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KING ALBERT MADE KNIGHT OF GARTER

Honors for Belgian King and for General French—Progress Made Between Dixmude and Ypres

(British Official Bulletin). London, Dec. 7.—The King concluded his visit to the Army in the field in France, and returned to London on Saturday evening.

The French Government reports appreciable progress, north of Ypres, and between Dixmude and Ypres; also severe fighting in the Argonne, where trenches have been taken and counter-attacks repulsed.

The Russians report obstinate fighting in the direction of Lovicz and in the region of Lodz, and also on the roads west of Piotrkow.

What Germany Hopes In Time To Accomplish

Downfall and Spoilation of the "Tyrant" England and of Russia, France and Belgium

London, Dec. 6.—The Morning Post says that the famous "Prof." Ernst Haeckel of Jena, the well-known disciple of Darwin, has expressed in an interview the opinion that the following fruits of victory are necessary to insure Germany's future:

- 1—Freedom from the tyranny of England secured by
2—The invasion of the British piratical state by the German army and navy and the occupation of London.
3—The partition of Belgium, the western portion as far as Ostend and Antwerp to become a German federal state; the northern portion to fall to Holland, and the south-eastern portion to be added to Luxembourg, which also should become a German federal state.
4—Germany to obtain the great part of the British Colonies and of the Congo State.
5—France to give up a portion of her north-eastern provinces.
6—Russia is to be reduced to impotency by the re-establishment of the Kingdom of Poland, which should be united with Austria-Hungary.
7—The Baltic Provinces of Russia to be restored to Germany.
8—Finland to become an independent Kingdom and to be united to Sweden.

Allies Ships Again Bombard Belgian Coast

Warships Again Make it Hot For Germans—Enemy's Attacks Are All Repulsed.

London, Dec. 7.—Heavy firing can be heard along the Belgian coast to-day, according to the Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, indicating that the warships of the Allies are again bombarding the German positions.

A correspondent to the Handelsblad says the Germans delivered violent attacks to-day on the trenches recently captured by the Allies, but were repulsed; and adds that the Allies have made marked progress in the neighbourhood of Langemarck, Zonnebeke and Bixchoote.

ITALY SENDS MEN TO LIBYA

Rome, Dec. 7.—Eight battalions of Italian troops have been ordered to Libya to reinforce the troops there, and, according to announcement, to be ready for any emergency.

Out of the \$265,000 loaned to stranded Americans in London at the beginning of the war, all but \$250 has been repaid.

"GREAT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ALLIES FIGHT IN WEST"

Recent Lull in the Fighting Has Given Them an Opportunity to Readjust and Strengthen Their Positions

HAVE HELD FIRMLY AGAINST GREAT ODDS

Lines Now Shortened and Enough Fresh Troops on Ground to Turn Scale Against the German Forces

(British Official Report). LONDON, Dec. 5.—Col. E. D. Swinton, of the Intelligence Department of the General Staff to the British Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium, in a narrative dated November 26th, gives a general review of the development of the situation of the force for six weeks preceding that date.

There has recently been a lull in the active operations, he says. No progress has been made by either side, and yet there has come about an important modification, comprising a readjustment in the scope of the part played by the British Army as a whole.

He explains the movement from the River Aisne to the Belgian frontier to prolong the left flank of the French army, and says that in attempting this the British force was a very extended section of the front. He points out as did General French, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces, that the British held only one-twelfth of the line, so that the greater share of the common task of opposing the enemy fell, and still falls, to the French, while the Belgians played an almost vital part.

Germans Strong Force. With the fall of Antwerp the Germans made every effort to push forward a besieging force toward the west, and hastened to bring up a new army corps, which had been hastily raised and trained, their object being to drive the Allies out of Belgium and break through to Dunkirk and Calais. Altogether they had a quarter of a million fresh men.

Eventually the Germans had, north of La Bassée, about fourteen corps and eight cavalry divisions, that is, a force of three-quarters of a million men with which to attempt to drive the Allies into the sea. In addition there was immensely powerful armament and heavy siege artillery, which also had been brought up from around Antwerp.

British Held Ground. The official eye-witness tells of the blows delivered by the Germans at Nieupoort Dixmude and Ypres, where "at first the Allies were greatly outnumbered."

For a whole month the British army around Ypres succeeded in holding its ground against repeated onslaughts made by vastly superior forces. The winter goes into details of the German attacks, and describes how they were frustrated by the Allies.

The British force, says Col. Swinton, which consisted all along of the same units, had "to withstand an almost continuous bombardment, and to meet one desperate assault after another, each carried out by fresh units from the large numbers which the Germans were devoting to the operation."

Welcome Assistance. Finally the French came to their assistance, and "never was help more welcome, for by then our small local reserves had again and again been thrown into the fight, and our men were exhausted by the incessant fighting."

The British front now has been considerably shortened, and in addition has been reinforced, while a lull in the activity has enabled them to readjust their forces, strengthen their positions and bring up reserves. There has therefore, "been a great general improvement in the conditions under which we are carrying on the fight."

Of the fighting which preceded this re-organisation, the writer says it was due solely to the resource, initiative and endurance of the regimental officers and men, that success has lain with the British. He continues:

U. S. Jackies Musn't Sing 'Tipperary'

Because Their Naval Authorities Decide it Breach of Neutrality to do so.

Newport, Dec. 5.—Taking the ground that it comes within the neutrality order of President Wilson, the marching song "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," sung by the British Army, has been barred from further use at the naval training station here by order of the executive officer, Lieutenant-Commander Frank Taylor Evans.

Singing by the apprentice seamen is always encouraged, and this song with its fine swing struck the fancy of the boys. The station band had also played it.

Last Monday night at the weekly entertainment at the station it was sung by the boys with orchestra accompaniment. On Thanksgiving night during a vaudeville entertainment by professionals "Tipperary" was sung, the sailors joining in the chorus. The executive officer followed.

'World' is Sarcastic. New York, Dec. 5.—Commenting on the action of Lieut.-Commander Evans, backed up by Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, in forbidding the singing of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," in the United States navy, the World says, editorially:

"Secretary Daniels agrees with Lieut.-Commander Evans that it is a violation of neutrality for the men in the navy to sing 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary.' We have never suspected that American neutrality was such a delicate and easily dislocated institution; but we are bound to take the Secretary's word for it, especially when his civilian judgment is sustained by the expert opinion of a Lieut.-Commander.

Must Cut These Out. This means, presumably, that the marine band must hereafter cease to give aid and comfort to the German-Austrian-Turkish alliance by playing the Blue Danube waltz. We take it that 'America' will pass into the category of forbidden music also, because its tune is not only the tune of 'God Save the King,' but of 'Heil Dir Im Siegerkrans,' making it a double violation of neutrality.

We regret also to report that certain goodly, but sadly unneutral church folk, persist in singing a hymn, the music of which is the music of "Gott Erhalte Franz Den Kaiser," as well as of "Deutschland Uber Alles." This must be stopped, lest it prove a temptation to naval chaplains.

"Dedicated as he is to noble deeds, we are sure that Secretary Daniels will do his full duty in squelching both unneutral and contraband music in the sea service of the United States, nor can we believe that it will prove a difficult task.

"Why should a navy that has Josephus Daniels for a secretary want to sing?"

Wear And Tear Is Too Much For Canadian Boots

"It is Well," says The Times, "the Canadians do Not Have to Wear Them at the Front."

London, Dec. 5.—The mud and slush at Bustard camp, Salisbury Plain, are so bad that the first and second battalions of the first brigade have been compelled to break camp and move their tents to fresh turf.

There is no news yet as to when the men are to move into the huts, although the erection of these is nearly complete affording ample accommodation for twelve battalions.

Referring to the mud, The Times correspondent at Salisbury Plain says that it is very rough on boots, and that "one hears things said about the Canadian contractors who furnished the field force with footwear, and it is well the troops do not have to go to the front in the boots in which they came over."

The Rev. Frederick Nicholson, of Worcester, Mass., has appealed to the chief of police there for protection from "love-sick maidens and scheming mothers."

Sailor Arrested. A deep water sailor who was reported dead last winter was arrested last evening charged with using threatening language towards his wife. He was remanded.

GERMAN FORCES IN THE EAST SNATCH VICTORY FROM DEFEAT

Army That, a Fortnight Ago, Was Surrounded and in Danger of Annihilation, Beats Russians and Occupies the City of Lodz

London, Dec. 7.—After a long battle, which was fought with the greatest stubbornness, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz in Poland, which is an unfortified city. According to Berlin reports, the Russians suffered severe losses and are in retreat.

This success of the Germans, largely because of what preceded it, is considered by military experts as a really remarkable achievement.

Volunteer Roll Still Increasing. Forty-three Names Added to List Last Night Making Total Five Hundred and Fifty-seven

Table with 2 columns: Day, Number of Volunteers. 1st Week: Monday 132, Tuesday 153, Wednesday 98, Thursday 51, Friday 30. 2nd Week: Monday 43. Total 557.

Recruiting continued at the C.L.B. Armoury last evening and forty-three young men came forward and signed the roll, bringing the total up to 557. Of last night's number, ten were from the outposts and 33 from the City. Of the total, more than five hundred are from St. John's.

There is still room for more. At least 700 Volunteers are necessary. Those who enlisted last night are: Charles Andrew Melville, James Hayes, Alfred Stanley Cook, Edward Voisey, John Thomas Sullivan, Michael J. Jackman (Bell Island), Raymond Charles Manning, Michael J. Mackey, John Baird, Walter Oliver, Patrick Richardson, Patrick Sweeney, James Prowse, John Kearney, William Duddy (Bonavista); Alec LeGrow, William Mugford, Arch Gowans, Hugh Bishop, Michael Patrick Murphy;

William Allan Myler, Michael Joseph Evans, Philip Tibbo (Grand Bank); Richard Joseph Roche; Bernard Joseph Kelly, Thomas A. Williams (Bay Bulls), Martin Burke, Patrick J. Bouzan (Little Bay), John Joseph Aspell; Andrew Coady, Edward Caldwell (Brigus), Herber John Miles (Bonavista), Hubert Dicks, Hector H. A. Ross; John Frampton (Bay Bulls), Joseph Michelin (Hamilton Inlet), Samuel A. Mercer, George Chesley Martin, Eleazer Benson; George Heath, Buchanan Freebairn (Ferryland), Jeremiah Francis, Harold Johns.

Special Meeting Civic Commission Called For To-night

A special meeting of the Municipal Council takes place this evening, when a system of municipal government for the city as drafted by Chairman Gosling of the Board will come up for discussion.

Mr. Gosling was requested by the Board to formulate some scheme and lay it before a meeting for discussion, which he agreed to do with the understanding that other members would do likewise, and that special meetings be held Tuesday nights to consider each draft.

Portugal Helps Great Britain

Does Her Share of Fighting the Germans in Africa. Lisbon, Dec. 8.—The Portuguese Government is preparing to send four thousand more troops to Angola, Portuguese West Africa. It appears that Germany has armed great numbers of Portuguese African natives which are commanded by German officers and are provided with artillery.

The prevailing view in Portugal appears to be that the most useful part of Portugal can take in the great war is in the Portuguese African Colonies and in aiding the British to carry war to German colonies which are contiguous to the Portuguese.

The Rockefeller Foundation has hired three more relief ships and will send 25,000,000 pounds of food to the Belgians before January 1.

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"As soon as the Belgian outposts opened fire, the motor boats flashed blinding searchlights on them and opened a murderous machine gun fire.

"The Germans reached the shore and were preparing to land when the Belgians brought up a searchlight, enabling the Belgian and French artillery, stationed some distance in the rear, to shell the rafts accurately. The weight of the Allies' artillery soon began to tell and the Germans were driven back. Several rafts capsized.

"The Belgian troops advanced shoulder deep in the water fighting the panic stricken Germans, many of whom surrendered while the others retired.

Allies Show Superiority In Offensive

Artillery too, do Better Work Than That of the Germans—Nothing New in the East.

Paris, Dec. 7.—French War Office gave out an official communication this afternoon as follows: "In the region of the Yser we continue to attack the few entrenchments still held by the enemy on the left bank of the Canal. In region of Armentieres and of Arras as well as in the Oise territory.

"In the Aisne region and in the Argonne there is nothing to report except to refer in general terms to the superiority of our offensive.

"In Champagne our heavy artillery, on several different occasions, has shown marked superiority over that of the enemy.

"Nothing new on the Eastern front of our line where the positions of preceding days have been maintained.

Austria Ready For Any Attack By Italians

Stations Two Hundred Thousand Troops Along the Austro-Italian Border.

Milan, Dec. 8.—Advices received from the Austrian frontier are that the statement of Premier Salandra in the Italian Parliament on Thursday had an immediate echo in Austrian military circles.

Friday night, the correspondent says, the railway lines poured troops all along the Italian border and also into Pola, the Austrian Arsenal on the Peninsula of Istria.

It is estimated that 200,000 men were stationed along the Italian border and 100,000 at Pola.

Tabasco Arrives

S.S. Tabasco, Capt. Yeomans, arrived at 10.30 a.m. after a passage of 12 days from Liverpool. She encountered boisterous weather all the way.

The Tabasco brought 500 tons cargo, 70 packages mail matter but no passengers.

WEATHER REPORT. Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales; N.E. to N.W., today, then local snow falls.

## EXPECTANT RUSSIA

### Why The Revolutionaries Are Fighting For The Czar

TREMENDOUS as have been some of the surprises of the present war, perhaps none have been so wonderful as those connected with the complete reversal of their policy by the Russian revolutionaries. An entirely new Russian national sentiment seems to have been awakened. Men whose best years have been wasted, after a period of revolutionary propaganda, in the mines of Siberia, and who for some years have lived as exiles in Britain or some other Democratic country, have cheerfully gone back to their Fatherland and given themselves up to the authorities, asking only that they might be given the opportunity of taking a share of the work and risk in the fighting line.

Maxim Gorky, a novelist of world-wide reputation, and for years an exile from his beloved Russia, is with the troops, and many others whose names are well known in the literary and art circles of Paris, Rome and London. More strange still, V. Bourtzeff is gone back to ask to work for the nation against which he has been such an inveterate foe, and which has treated him as if he were a dangerous animal.

#### POLITICAL REFUGEE.

Bourtzeff, indeed, may be considered the embodiment of young and rebel Russia. For six years he has been a political refugee. Until the war broke out he was editor of "Boudonshaho" (the Future) a revolutionary organ published in Paris. Scarcely a step has been taken by Bourtzeff since his escape from Russia that has not been dogged by the secret police. He was the chief agent in the exposure of Harting, Azeff, and a score of other less-known Russian "agent provocateurs," and the first thing he did when war was declared was to announce to all their followers that their fight with Tsardom must cease, and that the place of every real lover of Russia was in the firing line.

But if Bourtzeff's step was momentous to the young and active, the declaration of Prince Kropotkin was a

revelation. Prince Kropotkin is the highest blood of the Empire. In his youth he was a member of the Corps of Pages, attached to the Emperor; later he was an officer in the Army; then a scientist of world-wide reputation—he will tell you that he is still a student. It is now forty years since he was imprisoned in a Russian fortress for his political views.

#### ROMANTIC STORY.

The story of his escape from prison and his wanderings and work since then read like a romance, but that part of his life is not of interest just now. The thing that is of interest now is that this hero of the great Slav Empire, this man whose great possessions have been confiscated, who has been proud to work as a common workman for common workmen, who has been persecuted half his life and forced to live for nearly forty years



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#### THE REASON.

Now what is the reason for this turn? The reason is this: Whatever the issue of the present war may be, no revolutionary can believe that vast changes will take place in the eternal economy of Russia. The revolutionists feel that the Tsar's announcement to the Poles was but the first step in a much wider scheme of emancipation. If all the little peoples who fringe the Empire are to be given some national concessions, it is inconceivable that political freedom for Russia generally will not follow.

The war is uniting all sections and classes of society. Never before has there been such a sentiment of loyalty and solidarity, and, if the governing and upper classes are prepared to work in with the peasants, the workmen, and the revolutionaries to crush Germany, surely they will cease to crush their own people when the war is over.

It must be admitted, of course, that the old traditions of Russian autocracy have so far kept the Tsar from granting any general amnesty to the thousands of political prisoners, refugees and exiles in Siberia and North Russia, although certain Liberal newspapers have made the demand, but there is every hope that such a step will be taken.

#### MANY DEMANDS.

From all classes and all schools of thought the demand for reforms arises. Says Bourtzeff: "To Russia this war will bring regeneration. The word on all lips in Russia is now 'Freedom.' All are hungrily awaiting a general amnesty; freedom of the Press, and of national life."

There is another point about this new loyalty of Russian rebels—it has been of tremendous service to the Allied forces. Only a few months ago there were dangerous mutterings among Russian Anarchists, Socialists and Liberals. A new revolt was in the making. I, for one, confess that when first the war clouds began to

## GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



lower over Europe, I feared that the natural horror of war would be intensified by internal dissensions among the Russian people.

I feared also the effect of that upon the campaign. A disaffected Russia, with perhaps disaffection among the troops would have meant a much less effective fighting machine than Russia has been able to put into the field. Whereas, fortunately for the Allies, the very reverse has been the case. The Russian armies have done marvellous work, and, without a doubt, much of their success has been due to the fact that they have had no doubts upon the justice of their cause, and no anti-Russian propaganda at work amongst them.

The company in which Russia finds herself must not be forgotten. She is now fighting in league with two of the greatest, the most free, and the most democratic peoples of the world. British and French influence must have some effect upon her. She cannot carry on such a campaign as the one in which she is now engaged without being vitally affected by the people on whose side she is. Besides that, the rudiments of constitutional government were won in 1905; never again can Russian bureaucracy hope to find its way back to pre-Duma methods, and never can Russian constitutionalism take the Imperialist form and spirit of the German. So let us hope that the end of this war will bring the dawn of Russian freedom.

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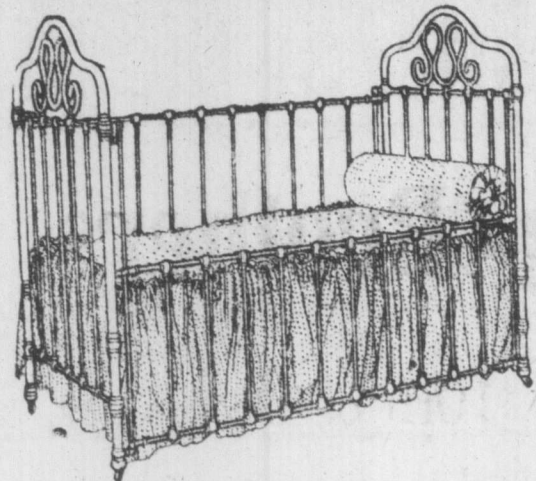
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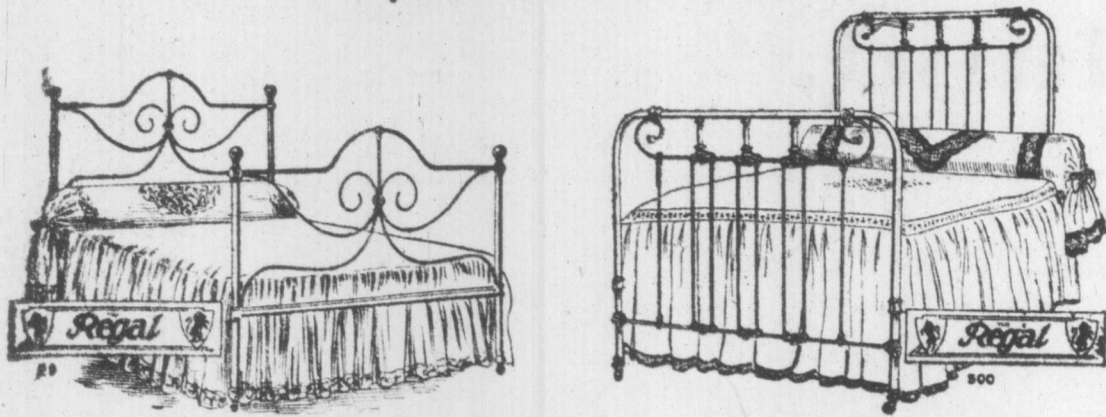
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**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
TRINITY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Catalina, Nov. 15, 1914.—The Fourth Annual Meeting of Trinity District Council of the F.P.U. opened at Catalina Nov. 14th. Chairman J. G. Stone presiding. The meeting being called to order and general routine gone through, the Chairman then delivered the following address:

**CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

To the Officers and Delegates of Trinity District Council.

Dear Friends,—I am pleased to have the privilege of delivering my second annual address to this Council. Last year St. John's was honoured with the Supreme Convention as well as the district meeting and to-day we meet here at the renowned town of Catalina.

Since our last meeting I was instructed by the President to visit the West Coast where I succeeded in establishing several branches of the F.P.U., viz: Burin, St. Lawrence, Lamaline, Fortune, and Grank Bank, many other places were asking for Councils, but time wouldn't allow me to go elsewhere, however let us hope that the President will soon be able to pay a visit to the West Coast where no doubt he will receive a hearty welcome.

**Constant Growth.**

The Fishermen's Protective Union is continually growing and the strength of such an organization must surely be reckoned with. The splendid response of our Union men to the call of duty on October 30th last year not only saved the Union, but established it on an impregnable foundation, and all doubts concerning the strength of this organization must have now disappeared and the country must surely recognize us.

The result of the election has proved without doubt the power and influence of the Union in the North, and now that the West is about to fall in line we can all look forward to greater things, which can be better imagined than described. Let us hope that when we again go to the polls we shall go as a Union Party with the one object in view to carry into effect if possible our political platform known as the "Bonavista Platform."

**Rally Round Centre.**

It is up to us, my friends, as Union men to rally around the President and help him in every way to carry on his noble work to uplift the country and its people. Who is there in the country who ever worked for the fishermen as the President does? Imagine the fight he alone put up this fall to try and keep fish up to \$6.00. No reasonable man can now say that he has no interest in the fishermen. Where was Sir Edward Morris? In St. John's of course, but he didn't attempt to do anything to help in any way.

Why couldn't the Newfoundland Government make an effort to meet the situation as all other Governments had done? No, my friends, nothing has been done by Sir Edward Morris to help Mr. Coaker in his fight to keep up the prices of fish. The only way the Government can help seemingly is to increase taxation.

**Terrible Taxation.**

The immense weight of taxation imposed upon our people is certainly staggering and the deplorable condition of the country at present brought about of course by the Morris Government is sufficient proof of the electorate being so much against the Government of to-day. Let us hope that in the near future some remedy will be found which will be the means of making our burdens lighter, and also that those in authority will pay every attention to the resolutions which will be presented by the F.P.U.

Our Conventions and District Meetings year after year are more interesting and it is only a matter of time when this great factor will control the affairs of the Colony.

The President is doing all in his power to bring about reform, but we cannot expect him to do it alone. We who represent the different Councils here must shoulder some of the responsibility and do all in our power to back up the President in every respect. The splendid fight which he put up this fall in connection with the price of fish is sufficient to convince us all of the earnestness with which he is always ready to serve the Tolders and the Country.

J. G. STONE, Chairman.

The following Committee was appointed to reply to the Chairman's address: Friends John Loder, George Fowling, Gilbert Bugden, William Tucker and Henry G. Knight.

**Resolution of Protest.**

The following resolution of protest against the timber grant on the Bonavista Peninsula was then read:

Whereas the F.P.U. Conventions in 1912 requested the Government to reserve timber situated on the Bonavista Peninsula for the use of the public and withhold it from private ownership;

Whereas petitions to that effect, signed throughout Bonavista and Trinity and Trinity Districts were presented in the House of Assembly;

Whereas the said timber lands were granted to C. Emerson by the Bond Government, which grants were afterwards rescinded owing to public opposition aroused strongest the Districts of Trinity and Bonavista;

And Whereas this area of timber lands of about 110 miles extending from Clode Sound to Pope Harbor and across the neck to Southern Bay was granted to one McNamara in June last;

Be It Resolved that this meeting of Trinity District Council of the F.P.U. hereby indignantly protest against such a breach of trust on the part of the Government and requests the Premier to take immediate steps to rescind this timber land grant to McNamara;

Further Resolved that this meeting express strongest condemnation of the conduct of Squires and Blandford, who hold seats in the Executive and possessed the fullest knowledge of these timber lands and circumstances, for allowing the application to be approved and the grants issued which they must have had fullest knowledge of and were powerful enough to prevent, and we hereby record our strongest disapproval of their conduct and resent the outrageous and deceptive treatment accorded the expressed wishes of the electorate of Trinity and Bonavista on this matter and call upon the Supreme Council in Convention to take the matter up and use its influence to have the grant immediately cancelled;

Resolved Also that copies of these resolutions be sent to The Mail and Advocate, The Telegram and the Premier.

**Somerton Resolutions.**

The resolutions referring to the Somerton appointment were as follows:

That Whereas one F. Somerton, late of Catalina, has been appointed Magistrate of Trinity;

That Whereas Mr. Somerton made himself extremely obnoxious to the people of Catalina last fall and was a healer for the Government party;

That Whereas Trinity Bay determined last Fall to control its local affairs and decided not to permit any interference in district matters by defeated candidates;

Be It Resolved that this Council request the Premier to rescind the appointment of F. Somerton or to transfer him to some other section of the country;

Be It Further Resolved that the Premier be notified of the determination of the people of the North Side of Trinity District not to recognize F. Somerton as a Magistrate and of the fact that the Fishermen's Protective Union will use its fullest strength to arouse the people to refuse to recognize F. Somerton in any capacity;

Be It Further Resolved that this Council recognizes this appointment to be due to the interference of one R. A. Squires, a defeated candidate, who was driven from public life last Fall by a majority of one thousand votes; consequently the action of appointing Somerton as Magistrate at Trinity is considered by us as an insult to the whole North, a defiance of the F.P.U. and calculated to undermine the respect and confidence of the people in the Government of the Colony;

And Be It Still Further Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be printed in The Mail and Advocate and be sent to the Premier and Governor.

Moved by Dugald White, seconded by Albert E. Butler, and resolved, that we now adjourn until 9.30 a.m. Monday.

**SECOND SESSION.**

Catalina, Nov. 16.—Pursuant to adjournment the Chairman declared the Council opened for transaction of business at 9.30 a.m. Monday.

Moved by Archibald Targett, seconded by Robert Snooks, and resolved, that the Somerton resolutions be adopted.

Moved by John Loder, seconded by Benjamin Bugden, and resolved, that the timber deal resolutions be adopted and passed over to Bonavista District Council for approval.

Moved by Dugald White, seconded by Archibald Targett, and resolved, that the District petition prepared by the Council last year and presented to the House of Assembly be again sent to all Local Councils for signatures and that Brownsdale be made a port of call for S.S. Ethie.

Moved by Dugald White, seconded by Archibald Targett, and resolved, that this Council do now adjourn until 2.30 p.m.

The Council adjourned at 1 p.m.

**THIRD SESSION.**

Catalina, Nov. 17.—Pursuant to adjournment, the Chairman declared the Council open for transaction of business at 2.30 p.m.

As Supreme Council was in session it was moved by Archibald Targett, seconded by John Loder, and resolved, that this Council adjourn until 9 p.m.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

**FOURTH SESSION.**

Catalina, Nov. 18.—Pursuant to adjournment the Chairman, declared the Council open for transaction of business at 9 p.m.

Moved by Robert Snooks, seconded by Dugald White, and resolved, that we hold our District Meetings before or after Supreme Convention on approval of the President.

The Committee to draft reply to Chairman's opening address presented the following report:

**Address in Reply.**

Mr. Chairman.—The Committee appointed to draft a report in reply to the address delivered by you at the opening of this Fourth Annual District Meeting of the F.P.U. beg to submit the following as their report:

Sec. 1.—We are certainly in accord with you in saying that we feel proud that Catalina has been selected as the place of this meeting being very convenient to all concerned. And we also feel proud to know that the West Coast have fallen in line with our worthy cause and feel proud to think you met with such success at the different places you mentioned and let us hope that ere long the whole West Coast will be as strong as the North.

Sec. 2.—We are also of the opinion that the powers that be now in this country shall certainly in the near future find out that this noble organization must be reckoned with and that the Union is now year after year getting stronger and the tremendous power of its influence shall sooner or later be brought to bear. Woe be to them who will try and speak ill of the F.P.U.

**Proud of Union Members.**

Sec. 3.—We also feel proud of the success which the Union members met with last Fall and the large majority of votes polled must certainly have opened the eyes of all men in the country and, Sir, we can all earnestly look forward for greater things in the future than in the past.

In this splendid showing you, Mr. Chairman, and your Union colleague, Mr. Targett bore a noble part, and we

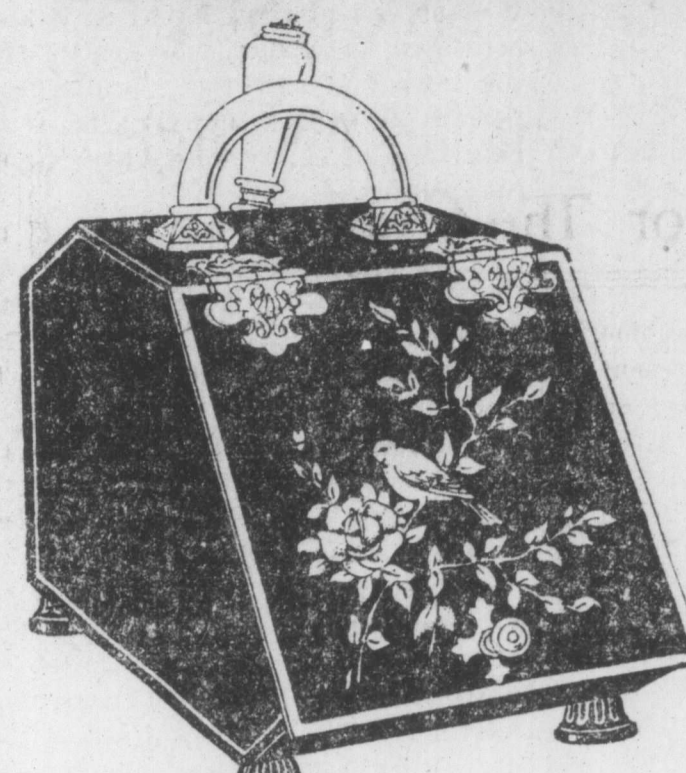
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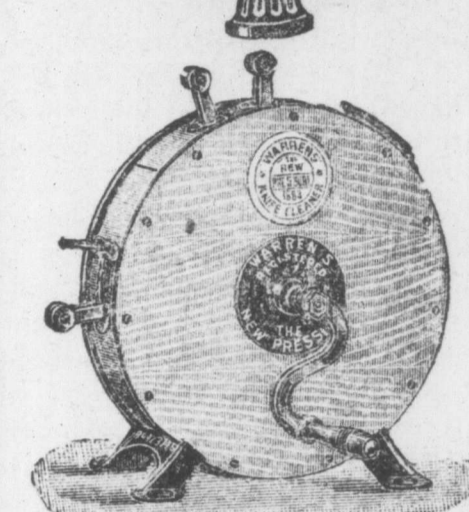


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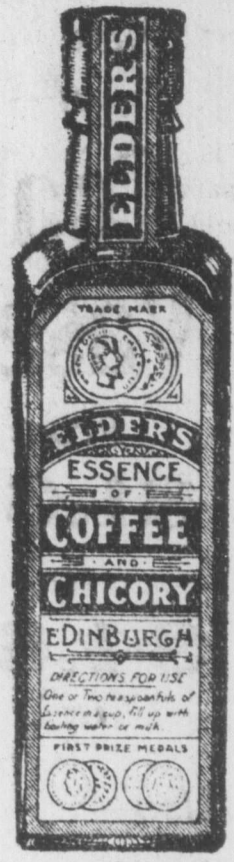
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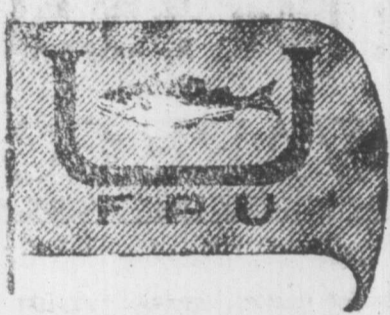
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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**Italy's Position**

ACCORDING to to-day's news, there is little doubt in the Australian mind as to the direction of Italy's inclinations in the present war. In fact the scenes the other day in the Italian Parliament gave concrete evidence of the correctness of the idea so long general that if ever Italy took part in the great conflict it would be on the side of Britain and her allies.

More notable even than Premier Salandra's formal pronouncement were the cheers that evidenced the national aspirations after territory that once was Italy's, but is now subject to Austria, and of deep significance also was the general applause evoked by the mention of Belgium, her sufferings and her heroism.

Small wonder then that Austria, reading aright the signs of the times, should have taken immediate steps to strengthen her border forces against Italy and should have put all things in order to meet a prospective and probable attack by her erstwhile ally.

Most remarkable is the situation that has developed, in regard to Italy's relations to the one-time Triple Alliance since war began. Germany and Austria evidently figured on the full support of their southern ally when war began, for plans found on German officers show that routes had been mapped out—across Swiss neutral territory, by the way—by which the Italian forces were to advance to the invasion of France.

But, while Italian statesmen could formulate treaties with Austria and Germany, they could not and dare not attempt to override the popular sentiments of their country. Hence, when war broke out, Italy in the first instance characterised it as aggressive and therefore outside the pale of the terms of the Triple Alliance, which was made for purely defensive purposes.

Lately Italy is beginning to show her inclinations more clearly and because Austria recognises that Italian sentiment is inimical to herself and her Teutonic ally, she is making all possible provision for an attack on her territories from the Italian side of the border.

**Our "Upper House"**

SINCE the days when responsible Government was granted this Island, and especially since the introduction of the secret ballot, people have lived under the fond impression that by their votes at the polls, they controlled legislation; and so they do in theory, but not in fact.

In fact, we are slaves and under the lash of those we elect to power over us. We, in fact, make the machine that is to run us, and once that machine is started by our votes we have no more voice in the operation of that machine than we have in controlling the planets in their orbits or of directing the course of the wind.

We have an Upper House, or Le-

gislative Council, and we are popularly supposed to regard that as a kind of benign watchman, who looked over the laws and saw that nothing was permitted to pass unless it bore the guarantee of safety and prosperity to the country.

Such a confiding belief no longer exists, we no longer look upon the Upper House as a safeguard against improper legislation, or even as a desirable institution, but we have begun to regard it as the antithesis of what we formerly regarded it. It is a direct menace, a positive danger and it is desirable that that chamber be abolished altogether.

It no longer has the confidence of the people, but their well founded mistrust. As it exists, it is a violation of our constitution, it violates every principle of constitutional liberty. It nullifies our right to govern ourselves, it is despotic in its actions, and will brook no interference by the public.

The men who compose that chamber are not responsible to the people for whom the laws are made, and as that chamber controls legislation, it is therefore despotic in power.

That part of the Government, elected by the votes of the people, is alone responsible to the people, but should the people demand (as in the case of the Loggers' Bill) a measure which is distasteful to the Government, and they have not the honesty to disapprove, they may pretend favor toward it, and permit it to pass, well knowing that the Upper House will relieve them to their unpleasant position by flatly refusing to pass the bill. The Upper House may do this in snug assurance that the people cannot reach them.

They have their seats for life and do not depend on the will of the people for their places.

A dishonest or purchasable Upper House is a menace to liberty, and it is no use the people demanding necessary legislation, if it conflicts in any way with the interests of those who have the power to control the Upper House.

Therefore it is desirable that that Dumping Chamber be abolished, and to this end the F.P.U. will now direct its energies.

**Russian Reverse**

IF the war news received today is accepted at face value, the Germans have inflicted a reverse on the Russian in the East, particularly in the fighting that has been raging so furiously around Lodz for some days.

Less than a fortnight ago, we were advised that the Russian forces had hemmed in a large section of the German army and the latter were represented as facing capture or entire annihilation. Later came the news that the Russians in the East, particularly by dint of furious fighting had succeeded in cutting their way through the cordon of troops thrown around them.

It now develops that the Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, having drawn the German forces into a situation best suited to his strategy, proceeded to torque a chain of troops around them. By dint of hard fighting and brilliant manoeuvring, he succeeded in encircling them on all sides, except one, and this position was left open, or weak, through failure of Gen. Rennenkampf to reach it on the date set.

Of course, in modern warfare aerial scouts soon spy out the positions, strength, or weakness of the opposing armies, and the German, learning in which direction their hopes of escape lay, proceeded to open a way out, and succeeded.

Rennenkampf's link, then, proved to be the weak one in Grand Duke Nicholas' chain and it was here that it parted, bringing to naught a manoeuvre that for some time promised to bring about a decisive Russian victory in the East.

Back in close to their own frontier, the Germans had unrivalled railway facilities at their disposal and availed of them to such good purpose in bringing up reinforcements to the weak portions of their line that they were able to reassume a vigorous offensive against the Russians and to drive them back beyond Lodz.

In this connection, it must be remembered that the closer the Germans fight to their own frontier, the better the chances of war favor them.

The Russians in these circumstances become grievously handicapped and lacking the excellent railway facilities at the disposal of the Germans, they cannot move troops from one portion of their line to the other with the same celerity as their enemies.

It is for this reason that the Germans so often turn victory into defeat but as soon as they begin to repeat their invasion of Poland they will find the might of Russia in their path, grim, courageous, determined, and disposed by a master-mind.

The issue of the Battle of Lodz comes as a grievous appointment to military observers, who anticipated a decisive Russian victory with a consequent good effect on the campaign of the Allies in the west, but those who have watched the Russian campaign in Poland are confident that further

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**Word of Approval For the President**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

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All have to admit that President Coaker's address at Catalina was nothing short of marvellous as it was a fountain of knowledge from a business point of view. It is a mystery to us all and is now the topic of the day now this noble reformer W. F. Coaker organized and led the F.P.U. to such a prosperous and high standing position as it is to-day.

Nothing but success will follow the honest toil and labour of one who has so abundantly laboured for the uplift of the poor and downtrodden and for the advancement of our country which has been the sole ambition of our esteemed President. Although he has been sorely tried and persecuted by the oppressors yet it has made him more determined and the outcome of all their oppression and evil doing makes his victory more complete and his labours more glorious.

Most heartily do we appreciate the victories won by President Coaker and Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C., and their elevation to seats in the House of Assembly by acclamation, none daring to put up a fight against them.

All are pleased that our friend Mr. Morine has decided to work in harmony with the F.P.U. Go ahead Mr. Morine, you have the masses with you. Assist our President and Union and great will be your reward. Let your motto be "Faithful and True."

Who now can doubt that the advance in the price of fish has been gained by President Coaker? Surely his action in advancing the price was a marvellous victory and his persistent fight for advanced prices has greatly helped to alleviate much distress and want.

Everyone seems anxious to hear news from the war and earnestly long to hear of peace being proclaimed and victory to be ours. All praise and honour to our sturdy volunteers and we pray that they all may be spared to return and enjoy the comforts of home and home.

The weather lately has been unusually cold and stormy yet the majority of our people have got rid of their fish and are fairly well supplied for the winter, all thanks to kind Providence for favouring us with an average voyage the past year.

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Jas. Brown, Treasurer.  
Sam Coffin, Door Guard.  
WALTER BROWN, Chairman.  
S. HANCOCK, Secretary.

**Newman's Cove Local Officers**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Newman's Cove Local Council of the F.P.U. elected officers on Dec. 1. The names of the officers are as follows:  
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Thomas Edmonds, Dep. Chairman.  
Nicholas Edmonds, Secretary.  
John Ryan of Jas., Treasurer.  
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**Leading Tickle Council Officers**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
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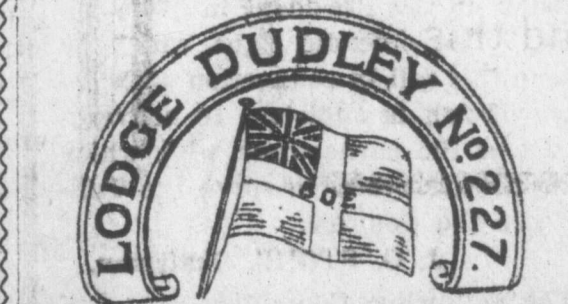
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congratulate ourselves on our good fortune in having you both as our representatives.  
We thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your many efforts on behalf of this district Council during the past year. We note, too, with patriotic pride, that you are asking permission of the President to become a naval volunteer. We should regret very much losing you, even temporarily, but would not attempt to stand between you and what you conceive to be your duty to the Empire. We wish that your noble example will be followed by many of our young men, large numbers of whom are not hindered by the ties that bind you to your home.  
Sec. 4.—We wish all to see at the next election all a Union Party in the field. No Liberal or Tory party will again be given the support of the F.P.U. The lesson taught us last year are sufficient to convince us that we must stand alone. We are all of the opinion that the Bonavista Platform, as laid down by the F.P.U. Convention is the only platform which will make for the good of the fishermen of this country. We also endorse all that you say re the President and we cannot too urgently ask all the members of the F.P.U. to put their armour on and help our noble President to carry on this great work. We earnestly ho-

pe that Mr. Conker was the means of fish being kept up to such a grand figure even in those trying times.  
**Criticise the Government.**  
Sec. 5.—We also note the action taken by the Government and the lack of interest displayed by the Premier. We are also of the opinion that the Morris Government is made up of blunderers. This fact is now more clearer than ever when we compare the interest taken by all other Governments in helping their people and the contemptible way in which our Government has treated us.  
The extra amount of taxation imposed upon us as a people is certainly ridiculous and all fair minded men no doubt will agree with us.  
Sec. 6.—We also blame the Government for the condition of affairs brought about in the country and hope that ere long some means shall be taken to better conditions now confronting us. We also wish to endorse all your remarks in connection with the F.P.U. resolutions and sincerely hope that the Government will give them every consideration and that all members of this Convention and District Meeting will do all in their power to aid the President at all times.  
Respectfully submitted—John Loder, Gilbert Bugden, George Fowlow, William Tucker, H. G. King.

Moved by Henry G. King, seconded by Albert E. Butler, and resolved, that the report of the Committee to draft a reply to the Chairman's address be adopted as read.  
Moved by Albert E. Butler, seconded by Arch. Targett, and resolved, that all district expenses for past year be paid.  
**Election of Officers.**  
The election of officers was then proceeded with, Past Chairman John Loder occupying the chair, and resulted as follows:  
Chairman—John G. Stone, re-elected.  
Deputy Chairman—Arch. Targett, re-elected.  
Secretary—John Guppy, re-elected.  
Treasurer—George Fowlow, elected.  
Suitable speeches were then delivered by the newly elected officers.  
Moved by Henry G. King, seconded by Giles Field, and resolved, that the date of next meeting be left with the Chairman.  
Moved by John D. Mason, seconded by William Tucker, and resolved, that January 16th, 1915, be Union Parade Day for all Councils in the District.  
Moved by Henry G. King, seconded by John Loder, and resolved, that the minutes be adopted.  
Moved by Arch. Targett, seconded by Dugald White, and resolved, that this Fourth Annual Meeting of this Council do now close.  
The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.  
JOHN G. STONE, Chairman.  
JOHN GUPPY, Secretary.

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## Nervous Work Taking a Ship Down Channel

**Shipmaster Sighted Four Submarines on One Voyage—Didn't Know Who They Were.**  
New York, Dec. 2.—It's nervous work taking a ship down the Channel these days," says Capt. F. H. Claret of the Atlantic transport Minnehaha, which arrived yesterday morning from London. "If only the British and German submarines carried some sort of distinguishing marks, so you could tell them apart by their periscopes, it would not be so bad."  
"On this voyage we saw eight submarines between the North and South Forelands. With nothing but the periscope sticking out, no one could possibly tell whether any particular boat was British or German. If it passed without stepping you concluded that it must be British or else German looking for bigger game."  
Capt. Claret said the British submarines were continually patrolling off the German coast. As a rule they remained below the surface during these excursions.

## This Year's Crops Of Wheat Bigger Than The Last

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 5.—The grain shipping season from the American head of the lakes has been a most satisfying one.  
In spite of the smaller wheat harvest over the Northwest this year, according to figures given out here, domestic receipts of grain here from August first to Nov. 30, aggregated 87,284,596 bushels as compared with 66,097,326 last year.  
Arrivals of bonded grain here fell off sharply owing to the partial crop failure over a large area of the Canadian northwest. They amounted to 1,155,015 bushels against 5,028,370 bushels during the same period last season.  
Shipments of bonded and domestic grain from August 1 to Nov. 30 aggregated 60,776,016 bushels, as compared with 62,203,803 bushels last year.  
Stocks on all grains here were estimated at 9,730,000 bushels compared with 14,076,000 bushels last year.



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## Germans Sing Changed Tune About Enemies

**Recent Events Have Forced Them to Admit the Power and Abilities of the Russians.**  
London, Dec. 5.—The Morning Post's correspondent in Petrograd says:  
"The tone of German prisoners in Russia apparently has undergone considerable change. A few months ago captured Germans carried themselves like demi-gods among a swarm of beetles, striving by every means to show that they hardly considered the Russians to be even common mortals in comparison with themselves. I find in an interview with a German officer named von Richter in the Bourse Gazette, which sings a different tune.  
**Changed Tune.**  
"Von Richter, who is married to a millionaire wife, belongs to the group of officers forming the entourage of the crown prince. He is reported to have said:  
"German hearts grew cold from the Warsaw. You know, we Germans are mament of the return march from trained to believe that once all the means are calculated and taken, the end is sure, and suddenly this basic confidence of ours was shattered. We despised the Russians as strategists and fighters, and found ourselves up against the steel wall of the strongest army the world has known."  
**Lost Heart.**  
"But we shall make you fight long and hard yet, even supposing the worst does not happen for us. Yes, I

mean the increasing enmity between our various commanders, who each tries to put the blame for failures upon others. We were assured that Warsaw had been evacuated by the Russians, and that our fellows were already at Brest. The moment we found what force was opposed to us, we knew we were trapped, and it took the heart out of us."  
"The Bourse Gazette now adds that the German prisoners passing through Warsaw resemble the pictures of the retreat of the Napoleonic stragglers of a century ago. The men, shivering with the cold, and huddled in quilts and blankets and women's outdoor clothes, present a fantastic sight."  
Schr. Novelty arrived off Pernambuco, Saturday, after a run of 30 days. She was ordered on to Bahia.  
Schr. Vera Hemmelman has left Wood's Island for Lunenburg with 1400 bbls. herring, and Aloa with 1700 bbls. for Cunningham & Thompson, Gloucester.  
Second Engineer J. Pike of the Belvedere, has arrived from Lewisport and leaves for Scotland by the Mongolian to sit for a Chief's ticket.  
**READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.**  
**MR. M. C. WHITE, Cow Head,** has a Barrel of Clothes which came to him from St. John's by mistake. He asks if any one has a barrel of goods that is not their's that they communicate with him with a view to return of barrels wrongly delivered. There is the name of John Pettie on the barrel held by M. C. White. Please communicate with MR. M. C. WHITE, Cow Head.—dec4,3i

## The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goobie, Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine.—dec1

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# "BOB" BARTLETT TELLS OF TRIP IN THE KARLUK

Escape From the Wrecked Ship in the Arctic Exceeding Narrow One

INTENDS TO GO NORTH AGAIN

Has a Theory All His Own About Ice Drift in the Arctic Regions

Boston, Nov. 30.—Capt. Robert Bartlett, one-time skipper of Peary's polar expedition, who arrived in Boston Wednesday morning after a series of adventures in the Alaskan seas with the Stefansson expedition last winter, was tendered a complimentary luncheon at the City Club yesterday.

The most noticeable thing about the captain was that he had lost his moustache; his speechmaking was just as effective as ever and a year's sojourn in the northern regions has not served to turn the edge of his very forceful language.

Nor has it served to dampen his ardor for adventure, for, according to the toastmaster, David F. Tilley, an ex-president of the City Club, the captain has announced his intention of going back again next year.

Capt. Bartlett completed the announcement. "I have been asked," he said, "what I would like to do, now that the trip is over and I'm back here in Boston with the boys. Well, I'd like to go back there again; I would like to get into the ice above Bering Strait and drift around to Norway.

Would go on His Own Hook.

"If I could get a few young fellows and perhaps some Eskimos and get away on my own hook, without being controlled by any government, or geographical society, it would be all right. Then, if I didn't come back there'd be no comment."

The drift of the polar ice is Capt. Bartlett's hobby, it would seem. He said yesterday that his expedition, which was under Canadian government control, has shattered "the foolish idea of scientists that there was a current across the pole. And I hope to prove it."

According to the captain, or, as almost everyone up to the City Club calls him, just plain "Bob," the Polar currents move around the North Pole from east to west, and not over it. "We sailed in the whaler Karluk from Esquimaux in June, 1913," he said, "went up through Bering's, and on August 12 got into the ice pack. Then we began our westward drift. For five months we were firmly fixed; there was never a movement or a tremor.

Ship a Big Telephone.

"After a while the blackness of an Arctic night came down upon us and for a while I feared that we might meet the fate of those other men who had gone into that country and who have never come back. So I adopted the Peary method of building igloos and carefully distributing my supplies.

"Everything that I know about Arctic exploration I learned from Peary. He is the Kitchener of the Arctic and to him I am indebted for my life and the lives of those with me.

"On Jan. 10 the ice jam came, but we were ready for it. For two days beforehand we had heard rumbling sounds on the inside of the vessel. You could not get them on the ice, but the ship acted as a sort of a telephone and the distant sound of the moving ice came to us. It got on our nerves I can tell you.

Crushed in the Ice.

"Finally, at 7.30 in the night of Jan. 10, it came our turn. The pressure struck the Karluk forward of the engine room and she sprung a leak. I said 'To—' with her, because I knew she was finished. It was dark as Egypt, and blowing a regular blizzard outside, but we got to work and put as much of the stores as we could on the ice.

"In an hour and a half there were 11 feet of water in her hold, but that gave us time enough. I had a good supply of stuff on the ice before the crush came, and with what we got out afterward it was enough to keep us for a while.

"Well, we went into the igloo and waited for the sun. We got it in a few days and then we started building road toward Wrangell Island, which was about eighty miles to the south of us, toward the land. First I sent off parties to see what the place was like; that is, if there was wood around, etc., for if there was plenty of fuel we would not have to carry oil with us.

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"The first party got on the wrong

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Mrs. Heater, of Harbor Grace	2.00
Total	\$735.73

## Nickel's Big Show Attracts Many

The Nickel was well attended yesterday both afternoon and evening. This was not surprising as the pictures were of the best quality. There were two two-reel films.

"The Crucible of Fate" is one of the Vitagraph's star dramas. It is a charming story and was closely followed.

"The Stronger Hand," while of a different type was equally as good. It demonstrated a fight against a trust, and should be seen by all.

"Twixt Love and Fire" was the comedy, and a very laughable one it was. Mr. Huskins made another big hit last evening. To-day the program will be repeated. To-morrow the Gaumont special, "The Imposter" will be presented.

The Queen Wilhelmina was to leave Halifax last evening for St. John's.

S.S. Beatrice, 42 hours from North Sydney, arrived yesterday with coal to W. H. Hynes.

The price of hides in Germany has doubled. Accumulation of raw stocks is prevented by enormous consumption of leather by the army.

Chicago parents are to organize a league which will see that simplicity and common sense regulate the social life of their children.

track. Then the ice began to break, so they came back to our camp. Then a second party started out on its own account. It comprised Dr. Forbes A. Mackay, surgeon; James Murray, oceanographer and biologist; Henri Beuchat, anthropologist and Morris, a seaman. Mackay and Murray had been with Shackleton near the South Pole.

"I knew what their finish was to be, because they were not properly outfitted. They tried to do things after the Shackleton and Scott style—little equipment and a quick dash—but that was not the right thing for the shifting ice back of the North Polar seas. They were never heard from.

"Finally I got to Wrangell Island with 17 people and 100 days' supplies. We figured that our only hope was to get word to the mainland and have a relief ship come up the next summer so I made ready for the trip.

Start for the Siberian Coast.

"It was 100 miles, air-line, to the nearest point of the Siberian coast. I took with me a bright young Eskimo chap, about 20 years old. Starting with seven dogs, three of which died on the way, we made the trip in 17 days, whereas it should have been done in five.

"But the weather was 'inclement.'" When Capt. Bartlett said "inclement," his audience laughed aloud, for Bob doesn't ordinarily use such dainty words. "Besides," he said, "I was worn to a frazzle.

"But when we struck land all was hunky-dory. All this hardship and hero stuff that you hear about is not so. I've had plenty of experience and know how to take care of myself, so it isn't very bad at all. Of course, if some banker who has a \$25000 apartment here in Boston ever tried it he would find it a very real hardship.

"We struck North Cape and then got down to East Cape, and from there I went to Nome, Alaska, to arrange for the relief ship. But after a while, when I was resting before starting back, I learned that a whaler had picked up the rest of the party on Wrangell Island. Three of them had died during my absence.

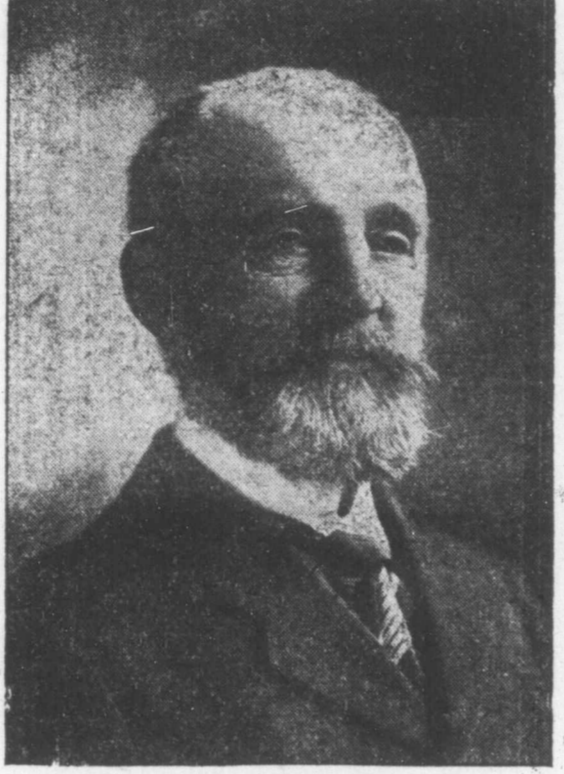
"I guess that is about the whole story," he concluded.

## CURLERS' CLUB HOLD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier President for the Ensuing Year—Managing Committees Appointed

St. John's Curling Association held its annual at the rink last evening. The President, Mr. H. D. Carter, occupied the chair.

The various reports were presented and adopted.



H. W. LEMESSURIER, ESQ.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mr. H. W. LeMessurier. 1st Vice-Pres.—Mr. H. E. Cowan. 2nd Vice-Pres.—Mr. Jos. Peters. Sec.-Treas.—Mr. A. H. Salter. Committee of Management—Messrs. F. H. Steer, S. J. Ryall, D. P. Duff, T. J. Duley, J. C. Hepburn, Hon. J. H. Bennett and W. H. Duder. House Committee—Messrs. C. R. Duder, F. W. Hayward and F. W. Bradshaw.

Ice Committee—Pres. LeMessurier and Secretary Salter. Auditors—Messrs. J. J. Maher and W. J. Edgar.

The Captains of Divisions are—(Red), F. H. Steer; (White), S. J. Ryall; (Blue), D. P. Duff; (Green), T. J. Duley.

The members of the Club who have volunteered to fight for King and Country were unanimously elected honorary members. This action is but another evidence of the generous spirit which permeates the St. John's Curling Association.

Many members have given their sons as well as liberally of their means to uphold the traditions of the Union Jack.

In the past the members of the Club have always thought of the poor of the city, and Charity Day is now looked forward to with almost as great interest as the Regatta in summer.

This year there are many calls on the purses of our citizens, but we feel that the Curlers will be foremost as ever to lend a helping hand to all in need.

We congratulate the Club on having unanimously chosen Mr. H. W. LeMessurier as its Presiding officer. One of the oldest and best curlers. Mr. LeMessurier has done much to further the interests of the game, and we feel certain that during his tenure of office a full measure of success will attend the Association.

## Monthly Meeting British Society

The British Society held its monthly meeting last evening, Pres. Hynes in the chair.

Two applications for membership were considered. Arrangements for the New Year Parade were deferred until the special meeting next Monday.

The first of the series of card tournaments, to be held during the winter months, be run off on Wednesday evening, the prize to be half a ton of coal.

After the transaction of considerable routine business the meeting adjourned.

## OBITUARY

Laura Moore. The remains of the late Laura Moore of Glenwood who died at the General Hospital, Sunday, were interred at the General Protestant Cemetery, Rev. C. Whitmarsh officiating.

Undertaker Carnell was in charge of the funeral, and had provided a pretty coffin.

Deceased who was a beautiful girl of fifteen died of meningitis.

S.S. Morwenna sails at 3 p.m. for Charlottetown. S.S. Cape Breton has arrived at Humbermouth with 2012 tons coal for the R.N. Co.

## MEALS AT SALISBURY

Following is a sample of the meals served to one battalion now encamped on Salisbury Plain:

—Monday— Breakfast: Tea, bread, cold bacon. Dinner: Roast meat "A," sea pies "B" potatoes, dessert, apples. Tea: Tea, bread, butter, cheese.

—Tuesday— Breakfast: Coffee, bread, sausages. Dinner: Plain stew, potatoes, jam rolls "A." Tea: Tea, bread, butter, jam.

—Wednesday— Breakfast: Tea, bread, fresh herrings. Dinner: Roast meat "B," meat pies "A," potatoes, cabbage, dessert, apples. Tea: Tea, bread, cheese and onions.

—Thursday— Breakfast: Tea, bread, hot bacon, fried cheese. Dinner: Curried stew, potatoes, jam rolls "B." Tea: Tea, bread, butter, and cake.

—Friday— Breakfast: Tea, bread, cod steaks. Dinner: Roast meat, potatoes, cabbages, dessert, apples. Tea: Tea, bread, butter, and sardines.

—Saturday— Breakfast: Tea, bread, cold bacon. Dinner: Brown stew, potatoes, currant rolls "A." Tea: Tea, bread, butter and doughnuts.

—Sunday— Breakfast: Cocoa, bread, pork chops. Dinner: Meat pies "A," roast meat "B," potatoes, cabbages. Tea: Tea, bread, butter and cake.

## Fogota Sails

S.S. Fogota sailed this morning, taking a full freight and the following passengers:

E. Norris, A. Elliott, J. Winsor, P. Reggs, Miss N. West, S. Hodnett, B. Knece, Miss N. Moore, T. W. Blundon, Miss A. Moore, Miss N. Moore, C. Vincent, M. Anthony, E. B. Tucker, R. Moulard, Miss J. Winsor, Capt. J. Kean, wife and daughter and 44 steerage.

## Note of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Anthony Taylor of Port de Grave desire to thank the many friends who sympathized with them in the hour of their bereavement, especially Mrs. Harold Andrews and Mrs. Mary Jane Dawe also Mrs. Alfred Andrews, Miss Lillian Dawe and Miss Groeta Dawe who sent wreaths to adorn the coffin of their dear mother.

## Two Houses Burned

The Minister of Justice Hon. R. A. Squires had a letter from Magistrate McGrath, Olerin, yesterday, that on the 1st inst. two houses and their contents owned by James Hayse and James Fewer, Parker's Cove, near Baine Hr. were destroyed by fire.

The loss to the owners is a severe one.

S.S. Stephano sails again on Thursday.

Schr. Alma Nelson has sailed from Woods Island for Halifax with 1509 brls. herring.

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## Calendars for 1915

The Calendars for the coming year are exceedingly artistic and attractive. Many very original designs.

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## Patriotic Concert At Grenfell Hall

Big Audience Hears Local Talent in Excellent Program.

The patriotic concert at the Seaman's Institute last evening attracted a large audience. The programme was an attractive one.

The programme was arranged by Mr. Gordon Christian and it was enjoyed by all.

The following were the items: Song, Miss Colton; song, Mr. McCarthy; song, Miss Jean Strang; recitation, Mrs. Chaytor; song, Miss Nellie Job; violin solo, Miss Sybil Johnson; song, Mr. H. T. Courtney; song, Miss G. Strang; song, Mrs. G. W. B. Ayre; song, Miss L. Anderson; song, Mr. Ruggles; recitation, Mr. O'Neil, and a piano solo by Mr. Christian.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

We understand that the next lecture, under the auspices of the Literary Committee, will be given by Rev. D. Hemmeon.

## Stephano Here

The Red Cross line, Stephano, Capt. Smith, which arrived yesterday afternoon, brought a full cargo and the following passengers:—From New York; H. J. Crowe, C. C. Housnaker, Miss M. Kielly, Miss R. Kavanagh, Mr. and Mrs. C. Noonan, J. Kehny, Mrs. E. Gearin, Mrs. J. Fernandez, Misses Fernandez (3) and fourteen in steerage.

From Halifax: Miss E. Herder, K. Lundberg and three in steerage.

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## 34 Men Lost In Wreck Of British Ship

Gasoline Laden Steamer Ran Ashore Cargo Ignited, and Most of Crew Were Lost.

Barrow, Dec. 8.—The British steamer Vedra from Port Arthur, Texas, with gasoline, went ashore near here this morning.

The cargo ignited and of the crew of thirty-six men, only two were saved and they were severely burned.

Schr. Lizzie Griffin has sailed from Woods Island for Bangor, Maine, with 1110 brls. herring, 71 brls. salmon.

NOTICE.—Trinity Bay Councils of the F.P.U. will please notice that January 16th will be observed as Union Day in Trinity District, when every Council is expected according to the Constitution to parade. By order, J. G. STONE.—dec8

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## Contemplated Violating Swiss Neutrality

Paris, Dec. 7.—Proof that a violation of the neutrality of Switzerland was included in Germany's original plans has been found, says The Matin, in the shape of ordinance survey maps discovered among the papers of killed German officers.

The maps are similar to those used by Swiss officers, The Matin says, except that all the names are in Italian, and information of a special nature pointed on them shows they were intended for use of an Italian army marching across Switzerland to attack France.

Schr. Little Secret has sailed from Marystown for Europe with fish.

Schr. Karl (Danish) has loaded fish at Marystown for Gibraltar.

Members of George St. Sunday School Choir will meet for practice in the Basement this evening at quarter to 8. Mr. Christian will be present with Music to practice for the Xmas Service. Will all the scholars who can possibly come, be present also.—dec8,11

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