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Half a Million Men Are Engaged in the Battle of Verdun. Another P. & O. Liner Sunk---Austro-Huns Occupy Durazzo.

The Battle of Verdun Is Kept Up With Same Fury as Opening Days

explosions splitting the vessel apart. The Matoja went down off Dover with a loss of life estimated as high as 147. The loss on the Trigno is estimated at 28. In addition the British steamer Fastnet has been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine.

Germany has instructed her Ambassador at Washington to inform the American Government that assurances regarding her future conduct of submarine warfare will apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The great battle now centering around Verdun, in which half a million men are engaged, is still being fought at some points with the same fury as characterized it several days ago.

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OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British official statement issued last night reads:

"Last night we sprang two mines in the neighbourhood of Loos with satisfactory results. This morning an enemy raid on our trenches south-east of Maricourt was repulsed. There has been artillery activity by both sides about Ypres during the day."

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A British official regarding the campaign in Flanders reads:

"Last night we repulsed a small attack on our trenches north of the Ypres-Comines Canal. To-day artillery on both sides was active about Hulloch, Armentieres and Ypres."

FRENCH

PARIS, Feb. 28.—An official statement issued by the War Office to-day says that a sanguinary struggle which has been going on around Fort Douaumont, which is described as an advance element in the old defensive organization of the fortress of Verdun and declares the position captured this morning by the Germans was reached again by the French troops, who advanced beyond that point and have resisted all attempts to drive them back.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Except around Fort Douaumont, the French War Office reports some abatement in the German attacks north of Verdun. To east and west of the Douaumont, the French troops are closely pressing the German detachment, which were able to gain a footing in those sections and which the War Office reports are maintaining themselves with difficulty.

The French deny that the Germans have occupied Cote de Talon.

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TURKS IN BAD WAY. ABOUT DONE

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28.—Definite information comes from Constantinople that the Turks are in a wretched position and cannot hold out for more than two months longer. There is much misery owing to famine and desertions are numerous. Enver Pasha has gone to Asia Minor.

ROUMANIA STILL SITS ON THE FENCE

BUCHAREST, via London, Feb. 27.—The chances of Roumania engaging in the European war on either side exist no longer, according to the leaders of responsible Roumanian parties, though it is not wholly out of the question that at the last minute Roumania may take part in the struggle to secure for herself territorial advantage at the expense of the belligerent whose defeat appears certain.

This is the quintessence of a statement to the Associated Press after a number of interviews with leaders of public thought and affairs. These Roumanians who in the past advocated action against the Central group, now say the military situation in Europe is uninviting to Roumania, while yet in some quarters it is still maintained that joining the Central Powers would be the best policy for this country.

Nobody here expects anything short of a military cataclysm will range Roumania on either side in the war.

CALM PREVAILS IN PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—In Paris an extraordinary calm prevails regarding the great battle now in progress around Verdun and there are no indications of tension or nervousness, but only sober confidence in the result prevails. The desire among those who know the defensive strength of the lines seems to be that the attack should continue, for they argue the losses on the German side would be in proportion to the efforts. The whole front from North Sea to Switzerland is on the alert. All leave of absence has been recalled. The French maximum effort has not yet been made. The total French losses in killed, wounded and prisoners since the Verdun battle began was authoritatively stated this evening to be less than the German official communication claims as prisoners.

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"Motaja," Sister Ship of "Persia," Has Been Sunk

Big P. and O. Liner Has Been Sunk off Dover—Steamer Had 140 Passengers on Board—25 Bodies Have Been Landed at Dover

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Peninsula and Oriental Line steamer Matoja, 12,431 tons gross, has been sunk off Dover. It is believed that the vessel struck a mine. No details of the disaster have been received.

The Matoja was from Sydney, N.S.W. Dec. 24th, for London, and arrived at Marseilles on Jan. 11th. She is a sister ship of the Persia, which was torpedoed and sunk off the Island of Crete on December 30th last with the loss of 336 lives. The people from the sunk Matoja are now being picked up by rescuing boats, according to despatches from Dover to Lloyd's agency.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Vessels from Dover quickly reached the scene of the sinking Matoja. It is believed all the passengers and crew were rescued.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—About 25 bodies from the Matoja have been landed at Dover, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The steamer carried about 140 persons.

According to this information the British steamship Empress Fort William, 2181 tons gross, while attempting to rescue survivors from the Matoja also struck a mine and sank. The crew of this vessel were saved.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—It was officially announced to-night that the majority of the passengers of the Matoja were saved. Passengers of all classes totaled approximately 150, while the crew consisted of about 200, mostly Lascars.

171 Souls Lost When Steamer "Meteljoj" Sank

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Out of the 431 passengers and crew on the steamer Meteljoj, which struck a mine and sank off Dover yesterday, only 260 are known to have been saved.

BERLIN CLAIMS CAPTURE OF FORTS

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—It is officially announced that Fort Douaumont, one of the fortifications of Verdun, was taken by storm yesterday, and is now firmly held by the Germans. The fort captured in front of Douaumont, lies four miles north-east of Verdun. It is one of nearly a score of forts circling Verdun, and is situated just to the north of the railroad, running east from the city of Metz. Douaumont is one of a cluster of seven forts protecting Verdun from the east. The forts of Sauville, Detavennes and St. Michel lie directly between the position conquered by the Germans and the City of Verdun.

The conquest of this fort was made by the right wing of the huge attacking army, which has circled the greatest advance in the assault of the French positions. Douaumont is somewhat to the east of what has hitherto been the principal line of progress, being situated four miles east.

NOW DENIED

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—An official statement admits that the report of the capture of Champ Neuville, near Verdun, was erroneous.

RUSSIAN NEW COMMANDER OF NORTH EAST FRONT

PETROGRAD, Feb. 28.—General Alex. Kuropatkin has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies.

ST. PIERRE BULLETINS

PARIS, Feb. 26.—According to latest information our troops are still resisting from the same positions in Beaumont district against repeated attacks of an enemy who is no longer reckoning his losses.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief our advance positions running from Ornes to Henneumont, held since last year, and used as an observation line, have been brought back and re-established near the Meuse heights, and that has been effected without enemy attack. Our artillery is answering shell for shell on both sides of the Meuse, to the German bombardment.

Midnight.—In Artois mine fighting we have exploded two on the west of the Lille road and another east of Neuville under a trench occupied by the enemy. In Champagne we have completely repulsed a German attack on a silted captured by us south of St. Marie Apy. The total number of prisoners is 340, of which 9 are officers and 36 sub-officers. Destructive fires on German works north of Villes sur Tourbes and in the region of Mont Tetu. In the region north of Verdun the bombardment continues without a stop east and west of the Meuse. To the attacks from the enemy our troops answer by counter-attacks very vigorously made on the divers points assailed. All the new attempts by Germans in the Champ Neuville region and on the Cote du Poivre, where we are solidly established, were repulsed.

Desperate fighting raged around Douaumont. The fort, which is an advanced element of ancient organization defending Verdun position, was captured this morning by the enemy, after several unsuccessful assaults, which cost him very heavy losses. The position was anew reached by our troops and even passed. All German attempts to drive us back again failed.

North-east of St. Mibiel our heavy artillery bombarded the enemy's depots near Vigneules. The Germans fired several big shells in the direction of Luneville and Nancy.

To-day in the Verdun region the Adjutant Navarre, on a monoplane, has brought down with his machine gun two German machines. This is the fifth German aeroplane brought down by that aviator. The enemy's machines fell in our lines. Two of the aviators were killed, two others were made prisoners. On the same day one of our air squadrons, composed of nine aeroplanes, threw 144 shells on Metz Sablon railway station. Another air squadron bombed the enemy's establishments of Chambeville, north-west of Pont a Mousson.

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NEW COMMANDER FOR RUSSIAN ARMIES

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ROME, Feb. 27.—It is reported that bloody riots have broken out among the starving inhabitants of Montenegro, and that the castle of Crown Prince Danilo has been set on fire.

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Huns Lose 17,000 In Recent Fighting in Flanders

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—The Germans have gathered considerable number of troops in Flanders, artillery and reinforcements have been continuously arriving since December. According to the Echo Beige not less than 13 attacks were made recently by the Germans against the narrow front of Steenstraete Comines Canal, south of Hill No. 160. It is declared by this newspaper that only two attacks were of any success, but the German losses must have been heavy. It is estimated the killed and wounded total 17,000.

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Catalina Opens Branch of the Overseas Club

Sixty-Five are Now on the Roll—Aims and Objects of the Club are of a Patriotic Nature—King George is Patron of the Club. Mr. Stone, M.H.A. Becomes the Catalina Club's First President.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—A meeting of the London members and friends of the Overseas Club was held in the Methodist School Hall on Thursday the 17th inst. for the purpose of forming a branch of the Association in this town. Mr. Robert J. Randall was asked to take the chair and Mr. Frank Hogan to act as secretary. Mr. W. N. Snelgrove, who explained the object of the meeting, after which it was moved, seconded and carried that we form a branch to be known as the Catalina Branch of Overseas Club. The following officers were unanimously elected:

President—John G. Stone, Esq., M.H.A.

Vice-Presidents—John Philip Templeman, M.L.C., John P. Murphy Esq., Alfred C. Snelgrove, Esq., Hon. Secretary, W. N. Snelgrove Esq., J. P. Hon. Treasurer, John J. White Esq., J.P.

Auditors: Samuel W. Miffen Esq., John T. Walsh Esq., J.P. Executive Committee: R. Albert Lodge, Esq., Dugald White Esq., Peter Coleridge Esq., Frederick Hartley, Esq., Joseph Joy Esq., Chas F. Snelgrove Esq.

The Club was then declared open by the Chairman who called on the officers present to take their places. The President elect being absent the Hon. P. Templeman presided and the business proceeded in regular form.

A goodly number was present and 16 persons enrolled as members. We had some visitors from nearby towns viz: St. Magistrate Somerton and Capt. George Barbour from Trinity and St. Magistrate Rover, Rev. Fr. Dwyer, Hon. P. Templeman from Bonavista, all London members, also Dr. C. A. Forbes from Bonavista, all visiting the town specially for the occasion and all joined the new branch. Nineteen others have since been enrolled, making total membership to date 65.

It may be of some interest to your readers to know something concerning the great movement known as the Overseas Club.

Owing to the great success of the German Navy League it was felt by some of the great statesmen of England that some such association should be started as a set-off, and on August 27, 1910, the Overseas Club was inaugurated. The President and Founder is Lord Northcliffe, not unknown in Newfoundland.

Formerly H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was Patron but recently His Majesty the King graciously consented to fill that position. In a little magazine just published by the Hon. Secretary E. Wrench Esq., he says "I am often asked to explain in a few words just what is the Overseas Club and I confess to find a suitable and succinct reply is no easy task." I usually reply as follows:—"The Overseas Club is a vast brotherhood and sisterhood of men and women to whom the mission and world purpose of the British Empire is a religion who believe that Imperialism means not merely flag-waving but the carrying out of the greatest task ever given to mankind."

The four chief objects of the Overseas Club are:

1. To help one another.
2. To render individual service to our Empire.
3. To maintain our Empire's supremacy upon the seas and in the air.
4. To draw together in the bond of comradeship British people the world over.

—Motto—

We sail'd wherever ship could sail,
We founded many a mighty state;
Pray God our greatness may not fail
Through craven fears of being great.
—Tennyson.

Member's Creed.

Believing the British Empire to stand for justice, freedom, order and good government we pledge ourselves as citizens of the greatest Empire in the world to maintain the heritage handed down to us by our fathers.

The Overseas Club is strictly non-party, non-sectarian and recognizes no distinction of class. It is not an organization for only those born in the United Kingdom, as is sometimes erroneously stated.

At present there are over 135,000 members living in every part of the habitable globe and there are branches in almost every country where there are enough British subjects to form one. One of the largest branches in the world, which has over 1,000 members, is at Shanghai, China, China has 14 branches. One very large branch is at Melbourne, Australia, and another at Dunedin, N.Z. The activities of the Overseas Club are extremely varied. One of the primary objects is the instil patriotism in the minds of the young. The monthly meetings take the form of social gatherings, such as debating and literary club, lectures, dances &c. All attempts to emphasize class distinction are contrary to the spirit of the Association. The headquarters of the Overseas Club are in the general buildings, Aldwych, W.C., in the very heart of the great city.

Member's Privilege

Amongst privileges of members is the right to have their correspondence addressed to Overseas Club, the use of telephone, free service of information bureau and free advice in legal matters. Members of a local branch of the Overseas Club recognized by the Central Committee have all the privileges of London membership.

As soon as a hall for use of the club is secured we hope to have a lecture, the proceeds of which will be given to our Women's Patriotic Association. The Club hopes in the not far distant future to open a reading room for the use of members and visiting friends.

SECRETARY.
Catalina, Feb. 23, 1916.

save two who manfully corroborated the evidence which I gave, were conspicuous by their absence.

As regards to my "running more with the hound than I play with the hare" I would advise "Scrutiny" to mind his own business and thereby give the proprietor of The Advocate more room for advertisements.

When he says that I gave the principals who were connected with the election of the Road Board certain information concerning messages that were being transmitted to and from St. John's at that time, I say, with your permission, Mr. Editor, and without fear of contradiction that it is a dirty, mean, contemptible and despicable falsehood and that I see through his little game in making such an accusation. I never spoke to the Convener of that meeting or any other "principal" for at least five days previous to the election.

I found the election conducted open and above board and I gave the credit to the proper party—according to my opinion—for which I make no apology.

In making such an accusation he questions my loyalty to the F. P. U. of which I am a staunch supporter, and that I allow no man to do with impunity, for I have proven on more than one occasion that I am a Union man in deed, a fact known to those higher in authority than "Scrutiny" is.

I furthermore challenge him to make any charge—over his own name—against me in connection with the recent K. B. election or messages referring thereto.

In conclusion, allow me to remind "Scrutiny" that the old Latin Saw, "accrime proximum odia," cuts as keenly now and is just as applicable as of that time in the days of old, and if he does not desist from making groundless charges against inoffensive people who have no desire to injure him in any way whatever, then let him look to the end, for if he does not find himself impaled on the horns of that cow, his frequent accounts of which he has been disgusting the public with the past twelve months, then he will most assuredly find himself in a worse predicament—on the horns of a dilemma—a position, from which he will find it difficult to extricate himself.

"JUSTICE."
Conception, Feb. 24th, 1916.

Annual Parade Day of Wesleyville and Brookfield Unionists

Was Best on Record

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—On Wednesday, Feb. 9th, the day appointed for our annual parade, Wesleyville and Brookfield F.P.U. members met at the new hall at 11 a.m. At 12 o'clock we left the hall and started for the C. of E. Church, where Rev. H. Leggo preach from 133 psalm, first verse: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." He spoke for 40 minutes and every word was taken to heart by the members.

After the meeting closed the members were more filled with Union fire than ever. We then parade down to Wesleyville North School and back again to the Hall, where the good ladies had a tea prepared for us. After the Union men were all attended to the school children and teacher were asked to come in and have lunch.

After they were finished the tables were taken down and the Hall prepared for the night. The doors opened again at 6 p.m. for an entertainment and in one hour the hall was packed.

The chairman of the Council, William Andrews, was called upon to take the chair. He made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, after which there was a gramophone selection, and then R. G. Winsor, M. H. A.; Adj. Grandy, S.A.; Capt. J. Blandford, Herbert Howse, and Rev. E. Moore gave good stirring addresses. Miss Lizzie Winsor acted as organist and the choir girls rendered some very pleasing solos. Miss Edith Carter also sang a solo.

The day and night was all that could be desired and I think that every one was well satisfied with the 1916 Union day at Wesleyville.

Cheers were given for the speakers and a vote of thanks to the ladies after which the meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem. Wishing President Coaker and the Union every success.

H. J. A.
Wesleyville, Feb. 11, 1916.

It is better to hustle for new business than to get wealth by cutting down expenses.

Fools oftentimes rush in and win while wise men investigate.

Refutes Statements Made by "Scrutiny" Relative Road to Board Election at Conception.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—Kindly allow me space through the columns of your esteemed paper to reply to, or rather to refute some of the accusations made by "Scrutiny" in his letter which appeared in your issue of the 17th inst.

In his accustomed transcendent flights of oratory he assumes, unto himself, through his regular medium, that irresistible (accrime Scribendi) with which he is plagued, and which has rendered him so famous (?)—the right to criticize the actions of a certain individual who had the inconsistency (according to Scrutiny's view point) to compliment Mr. M. F. O'Toole on the way which he conducted the meeting which was convened at Conception Harbor for the purpose of electing a Road Board.

In all his writings Mr. Coaker has characterized himself as the soul of honour; literally speaking, he is fair to the less personified, and I don't believe for a moment that he would have the least objection to my using the collocation of the Advocate to give any man irrespective of his political creed a few words of well-merited praise.

In his letter referring to the above mentioned meeting the writer made certain remarks then which he sees no reason for withdrawing now and reiterates them right here: "I held no brief for Mr. O'Toole but I must say that there is great credit due him for the orderly way in which he conducted the meeting, and had the Minister of Justice himself presided it could not have been done better."

Since writing the above I have been led to believe that there are certain parties who consider me a renegade to the cause for acting in such a way but, Mr. Editor, I am a firm believer in the time-honoured and well-worn, if not grammatical, old proverb "Handsome is as handsome does." Allow me to explain:

Some time previous to the Road Board election last fall some five or six political fanatics summoned me to obtain the sum of fifteen or sixteen dollars which had been collected and given to me, as treasurer, to defray expenses of witnesses going to St. John's in connection with the Fish Case. Mr. O'Toole not only operated me from all hoodling in connection therewith but spoke in the highest terms of my honesty and integrity. My "friends," those who authorized the expenditure of that money, among whom will be found "Scrutiny's" informant, were not present to hear these words of praise. These who should have stood by me when I had to face my enemies, all

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Mr. Stone Holds Union Meeting at Elliston

President Coaker, Mr. Stone and the Union Vociferously Cheered—All Intend to Stand by Coaker and Help Him in His Great Work.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—Our popular member, J. Stone, paid us a visit on the 12th inst. and addressed a Union meeting here. His audience was quite a large one. Mr. Stone spoke amidst great enthusiasm and dealt with matters which cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the Union and to the place. The speech was a long one and was handsomely cheered by the much interested and enthusiastic Union friends. Several of the friends spoke on matters in connection with the Union. More than ever we are determined to uphold the Union and encourage its president. It is indeed quite an improvement to see our M.H.A.'s taking such interest in affairs relating to the fishermen, by visiting them. We can assure Friend Stone that Elliston Council stands as a unit behind him and his efforts.
President Coaker was vociferously cheered. The very building resounded with cheers for Coaker, Stone and the Union.

Do anyone doubt that Coaker's efforts will be crowned with great success.

UNION SUPPORTER.
Elliston, Feb. 21st, 1916.

FOR THE W. P. A.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—At Elliott's Cove on Feb. 15th, a supper and candy sale was held in the school room in aid of the W.P.A. which proved to be a success. The sum of fifteen dollars and twenty cents (\$15.20) was realized, which will be spent in buying wool to knit socks.

D. SMITH,
Secretary W.P.A.

PROHIBITION VOTE IN MANITOBA APPROACHING

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—Three weeks from to-morrow, the vote on Prohibition will be taken throughout Manitoba and both "Wets" and "Drys" are displaying great activity. Each side has plenty of money for organization purposes. The indications are that Prohibition will carry a large majority.

Wonderful Negro Runner Shows Up

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—While it did not need his running of 90 yards in 9 1-5 seconds and 105 yards in 10 2-5 seconds to show that Howard P. Drew, of the University of Southern California, is the peer of all present day sprinters in America, it served to establish the fact that the true type of dash runner is embodied in the wonderful negro. In the doing of the "10-2" he gets his name on the books alongside that of N. H. Hargrave, of Yale, and credited as the result of a performance September 25, 1901, when he and the others of a field were sent away from a wrong starting mark by "Sam" See, the starter. Drew's running of the last few weeks has been as consistent as the most exacting could ask, as attested by his 70 yards in 7 1-5 seconds, 100 yards in 10 seconds, both of which are the fastest performances on boards, to say nothing of the official 10 seconds which he must have done for the "century" Friday night.

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(Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—It affords me much pleasure to be able to write to our own paper, which gives us every information for the welfare of our country's interest and the betterment of humanity.

During the past nothing has appeared in the paper concerning the Union and its strength in the vicinity of Badger's Quay and other local settlements.

We held our annual parade on the 15th inst., starting from the S.U.F. Hall, where we held our meetings. We proceeded towards the Methodist Church for service, which was conducted by Rev. Mr. Moore. The procession on their way to Church sang the National Anthem with full vigor and enthusiasm.

After leaving the Church the procession compassed the harbour, loudly cheering for President Coaker and the Union. We are fully determined to stand firm unto the end.

We arrived back at the Hall in due course and found a very nice tea awaiting us, which was prepared by the ladies of our little town. The day was fine and pleasant and every one enjoyed themselves fully.

Quite a number of friends came from near-by places, and the Hall was packed to the full and all enjoyed their day's pleasure and blessed the day when first the Union was started. The Rector of Badger's Quay Parish—Rev. H. J. Leggo, came in with us, this kind act being highly appreciated by all. The chairman asked him to give us an address before leaving.

which he did, and all present listened eagerly and silence, grasping every word as they fell from his lips.

A dance was opened about 10.30 p.m. as the usual custom on such occasions. The proceeds of the tea was \$70.17, a very handsome sum indeed, which is indeed for the building of our Union Store. We intend to start work on it immediately. The Union spirit here is on the increase. Our meetings are very lively and matters of great importance are talked over and thrashed out. Nothing whatever from any outsider will alter the views of the Union as regards the benefit every toiler has from it. We intend to watch closely the country's standing and the manner in which our public affairs are conducted. Our enemies will find the Union fully equipped for the campaign of 1917, which to our mind will bring success to the Union and sweep all Graballism forever from our dear old Terra Nova.

Our earnest prayer is that God will uphold our noble President in the fight and give him strength and wisdom and skill to uphold what is right and just and put down whatever is unjust and false. The whole object of this Council is to stand true to and unite and fight for true and honest dealings which can only come by every man being true to the Union, which stands for Right. We are every ready to uphold President Coaker's policy, come what may.

BADGER'S QUAY LOCAL COUNCIL.
Badger's Quay, Feb. 16, 1916.

Unionists of Musgrave Town Will Stand by Coaker and the Union

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your much esteemed paper for a few remarks regarding Union affairs here.

The Union men of Musgrave Town held their annual parade on February 7th. Although the weather was very unfavorable all the Union men assembled at the hall and from thence they paraded up town and marched back again to the hall where a good tea was provided by the kind ladies of Musgrave, which were the following:—Mesdames Alfred Saint, John Saint, Frederick Wiseman, John A. Greening.

After tea was served everybody sat down and enjoyed themselves listening to the different speeches and selections from the gramophone. Our chairman, Mr. Alfred Saint, gave an address concerning our President and the P. P. U.; also Adj. Bowering gave a splendid speech, which was well

worth listening to. A speech was also given by Mr. Andrew Lethbridge.

The Union is still progressing in this little town, and at the last meeting held five more joined, making a total of about fifty on the roll. We are more determined than ever to go on and try to help our President who is doing so much for to uplift the portoliers of Newfoundland. No words can express how much we should thank our President for the noble work he has started in making the new headquarters at Catalina, and we all feel sure that the day is coming when the voice of the toilers will be respected.

Go ahead Mr. Coaker, we are still going to fight. Wishing our President every success.

Yours sincerely,
H. S. SAINT.
Musgrave Town,
February 17th, 1916.

Off to Fight for King & Country

(Special to Mail and Advocate)
Catalina, Feb. 25.—The officers and members of Morning Star, No. 2, L.O.A., are desirous of space in your widely circulated paper, to express publicly their regret in losing their esteemed Worshipful Master, Brother Hubert Edwards, who has recently volunteered to fight for his King and the British Empire, of which he is a loyal subject.

Brother Edwards offered his services at the outset of this mighty struggle; but owing to some little trouble, could not pass the medical examination. This, however, did not discourage him, he being so eager to do his bit for the Empire of which he is so proud, that at this particular time when the

call came again, he availed himself of the opportunity and successfully passed the medical examination, and will go forward at the first opportunity in order that he may don a suit of khaki and become one of the brave defenders of the Empire.

We extremely regret to lose Brother Edwards, as Worshipful Master of this Lodge his place cannot be so ably filled; but we hope our loss will be the Empire's gain, and that he may be spared to come back again with us will be the prayer of the officers and members of Morning Star, No. 2, L.O.A.

On behalf of the members of the above Lodge,
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BIG INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING

Advance of 50 Per Cent. in the Last Fifteen Years

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The long awaited report of the Royal Commission, appointed on December 20, 1913, to investigate the increase in the cost of living in Canada and its cause, was tabled in the Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister. There are two big volumes packed with interesting information, deductions and recommendations.

The Commissioners, Messrs John McDougall, Commissioner of Customs, C. C. James, Agricultural Commissioner, R. H. Coates, Chief Statistician, of the Department of Labor; and J. U. Vincent, Deputy Minister on Inland Revenue, after spending two years which has been practically fifty per cent. is due to the increase in the gold supply which reduces the purchasing power of money to manifold forms of extravagance and waste, public and private, individual and social to restricted supply following upon a disproportionate urban development as compared with rural developments; to uneconomic method of distribution and marketing of products, to higher standards of living by both rich and poor; to inefficient service and lack of vocational training; to the gospel of ease which has permeated the national life of the Anglo Saxon race; to the uneconomical household expenses and to the effect of mergers and trusts and combinations.

Among the remedies suggested are the encouragement of land settlement, greater attention to mixed farming, increased production with the just standardization and improvement in the quality of farm products, together with co-operation in the distribution; the extension of the parcel posts system and the making of good roads cheaper and more accessible working capital, especially to farmers of the vocational training to promote greater efficiency of service in all lines. A better understanding of the fundamental principles of production, marketing and purchase.

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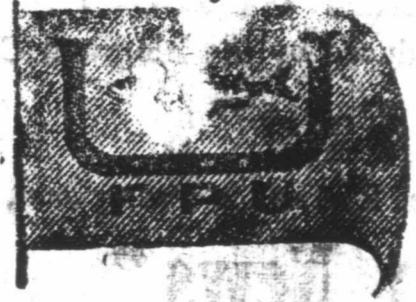
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THE FUTURE

DURING Mr. Coaker's visit to Gloucester he purchased two American banking schooners for the Union Trading Co. The "Paragon," 115 tons, was engaged in fishing this winter and is a splendid oak vessel seven years old. The "Paragon" will be fitted with a 65 H.P. Bolinder engine. The other schooner, the "Hettie A. Heckman," 105 tons, was engaged in the bank fishery last summer. Both are fitted with motor engines for hoisting cargo and sails. Crews will shortly leave to bring the schooners here. They will both bring full loads of general merchandise for the Union Trading Co. Mr. Geo. Grimes is now in America purchasing goods for the Union Trading Co. The Union Trading Co. will use those schooners as coasters.

The "Paragon" will also be used for conveying fish to Oporto. As soon as the spring opens the Company will proceed with the erection of the Union premises at Catalina. Machinery for a shipbuilding establishment will arrive next fall and be erected next winter. The shipbuilding plant will be erected by a manager of a Nova Scotia plant, who will remain with the Export Co. for a year to conduct building operations. The plant will be the property of the Union Export Co.

An engineer from the Marine Railway Co., that constructed the Harbor Grace Marine Dock, will visit Catalina in June and complete plans for the marine slip which will be a 500 ton equipment with two cradles 170 feet in length. The slip will be erected as soon as the war terminates, and will be owned by the Union Export Co.

The engineers consulted approved of the plans for an electric plant at Trinity which were prepared by an electric expert which examined the water power at Trinity and Catalina last summer. As soon as a charter is granted by the Legislature the erection of the power house and flue will be started and the pole line erected from Trinity to Bonavista, passing through Trinity town, Trinity East, Port Rexton, Champneys, English Harbor, Melrose, Catalina, Elliston and Bonavista. The power will be sold at one-third of the price paid for it at St. John's, and every inducement will be held out

for all to use electricity. Most of the capital required has been arranged for.

The most up to date equipment will be erected. A power of 1000 H.P. will first be established, which will be followed by a similar equipment as necessity demands. The machinery and wiring will not be erected until the war terminates, as electric supplies will then be available at normal prices. The flue will be 4000 feet long. Pine plank will be used for its construction.

A new Company named The Union Power and Light Co. will own the electric plant. The shares of this Company will be sold to the public. One business man of St. John's has arranged to purchase \$10,000 worth of the stock. The F.P.U. will also purchase \$10,000 worth; the Export Co. will purchase \$5,000 worth and the Trading Co. will purchase \$10,000; 100 members of the F.P.U. will purchase another block of \$10,000.

Mr. Coaker has received applications for another large block from a Canadian financier. The business men at Trinity and Bonavista will be given an opportunity to purchase shares. An American engineer of international repute will finalize the engineering arrangements of this undertaking.

An American financier has offered to purchase Half a Million Dollars worth of the Export Co.'s shares.

The Export Co. will operate a branch at New York, as soon as the Company is ready for export large quantities of oils, boneless fish, herring and other produce required by the American trade. An agent will also be kept at Boston. One of the ablest fish exporters of Newfoundland have been offered the position of Manager of the Export Co. at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Apparently Mr. Coaker has not been idle during his month's absence from Newfoundland. He has secured an opening for 50,000,000 lbs. of boneless fish in the American market as soon as the Export Co. can supply it. The Export Co. will require all the fall's catch of codfish taken between Bay-de-Verde and Quirpon, the equivalent of 250,000 qtls. of dry fish, to fill an order for 50,000,000 lbs. of boneless fish every quintal of fish that can be taken from the sea by the present number of Northern Shore fisherman will be required by the Export Co. to meet American market requirements.

Mr. Coaker is convinced from what he has learnt during his trip abroad, that markets can be found for three times as much fish as Newfoundland now exports. He is further of opinion that the fisheries of Newfoundland if properly developed are fully capable of supporting a population of 1,000,000 in Newfoundland.

As for our business men's push and initiative regarding fishery matters, Mr. Coaker has but one answer: They have been asleep.

The conduct of past governments for twenty years as regards development of foreign trade and the fisheries of the Colony, is in Mr. Coaker's opinion, nothing short of an outrage and a crime against the vital interests of the Colony, for, he says, any sensible observant public man, visiting Canada and the United States and interested himself in fish markets, who could not see a way to open up colossal sales for our fishery produce must be written down an ingrate, if not a worthless poltroon seeking only personal aggrandisement.

The Government and exporters of Newfoundland must wake up. In ten years Canada will possess a population of 25,000,000; the United States in ten years will possess a population of 125,000,000. Where will this 150,000,000 people get their fish supplies? The fishermen of Canada and America are fast giving up fishing. Other avenues of labour, less arduous and risky to life and limb, offer in many directions. Young men absolutely turn away from fishing

when abundance of lighter, more profitable, surer, and cleaner work offer on the land.

Where is the once numerous Gloucester Grand Bank fleet? Today it is not ten per cent. of what it was twenty years ago. The Lunenburg banking operations will be abandoned in ten years unless Newfoundlanders are secured to carry it on, as is the case at Gloucester to-day.

The bulk of the fish requirements of Canada and America in ten years must be furnished by Newfoundland. These markets are capable of utilizing three times as many herring as now exported from Newfoundland. Ten times our present total catch of salmon and lobsters could be sold fresh in America alone if proper cold storage facilities existed. All the fresh turbot procured in the Colony could be sold in America if proper cold storage facilities were available. All the fall's catch of shore cod fish now annually taken in Newfoundland could be manufactured in various forms, and disposed of in Canada and America. America will in ten years require a supply of fresh cod fish from Newfoundland that will in itself equal the whole of the present catch of fall's fish.

For Newfoundland to keep in office a clique of men such as now compose the Government, in view of the tremendous national development that await our country and which can only be matured by a party animated by ideals such as the F.P.U. possess, would be the cruelest blow the electorate ever administered to poor old Terra Nova. No developments such as outlined above is possible under such a Government as now rule Newfoundland.

The time is ripe for a great national development of the fishery resources of Newfoundland, and our exporters should awaken from their slumbers and be ready to cooperate with the incoming Fishermen's Government, which will concentrate all its energy and ability in establishing a system of cold storage to meet the requirements of the American trade and provide a supply of bait that will add half a million quintals of fish to the annual catch within three years after it is installed.

AT THE NEW BANK

The Union Trading Company Limited (through their Assistant Manager, Mr. C. J. Loughlin, till recently of The Bank of Nova Scotia staff,) were the first to transact business with The Bank of Nova Scotia in their splendid new building, Beck's Cove, which was opened to the public this morning.

We hope that this fact is a good augury for the continual success of both business institutions.

TONNAGE QUESTION

The Government invited the Opposition Party to co-operate in the matter of arranging the tonnage question.

The Opposition Party have considered the Government's invitation, and in view of the manner in which the Government has treated the Alconda's coal matter, which the Opposition Party consider a breach of the understanding, formerly arrived at, the Opposition Party decline to co-operate further with the Government in such matters.

The Opposition Party hold that an agreement fixing the price of the Alconda's coal was entered into by the Government with the coal dealers without the knowledge or consent of the Opposition Party, and all knowledge of what was transpiring was withheld until after the whole matter had been copper fastened to the delight of the coal dealers.

Pickpockets cut the seat out of the trousers worn by R. T. Honea, of Houston, Tex., and got away with his pocketbook containing over \$200. Being in the midst of a

DUPED

PRESIDENT WILSON seems to have fallen on evil days. Both his Secretary of War and Secretary of State have resigned from the Cabinet of the United States; and difficulties are arising thick and fast on the political horizon. Germany has duped the academic President; and the worst state of the American-German diplomatic "arrangements" is now in evidence.

It was boasted by a certain section of the American press that the United States had won out in the Lusitania negotiations; but other sections were less optimistic, and it seems pretty clear that the latter gauged the situation very perfectly.

The American Government wrote to Germany to this effect: "You must stop sinking liners with our people on board."

The Hun Government said: "We will."

The President of the United States in his ultimatum said: "You must pay for such Americans as you have already drowned in this illegal fashion."

Germany replied, with deceptive meekness: "We will."

The American Government added: "You must admit that in sinking the Lusitania and the Arabic you acted illegally."

The Hun replied with not a little impatience: "Why do you keep nagging at us for? Why don't you say something to the saucy English?"

Then the Hun schemers tried the underground route and issued a "note" to all belligerents that their merchantmen should not carry guns. And before the ink was dry, the Germans sprung the trap and declared that they would sink, without warning, all merchantmen carrying, even defensive guns, whether they had Americans on board or not.

American prestige is to-day in a most humiliating position—worse than it has ever been since the beginning of the war. The Germans led them into an ambush, and then suddenly revealed themselves in a very sensational manner. The American Government set out to compel Germany to so conduct its submarine campaign as to ensure the safety of American travellers. The Germans set out to beat America in this diplomatic game; and if they stand by their determination to sink belligerent merchant vessels they will have won the game.

Where is this business going to end?

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

FEBRUARY 28

The order of Knights of St. Patrick instituted, 1783.

Pierce Grace, Jr., died, 1860.

Inspector John Sullivan born, at Trinity, 1846.

Nomination day—Kavanagh and Hogsett election, 1862.

Hon. Charles Dawe born at Port de Grave, 1845.

Star of the Sea Society formally instituted in Fishermen's Hall, 1871.

Capt. William Jackman buried, 1877.

Capt. Dawe's sealing bill passed the Assembly, 1888.

Robert Hedley Pinsent, son of Judge Pinsent, died, 1888.

Contrary to all precedent, Governor Blake refused to entertain, with the usual civilities, the members of the Assembly, on presenting address at Government House, 1888.

Samuel G. Collier commenced business, 1889.

Richard Pigott of Times-Parnell forgery, suicided at Madrid, 1889.

Reid Railway bill introduced, 1898.

crowd Honea thought little of the slight jostling he received until a sudden feeling came over him that something was wrong with his attire; he discovered his loss.

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ON THE KING'S HIGHWAY

As Seen by Gene Fowler

THEY traveled by day on the King's highway—

At least they say 'twas the King's—

With the lift of a song and laughter gay.

For brothers in God and in Christ were they

Who traveled a path at the close of day—

The peasants' path—the King's highway—

At least they thought 'twas the King's.

At night they broke an humble crust—

They ate from the hands of toil.

At night a Master with empire's lust

Cried: "Swords must flash—let plowshares rust";

A squadron moved 'mid a cloud of dust,

A hand of mail reached for the crust—

The crust from the hands of toil.

At morn they traveled—no more as men.

At moon they walked with Death,

At morn they shambled thru stagnant fen—

Pale faces peered thru ranks, and then

The hot lead came—then hell!

Again

They staggered, faint—no more as men.

But creatures who walked with Death.

THE blood-baked sky dimmed into night.

The fury broke in gusts.

Theirs but the sword, the scar the fight—

Theirs not to shrink from war dog's bite—

They met the hurl of the fiendish blight.

Oh, the blood-baked sky dimmed into night.

When the fury broke in uests.

AND one did fall on the King's highway—

At least he thought 'twas the King's—

The other crept to a shrine to pray

To the Prince of Peace for the light of Day.

The hell surged on—the swirling

ITEMS OF INTEREST

New regulations governing the sale of alcohol throughout France prohibit wine shops from selling any form of alcoholic beverage before noon. Sales of liquor to women and children are forbidden at all hours.

Dr. Zamenhof, founder of Esperanto, which he intended to be a universal language, now hopes to gather all of the different peoples of the world into a common religious union and has invented a new religion which he calls Homaraist.

One day recently a giant fly-wheel in a northern U.S. manufacturing establishment revolved for nine hours with a kitten resting on the inner side of the rim. The animal had crawled into its odd sleeping quarters unnoticed and fallen asleep. It was still alive when the machinery was stopped at night, but rather weak from its long circular ride.

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He fell asleep on the King's highway.

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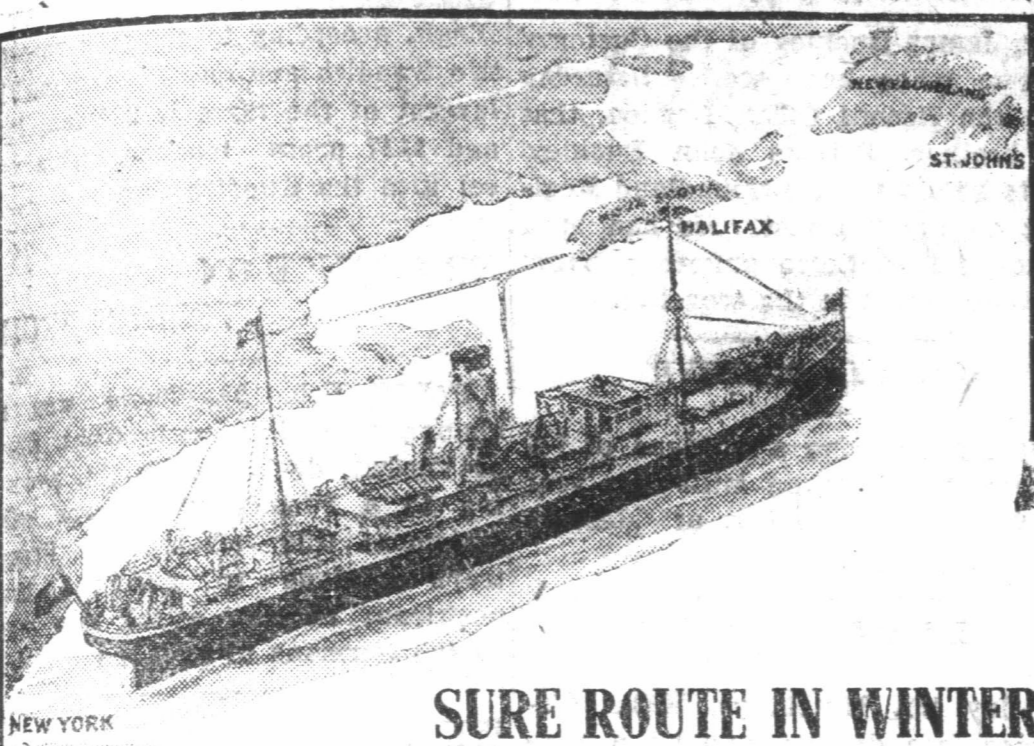
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(Feb. 13th, continued)

I SPENT two hours in conversation with Mr. Watters and we discussed the labour problems of Canada and the probabilities of a Labor Party for Canada. Mr. Watters possess the confidence of the Labour Unions affiliated with the Labour Congress of Canada. He is not a politician but he is sincerely devoted to the cause he represents and is not an extremist. He would make an ideal member of Parliament, but he so far has refused to accept nomination.

He resides at Ottawa and is fast becoming a useful leader of labour as his connection with public men and industrial magnates must tend to provide him with an experience that few men are privileged to secure. He lived at Vancouver and was an inspector of concrete work, when he was elected to the position he now occupies and he made quite a financial sacrifice when he decided to accept the position and break up his home at Vancouver.

He would like for me to attend the Labour Congress and place my ideas of parliamentary representation and my experience in establishing the F.P.U. before the labour men of Canada. I could not promise him that I would be able to attend, but I hope some time to be able to accept his invitation.

Mr. Watters at any rate ought to be able to profit by our experience in Newfoundland in connection with the F.P.U. movement, for if we could accomplish so much, surely the labour men of Canada can accomplish something. In ten years I hope to see at least 50 labour members in the Canadian Parliament.

Feb. 14.—We drove through Ottawa in the morning to see the important residences. The three most interesting being, that in which Sir John McDonald lived while Premier, Sir Robert Borden's and ex-Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier's. Mr. Collishaw was invited with me to lunch at the Rideau Club with the leading Liberal members of Parliament.

I entered the Banquet Room with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who sat at my right, E. M. McDonald of Sydney sitting at my left. E. M. McDonald proposed a toast in my honour. Sir Wilfrid Laurier seconded the toast. I responded in a 15 minutes speech, being the first time I ever replied to a toast at a banquet.

I attended the afternoon and evening sittings of Parliament and heard the whole of the debate on Mr. Northrup's motion for a re-consideration of the Divorce proceedings of Parliament. Mr. Northrup's speeches in opening and closing were very able. He far surpassed the other speakers. He is another such speaker as the late Mr. M. W. Furlong. The other speakers were Messrs. Lemieux, Marcell, Carroll, and the Minister of Justice.

The House divided on the motion, which was notable, as several Conservatives voted against the Government which opposed the motion. Mr. Northrup is a Conservative. Several Liberals voted with the Government. There was no fuss or applauding over the decision; each member stood in turn and a page named him, and the

clerk took down each name. All in favour voting first. Neither the Prime Minister or Sir Wilfrid Laurier took part in the debate. The Minister of Justice spoke for the Government.

It was the first division taken in the improvised Parliament building and will consequently be historic.

I occupied a seat on the floor of Parliament as the Speaker's guest, sitting at the right of Mr. Lemieux.

They have a splendid system of reporting debates. Every ten minutes the reporters change. They immediately dictate their records to a typewriter and a hand-sard containing the full speeches is printed the following morning and laid on each member's desk with the Order of the Day. An hour after delivery a member may revise his speech from a typewritten copy.

The Ministers get through replies very quickly. There is no attempt made to shelve questions on order paper. They are numbered, the Speaker names the number. If the Minister intends to reply orally, such is indicated on the order paper. If the reply is a written one, the Minister will say "answered," and a page will hand the reply to the clerk. If the question is not to be answered, the Minister presiding over the Department to which the question has reference, will say "stand," which means reply not ready. Each answer in full is printed in the Hansard.

Over 40 questions were so disposed of in about 15 minutes. There was 27 Notices of Motion on to-day's Order paper; two only were disposed of. The Notices of Motion take the form of a resolution.

The Prime Minister took an important part in replying to questions; he spoke very low. Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a few remarks in the way of queries, also in a low tone.

D. M. McKenzie of Sydney delivered the best speech on the Divorce resolution, from the Opposition side, although Mr. Lemieux, a brilliant FrenchCanadian, delivered a very good address and replied fully to the points advanced by the introducer of the motion.

Sir Thomas White's Budget took an hour to deliver. He read from manuscript. The whole matter of past revenue and expenditure, giving the fullest particulars and the Government's proposals for increased taxation the coming year were fully explained and all information necessary to grasp the whole financial situation of Canada was supplied in the speech.

The House was crowded, every member being present. The visitors' gallery was packed; Mr. and Mrs. Collishaw occupied seats in the gallery. I was invited as the Speaker's guest and sat on the Government side of the House, directly behind Sir Thomas White, and next to Hon. Mr. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

During the afternoon I met Sir Wm. McKenzie, the great Railway Magnate, who said he had tendered for the construction of the railway in Newfoundland which was awarded to the Reids at his figure. Hon. Mr. Meighen is my favourite on the Government side, amongst the younger men. He is

about 40 and the youngest member of the Cabinet. He represents the West. He knew quite a lot about Newfoundland. He mentioned having met P. T. McGrath and E. M. Jackman. He was fully conversant about F.P.U. matters. He is a great favourite of Premier Borden's, and many believe he will occupy the position of Prime Minister if his health holds good.

Another brilliant chap I met is Mr. McNab, Editor of the Montreal Daily Mail—his own paper—who for years edited the Montreal Daily Star.

Mr. F. B. McCurdy from Queen's, N.S., is another splendid type of man; he defeated Fielding at the last election. We are greatly indebted to E. M. McDonald of Sydney, who is one of the senior Liberal members. Mr. McDonald did all in his power to make our visit enjoyable and afforded us every facility to meet members of the House. Mr. McDonald is one of those naturally popular men, big hearted, obliging, and attentive to his duties. He is a leading Sydney lawyer.

There is no doubt about Sir Wilfrid Laurier being the most attractive, dignified and eloquent member of Parliament. Any stranger would select him by looking at the seated Parliament, and when one scanned the Government side of the House one would be sure to select Sir Robert Borden as the grandest personality and most attractive statesman amongst the Conservatives.

Canada has in her two leading statesmen, men possessing the very highest qualifications for their responsible and honoured positions—men who the nation are proud of and greatly reverence and esteem.

Sir Robert Borden is not a showy man; he is a deep thinker. His remarks are always full of sincerity and each word is carefully weighed and tactfully delivered. No one doubts his honour or integrity. He would never be a party to wrongdoing. He is loved by his party. His Cabinet works harmoniously; there are no differences amongst them. Canada possess one of the strongest Cabinets of any administration that ruled the Dominion.

Mr. Graham is Sir Wilfrid's right handed man and one well qualified to be such. Sir Geo. Foster is the Premier's right handed man, and Canadians hold him to be the most brilliant speaker in Canada. He is a tower of strength to the Government.

The Cabinet numbers 18 and is composed of very strong men. It would be impossible to select other men equally as strong in the whole Dominion. White, Fisher, Hazen, Doherty, Meighen, Rodgers and Roche are exceeding able men. On the Opposition side—Graham, Pugsley, Lemieux, Cavall, McLean, McDonald, Oliver, Pardee, Marcell and Murphy are able men, worthy of their positions in the House.

I express my thanks to the Speaker for the great favour extended me in permitting me to take a seat on the floor of the Chamber with the members during my visits to Parliament. This favour is extended to very few visitors, and by extending such an honour to me, it was as a member

of the Newfoundland Legislature, and an indication of the esteem which the Canadian Parliament possesses for the Old Colony.

Several of the leading men asked me about Confederation and assured me that both parties would be ready to grant Newfoundland any terms in reason that the Colony stipulated. They all consider the matter as one of sentiment, as their desire is to round of the Dominion, and make St. John's Canada's naval base, and the key to the Canadian Atlantic.

If I wanted to arrange terms of Confederation I have no hesitation in asserting that I could have secured terms that would make all former offers a mere flea bite in comparison. I assured all that Newfoundland was not willing to seek Confederation with Canada and the general opinion of Newfoundlanders was that the Colony could yet paddle her own canoe.

The Western representatives were just as eager for Confederation with Newfoundland as the Eastern members; but all were resolved that there could be no Confederation with Newfoundland except through the free will of the people expressed at the polls.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden both assured me that Canada would not depart from that stipulation. I was glad to learn this, for it removes all chances of plotters and schemers to turn the Colony over to Canada by act of Parliament unless submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority of the electorate.

My visit to Ottawa and Parliament was an inspiration, and gave me an opportunity to realize the greatness of our great Sister Dominion and the splendid type of men selected to control the destinies of the nation.

(To be continued.)

France to Spend Enormous Sum On Artillery

What Finance Minister Ribot's Appropriations For 1916's Second Quarter Reveal

PARIS, Feb. 24.—An appropriation of 7,817,000,000 francs for the second quarter of 1916 is provided in a bill introduced in the chamber of deputies today by Alexandre Ribot, minister of finance. Of this amount, all but 657,000,000 francs is for military purposes. The amount provided in the bill is 330,000,000 francs more than was appropriated for the first quarter. Virtually all of this increase is for artillery and accessories. The estimates under this item have been increased to 2,450,000,000 francs.

Some economies have been made in other directions, so that the total for the quarter for artillery and munitions in reality is 450,000,000 francs more than the amount for the first three months of the year, thus indicating an enormous development in this arm of the service.

The appropriation for aviation is 82,800,000 francs. In expenditures for engineering material, 43,000,000 francs is cut off, and for horses, 62,000,000 francs. This is made possible by the fact that the importation from the United States and elsewhere have reached a point sufficient to permit of purchases on a less extensive scale.

It appears from the financial portion of the bill that France has advanced to Belgium 600,000,000 francs; to Serbia, 165,000,000; to Greece, 5,000,000, and to Montenegro, 400,000 francs.

The total appropriations from the beginning of the war in August, 1914, to June 30th, next, M. Ribot said, would be 44,415,000,000 francs, of which 32,449,000,000 was for purely military objects.

Interest on the public debt amounted to 3,200,000,000 francs, while allowances to the wives and families of soldiers, unemployed, and related expenses for social welfare amounted to 5,050,000,000 francs.

M. Ribot made various references to the United States. He said up to December 31st France had realized in cash \$7,240,000 from the Franco-British loan, of which on that date there remained in cash in New York \$35,628,900. Treasury bonds at the end of December sold in Great Britain and the United States totaled 164,000,000 francs.

M. Ribot referred to the ease with which the treasury had been able to meet all requirements.

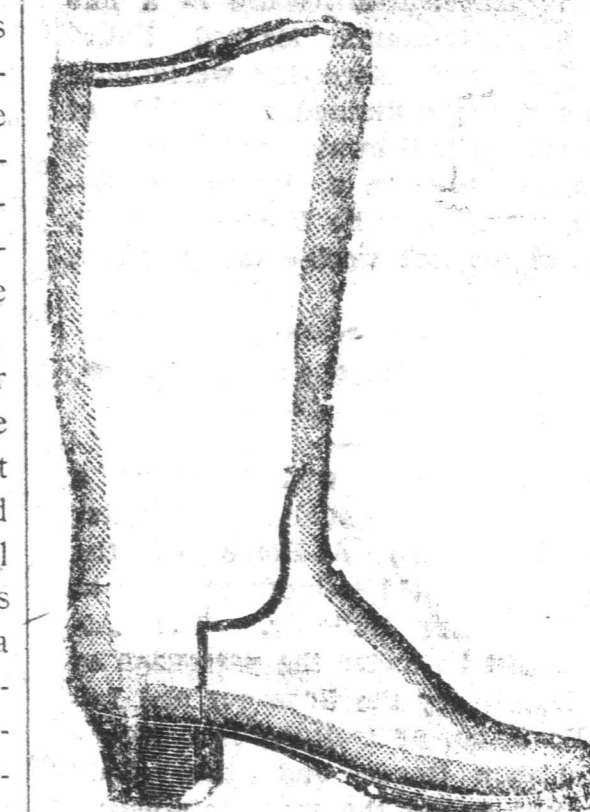
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THE CRESCENT. Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and hear Mr. Dave Parks sing "If I should Meet You Face to Face," a classy ballad by Chas. K. Harris. The picture programme is a fine one. "Mrs. Van Aldan's Jewels" is a great detective drama produced in two reels by the Biograph Company. Isabel Ross features in a fine society melodrama "Masked Fate." All the latest interesting world happenings are contained in a reel of "Hearst Selig News," and Wallace Beery features in a laughable Esau comedy, "The Broken Pledge." This is a great week-ending show, take it in.

The C.C.C. "At Home"

Those who may wish to enjoy a pleasant evening could not do better than attend the At-Home of the C.C.C. to be held to-morrow night at the Mechanic's Building. The At-Home will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, as well as His Grace Archbishop Roche, and the affair promises to be the most interesting and successful ever yet held by the Cadets. A very fine concert, in which some of our leading vocalists will take part, will take place at 8.15, after which there will be dancing. The splendid band of the Corps, under the baton of Capt. Arthur Bulley, will discourse a choice programme of new dance music and a large attendance is assured. Many tickets have already been sold.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. B. McLEA. The death occurred on Friday last at Montreal of Mrs. John B. McLea, a lady well known and highly respected in Newfoundland, as well as in Canada. Mrs. McLea was mother-in-law of Kenneth R. Prowse Esq., commission merchant of this city. The McLea family occupied an honored place in the business and social life of St. John's in years gone by and many of the older people will hear of Mrs. McLea's death with sincere sorrow. The deceased lady was also an aunt by marriage of Mr. Prowse, whose mother, Miss McLea, was a daughter of the late Hon. Kenneth McLea.

DEATH

POWER.—This morning after a short illness, Mrs. Maurice Power, of Placentia, aged 23 years, daughter of J. W. Collins of the H. M. Customs, Botwood; leaving a husband, father and mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss.

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Richard Gray Again in Trouble

Walks Into Residence On Church Hill And Gets Away With Lot Of Silverware—Tee Byrne Quickly Rounds Richard Up.

One of the boldest robberies ever perpetrated in the city occurred shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday, when Richard Gray, so well known to the police and who spends the better part of his life in the penitentiary, made a brazen entry into the residence of Mr. Henry C. Carter (of the Bank of Montreal) on Cathedral Hill.

Richard entered by the front door which he found open, and going into the dining room gathered up all the silverware that was about there and decamped. The domestics were for the most part in the upper apartments but some of them got a glimpse of the man and the police were notified. When he was described to Detective Sgt. Byrne, he knew his quarry and quickly located Gray on Water Street and recovered the stolen property after he had been landed in jail.

REMOVED REWARDS FOR REGIMENT.

There are rumours about in the city to-day that the 'V. C.' has been awarded a young man Bowling of Pleasant Street, a private in Ours, also that Pte Gladney has received the Military Cross and that the V.C. will be given the regiment in recognition of the valour of the late John Fitzgerald. We do not vouch for any of them but detail them just as they were given us.

26 RECRUITS FROM GRAND FALLS.

The second contingent of volunteers from Grand Falls, 26 in all, arrived here by the express yesterday morning. They were met at the Railway Station by Instructor Hussey and the acting Section Commanders of H. Co. and were escorted to the Seamen's Institute, Water St., and will report at the armory to-day. They are a fine crowd of young chaps and should pass a good medical examination. Yesterday were visited by Magistrate Fitzgerald, chairman of the Grand Falls' Patriotic Association. There are now 53 Grand Falls' Recruits here and more are expected a few weeks hence.

GOT SIX MONTHS

Rd. Gray was given six months by Hutchings, K.C., for stealing from H. D. Carter's residence yesterday—4 carving knives, 2 steels, 14 silver table forks, 2 silver card cases, dozen eggs, dark cake and sideboard cloth, all valued at \$19.00. Richard, who wants free board, was evidently pleased with the sentence.

NOCTURNAL PROWLERS ABOUT

A couple of nights ago two men tried to force the rear door of the residence of Pennywell Road but seeing the inmates were aware of their presence they ran away.

BARRATRY CASE POSTPONED

Mr. Hickman, the Messrs Roberts and others were in Court to-day in connection with the Roberts Barratry case. As the Crown was not in a position to proceed and F. J. Morris, K.C. is still ill the hearing was postponed till Monday next, the same bail being taken for the accused.

LOCAL ITEMS

There will be no skating at the Parade Rink to-night.

Geo. Yetman from Bay Roberts and another man very ill arrived by train to-day for the Hospital.

To-night the members of the St. Andrew's Society will hold a Leap Year entertainment. The young lady friends of the Society are accountable for the entertainment and a jolly good time is in store for all who attend.

The drains on Henry Street overflowed in Saturday night's rain storm, and water pouring down into the Casino theatre damaged the ceilings in the T.A. & B. Society's armory reading and billiard rooms.

The work of taking the heavy safes from the old to the new Bank of Nova Scotia was done Saturday by Contractor Chas. Lester. It was laborious and difficult and was performed without accident.

Master Harold Pike, son of Mr. Mark Pike of Steer Bros. underwent an operation last week at the hands of Dr. Murphy. The lad suffered from tonsillitis and the operation was very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Morine are leaving by the Florizel to visit Mr. Neville Morine, who is ill at an hospital in Toronto. Mr. Morine expects to be absent from St. John's about three weeks.

Capt. Edward English, Sr., who has been laid up for some weeks past suffering from a severe attack of la grippe is still confined to his room. The many friends of the Captain hope to see him around again soon.

Saturday night dense fog prevailed in the city, and late at night and early yesterday there was very heavy rain. As a result, floods were general on the streets and the Council had its men out looking after the drains and gullies.

Mr. Eli Whiteway Saturday had two letters from his son Alder, about whom he was very anxious. The young soldier had not been heard from since October and is in fine health and spirits. His father had only written Friday to Capt. Timewell asking him to trace him.

The 16 Naval Reservists to whom The Mail and Advocate made exclusive reference last week arrived by Friday's express. Only two of them detained here the rest getting off at different stations. A number of others, as we observed, will be here later, all having put in their one year's term of service.

AN UNFORTUNATE SHIP

Mariners now fear that some ill has befallen the barqtn. "Lake Simcoe." Since engaging in the Newfoundland trade some 12 or 15 years ago the ship has been the scene of some vague happenings. Capt. Tizard was lost from the ship, as well as Mr. Wm. Finn who was mate of her, and an awful affair was the tragic death of the young man Sears, who was stabbed to death on a voyage to Brazil in her by a mess-mate. She was a well built, good sailor and generally made good passages.

FROM YOUNG N. R. MEN

Mr. Samuel Joy last week had letters from his sons, Wm. and Albert. One of them is in the Navy in the North Sea and the other is at the Dardanelles. Both are in good health, and will, who would not stay at school here, recently sent for books, a supply of which his father received from his former teacher, the good Christian Brothers of St. Patrick's Hall. Will intends to study hard during his spare time, and the captain of the ship in which he is and who has a liking for the young lad applauds his action and will give him every facility to improve his mind. Both lads are in excellent health and asks to be remembered to their friends here.

MEN WITH NO HOME

The police locked up four prisoners Saturday night. Two of these were drunks and two others vagrants. One of them is a man named Scott who several time during the winter came to the Police Station for shelter and was given different terms in the penitentiary. The other is a man named Power who occupied a kind of dug-out or underground dwelling on the South Side Hill all last summer and fall and which was known by appellation of the "Hen's Egg." The man was taken off the streets Saturday homeless and hungry and was looked after by the police.

Cochrane Street Church Now Completed

Splendid Building—Opening Delayed for the Present—High Praise Given Our Local Workmen—Congregation Will Use Sunday School For Worship For The Present.

Messrs. Downing, Cook & Company, contractors for the erection of Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church, have completed their work and the building was handed over on Saturday. The opening, however, will be delayed because the chairs and pews, which have been ready since the end of last year, were held up by the embargo on the railway. Mr. Gibbs, the representative here of the contractors, speaks in high praise of the local workmen and would not wish any better. Wherever it was possible local labour was employed.

The church is a record here in various ways. It is the first church to be constructed of steel and concrete. The plan of the Sunday School is unique in Newfoundland and is thoroughly up to date. The ventilation of the building also calls for comment. Beside the ordinary steam heating by radiators there is provision for hot air, which will be blown into the building by electric motor and fan, while the foul air will be drawn out by another motor and fan. Special attention has been given to obviate risks from fire. The heating plant is contained in a concrete chamber, so that fire there cannot communicate to any other part of the building. There is a fire wall between church and Sunday School. The electric wires are all laid in conduit. The cost, including organ, will approximate \$100,000. The organ is being built in England by Messrs. Harrison & Harrison, of Durham, and owing to the war, will not be ready for the opening of the church.

Mr. A. Dunn is the representative of the Building Committee and of the architects, Messrs. Ross & Macdonald, Montreal, and he has given constant attention to the work, in order to ensure that it was carried out according to the plans and specification. It is hoped that the Sunday School seats, which are now in Sydney, will be received in a few days. The congregation will then worship in the Sunday School portion of the building instead of the College Hall.

WHY MEN MARRY

You will learn that along with other good things at the Sociable that the Congregational Ladies' Aid Society intend holding on Wednesday Evening, March 1st, in the Lecture Room of the Church. Come and bring your friends. Good Programme, Candy, &c. for sale. Entertainment at 8 o'clock. Admission 30 cents. feb28,29,mar1

CONGRATULATIONS

We tender to Inspector General Sullivan our congratulations on the attainment of his 70th birthday, to-day. We wish the Inspector general many happy returns of the day.

Secure your tickets at once for the Mount Cashel entertainment on Wednesday evening next, March 1st, at the Casino Theatre. A splendid programme has been prepared.—A dramatic sketch by Mrs. Dr. Chaytor and Asst. Paymaster Pearce of H.M.S. Briton; Solos by Misses Shea, Anderson, Ryan, Mare, Herder, Violin Solo, Miss S. Johnson; Songs and Recitations, Messrs. Ruggles, Hutton, O'Neil and S. O'Leary; Gun Drill and Dances by Mount Cashel boys; Chorus, St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross Boys; C. C. C. Band overture and selections. Reserved Seats, 50 cents.—Atlantic Bookstore. feb26,28,29,30.

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SHIPPING

The Prospero left Pastthrough at 8.55 a.m. yesterday.

The S.S. Kyle is due from Sydney at Port aux Basques to-night.

The S.S. Stephano leaves New York for Halifax and this port Wednesday and will bring a full freight.

The S.S. Mary, Capt. Bourne, arrived here Saturday from Bell Island with a cargo of coal for Bown & Co.

The S.S. Noreg left Barry Friday for this port in ballast to load fish for Europe.

The Freeman, Capt. H. Harold, arrived at Pernam Saturday after a run of 58 days.

The Ingraham went up to Bay Bulls to-day to tow down the Calladora detained there for some time past.

The Florizel will sail this afternoon from Morey & Co.'s wharf for Lousburg, taking some passengers. She will return with a full cargo of coal and will then outfit for the seal-fishery.

The Alconca which has been delayed by ice conditions is taking a large supply of comforts for our soldiers and sailors. They were shipped by the Women's Patriotic Association and a large mail for the boys will also go forward.

On Wednesday evening, March 1st, in the Presbyterian Hall, the George Street Adult Bible Class are holding their Annual "At Home." Concert starts sharp at 8 o'clock. Games after Concert and Tea served. A feature of the evening will be a "Jumbled Word Prize Contest." All members are requested to be present with a friend.—feb28,mar1

CROSS CUT SAWS AND ICE SAWS just received at GEORGE KNOWLING'S Hardware Dept. feb25,31,eod

MAY BE INSANE.

The police, in considering the case of the woman Butler, now under arrest, on suspicion of the commission of various larcenies, think that the woman's brain is affected. Nearly all the clothing material which she had when arrested a couple of years ago is still in her possession. Though possessing so much the woman was dressed very poorly when arrested she wore only an old coat and skirt. She is the owner of two houses, the rent of which she receives. She comes before the Court shortly.

B. I. S. MEETING.

Yesterday forenoon the adjourned annual meeting of the B. I. S. took place, the President, Hon. J. D. Ryan presiding. The following Literary and Amusement Committee were elected:

W. J. Higgins, E. J. Ring, Jas. Aylward, W. Carew, T. H. O'Neil, Wm. J. Harris, N. J. Vinicombe, J. McGrath, Jas. Callahan, P. J. Grace, Jno Moore, P. K. Devine, M. J. Donnelly, E. J. Brophy, and T. J. Power. The above will meet on Thursday night to elect the officers.

FIRE ALARM SATURDAY

A few minutes before six Saturday evening an alarm of fire was sent in, bringing the Western and Central firemen to the residence of W. Murin of McFarlane Street. His son, William, aged 13, accidentally toppled over a lighted kerosene lamp on the stare in the kitchen and a blaze ensued, but the flames were quickly quenched and no damage resulted.

RE-BUILDING A SCHOONER

At Baine, Johnston & Co.'s wharf the past few days the owner and a crew of men are stripping the schooner Nogal, of 103 tons. She is an old but well-built vessel, all the decayed timber is being taken out of her and she will be practically rebuilt. The hull under water line is of oak and when finished she will be used at the Straits and Labrador.

STOLEN BOOTS AND SKATES

Rd. Gray who yesterday made a raid on Mr. H. D. Carter's residence a few days ago was selling a pair of lady's boots with hockey skates attached, on Water Street. They were valued for \$8.00 and Rd. only wanted \$1.50 for them. He no doubt stole them.

Returned to Duty

Yesterday a wire was received by the relatives of Capt. Gus O'Brien of "Ours," saying that he has fully recovered from the wounds from which he suffered and was leaving to regain the regiment.

Mr. James Buckley of the Customs' Brokers office had word Saturday from the Record Office, London, that his brother (Private John Buckley) left to rejoin the Newfoundland Regiment on the 3rd inst. He had been in hospital at Cairo suffering from chill contracted in the trenches.

\$8,000 IN RESERVE

Besides declaring a dividend of 7 1/2 per cent the Knitting Mills this year put \$8,000 to the credit of Reserve Account.

POLICE COURT NEWS

To-day Mr. Hutchings, K.C., discharged two drunks, one as a vagrant, and sent another down for 10 days.

THE OPORTO MARKET

A message from Lind and Couto of Oporto to the Board of Trade, dated Jan. 26th and received Saturday, read: "The demand is very dull and is quite out of proportion to the very heavy stocks in the market. Buyers are demanding lower prices. The rate of exchange is 34d.

FORT CAPTURED BY HUNS RETAKEN BY FRENCH

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—An announcement from the French War Office in Paris last night, stated that the position captured this Saturday morning by the Germans was reached again by French troops, who advanced beyond that point and have resisted all attempts to drive them back.

BERLIN was silent last night on the later results of the great offensive against Verdun. No official report and no news of any kind has come from the German Army Headquarters since early yesterday.

RUSSIAN STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamship Petsheuga is sunk. Fifteen of those on board were saved.

UPHOLDS NEW GOVERNMENT

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—With only one dissenting vote the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies adopted a vote of confidence in the new Ministry. Five members were absent.

WAR MESSAGES

ANOTHER NEUTRAL SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The steamer Birgit has been sunk and 17 survivors have been landed. There are three small steamers named Birgit, according to shipping records, two Swedish and one Norwegian. The largest of the three is 220 feet long and 1117 gross tonnage. This vessel flies the Swedish flag.

NO CHANGE ON VERDUN FRONT

PARIS, Feb. 28.—There was no change upon the battle front, north of Verdun, during the night, according to a French official war office statement this afternoon. French troops continue to reinforce their positions; no new attack was made by the Germans to east of the Meuse.

WILL CONVEY TO ALLIES THANKS OF SERBIANS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia accompanied by Premier Pachitchais Sonisto, make a trip to Rome, Paris and London, to thank the Entente Governments for the assistance they have rendered to Serbia, says a Despatch from Athens.

STEAMER ON FIRE ABANDONED AT SEA

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British steamer Suevior, from New York on Feb. 11th for Havre, has been abandoned, afire, at sea, according to a despatch to Lloyds from Inishtrahall, Ireland.

BRITISH TROOPS ROUTE TURKS AT AGAGIA, EGYPT

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A Turkish column was attacked and routed by South African troops yesterday at Agagia, Egypt, according to a British official statement issued to-night, which adds the fleeing Turks were being pursued.

DUTCH MAIL MAIL BOAT STRIKES MINE AND IS LOST

FLUSHING, Holland, Feb. 27.—The mail steamer Mecklenberg, of Zealand, ran on a mine while on a voyage from Tilburg to Flushing. The vessel was lost, the officials of the line state, but the passengers, crew and mail were saved.

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H. A. SAUNDERS, Superintendent. feb24,31

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