned sappers in Flanders. These extend in an almost unbroken line from Hendon on the north-west through Potter's Bay, across the Epping forest, on the north-east, and thence southwards as far as the Thames.

It is also known in London that Lord Kitchener recently made a personal tour of inspection of the points on the east coast where it is considered most likely the Germans may attempt the landing.

Altogether, there are now mobilized along the coast from Dover to Leth approximately half a million men. A large part of these are Territorials, but, important points are a number of regiments of seasoned regulars.

All the east coast harbors, inlets and waterways have been mined. A day and night patrol of seaplanes, steam yachts, motor boats and armed steam trawlers is maintained. The navy has provided some 800 trawlers, manned by navy gunners. Altogether there are about 1,600 small vessels armed and unarmed, now on this patrol service between Dover and Leth.

'Callidora' Sails

The barq. Callidora sailed for Hr. Grace yesterday morning. She put in here last week while bound from North Sydney with a cargo of coal.

Londoners Get Official Warning

Told of Danger From Own Guns Shooting at Enemy Airships.

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 28.—Naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger from fragments of shells and bullets from guns used against hostile air craft attempting to raid London. The civil population are warned to keep under cover, preferably in the basements upon hearing the sound of firing by guns or explosives.

Mongolian At Glasgow

The Allan liner Mongolian arrived at Glasgow at 8 a.m. Saturday, Messrs. Shea & Co. having received word to that effect this morning.

Intense Hatred Of Great Britain Characterised German Christmas

London, Dec. 26.—Neutrals recently arrived from Germany, declare that the Germans are spending a Christmas of hate, a popular motto being "Ill-will to the English everywhere." A well known German poet's "Hymn of Hate," directed at England, is being sung nightly by female artists at all the theatres, where it is rapturously applauded. It is also sung in family circles, around the Christmas tree and at festive boards.

German Positions On The Yser Penetrated By The Allied Troops Forward Movement During Xmas

London, Dec. 29.—The Morning Post's Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs: There was no cessation during Christmas tide of the operations of the Allies in the southwestern part of Belgium. On the contrary, the French and English troops co-operated in a forward movement from Lombaertzyde to the South of Dixmude and detachments of Belgian troops

Russian Forces Again Abandon Siege Of Cracow

Action Made Necessary to Prevent the Austrians From Cutting the Russian Forces in Two.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The investment by the Russians of the Austrian fortress of Cracow has again been raised. Following the discovery of an attempt by the Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia, our troops returned eastward fifty miles.

The Russian forces according to advices received today from Galicia have succeeded in crossing the Biala River and in taking possession of a twenty mile strip of territory, south of Taczew, separating two Austrian armies. The forces of General Boehm Ernot, the Austrian commander, are claimed by the Russians to be retreating and the Western Austrian army is said to be badly crippled.

MORE RAIDS IN PROSPECT

Attempt May Next Be Made on Heligoland, Wilhelmshaven and Even On Kiel Canal.

New York, Dec. 29.—A cable to The Herald from London says the British raid on Cuxhaven has given rise to further demands on the fleet.

Writers in newspapers are asking why, if Cuxhaven can be successfully attacked, cannot a similar raid be made on Heligoland itself, on Wilhelmshaven or even on the Kiel Canal.

Canada Can Place German Invaders, Higher Than Haman

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The "German scare" reached Vice-President Geo. M. Bosworth, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the form of a telegraphic inquiry from the New York Times this afternoon as follows: "We are receiving intimations from widely scattered points in California that there is a movement of Germans in civilian clothing northward, the object being to raid Vancouver and the C.P.R. communications and keep Canadians at home. Have you anything to say?"

Bosworth replied as follows: "We have fine scenery all along the line of the Canadian Pacific and can reserve a peak ten thousand feet high for the solitary meditations of any German raiders who come across the international boundary."

S.S. Adventure sails for the Mediterranean ports with fish on Thursday.

S.S. Nascope left Tiera Vieja on Xmas Day for the port with salt.

S.S. Baleine is loading herring at Halls Bay for Gloucester.

150 FRENCH TROOPS DEFY WHOLE ARMY

Got Cut Off in General Retreat in August and Tho Surrounded Have Escaped Capture Ever Since

Paris, Dec. 26.—In all its wealth of heroic actions the present war contains no more surprising episode than that which has just been brought to light. The facts are as follows:

For four months ever since August 23rd, an organised company of one hundred and fifty French soldiers have been living in the Belgian Provinces of Luxemburg and Namur and although surrounded entirely by the German forces, occupying Belgium, they have constantly escaped capture.

For almost four months they have conducted a guerilla warfare against their foes, inflicting heavier losses and more damage than could be done by an entire regiment, in the open, and every attempt of the Germans to dislodge them from the mountain forests where they have found refuge, has failed.

The story is vouched for by impeccable authority who has personally seen and interviewed several of the men.

These one hundred and fifty are that is left of the French troops who vainly attempted in a two day battle to resist the German advance between the rivers Liesz and Semois on Aug. 22nd and 23rd.

The order for the general retreat sent out by the Allied forces on Sunday, Aug. 23rd reached them too late. Their only way of retreat through Mezieres, having been cut off and realizing that they were surrounded, they decided to seek refuge in the thick forests, with which this region is covered, and to await the return of French forces which in their minds then was a matter of days. The hiding place of the soldiers is said to be between the town of Saint Hubert and Givet, in the Belgian section of the Ardennes mountains. Their presence there is known to all the inhabitants of the surrounding villages and to the Germans as well.

Just a Matter of a Terrible Noise and Then an Awakening in the Hospital. Paris, Dec. 26.—Everybody knows how difficult it is to grasp an impression and more so to give a terse and vivid description, of a battle. It would be hard to beat the following picture, given to me by a wounded British soldier. I asked him what he could tell me about the battle in which he was hit, and this was his answer: "First you 'ear an 'ell of a noise, and then the nurse says: 'Try and drink a little of this 'ere.'"

FISH CARGOES ARE CAUGHT IN NORTHERN SLOB

And Unless Immediate Effort is Made to Release the Vessels They Will be Frozen in Until the Spring

The Sagona is not gone to Norris' Arm, but to free foreign going fish vessels now frozen in the slob between Fogo and Change Islands.

Three loaded vessels are frozen in at Fogo proper and unless released by some steamer those vessels will have to remain there until the spring when the value of their cargoes will be much less than it is to-day.

Another fish laden vessel, bound to Lunenburg from Twillingate, is nipped off the southern end of Change Islands, while a schooner loaded with fish from Twillingate and intended to finish the loading of a foreign vessel at Fogo, is nipped at the Main Tickle, Change Islands.

The Fogota and Sagona are endeavoring to release those vessels with their valuable and perishable cargoes but unless an off wind pushes off the outside slob, which now blocks Notre Dame Bay, very little hope of their being released is entertained.

A child, 6 years old, was conveyed to the Fever Hospital suffering from diphtheria this morning from 39 George Street.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fair and moderately cold today. Wednesday, increasing easterly winds and likely to become stormy.

U.S.A. Objects To Interference With Shipping

Claims That British Fleet Has "Unwarrantably" Interfered with "Legitimate" Trade.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The United States Government to-day despatched a long Note to Great Britain insisting upon an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British Fleet.

It gave warning that much feeling had been aroused in this country and that public criticism was general over the unwarranted interference with the legitimate foreign trade of the United States.

Dorothy Duff is loading fish at Fogo for Europe.

BIG DEFEAT TO AUSTRIANS

Russians Report a Victory on the Upper Vistula, With the Capture of 10,000 Prisoners.

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 28.—British seaplanes escorted by light cruisers, destroyers, and submarines, attacked at Cuxhaven on Dec. 25th, discharging bombs on points of military significance. A hostile attack on our ships by enemy aircraft, submarines and two seaplanes was outmanoeuvred. The Zeppelins were easily put to flight by our fire.

On Dec. 24th a British biplane successfully dropped bombs on a German airship shed in Brussels.

The French Government report attacks and counter-attacks, and bombardment of the German aviation.

The Russian Government report the Austrians defeated on the Upper Vistula and in the direction of Dukla, with enormous losses, including 10,000 prisoners.—HARCOURT.

A Big Battle As Described By A "Tommy"

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Christmas Afternoon Gathering At South-End-On-Sea, England, Witnesses Thrilling Battle In Air

Southend-on-Sea, England, Dec. 25, via London, Dec. 26.—The spectacle of a fight in the air, witnessed on Christmas afternoon by thousands of spectators, was one which ten years ago would have been considered one of the wildest imaginings of fiction.

Three aeroplanes, one a German and two British, were flying overhead at seventy miles an hour, almost a mile high in the air. The German Taube was moving more swiftly than the others, which swung above it. The British were spitting fire, while the German was unable to reply on account of the strategic position of her pursuers.

British Chased Them. When the German first came in sight the anti-aircraft guns fired several shots, but after the British aeroplanes took chase, it was impossible to fire without danger of hitting them.

The spectacle lasted only five minutes. The German dodged and twisted in an effort to escape, but the British were on both sides pouring in rapid volleys. The speed at which the

CANADIAN SENTRY SHOOT 2 AMERICANS; ONE KILLED

The Two Men Had Violated Canadian Game Laws and Were Trying to Escape Arrest When Shot Fired to Halt Them Hit One Man and Killed Him and Wounded His Companion

Buffalo, Dec. 28.—Canadian soldiers patrolling the frontier near Fort Erie, to-day fired upon boats containing duck-hunters.

Walter Smith of Buffalo was killed and Charles Dorsch fatally wounded. Killing Unintentional.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—The killing of Walter Smith and the wounding of Charles Dorsch, two American hunters, by Canadian soldiers on the Niagara River, near Fort Erie yesterday, was unintentional, according to information gathered by the military authorities.

The soldiers were aiding a provincial officer to arrest the men for violation of the game laws. Several volleys were fired over their heads to force them to come ashore with their row boats. The final shot, said to

have been fired for the same purpose, struck Smith between the eyes and passing through his head, wounded Dorsch.

Their Own Fault. While deep regret over the accident was expressed by the Fort Erie officials, it was pointed out that the men were not only technically under arrest by the game officer and were attempting to escape, but that they had violated the military order which forbade unauthorized persons to approach the international boundary line while armed.

This order, it was said, was accompanied by a verbal order to the soldiers on patrol to shoot to kill, if any persons so armed refused to surrender promptly.

German Airship Was Shot Down

Zeppelin Reported to Have Been Destroyed Near Nieuport.

London, Dec. 28.—An unofficial despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rosenthal, says:

It is rumored here that a Zeppelin was sighted near Nieuport on Sunday morning, and was shot at by the Allies and all its occupants killed in the debris of the airship as it descended.

VIOLENT STORM CAUSES A LULL IN THE FIGHTING

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Dec. 28.—During the day a violent storm interfered with operations along the greater part of the front. It is reported that we have made some progress in the Argonne region.

Local Factory Gets The Order To Make Volunteers' Boots

The Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Factory has received the order to make the boots for the second contingent.

The employees of the factory who have been idle since Christmas Eve started at this morning.

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Italy Checks Supply of Food To Belligerents

Uncerth Widespread Plot Contemplating Shipment of Contraband Germany and Austria.

London, Dec. 29.—A Rome despatch to The Times says that after stopping on the frontier various consignments of contraband goods and flour to Austria, Germany, and France, the Italian Government has succeeded in checking a vast plot for forwarding huge consignments of cereals to Germany.

Dr. Commendatore Fiore, a well-known physician in Rome, and Signor Castrig Nano, formerly Customs official, who were involved in the plot have been arrested.

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# CLASS BRITISH WITH WORLD'S BEST FIGHTERS

**Portuguese Observer Grows Enthusiastic in His Praise of Officers and Men Who he Says, Are Splendid Types, Physically and Are Cool and Daring in Battle Even to a Fault**

(By DR. CUNHA E. COSTA.)  
(The following article by the well-known Portuguese advocate and journalist has been translated from the Lisbon Journal A Nacuo by Albert H. Frisbee.)  
IN the hotel at Marselles where I was awaiting the boat for Portugal were lodged the majority of the superior officers of the British India Expeditionary Force and the military deputation sent by Britain to meet and accompany this army to its ultimate destination in France.  
The British campaigning uniform, while a model of everything practical, sacrifices nothing to elegance. The women of Britain have every reason to be proud of the deportment of their men-folk. Tall, refined, carefully groomed, scrupulously clean, closely shaven, with fine manners, perfect even in the crash of battle, the British officers are magnificent examples of a people destined to dominate without oppressing.  
The French are the first to pay homage to their steady courage in face of danger; highly trained in all physical exercises, they regard war as a sport. "To hunt the tiger in India or here is, after all, one and the same thing," said one of the British staff officers. These people of such exceptional temperament and bearing play battle. In face, in this respect there is an episode worthy of mention.

Every day, at certain fixed hours, official French bulletins were placed in the hall of the hotel. Victories and reverses were received with the same equanimity and ardently discussed. If by chance the Germans had accomplished an intelligent or audacious movement, the British officers at once put their whole enthusiasm into studying the manoeuvre. If the strategy of the enemy were judged to be good, then it was advisable to take advantage of it, paying the foe back in his own coin, and, if possible, with interest.  
Only once during the months of war already passed can I suppose that any Briton worthy of such a name has felt the least perturbation or grief. That was when the German submarines sank the Crossy and her two companions who nobly sacrificed themselves in lending her aid. On that day Britons were stirred, not with fear, but with fury.  
I had never heard a Briton admit, nor even refer to the possibility of defeat, although all agree on the possibility or even the probability of serious partial reverses. The British staff officers regard the retreat to the Marne and the subsequent offensive of Joffre as the maximum of military talent, and they warmly give the highest praise to the French Generalissimo.  
Our allies were calculating on the siege and fall of Paris, and on a long series of disasters until time should establish the equality of numbers in the opposing force. While the Germans and the rest of the European nations were counting on a campaign of a few months' duration, Great Britain was preparing for a three years' war.  
The material and moral greatness of this wonderful nation is astounding.

Few people seriously consider this latter aspect of the problem, which is certainly the more impressive. Can it be supposed that Great Britain is a lover of armament? What an illusion! For Great Britain, war is an instrument of civism which she uses because none other is possible, and only as a last resource.  
**Fight For Justice.**  
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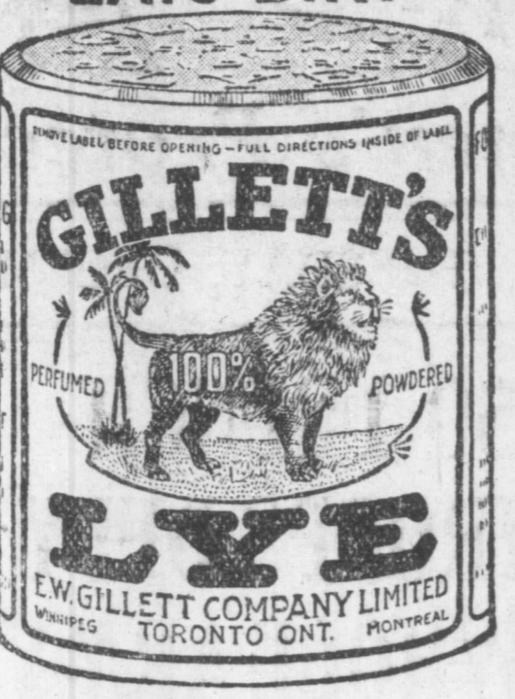
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Not only do the officers hold such convictions, but the private soldiers also. And what profound ignorance that of theaiser respecting British volunteers! There never was a citizen better prepared for war than the British. The ability to resist fatigue, which in other countries requires so much training and preparation, the British volunteer brings with him when he enlists in the ranks.

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football and polo, inured to cold water, knowing how to swim and row, often practising horsemanship, accustomed from an early age to self-reliance, enamoured of travel, finding in a sound religious education consolation for all the buffetings of life, taught to obtain redress for all slights and with a dogmatic and liturgical idea of liberty, the British volunteer is the most malleable of all future warriors.

A month is sufficient to transform him into an infantryman, and, after fifteen days under fire, not in the whole world is there a more intelligent nor valiant soldier. For this reason the French and British fraternise and reciprocally esteem and admire each other. From this perfect understanding humanity will reap a great and lasting benefit when the fields, now sown with shells and shrapnel, be opened once again to the plough, and burst forth into glorious golden harvests.

To fight by the side of Britain is not a favour which we confer, but a great honour done to us.

I have my own national pride, and in no way do I belittle myself in confessing that I am absolutely incapable of imitating any one of the specific virtues of the British citizen, but I can admire them. I would never naturalise myself British nor French. I am Portuguese in the highest acceptance of the word. If, however, I were to be asked if I regretted not having been born in England or France I should frankly confess that I did.

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**J**IM HALSEY, six feet two, broad, stalwart, was the most picturesque figure that ever went into Wall street. At the age of thirty-two he had come out of Alaska with a cool fifteen million, gained during a period of seven years that had elapsed since he went North from Illinois, a country storekeeper's assistant with a longing for adventure. The same qualities of nerve which had stood him in such good stead among the miners continued to accomplish much for him in New York. Finally, however, a combination was set on foot against him. And after a Homeric battle of seven days, in which stocks were slaughtered at a rate unknown before, Jim found himself with the price of his hotel bill, a ticket back to Nome and \$700 in bills.

"Jim" Halsey was wiped out. The evening newspapers announced it in red type. And Jim was pondering over the situation. For himself he cared nothing at all. But for Agnes McLaughlin he cared everything. And he had to tell her. McLaughlin had been a picturesque figure, too picturesque to be admitted into New York's elite; but the tenacity of the widow, aided by a million dollars, had won a way for herself and her daughter.

Mrs. McLaughlin had spent her capital like water. A million will go a good way in a three-years campaign, if it is supposed to be supported by other millions behind it. Nobody knew that the McLaughlin fortune was down to its last fifty thousand. But everybody knew that Agnes McLaughlin had been hawked round the eligibles of Europe and America during the last three years. Everybody that is, but Jim.

He was admitted to the rented house on Fifth Avenue. He thought the butler looked a little coldly at him. The menial, in fact, reflected the feelings of the household. Mrs. McLaughlin, who had considered Jim an excellent compromise in the light of previous failures and her dwindling capital, had a sense of a woman betrayed, or of a man who has staked his last penny on the favorite at the races, and lost.

The mother sailed into the room. She stood still, looking at Jim, and all her resentment flashed out in her bitter words. "Is it true, what the papers say, that you are a pauper?" she demanded in accents of indescribable vulgarity. All the veneer of 20 years had vanished, and she was again—well, the type of woman that she had been when McLaughlin, fascinated with her bold beauty, had married her.

"Yes, it's true," admitted Jim, with a smile. "But don't take it to heart, Mrs. McLaughlin. Of course, this will mean the postponement of our marriage, and I shall have to scrape together another fortune in Alaska. But—"

"Postponement!" shrieked the woman, coarsely. "Do you suppose Aggie is going to marry you now?" "Why, of course, I do," answered Jim, looking at the woman in bewilderment. "A penniless pauper!" she sneered. "Of course it is hard on her," admitted Jim. "But surely, Mrs. McLaughlin, there were no monetary considerations involved in our engagement."

Mrs. McLaughlin actually snapped her fingers under Jim's nose. "See here, young man, she said. "I don't know whether you're bluffing or just a fool, but I mean Aggie to marry a man with a wad of money. What do you think she took you for? For your good looks? Are you a fool, or what's the matter with you?"

Jim felt as helpless before this outburst of rage as a wild beast in a trap.

"If your daughter releases me, of course, I shall accept the decision," he answered quietly.

"Well, well soon see about that!" screamed the woman. She touched the bell and the butler appeared. Upon his face was a sneer hardly disguised. It was evident that he had been listening to the conversation at the door. "Tell Miss Agnes to come here at once," she said.

Agnes McLaughlin came in and her mother turned to her with a furious gesture. "This man is a pauper, Aggie," she said. "And he thinks he is going to marry you. He won't take the truth from me. Tell him what you have just told me, Aggie."

The girl turned to Halsey. "I cannot marry you," she said. "Please understand that finally. I never loved you."

"Then you—only wanted my money?" demanded Jim. "Not for myself," cried the girl with a sudden vehement outburst. "For my mother. I have been on sale three years. Everybody has known it but you."

"Aggie! What are you talking about?" cried her mother in amazement. "I will speak now," answered the girl. "I have been taken round the matrimonial showrooms of Europe and America for three years. My mother has spent nearly a million dollars on me, in the expectation of getting it back, and more. You were the last chance, for our money is nearly gone—"

"How dare you speak like that!" cried Mrs. McLaughlin furiously. "Because it is the truth," replied the daughter. "Did I love you, Jim? I never thought of love. I only thought of doing my duty and repaying the money that had been advanced on me. We don't love, we of the fashionably rich class. We marry to sell ourselves to the men we can infatuate. That was why I accepted you."

"The girl has gone mad!" exclaimed Mrs. McLaughlin, with up-raised hands. "Timmons!"

But if Timmons was listening discreetly at the door, he evidently judged this an unpropitious moment to enter in answer to the call. "That was why I became engaged to you, Jim," continued Agnes McLaughlin. "And I thought I was doing my duty. Ah, but—" her voice softened involuntarily—"it was only when I found that you were different, Jim, that I realized, that I began to realize my wrong. I was ready to break the heart of an honest man—for after marriage, Jim, I found me out after marriage. Jim, I was ready to do you the greatest wrong a woman can do a man. I realized that when I saw that yours was not the veneer accustomed, but the love of a good man. And many and many a time I was half-tempted

to confess to you, and refrained. Now you know all, and there is no more to say."

She turned toward the door, and Jim, ignoring the mother, who stood apparently paralyzed, beside the table, followed her and caught her by the wrists. "And now—you will sell yourself to some other man?" he demanded fiercely.

"Oh, I suppose so," she answered wearily. "That is, if the money—she gave a hysterical little laugh—"if the money does not give out before mother can find one."

Jim Halsey suddenly laughed, and it was at that moment that he showed best the qualities which had given him success. For in his laughter there was the challenge of a strong man who refuses to accept the buffet of fate, and rises supreme, to dominate it.

"You poor child!" he said tenderly. "Do you suppose that I am going to let this happen to you? I am going to marry you—do you understand that, Agnes? I am going to save you from yourself."

"I came here to-night with the intention of offering to release you, and not believing that your love, in which I believed, was fair-weather. I planned to tell you that in two or three years I could come back to New York with another fortune. I was going to ask you to wait two years. Now I am going to take you away with me, if—"

"Timmons! Timmons!" exclaimed the mother feebly, as she clung to the table. But Timmons did not come in fact, he was not even at the door. The discreet butler was

instead, recounting the incident in the servants' apartments.

"If what?" whispered the girl raising her eyes to his with an expression that Jim had never seen in them since he had met her.

"If you think that you can learn to love me some day," said Jim. "If you think you can do that, trusting to time. Don't I know what you have gone through? Why, many and many a man sells himself, too body and soul, in the struggle of life. But if you can love me, dear—"

"Oh, I can," cried the girl impulsively. "I—love you, Jim, I think I have always loved you. But I didn't know what love was until—you taught me, Jim."

And that was Jim Halsey's greatest of all triumphs, which he remembered afterward, when his name was upon all lips as that of the man who had "come back."

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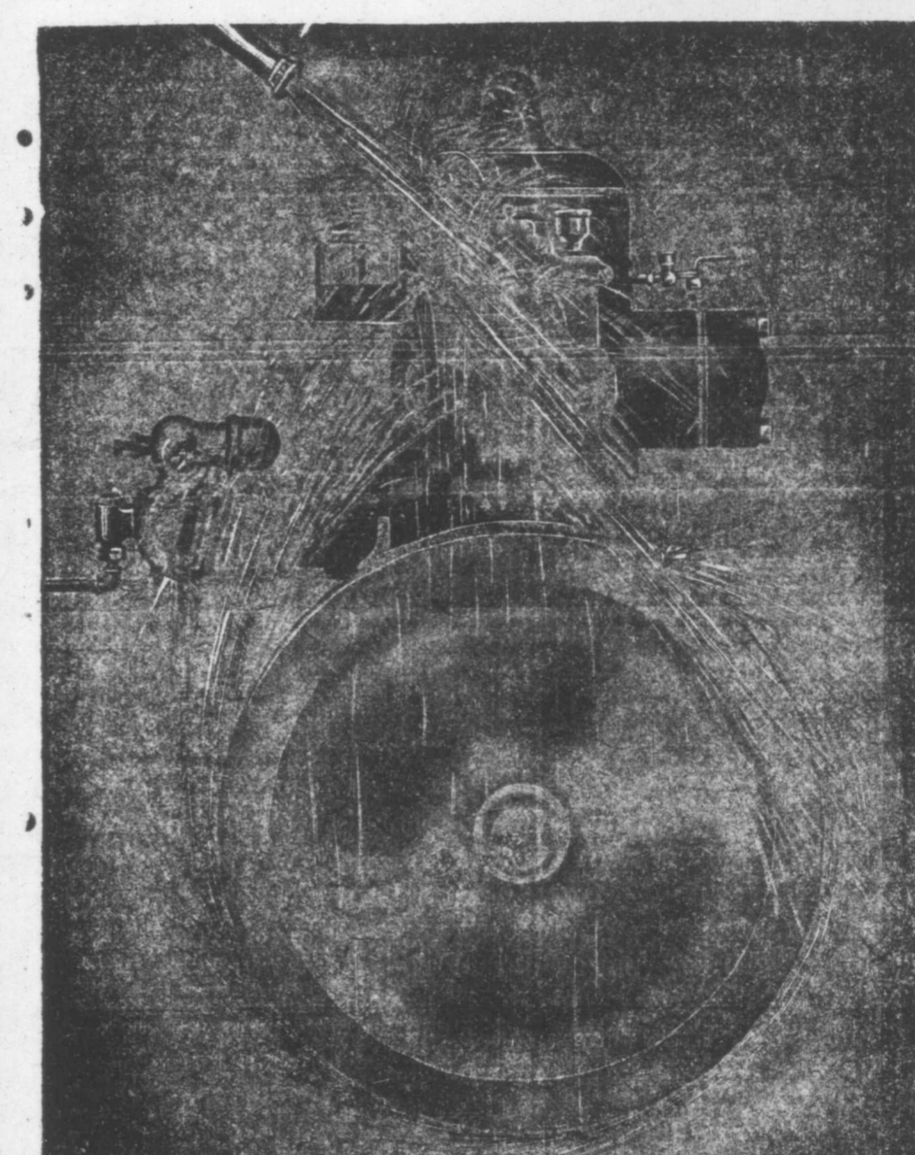
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Destitution

THE Government should at once get to work and properly organize committees or boards to relieve destitution. Throughout the country destitution exists to an extent unknown for 25 years.

Here in St. John's conditions will be very serious before the middle of February is reached. Hundreds are to-day without food. We heard of a family man being without food or work at Christmas and he tried every premises handling fish in town but failed to secure a few hours labor. His family existed on Xmas Day on two cents worth of biscuits.

The clergy might very properly undertake to locate the deserving poor and see that food and fuel is supplied from funds placed at their disposal by the Government.

Quite a lot of destitution exists in Conception Bay and no efforts whatever have been made to meet the situation which has now become very serious.

Unless steps are taken to relieve the poor, looting will be resorted to by the hungry and if people are starving and no efforts are made to relieve the pangs of hunger by the proper authorities, then no one will blame the hungry if they do loot. The one to blame will be the Premier and upon his shoulders the responsibility will rest and he will have to answer to the people for his almost criminal negligence.

The destitute must be attended to by the Government and the sooner those steps are taken the better for all concerned.

The reopening of the mines at Bell Island will be welcome news to hundreds of anxious people who have been depending for years upon the labor at those mines for a living. Many young men from settlements in Conception Bay will be able to earn a few dollars and help friends at home during the coming winter and spring.

The mines will be reopened on January 4th and about 500 men will be employed during the winter. This work will somewhat help Conception Bay but not one-third of those in need will be aided through the reopening of Bell Island mines.

Now is the time to organize in order to locate the destitute and prevent any attempt in the way of looting, for if looting takes place at one settlement it will soon spread beyond the bounds of the law, and if once indulged in, the consequences will be amazing.

A tremendous dissatisfaction exists amongst the toilers and there will be no respect shown the Government if once hungry people are compelled to help themselves.

There never has been an administra-

tion in this Colony that was so much hated and despised and so utterly unpopular as the administration now in charge of the public affairs of the Colony.

All the energies of the well-to-do should now be devoted to relieving local destitution. Hundreds to-day in this Colony are short of food. Hundreds more will be in need by the 1st of April.

We now warn the Premier to take action to meet the requirements of the situation. We ask the Premier to convene the Legislature not later than the first week in February, for if matters of pressing public importance compelled the Government to convene the Legislature last year by the middle of January surely the present situation demands that the Legislature meet at least as early as it did last year.

The amendments and additions to the sealing laws as proposed by the fishermen at Catalina Convention must be considered and passed into law before the steamers sail the coming spring and the steamer owners must be prepared to meet the new demands in order to safeguard human lives and prevent as far as possible disasters such as the sealers endured last spring.

Nothing that will aid the sealers or protect their rights or safeguard their lives will come out of the labors of the so called Sealing Commission now supposed to be enquiring into the massacre of 78 of the Newfoundland's crew and the sending of 173 more breadwinners to the bottom of the sea in the Southern Cross.

The public have long since made up their minds that nothing but strife and dissatisfaction and ugly contempt will come out of the present proceedings before the Commission supposed to have been appointed to fully enquire into the causes which led to the loss of 251 breadwinners who sailed to the icebergs in the Newfoundland and Southern Cross last March and make recommendations that would be useful to the Legislators in determining what laws are needed to prevent as far as possible such awful disasters in the future.

This is what the people supposed would be the work of this Commission, but their hopes and expectations will be disappointed judging from what has transpired before the Commission since its appointment which took place some six weeks ago.

The curse of the widows, orphans, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers of those 251 heroes will fall upon the head of the Premier for his cruel conduct in reference to these awful catastrophes and mark it reader, those curses will come home to Sir E. P. Morris and those who have aided him in this foul business when they least expect it, for there is a God and that great God will not close his eyes to the agonizing appeals of the widows, orphans and near friends of the poor that were sent into eternity last March through no action of their own, and those who are trying to fool and rick those poor bereaved sufferers still have to answer for their crime to God.

Two hundred and fifty-one of our primest sons gone, and although this awful thing happened nine months ago, nothing whatever has yet been done to place the responsibility, to locate the causes, or to create future safeguards. If ours is not a patient suffering people, it will be useless to seek in Heaven for them.

Surely all concerned are beginning to realize the awful seriousness of the matter and surely an effort will now be made to appease the outrage heaped in the face of the people by the powers-that-be in connection with his awful life devouring tale of suffering, endurance, anguish and death.

God help poor Terra Nova in those dark days now facing her, for human aid is impossible if the wisdom of the earned as demonstrated by the conduct of our rulers in this awful business, is an indication of what the future will bring forth.

Phenomenal Growth

WHEN one comes to reflect on the thought of how the F.P.U. movement has grown, one is astounded by the amount of work that one strong and determined man can do, even in the face of the greatest obstacles. From the moment when the idea of a fishermen's union first took shape in the brain of Mr. Coaker there has been no check to the onward march of, perhaps, one of the most astonishing undertakings that have reared themselves in North America since the Revolution.

To have knit the fishermen of this country together into one whole, and to have, not only kept them together, but to have increased their devotion to the cause, while at the same time increasing steadily the number of its adherents, is in itself an astounding feat, and one that a few years ago was deemed impossible.

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When the merchants seemed to have lost their heads, and like a flock of frightened sheep were on the verge of a disastrous stampede, Mr Coaker saved the situation by his coolness and foresight. Thanks to his heroic action the country has been saved from a commercial wreck, the extent of which it is impossible to estimate, and the fishermen have a million more dollars in their pockets than they might otherwise have.

What lesson can be learned from that one act alone should receive all this? Does it not teach us, that the praise of the whole country and the Union is living up to its expectations forever establish the F.P.U. principles, and people are able at last to appreciate the magnificent organization, and the strength of the Union and the confidence which the fishermen place of its final dissolution is at hand, and in the judgment and good faith of never has the outlook been so bright.

A great wave of confidence in the F.P.U. is now sweeping over the country, for the people have had their eyes opened to the selfishness and dishonesty of party politics. They have come to see that for long years, the country has been in the grip of corruption, and that they have been used as pawns to further the selfish aims of the politicians.

The day of the politician, as far as this country is concerned is at an end, and the people are going to see to it that they have direct representation in Parliament. And they are going to have this by sending men from their own ranks to represent them. This is a feature of the great revolutionary movement that has a significance above all else, and will ensure that whatever laws are required to help the fishermen and the working people generally will be enacted, as the people desire, and not according to the whims or corrupt plans of a political leader.

From the small beginning in the little hall at Herring Neck has grown a mighty force, that is now paramount and irresistible. The Union can now dictate its terms to politicians as well as to governors and judges. The people have come to understand that they—the governed—have the power to govern themselves according to their own wishes, and that their destiny is in their own hands, for the making or marring.

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After a lapse of a century, and

when once more the makers of the Peace of Ghent are being brought into prominence anew by the centennial anniversary demonstrations Count Gallatin, a great-grandson of the famous American commissioner, has published, under the title of "A Great Peacemaker: The Diary of James Gallatin, Secretary to Albert Gallatin, 1813-1827" (Heinemann), a work which covers in detail the period when the latter was prominent in the diplomatic service of the United States.

James Gallatin, as confidential secretary to the foremost and most influential of American diplomats in the early 18th century, occupied a unique position. His father, the head of an old and prominent family of the Swiss nobility, was closely related to many of the most aristocratic families in Europe. At the age of 19 he immigrated to America, and in the country of his adoption rose to the position of Secretary of the Treasury. Subsequently he was Ambassador at both Paris and London and in each case his son, James, was his First Secretary at the Embassy and his confidential secretary.

**Rose Rapidly.** With the doors of society open to him through his aristocratic birth, James Gallatin speedily became one of the best known young blades in Court circles at both London and Paris, and his numerous gallantries made him a noted figure among the nobles of his day. With a candor amazing to the reader, young Gallatin has set forth in his diary the after intrigue, in which he makes no attempt to spare himself or others. If he was a gay spark about town he was also a close observer of men and affairs, and nothing escaped his eagle eye. As a personal friend of

the Duc de Berri, he knew all the notables of his time, and in his diary King George and the Regent of England, King Louis and Napoleon, Prince de Conde, the Duke of Wellington and numerous other historical figures once more are recalled and play again their parts in both scandals and great affairs of State. In the diary Gallatin has overlooked neither the great or the small, and from kings to cooks he criticizes with the greatest impartiality, but never malignantly.

**Diplomatic Difficulties.** In chronicling the events which preceded the Treaty of Ghent, the work is especially valuable and establishes the fact that the signing of the peace compact was due alone to the efforts exerted by Albert Gallatin. The reader is given an insight into the many and great difficulties which he had to overcome before his efforts were crowned with success. At that time the diarist was only 17 years old, and his opinions were those expressed by his father. This is fortunate, as the diary gives an excellent expression of the views and opinions of the great diplomatist, and shows that Albert Gallatin had but a poor opinion of his colleagues from America. In fact, he looked upon them more as quarrelsome busybodies and was fearful lest their blunders should ruin his carefully laid plans. For the Duke of Wellington and Lord Castlereagh, however, he had the greatest respect and believed them to be the first diplomatists in Europe. The Iron Duke, he remarks, was not only a great leader of men, but was also a great leader of thought. In commenting on his father's opinion of John Quincy Adams, subsequently President of the United States, James Gallatin speaks in a different strain, and quotes his father as saying: "Mr Adams is really a thorn; he is so absolutely 'kankee' and of a common type. Why he is Minister here I cannot understand. He is totally unfitted for the post." In speaking of the attitude of the English commission to-

wards the American representatives, he remarks: "I can see contempt on the faces of the English delegates; they are so courteous and civil."

**Fresh and Amusing.** In reviewing the various events which at that time had a marked effect on the policies of the European nations, James Gallatin is singularly frank, fresh and amusing. He is delightfully witty and possesses a charming sense of humour. Although the largest portion of his diary is written in a jocular and sarcastic vein, he could also be intensely dramatic, and the account of the assassination of the Duc de Berri, who died in the diarist's arms in the Opera House in 1820, is depicted in a vivid and realistic style.

The work is undoubtedly worth reading well. The reader in search of a few moments' entertainment could not find anything more congenial in a literary way than wandering with Gallatin through Paris of old and laughing with him at the various affairs of the heart with distressed the "smart set" of that day, for, although the diarist could be unusually frank and sensational in his confessions, a fine sense of humor never permitted him to wander from the risk into the vulgar. To the student of history, however, the book will be even more interesting, giving as it does an accurate account of the life and times of the early 19th century. A number of letters bearing on the important political events are also reproduced, while an excellent introduction is contributed by Viscount Bryce.

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## CHANGED TUNE OF DERNBURG

Six Years Before War Laud-ed Britain to Skies—Now Her Vilifier

Herr Dernburg, former German Secretary of State for the Colonies, is an important member of the corps now laboring to vindicate Germany to the American people. Six or seven weeks before the war began this present vilifier of everything British made a speech in London scarcely less laudatory of British expansion than his current utterances are of his own country "culture." (The speech was delivered at a luncheon given by the London Chamber of Commerce to the 120 members of the Berlin Society of Merchants and Manufacturers, then on a visit to Britain for the principal object of increasing their business connections there. Herr Dernburg spoke very flatteringly of British commercial methods and British colonial policy. He said that before the war of 1870 enterprising Germans in quest of some larger field of action usually found it in Britain. In his own family no fewer than four big houses in London and Lancashire had sprung up and prospered. When Germany had become strong enough to acquire overseas possessions of her own, it was, he said, again the British by their example, statesmanship and experience, gave Germany the best help. Whenever he was in difficulty as to the solution of any colonial problem he could always find it by studying British methods. He desired to record his most sincere thanks for the kindness and friendly interest he had received in these matters both from the central authorities in London and from statesmen in British possessions. He knew well, he said, how much blood and money it had cost the British nation to gather the experience that had always been most fully and gratuitously at his disposal. After this strong testimony from his own lips, how can Herr Dernburg expect now to be believed as a bearer of falsehood to Britain's use of empire?

**DO IT NOW!** Its no use waiting till somebody else gets ahead of you. Now is the time to advertise in The Mail and Advocate.

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## EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION

DOUGLAS DUNLOP rector of education in Egypt, said not long ago that nothing had happened in the last twenty-five years in that country more significant than the present arousal of interest in the education of women.

We are accustomed to think of the Egyptian woman only as a member of the harem, having no ideal of living other than of being the secluded wife of an Egyptian man. As a matter of fact until comparatively recently, it never occurred to the thought of the Egyptian woman that there was any way to earn a living but by being married. A Mohammedan gentleman of mature years was heard to say recently, "My mother has never stepped out of her house since she came there a bride, not even to cross the street."

It is therefore a striking and revolutionary change that has brought instruction at present to 23,000 Egyptian girls in 2867 schools in the land of the Pharaohs. Thirteen of the regular Government schools have been specially set apart for women students and carefully inspected by trained educators; the students are under the supervision of forty-two women teachers trained along modern lines. When it is considered that during the last five years in Egypt the number of primary schools in which girls have received instruction has grown 40 per cent. and when it is further realized that it has become a settled policy of the educational department to send the most likely Egyptian girls to Europe for teacher training, there is aroused a new hope for modern Egypt, for the country waits to-day for an educated and high-minded woman.

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**P. J. Shea.** I respectfully ask the Members of the F. P. U. to purchase their Christmas and New Year stocks

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## NOTICE.

BUSINESS CHANGE

The partnership heretofore existing between Mr. R. W. Jeans and myself under the name of the "UNIVERSAL AGENCIES" has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All amounts due "The Universal Agencies" to this date are payable to me, and all amounts owed by "The Universal Agencies" to this date will be paid by me, provided accounts of same are rendered to me in writing not later than January 15th, 1915.

My business for the future will be conducted in my own name, and I will be responsible from this date only for accounts contracted in my own name.

I will retain many excellent agencies, notably, amongst others, those of the De Reszke Cigarettes, Canadian Casualty and Boiler Insurance Co., Acadia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.; Patterson's Candy; Peerless Carbon and Ribbon Manufg. Co., and the Thomas D. Murphy Calendar Co.

I respectfully ask the trade for a continuance of the kind patronage accorded me in the past.

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## NOTICE.

To the Members of The Medical Profession.

Our colleagues in Belgium are undergoing such terrible privations and sufferings that the medical fraternity throughout the world has been stirred to come to their assistance.

The Medical Board has un-animously decided to appeal to the physicians of Newfoundland to join in this good work and strongly urge upon each one to contribute according to his ability.

The undersigned will gladly receive and publicly acknowledge all contributions. Bis Dat Qui Cito Dat.

By order, H. RENDELL, Registrar.

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The office lately occupied by Mr. John Syme, Commission Merchant, situate on Water Street West, next to premises occupied by J. J. Mullaly, Coal Merchant. Apply to BAINE JOHNSTON & CO., Agents.—nov14

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We have made tremendous reductions in all Table Linens. Our splendid stock of these was never bigger nor better than this season, all beautifully patterned designs, and of exceptionally good quality.

**White Table Damask**

Reg. Price 40c. Now 32c.	Reg. Price 95c. Now 75c.
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Reg. Price 55c. Now 48c.	Reg. Price \$1.20. Now \$1.00.
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Reg. Price 65c. Now 55c.	Reg. Price \$1.50. Now \$1.25.
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5 Pieces 72 inches American Special, 60c. yard.  
10 Dozen White Mercerized Table Napkins. Reg. 14c. Now 10c.

**White Linen Table Cloths as Follows:**

Regular 90c. Now 75c.	Regular \$1.50. Now \$1.20.
Regular \$1.20. Now 90c.	Regular \$2.40. Now \$2.10.
Regular \$1.30. Now \$1.00.	Regular \$3.80. Now \$3.00.

**A Lot of White Twilled Sheeting**

Reg. 35c. yard. Now 28c.	Regular 60c. yard. Now 50c.
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We are selling the following list of goods at greatly reduced prices to clear. It will pay you to have a look; all our stock of

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## STEER BROTHERS.



## NEGRO SEEN AT THE GATE AFTER MURDER

### Little Girl Says She Saw West Near Miss Dunn's House Late on Afternoon of Tragedy

North Sydney, C.B., Dec. 23.—Six witnesses were examined to-day when the inquest into the death of Miss K. C. Dunn was resumed before Coroner A. R. Forbes.

The first man on the stand was John West, the colored man whose examination was commenced yesterday afternoon. West's evidence was practically a repetition of what he had given yesterday, except that he became somewhat confused regarding the place where he had been when he saw the man coming from Miss Dunn's residence, and running down the street towards the power house. He also stated that he had never seen the piece of blood-stained lead pipe nor the axe, both of which were given to him for examination.

#### Evidence of Alfred Willis.

Alfred Willis, another colored man who was arrested at Sydney Mines yesterday, was the next witness. He said he belonged to Guy's boro, told of his movements from the time of his leaving his boarding-house opposite the residence of Miss Dunn until his arrest yesterday at Sydney Mines by Chief MacNeil.

After working all day whitewashing and painting at Anthony's brick block at Sydney Mines, he left there on the five o'clock car for North Sydney. He left the car at the top of Regent Street and went at once to his boarding house, reaching there about half past five.

There was no one in the house at the time but Mrs. Connolly and her children.

#### Came in Together.

West and Connolly came in late and all had supper together. No one left the house again until Willis was taken away by the chief of police that night after the tragedy in Miss Dunn's house across the street.

Willis said he had not changed his clothes, excepting the removal of his overcoat, which he hung up on entering the house. After supper the time was passed in conversation, and the singing of several songs by the witness.

He said he did not know of the tragedy until told by John Matheson that Miss Dunn had been murdered. He had never seen Miss Dunn and did not know where she lived, as he had been boarding at Connolly's only a week.

After leaving his boarding house with the chief of police Monday night he went down the street for a short distance, but was allowed to return later.

The following morning (Tuesday) when he left home, he told Mrs. Connolly that he could be found at Anthony's brick building, Sydney Mines, in case he was needed, and that was where the chief found him when he went to Sydney Mines.

#### Other Witnesses.

The other witnesses examined this afternoon were Wm. Connolly (with whom John West boarded) Mrs. Wm. Connolly, and Christine Kelly.

The evidence of the Connollys corroborated that of Willis regarding his movements on the afternoon of the tragedy.

Christine Kelly, who is only 12, stated that she called at Miss Dunn's at half past three, and on leaving promised to call later in the afternoon. On her return about 5 o'clock, she saw West at the gate. He was in the act of putting on his gloves and had a couple of parcels on the ground at his feet. As she turned in at the gate she said West spoke crossly to her and warned her not to go in. She became frightened, and crossed to the other side of the street.

The evidence of Mrs. McLean and Rindress will be submitted in writing.

An examination of Willis's clothing for blood stains revealed nothing conclusive.

#### British Society To Hold Tourney

The members of the British Society intend holding another card tourney at their rooms to-morrow evening.

Two valuable prizes have been donated and will be presented to the victors.

This tournament is not confined to members of the club or society, and visitors will be cordially welcomed.

#### PLENTY OF DEER ON SOUTH COAST

The Portia confirms the report published by *The Mail* last week that caribou are plentiful on the South Coast.

The Portia brought along about sixty carcasses for consumption here.

## Borden Reviews 6,000 Stalwarts In Canada West

### Practical Demonstration of Whole-hearted Way in Which Canada is Helping Empire.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Six thousand sturdy men of West Canada marched past in review before Sir Robert Borden, the premier of Canada this afternoon.

The march past was an impressive sight, and brought home very strongly to Winnipeg what the West is doing for the Empire.

"They are a magnificent body of men," said Sir Robert at the conclusion of the parade.

## ODDFELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS

### Volunteer Outport Members of the Order Pay Visit to Atlantic Lodge

At the meeting of Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., last night the officers were elected as follows:

C. W. Ude, Noble Grand.  
A. F. Long, Vice-Grand.  
E. A. White, Recording Secretary.  
W. T. Quick, Financial Secretary.  
W. J. Long, Treasurer.

Mr. George Grimes, the retiring noble Grand thanked the Lodge for their attendance during his term of office, which closed so satisfactorily.

The Lodge was favored with a visit from Bros. Hicks and Wilcox, of Exploits Lodge, Grand Falls, who have arrived recently to take their places in the Second Nfd. Regiment.

A pleasing presentation took place during the evening, when Bro. E. D. Spurrell, on behalf of Mr. C. E. Crinkbanks, of New Glasgow, N.S., presented a large photo of that gentleman, as an appreciation and commemorative of his visit to St. John's as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, and in doing so referred briefly to the pleasure afforded the brethren by his visit, and his good work accomplished as a result.

## MAKE COAST HOT FOR ENEMY

### Lines Now Close Up to German Trenches on the Sand Dunes—Situation Satisfactory Elsewhere.

(French Official Bulletin.)  
Paris, Dec. 28.—In Belgium we continued to advance to the west of Lomazeyde, and we are actually at the foot of the Sand Dunes, on which the enemy has established his lines of resistance.

At a point south of Ypres we have cut a section of trenches near Hollebeke. In the region of Lens, near Arancy, the enemy yielded under our attacks behind yards of first line trenches.

In the Valley of the River Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting, which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Reims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire against the positions to the west of Verhes, conquered and occupied by us.

On the height of the Meuse there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front.

In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted.

In Upper Alsace to the northeast of Stenbach a counter attack of the Germans was repulsed.

#### 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.

## WORLD WANTS EXPLANATION

### Who Can Explain Frame of Mind Which Makes Germany so Gullible?

(By Henry Dalby)  
THE bells of the German churches are ringing, and the school children are getting a holiday to celebrate an alleged German victory in Poland, such a victory as the world has never seen before.

Unfortunately for the swagger German officer, he suffers from the serious embarrassment that the only way he can deceive anybody now is by telling the truth. There may or there may not have been some check or reverse to the Tsar's army; but if there has been the wonder is that Berlin did not keep quiet about it until the whole Russian host was in full retreat. Like the doctor, who while admitting that his patient was dead, claimed triumphantly that he had died cured; so Berlin, while showing in a dozen ways that the Kaiser's troops are retreating, always claims that they are falling back victoriously.

#### Lots of Victories.

Since the war began, Berlin has claimed absolutely nothing but victory after victory. There was some reason for boasting when the German army was rushing on Paris, but from the moment they reached the Marne, on the return trip, they were a beaten nation. They were going to carry all France with a rush, but they have never been within striking distance of Paris or of Calais, and they have been driven helter-skelter out of the territory of which they despoiled France in 1871.

#### Where They Failed.

They have not carried the war into Russia proper, and they are not yet in Warsaw. Most of the Germans in Poland are dead Germans. They have already betrayed the Austro-Hungarian Empire to its own destruction, just as they are betraying Turkey to utter ruin. They are being driven out of Belgium. They have murdered most foully a few civilians on the Yorkshire coast, and that is all that they have done in the way of overwhelming England. The British flag over nearly every German colony; the Tu-I has been driven bag and baggage out of Egypt. German shipping and German trade have been driven off the high seas.

And all the while Berlin has been claiming nothing less than one long series of victories!

What? What? What?

Robert Falconer, correspondent of the London Express at Amsterdam says that the question on millions of German lips is: "What is wrong something must be wrong. What is it?"

He quotes a Roumanian citizen, a prominent business man of Bucharest who has been travelling in Germany as saying: "You must not believe that sixty-five million Germans have become mad or simply idiotic on account of this war. A good many of them have retained their intelligence and their clear judgment."

He adds that the facts I have mentioned are to these same Germans perfectly obvious. How could it be otherwise. As the Bucharest man points out, the German armies have not only been beaten back, stopped, and more than decimated, but they have established a record for barbarity and crime which is probably without an equal in history. What is it that is wrong?

#### They Must Know.

Obviously they must know that something is wrong with these never-ending boasts of victory. They see nothing of the war, but the official and therefore, as they well know, incomplete lists of casualties of wounded, dead and missing; craps, trainload after trainload, of wounded and crippled victims of the war. The whole country reeking with blood and they must say to themselves: "If this is the kind of victory that Berlin boasts, what must defeat be like!"

Added to all, there is the ghastly silence about the men at the front, the agonizing, uncertainty, growing to despair.

What is wrong? There must be something wrong. What is it? Poverty, privation, hardship and worry about the absent ones. Are these always the signs of German victories? "There must be something wrong. What is it?" Are the ringers ringing the church bells because they believe these fairy stories from Berlin, or because they have orders from Berlin to ring? It looks like popular enthusiasm made to order, and "made in Germany," at that.

## Russia Holds 350,000 Germans And Austrians

### Vast Host of Officers and Men Captured by the Czar's Forces During Present War

London, Dec. 28.—According to a Petrograd despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company the number of German prisoners registered is 1,140 officers and 131,700 men; the number of Austrians registered is 3,166 officers and 221,400 men.

The Slav prisoners have asked for Russian naturalization, so that they may be sent against the Turks.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED BY MASONIC LODGE

### Interesting Ceremony at St. John's Lodge, Presided over by D. G. M. Clift Last Night.

The installation of the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 579, R.E., A.F. and A.M., took place at the Temple last evening in the presence of a large number of Masons.

The District Grand Master, Bro. J. V. Clift, K.C., officiated, assisted by Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. James Stott, and the District Grand Master, R.S., Bro. C. R. Duder.

Follow the installation the usual congratulations were extended, to the return trip, they were a beaten nation. They were going to carry all France with a rush, but they have never been within striking distance of Paris or of Calais, and they have been driven helter-skelter out of the territory of which they despoiled France in 1871.

The collection for the Tasker Educational Fund was taken up and forty dollars realized.

The following were the officers installed:

W.M.—Bro. Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C. I.P.M.—Bro. R. A. Brehm.  
S.W.—Bro. W. H. Charles.  
J.W.—Bro. Gower Rabbits.  
Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Canon Smith.  
Treasurer—Bro. R. Wright.  
Secretary—Bro. John Jeans.  
S.D.—Bro. R. W. Jeans.  
J.D.—Bro. W. G. Currie.  
M. of C.—Bro. J. J. Windsor.  
Stewards—Bro. W. F. Parsons and Fred Ellis.  
Tyler—Bro. G. Morris.

## Morwenna Arrives At Havre, France

Mrs. Jones had a cable yesterday from her husband, the well known Chief Steward of the Morwenna, wishing her a Happy Christmas and stating that the Morwenna reached Havre Sunday, after a passage of 13 days.

## New Calendars

We beg to thank P. J. Raynes, 112 Gower St., for a very beautiful calendar for 1915.

We also acknowledge with thanks receipt of a specially interesting calendar from Mr. W. J. Pike, Special Agent for the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

#### New Year's Concert, St. Patrick's Hall, New Year's Night, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Right Rev. Monsignor Roche, V.G.

—Performers, Misses Anderson (3), Mary Ryan, Emily Ryan, Mary Morris, Marie Devine; Messrs. T. H. O'Neill, J. M. Atkinson, A. Bulley, M. McCarthy, F. Devereaux, T. P. Halley, C. Fox, Stan. O'Leary, J. L. Slattery, and male chorus. Tickets, 40 and 20 cents. A number of seats reserved at Atlantic Bookstore. Performance at 8.15. Entrance by Queen's Road main door.—dec26,21

## Oddfellows Offer As Volunteers

Messrs. Hicks, Wilcox and Porter of Exploits arrived yesterday to enlist in second Nfd. Regiment.

All are members of Exploits Lodge of the Oddfellows.

Four from the same Lodge volunteered last week.

## United Sociable


Under the auspices of the United Societies of Wesley Church an entertainment and sociable will be held on New Year's night, January 1st, 1915, in Wesley Church Basement.

Candy will be on sale during the evening. Doors open at 7 p.m. Programme to commence at 8 p.m.


Tickets on sale by the Committee and at the door. General admission will be 25 cents.

## SOROSIS SHOES

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	Pat. Leather, Black & White Top
	Dongola, Patent Tip.
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	Gun Metal.

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## WEDDING BELLS

### Harvey-Carnell

St. Mary's Church, Southside, was the scene of an attractive wedding when Miss Margaret J. Harvey and Dr. Arthur H. Carnell, M.D., C.M., practicing at Newtown, B.B., were united in the bonds of matrimony by the Rector, Rev. H. Uphill.

The contracting parties are well known in St. John's and both are popular with all their acquaintances.

The bride is a daughter of the late James Harvey and resided with her mother on Hamilton St.

The groom is the youngest son of the late John T. Carnell, Esq., who up to the time of his death was known to every citizen, and brother of Mr. Andrew Carnell, the present Manager of Carnell's Carriage Factory.

The wedding was quiet because of a death in the bride's family recently.

Mr. George R. Williams, brother-in-law, gave the bride away and Mrs. Williams was matron of honor, while Mr. E. Harvey of the Royal Stores supported the groom.

After the ceremony the party drove to the residence of the bride's mother where supper was enjoyed.

The bride is the recipient of a large number of valuable presents.

The Mail joins with other friends in extending congratulations.

## Germany Has Still Four Million Untrained Men

### Great Majority Are Advanced in Years and of Inferior Physique and Constitution

London, Dec. 28.—"We must place the number of Germany's untrained men, in the process of incorporation and training, in the region of 4,000,000 or thereabouts," says Col. Repeatington, the Times military expert.

These new men are inferior to the Germans now serving in the trenches in physique and constitution. Many are old, as warfare goes nowadays. A great majority are married and without taste or talent for soldiering. So we must expect a steady deterioration in the troops next year.

On the other hand the German military spirit will overcome many difficulties, and as the Germans recently have given Austria a million rifles for her Landstrum there must be no lack of small arms.

## S.S. SAGONA GONE TO CHANGE ISLANDS.

The S.S. Sagona, Capt. Kennedy, has gone to Change Islands to free a vessel and not to Norris' Arm as stated by contemporaries.

Norris' Arm is in such a state at present that no steamer could get through the ice.

The Sagona may also visit Fogo before returning.

It was reported yesterday that a well-known citizen, who left by the Stephano last week had died suddenly on the steamer.

We made enquiries of members of the family and are pleased to be able to say that the rumour was not correct.

## 715 VOLUNTEERS

The following names have been added during the last few days:—  
N. Jackson, Aaron Bryant, E. J. Branton, Alfred Haines, Cecil Green, Walter Keane, M. Broderick, G. McWhorter, Nicholas C. Whittycombe, A. W. Bishop, R. E. Hynes, L. Hynes, C. Piercy, Ray Spencer, I. L. Spencer, Wm. Parsons, T. J. Jackman, Sam Moore, E. F. Saunders, H. J. Clouston.

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## Miscellaneous Advertisements

### FOR SALE—Sample Furniture at a Bargain.

Apply to ALBERT HARVEY, Brigus.—dec28,21

### FOR SALE—One Male Patch Fox, in perfect condition.

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Just the thing for a small Factory of Lumber Mill. Will be sold at a bargain. For further particulars apply to G. MORGAN, Gazette Office, Board of Trade Building.—dec23,1w,eod

### FOR SALE—We have a quantity of Large Dry Codfish, suitable for eating, which we are retailing at a reasonable figure.

Anyone wanting eating fish should see this before buying elsewhere. FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO.—dec18

### To Let—That Centrally situated shop in the City Club Building.

Water Street, now occupied by Mr. F. B. Wood, also basement of building. Possession given May 1st. Apply to the Secretary, the City Club.—nov21,61,sat,tues

### WANTED—A Young Man to take charge of a Manufacturers' Agents' Office.

Must possess initiative; be an experienced book-keeper, and be able to handle correspondence. Apply in own handwriting to "C.T." P.O. Box 922.—dec22,11

### NOTICE.—Owing to the Conception Bay Convention to be held at Coley's Point the second week in January, there will be no meeting of Port de Grave District Council until that Convention is closed, when due notice will be given of the time and place of meeting. GEO. F. GRIMES, Chairman, Port de Grave District Council.

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