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To-Day's Cables

Another Warning About Raider

Labour Leaders Declare Peace Must Come On Terms Laid Down by Asquith and Lloyd George.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Another warning to shipping of the Entente Allies to be on guard against German raider this of the Atlantic sent out tonight by a British cruiser off Sandy Hook. The wireless message is very largely a repetition of the one flashed a week ago, and continued no new information as to the character or location of the supposed raider.

It is considered in marine circles to be in the nature of a precaution.

LABOUR LEADERS AND PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lloyd's Weekly News has published specially written statements on the subject of the German peace offer by four representative Labour leaders, Stephen Walsh, M.P., James O'Grady, chairman of the General Federation Trades Union, C. B. Stanton, M.P., and Lt.-Col. John Ward, Commander of Navvies' Battalion. All declare that the war must continue until the conditions laid down by Premier Asquith and Lloyd George are achieved, but Walsh, in addition, contends that the Allies should take the opportunity to make our position clear before the world.

LONDON IN PERPETUAL NIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The fog which settled over London yesterday is described as being the most dense for fifty years. From early morning until late at night London has been a city of perpetual night, the inconveniences being greatest in the evening owing to the light restrictions. Omnibuses stopped running, taxi-cabs disappeared from streets, people in streets carried lighted torches in Strand. The soldiers now in metropolises said they had to be led about like blinded men.

GERMAN ESCAPES FROM BLOCKADE

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The German steamer "Prinz Frederich Wilhelm," 17,072 tons, which has been at anchor at Odde, near Bergen, Norway, since the beginning of the war, arrived at Stavanger, according to a despatch from Kristiana to Frankfurter Zeitung, after having broken through the British blockade.

Outside Bergen a line of two British destroyers and three torpedo boats, the message adds, was crossed by the German steamer.

GERMANY WANTS HAGUE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. quotes Frankfurter Zeitung as saying Germany does not want cessation of fighting, but merely a conference on which all belligerents shall openly state their peace proposals. The conference is to be held at Hague about January 16th. While conference is in session all belligerents are to be allowed to continue military operations.

VERDUN REGION

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—There has been a renewal of infantry fighting in the Verdun region today, the War Office announces to-night in a supplementary statement.

STORMY WEATHER CASUALTIES

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Numerous shipping accidents are reported owing to Saturday's heavy fog. The crew of the English and Welsh ground lightship have been landed at Barry and report that their lightship sank in collision with the steamer Welshman.

The Norwegian steamer Annavore collided with the Belgian relief steamer Vightstroom lying at anchor in the Thames. Annavore went ashore in a sinking condition. The stern of the Vightstroom was damaged.

The steamer Royal Transport collided in Barry Roads with an unidentified vessel and is compelled to dry-dock.

The steamer "Noral" Elsmic was towed into Portsmouth harbor after a collision with the steamer Chloris and tug Morena, from Buenos Ayres, and was stranded off Chichester harbour.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS TO ASSIST FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Portuguese troops intended for service, with French troops in France, according to a quotation in La Patrie from Portuguese official Journal. They are to be called Portuguese Expeditionary Corps, and will be under command of General S. Tamaquins and Ameid Deca. The latter, as former Governor of Angola, is reputed to be an able strategist.

AUSTRO-GERMANS SEIZE GRAIN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Adolp von Batocki, President of the German Food Regulation Board, arrived at Budapest to attend the Austro-Hungarian conference, says a despatch from Copenhagen Exchange Telegraph to Herr von Batocki. He is quoted as declaring that the Austro-Germans seized sixty million bushels of grain maize in Roumania, insuring the Central Powers sufficient supplies until next harvest.

TWO PEERAGES

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The King has conferred a peerage on Sir Wm. Maxwell Aitken and Right Hon. Charles B. Stuart-Wortley, members of Parliament, thus two Unionist seats in the House are vacant for members of the new Cabinet. Sir William Aitken, formerly official eye-witness with the Canadian troops, was born in Canada, and knighted in 1912.

CONSCRIPTION OF SCHOOL BOYS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen says that the Government of Schleswig, Prussia, has proclaimed the civil conscription of school boys. They will be used for railroad work, loading, and unloading trucks, of which there is a shortage.

VESSELS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lloyds announces the sinking of the Danish steamer Michael Outchoukoff, 2,118 tons, and the British schooner Constance Mary, 176 tons.

ENGLAND ORGANIZED FOR FIGHTING

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—War preparations and conversion of industrial plants into munitions factories by no means crippled the steel industry England, according to Dr. Shellito, of the International Steel Corporation, who returned by the Noordam to-day from a six months trip to England and France. He said almost the normal quantity of manufactured steel products are being turned out and that new industries are being established in France. Dr. Shellito said, "I found people anything but discouraged over the prospect for victory, the nation is organized as a fighting unit and munitions are being produced at an astounding rate. I visited one factory where 8,000 women, 1,600 men are turning out between fifty and seventy-five thousand shells daily.

ROUMANIAN PARLIAMENT AT PETROGRAD

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—A correspondent of the Stockholm Lokal Anzeiger telegraphs, saying that during the meeting of the last Rumanian Crown Council it was resolved that the Rumanian Foreign Office should be transported to Petrograd, other ministries for present being established at Kiev. Rumanian Parliament, it is reported, will meet at Petrograd. King Ferdinand is said to have declared that he would stay one week in Russia, then go to England. The correspondent quotes a Russian newspaper from Jassy on the Russo-Rumanian towns Braila and Galatz Danube in southeastern Moldavia, have been evacuated by the Rumanians.

FRENCH COMMANDER IS ASSURED

PARIS, Dec. 18.—General Nivelle, recently appointed Commander of armies northeast, was present with General Petain, Commander of French armies during Soissons Verdun sector's successful operations on December 15th, in north Verdun, both having collaborated on its preparation.

Upon leaving Verdun for new headquarters, General Nivelle taking leave his staff spoke as follows: "The test is conclusive. Our method has proved sound once more, the second army has just asserted in the highest degree its morale and its material ascendancy over the enemy. Victory is certain. I give you assurance that Germany will learn it to her cost."

BRITISH ADVANCE

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The British army on Tigris front which assumed the offensive Wednesday has made a further advance. The official statement given out here to-day says that the British are now within three quarters mile of the Tigris, opposite Kut-el-Amara. During Thursday the advance secured by the operations the previous night was steadily improved. Statement says that our forces are advancing northwards, by both banks of Hail River, British outpost being established within three quarters mile of Tigris south of Kut-el-Amara. During Thursday night aeroplanes flying by moonlight successfully attacked ponton bridges on the Tigris which enemy had removed from their sides and were towing up stream, the material being broken up and scattered.

"NAIAD" SUN K

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lloyds Agency has announced the British ship Naiad sunk; crew saved.

French Continue Great Offensive Make Many Gains

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The French continue their great offensive on the Meuse sector on the Verdun front, and have made further gains. The British also made progress and succeeded in Saturday night's engagements in raiding enemy's trenches near Ransart and south of Wyttschaete gaining a foothold in both cases. German War Office admits the loss to the French of the village of Bezon and Vaux Wood, west of that place, but asserts that the French thrust further northward broke down before the German fire on the height north of Bezonvaux. The new French lines in Vacheranville and Bezonvaux and the Chambrette Farm region have been heavily bombarded by German guns. North of the Ancre River, in the Somme sector, British detachments attempted to enter German trenches, but were repulsed.

The Teutonic armies, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, in Eastern Wallachia, have crossed at Buzen, on the Lower Calmuidi River, and in addition to taking 1,150 prisoners captured great quantities of rolling stock with innumerable vehicles of other kinds. The pursuit of the Russian and Rumanian troops in Dobrudja continues. The Teutonic forces are now close to the forest district in the north, where it is expected the Russo-Rumanian armies will still offer resistance. Petrograd admits the capture by the German and Bulgarian forces of the village of Testemele, in Dobrudja.

Desperate encounters marked the fighting in Volhynia, where the forces of Prince Leopold is declared by the Berlin War Office, to have stormed Russian positions on a front of six hundred yards, north of the railroad between Kovel and Lutsk, capturing five officers, three hundred men, several machine guns and mine throwers. The thrust by the Russians, near Illukst was repulsed, this result being accomplished only after three desperate attacks. According to Petrograd, south-west of Valeputna, in the wooded Carpathians, the Russians, after repelling an attack by large German forces at the point of the bayonet, captured a height.

More active artillery bombardments have marked the fighting in the Austro-Italian theatre. These and patrol engagements are the only events announced from this sector.

The London "Observer," commenting on the German peace offer, says it is dominated with a completeness for which the pan-Germans, even in their wildest dreams, scarcely dared to hope. The magnificent Middle Empire for an International Federation under German leadership, which practically exists, comprises at least 160,000,000 persons. This is a position Germany has achieved by arms, and would like to secure permanently by peace negotiations. The present manoeuvre has no other object. With such a position and prospect, Germany could well afford to retire from France and Belgium, and even pay an indemnity to the latter. In such circumstances peace by negotiation could be a betrayal of the Allies' cause. The Allies cannot secure a right peace or safe settlement until they have overthrown the Central League by force of arms. If the Allies are wise they will keep to the whole height and breadth of their original aims. They will declare they are resolved to establish a just and staple system of international peace as was Lincoln to maintain the Union and as resolved to smash German militarism and domination as was Lincoln to smash slavery.

WOMEN WANT PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sylvia Pankhurst, militant suffragette, with a number of sympathizers, endeavored to hold a demonstration at the East India dock gates this afternoon to demand peace. The big crowd assembled mobbed the speaker. The police interfered and rushed Miss Pankhurst and her friends to the police station, followed by a demonstrative crowd. The prisoners were held under bail, pending examination before the magistrate.

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Last Night's Cables Big French Gains on Meuse River

BRITISH RAID

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Official report from British Headquarters in France issued to-night reads:—"Last night a party of our troops successfully raided enemy's trenches near Ransart and inflicted a number of casualties, bombing his dug-outs, also entered enemy's trenches south-west of Wyttschaete, where we destroyed machine gun emplacements. Enemy blew up Camouflet this morning east of Ypres."

INCENDIARISM

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 18.—Another fire occurred at Summerside last night, causing \$12,000 worth of damage. Three men arrived, charged with incendiarism.

BARQUE LOST

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Brazilian barque "Nethis," with 12 men on board, was lost during a snow storm on Friday night off Barnaget, New Jersey coast.

Huns Stopped By the British

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A small party of the enemy attempted to raid the British trenches near Hill 60 last night but was caught by barrage fire. Our artillery are bombarding the enemy trenches north of Halleck and east of Neuve Chapelle. A squadron of seaplanes have bombarded Racioiki, forty miles from Istip; the bombs dropped had a good effect.

Italy's Food Restrictions

ROME, Dec. 17.—A decree has been issued forbidding, for two weeks, the manufacture of candies or cake or its transmission by post or railways. The decree further forbids hotels to serve meals containing more than one meat course.

FRENCH GAINS AT VERDUN

LONDON, December 16.—The French troops again made effective thrust in Verdun region, striking German positions between Meuse and Woivre Rivers, north Douaumont, N. E. fortress along front 6 miles French forced back soldiers of German Crown Prince for a distance of almost two miles, more than 7,500 prisoners and numerous guns taken from Germans. Paris announces in its latest communication German War Office admitted "advantages" had been obtained in this region by attackers.

Buzen, an important railroad centre N.E. Bucharest, and excellent base from which to begin operations on Moldavia, has been captured by Austro-Germans. Retreating Russians and Rumanians are reported to be burning villages behind them. Four thousand additional prisoners Mackensen's army. Simultaneously have been taken by Field Marshal with taking Buzen, Austro-German-Bulgarians began an offensive on Dobrudja. Russians and Rumanians, Berlin states, evacuated positions under pressure exerted by advance great Wallachia.

Greek Government accepted demands Entente Allies contained in ultimatum presented to Athens Government Thursday. It is reported officially that Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly, only certain number are to be stationed in Peloponnesus, it is said.

9000 Huns Surrenders With 250 Officers--Violent German Attack Brought Up Short by French Fire

PARIS, Dec. 17.—A bulletin by the War Office tonight reads:—"On the right bank of the Meuse our troops continued their success and progressed in Courieres Wood, and also captured the Village of Bezonvaux yesterday. At the close of the day a violent German attack directed against our positions at Cote du Poivre, "Pepper Hill," was brought up short by our fire. We have maintained in its entirety our new front. Prisoners continue to be brought back, the number exceeding 9000, of which 250 are officers. Enumeration of the material which has fallen into our hands not yet completed, but computation up to the present shows 81 guns taken or destroyed.

Constantine Backs Down Wants Allies Confidence

Greece Replies to Allies Ultimatum and Accept Demands of Entente Powers--Assures Them Friendship

LONDON, Dec. 17.—According to an Athens despatch to Reuter's Greece has replied to the Allies' ultimatum by saying that it accepts the demands made on it as desirous of giving another manifest proof of the sincerely friendly sentiments which have always animated it towards Entente. The reply says that no hostile movements of troops have ever taken place or been projected, and that the transfer of material northwards will immediately cease. Orders have already been given, it is said, regarding the movements of troops and all material, and will be carried out as rapidly as possible. In respect to the attack on British and French marines in Athens on December 1st, the Government declares that it desires to give every legitimate satisfaction and refers to its proposals to arbitrate. It expresses the hope that the Allied Powers will reconsider their decision to continue blockade, which, it says, is straining relations and impressing public opinion. The reply concludes with the expression of the desire of the Government and people of Greece for a resumption of the excellent traditional confidence which previously existed between Greece and the Entente Nations.

Crushing Victory For the French at Verdun

Gen. Nivelles Smashes Huns at Verdun--Advances Two Miles and Captures 80 Guns--Enthusiasm at Paris

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The official telegram announcing that Greece had accepted unreservedly the conditions of the Allies was received at the Foreign Office at midnight, according to the Petit Journal.

The number of guns captured from the Germans in General Nivelle's victory on the Verdun front, as counted up to the present, is eighty, according to latest reports reaching Paris. Nivelle's victory have advanced the French positions two miles, and they are now within a short distance of where the Germans stood at the outset of the great Verdun drive. Military authorities declare the victory as a complete and crushing one, and carried out without a hitch. The news of the victory was received in Paris with enthusiasm as a welcome relief to the gloomy tidings from Roumania. Nivelle is the man of the hour, and his latest achievement justifies his choice as Commander-in-Chief, and augurs well for the future.

Huns Confession of Weakness

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Economist team of Allies together and in fighting says it believes Germany's cry for ing trim.



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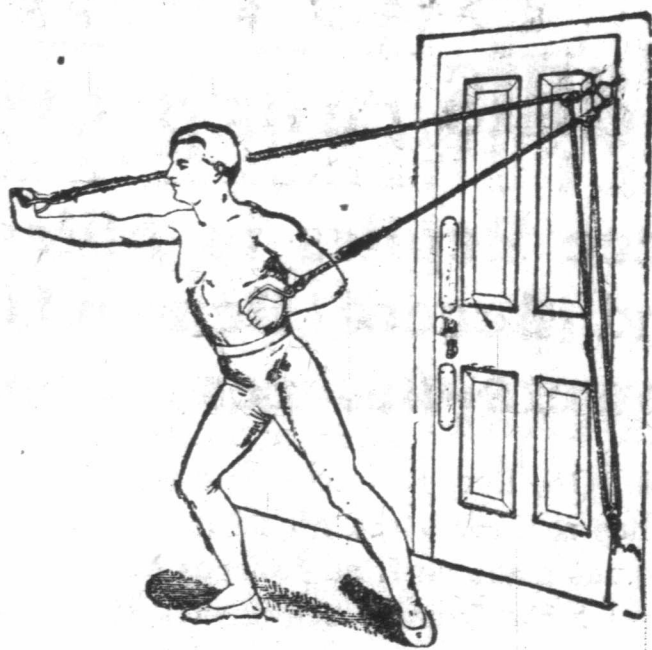
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Lieut. Hicks at Port Rexton

On the 12th Lieut. Hicks lectured to a large and appreciative audience in the L.O.A. Hall re the doings of "ours" since leaving the shores of our Island home up to their journey to France, and their subsequent undertakings on the soil of France, especially those of the 1st of July and 12th October. His lecture was instructive and interesting.

The Rev. A. Pittman occupied the work and efficiency of the Royal Navy. His remarks were continually punctuated with hearty applause.

The ev. A. Pittman occupied the chair, and introduced the speaker. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. We were sorry to see no direct and tangible results of the lecture, but evidently they will be forthcoming. We are Richard Hussey to believe that Lieut. Hicks' appeal for men and still more men will fall on deaf ears. We sincerely hope that the eligible young men of Port Rexton will recognize the call to arms and to duty, and consequently will fall in line with other thousands of young men who today are ready to march forward to fill the blanks and to do or die for their country's honor, to protect their homes, their mothers, and their lassies.

We have often thought that more facilities should be accorded our girls in the outports who are desirous of qualifying themselves as nurses. Girls have their sphere of works in this great war as well as the men, in a minor way, perhaps, but none the less heroic.

Is it not possible that something can be done in the matter of training those who are willing to go?

Some time ago "Eye Witness" in writing to The Mail and Advocate referred to the collection in aid of the Cot Fund, and stated that only \$16 was collected from Port Rexton.

Your correspondent wishes to state that the correct amount was \$21.25. The total collection from Port Rexton amounted to one forty odd dollars. In the publication of the list we noticed that owing to a misprint Mrs. Rosa Bannister was credited with only 10 cents. It should have read 40 cents.—Com. Dec. 14th, 1916.

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Statement Issued by Committee of Presbyterian Church Association.

LEGAL FIRMS RETAINED.

Plan Under Way to Start the Publication of Weekly Paper.

Rev. Andrew Robertson, first vice-president of the Presbyterian Church Association, has given out the following statement:

A meeting of the General Committee of the Presbyterian Church Association, largely attended by members from various parts of the country, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in the city of Toronto.

The meeting was held to consider the present situation in its various phases and to complete the organization of the movement. Since the adjournment of the Presbyterian Convocation some six weeks ago, the task of working out the details of the organization has been receiving the attention of the officers.

Principal Fraser, of the Presbyterian Theological College of Montreal, the President of the Association, was present in person at the Tuesday sessions of the meeting. Letters and messages of encouragement and support were received from representative quarters throughout the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coasts.

An executive committee was formed to carry on the affairs of the Association. Mr. James Turnbull, of Toronto, was appointed chairman of the executive committee, and Mr. James Rodger, of Montreal, was appointed the deputy chairman.

Sub-committees were also formed as follows: On finance, with Mr. C. S. McDonald, Toronto, as Chairman; on publicity, with Rev. Dr. Eakin, Toronto, as chairman, and on legal questions and measures, with Mr. John Mackay, Toronto, as chairman.

It was decided to proceed immediately with the incorporation of a company with an authorized capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of publishing a high-class national weekly to be dedicated to the interests of the Dominion of Canada, and to stand for the preservation of the historic Presbyterian Church in Canada as one of the greatest of national institutions.

Assurances of support for the proposed paper, and subscriptions to the capital stock of the company to be incorporated for its publication, were received from all quarters of the Dominion. Pending the publication of the first number thereof, it was decided to issue a "Messenger" at regular intervals, for the purpose of expounding, in a systematic manner, the cause of the Presbyterian Church.

The sole object of the Association is to preserve the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was clearly realized that the object could not be accomplished except by taking effective steps to that end. The measures, therefore, proposed to be taken by the secessionist majority of the Church, to extinguish the historic Presbyterian Church in Canada will be met in an appropriate manner.

No illusions are entertained as to the gravity of the situation and no hysteria prevails on the subject. The committee, backed by an increasingly powerful association, absolutely united on this question, will prosecute quietly but with fixed and unalterable purpose the duties laid upon it, whatever may be involved.

Messrs. Blake, Lash, Anglin and Cassels, of the City of Toronto, and Messrs. Lafleur, MacDougall and Macfarlane, of Montreal were retained as the legal advisers of the Association to deal with the situation as the occasion may require.

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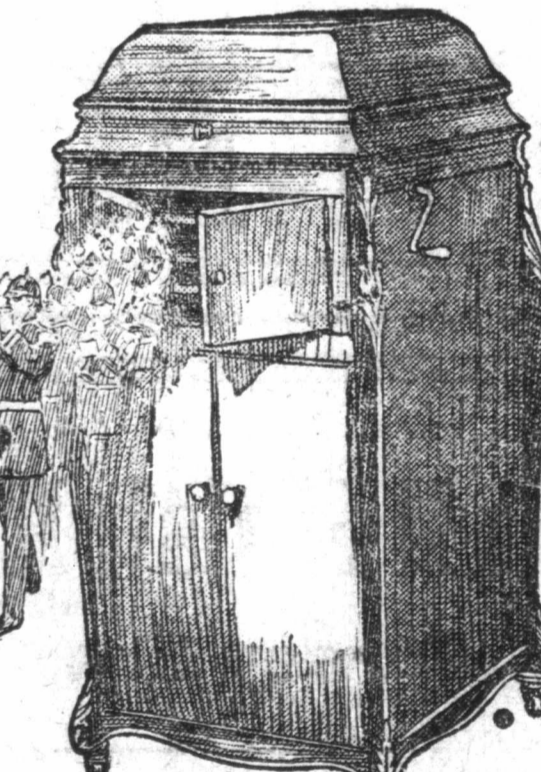
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| 17806—Oh, Promise Me
In the Gloaming. | |

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Last Night's Cables

Seaplanes Bomb Pasplovski

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A squadron of seaplanes, on Friday, attacked Pasplovski, forty miles east of Istip, Serbia, says the War Office announcement to-night. A large number of bombs were dropped with good effect, adds the official statement.

UNEASINESS RELIEVED

When the story reached the city of the supposed loss of the Canadian cruiser "Grise" it was feared that several Newfoundlanders who were believed to be on board the ship had been lost. It was believed by Mrs. Finney of Princes Street that her son, Mr. James Finney, an engineer, who is in the service for some years, was on the ship and his mother was naturally in great trepidation and was greatly relieved when news of the ship's safety was received. Thursday night there was also excitement at Portugal Cove, where it was known that Naval Reservist Fredk. Churchill was on her and possibly several others. Thursday night Mr. Roy Hussey, the well-known cabman of the cove, drove to the city, on seeing the apprehension of the people with friends in the service and on hearing the good news of the ship's safety telephoned to the Cove from the town, thus relieving the anxiety felt there. It is hoped that no Newfoundlanders are among the six poor fellows reported lost.

RUSSIANS SHELL BALTCHIKEN

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Nothing of importance is reported in official communication, Berlin reports that Russian ships have shelled Baltchiken on the Black Sea coast of Dobrudja, at least four inhabitants were killed.

WAS AN ERROR.

In dealing with the coal question Saturday we stated that foreign ships in January of last year entering this port short of coal took 20,000 tons. The addition of a cipher by the printer caused a mistake of 18,000 tons. The ships took 2,000 tons.

ATE THE GOLD FISH.

Not long ago a resident of the West End purchased two fine gold fish at Wadden's pharmacy and as they swam gracefully about the receptacle containing them the children of the house admired them much. The admiration of a two-year old yesterday took a rather practical turn, for while his parents were out he extracted the pretty little fish and ate both raw with evident relish. It is not often we hear of gold fish being used as an article of food.

SAW SEVER'S MAN'S LEG.

People who arrived from Bishop's Falls Saturday tell us that a terrible accident occurred in one of the saw mills there on Thursday last. A man named Stanley was working a large circular saw when he accidentally came into contact with it. As a result his left leg was practically cut off at the thigh and left hanging by some skin and muscle. Immediate attention was given him by fellow workers and he was rushed to Grand Falls Hospital by special train, where Dr. Chambeplain took the limb completely off. The man is very strong physically and it is hoped he will pull through.

HOME DISTURBER ARRESTED.

At 9.30 p.m. Saturday Consts. Day and Brown were called to the residence of a salesman on New Gower Street and arrested the man who was "raising Cain" in his house. Being under the influence of drink he made matters lively and when he began smashing the furniture the officers escorted him to the station. To-day his better half gave evidence against him before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., in Court and he was committed to give 100 bonds to keep the peace in future or be taken to the penitentiary for a residence. He gave the bonds.

MR. RONALD GRIMES, SON OF SUPT. GRIMES, WHO WAS WORKING IN A MUNITION FACTORY AT RUGBY, ENGLAND, HAS JOINED A WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT AND IS NOW AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT UNDERGOING TRAINING THERE, IN A FEW WEEKS THEY EXPECT TO BE LEAVING FOR FRANCE TO TAKE UP ACTIVE SERVICE AT THE FRONT.

The schr. Stella, White, master, left here Friday night for Greenspond and reached only as far as Baccalieu when she encountered a heavy gale from the northeast which forced her to return. She reached port again Saturday afternoon.

British Premier Speaks Tuesday

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Premier Lloyd-George will probably make a rough outline of the Entente Allies' peace terms on Tuesday next, and leave Germany under no doubt concerning our determination to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour until a victory which will make these terms possible has been secured.

PLEA FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The morning papers comment with warm approval on William Redmond's plea for an understanding between the Irish factions and the reply made by Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

BIG FOG OVER LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 17.—London has one perpetual night of the worst fog in years which visited London yesterday, all traffic was suspended and pedestrians used torches and men were led about as though blind.

NO MORE HAIR PINS FOR WOMEN

LONDON, Dec. 17.—According to the Parliamentary correspondent of the Daily News, the Government orders for checking the use of metal in non-war manufacturers include the prohibition of further making of women's hair pins.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND

- Colonel Otway desires to acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions towards the Christmas cheer to the poor and Winter Relief.
- \$10.—His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson;
 - \$50.—Reid Newfoundland Company;
 - \$10 each.—A. H. Murray, Royal Stores;
 - \$7.—Hon. J. Harvey;
 - \$6.—Hon. M. P. Cashin;
 - \$5 each.—Inspector General Sullivan, G. Browning & Son, J. H. Monroe, Esq., D. Monroe, Donald Morrison, Dr. Fraser, Horwood Lumber Co., Mayor Gosling, Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., W. S. Monroe, Major Montgomery, Chas. O'Neill Conroy, Marshall Bros., W. H. Davidson, Esq., Chas. R. Duder, Esq.
 - \$2.50 each.—R. R. L.; Lawrence, Nfld. Co., Ltd.; W. F. Carter.
 - \$3 each.—Dr. N. G. Murphy; Chas. E. Hunt.
 - \$2 each.—W. V. Drayton; S.I.F.; T. J. Edens, N. L. Cousins; J. White-way; J. A. Cliff; John Jackman, Wm. P. Shortall, F. W. Bradshaw, W. J. Clouston; W. A. Slattery; P. Laracy; P. H. Cowan, J. H. Penman; W. H. Crowley; S. H. Peet; W. R. Warren.
 - \$1 each.—P. C. O'Driscoll, S. O. Steele also one Dorcas Ticket; Thos. J. Barron; John J. Sheehan; W. Carlson; Deputy Mayor Morris; J. Burnstein; B. B. Stafford.
 - 50c. each.—Baby Ruth Bastow; T. B. Wood Co. Ltd, candy; R. Templeton, tea; S. G. Collier, beef.

ASSAULTED THE POLICE.

At 5.30 p.m. Saturday a man was ejected from an uptown saloon for causing a disturbance and getting to the sidewalk collided with Const. Vail, a veteran of Gallipoli and France. Vail did not go through so much "scrapping" in the war theatre to be put hors de combat by a St. John's brawler. With the assistance of Sgt. Furlong the man was placed in a cab and before he could realize what had occurred to him was safe in cell No. 4. As a reminder that he must not be "too gay" with the peace officers, Mr. F. J. Morris made him dig down into his trousers to-day and extract \$5, failing which, he would go to the lakeside for 14 days.

DUE FROM ICELAND.

The Danish schr. "Niels" arrived here this forenoon from Iceland in ballast after a run of 29 days. The vessel received a drubbing of this coast in the storms of the past few days, but came through without damage.

WILL BE ARRESTED.

Const. Keefe on Saturday summoned a man for, cruelly treating his horse on the 15th. The man did not appear in Court to-day before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Sgt. Noseworthy also summoned three young men for disorderly conduct and using bad language on the street. One appeared in Court to-day and was fined \$2 of 5 days. The others did not appear on the summons and warrants were issued for their arrest also.

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BRIDGEPORT

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At eight o'clock Saturday night the while they succeeded in getting him pilots received a phone message from safely into the boat, not much the Cape Spear that a steamer was off the worse for his sudden immersion in the narrows. In getting into their boat at chilly waters of the harbor. Stabb's wharf, pilot John Furlong mis sed his footing and fell overboard. S. S. Meikle hauled down from the Pilots Lewis and Penny spray, in dock premises yesterday morning and medially to his rescue, in this they anchored in the stream. While in port had a very difficult task as Mr. Fur- long is a very heavy man and for a tion. She sails for Sydney to-day if while there was danger of all three the weather permits, to load general receiving a cold bath. After a short cargo.

Are You Thrifty?

SOME EXPERIENCES.

A knowledge of mechanics will prove a boon to any woman, as it has cause two of the children were in proved to me. Recently I detected a rather faint, musty odour in my bath-room. I had my husband examine things, but he discovered nothing. I was not satisfied, and began looking on my own account. I argued that if it were hidden somewhere, then the boards and ceiling would begin to show the effect. I prowled around until I discovered, hidden in a corner, a loose rubber joint in a sewer pipe, from which water was dripping. This I repaired just in time, for if it had continued, in a little while my dining room ceiling would have been ruined. Mrs. O. S., Winnipeg.

A Very Big Thrift Experience.

Three years ago my neighbours met with financial reverses which swept away their entire income. The farmer went railroading, and in the struggle of keeping the home together, the mother died of tuberculosis, leaving four young children.

The father was helpless; his money gone; his wife dead; he was away from home, and his salary was insufficient to pay rent and hire a house-keeper, so the only thing was to give up his family to the authorities, the very thought of which was breaking his heart. I was appealed to for advice. What would I suggest?

My home was much too small to accommodate all; besides I had a

sors, a thimble, a cushion of needles and pins and other accessories.

I also find that having a pair of scissors and also a few threaded needles always convenient saves many steps.—Mrs. B. L. S., London, Ont.

The Value of Bones.

My meat bill was high and gave me considerable worry, and in thinking the matter over I suddenly realized that, generally, no bones came home with the meat, although I had seen them weighed with it. This started me thinking, and I wondered if bones had no food value, and what the butcher did with them.

Partly out of curiosity and partly in the hope of reducing my meat bills I bought some bones. After some experiments I found that out of twenty-five cents' worth of bones I could get two dollars and sixteen cents' worth of good nourishing food. I cut the bones into six inch lengths, covered them with cold water, added carrots, onions, a bay leaf, allspice, salt and pepper, and boiled them in an autoclave under fifteen pounds pressure. At the end of an hour, I scraped the bones, removed them and poured off the clear soap stock, on the top of which the pure fat hardens. Thus I have:

- 3 1/2 lbs. beef at 16c..... \$56
- 6 lbs. meat scraps at 15c..... 90
- 7 quarts soup stock at 10c..... 70

\$216

Not a bad investment for twenty-five cents' worth of bones and about ten cents' worth of vegetables.—V. A.

Was it Thrift?

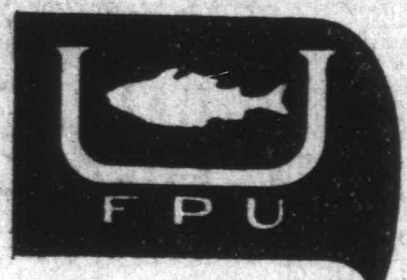
Mrs. W. H., Edmonton.

Saving Steps.

I find that having a work basket in the dining-room saves me many steps. It contains two spools of black and white thread, coarse and fine, with an extra spool of heavy thread for tightening a loose button on the children's shoes, a pair of scissors,

OUR MOTTO: "Suum Cuique."

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(To Every Man His Own.)

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PRODUCE, PRODUCE! Were it but the pitifulest, infinitesimal fraction of a product, produce it in God's name. It is the utmost thou hast in thee. Out with it then!

—Carlyle.

OUR THANKS

WE THANK Dr. McGrath, the editor of The Evening Herald, for the welcome extended to us in Saturday's Herald. Coming from the senior of the profession and a veteran of twenty-six years in the editorial chair, it is all the more pleasing and encouraging to us. His energy and journalistic ambition have always been apparent, and, if at some future date, when time has blunted the sharp edges of political differences, Dr. McGrath could be induced to issue his book of experiences, it ought to prove fascinating reading.

THE BOY PROBLEM

THE BOY problem crops up periodically and much ink is used up advocating that a Reformatory be established for juvenile offenders. But Grand Jurors or Press seem to have no force that will move the Government to do anything in the matter. It is an acknowledged fact that putting young boys in the same prison as old offenders is not the way to punish them. They will naturally come out more hardened than they went in. The idea of a reformatory, I should think, would be to give the boys a change of thought, to set them on another road by the "expulsive power of a new affection," to use a well-known expression. That is, to interest them in some trade or work that will enable them to use up their abundant energy in a proper way. There must be hundreds of such reformatories in the world and the trades they teach the boys are many. In our case, agriculture might be a good subject, or shoemaking, printing, or a whole host of others. So much for the correction of the youthful offender. To go back further to the cause, or the reason why boys go astray, takes us to the consideration of many things. Some say lack of education is the cause and that compulsory and free education is one solution. It undoubtedly would help, though we cannot think that the book-knowledge which our education here means, makes a boy good in a moral sense, though it may help him. And to go beyond this perhaps before we can force children to go to school, we should be sure that they have the clothes to wear and that they have the means of having a good breakfast before they go in the morning. This brings us down to the economic side again and it has to be faced. If we were as fully active to the conservation of the boys and girls as we are to the making of money, there would be no necessity of young boys going to work instead of to school, because the family purse needs the money. We must realize that boys and girls are the real assets of any country. Its worth will depend on what it makes of its children. The trouble is that we in Newfoundland do not make the most of our children. First we have these who do not attend school for various reasons, and we find that most of these grow up in the main workers; they are the ones who supply the strength to move the cargoes from the ships, and other work which needs muscle. Now these tasks are not menial. They are very necessary tasks that must be done. But there is no reason why a man who is educated should not do these things too. There are some who think that if we were to have everybody educated in this country that there would be nobody to catch fish or do the tasks that need strength. But even at the risk of that, we do not think we should debar these men from improving their minds. While there is fish around our coasts there will be fishermen, and if no men are found willing to perform other work, it is not the first time that machinery, electricity, gasoline and other means have been found to do it. No, it does not pay us to let our boys and girls grow up uneducated and we are glad to be able to say that the F.P.U. stands for greater educational privileges than we enjoy now and will do its utmost to see that our Outports are not neglected in the future as in the past in this direction. Next we have those who go to school. As a result, what do we find? In most cases, there is little ambition in the boys to do any better than go in an office on Water Street. They have been taught to read and write and figure. They have acquired certain knowledge of history, geography and other subjects, but of one subject, themselves, they know nothing. There are few who have any feeling as to what they should like to be. If their fathers have money they are sent away and take up some profession. If there is no money in the family, they look out for a "job."

EDUCATION

AND TO get down to the main point, what is really needed to make our boys and girls live up to the best that is in them is education, but education of another sort than we know. The true education that will "lead out" the minds, instead of simply cramming them with knowledge. There is a special work for each one of us, and education should find what that special work is. In some cases this "bent" comes out in spite of environment, but in many cases we are afraid that it is never nurtured or developed as it should be. A scholar goes through the schools and is put through the C.H.E. exams, and fails, and so is termed "no good." But there may be the makings of a first-rate inventor in that scholar. And besides this vocational training there is more moral training needed. And we say moral in the full meaning of the word, training in the doctrine or practice of the duties of life. This brings in Religion if you like. You may call it anything, but it is a training that children should have in day-schools five times a week and not relegated to one school day in the week. And this training would cause a boy to stare at his father if the latter sold his goods at a figure which was excessively high. It would make a boy think twice before he would, by his silence or by a carefully worded sentence, let another man be "taken in" in a bargain. So we place the real solution of the boy problem in the hands of our educationists, and with the help of that inestimable institution, the Home, the boy will have a better chance to go straight.

THE MORNING ISSUE

THE morning issue has more than justified our expectations. The edition was completely sold out, and late orders for papers had to go unfilled. This points to the necessity of the issue and we are sure that the morning editor, Mr. Hibbs, will continue to give his patrons a paper that will prove an interesting and informative addition at the breakfast tables in the City and at the same time keep the Outports well in touch with the latest news.

**REVEILLE
BY CALCAR**

THE Government that can find a means to raise a revenue by other means than by Customs duties on the necessities of life is the Government for us to seek and the Government that is to secure the gratitude of the people. It seems rather strange that we who have spent so much on the farming industry, for instance, should be compelled to pay beside a high tariff on imported farm products. The people who feel this most are of course the citizens of St. John's and those other towns where the bulk of the people have no farms on which to raise vegetables for home consumption. Of course as we said before nobody is here advocating that duties be taken off farm products just now or at any time till the farmer is in a position to meet without fear or favor the competition of the Canadian or American farmer on an equal footing. Most of the farmers of this country are just getting enough out of their farms to make both ends meet, and were we to admit free of duty such stuff as he raised it would be to drive him off his poor farm. This is a calamity nobody wants to see. "bold peasantry, its country's pride, When once destroyed can never be supplied." We want to see our farmers prosper and we want to see more of the country under the farmers' rule, for "the world can never do without the man behind the plow." That half million or so of dollars wasted by the Government in pursuit of its ill-considered policy of agriculture if properly spent might have done much towards hastening the day when we could without the least injury to the farming industry admit farm products free of duty. What a blessing this would be to the poor people who struggle along on a small salary in our towns. Cheap vegetables is a something to be ardently desired and it is the duty of the Government to consider how this may be done. The poor people do not eat vegetables enough for the simple reason that they cannot afford them. This in the face of it is an injustice for the poor people are asked to contribute out of their earnings their share of that which is being spent on the farmer. There is one way by which the poor people who have no farms can get their share of the benefits which we confer on the farming class, and this way, as already said to get the farms into that state of high productiveness that the farmer can without the help of an import duty make as good or better living than he can at present. The farmers know that this is a feasible project and they know that if they had the help of a little cheap capital they could return the benefit to the people in cheaper vegetables. A farm is like a factory in a sense. A factory, without the necessary machinery cannot turn out the goods at the rate at which a fully equipped one can, neither can the owner give his patrons the advantage of cheaper goods. Hand labor is more expensive than machine labor because slower, and for this reason the man with the machine is able to supply cheaper articles of manufacture. It takes capital to put machinery in a factory, and so it does to put labor saving machines on the farm, but it pays in the end. A farm without machinery is like the factory where things are made by hand labor. No Government is justified in helping one class of citizens at the expense of the other, unless it is hoped that the beneficiaries can eventually return a quid pro pro. We feel assured that the farmers of this country are anxious to do all they can to return in full measure the moneys that have been spent upon them, but as the money has been improperly applied the farms have not received any benefit consequently it is not just to make any demands upon

MR. P. K. DEVINE ANSWERS "GALE"

We have received a letter from Mr. P. K. Devine in which he refers to our correspondent "Gale's" contribution in Friday's issue. Mr. Devine wishes to say that he had nothing to do with the article in The Plaindealer some years ago referring to the late Fr. Clarke, he "did not write it nor did he inspire it." We gladly give space to Mr. Devine's denial.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 18
New Moon—24.
Days Past—351. To Come—13.
SAMUEL RODGERS died 1855, aged 92. The banker-poet who wrote "The Pleasures of Memory," "Italy" and other works which contain much graceful thought sympathetically expressed.
PRINCE RUPERT born 1619. The nephew of Charles I. and son of the King and Queen of Bohemia. He visited the English Court and served with distinction in the Thirty Years' War. He fought in many battles and combined a reckless dash with an ignorance of generalship.
CAPT. WM. JACKMAN presented with silver medal and thanks, engraved on parchment, from the Royal Humane Society, for saving the lives of 27 persons at Spotted Islands, Labrador, Oct. 9th, 1867; 1863.

THERMOMETER 6 below zero, 1879.
BARQUE HELEN ISABEL. Capt. Olsen, arrived to-day after round trip to Oporto—40 days—quickest trip on record, 1899.

THE CALL!

Who's that calling?
It comes from far away,
The voice of a brother o'er the sea,
It says: "Am I a stranger,
That you leave me in my danger,
Oh, my brothers, will you stretch a hand to me?
Send us the flag!
The red crossed flag!
Send us the banner that we love!
We long for it, we sigh for it,
To live for it, to die for it—
God save the red crossed flag!"

Who's that calling?
It comes from far away,
The voice of a brother in the West.
"We are loyal, we are true,
We are flesh and blood of you,
We are coming with our bravest and our best.
Bearing the flag,
The red crossed flag,
Bearing the banner that we love,
And is it stormy weather!
Then we sink or swim together.
God save the red crossed flag!"

Who's that calling?
It comes from far away,
A voice from the far Pacific main.
"And shall we be behind
When the banner's in the wind,
And the old mother needing us again?
We're for the flag,
The red crossed flag,
We're for the flag that is our own."

Do you ask a heart to care for it,
A hand to do and dare for it?
God save the red crossed flag!"

Who's that calling?
The old Sea-Mother calls,
In her pride at the children that she bore:

"Oh noble hearts and true,
There is work for us to do,
And we'll do it as we've done it oft before.
Under the flag,
The red crossed flag,
Under the flag our fathers bore,
They died in days gone by for it,
As we to-day will die for it,
God save the red crossed flag!"
—Sir A. Conan Doyle.

Needlebook.
This gift is very tiny, but 'tis big enough to hold
The many goodly-wishes that are hid in every fold.

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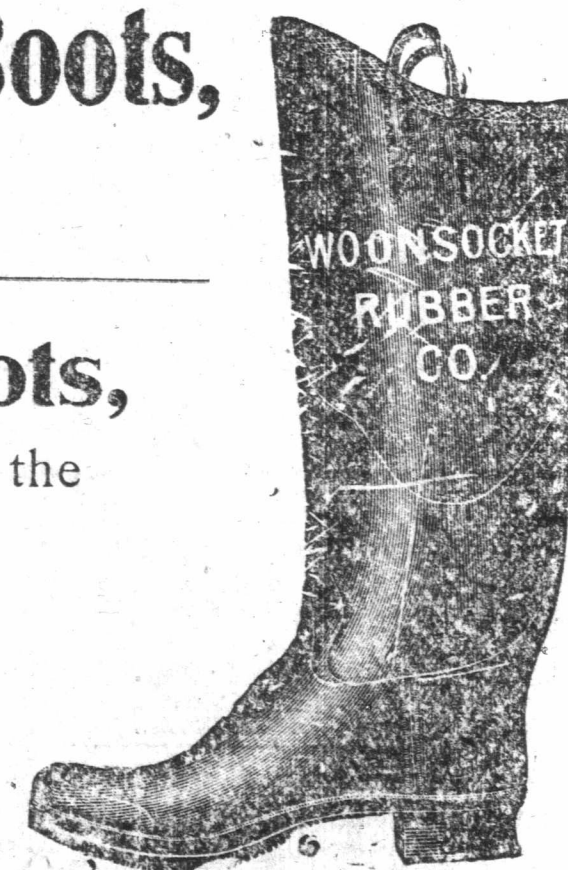
Men's Black Pure Gum Rubber Boots,

White Sole, Reinforced, Red Foxing, Felt Lined. We recommend it as the Best Fishing Boot made. There is none better.

Our Price, \$5.25.

People who have bought this Boot tell us that they get from Twelve to Eighteen months wear out of them.

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Nothing would bring more pleasure to the recipient than a good pair of

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VARIA

BY GALE

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

IT IS lamentable to see the heads of the Imperial Government at loggerheads in such strenuous times as these; and the present situation in Great Britain is seemingly a proof that there has been a great deal of muddling, if not worse, on the part of the accredited rulers of the destiny of the Empire.

We cannot further close our eyes to the fact that the conduct of the war has not been as satisfactory as it should have been and the conclusion has been forced upon us that all is not well in the administration of affairs at St. Stephens.

Papers to hand by recent mail are teeming with the whys and wherefores of the political fracas (for such it is) in England; and we find it difficult to place the blame for the muddle which has been caused in the High Council of the Empire. This, coming as it does at a very crucial period in the eastern war theatre, will certainly be attended with dire results.

From an analysis of the situation, we understand that the crisis was precipitated by the demand of Lloyd George for a smaller war council and one without Premier Asquith in its membership. As Minister of War the chief responsibility for the organisation of the British Military forces rested with Lloyd George; and a man of his positive character was not to be expected to assume a position of vital importance with handicaps. On the other hand the British Premier is the man who virtually rules the British Empire; he really does the governing. His is the chief responsibility for the government. Under such circumstances the two foremost members of the ministry seemingly could not live and work harmoniously; nor could their views be re-

conciled. But in this, we must not overlook the fact that the Northcliffe interests are in a great measure responsible for the present conditions of British politics. In the United States we found a counterpart of the Northcliffe coterie in the yellow journal aggregation headed by Hearst. Just what Northcliffe's motives are we have been unable to fathom.

Premier Asquith has been at the helm of the Empire for eight years, and he ranks as one of the greatest premiers of the Empire. To us he appears as a representative of the Gladstone school— candid, frank, honest, and to a certain extent, conciliatory. Though the war situation in England is not satisfactory, the Empire owes a debt to the man whom Northcliffe and the "yellow journal coterie" have practically hounded out of political existence. The unprecedented conditions that confronted the Empire upon the outbreak of the war were met, in spite of what criticism may be made of the Asquith Ministry, in a manner that the world viewed as remarkable.

Two things, however, that militated against the Asquith government were the ignominious failure of the Gallipoli campaign and the sad results of its Irish policy. The latter was inexcusable; the former was stupid. These items do doubt have contributed to the British dissatisfaction with the ministry; but we fancy the real aggressiveness towards Asquith and the coalition was fostered and intensified by the Northcliffe newspapers.

Lloyd George is without doubt a strong man. He is quite equal to the onerous task of co-ordinating British activity in the prosecution of the war. He is politically powerful and an acknowledged genius. But what he may do as Premier we cannot forecast with any degree of certainty. It is not reasonable to expect pacifism; on the contrary we must look for increased momentum. Lloyd George has already declared that the war must be fought to a finish.

His career is a very interesting story—one of the most remarkable stories of a forceful man in English history. He climbed to notice in Wales through his ad-

vanced views on political and economic questions. Less than fifteen years ago, he was almost obscure politically. Less than ten years ago, he was the most scoffed big man in British politics. He upset the pet notions of conservatives by what is termed his "radicalism"; but he succeeded in having his reviled ideas on social legislation enacted into the law of the realm. The sobriquet of "little great man" has been well earned.

The situation in England at the moment must bring rejoicing to Berlin and Vienna, and this, added to the threatened extinction of Roumania, must cause the Kaiser and his great abettor singular joy. Let us hope that their rejoicings will be short-lived, and that the newly constructed Cabinet will pursue a policy of insistent action and thus spare us the obloquy of further ignominious failures.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

By Our Own Correspondent

SHIPPING FISH 3000 MILES

RECENTLY we had a letter from a friend in the Eastern United States, and from an inland city at that, telling us that we should be surprised to learn that the demand for fish is gradually becoming such that the regular eastern fish markets are unable to supply the demand. He stated further that we should not be scared away from the American markets by an occasional slump in the value of our herring and other fish shipped into the United States market. Our correspondent is quite familiar with market conditions, and he says that much of the opposition to our products comes from the Cold Storage people, some of whom are actually operating in this country. These carry tremendous stocks of fish in cold storage; and though we are not aware of the fact officially there is a large Fish Trust which looks after the handling of sea food products just as there are similar institutions covering other phases of the food supply. He sends us a clipping from an American paper which makes very interesting reading:

"Few of the Easterners who help to consume the vast supply of halibut and salmon that is sold in the markets of the Atlantic Coast cities are aware that most of it has crossed the Continent. According to the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture, it is not the Atlantic, but the Pacific that supplies most of the salmon and halibut consumed in the United States. For various reasons the Atlantic catches have diminished in recent years to such an extent that the supply from it would not be large enough to meet the demand even of the large coast cities.

The fisheries of Alaska now yield annually products that are worth two or three times the \$7,000,000 paid to Russia in 1867 for

Sir William Robertson Optimistic

To Mr. Ben Tillett, who has visited the front, General Sir William Robertson, Chief of the General Staff, has written:

"We shall win the war all right if only we do the right thing. We had a very bad start because we did not make any preparation worth the name, and it takes a long time to make up our shortcomings at the beginning. Every day our position becomes better, and, like Sir Douglas Haig, I continue to remain an optimist."

"O, VERY BREATH OF LIFE, OUR ENGLAND!"

These stimulating lines by a sailor, under the title "Sunset at Sea," appear in the "Cornhill":—

To what, then, dedicate Our service true?

O island refuge of our homing hearts! Across the cold and sundering sea that parts

Your children still from you, That coast-line lonely

Of shadowy fields and mountains far away,

That is our inspiration and our stay,

Your peace and welfare only

Are all our care.

Empires and States and high disputes

of kings,

Treaties and laws, these are hard,

landsmen's things.

Enough for us our share

In simpler ends:

A strong devotion to each kindly face

Beyond those cliffs; faith to our native

place,

Whose intimacy lends

"Our brightest memories—

The green recesses of the hawthorn

hedge;

The fairy trill of warblers in the

sedg;

Elms, where the brown owl cries

Of evenings;

Each dear, familiar turning in the

town;

The solemn bastion of the sun-bleach-

ed down,

Gemmed with small azure wings;

Glades, cool to see,

Where Love, with his shy followers

of the wild

Waylays the wayfarer, the woodland

child,

And keeps his company.

O very breath

Of life, our England! all we have, we

give

For gifts of thine that made it good to

live—

—E. Hilton Young.

After War Settlement in Dominions

A letter from Mr. Bonar Law, Colonial Secretary, was read at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute on November 14 saying he was in communication with the Dominions on the subject of after-war settlement of ex-service men. "I hope," he wrote, "very shortly to be able to take some practical step in setting up a united body which will co-ordinate the policy of the Government and that of the self-governing Dominions."

the territory, and the annual output of the Pacific canneries (salmon) is valued at \$30,000,000. Sixty million pounds of fresh halibut alone were shipped East last year. Refrigerator cars and artificial freezing have made possible an industry that now supplies even New England, the traditional home of the American fisheries. Fast trains carry sometimes 24,000-pound carloads of fresh salmon and halibut from the Pacific to the Atlantic packed carefully in ice, the fish are virtually as fresh when they reach the table as those caught in Eastern waters."

We are unable under existing conditions to carry on a frozen fish business in this country as the Reids do not furnish the facilities for transportation. This is just another phase of the Railway Monopoly with which we have to contend. Not only do we not get facilities for transportation of fish products, but even our meats have no protection in transit from points across Cabot Strait. We have seen quarters of beef shipped at Sydney, and by the time they reached their destination, they were in a rather poor condition. Why? Because no facilities are provided for the transportation of such commodities.

However, we hope that when Morris and his party are placed in cold storage by the electorate next November, we shall then be able to provide decent facilities for the transportation and the handling of perishable foodstuffs.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

LARGE BEQUEST

The central board of finance of the Church of England receives the sum of £100,000 under the will of the late Lord Llangattock, who died in France, recently from wounds received in action.

The money is to be held in trust for the benefit of the Church in Wales. The board has already received bequests amounting to over £10,000 for the same purpose.

COAL PROBLEM.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 8.—A number of the local coal dealers will next week be asked to wait on the committee which has the investigation of the high cost of living in hand, with a view to going into question of the cost of coal, the cost of handling it and the profit made. The local committee, which has this question in hand is made up of members of the City Council, Board of Trade and the Trades and Labor Council. The only commodity considered to-night at what was really a preliminary meeting was that of coal.

WHERE TO GET THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

The Mail and Advocate can now be had at the following stores:—

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- Mrs. Gallivan—Duckworth St. East.
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- Mrs. Hayse—King's Bridge Road.
- Mrs. Brien—Colonial Street.
- James Whelan—Colonial Street.
- P. Fitzpatrick—Gower Street (top of Nunnery Hill).
- Mrs. Organ—Military Road.
- Mr. Parsons—Catherine Street.
- Mr. E. Parsons—Corner Hayward Avenue and McDougall Street.
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- Mrs. Dounton—Fleming Street.
- Mr. Fitzpatrick—Field Street.
- Miss E. Lawlor—Head of Long's Hill.
- Mrs. Bulger—Head of Carter's Hill.
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- M. J. James—Cooktown Road.
- Mr. Horwood—Barter's Hill.
- Popular Store—Casey Street.
- Mrs. Tobin—Casey Street.
- Mrs. Healey—Corner Water St. and Hutchings Street.
- Mrs. Fortune—Corner Water Street!

BUST OF KITCHENER

The first reproduction of a bronze bust of Lord Kitchener, executed by Mr. Richard Belt, and regarded as a remarkable likeness, is to be given to the Kitchener Memorial Fund. It is made from a cannon presented by the War Office.

The sculptor, who had been prevented by illness from pursuing his art for several years, was moved to return to it by the tragedy of the Hampshire. The art with which the head is posed and the drapery arranged shows that his hand has kept its cunning.

- and Alexander Street.
- Royal Tobacco Store, Water Street.
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- Mr. Ryan—Casey Street.
- Mrs. Collins—Foot Patrick Street, Water Street West.
- Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street.
- P. J. Morgan—Pennywell Road.
- Chas. Truscott—New Gower Street.
- Miss Murphy—Water St. West.

Photograph.

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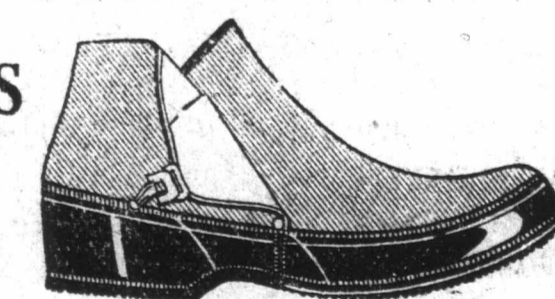
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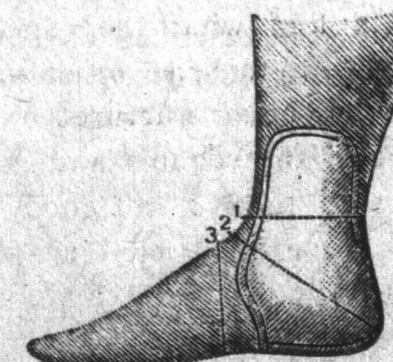
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PORT UNION

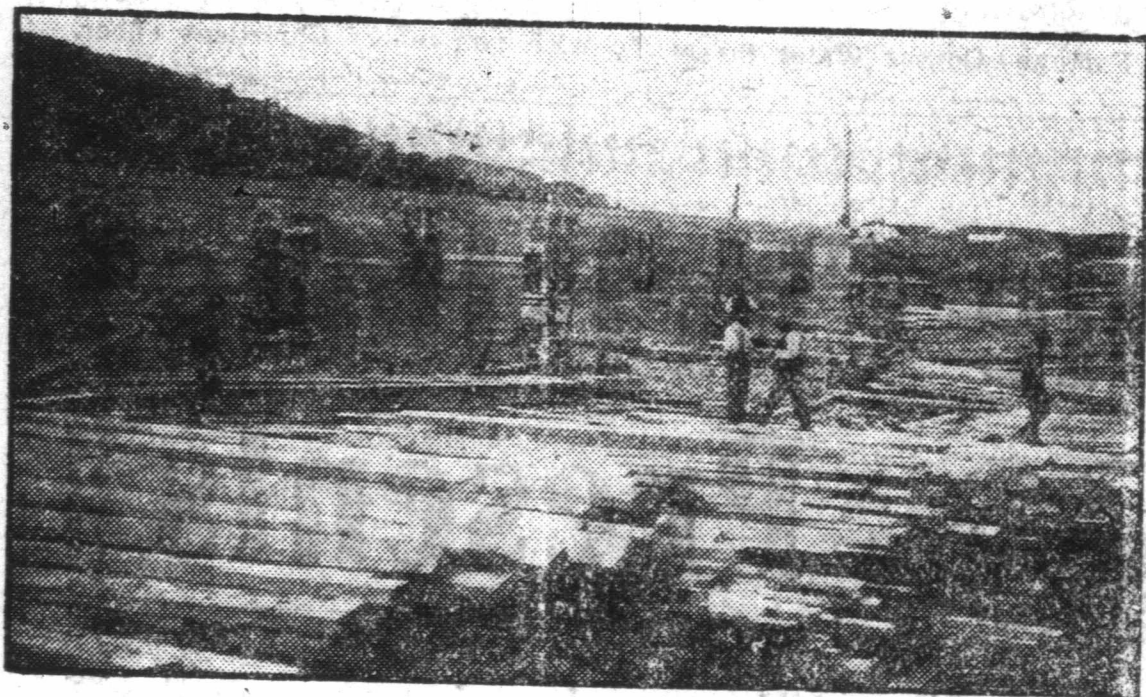
The new port recently named "Port Union" by the F.P.U. Convention is the western portion of what was always known as Catalina. It will embrace the whole Arm, extending from above Snelgrove's on the North Side to the lighthouse on the South. The pictures showing the North and South Sides will more fully explain the area embodying the new port.

The only church in the area is the R. C. Church, which is exactly North from the Union premises. The site of the new premises was occupied 100 years ago by a Scotch firm of merchants by the name of Thompson. One of those gentlemen was buried at Catalina 85 years ago. The Thompson business must have been closed by the children of the old founder. It did not fail as the property remained in the hands of the family for years, and was sold by the executors to Mr. Walsh of the firm of McCormack & Walsh, Catalina, who sold it last year to Mr. Coaker for \$500. A portion of the estate was sold to old

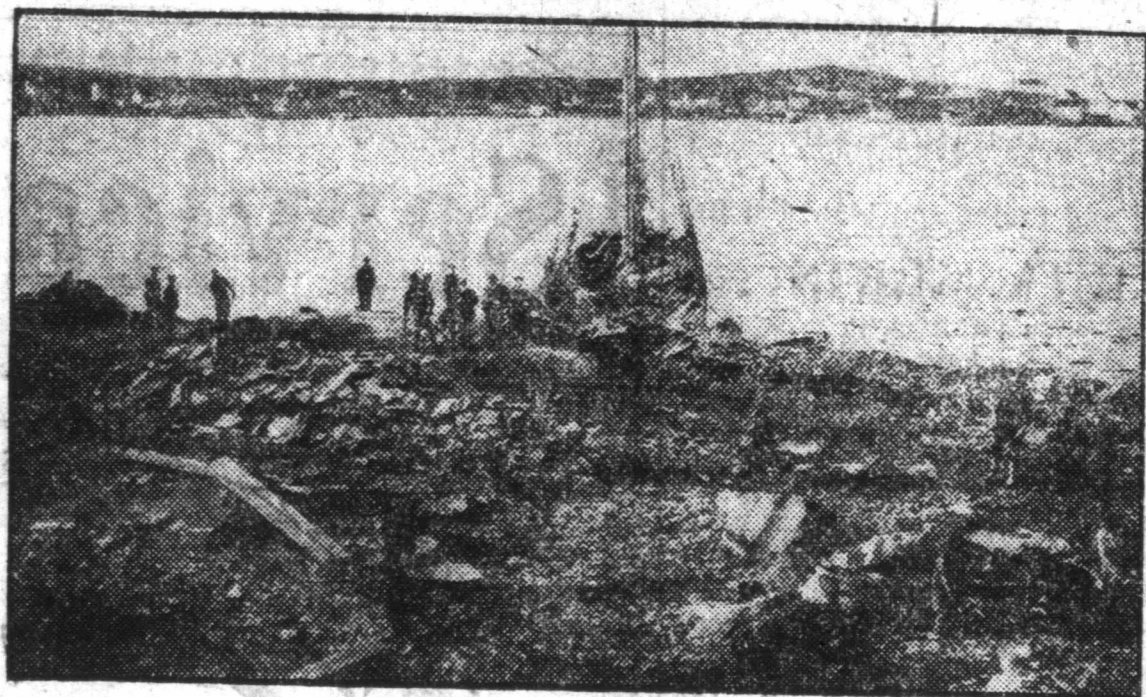
columns are pitch pine baulk. The whole foundation is concrete with concrete floor.

The cut of the breastwork cribbing construction was taken early last summer. The whole frontage is now complete and planked. From this breastwork will project four piers, each 150 feet in extent, which will afford discharging accommodation to about twenty schooners. One pier will be covered by a shed which will be used in the fall for storing salt bulk fish to be manufactured into boneless fish. The shipbuilding yard and marine slip will be erected on a sloping point south from the premises across the cove. This point is observable in the picture shown, being the first land seen across the cove in the cut, showing the South Side of Port Union. The approach is bold and deep, and the anchorage good. The bottom is covered with mud to a depth of about 5 feet. No other site in the whole of Catalina would suit for the construction of such a colossal premises. No other harbor north of St. John's would be as suitable for such a business as Catalina. There is but one Catalina, and at Catalina there is but one

Every cubic foot of the buildings erected the past season at Port Union was gone over last winter in drawing the plans with Mr. Jas. Miller, the forman builder. Every window, door, column, stringer, and joisting was followed as the plans were drawn last winter. The immense buildings, now the pride of Port Union, are the last wooden buildings of such dimension that will be erected in Newfoundland, for the timber for another such set of buildings cannot be procured except at a cost far exceeding the cost of concrete. They will be clapped with No. 1 pine, and with proper attention will endure weather conditions 100 years. The fishermen must indeed be proud of their premises, and port. Nothing in the Colony can compare with the premises. It is the fishermen's own property, controlled entirely by themselves. What an inspiration? Who could imagine five years ago that Coaker could place a band of fishermen in the House of Assembly and control public affairs and force the enactment of laws



BEGINNING OF UNION PREMISES AT PORT UNION, MAY 1916



SITE OF UNION PREMISES AT PORT UNION, SHOWING NORTH SIDE OF PORT



WORKMEN AT UNION PREMISES AT PORT UNION

Captain Drake of Catalina, who willed it to two grandsons, now residing in Canada and America, who sold it last year to Mr. Coaker. The whole site embraces about one-third of a mile water frontage, about two-thirds of which is fronted by deep water.

The Union premises with its industrial connection, such as cold storage plant, cooperage, kero oil tanks, cod oil tanks, bakery, clothing factory, wood-working factory, shipbuilding, mill, yard, and marine railway slip, will cover the whole water frontage in conjunction with the mercantile premises, which will occupy 500 feet of the deepest frontage.

The picture below show the site of the mercantile premises with the Heckman discharging cargo of lumber at the bank before any wharf was erected.

The cut of the lower part of the fish store will enable our readers to form an idea of the solidity of the building. The stringers and



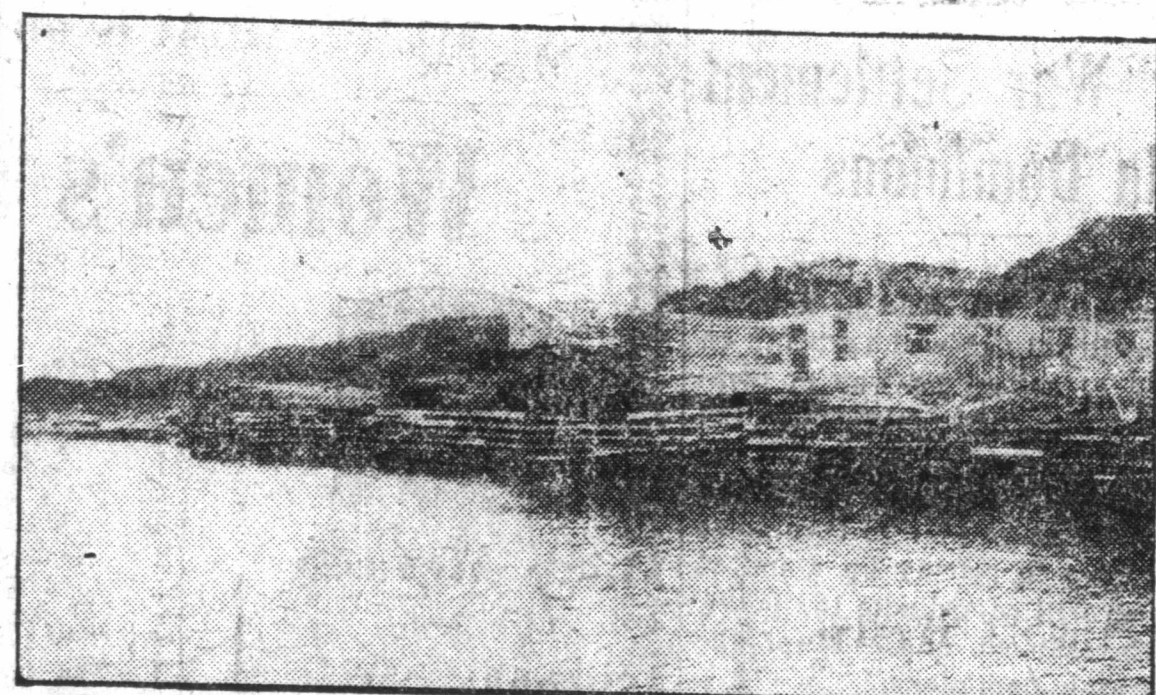
SITE OF UNION PREMISES AT PORT UNION, SHOWING SOUTH SIDE OF PORT

site suitable for the business which the Union wish to operate. Catalina's advantages with the site would be useless for such a business but for the water power, which will supply motor power and light, as well as a water supply for the port.

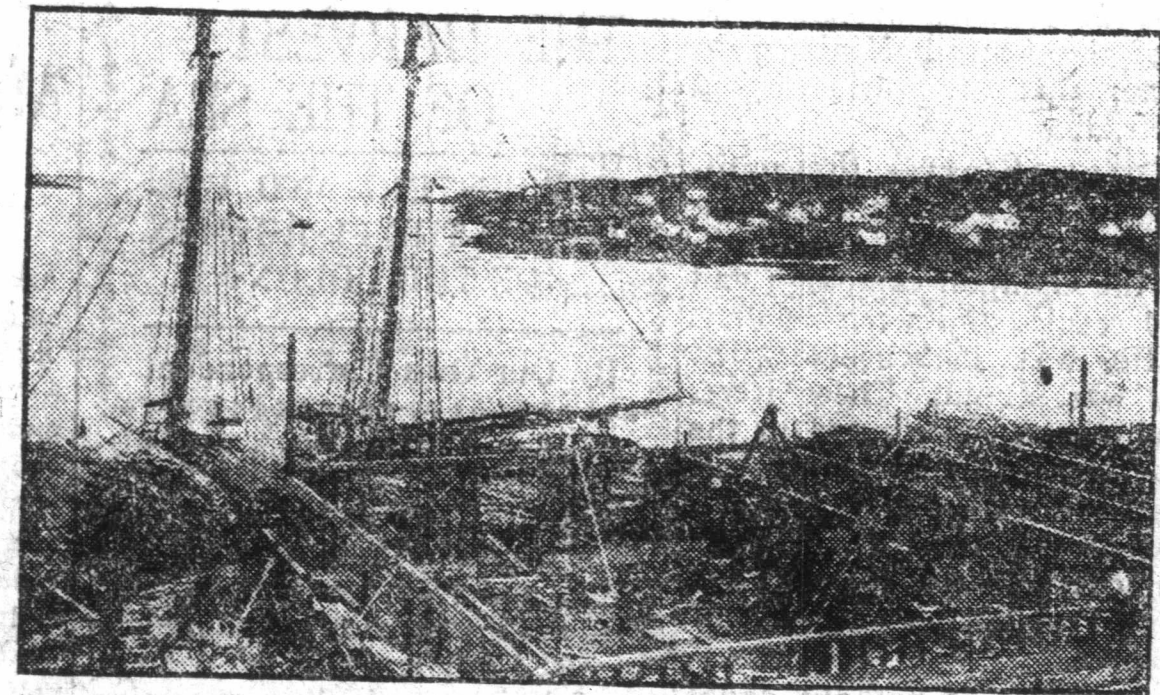
All the necessary factors that contribute towards making the project a success exist at Port Union. It took Mr. Coaker three years to make up his mind about this Catalina undertaking. He studied it continually these three years, and nothing was done that had not been well and sufficiently considered. It took him three years to decide about the establishment of a Fishermen's Union, and it took him some time to adopt the Constitution, which after eight years bears marks of very few amendments. The Constitution was in the form it was adopted twelve months before the Union was started at Herring Neck.

such as now exist relating to sealing, logging, pit prop cutting, local affairs of towns and settlements, prohibition and shipbuilding bounty. Who would imagine that he would erect a colossal mercantile premises in an outpost that makes Bowring's, Harvey's, Baird's and Job's premises at St. John's insignificant, within such a short time after establishing the F.P.U.? Who would believe that he could so overcome almost unsurmountable difficulties and opposition of a mercantile, financial, social and political nature as to be able to place himself in the position of being commercial and political dictator within eight years of the formation of the Union? Who will fix the price of fish next year? Coaker! Who will decide who is to be the next Premier of Newfoundland? Coaker! Who fixed the price of seals last year? Coaker! Who then doubts that Coaker will make Port Union the wonder of the country?

If devotion to duty, if close attention to work, if a full knowledge of every detail in a large business and a mighty organization will bring success, then the great Port Union undertaking will be a grand success.



PIER AT UNION PREMISES, PORT UNION



FOUNDATION OF THE FISH STORE AT THE UNION PREMISES AT PORT UNION

COCHRANE ST. CHURCH SERVICE

At the morning service the preacher was the Rev. D. B. Hemmeon who took as his text "The hour cometh when ye shall leave me alone", and delivered a very thoughtful discourse on "Loneliness," which he divided into two kinds, one involving the separation of the body into space, the other the isolation of the spirit in solitude. The first is easy to bear the other hard. The first may be illustrated by the traveller going a journey alone. Yet in imagination he could see his home, friends, and the sympathy, interest and love they bestowed. Such a loneliness was a luxury. But the loneliness of the spirit, of the heart, brought about by holding convictions different from the popular mind caused a yearning for sympathy, help, and love, without which the solitude was hard to bear.

There were two classes of people who were affected by this latter loneliness, the first were the stern, hard, self-reliant and rugged, conscious of their own ability, the second were the sensitive, sympathetic, and affectionate who suffered loneliness in a different manner from the other and it was the second class to which Jesus belonged. All they who call home by name, and follow His teaching will experience the loneliness Jesus felt. The element producing this loneliness will be the superiority of a Christia: Servia and Roumania tell the tale character, the elevation of motives Hundreds of homes in this country from that of the crowd who have lit know the cost of keeping the enemy He or no sympathy with him. It is away and there should not be any

then God comes closest and fills the need. Touching on the greatness of men, the Rev. Gentleman said it was him who could imitate Jesus and in his every day work and be congenial with his fellow-workers without sacrificing his principles. The supreme test of greatness is what you can do alone.

Rev. Dr. Bond, speaking on profiteering, says: "We shoot spies," we should horsewhip thieves.

At the evening service the pastor, Rev. Dr. Bond, delivered the sermon, based on a text from the 32nd Chapt. Numbers, "Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit still?" being a question put by Moses to the shepherd tribes of Israel who were desirous of staying in the land of Moab. This formed an excellent discourse on "our duties in the present great war and what we owe to those who are making the supreme sacrifice. Millions said Dr. Bond had gone from us, leaving comforts, and promising careers behind them for something that was more dearer and nearer to them than all that, even including mothers, wives, brothers or sisters, that was Duty and a consciousness that they must be loyal to Right. He heard there was some who said it mattered not to them who won and it was time enough to fight when they crossed the sea to attack us. All such must be forgetful of the tremendous cost entailed in keeping us from being attacked and certainly were unmindful that were they to come, any man not clad in the uniform of a soldier would be shot like a dog or a thief. Let Belgium, Servia and Roumania tell the tale. Hundreds of homes in this country know the cost of keeping the enemy He or no sympathy with him. It is away and there should not be any

found here doing the work of Germany by making it difficult for those who want to render all the aid possible. Some of them were those interested in the liquor traffic, of which Gladstone said, caused more harm than war, pestilence, and famine put together. Thank God, said the Rev. Gentleman, we have Lloyd George and Premier to-day he is tackling rascality was blood money, while men were suffering and dying for their country there were those staying behind to develop from a politician into a statesman. Some of them never do war. He thanked God this could not be said of some men who were doing

their best, taking part in the fight to help the Empire by creating as much comfort as possible for the line of Khaki and the Navy Blue that stood between them and the enemy. The Rev. Gentleman closed with an exhortation to all to take part in the fight in the way duty calls them to do. No doubt was left in the mind of Dr. Bond's hearers "that he said what he meant, and meant what he said."

Flowers: May flowers ever strew your way from now until next Christmas Day.

L. O. A. LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

On Wednesday night, 13th, at Portugal Cove the brethren of Old Derry Lodge, No. 8, L. O. A., met in the Society's hall for the annual election of officers which resulted as follows:—
W. M.—Brother Joseph Mitchell, re-elected.
D.M.—Brother Roy Hussey, elected.

Chaplain—Brother D. Churchill, elected.
Rec. Sec.—Brother Esan Summerton, re-elected.
Fin. Sec.—Brother Geo. Churchill, re-elected.
Treasurer—Brother James Churchill, re-elected.
Director of Ceremonies—Bro. Chas. Churchill, re-elected.
1st Lecturer—Brother Nathaniel Miller, re-elected.
2nd Lecturer—Brother Henry Summerton, re-elected.

Committee—Brothers Eli Hammond, Joseph Churchill, Jacob Hibbs, James Fry, and Robert Summerton, elected.
The reports of the past year showed the Lodge to be in a very prosperous condition, having several hundred dollars to its credit after erecting a commodious and up-to-date hall during the past four years. The new building is free from debt, and the roll shows a membership of over a hundred members in good standing. Fifteen of this number have gone to fight the Empire's battles and thus show that they are "loyal" to both King and country.

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Anniversary Sunday at Gower Street Church

I. C. M.

Yesterday was observed as Sunday School Day at Gower Street Methodist Church, and although the weather proved very unpleasant the entire programme was carried out in a most satisfactory manner.

The morning service was in charge of the Rev. N. Guy, Sunday School Secretary, and pastor of George Street Church. Mr. Guy spoke upon the great importance of Sunday School work, and paid a high tribute to both work and workers. His remarks were directed to the Superintendent, the teacher, and the scholar, and by copious illustrations and statistics, he showed the scope of his work, and its far-reaching influence for good.

But it is the afternoon service that usually presents the most important features for the children on anniversary day; and so it was yesterday. The scholars and teachers turned out in full force, and both the body of the church and the galleries were filled. The chair was occupied by John W. Currie, Esq., and the address was given by the pastor of the church. The children's ideal personage, St. Nicholas, whom in modern language we call Santa Claus; and the interest displayed was proof of the confidence which young people still have in that mysterious visitor who on Christmas Eve fills their stockings.

The programme was interspersed with recitations and choruses, rendered by the little ones of the Primary Department, and their renditions were greatly to the credit of those good ladies and kind friends who instructed them. In each part the little ones did well, and were distinctly heard in all parts of the edifice. But, perhaps, the most interesting part of all was the gifts presented by the entire school.

At each of the three services a solo was rendered in the following order: Morning, Mr. Ruggles; afternoon, Mr. Seymour; and in the evening, Mrs. King. All these soloists are loved and admired for their talented help, and they occupy a large place in our social and religious life. Their solos yesterday were very edifying.

The evening service was conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. D. Hemmeon; his topic being that of the Juvenile Offender, and from which some very timely lessons were imparted to all present. Considering that much comment has been made of late, both in the press and from judicial sources, we consider that this important question could be greatly helped if Mr. Hemmeon's discourse could be published in full, or, if not, we take the liberty to suggest that it be given as a public lecture in one of our large halls. Such matter should receive more publicity than is possible to give it in such an outlined report as this.

S. S. Mary arrived in port from Bell Island at nine Saturday night. She will load freight for the Island to-day and sails as soon as loaded, weather permitting.

A large steamer passed the narrows at 8 o'clock Saturday night, going north, she is supposed to be a boat bound to Bell Island with a cargo of coal for one of the mining companies.

YESTERDAY AT ST. THOMAS'S

The day began with the Eucharist at 8 o'clock, at which the members of St. Margurite's Guild made their corporate Communion. Matins was said at 10.

At 11 came the principal service of the day—the Solemn Intercession on behalf of the War and of those who are taking part in it. Rev. C. A. Moulton was the celebrant, and the Rector preached. Preparing his remarks by saying that our reason for being present was not, in the first place, to listen to an address, but to offer our prayers, that he would be brief. Taking his text from the Book of Proverbs, "It is the Glory of God to Conceal a thing," Dr. Jones showed that God conceals the purest gold of his grace in the dark mud of commonplace experience, and can bring wonders out of the apparently contemptible. But it is also the glory of God, while he conceals a thing, to reveal Himself. This He does to the faithful in such a service as this especially, when He shows Himself to their hearts, beneath the Sacramental veils, and where He reveals Himself to our loved ones through our prayers. How our prayers avail to make others holier and happier, we do not know; that they do so, experience teaches. At this service, despite the inclement weather, there was a large congregation.

At Evensong Rev. C. A. Moulton preached on Vocation. It is the vocation of us all to be Christians, and we all should strive to make a good Communion at Christmas. After Evensong a preparation service for the Christmas Communion, and Mr. Moulton gave some practical advice in preparation for and reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Thursday, St. Thomas's Day and on Paternal Festival, the Holy Eucharist will be offered at 7.30 a.m., and Matins will be said at 8.

On Christmas Eve there will be a Carol Service at 10 p.m. A collection

OBITUARY

There passed to the Great Beyond December 9th, Jessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frampton, of Grand Falls, aged 14 years. Father, mother, three sisters and two brothers are left to mourn their sad loss. Internment took place at the General Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Adjt. Brown, S. A. A large procession headed by the S. A. band of which deceased was a member, followed the remains to its last resting place.

Grand Falls, Dec. 12th, '16.

A FALSE ALARM

At 5.10 p.m. yesterday an alarm of fire was rung in from Box 32, to which the Central and West End Companies responded. On arrival on the scene they found there was no fire. A man passing up Barter's Hill had seen a flickering light in a stable just off the street, caused by the stableman lighting matches, and promptly sent in an alarm from the nearest box. It would be well always to make sure there is a fire before calling out the Brigade as much valuable time would be lost in case a real fire occurred, while the men were out in answer to a false alarm.

SOCIETY MEETS

The Holy Name Society held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at which the usual routine business was transacted. The nomination of officers for the coming year, which is a customary feature of the December meeting, did not take place. No doubt, a special meeting will be called for this purpose soon.

will be taken up at this Service for the Choir Fund.

S. S. Portia arrived at Curling at 6.20 yesterday evening and owing to the storm she remained at that port all night.

FOOD TICKETS

A food ticket is a numbered and dated card (or paper) obtainable from the local authorities—i.e., at the town hall or council offices.

By surrendering it the ticket-holder (man, woman or child may obtain on paying the fixed price for the particular article required (bread, meat, and so on) a certain quantity of food from a shopkeeper if the latter has the food in stock.

In Germany the various tickets are issued gratis in perforated sheets. Food tickets may be made available for a number of persons. There are family food tickets, while milk tickets are issued only for infants and invalids.

A food ticket alone is not sufficient to obtain food, it is merely a device to see that the food is fairly distributed, or, as far as is humanly possible, to make it go round. It prevents any individual from purchasing a greater supply of food in a given period (day or week) than the public welfare allows.

The shopkeeper must be paid for the food bought, but at the same time he dare not sell food to anyone without a ticket.

T. A. SOCIETY MEETS

A special meeting of the T. A. & B. Society was held in the Society's rooms yesterday afternoon. The meeting was for the purpose of electing the guardians of the Juvenile Branch for the coming year and also to appoint a committee to act in management of the Society's club rooms.

The following guardians were selected: Thos. Dunn, Chairman; re-elected. John O'Tole, Vice C.; re-elected. Thos. Walsh, Treasurer; re-elected. M. J. Tobin, C. J. Murphy, P. T. Breen, Chas. Kelly, W. Billingsby, W. Brimrum, re-elected.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Jellicoe's Promotion.

(From the Boston Herald.)

To interpret the latest British Admiralty changes as a humiliation for Sir John Jellicoe is to take a curious view. When Von Hindenburg was transferred from the Russian front to the office of German Chief of Staff, no one said he was humiliated. The First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty is the Naval Chief of Staff. He directs the operations of the Grand Fleet and of all fleets, and provides the means of executing his plans. He provides for everything, for the safety of transports, for the war on submarines. His jurisdiction covers the seven seas. Who would send an officer to such a post in order to humiliate him? Jellicoe has been promoted, and his promotion has, incidentally, given Sir David Beatty a step which he has well earned. The critics who think Jellicoe humiliated are the same as those who tell us that Beatty's promotion proves that he has been acquitted of rashness in the Jutland fight. Now, rashness is something a British Admiral is never accused of. In the navy there is no rashness; only daring. Engage the enemy wherever you meet him. Not how many, but where? Jellicoe has not been inactive. He has performed a wonderful work in keeping the seas open for the uninterrupted passage of troops between Britain and France. Is he to be blamed if the Germans do not come out to follow up their Jutland "victory"? Would this critic have him execute Winston Churchill's threat to dig the enemy out of his hole? There indeed would be an opportunity for rashness. It is certain that Jellicoe has destroyed many enemy submarines. He could not be expected to destroy all. That so much should be made of one particularly successful raid of German destroyers only shows how thorough the British naval measures have been. If there has been any humiliation, the victim is Sir Henry Jackson, the chief whom Jellicoe now replaces. It is Jackson and First Lord Balfour who have been the objects of persistent attack of "ate." Jackson it is who has been sacrificed to the demand for greater naval activity. Jellicoe is to supply the activity. Whether Balfour is to share Jackson's fate, we shall soon see.

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PROHIBITION will soon be upon us, so it behoves all those who are now accustomed to partake of the sparkling goblet to try to discover a substitute. To those who are looking for something "soft," in the shape of a drink, we recommend the reading of the following:

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Berlin to Baghdad

By piercing a tunnel through the Taurus Mountains, in Southern Asia Minor, the Germans have conquered the last natural obstacle on the railway route from Berlin to Baghdad. Some months will pass before the tunnel is fit to take traffic, but when it is complete the journey from Berlin to Baghdad will be greatly shortened. This is the last of the big tunnels to be made on the line. That through the Amanus range was completed last year.

The total length of the Baghdad railway in Asia Minor, from Haidar Pasha, opposite Constantinople, to Baghdad, is 1,510 miles. The exact mileage that has yet to be completed—between Ras-el-Ain, east of Aleppo, and Baghdad—is not known. The enemy has been very active in pressing on the construction of the line, and it is probable that the gap does not at present exceed 200 miles, over a country which can readily be traversed by motor vehicles.

The construction of this railway and of its branches, the chief of which runs south from Aleppo through Damascus to Jerusalem and the Egyptian frontier, with another line passing east of the Dead Sea to Mecca, has been an object of German policy for the last twenty years. "Germany," wrote Dr. Wintgenstetter, a German authority, "has one aim and inspiration—Berlin-Baghdad." Dr. Rohrbach has pointed out that it threatens at once Egypt and India through the Persian Gulf.

The line towards Egypt has now been carried some distance beyond Beersheba, so that when the Taurus tunnel is open for traffic it will be possible for a German to go from Berlin to the desert of Sinai by one continuous railway, interrupted only by the crossing of the Bosphorus.

The military effect of the new tunnel on this war will be to facilitate the transference of troops and guns from the European to the Asiatic or Egyptian front, or vice versa, and to render the supply of munitions to enemy forces in Armenia, Mesopotamia, or Syria much easier. An attack in force on Egypt has always been a German obsession.

To-day is Speech Day for the students of Bishop Field College. The exercises in connection therewith will be held in the Casino Theatre this afternoon. A varied and very interesting programme has been prepared by the students, and patrons are assured of an afternoon's entertainment of the usual high standard attained by the students of this splendid educational institution.

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OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.
Billie Reeves, the celebrated English Music Hall comedian is featured in a great Kalem comedy, "Bashful Billie" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. Grace Hall and Horace Stanage in "Paying the Toll," a Knickerbocker star feature in three reels, and the "Ford Canadian Monthly," Canada's foremost topical. Professor McCarthy playing the newest and best music. This is a great week-opening show, be sure and see it.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week will be strict fast days. There will be a High Mass of Requiem celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday morning for the repose of the soul of the late Lieut. S. Norris, who was killed in action in France. The High Altar in the Cathedral is being beautifully decorated for the Christmas ceremonies. Beautiful electrical ornamentation will be a feature, and festoons of evergreens will enter also into the decorative scheme. Solemn High Mass will be sung at midnight on Sunday next and a beautiful programme of sacred music will be given by the full choir under the leadership of Prof. Hutton. There will be a company of the Catholic Cadets present as a guard of honour, and the Band of the Corps, under Capt. Bulley, will render the "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass.

ROCK CRUSHER ON FIRE.

At 7.45 p.m. Saturday as Constable O'Flaherty was passing along Duckworth Street he saw smoke arising from near the rock crusher, owned by Mr. W. J. Ellis, contractor, and investigating found that the electrical motor house was on fire. Fire Const. Jno. Readigan of the Eastern Station was promptly on the scene, as well as a number of citizens and soon the fire was quenched, while a phone message to the Electrical Department of the Reid Nfld. Co. caused the shutting off of the current, which the workmen neglected to do before they left. The electric current caught fire to the woodwork, but not much damage was done.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Mr. Meaney Wins His Case

The case of J. T. Meaney versus T. J. Foran, Editor of the Cadet, which came before Judge Morris in the Magistrate's Court on Friday, was continued Saturday afternoon. This case has caused a mild sensation in journalistic circles, and the press was well represented at both hearings. Mr. Meaney wrote a number of articles for the Cadet on a promise of payment from Mr. Foran. Among the articles contributed by Mr. Meaney were editorials covering a period of over two years, which, of course, passed before the public as the product of Mr. Foran's pen. When the "Editor" failed to furnish reasonable remuneration to Mr. Meaney for his work action at law for its recovery was instituted. After hearing both sides of the case, His Honour very carefully and judiciously proceeded to balance the scales of justice, when it was found that the side representing the plaintiff weighed down the defendant's side of the scale to the extent of eighty dollars and he rendered the verdict accordingly. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., for plaintiff. T. P. Halley, B.L., for defendant.

GEORGE ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

All the departments of George Street Sunday School united in the auditorium on Sunday afternoon for the Annual Christmas Gift Service which was very impressive. A splendid programme containing many special items was well rendered and reflected great credit upon the Sunday School staff and the performers. As the long procession of officers, teachers, scholars and parents placed their gifts for the poor within the rostrum one could not fail to see that the spirit of Bethlehem's Babe still lives and reigns. Into many a home a ray of Christmas cheer will come this season because of the generous spirit of our Sunday School scholars, while into their own hearts happiness has already come, for hath not Christ said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Yesterday's meeting of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class, despite the stormy weather prevailing, was largely attended. Rev. J. Brinton, the chairman, gave an interesting address on the "End of Time."

SHIPPING

The barquin, "Alembic," Capt. Coward, arrived at New York after a good passage on Friday last.

The Smith Co. Ltd. are now loading the Manua Loa for Europe with codfish.

The Tabasco arrived at Liverpool Friday evening, and the Graciana arrived at Halifax yesterday morning.

The S.S. Ethie this trip made all ports to and from Battle Hr. but had exceptionally stormy weather.

The S.S. Florizel was to have left Halifax for here yesterday and should arrive to-morrow morning.

The schr. Nellie M. arrived at Pernambuco yesterday after a run of 39 days. Capt. Torraville, her commander, is making his first voyage in this ship as master.

ANATOMICAL FREAK.

Ronald Crewe, a native of Trinity Bay, Nfld., who has been working at shoemaking in St. John, N.B., for two years, enlisted two weeks ago for service with the 239th now at Windsor. Arriving at Windsor he was given a thorough medical examination for overseas service. It was found that he only has one lung, that his heart is on the wrong side of the body, and his liver is in an entirely different region from that of a normal man. In consequence of these peculiarities and not because of his lacking in strength, he was sent to Halifax for the authorities here to decide upon the case. He arrived on the D. A. R. last night. The doubting fellow passengers, to whom he told his story were allowed to feel the healthy throbbing of the misplaced heart. "I don't see what difference it makes where I carry my heart as long as it does its work," said Private Crewe. "It might feel a German snipper to have it on the wrong side."—Halifax Herald.

THE MORNING ISSUE

Mr. A. Mews, Editor in Chief, The Mail and Advocate. Dear Mr. Mews:— Permit me to express my appreciation of the work of the Staff, in issuing the first morning paper so early. This morning, I received it, at my home, shortly after 7 a.m. I also congratulate Mr. Hibbs and Mr. W. J. Long, upon the fine appearance of the first issue, which I feel sure will be endorsed by the reading public. Yours sincerely, W. F. COAKER, President Union Publishing Co., St. John's, Dec. 18, 1916.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

His Grace at St. Patrick's

His Grace Archbishop Roche occupied the pulpit during vespers at St. Patrick's Church last night and preached a very eloquent sermon, during the course of which he referred in pathetic periods to the noble part our young men have taken and are pursuing in the great war now raging and to the deaths of so many of our best manhood in the terrible war now raging in Europe. His Grace also made reference to the financial affairs of the Archdiocese generally and outlined improvements for the church and parish of St. Patrick's of St. Patrick's. New steps will be furnished for the main entrance to the church, new pews will also be erected something after the style of these at the Cathedral, and a new floor will be laid down. He referred to the good work being done by the people of St. Joseph's Parish for the new church being erected there, and also discussed the projected new church to be built in the central part of the west end. To finance all these undertakings will cost some \$50,000, and a scheme something on the lines of that formulated for the Cathedral will be adopted. Work on the improvements to St. Patrick's Church will begin in about two months hence.

MAY COME OFF ROCKS

We notice by the Sydney Post that the schr. Elie M. Morrissey, which went ashore last week at Petrie's Ledge and about which Mr. LeMessurier, C.M.G., had a message, will likely come off the rocks. Part of her cargo has been jettisoned, a tug is standing by her and the vessel which is owned in this country is not badly damaged.

MORE NEWFOUNDLANDERS WOUNDED.

Recent Canadian casualty lists give the names of Harry Fowlow of Conception Bay, and A. A. Wadden of St. John's as wounded. The latter is a son of Mr. M. Wadden, St. John's, and joined at Edmonton, Alberta. He is a telegraph operator and was attached to the signal corps.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S

The high altar at St. Patrick's Church is being beautifully decorated for the Christmas Festival. This year, as at the Cathedral, midnight Mass will be said at St. Patrick's on Sunday next at midnight. A beautiful programme of music will be discoursed by the choir under the direction of Professor McCarthy. It is over 20 years since Midnight Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's before. The beautifully realistic crib will be shown as heretofore.

LADIES' KHAKI GUILD.

The Ladies' Khaki Guild are holding a sale of cakes, pies, puddings etc. to-morrow afternoon, opening at 3.30 at the Presbyterian Hall which will be closed at night by a real Scotch concert. The ladies are making themselves busy to bring the sale to a successful issue, and the concert promises to be one of the best ever given in Saint John's. The proceeds go to the Soldiers' Fund, over which the Khaki Guild have control, and the returns, as with the White Elephant Sale, will no doubt swell the handsome amount already in credit.

JUST FUN

Saturday afternoon some of the volunteers who were on leave became a bit restive and some disturbances took place on Water Street West. The police on duty were on the outside, dispersed several crowds, which gathered at intervals and no serious breach of the place occurred.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The express with the Kyle's passengers and mails is due at 8.30 p.m.

A Christmas Tree and Toy Fair will be the attraction at Botwood Hall, Hutchings' Street to-morrow night.

The Kyle's express arrived here at 6.20 p.m. Saturday with several passengers. Those who came report seeing no deer during the trip across.

Matters were quiet in police circles Saturday evening and night and only four arrests were made. Two of these were drunks and two others were disorderlies.

The unfortunate man, Edward Scott, to whom we alluded Saturday, and who has been making his home in the woods was sent to the penitentiary Saturday afternoon for 30 days. In the meantime if it can be so arranged he may be transferred to the Poor Asylum.

We hear that it is the intention of the Recruiting Committee to have patriotic meetings at Torbay and other Eastern settlements during the week. Several of the returned soldiers will address the audiences and it is hoped that the meetings will bear good fruit.

Mrs. Manuel Stone of Monroe, T.B., arrived by the train Saturday and was taken to hospital by Mr. Eli Whiteway. Mrs. Stone suffers from a cancerous growth in the heart and has been in hospital before under treatment for the same.

Const. Thos. Murphy, formerly of King's Cove, who has been on duty at Ferryland for some time past, after New Year will be transferred to duty in St. John's. Const. Murphy is well known and liked in the city.

Const. Chafe who has been 33 years in the police force, who had been doing guard duty at the police station, is now doing street work. Sgt. Ryan, who was on special duty at Cuckhold's Cove and who was formerly one of the guards at the station, has resumed his duty.

Bowings' Cove presented an animated appearance to-day. The place was blocked with teams filled with Christmas freight for the Portia and Prospero and enough is offering at present to fill both ships twice over. The same applies to the Reid Nfld Co.'s freight department where large shipments of Christmas stock are being received daily for shipment over the road to all parts of the country.

STORM DELAYS SHIPS

The Portia left Channel at 10 a.m. to-day, coming this way. The ship in the stormy weather of the past few days was delayed at Bay of Islands on Saturday and had to harbor at Channel last night.

No word was received from the Prospero to-day, the wires being interrupted.

A GREAT DANGER

In proceeding up Water Street to lay Head Constable Sparrow noticed a large piece of plastering weighing about 20 lbs. hanging loose on the over of the Grace building. It was liable to fall at any time and kill some of the teamsters who usually stand at the corner there. The Head saw the owners and will get it removed.

WOMEN IN COMBAT

To-day about 10 o'clock a sensation was caused on Water Street West when a woman who owns a shop there and who also keeps a boarding house was seen to beat another woman out through the door, using the broom with much force and great skill. On reaching the sidewalk the woman who was driven out turned at bay, wrestled the broom from the other and returned the compliment, paid her with interest, not alone that but she drove her fist through the glass windows and cut her hands severely. It is likely the matter will come before the courts.

VOLUNTEERS ILL OF MEASLES

The volunteers of the different denominations marched in individual bodies yesterday from the armory to Divine Service at their various churches. We learn that some 12 of the men are at present ill of measles and are in the hospital at Military Road.

Several of the schooners moored at the city wharves had to haul out in the stream yesterday owing to the heavy undertow running.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

1745 Private Richard Squires, Rankin, T. B. Previously reported seriously ill—gunshot wound, left thigh, Rouen, Dec. 3. Now reported improving.
1602 Private A. W. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochran St. Previously reported seriously ill, Etaples, Dec. 3. Now reported out of danger.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

DECEMBER 18

Following Reported at 10th General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 9th
2232 Sergt. Patrick Beson, Fogot; gunshot wound, head, slight.
2645 Private James H. Skinner, Richard's Hr.; gunshot wound, right foot, slight.
1692 Corporal Kenneth S. Newell, Barneed; gunshot wound, hand.
2078 Corporal Malcolm Hollett, Burin; wounded Nov. 30th.

Following Reported at Wandsworth
2466 Private Albert J. Muford, Twillingate; Myalgia.
2397 Private Donald Norris, 237 Hamilton Avenue; Trenchfoot (previously reported Rouen, Dec. 4th wounded face, slight).

HEAVY S. E. GALE.

As the weather report from Toronto indicated Saturday, a S. E. gale began that evening, the wind increasing as the night advanced, so that by midnight a gale was blowing with showers of rain. The weather all yesterday and last night was very stormy with periods of heavy rain. All yesterday a high sea raged outside the port in the narrows and it must have been a hard time for ships at sea. In the harbor a heavy undertow ran and an abnormally high tide was noticed. It was also stormy right across country with rain in places and it snowed for a while up West. As a result of the storm the Reid Nfld. Co.'s wires were interrupted yesterday and few messages were received. The Kyle arrived from Sydney yesterday morning but owing to the storm the names of her passengers had not been received up to 1 p.m.

MORE MEN LEAVE

By the express which left here at 12.30 p.m. yesterday there went 63 men, tradesmen and labourers, who will engage at the new pulp mills erected in Ontario. All are getting good wages and a large crowd will go along next Sunday also.

THAT LAND SLIDE.

The land slide which occurred up West last week was at Rainy Brook, near Codroy. Loose clay and some rocks fell across the track and the section men were two hours clearing it. No damage was done and this did not delay the express, which was caused by the storm holding up the Kyle.

Sgt. John Nugent, who had been several months on special duty at Placentia resumed strict duty yesterday.

WEDDING BELLS

AYRE—LEWIS
The wedding of Capt. Charles Ayre, of the First Newfoundland Regiment, and Miss Shelly Elizabeth Hazelwood Lewis, of Montreal, was quietly celebrated at St. Thomas's Church at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The bride was given away by Fredk. W. Ayre Esq. and was assisted by Miss Marjorie Ayre, while Lieut. H. Winter acted as best man. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Dr. Jones. The newly wedded pair left by the express yesterday left for Montreal, where the honeymoon will be spent. Both were the recipients of many valuable presents, as well as the best wishes of their numerous friends.

FOUND DEAD IN WOODS

Mr. Hutchings, Deputy Minister of Justice, had a wire Saturday from the Sub-Collector at Trinity, saying that the dead body of a man had been found near Trouty Pond. It was identified as the remains of Fred Stone of Bonaventure, who had gone in the country for firewood on Thursday last and who had since been missing.

PASSED CAPE RACE

At 4 p.m. Saturday a schooner, name unknown, passed Cape Race at the time when the S.E. gale was gathering force. It is possible that the vessel made some of the ports on the Southern Shore, if not she had a hard time of it Saturday night and yesterday.

SAILED IN STORM.

Baine, Johnston's large barquin, "John," recently purchased, sailed for Pernambuco Saturday morning and must have had the full benefit of Saturday evening's storm. The "Molega," Capt. F. Nickerson, was ready to leave for Gibraltar also but the Skipper wisely decided to hold the port till the storm abated.

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