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To-Day's Cables

Germany Sounds Prelude To Further Moves

In the Great Game of Diplomacy all Leading to a Peace Discussion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement, another step, despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for avowal of terms.

GERMANY'S REPLY TERMED A "PEACE DODGE"

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace question is transmitted by the Associated Press correspondent to New York and was re-transmitted here. It did not reach London until too late for comment, or even for insertion in the earliest morning editions credited to the Associated Press, and the only present indication of its reception here is furnished by the "Daily Mail's" headline: "German Peace Dodge," and an introductory note which says, "If President Wilson meant, as recent American comment contends, that his note should force Germany to state terms, Germany has countered with this proposal so that she can evade an explicit answer."

GERMAN SHIPPING EXCLUSION OF ULSTER NOT CONTEMPLATED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports that Bundesrath has forbidden the sale (?) of German shipping shares abroad, the object being to prevent the undesirable foreign influence on German shipping.

ROUMANIA THE CENTRE OF GREAT ACTIVITY

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Roumania continues the theatre of the greatest activities. In northern Wallachia, along the southern Moldavian border and in Dobrudja, the Teutonic Allies continue to make gains over the Russians and Roumanians. 30 miles south-west of Braila, near the town of Filipechti, west of Runk and Sarat, the enemy are on the offensive. In this latter region during the past few days 5,500 Russians have been made prisoners.

TWO DESTROYERS COLLIDE IN N. SEA

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Nothing special on any front except Egypt, where El Arish is recaptured. Turks also defeated at Maghdaba with eleven hundred and thirty prisoners captured. Two destroyers lost in the North Sea through collision and fifty lives lost. The whole Allied press condemns Wilson's peace note.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Sno, 1,823 tons gross.

ARKANAS TORADO

LITTLE ROCK ARK, Dec. 27.—From 17 to 70 persons were killed in a tornado which struck south Central Arkansas this afternoon, according to reports received here to-night.

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Russians Full of Fight

Russian Ministers Declare Nation Will Continue War Till Final Victory

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Russian Foreign Minister in Pokroski invited representatives of the press at Petrograd yesterday to an interview at which he outlined his programme and his ideas regarding the present political situation. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that general ministerial declarations which seem to have been meant to take place in the usual speech before Parliament consisted of a few clear propositions, first there has been no change in relations between Russia and her Allies; second, the Minister declared with firm assurance that after the war the military alliance with France, England and Russia would be consolidated in close union; third, the war will be continued according to this declaration until a decisive victory has been won.

ARABIA NOT IN NAVAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A preliminary statement sent to this government by Britain saying the British steamer Arabia sunk by German sub without warning was not at the time, and had not been in the Admiralty service were sent today to Germany. Announcement to that effect was made in the State Department in the case of the Marina, in which six Americans were lost, no comment is added. Further facts are expected from Britain shortly and possibly a reply from Germany.

S. S. MARYLAND SINKING

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamship Maryland was reported sinking late about 360 miles southeast of New York a wireless message picked up here said that the engine room was being rapidly flooded and that aid was being to the vessel immediately, later advices were to the effect that the sinking steamer was 150 miles from Sandy Hook. The Maryland left this port on December 23rd for London, with a cargo of oil, iron pipe, fibre, paper, oil cake and miscellaneous merchandise.

SURPRISES EVEN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Officials here are surprised at Germany's answer to President Wilson's peace note being given out in Berlin before it reached this country in official form. They pointed out that in sending this note President Wilson allowed two days between the time of its despatch and making it public, so that it might first reach the German Government in the absence of an official reply. Official comment is withheld.

ITALY MAKES GREATER PREPARATIONS

ROME, Dec. 26.—The following of peace in air has not affected in slightest measure of Italy's military activity. The new class born in 1898 has been called to report to Colers in January which would be a considerable increase to contingents applied for at the front with 2,500 factories running day and night turning out arms and ammunition.

NAVY RECRUITS ARE COMING WELL

The 5,000 men wanted from Canada for service in the Royal Navy will be forthcoming. Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness, who has been in the western Provinces looking after the naval recruiting there, has returned to Ottawa well satisfied with the results achieved. It was intended to raise 2,000 men by Christmas, and that number is in sight already. The first detachment will be mobilized shortly at Halifax.

Last Night's Cables

PROF. POLLARD ON WILSON'S NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Professor Pollard, who holds the chair of English History in the London University, writes to The Times urging that while it is clear that somebody blundered regarding the phraseology and presentation of Mr. Wilson's note it is also clear that the people here are also blundering in the interpretation of it. We have to remember, writes Professor Pollard, that it is addressed to our enemies as well as to ourselves, and has, therefore, to be observed with diplomatic conventions and to assure the sincerity of the enemy professions. Secondly, we should remember our own procedure before the war, we addressed an inquiry respecting German neutrality to France and Germany. France gave a prompt and satisfactory assurance, Germany evaded the question, and invaded Belgium immediately.

SPECIAL IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent a telegram to the Dominions explaining the purposes of the forthcoming Imperial Conference, announced by Lloyd George. The telegram explains what the Government contemplates is not an ordinary Imperial Conference, but a Special War Conference of the Empire. The Prime Minister of each of the Dominions is invited to attend a series of special meetings of the War Cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to its termination, and in problems which would then immediately arise. The Premiers are urged to attend early at a date not later than the end of February.

MR. HENDERSON ON PEACE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—"In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under consisting conditions we should be nations in bondage, nothing less than that is the price our enemies would exact for peace. To-day Emilio Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist leader, said: Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium endure German dominion with admirable firmness, nothing but encouragement reaching us from them so that it would seem that the person most hostile to war are those farthest from it. Vandervelde also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium and Serbia are delivered and Prussianism is laid low."

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN STRAITS OF OTRANTO

ROME, Dec. 26.—Naval engagements between French, Italian and Austrian warships in the Strait of Otranto, is announced in an official statement. The statement says several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in Otrante Channel on the night of December 23rd, French and Italian warships came to the rescue and the enemy fled under cover of darkness after short engagements what damage he suffered is unknown, two French destroyers and one patrol boat were hit and slightly damaged.

GERMANY ANSWERS WILSON'S NOTE

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 26.—The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted today to James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador.

BRITISH COMMERCE PROTECTORS SEEN

Skippers Report Strange Powerful Craft Going Westward to Prevent Hun Raids Off Canadian Coast

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For some days skippers on Atlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to port reports that strange appearing craft are making their way westward. They made no reply to signals and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course and were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers even submarines, peiced together these reports fitting in with suspicion now

apparently confirmed by shipping men as commerce protectors and described as large and powerful but capable of fair speed. They were designed, it is stated, to meet the German submarines in anticipation of an attempted raid off the Canadian coast, similar to that made by U-52 off Nantucket Oct. 8th. The British Admiralty, it is stated, is determined to make it impossible for another such raid and a fleet of commerce protectors was the result.

WILSON'S NOTE STILL CRITICISED

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The receipt of President Wilson's note obtains unabated newspaper discussion was renewed to-day with the impetus administered by the issue of the Swiss note with its disclosures of a Swiss-American consipitation weeks ago and by long cable despatches received discussion speculation and criticism in America of the main question as to how President Wilson's note and similar communications should be treated by the Allies. The remains as already recorded, there is one hand reiteration of the rooted objection of the Allies to inopportune and ill advised interpertration by neutrals, and on the other hand an appeal for the courteous treatment of neutrals representations, it being urged that the Allies are bound to take this into account for to do otherwise would be to reduce themselves to the level of the aggressors who began the war.

Huns Snub Holland

Answer is Tantamount to Saying, Mind Your Own Business

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The Telegraaf says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed on such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch Parliament. That Government requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to Parliament. The Dutch Government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland.

Five More Ships Sunk

One Norwegian and Four British Ships Are Sent to the Bottom

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Lloyd's reports despatches received today by the State Department from London tell of the sinking of the Norwegian bark Ansagar. The British steamers Ishtar and Lincoln, Llangos and Murex are not previously reported from other sources.

FAMOUS PRELATE IS DEAD.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Monsieur Emile Tebbedy, Bishop of Arras, who was recently decorated by President Poincare, with the Legion of Honor, for remaining in the city during the bombardment and aiding soldiers and

BRITISH GAINS IN MESOPOTAMIA

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An official statement on the Mesopotamia situation issued to-night reads: On the 22nd a British detachment advanced to the right bank of the Tigris. Their position, subsequently, had been consolidated and extended to south and east of Kut-el-Amara. The enemy trenches on the right bank of the Tigris, southwest of Kut-el-Amara has been systematically bombarded. Our cavalry by a night march reached and destroyed the Gassahs front, twenty miles southeast of Kut, which had long been a base of operations for hostile Arabs. Sixty tons grain was destroyed and cattle captured and a number of hostile Arab encampments burned.

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**PREMIER MORRIS INVITED TO LONDON**

(To the Editor).  
Dec. 26, 1916.  
Dear Sir.—The Prime Minister has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor in relation to the contemplated Special War Conference of the Empire; also a Minute addressed by the Prime Minister to the people of Newfoundland in relation to his acceptance of the Secretary of State's invitation.

Sir Edward thought the matter of sufficient importance to justify your giving these documents a place in your columns.  
Yours very truly,  
W. J. CAREW,  
Secretary.

**TO THE PEOPLE OF NEWFOUNDLAND:**

On Christmas Day I had conveyed to me by His Excellency the Governor the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies published below, containing a summons to me as your representative to the most important Council to which it is possible for men to be summoned, the deliberations of which will deal not alone with the tremendous issues which are now rending Europe asunder, but issues which for all time may make or mar the destinies of our Race. I am required within a few weeks to attend the meetings of the Special War Conference of the Empire to be held in London. It will be the task of this Conference to formulate the terms upon which Peace may be concluded between the Governments of Europe whose armies are still, after two and a half years of war, in deadly conflict.

The paramount and responsible duty thus cast upon me by the Government of the King involves my absence from this Colony at a period when such absence as Prime Minister and the Leader of a Party may deeply affect my personal interests and those associated with me. Notwithstanding this, I do not for a moment hesitate. I see unerringly where my highest duties lie, and I have accordingly notified His Excellency to cable the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies my acceptance of his invitation.

Further, I am quite satisfied that those associated with me in the public life of the Colony, members of all political parties, as well as the great masses of the people whom we represent, will agree that in a great crisis such as that through which we are now passing, personal interests and considerations, which are small matters compared with the great duties to which we are called, must at all times be of secondary thought.

I shall immediately take this matter up with my colleagues as well as

with the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition in the Legislature, with a view of considering the course which public business may take during my enforced absence from the country. In this I am quite sure I shall receive, as in the past, a ready and hearty support and co-operation from all quarters.  
E. P. MORRIS.  
Dec. 26th, 1916.

**CABLE FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**

London, Dec. 25, 1916.  
I wish to explain what His Majesty's Government contemplate is not the ordinary Imperial Conference, but a special War Conference of the Empire. They therefore invite your Prime Minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the War Cabinet, in order to consider urgent questions bearing on the prosecution of the war, the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our Allies, we could assent to terminate the War, and the problems which will then immediately arise. For the purpose of these meetings, your Prime Minister would be a member of the War Cabinet.

In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as their supreme importance, it is hoped that your Prime Minister may find it possible, in spite of serious inconvenience involved, to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

While His Majesty's Government earnestly desire the presence of your Prime Minister himself, they hope if he sees insuperable difficulties, he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as they would regard it as a serious misfortune if any Dominion were left unrepresented.

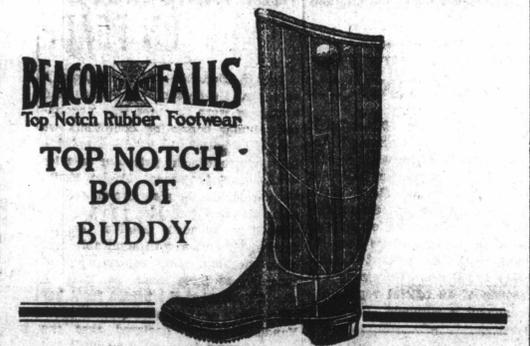
Arrangements made to publish this here on Wednesday morning. Please make arrangements to publish simultaneously.

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**THE COAL PROBLEM.**

Another meeting of the tonnage committee was held at the Premier's office yesterday. Arrangements are about completed for a sufficient supply of coal for the winter and for tonnage to freight it here. The committee are now endeavouring to arrange the price at which the coal will be retailed by the coal dealers.

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**C.C.C. DANCE A SUCCESS**

The dance last night in the C. C. C. Hall, Mechanics Building, was well patronized, about one hundred and twenty couples being present.

The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated with bunting and coloured electric bulbs. The blending of the different coloured lights produced a most pleasing effect in giving a soft and subdued glow to the lighting of the ballroom, this greatly enhanced the beauty of the scene when the gay costumes of the ladies caused an ever changing display of colour as they moved gracefully to and fro in the figures of the stately Lancers.

All who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the affair was a great success socially. The music for the fourteen numbers of the programme was furnished by the Cadet Band and was of the usual high order.

The proceeds will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the new hall and the Band.

**OBITUARY**

**MR. PATRICK MAHER.**

Early on Christmas morn there passed to the Great Beyond the spirit of a citizen who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Scarcely had the chimes of the joy bells in the beautiful Cathedral where he loved to worship his Creator died away on the still air of the newly born festival when the immortal soul of Patrick Maher cast off its mortal raiment and joined with the hosts of angels in singing eternal hosannas to their Heavenly King. The deceased was thirty-four years old and he leaves to mourn him a loving wife and three very young children. For several weeks prior to his death he had been confined to his home suffering from a severe cold and an affection of the throat, a renewal of the cold brought on other complications which eventually resulted in death. As salesman for the firm of McGuire's bakery he became well-known to business people in all parts of the city and always gave the greatest satisfaction to customers and employers alike. Mr. Maher was a devout and exemplary member of the Holy Name Society, every member of which regarded him with love and esteem for his truly Christian qualities and devotion to his religious duties. The funeral will be at 2.30 this afternoon from his late residence 40 Hayward Avenue. The Mail and Advocate extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

**NEW CHURCH AT HOYLESTOWN**

Work on the new Church being built by St. Joseph's Parish at Hoylestown is proceeding apace.

The building, which is 90 feet long by 35 feet wide, is situated on the slope near the foot of Signal Hill just to the rear of the old brewery site and may be approached either from Quidi Vidi Road or Signal Hill Road. It fronts towards the town and when completed will be a prominent feature in the view of the East End of the town. The walls are now nearly completed and it is hoped to have it roofed in early in the new year.

Considering that the first sod in excavating the foundation was turned on October 17th, excellent progress has been made so far, which reflects great credit on the contractors, Messrs Pidgeon, Coady and Murphy. We may add that this is the first large building which they have undertaken to erect and they are doing the work in a very creditable manner.

On the southwest corner of the church there will be a square tower in which the church bell will be hung. The plans were prepared by Mr. J. C. Barter, architect, and the work of erection is under his direct supervision which safely ensures its being done in accordance with first class specifications.

**FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY**

An alarm of fire was rung in from Box 32, at the foot of Barter's Hill, at 7.05 last evening to which the Central and West End Companies responded.

On reaching the scene the firemen found that their services were not needed. A lighted lamp had been accidentally upset in a nearby house, and, fearing a blaze, the alarm was rung in. The application of a few mats quenched the burning oil before any damage was done.

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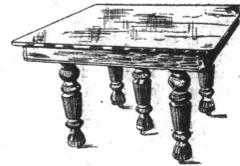
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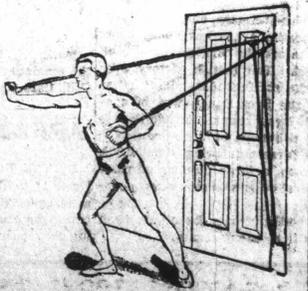
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## The Grates Cove Dreadnought

There was a time in history when writer of the note, Mr. Jonah Avery, the cry was rushing through this and there did we form the Local little island of ours, "The God-send Council, and the founders of the has come" and somewhere about the Union are:—William J. Meadus, Abel month of January, in the year 1911, Cooper, Joseph Meadus, William G. Grates Cove heard of this wonderful. Standford, Silas Lambert and Allan story about this God-send. We won- Avery. William J. Meadus was the dered at that time: Who can this be? first chairman of Grates Cove Council. A short while after, about February, And on April 27th the first Union 1911, we heard of this man Coaker, meeting was held at Grates Cove. I Everyone were using the words "This joined the Union and forty others, is the God-send," and more, too, where and I was the 13th lad on the Union did Coaker spring from? Somebody roll at Grates Cove. I am not going said it was from Coakerville. We to enter or talk on any politics in this never heard of such a place in New- little story of mine, but I am going foundland before. Whatever, one of to tell the work of the Union and our Grates Cove lads. Mr. Jonah what I did myself to help on the Avery, wrote something and address- Union since it was established at ed it to Coakerville, and the little Grates Cove. Then I will leave it in note found its way to Coakerville, the hands of the public to judge asking Mr. Coaker to come and give whether I am a Union man or not. I us a little talk and tell us the story enrolled, as I said before, the 13th of his march, and on April 22nd so member on 27th, in the S. U. F. Hall, did this man come, and found the and on April 28th there were 62 mem-

bers on the Union roll at Grates Cove. Mr. Jonah Avery received the first Union paper. It was then an 8 by 10 page. I was the second subscriber for that paper. It was then simply "The Fishermen's Advocate."

On January 27th, 1912, Mr. Coaker visited the Grates Cove Union. It was a splendid thing to see. About a mile from Grates Cove Mr. Coaker was met by 70 or 80 good Union men, with guns and flags. I carried the Union flag, and was the first lad to meet President Coaker. He was the guest of William John Meadus (the chairman.) We held a splendid Union meeting that night. On February 20th 1912, the first F. P. U. parade that was held in Grates Cove took place. It is a memorable day, and a day that will go down through history. It was one of the best days in 1912. We started the parade from the S. U. F. Hall at 9.30 a.m., and got back again at twelve o'clock, then partook of a grand dinner, after which a few addresses were given on Union matters, and at 7.30 p.m. doors were opened for the first and only Union concert held at Grates Cove. The concert was arranged by myself, with the help of Master William Lambert and Miss

Bertha Meadus (now married to the Rev. H. T. Martin), and several others. We practiced the concert in 24 hours, and there were 21 parts on the programme. Master William had five parts himself, and acted it splendid, and sang several songs, he being one of Grates Cove's best songsters, and also a fine musician. We also had several lads from Red Head Cove to attend the concert. At the end of the concert I read a poem of 40 verses composed by myself. After the day's turnout the National Anthem was sung, and the meeting closed at 10 p.m. All who attended the concert said it was the best ever held at Grates Cove. Mr. Eleazer Standford was the first man to carry a F. P. U. flag through Grates Cove on February 20, 1912.

In 1913, I painted one of the best F. P. U. flags in the Colony, while Mr. Coaker was here, he said that it was the best painting he ever saw come from anyones hands.

There was a great lack of fish buying at Grates Cove this year, through there not being a Union store there, early in September the Bay-de-Verde Union store was paying \$7.20 for fish. We could not get any satisfaction about the fish at Grates Cove, only \$6.00 could be given then. So the people say, but through Mr. Ezekiah Snelgrove's energy he rose the fish from \$6.00 to \$6.50. A schooner came here from Smith & Co's, and hailed for \$6.50. We sold our fish the 21st, day of September, we did not know what we were getting for it until we go to Smith & Co's office, and we were paid \$7.00. Now the Union stores are paying \$7.20 two weeks before that time, I don't blame the merchants or the agents in not paying the full value for fish, any year. The Union at Grates Cove this year should have hired some store and called a meeting and selected some men to get instructions from Mr. Coaker every week, and then when their fish was ready for shipping, sent for the Union clerk at Bay-de-Verde Union Store, to come to Grates Cove and if he gave the highest price let him have the fish and store it until Mr. Coaker sent a vessel to take it away. However I am satisfied with the price given for the fish here this year, but if there was a Union store here, we might have done better on all our fish. Our first fish averaged \$7.00 per qtl. and our last average \$7.50, with a 10 per cent bonus on the whole. I do not know if any place did better where there was no Union store. Since the Union started at Grates Cove from April 22nd to Dec. 18th, they held 106 Union Meetings, and of these 106, I attended 95, and away from the place for four, that leaves seven meetings I did not attend while at Home what other Union member in Nfld. missed only 7 meetings out of 106.

I say stick to the Union, and be sure to live up to the constitution and rules of the Union, if you don't your Union will fall. Those that are not for Coaker must be against him. Union men, if you want your Union to control this Island, you will have to pull together. I did all in my power for the Union since it started at Grates Cove, and did all I ever could to help Coaker, and there is another fighting time coming on soon, and what I say unto one I say unto all, be up and doing and be determined to swim with Coaker.

Wishing the President and all Union members a Merry Xmas and happy New Year.

Yours truly,  
FROM GRATES COVE  
Grates Cove, Dec. 18, 1916.

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### IRELAND'S EYE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Ireland's Eye Council held recently the following officers were elected for 1917:  
Chairman—John G. Paul.  
D. Chairman—Robert Ivany.  
Secretary—Wm. Jno. Ivany.  
Treasurer—Eli Loopop.  
W.M. JNO. IVANY, Secretary.

### JOB'S COVE LOCAL COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Job's Cove Local Council held recently the following officers were elected for 1917:  
Chairman—Pat. J. Murphy.  
D. Chairman—Tim Kinselle.  
Secretary—Colbert.  
Treasurer—Wm. R. Johnson.  
BERNARD COLBERT, Secretary.

### FLEUR-DE-LYS COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Fleur-de-Lys Council, held recently, the following officers were elected for 1917:  
Chairman—Stephen J. Lewis.  
D. Chairman—Patrick Walsh.  
Secretary—Patrick Antle.  
Treasurer—Denis Dobin.  
PATRICK ANTLE, Secretary.

### HORWOOD COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Horwood Local Council held recently, the following officers were chosen for 1917:  
Chairman—Nath Cull.  
D. Chairman—Israel Painter.  
Secretary—Levi Ginn.  
Treasurer—William Hodder.  
LEVI GINN, Secretary.

### POPES HR. COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Popes Hr. Local Council was held recently. The following officers were elected for 1917:  
Chairman—Thomas Vokey.  
D. Chairman—William J. Wiseman.  
Secretary—Bertram King.  
Treasurer—Emanuel Vokey.  
BERTRAM KING, Secretary.

### ANNUAL MEETING RED CLIFFE LOCAL COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of Red Cliffe Local Council held recently, the following officers were elected for 1917:  
Chairman—Gilbert Quinton.  
D. Chairman—Alfred Taylor.  
Secretary—Charles Hobbs.  
Treasurer—John F. Quinton.  
CHARLES HOBBS, Secretary.

### BRITISH MINISTER SPEAKS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—In an address at the national Congress of French Socialist parties, Arthur Henderson, British Cabinet Minister, and S. H. Roberts, Member of British Parliament, both affirmed amidst enthusiasm and cheers, that the war must be fought out until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibson, First Secretary of the American Embassy in London.

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There are no coals to carry, no smoky fumes to clean, no ashes to remove. Gas is coal with the dirt, ashes and smoke removed.

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WO'S. BLACK, GREY, PURPLE, and RED FELT SLIPPERS, in JULIET, KOZY and COMFORT STYLES, at prices from 80c. to \$200 a pair.

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Our Men's I BUCKLE GAITERS  
2 Buckle GAITERS \$2.30 to \$3.00  
4 Buckle Gaiters, only \$3.10 a pair  
make IDEAL GIFTS. \$1.50 and \$1.90 a pair.



Men's Leather Leggings  
Black... \$2.30 to \$3.00  
Tan..... \$3.00 a pair

WOMEN'S BUTTONED GAITERS..... \$1.60 to \$2.50

WOMEN'S BUCKLE GAITERS..... \$2.50 to \$2.70.

CHILDREN'S BUCKLE GAITERS..... \$1.20 to \$1.90

CHILDS' LONG RUBBERS..... \$1.45 to \$2.50

BOYS' LONG RUBBERS..... \$2.00 to \$4.00

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Alex. W. Mews... Editor in Chief  
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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, DECEMBER 27, 1916.

**HUMAN** wisdom is the aggregate of all human experience, constantly accumulating, and selecting, and re-organizing its own materials.

**DISCHARGED** YESTERDAY we had a visit from two of our Volunteers, who have just been discharged as unfit for foreign service. They naturally are concerned about the future. They are married men and as they have been discharged at very short notice indeed, they are anxious to know how they can earn a livelihood. It seems to us rather a short-sighted policy that these men should be dispensed with at this season of the year when work is just commencing to be slack and opportunities of positions are so scarce. Two months ago they could have obtained something to do, but now it will be extremely difficult to find any openings. These men are told that if they are in actual need to apply to the Paymaster, but this is not the way that any man desires to live; he does not want the Regiment to support him as a Charity. The whole affair points to the grave necessity of more organization in connection with our Regiment. A Department which would keep in touch with the employers of labour or help of any sort would be able to advise at once the discharged soldier and thus he would not have any worry as to what would become of him when his usefulness in the Regiment was over, and we should not have men discharged as in this case only after a notice of a week or so. These men have signified their willingness to die for our Empire and for us, and no effort is too great for the Government to make, so that they may be assisted to a living. They have made no small sacrifice and it is imperative that we should recognize this and show that the Country is grateful and is proud of them. In our advertising columns will be found their application for positions, and until the Government make arrangements for an employment bureau such as we suggest, and which has been suggested we think, by our morning contemporary some time ago, our columns are open free of charge to any Volunteer who requires employment. We shall be glad to hear from any of our readers who have work for these two men to do, and all particulars concerning them will be furnished at this office.

**A MINIMUM WAGE** AS the end of the year approaches, and stock-taking and profits are arrived at, it seems opportune to speak of the Minimum Wage, which is fast becoming a matter of concern to employees, and a matter that cannot be side-tracked by employers. We are glad to see that one firm at least have enquired into the living expenses of their employees and have come to the conclusion that a married man cannot live in any degree of comfort on less than Fourteen Dollars per week. In our estimation this is little enough and leaves nothing much over for the extra expenses that invariably crop up, such as doctors' bills, medicine, while we fear that the necessary sum for a little holiday, not to speak of the necessity of gathering a suitable library and good magazines round one, is almost out of the question. But the concession of a Minimum Wage is a good step towards the goal of profit-sharing which is gradually drawing nearer. This latter scheme is worked in some firms, with a great deal of success, and we hope shortly to see every firm giving its employees a share of profits. A certain sum from the profits at the end of the year might be put aside in order to give the employees an increase in salary, or other ways might be tried. We understand that some firms are allowing a 15 per cent increase, and allowing it from November 1st when the labourers obtained a like increase.

**WHAT ARE NECESSARIES?** IT is time to throw over the idea that a man is only worth the very least that he will work for. If he is doing his best, and doing his work faithfully, he is owed a living wage and a living wage should cover more than food, clothing and shelter. These are primitive necessities. We have got beyond them and necessities include now everything that in any way administers to the mental growth and the moral well-being, as well as the bodily health of the community. Therefore education, books, art, all come under the heading of necessities. And who, knowing to our shame, how very many of our boys there are who cannot read or write, can say that we do not need such necessities now. How much better would our men enjoy the sights of England and France if they all could read. We expect that one of the questions that some of our men will ask when they return after the war is over will be: **Why was I allowed to grow up uneducated?** The pitifulness of the cry ought to stir us up to the absolute need of education for every boy and girl in the Island. We are glad to know that the Union platform will embody legislation that will mean a greater advance educationally than we have made before. Money spent on education is returned a hundred fold. Therefore let us go forward.

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**DECEMBER 27**  
New Moon—24.  
Days Past—360. To Come—4.  
**St. John the Evangelist.**  
**JOHN WILKES** died 1797, aged 70. A forcible, daring and original politician, who championed the cause of the people with great vigour and in spite of libel actions and being expelled from the House of Commons three times, he was re-elected with renewed popularity each time. He was elected Lord Mayor of London and in the end his opponents gave way and orders against him were withdrawn.

**CHARLES LAMB** died, aged 59. English essayist, whose "Essays of Elia" are characterized by great felicity of expression, much genial humour, and an ardent love both of rural life and London life. He was clerk in the office of the East India Company for 35 years.

**THE GREEN GRASS UNDER THE SNOW**

The work of the sun is slow, But as sure as heaven we know, So we'll not forget, When the skies are wet, There's green grass under the snow.  
When the winds of winter blow, Wailing like voices of woe,

**VARIA BY GALE**

**MONEY**

RECENT reports from the Canadian Banks are to the effect that since the beginning of the war, they have been reaping large harvests; and, presumably the branches in this country have been sharing in the general prosperity. We have already discussed the means whereby the banks reaped their profits and gave a passing notice to the question of Exchange. We now discuss this phase of the banking business at greater length, but we will not enter into the question too deeply so that our readers may be able to grasp the full meaning of the subject.

Some months ago the Hon. John Anderson discussed the Exchange question at considerable length; but we doubt if the average reader was capable of comprehending the learned article offered to the public by Mr. Anderson.

Exchange comes to us from the French word *exchange* which has a Latin origin *ex*, "out" and *ambiare*, "change," and it may mean either (1) a place for meeting (Fr. *bourse*) of traders, or (2) Commercial paper and the transactions to which it gives rise. In large cities we find exchanges of various kinds, Cotton Exchange, Produce Exchange, and Stock Exchange—the last mentioned being familiar to most of us who have dealings with money matters. We are now more interested in Bills of Exchange which we will discuss briefly.

Bills of Exchange as a method of commercial settlement are probably of nearly coincident date with the origin of commerce. It is stated by writers on finance that bills of exchange were used in the early days at Athens, and were known among the Arabs. The Abbe Raynal says that they were known in the East Indies when the Portuguese first arrived there. Another author says there is no record of such transactions before the XIIIth century. Be this as it may, the fact remains that bills of exchange are of ancient date. Exchange depends upon the state of the "Money Market" which, by the way is simply a name; for the dealers by whom money is bought or sold—rather borrowed and lent—have no local habitation, such as is possessed by the members of the Stock Exchange or by the members of Lloyds. And further it is not money that is borrowed and lent so much as credit; credit based on gold. The money dealers who thus buy and sell credit, are the bankers, bill-brokers, and discount houses. The two classes, those who lend and those who borrow, are not divided by a hard and fast line, for both are ready to buy the use of money at one price and sell at another.

The rate charged for the use of money depends to a large extent upon the demand for and the supply of money. Just at the present time we have a very insistent illustration of this, as most of those who have foreign dealings know to their costs.

The Banks are the chief agents in collecting the funds to be utilized for loans and are, of course, the principal lenders. All the capital of the country, all the money for which the owners are seeking a profitable investment, is in the hands of the bankers, or we should say generally so. We have had many illustrations of the contrary since the beginning of the war.

We must understand the meaning of a term mentioned above before we get any further in the explanation of exchange; we mean the term "bill broker." This is the party who buys and sells bills. As we are dealing with conditions in England chiefly we use English expressions and state conditions as they exist in England. It may be said right here that London is the world's banker; or rather it was up to the present time.

Every day the bill broker or his representative calls on the banks with which he does business, and ascertains whether they wish to lend or to call in what they have already lent, or if they want to buy "bills" from him. If the banks are willing to lend money

There are April showers, And birds and flowers, And green grass under the snow.

We find that it's ever so In this life's uneven flow, We've only to wait In the face of fate For the green grass under the snow.

to him at a moment's notice then the bill-broker charges for discounting bills. Thus, when the rate charged for loans is 2 per cent, the rate which the broker charges for good sight bills (i.e., bills payable on sight or demand) may be 2½ per cent. Hence the brokers stand to make a profit of ¼ per cent. on the money lent him.

In international trade money is seldom transmitted; or in other words, gold (the world's standard) is not passed from hand to hand. Gold costs something for transmission in the shape of freight or expressage, insurance, etc. Thus traders resort to the expedient of bills of exchange.

Let us suppose that a Brazil fish dealer owes \$25,000 to a merchant in St. John's, or better perhaps owes the amount to a London commission house, as much of our fish is sold through London brokers. They handle the trade of the local merchant for a consideration. We had a very unfortunate experience in this Colony in 1894 when a British firm acted as agent for many Newfoundland houses. The death of this agent precipitated the Bank Crash.

Let us represent the Brazil merchant by A and the London agent by B. A does not actually send \$25,000 in gold to B. He tries to find somebody in Brazil to whom a similar sum is due by somebody in London. We represent this person by C. A then buys the right from C to receive that money and transmits that right to B in London who will collect it from say D. In this way the obligations are settled without the passing of any actual money between the parties.

The price given or paid for a foreign bill of exchange is rarely, if ever, the same as the nominal value of the bill. This is due to the fact that one country sometimes owes more to another than the latter does to it. If England owes more to a foreign country than the latter owes to it persons wishing to transmit gold abroad will have a difficulty in buying bills payable abroad—the demand will exceed the supply, or exchange is "against it," as it is termed in financial circles. If on the other hand a foreign country is indebted to England in a greater amount than is owing by England to it, there will be an abundance of bills drawn on foreign traders, and of course, the persons willing to transmit gold will be able to buy such bills cheaply.

Foreign exchanges affect the Bank rate. When the rate of discount for bills is higher in London than it is, say in New York, Paris, or Berlin, it indicates that there is a scarcity of money in the market, because probably heavy foreign payments have to be made; and there is likely to be an overflow of gold from England. This is what has been happening since the beginning of the war; so that exchange is "against England." In other words, English gold pays for a less quantity of marks or francs as the case may be. It is quite easy to understand conditions at the present time, as England is buying at an extraordinary rate to meet not only her own requirements in the prosecution of the war but also the requirements of some of the Allies. To enter into a deeper study of this question would demand more space than this column affords. The best illustration of the exchange problem is this. Suppose you have a cheque for a specified amount from England at the present time, if you take it to the local banks you will find that the value of the sovereign which before the war was stated to be \$4.86 is now around \$4.73. It may be less at any time.

**--JUST IN--**  
**No. 1 King APPLES**  
**Florida Sweet ORANGES**  
**J. J. ROSSITER.**

**STOLE WILL, BANK BOOK AND CASH**

About 7 o'clock this morning Head Const. Peet and Sgt. Furlong were called to the Seamen's Institute where the office of the Manager, Mr. Jones, had been forced open this morning and a \$10 bill and \$4 in silver with a bank book with credits of about \$70 in it, and the will of one of the Volunteers staying there had been stolen from a desk where they were kept. One, Charles Oulette, a French-Canadian, also a Volunteer, who joined here some time ago, and who left the Tabasco here, was arrested and charged with the theft to-day before Mr. Frank J. Morris in the Police Court. The evidence of Manager Jones and others of the Institute was taken and showed that the man had been out the better part of the night, arriving back to the Institute at 4 o'clock this morning. The sum of \$4 in silver was found in the bed he occupied, and the evidence was pretty clear against him. The bank book and will were also found, and being convicted, he was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment.

**STORMY ALL ROUND**

Last evening the N. E. wind which blew here all day, freshened up and by night a gale was blowing with snow flurries and it became very cold. A high sea runs outside and in the narrows and the tide was so high this morning that the water covered some of the wharves. It blew a gale on the West Coast last evening and night with snow in some places, but train traffic was not interfered with. The snow plows are ready for trains and may be necessary in crossing the Gaff Topsails.

**FIGHT AT TORBAY**

Christmas morning some of the male residents of Torbay who had taken more liquor than was good for them had a fight, in which pickets were used. One man was hit in the head and another severely cut and was in Court to-day with his head bandaged up. He had been summoned by the local constable who did his best to preserve the peace and was asked by Mr. Morris, K.C., who presided to-day to furnish bonds to keep the peace in future.

**A VESSEL WRECKED**

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G. had a message last evening stating that the French schr. "Charles Jules," on her way from Bay of Islands to St. Pierre, sprung a leak on the 23rd in St. George's Bay and ran for Port au Port Peninsula. She now lies there waterlogged, and likely to be a total wreck, near Three Rock Cove. The crew were saved and will be sent to St. Pierre.

**CAN'T LEAVE SHIPS**

Vessels taking cargo at the various wharves to-day had much difficulty in doing so. Owing to the high sea and tide running, there is a great race at the various piers, and to keep vessels from doing damage extra moorings have to be put out. The Portia is taking freight, but owing to the surging of the ship at her pier, it can only be taken on board very slowly.

**TRAIN NOTES**

Monday's No. 1 express left Humbermouth at 6.45 a.m.  
Yesterday's No. 1 express left Quarry at 7.20 a.m.  
Yesterday's No. 2 express left Glenwood at 9 a.m.  
To-day's No. 2 express leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of the Kyle.

**NOTICE!**

The Second Annual Meeting of Conception Bay District Council of the F. P. U. will be held at Carbonear on Tuesday, the 9th of January next, at 3 p.m.

All Local and District Councils in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Grace, Bay-de-Verde and Carbonear should be represented. All Officers of such Councils are Members of the Conception Bay District Council.

At this Convention the matter of selecting Candidates for Bay-de-Verde, Carbonear, Harbor Grace, Port-de-Grave and Harbor Main will be considered.

The matter of establishing a Union Distributing Store for Conception Bay and the establishment of a Union Station on the Labrador will also be considered.

By order,  
**W. F. COAKER,**  
Chairman ex-officio.  
St. John's, December 28, 1916.

**Conception Bay District Council of the F. P. U.**

Delegates to Conception Bay District Council Meeting to be held on TUESDAY, the 9th January prox., will please note that the Reid Newfoundland Company will issue ONE WAY FIRST CLASS TICKETS to all delegates who attend the District Council Meeting. Good going January 8th, 9th and 10th, and good returning on the 11th.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR BOYS**

Copy of telegram received December 24th, 1916, by His Excellency the Governor from Sir Douglas Haig, Commanding the British Expeditionary Forces in France.  
"All ranks under my command unite with me in heartiest good wishes to the Colony of Newfoundland for Christmas and the New Year."  
**SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.**

**ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE**

**WEATHER REPORT**

Toronto (noon)—N. and N. W. winds, generally fair to-day and on Thursday; not much change in temperature.

**OPORTO MARKET**

This week:  
Nfld. stocks ..... 19,093  
Consumption ..... 3,877  
Last week:  
Nfld. stocks ..... 16,920  
Consumption ..... 6,285  
Arrived—the F. M. Toro, Nordica, J. Henry McKenzie, S. Donald, L. Silver.

**Reid-Newfoundland Co.**  
**New Year Excursion**  
Excursion return tickets will be issued at **ONE WAY FIRST-CLASS FARE** good going December 30th, 31st, and January 1st, and good returning up to January 3rd.  
**Reid-Newfoundland Co.**

### Busy Day For Ambulance

The ambulance was at the station last night on the arrival of the local train at 10.30 to convey to the Hospital a young lady of Bay Roberts who had been sent over by Dr. Pritchard to undergo immediate operation for internal trouble. Mr. Eli Whiteway was present and looked after the patient when the train arrived. Yesterday morning's Southern Shore train brought in an hospital patient from Bay Bulls, a woman who was suffering from the effects of colic. She was conveyed to the hospital in the ambulance on arrival.

When the local arrived from Conception Bay at mid-day yesterday the ambulance again made its appearance at the station to bring to the Hospital a woman of Harbor Grace who was afflicted with acute appendicitis, and whom her doctors thought it was necessary to put under immediate operation. In each case Mr. Whiteway was present when the trains arrived and did everything necessary to ensure the comfort of the patients in transition from the depot to the Hospital.



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Caps that are warm and comfortable, as well as SMART LOOKING are hard to get, but we have them at TEMPLETON'S and at prices that will appeal to you. **Furlined and Knitted Bands.** Prices: 8c., \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$1.75, \$2.00.

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### THE FIRST PAIR

DON'T make any mistake this year. Let your first pair of Rubber Shoes be BEAR BRAND. Times are too hard for anyone to take chances of being out of work for two or three weeks with a cold which could have been avoided by getting satisfactory Rubber Shoes. The good old BEAR BRAND Shoes, which are becoming more widely known every day, are being sold in St. John's by

**John Anderson,**  
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**Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Ltd.**  
**Royal Stores, Ltd.**  
**F. Smallwood,**  
**Steer Bros.**  
**Jesse Whiteway.**

Wholesale by  
**Cleveland Rubber Co.,**

### BOSTON TO REMAIN WET

We are indebted to the Editor of the Herald for the following clipping from a Halifax paper, which shows that Boston is not to do without its saloons.

Boston remains wedded to its idols. The city voted on Tuesday to continue the license system, after one of the hottest campaigns between the "wets" and the "drys" in the history of the New England metropolis. It was expected that Billy Sudday's remarkable evangelistic campaign in that city would have had an important influence in turning the scale in favor of prohibition. Added to this was the attitude of a large and influential section of the business community, who took their stand in favor of the suppression of the liquor traffic. More than one hundred leaders in the professional, industrial, business, religious and social life of Boston, including such men as Major Henry Lee Higginson, the great Boston banker and philanthropist; Charles W. Elliott, President Emeritus of Harvard; Eugene N. Foss, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, and others equally prominent in their several spheres, issued a signed statement on the eve of the election, urging no license for Boston, and declaring that they believed that "under a no license policy Boston would gain both financially and morally." The large increase in the majority in favor of licenses, as compared with that of last year, however, shows that Boston is not yet prepared to give up its saloons.

### St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital Fund

(For beds for Wounded in France and England.)

Already acknowledged	\$71,116.50
Royal Scarlet Chapter	
Freshwater	5.50
Greenspond (additional)	70.00
George Normore, Ward Hr.	8.00
Employees Ayre & Sons, Ltd. (additional)	54.17
H. Gear (additional)	65.00
Port Blandford (additional)	129.88
Shoal Harbor (additional)	35.00
Ladies of Cat Harbor	40.00
Sir W. H. Horwood (5th instalment)	21.65
Sociable by Ladies of Princeton-Lethbridge per Miss Sara Prince	3.50
Bishop's Falls (additional)	66.00
Southside (additional)	30.00
Laurentown R.S.C.	22.00
Elliston, L.O.L.	20.00
Belleoram R.S.C.	5.00
Greenspond, R.B.P.	10.00
Greenspond, L.O.L.	10.00
Grand Falls, L.O.L.	10.50
Bareneed, L.O.L.	10.00
Springdale, R.S.C.	5.00
Central School, Burin	33.05
Avondale School, Burin	42.00
Pardy's Island School, Burin	26.16
Ladies' Aid, Come-by-Chance	15.00
Gramophone Entertainment at Petty Hr., per A. Pynn	11.00
Employees Standard, Mfg. Co., Ltd. (additional)	20.00
Grand Falls (additional)	50.00

### WANTS REIGN OF FRIGHTFULNESS RESUMED

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Herald this morning publishes the following: The Herald is enabled to announce authoritatively that the German people are demanding of their Government resumption of the reign of frightfulness even at the risk of war with the United States.

James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Berlin and other diplomats in Germany who were recently in America came for the purpose of discussing the situation in Germany and of effecting some sort of arrangement so that peace between the two countries could still be maintained. According to a high official only the personal assistance of the German Emperor himself aided by the influence of Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, the German Chancellor, has kept an order from the submarine commanders to sink every ship approaching a British port whether armed or unarmed, whether enemy or neutral.

L.O.L., New Chelsea	5.00
Piacentia, Jerseyside and South East (additional)	80.00
Point Verde (additional)	20.00
Pilot Lodge, S.U.F.	10.00
Hr. Buffett per Rev. A. Shorter (additional)	25.00
Wm. Butler, Middle Bight	2.00
Methodist and Church of England Congregations of Cupids and Burnt Head (add'l) making a total of \$260.00	90.00
Pouch Cove, L.O.L.	20.00
Pouch Cove, S.U.F.	25.00
Thanksgiving collection at Methodist Church, Garnish Employees Job Bros. & Co., Ltd. (additional)	26.00
Burin L.O.L. (add'l) making a total of \$260.00	100.00
Safe Hr., Obnavista Bay Employees George Knowledge (additional)	60.00
Herring Neck	447.35
Parker & Monroe, Ltd. (account upkeep)	130.00
Tilt Cove Mining Co. and employees (account upkeep)	46.95
Elliston, R.S.C.	5.00
Bareneed, S.U.F.	10.00
Salvage Bay, S.U.F.	15.00
Princeton, L.O.L.	20.00
Hant's Hr., R.B.P.	63.05
New Perlican	25.00
Rock Hr. (additional)	37.45
Burin (additional)	2.00
Mabel Eileen Davis	15.00
Bonne Bay, L.O.L.	50.00
Herring Neck, L.O.L. Received at "Daily News" Office:	
Kelligrews, per Ll. Colley	5.00
Marystown (account upkeep)	65.00
Bazaar, per Camille Coaker and others	53.80
Sale of eggs, per 2 little girls of Green's Hr.	6.40
Mr. Newell	1.00
Women's Patriotic Association, Spaniard's Bay	37.00

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## GERMANY SUGGESTS PEACE CONFERENCE

### This is Regarded as Further Step in Peace Proposals--Wilson and Lansing Much Interested

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Germany proposes an immediate meeting of belligerent delegates to discuss peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Direct proposal for a conference of delegates on international peace was regarded as a further step in Germany's proposal, also officials considered it as having been definitely a forecast in first proffer.

Berlin dispatches containing the German reply were read by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing with great interest. Some officials who compared the reply with President Wilson's note professed to see some conflict between the German statement. Work of securing further peace of the world, should be delayed until the end of the present struggle, while others were of the opinion that it was not entirely out of harmony. In some quarters the note was regarded more as a revision of the President's proposals than as an acceptance, in that instead of bringing forward, as suggested, Germany's terms, she proposes a conference of Allied statesmen indicating opposition to that plan.

## Notes From Head's Harbor

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—As I never see anything in the papers from this place I think I will begin and try to write a few lines myself, but first of all I want to say I am not very much used to writing to the public papers, but I'll write something. When I begin it is like the old saying, "Without a beginning there will be no end." I would like to mention our boys at the front and also our boys on the sea. No doubt we realize that the British Tommies are doing a great deal of good and that they deserve great honour, but what about the poor Navy boys? Do we realize what they are doing? Don't we often hear people say "Of what use is the Navy? What good are they doing?" But if they consider for a moment what the Navy boys are doing I think that they would say after all they are saving their lives as well as guarding our coasts. It is awfully what they have to endure in the hardships and perils of the deep I have often heard people say "What is the use of boys joining the Navy? It would be far better for them to join the Army." But I would give these people credit for better sense and not talk such tommy-rot. If they were in the place of our brave Navy boys they would know what was the use of them joining the Navy, and if they were all sent off and put on board of one of these great battle ships or somewhere where they could see for themselves, I think they would say, "Well, I never realized before what the Navy was doing, but I realize now, and if we didn't have any ships to guard our coasts I fear the Germans would have been over and would have taken us long ago." I imagine that's what they would be saying. Its all right to give the British Tommies praise, but I say give the Navy boys the honours that's due to them as well.

They deserve just as much honour as the Tommies. To both the Army and Navy we owe a great deal of gratitude for helping to fight down the Wrong and uphold the Right and from keeping the Germans from coming over to Newfoundland and causing fatal destruction.

Another thing I would like to mention and that is the providing of comforts for our soldiers and sailors. No doubt there are a great many who would like to do more than they are able. I would myself, but if its only a little we can do and if we do it with a will, it will be accepted. This year, 1916, we sent 15 pairs of socks from here. I think there are 12 or 13 families living here and I feel positive sure they all, or most of us, did our very best. We are hoping to do better in the future, and we will, if circumstances allow us. We haven't the W. P. A. formed here, but we can do our bit all the same. It doesn't matter to us if we do what we can. I believe every one here will put forth an effort in the future to do something for those brave lads who are risking their lives and doing so much for us who remain at home.

Christmas is drawing nigh once again, and we wish all the boys at the front, and on the sea, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but I know a Christmas spent across the sea from their own native land is not like a Christmas spent at home, especially with what they have to contend with.

I have one or two things more to mention before I close and that is the closing of the Hospital in Pilleys Island. We are very sorry to lose Dr. Abraham from Pilleys Island. After spending two years with us we found them to be very kind and loving people. Dr. Abraham I believe always gave of his best to everyone who

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### LOCAL ITEMS

The express left Port-au-Basque at 8 p.m. She is due here tonight.

The S. S. Fiona is now on the West Coast doing fishery protection work, and will remain at the service until the close of the herring fishery in that section.

Mr. A. E. Hickman, accompanied by Mrs. Hickman, left by yesterday's express for New York and other cities in the United States and Canada. Mr. Hickman has gone on a business trip and will be absent about five weeks.

The street lamp opposite the Museum on Dukworth St. went out suddenly at 11.30 last night. The light at the intersection of Cookstown and LeMarchant Roads also needs attention today. It was burning very dimly last night and looked as if it would become extinguished at any moment.

A most remarkable steadiness of pressure, and high pressure also, 80 lbs. to the square inch, is shown by the record of the water gauge at the Central Fire Hall. Since noon on the 12th inst, over eight days, it has remained practically steady, every three hours' reading showing eighty pounds.

**ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE**

Head's Hr., via Pilleys' Isl., Dec. 13th, 1916.

The names of those who knitted socks are as follows:—  
Mrs. J. Rideout, 2 pairs; Mrs. M. White, 1 pair; Mrs. G. Pittman, 2 pairs; Mrs. I. Parsons 1 pair; Mrs. R. W. Fudge, 2 pairs; Mrs. Wm. Watkins, 2 pairs; Mrs. F. Watkins, 1 pair; Mrs. G. Pittman, 2 pairs. One or two names not given.—M.B.W.

From Bay of Islands there have been shipped to market as the product of the fall's herring fishery three thousand barrels of herring in packages, two-thirds of which were put up after the Scotch method of packing.

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**THE POOR ASYLUM TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT**

The inmates of the Poor Asylum will not be forgotten this Christmas Season by their true and tried friends, the Ladies of the Poor Asylum Mission. To-morrow afternoon these good folk will give those who reside at the "saddest place in Newfoundland" their annual tea and entertainment and it is expected that all will be present to help making the fair one of the most enjoyable yet given to these unfortunate people, who are bereft of friends and many of whom saw better days. The ladies of the Mission will be glad to receive parcels for the entertainment.

**ENJOYABLE DANCE**

The dance given by the Catholic Cadet Corps for their new hall in the Mechanics' Building last night was a great success and was heartily enjoyed. The hall was beautifully decorated and contained the many handsome cups and other trophies won on the athletic field by the Corps. The Corps' colours and the flags of the Allied Nations were conspicuously placed and a bright and pretty spectacle was presented to the eye of the spectator. "On with the dance" was the motto and the young devotees of terpsichore who filled the hall spent a pleasant night. Refreshments were served by the lady friends of the Corps and a splendid programme of dance music was rendered by the Corps' Band under the competent baton of Lieut. A. Bulley. The proceeds will go to the new hall fund.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Rev. Dr. Jones left here by the express yesterday for Boston to visit his son, now ill there.

The S.S. Prospero will make two more trips before giving up the sea-son's work. Large freights are offering for both this ship and the Portia.

Quite a large number of men of the Regiment who had been spending Christmas with their friends in Conception Bay returned here by the shore train last night.

Surgeon Capt. J. S. Knight, R.A.M.C., who had been here on a visit left by yesterday's express for France to resume duty at the front.

**COASTAL BOATS**

**REID'S**  
The Argyle leaving Placentia to-day for West.  
The Clyde—No report since leaving Lewisporte yesterday morning.  
The Dundee—No report.  
The Ethie leaving Humbermouth to-day.  
The Glencoe left St. Jacques a 10.55 a.m. yesterday, going West.  
The Home left Springdale at 11 a.m. yesterday, inward.  
The Sagona left Port aux Basques at 8 p.m. yesterday.  
The Kyle due at Port aux Basques this morning.  
The Wren—No report.  
The Meigle due at St. John's.

**BOWRING'S**  
The S.S. Portia will sail West to-night.  
The S.S. Prospero sails North about Friday.

**COMPTROLLER APPOINTED**

Now that Prohibition will go into effect on the 1st day of January, we hear that the Government has appointed Mr. Watts, of H.M. Customs, as comptroller of wines and spirits. The appointment we learn is only temporary and later a permanent official will be secured for the job.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

**LET GOVT. PAY THE PRICE OF PAPER**

A resolution asking the Dominion Government to take such action under the War Measures Act of 1914 as will assure to the publishers of Canadian newspapers a full supply of news print paper at a fair price, to be fixed by the Government, was adopted at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Ontario Conference of Typographical Unions at the Labor Temple on Saturday. The resolution stated that it had come to the notice of the board that the price of news print paper would be increased by 60 per cent. on January 1st, next. It expressed the opinion that such an increase was entirely uncalled for, would have the effect of forcing the amalgamation of many newspapers and the cessation of many publications and thereby would displace many members of the printing and allied crafts. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Sir Robert Borden and Sir Thomas White.

The meeting was attended by President Chas. P. Doughty, of Guelph; Vice-President H. B. Archer of London, and George L. Myland, of Peterboro, secretary-treasurer. The next convention of the organization will be held in London in June next.

M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, can it be stated with both hands with equal facility. He seems utterly wasted on Greece, and America has lost an admirable President—"Books of Today and To-morrow."

**WEDDING BELLS**

FRAKE-WHITE.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Stephen's Church at Salvage on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, by the Rev. A. E. Tulk, the contracting parties being Mr. John Frake, son of Obediah Frake, belonging to Salvage, and Miss Susie White, of Loon Cove, daughter of Mrs. Fredrick White.

The bride was very attractively attired in a white silk dress trimmed with silk overlace, which together with the bridal veil and orange blossoms gave her the appearance of everything that a bride should look. She entered the church supported on the arm of Mr. Barnabas Moss, who also filled the position of father-giver.

The groom was attended by Mr. Hezekiah Frake, who performed the duties of best man, while the bride was attended by Mrs. Hannah Oldford as bridesmaid.

After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to their future residence followed by the guests, where a sumptuous meal was partaken of, after which the usual amusements accompanying such occasions were kept up till the small hours of the morning.

The bride was presented with many substantial presents, which show the popularity and favour in which both are held. Wishing them every success in their new sphere of life.

Salvage, B.B. —COR.

**SALUTARY**

Citizens all — be you yet of that age wherein you as yet hold that chalice of love and the blossoms of youth untarnished, be you of that period at which you find yourself while yet in the noonday getting more mellow, more less keen on the things of your dreams of yesterday, or be you one who has carried the load and borne the burdens and the heat of the day, and now after the cross you carried is near its goal, and you see the crown, now as the sand-glass of time is for you nearly run, and in the evening of life you put on your specs and listen to him or her, who as you do so gaze and see in them the same picture as you were in the long ago, of whatever class of the above, dear reader, you may be, I greet you.

I only wish to say I come before you with but one desire, one aim, that is to help you, all view or pause at some of the things we do see. I come with no desire to write anything that I would wish to be construed as personal for anyone, and if I do appear at times unduly cold or sarcastic remember, gentle reader, I do not wish to hurt the feelings of any, and my topics will, I hope, be keen, spicy and clear cut, and I also wish to say I will try to finish each subject in as complete a way as possible.

I would like to add I come as only one of yourselves, an actor on the stage which we call Life. I have sailed in your ships, tilled in your fields, logged in your forests. I mix with you all from the hotsam of your streets to the merchant princes, the servant of all the master of none, yet fearing no man.

It is hardly necessary for me to add I have no matter of a political nature to discuss, as I have not any need or aspirations of getting a government job. They are better left to those who are in the field for what they can get out of it.

Neither do I come with the views of the club room. All I shall write of shall be town talk, heard in the mart from the atoms of the mass and substance that produce the caste to perform Life's daily drama. For my club is my home, its members my company, who share with me my joys and my tears.

THE MAN ON THE STREET.

**FINDS THE PAPER A GOOD ONE**

(To the Editor.)  
Dear Sir,—I herewith enclose five dollars (\$5.00) for another year for the Mail and Advocate. I sent you one dollar (\$1.00) last April and you have sent me more than my money's worth, so I am sending you money enough for another year. If this is not enough for 1917 let me know and I will send the balance. Wishing your paper every success.—I am, etc.,  
MARTIN YOUNG  
33 Orange St., Chelsea, Mass., U.S.A.

**DISMISSED FOR DISHONESTY**

Not long since a young man who worked in one of the departments of a large city dry goods store was dismissed for dishonesty. He had charge of considerable cash business and appropriated to his own use a considerable sum. The proprietor of the establishment would not prosecute and was content with dismissing the unfaithful servant.

**THE CLERGY'S STIPEND TO BE INCREASED**

At a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the representative laymen of the Church of England in Halifax and Dartmouth, held at the Church of England Institute at the call of His Grace the Archbishop, the movement looking to the increase of the stipends of the at present greatly underpaid clergy of the country parishes and missions of the diocese was heartily endorsed.

The archbishop presided and in an earnest and practical speech laid before the meeting the urgent need of increasing the stipends of the clergy—not only for the sake of these faithful ministers of the gospel themselves, but in the interests of the work of the church. The leading laymen of all the parishes of the city and Dartmouth were present, and it was still needed the meeting was a splendid demonstration of the fact that the laymen of the church of all schools are solidly united in following the practical business-like and yet consecrated zeal of the Archbishop in the various projects he undertakes for furthering the cause of the church.

After the archbishop had spoken brief remarks heartily endorsing the proposals of the archbishop and the diocesan mission board were made by Dr. Bennett, Dr. M. A. B. Smith, D. M. Owen, Mr. Justice Harris, Controller G. F. Harris, Dr. J. Walter Allison, A. H. Whitman, A. B. Wiswell, S. R. Costey, Thomas Brown, F. J. Harding and others. Canon Vernon, who has been appointed organizing secretary of the diocesan mission board, also briefly explained some of the details of the heartily endorsed.

On a motion moved by D. M. Owen, the senior warden of St. Paul's, seconded by Dr. J. Walter Allison, senior synod delegate of All Saints Cathedral, the proposal to establish the Archbishop's Fund for the increase of clerical stipends was heartily endorsed, and it was decided to open up a subscription list at once, whereupon about \$5,000 for five years was subscribed. Dr. J. Walter Allison and Mr. Justice Harris leading off with subscriptions of \$500 a year each. It is hoped that at least \$10,000 a year will be speedily subscribed for this important fund. Similar gatherings of laymen will, it is expected be held at the call of the archbishop in the cities of Sydney and Charlottetown and some of the larger towns of the province as occasion presents itself.

**OUR THEATRES**

**AT THE CRESCENT.**  
Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and see the big mid-week show. Nell Craig, Patrick Calhain and Marion Lydston are featured in a great three reel society feature, "Fools Gold," produced by the Essanay Company. The "Ford Canadian Monthly," an interesting and instructive issue to-day. "His Emergent Wife" is a laughable Biograph comedy. Professor McCarthy playing the newest and best music, don't miss seeing this big mid-week how.

**"THE BLACKBIRDS" HUGE SUCCESS.**

Crowded houses greet the "Blackbirds" at Rossley's British Theatre, and one all declare it the finest of all the performances given by the clever pupils of Mrs. Rossley, who has spent weeks of training for this one performance alone. Every person should make an effort to see the greatest fun show ever given in St. John's. The new pictures are splendid. The "Orphan Joyce" is a delightful two-reel feature.

**OPORTO MARKET**

The following message from Lind & Coutou, Oporto, has been received by the Board of Trade. It is dated November 30 and reads:  
"Stocks consist entirely of British fish, for which there is an active demand at fair prices. The weather is very fine at present and the curing of Portuguese codfish is being accelerated. The rate of exchange is 31 1/16d."

**PUBLIC WHARF CARRIED AWAY**

A message to Mr. G. F. Grimes, M.H.A., from W. J. Snow, says that the public wharf at Clark's Beach is practically gone and the Anglo lines are down owing to the heavy sea running.

**B.I.S. SMOKER**

On Twelfth Night some of the members of the B.I.S. and their friends will hold a smoking concert in the Club Rooms at St. Patrick's Hall. A very nice programme is being prepared and all who attend are assured of an enjoyable evening.

**HERRING PLENTIFUL AT BONNE BAY**

William Boggan.

A very sad and sudden death occurred at No. 15 Long's Hill last evening, when Mr. William Boggan passed over to the Great Beyond. The deceased was a son of the late Mr. Richard Boggan, cooper, and though he had been ill for some time, his death was not expected and occasioned poignant grief to his widowed mother and brothers. The deceased is mourned by a mother and four brothers, who reside in St. John's, and three sisters who live in Canada. To the bereaved family the Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

**AFTER THE EXPORTERS**

**WASHOUTS IN CONCEPTION BAY**

A terribly high sea ran in Conception Bay last evening and night accompanying it was an abnormally high tide. As a result of this the beach at Kelligrews and on that section of the shore further up the Bay between Kelligrews and Holyrood was washed away in several places. In each section the bedding was washed away by the waves which overleaped all bounds, from under the rails and it was found unsafe to allow trains to pass over the damaged places to-day. Owing to the condition of the track, therefore, the Shore train for Carbonear did not leave here this morning and the trains from Carbonear and Placentia are held up at Holyrood, and will not arrive here until to-morrow. To-day a working train with a gang of men, went out to effect repairs under Roadmaster Graham and Mr. Walters. It is not known how extensive the damage done is, but certainly trains cannot get by to-day. It is hoped to have everything running again by to-morrow. Not for years vessels had to be more firmly secured has such heavy sea and high tide been seen in Conception Bay.

The following notice to the business community signed by Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Customs, has been posted at the Board of Trade Rooms:

"The attention of exporters is again called to the unsatisfactory and illegal manner in which export entries are being passed. Exporters will note that entries must be made of all articles shipped, and that a true description and correct value be given. In true export value of goods is the value at which goods are invoiced and if the true export value is not stated in entries, the law will be enforced and entries detained. The penalty for non-conformance with the Customs' Act is a fine not exceeding \$200."

**VERY HIGH TIDE**

This morning there was a very high tide in the harbor, the highest we have seen in many years. The water covered several of the wharves and extensive the damage done is, but certainly trains cannot get by to-day. It is hoped to have everything running again by to-morrow. Not for years vessels had to be more firmly secured has such heavy sea and high tide been seen in Conception Bay.

**ST. BRENDAN'S COUNCIL**

(To the Editor.)  
Dear Sir,—On Dec. 18 we held our annual meeting and the following were elected for the ensuing year:—Thos. Hynes, chairman (elected); Jas. Whelan, dep. chairman (elected); H. Hynes, secretary (re-elected); John Fennell, treasurer (elected). We intend, Mr. Coaker, to stick to you and our Union, come what may. We were delighted to hear what our delegate brought back from Catalina Convention. What is wanted is a strong pull, and a long pull, and a pull altogether, and we will get there all right, as we have Right at our back. We, as a Union, will back you in all your undertakings, and we intend to sink of swim with Coaker.—Yours,  
ST. BRENDAN'S LOCAL COUNCIL.

**1917 SEALING FLEET**

Some 12 ships will prosecute the seal fishery the coming spring. The fleet will consist of the Eagle, Terra Nova, Ranger, Viking, Diana, Erik, Njord, Thetis, Bloodhound, Seal, Neptune and Sable I. It is not yet definitely known the number of ships which will hunt in the Gulf, but it is thought it will be three. There is a possibility that the Florizel will go out and on the West Coast several schooners will go to the Gulf.

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