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THE NEW ARMY IS LARGEST EVER RAISED BY GREAT BRITAIN

Tennant Places Some Interesting Facts Before House on Army Regiments Caused by Modern Warfare—Regretted he Could Not Anticipate Premier's Statement Regarding Result of Earl Derby's Recruiting Scheme, Report of Which Will be Tabled After Holiday Recess

LONDON, Dec. 23rd.—The Commons today passed the Bills prolonging the life of the present Parliament to eight months and increase of the strength of the British army to 4,000,000. Both Bills were passed without division. The Army Bill was passed by a Committee of the Whole in last night's session after a 14 hours' sitting. The debate on this Bill to-day, prior to its final passage, was brief without any feature from its opponents, all having sufficiently aired their views during the Committee stage.

The newly authorized army, H. J. Tennant, Under Secretary of the War Office, stated in the House to-night, is the largest army ever raised in the country. Tennant gave some interesting figures on the large reserve requirements of the army under modern war conditions, saying, that it was necessary to have at home in reserve 1/2 of the men for every soldier in the field. This estimate was based on the monthly wastage of 15, which was the experience of the first year of the war. Thus, an army of 2,500,000, which figures were given by Premier Asquith yesterday as the present British force abroad, required 2,500,000 reserves training at home or a total force of 3,500,000 necessary for the prosecution of the war on the present basis for one year.

Tennant regretted he was unable in any way to anticipate the Premier's statement as to the numbers enrolled under Lord Derby's scheme. He said he could only share the hope of other members that the young unmarried men who failed to enroll, was a negligible quantity, but added, "I believe that a great many members of Parliament, as well as people in the country, are prepared to support whatever is recommended by the Government, and if it is found necessary to resort to compulsion, the Government will have the great bulk of the country behind it." The Premier announced earlier in the day that the report on Derby's scheme will be made known in Parliament immediately after the holiday recess.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro, as British Commander at the Dardanelles. Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the First British Army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig (now Commander-in-Chief in France and Flanders). Lieut. General Sir William Robertson, now Chief of the General Staff in France, will become Chief of the Imperial General Staff, with the temporary rank of General, and with Major General W. W. Highman as his deputy. Major General L. Riggall, now assistant chief of the Imperial General Staff, will become chief of the General Staff of Sir Douglas Haig.

Lloyd George and Kitchenner Differ?

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The speech in the House of Commons on Monday by David Lloyd George, is characterized by "Truth" as the last word in the keen struggle of the preceding months between him and Kitchenner. The newspaper continues: "It obviously provokes or discloses the Ministerial situation. It is not easy to see how, after this speech, Lloyd George and Kitchenner can remain in the same cabinet."

"Truth" holds that Lloyd George's references to shortage in machine guns and explosives are implied reflections on Secretary Kitchenner, but adds that this does not exonerate the Cabinet. It continues: "From more than six months before June, Lloyd George himself served on the Munitions Committee, and if he did not know about machine guns, he ought to have known."

WILL MAKE KNOWN FIGURES ON JAN. 1

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Apparently there is no prospect of the results of Earl Derby's recruiting campaign becoming known until Parliament reassembles on January the 4th. Derby's report was under consideration by the Cabinet to-day, but Premier Asquith told the House that he would be unable to make a statement regarding it before adjournment to-morrow, adding that the information would first be given to Parliament.

MEOSOPOTAMIA CASUALTIES

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Comparatively heavy losses have been inflicted on the British Army in Mesopotamia, in the severe fighting near Kut-elamara, following the retreat of the British to that point. The Secretary of India announced in the House of Commons to-day that the total casualties of General Townshend's forces, since the return to Kut-elamara, was 1,127, including 200 deaths.

PARLIAMENT BILL PASSED AMENDMENT DEFEATED

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Commons to-day passed a bill prolonging the life of the present Parliament. An attempt was made to introduce an amendment, the effect of which would be to bury the plurality bill, but on the plea of Bonar Law, the motion was withdrawn and the bill passed without division.

FROZEN PRODUCE IS REQUISITIONED

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Under an Order in Council issued to-day the Government requisitioned for transportation all frozen produce and all refrigerating compartments on steamships registered in the United Kingdom.

300 EMPLOYEES KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Westphalia explosion resulted in three hundred employees being killed.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland: LONDON, Dec. 22.—British Headquarters report hostile shelling of Loos and Ypres. The enemy made determined attempts to occupy the craters, opposite Armentieres, after stubborn bombing contests. They were repulsed, losing heavily. General Monro succeeds General Haig in command of the first Army. Elsewhere in France, bombardments were successful.

At Hartmannswillerkopf the French attacked and captured a considerable portion of the enemy's works, with 1200 prisoners, including 21 officers. Unofficial reports says that Russian warships with sixteen transports have bombarded Varna. The Russians have captured Kum, the rebel centre in Persia.

BONAR LAW.

HAVE NOT RECRUITED OUR LIMIT

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Replying to an enquiry from Sir Alfred Meritt Mond as to whether the whole three million men previously authorized, had been recruited, Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary of War, said on behalf of the Government in the House of Commons to-day that he believed the Government was still on the safe side, that is we have not yet broken the law by recruiting beyond the authorized limit. "I state this as my belief," he added, "although I would not really like to swear to it."

FRENCH ONSLAUGHT SUCCESSFUL

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The successful action of the French at Hartmannswillerkopf was made for the purpose of bringing to an end a situation which the French regarded as intolerable. On the summit of this mountain there had been incessant firing by both sides. The trenches were separated by only a very small distance. The result of this fighting was an appreciable loss of men each day.

Turks Put One Over on Berlin

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The withdrawal of the British forces from Gallipoli Peninsula has evoked great enthusiasm in Berlin, and is being used as a lever to force Greece and Roumania to join the Central Powers, according to the Rotterdam correspondent of the Telegraph.

Will Not Argue With Austria

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States will not argue with Austria any of the points involved in the sinking of the Ancona. In the second American Note to Vienna, was made public to-day by the State Department when it was delivered to the Austrian Foreign Minister in Vienna. In this the Government states that it must "renew the definite, but respectful, demands made in its communication of the 6th of December."

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CONFESSES MURDER OF SOLDIER

Lieut. Coderie Says "He Murdered Sergt. Ozanne as he Was Only Man Who Saw Him Murder Another Man"—Coderie's Defense Will be Insanity

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Hampshire County police are now investigating the mysterious disappearance of a Canadian soldier from Bramshot Camp. It is possible that the case may have an intimate connection with the murder of Sergt. Ozanne with which Lieut. George Coderie, of Sherbrooke, is charged.

At the Ozanne inquest orderly Keller testified that Coderie used these words: "Don't speak Joe, I have just killed a man. I killed that man because there was only him that saw me kill another man; I was afraid to pass a court martial." This statement, rendered in Quebec French, at the inquest, puzzled the interpreter, but was ultimately interpreted as an admission on Coderie's part to Keller that he had killed Ozanne because the latter saw him kill another man. The name of the missing man for whom the police are searching has not been divulged, but it is understood he was connected with the same canteen as the dead sergeant.

As supporting a possible plea of insanity, Coderie's defence has learned he was in a motor accident at Valcartier, when his injuries were such as to unbalance his mind for two days.

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OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

DECEMBER 23d., 1915. 857 Sergt. William Edward Barnes, 193 LeMarchant Road; wounded, no date given. 636 Private Ed. Charles Caldwell, Brigus; wounded, no date given. 637 Private Joseph Michelin, Hamilton Inlet, Labrador; wounded (slightly), no date given. 529 James William Moore, 31 Duckworth Street; gunshot wound in thigh, severe, no date given. JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

CANADA'S UNSHAKEN FAITH

Premier Borden at New York Dinner Says Canada is Determined to Spare no Effort to Make Allies Cause Triumphant

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"Canada, while hoping the events of the next twelve months will lead to an abiding peace, is fully determined to spare no effort or shrink from no sacrifice to make triumphant the cause of the Allies and the freedom of the world," declared Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Canadian Premier, in an address to-night at the 110th dinner of the New England Society of New York.

Recounting what sacrifices Canada had already made, Premier Borden said Canada stood ready to make still more, so that the firm conviction of humanity's struggle against the enthronement of force above right will not be in vain.

Premier Borden was cheered enthusiastically throughout the address, which was the first formal speech delivered by him in the United States since the outbreak of the war. The banquet hall was decorated with American and British flags, while the orchestra played the national airs of America and Great Britain. A joint toast to the President of the United States and the King of Great Britain was drunk.

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CAPTURE OF VARNA MAY MEAN NEW EFFORT FOR CONSTANTINOPLE

"Blind" Papers Raise the Curtain

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Miss Helen Keller and other persons in the United States are obtaining uncensored news from the capitals of belligerent nations in newspapers published for the blind in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna. According to Miss Keller these newspapers are not censored because they are printed in shorthand Braille type, used for the blind which the censors are unable to read.

Through the medium of these journals what is probably the most authoritative article on Germany's lack of food has reached this country for the first time. It is revealed that every man, woman and child in Germany is living on slender rations, doled out by weight determined on after a conference of chemists, scientists and physicians in Berlin.

These uncensored accounts of the conditions in warring countries tell the true sentiment among the working people and the intolerable conditions that surround them, said Miss Keller; their hearts are almost at the breaking point.

Would Buy Up U. S. Congress

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A carefully worked out plan on the part of Germans to bribe enough members of Congress to insure the enactment of legislation prohibiting the exportation of war supplies for the Allies is under investigation by the Federal authorities here and in Washington. That an American college graduate was hired at \$1,000 a week to undertake work and that he had unlimited funds at his disposal, spending almost \$1,000,000 before he was called off, are the facts said now to be in possession of the Department of Justice. It is hinted that the man who served as the agent for German interests and who became involved in their affairs in many ways, is now ready to tell his story, and in fact it was asserted here to-day that this man already had visited the United States District Attorney Marshall.

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While Report of Russian Capture of Bulgar Sea Port is Not Officially Confirmed Some Critics Seem to Think it Means a New Effort for Constantinople Which is Less Than 150 Miles Distant

FRENCH MAKE LARGE CAPTURE OF PRISONERS

British Public Delighted With Manner in Which Australians Took Withdrawal of Troops From Gallipoli—Lloyd George Appeals for 80,000 Skilled Workers—Socialists Again Active in Germany

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The second American Note to Austria shared the leading position in the late London papers with reports of the Russian success at Varna, Bulgaria's chief seaport. The Note appeared here too late for extended editorial comment, but the headlines reflected opinions that the Note ought to have been sharper in tone. Up to a late hour there was no official confirmation of the reported Russian occupation of Varna, which if true, is according to London editors, one of the greatest moves of the present war. Some critics believe the Russian assault on Varna is but a prelude to a new effort for Constantinople, which is less than 150 miles distant.

On the Western front the success of the French at Hartmannswillerkopf, in the Vosges, is regarded in the Allies' capitals as not only a brilliant, but a useful operation, at a point where the situation has been most difficult for many months. The number of prisoners taken is the largest on the Western front since the great Loos offensive. The British public takes much pride in the manner in which Australia has taken the withdrawal from Gallipoli. This attitude is summed up in the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. "We here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation shall, under God have a new birth of freedom." Most important developments last evening in Britain were the appeals by the leading Bankers of the nation to unite the task of meeting the war's financial requirements, and a speech by David Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions, at New Castle, to the Trade Union Officials of the country, appealing to them for the assistance to obtain eighty thousand skilled workers which he demanded in his speech in Parliament a few days ago.

Reports that Reichstag discussions aroused some interest in the Entente Capitals, where Socialist attitude is being closely followed, many believing that some sections of the Socialist Group in Germany may prove to be ultimate channel peace negotiations.

TURNING THE TABLES

LONDON, Dec. 22.—According to advices from the Amsterdam Telegraph, forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, a powder factory and several munition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

FORD IS 'TICKLED TO DEATH'

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford, who is greatly improved from his indisposition, said to-day that the peace expedition will depart for Stockholm on Thursday morning. Mr. Ford says he was much gratified with the reception of his plan in Norway.

PEACE PARTY IS NOW ONE-LESS

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died today of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

BUST

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Bank of Savings, one of the best known institutions in this city failed to open for business to-day.

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## VICTORY WILL SURELY MARK THE ALLIED CAUSE, SAYS COLONEL GEORGE HARVEY

Celebrated Editor of the North American Review Sends Message of Good Cheer Backed by Reasons—Great Britain Will Throw 4,000,000 Men Supplied by 2,500 Munition Factories Worked by Over 1,000,000 Men and Women into the Balance

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A cable from London this morning to the New York Herald says:

"I am now absolutely certain we will win this war," was the naively neutral declaration of Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, when I saw him at Clarendon, last evening, as he was preparing to leave London for America, on board the Rotterdam on Monday. He is going after a sojourn, during which he saw not only cabinet ministers, but heard at first hand their opinions on the outcome of the struggle, but personally inspected the reserves—an immense army of 4,000,000 which still is in the making—and the wonderful development of the great munitions which controls more than two thousand five hundred factories, employing more than a million men and women, and has transformed, as if by magic, the balance of shell power, which a year ago, was three to one in favor of the Germans to a ratio of five to one in favor of the allies.

"Why are you so confident that victory will be with the allies?" I asked, and Col. Harvey replied:

"Before I left the United States, I agreed with a Columbia professor, who said preponderant power in men and money was bound to tell in the end, but now I have a stronger argument—one which fell from the lips of a recruiting sergeant in the Strand yesterday.

"Don't you want to be on the winning side?" said the Soldier to a group of civilians, whom he was suggesting should don khaki.

"How do you know ours will be the winning side?" asked a prospective recruit.

"Well my lad," said the sergeant, "you know the Germans have been trying for more than a year and a half to win and have failed, don't you?"

"RUSSIA TO FIGHT UNTIL SHE SHEDS LAST DROP OF BLOOD"

In ringing tones Lieut Utgoff, of the Russian Imperial Naval Flying Corps, stated at the luncheon of the Empire Club yesterday afternoon that Russia would fight on until she shed her last drop of blood. She would not speak of peace until her allies thought the time opportune. It might be a long fight, but Russia was going to keep at it until a decisive victory was won.

The speaker explained why Russia had been unable to take the offensive against Germany owing to lack of munitions and other causes, but he added that things had changed, and with the Spring Russia would begin her great invasion of Germany with a new army of four million men. Lieut. Utgoff could not understand why Germany had started the war. So far as Russia was concerned, the

"Yes" replied the questioner. "Well, then, we've been trying to lose during the same period and we could not."

"Knowing what I do know, of the improved situation in men, money and munitions," said Colonel Harvey, "I consider the sergeant's logic unanswerable. Don't make any mistake with shells to burn and the finest body of soldiers in the world to do the burning, there is no chance of a German victory. The allies may be forced to fight for two years more. Really I think they will fight perhaps longer. But they surely will triumph."

"It has been intimated that what Britain needs to insure victory I venture, is a strong, dominating personality to indicate the conduct of the war."

"That is absurd," replied the Colonel. "There is no such personages in the world to-day. No Cromwells no Napoleons. What applies to war also applies to science, literature and politics. Therefore the military affairs must continue to be administered by groups of able men."

"The Kaiser is the nearest approach to a dominating personality in this war. Not because he is a superman. He is not. But simply because he is practically an absolute monarch, the head of the house of Hohenzollern and he has achieved only pyrrhic victories."

"What did you think of the Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg speech?" I asked.

"Bluff," was the senituous reply. "But, mark you, I have no sympathy with the absurd doctrine that Germany can be starved into surrender. If that is the hope of any of the allied powers, it should be dismissed at once."

"Germany would be able to live on her own resources for ten years. She must be whipped thoroughly, but whipped from the outside, and it is because I know the entente powers are inflexibly determined to give her the thrashing, which she has earned by her inhuman methods of warfare, that I am certain the allies will win."

Col. Harvey closed with a tribute to David Lloyd George, who, he said, is showing a marvellous grasp of affairs, and has developed into a statesman of the first magnitude.

Germans had everything to lose. For generations they had come across into Russia, had remained for a few years, and then returned to their own country wealthy. They had kept control in high place in Russia, and had kept down the people for their own advancement. By the war they would only succeed in losing this source of wealth and this control.

"But it has been a good thing for Russia," he continued, "because the people are beginning to awaken. And when the war is over the people will have attained a plane of civilization shoulder to shoulder with the other nations of the world."

"Already our Government is taking steps to give the people more liberties than they ever before possessed, even Czar Nicholas is helping to give and with the Spring Russia would begin her great invasion of Germany with a new army of four million men."

The speaker declared that Germany had been the cause of the Russian people remaining so long in servility. The upheaval had come, and Germany would suffer bitterly as a result.



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### Austrian Sub's Pirate Act May Be Last Straw

Tank Steamer Shelled—Submarine Then Examined Papers and Forcibly Took Possession of Some Provisions—One Seaman Wounded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A new and what may prove a serious issue between the United States Government and that of Austria-Hungary was injected into the relations of the two countries today, when the State Department received an official message stating that an Austrian submarine had "forcibly" taken provisions from the American tank steamer "Petrolite," which was halted and attacked by an Austrian submarine off the coast of Tripoli last Sunday. This information was conveyed to Secretary Lansing in an official despatch from American Consul Mason, at Algiers, who reported the safe arrival of the Petrolite at that port at 7 o'clock this morning. A paraphrase of the message from Consul Mason follows:

"Captain of the vessel reports that the vessel was attacked 19 hours out from Alexandria, by a submarine flying the Austrian flag. One seaman was wounded by a shell. After the examination of the papers of the vessel, and forcibly taking provisions, the vessel was allowed by the submarine to proceed."

Consul Mason's message did not state whether the vessel was attacked without warning, or whether the Petrolite tried to escape, but in any event it was decided that the message meant that the submarine had succeeded in halting the Petrolite and helping herself to provisions. The submarine would have a right under international law to take off contraband from the Petrolite, but would have no right to forcibly take provisions that were not contraband from the vessel, since the Petrolite was flying a neutral flag, that of the United States.

So far as the Petrolite incident is concerned, there probably will be no action by the State Department until more complete reports are received, showing the exact circumstances under which the vessel was attacked. If the tanker was shelled while trying to escape in disregard of warning from the submarine, there would be no complaint on that score. When she did stop and submit to search, however, in the view of officials here, the submarine commander on finding her a neutral ship, bound on legitimate business, had no right to seize her property. Warships in the past, when in dire need of food for their crews, often have held up merchantmen without regard to their nationality and carried off what they wanted, giving receipts to assure ultimate payment for what was taken. Under such circumstances, it is said, the Governments concerned have not been inclined to regard the proceeding as a very serious breach of their rights provided a merchant man was not left without sufficient supplies to make port.

Seizures of supplies from a neutral vessel by a submarine, however, raises a new and interesting point in international law. It is pointed out that if this practice became general, belligerent submarines preying upon an enemy's commerce practically would be unlimited in their radius of action, and almost wholly independent of bases of supplies.

Chickens come home to roost, and promissory notes display the same tendency.

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## AMERICA GAINS MOST BY WAR

The Real Victor in Connection With Present War Will be the United States Says German Newspapers

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Copies of the Berlin Vorwaerts received here, contain an article several columns in length discussing the probable commercial and financial effects of the war on the United States. Under the heading "the real victor," the writer concludes that the United States will reap the greatest economic advantages from the war, and neither Germany nor Great Britain stands to gain anything, whichever wins.

"The sudden withdrawal of German exports from the world markets," says the article, "affords the United States a tremendous opportunity for extending its trade, particularly in South America, while the accompanying financial expansion will be made easy by the American currency laws. If the American operations are skillfully carried out, the English bankers in South America will feel their effects, and the Americans will rapidly secure such financial predominance in the southern continent, as under ordinary circumstances, could not be expected for fifty years."

"The European belligerents must continue for a long time their large orders of merchandise and food stuffs from the United States, and the money with which they will pay for them, will provide plentiful resources for the commercial campaign in South America."

"Thus we see that the war has not resulted just as the English had expected. True, German trade has been shattered, but now amidst the din of war a new competitor is seen arising who will soon prove more dangerous,

## Which Profession Produced Most Carnegie Heroes

If you are asked which of the professions produced the most heroes in times of peace, what would your answer be?

Naturally one thinks of sailors as a class as being the heroes of peace. But the allotment of medals by the Carnegie hero fund since its establishment does not bear this out. Only forty-seven medals have been given to heroes of the waters.

Next one would think of miners, who follow one of the most hazardous of employments, but only sixty-five of them have been awarded medals.

Would it be railroad men, even in the presence of possible danger? These have seventy-eight of the medals.

No, for the first place in the roll of all Carnegie heroes you must pick the most peaceful profession of all, the tiller of the soil! Farmers have received eighty-nine medals for heroic actions. No other calling has made so good a showing.

These farm heroes came from twenty-six states and three Canadian provinces. Texas leads with twenty-four; Ohio is next with eight; Kansas ranks third with five; Minnesota has two.

In addition to the medals the farm heroes or their dependents have been given \$74,325 and are drawing \$425 a

month in regular allowances. The only gold medal was awarded Nathan Duncan, West Point, Texas.

This Texan gold medal winner went down into a well, the sand walls of which were caving in. A dozen other men had refused to venture down to save the life of a man buried to his neck in sand. Nathan Duncan tied a rope around his body and was lowered down into the well. He started to dig the buried man out, and when half through another cave-in half buried the rescuer, too. Working as he had never worked before, he finally succeeded in freeing both himself and the other man. Tying the rope around the unconscious man, Nathan Duncan waited below where another cave-in threatened him every second. Not until the other man was in safety was the hero hoisted aloft.

Thirty-eight of the farm heroes rescued suffocating men from wells, thirty-five saved drowning persons, eight rescued others from fire, two from the fury of maddened bulls, two from railroad disasters, two from runaways, one went into a mine and brought out a suffocating man, another fought an enraged buffalo to save a human life.

A surprising fact is that out of the eighty-nine farm heroes, eleven were boys under 21. The average age of them all is 33; the youngest was 16 and the oldest was 68.

Nineteen of these farm hands gave up their lives trying to save others from death. Ten of them died in attempted rescues of drowning persons, six in well disasters, and one each in mines, fires and runaways.

French Politeness

As a truly polite nation the French undoubtedly lead the world, thinks a contributor to the British weekly. The other day a Paris dentist servant opened the door to a woebegone patient. And who, monsieur, he queried in a tender tone, shall I have the misery of announcing.

## THE DUKE BANKRUPT

London, Dec. 16.—The Duke of Manchester was yesterday adjudged a bankrupt. The promised plan for an arrangement of his affairs, which it was announced last week, would be submitted to the Duke's creditors, was not forthcoming, and a request was made by his attorney for a further adjournment of the case for six weeks. This proposal, was refused and the bankruptcy court appointed F. S. Salaman as trustee of the Duke's estate. The Duke of Manchester's liabilities were returned at L 195,589 with assets valued at L 200.

SALT IN NOVA SCOTIA

Three salt wells have been discovered on the farm of Peter Murray, at Malagash, Pictou County. Some of the water was sent to Ottawa and on being analyzed was found to contain 27 lbs. salt to 100 lbs. water. Some was sent to Halifax and went there to five lbs. salt to ten lbs. water. The wells may be operated on a commercial basis.

ASQUITH, THE MAN OF THE HOUR

The World of Democracy Will Some Day Pay Tribute to His Name

Nearly all the great British statesmen of the past whose names are now revered had their critics who roundly condemned them during the course of their activities. Pitt, Salisbury, Gladstone and the others, all had to wade through the mire of petty political conspiracy, criticism, fault-finding, and whimpering. It was only when their wise judgment had had its results that their ability was acknowledged.

Asquith, however, is in a different position from his distinguished predecessors in that the events with which he is so intimately concerned and in the direction of which his judgment is employed are the subject of world-wide interest. While those of perverted perspective at home can see nothing good in him or his politics, there are those in other parts of the world with no axe to grind who can look upon matters with the clearer vision lent by distance. And among the majority of such thinking people the opinion is that Asquith is measuring up to his opportunity and the absence of prejudice, portunities and to the task that is before him.

It is safe to say that the following opinion from a Providence correspondent of the New York Tribune is the expression of the clear-headed people of the neutral world: Take his recent account in Parliament, no ducking or dodging there, no flinching or blaming it on some other fellow. When was such courage, in face of such frightful evils, ever surpassed?

Let us make no mistake about this. He stands for all that humanity and civilization hold dear, against scientific barbarism, and the world of democracy will some day pay tribute to his name.

BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work upon their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and it through toe you will find the water go; coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise it's a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,tt

A WARNING

The Governor of Schleswig-Holstein recently warned Danes in that province not to believe current rumors that Schleswig-Holstein at the close of the war will be restored to Denmark from which it was taken by Germany. Many people in the province are anxious for its reunion with Denmark, and a number, expecting a reversion, have been deserting across the Danish border. Citizen of military age and owners of farms near the frontier are permitted to carry on their farming operations only under guard; each man must apply for an armed soldier who keeps him constantly in sight, both in the field and at home.

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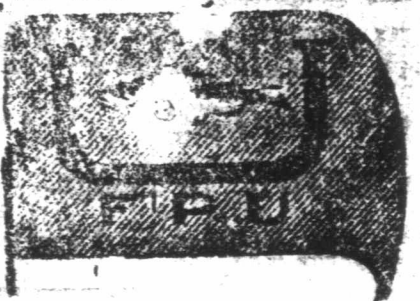
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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**Fogo Union Road Board**

SIXTEEN candidates were nominated for the Road Board election at Fogo; 7 Union and 9 Graball. The E.P.U. returned their men by large majorities. The elected Board consist of Hr. Farewell, H. J. Oake, John Banks, Cr. Woodridge, Wm. Miller, Jr., Fred Simms and Wm. Layte. Well done Union men of Fogo!

**Flattened Out!**

THE Hon. "Patchy" of the official organ of the Morris Government has made another climb down, this time in connection with our remarks concerning The Herald's attitude on Prohibition. Yesterday all he could say in defense of his indiscreet utterance about the attempted Coalition Party fostered by Morris, not Coaker, was to reproduce an editorial article from The Star, which article we dealt with in our issue of yesterday.

Verily it is to laugh. This is the first notice The Herald has taken of Mossdell or The Star since the latter paper was first issued. It must indeed be galling to 'Patchy' to have to resort to this line of defense to back up his outrageous and insolent outbreak regarding Coalition. Perhaps "Patchy" in a patriotic (P.T. spells it Patriotism) mood thinks that now, as the festive season is at hand he will give The Star a little boost. Verily! again! how have the mighty fallen!

**Greek Treachery**

MORE than two thousand years ago, a pagan poet wrote "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes"—I fear the Greeks even when they bring gifts. Evidently the Hellenes have lost none of their cunning, if we are to accept the actions of the wily Constantine—the Kaiser's understudy as a criterion.

Greece to-day is a nation bankrupt in honor; and Constantine has not added to its assets by recent interviews accorded to press representatives for publication. These were intended for circulation in neutral countries evidently for the purpose of influencing neutral opinion. These interviews are merely a special plea in defence of Constantine's policy, but a plea which even the ordinary reader will regard as suspicious.

for the reason that they ignore the essential facts of the case. It is little wonder then that after having read it, continental critics conclude that Greece is only "making time," and that Constantine is prepared to stab the Allies in the back, provided Teutonic success makes it safe to do so. If the opportunity to do so does not arise it will not be the fault of Constantine, but the fault of the Teutons and the Bulgarians to make good the campaign.

Evidently the Allies realize this as they have retreated from the Bulgarian territory so as not to be caught between two fires. The situation in this quarter is now not less serious than it is in Mesopotamia, and grave anxiety pervades the atmosphere in the Allied camps.

Constantine tries to wriggle out of his violations of the Constitution, of which Great Britain, France, and Russia are the guarantors, by asserting that Venizelo's victory at the polls was a personal victory, and not the success of a policy. Venizelo's policy was well known at the time of his electoral success. It was supported by the electors, and the result of the elections refute the King's assertion.

Constantine complains that the Allies have treated him as if he were the chief of an African tribe, and he might have added, the chief of a tribe that repudiates national honor, and, like the Huns, looks upon a treaty as a "scrap of paper."

In his long drawn out defence of his conduct, Constantine studiously and cunningly avoids the essential fact of the case—a fact that will stand against him as a black mark as long as he retains the throne of Greece! He ignores the fact that Greece has disregarded her solemnly pledged word that she has failed to come to Serbia's succor in Serbia's hour of trial, as she promised to do, and he has proclaimed to the world that, so far as Greece is represented by her present King, she is bankrupt in honor.

Constantine, in the role of a prophet, has proclaimed that the Allies' campaign in the Balkans is doomed to failure. The fulfilment of that prophecy remains to be realized; but this is certain—the issue of the war does not depend on one campaign; and the day will come when King Constantine will be called to account by the guarantors of the constitutional liberties of Greece for the tortuous course he has been pursuing.

**WORLD OF LAROR**

Gleaned From Exchanges—And Other Sources—

DETROIT iron moulders are on strike to enforce a minimum of \$4 for a nine-hour day. Some shops at present range as low as \$2.75.

It will be some indication of the sure and substantial growth of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers to learn that during the month of October 636 new members were initiated.

Granite cutters in the State of California who have been out on strike for six months have won a complete victory and have forced a settlement that embodies substantial wage increases.

The City Council of Aberdeen, Wash. has passed an ordinance which fixes the minimum wage of all city employes at \$2.50 for an eight-hour day. Municipal contractors and sub-contractors must pay this rate, also.

Some fifteen hundred women workers are employed in Philadelphia in the shoe industry, and in most cases those employed in union factories received at least one-third higher wages than those working in unorganized shops.

**Will There Be Conscription?**

THE actual cause of demand for conscription, says a writer in the London Daily Chronicle can be traced to the sinister influence of the Northcliffe paper in Paris. It is this which has caused even France to think that Britain is not bearing her full share of the runt of the European War. Britain has, as usual, been somewhat low in making up her mind, but that she is putting all her forces and all her resources into the work cannot now be doubted. The magnificent response to the call for defence of the Motherland—response not only of the Home people, but of Britain's Colonies and dependencies all over the world has been a surprise. It has astonished Germany, and brought to the Allies an unexpected satisfaction—since they, indeed, looked to the navy for help, but never supposed a Continental army of any magnitude would be forthcoming.

In the face of the recent rallying to the colors as a consequence of the Earl Derby's recruiting campaign the value and the power of the voluntary principle when the heart of a nation is aroused have been demonstrated. The plea for conscription now heard in certain quarters seems rather an anti-democratic political move, having in view the scotching of the rising power of the masses. There are many arguments against conscription, especially in the Colonies; and should it be proclaimed in the Overseas Dominions, for its enforcement would be a violation of their autonomy.

It is contrary to the genius of the British people, who, though low in capacity of rapid organization, are very persistent in the determination to grow, as it were, out of their own roots, and in the dislike of being pushed into things against their will.

It is intolerable to the British sense of freedom, and it ought to be intolerable to Christian sentiment, to be compelled to fight.

At the present juncture, when the voluntary response has had such great material result, and exercised so great a moral influence, by showing forth the heart of the nation, and what can be done by the principle of freedom—to cloud and ruin all this result were foolish indeed; and all the best that England stands for in the eyes of the world—would be negated.

It is hardly possible to exaggerate the danger which conscription brings with it—the danger of putting into Governmental hands a weapon which at any future time may be easily used not only for repressing democracy at home. This is a danger of the most serious order, when one considers the power of cliques—such as the Northcliffe gang, for example—to run Governments for their own ends.

The adoption of conscription would simply mean Prussianizing Great Britain, and admitting the very principles against which we are now arrayed. We admit that it is every man's bounden duty to

help the Empire in the hour of need because consciously or unconsciously, he owes it a debt. We must acknowledge this debt and do our duty; but we should have the choice as to what our active contribution shall be. We should qualify ourselves for useful work of some kind, and the actual performance of such work, when need is the best service we can render.

Unfortunately, the acknowledgment of this duty has been a thing utterly neglected in our social life; and the fact is that evasion of such duty has been the chief object of many. In the modern commercial order the sense of solidarity and communal duty has been broken up, and countries have resolved themselves into whirlpools of individuals, each seeking "to get ahead" and succeed at the expense of other individuals. Our business codes have really been founded on this principle of evasion and have gone to create a society of parasites, in which each member, instead of actively contributing to the welfare of others, make it his chief business and object to live by preying on others.

How true all this is of conditions right here in our midst. We have been keeping tab on contributions to the various funds here since the war began, and we have made an analysis of the contributions, and we find that proportionately the outports have been the largest contributors to the cause of the Empire. In certain sections we know that many deprived themselves of necessities in order to be able to make a contribution to the Patriotic Fund and have done with their fingers more than the wealthy have done with Bank cheques.

We have a duty, and let us respond according to our means. The slacker is amongst us, and he should be exposed.

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Our thanksgiving is to the Farmer, the glad carrier of the classic curse; that man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow.

Of all the forms and phases of "culture," the most serviceable to man is Agriculture. Blessings upon him who tills the soil and with wisdom weds Nature, winning from her willing hand the sustenance which feeds us all and makes us, by these material means, partakers of the universal life!

For our food is not gross. It throbs with the creative warmth of the everlasting fires. It brings to our beings the vitalizing thrill of the central Sun.

In the highest sense, Food is Life—as well as the means to More Life.

And still more thanks to the

**CLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

DECEMBER 23

JOHN NOWLAN, of Catalina, disappeared this evening, and has never been heard of since. He left the Albert Hotel about 9 p.m. to go on board a boat, at Tessier's wharf, and sail for home. He called at Hogan's saloon, Water-st., bought a pipe, and proceeded on his way. After that all trace of him was lost, notwithstanding that a large reward was offered for information of his whereabouts. He had a good deal of money on his person at the time, and a rumor got abroad the following day that he was killed in a house near the foot of Springdale-street. Nothing definite, however, came of it, and, in time, the sensation died out. He was a sober man, and in the prime of life, 1875.

John Picot, of Portugal Cove, was lost in a snowstorm, while going home from St. John's. He was son of the hero of Johnny Quigley's famous song, in which the poet scored him for turning him from his door on a cold winter's night some years before, 1866.

Reuben Dicks sentenced to 18 months for barratry, 1890.

Prince Consort buried, 1861.

Mrs. (wife of Hon. James) McLoughlan died, 1873.

Richard Cahill murdered his wife, 1873.

Mrs. J. J. Rogerson (first wife) died, 1876.

Thomas Cook, farmer, died, 1879.

Catholic Church, St. Kyran's, burnt, 1879.

Arthur Duder buried, 1881.

Captain Martin, Power died, 1892.

Ropewalk, Mundy's pond, burnt; this was the first time the new steam fire-engine, "Merryweather," was used; 1885.

Thomas Stamp's house, Battery Road, burnt, 1895.

The Clara, Captain Henry Roper, sailed for New Zealand with the Peace family, Cormack, James Merchant, and others, 1864.

Michael J. O'Mara, B.L., died, 1892.

George Bishop, magistrate, Burin, died, 1891.

William Haley killed by fall in hold of steamer Ulunda, 1895.

Farmer! He is the symbol of man's oneness with Nature.

The lavish horn of Autumn pictures her potential fertility, indeed. But also man blows there with a blast of triumph. The harvest proclaims man's success in making himself at home on earth—the while he knows himself to be both servant and master of the elemental forces, with which he is at one.

Thanks, thanks to thee, O Farmer!—thou who art the primal workman and provider!

The wholesome fruit of thy holy toil is not visible food alone, but thought for the mind and inspiration to the soul.—Charles Fletcher in The Fra Magazine.

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## Outrageous Treatment Accorded Fisherman and Family by Capt. A. Kean

**His Actions in This Case Warrants  
His Instant Dismissal From  
Command of a Government Sub  
sidized Steamer**

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir,—I am going to give you a statement of how I was treated by Capt. Kean of the S.S. "Prospero," to-day. My brother and I had made arrangements with a man in White Bay to go there on winter's work and bring our families with us, he was to have accommodation ready for us on our arrival.

I went to the purser of the "Prospero" when she came up and made arrangements regarding what would be the cost of our passage with families and luggage, the first mate as well as informed by me that I intended going north on her return.

We learned from the Operator last evening that the "Prospero" was due here about twelve o'clock to-day. She arrived here about 8 a.m., being earlier than we expected and having to get our families to the coastal wharf so early in the morning, we were not there on time, the same as we would have been had she arrived at 12 o'clock as we expected. Anyhow, we got there, our wives and children walking to the wharf. My brother and myself took our luggage in a boat. Just as the steamer began to move from where she was tied up to the wharf we arrived. Mr. Stanford said to the first mate, "Jesse Hann's family are here; there are close by with their luggage in a boat." The mate called out to Capt. Kean, saying "that Jesse Hann and family are here." Capt. Kean paid no attention, though it was loud enough for anyone on the wharf to hear. Before the steamer was turned around to head out of the Harbour, I was near enough in the boat to ask Capt. Kean if he was not going to wait for me to get on board. His reply was: "I said you get here before." I was it was owing to the early and unexpected arrival of the steamer. He said, "I don't know if we would take you had been here before. We are filled up with freight." I said "I am

satisfied to risk it on deck." (I consider that to be a flimsy excuse for him, after discharging at seven or eight ports before arriving here, to say he could not take what luggage could be carried in a fishing punt.) I said to him, "If you don't take me on board, I don't know what I will do. It means ruin to me and my family to lose my winter's work." He said, "Go home and make up another speech." I can't swear to the next words, but I suppose he was referring to the time that I contradicted him when he said in the Orange Hall that he could walk the quarter deck of the Stepano with a lighted candle the evening he put the men on the ice that resulted in the Newfoundland Disaster.

Now, sir, owing to Kean's action, my brother and I are two distressed families, with not a stick of firewood, or a morsel of food for the winter, as we were depending entirely upon the man at White Bay for our winter's support. If some good friend don't help us out I don't know what the consequences will be.

Would you please give me your advice. It is possible to lay any claim against Kean for my winter's work.

I want you to publish this action of Kean's in your paper. I know when it is read by thousands of my brother fishermen, it will add more to their indignation against Kean. God speed the day when your strength in this country will be sufficient to have justice done to us poor, down-trodden creatures. I suppose Kean will reply to this in some other paper. If so, I am prepared to state to the public much more than I now write, if you will allow me space in your paper.—I am, Yours truly,  
JESSE HANN.

[We advise Friend Hann to sue Capt. Kean before Magistrate Miffin for damages for not taking him and his family as passengers. If Kean can't get you to treat the travelling public, as he has treated this man, what is to prevent a revolution taking place in this Country within five years, in case Grab-allism continues to rule Newfoundland after the next Elections?]

## Trinity Bay Freight Service

**Strong Objections Raised to the  
"Petrel"—Passenger Accommodation  
Disgraceful—A Strong  
Plea for Fair Play for Trinity  
Bay**

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir,—May I crave space in your valuable paper to voice the sentiments of a good many people in Trinity Bay regarding the frightful condition of things on board the ship known as the "Petrel" now running, or rather trying to run, on Trinity Bay.

Firstly, the passenger accommodation is such that would not be tolerated in any other place outside of Newfoundland. If a gentleman passenger comes on board and buys a first-class ticket for that trip, he will fare fairly well. But if a lady comes on board and buys a first-class ticket she must either stay on deck or go down in the bowels of this Admiralty ship "Petrel," where water is continually dropping around and the floor is not sufficiently clean for a dog to lie on. The writer personally saw these conditions, and can use no language sufficiently strong to denounce the Government and their masters—the R. N. Co. Why the second class passengers, if it happens to be a lady, must put up with such accommodation I will briefly try to describe. On the deck of the good ship "Petrel" there is a so-called saloon. It possesses in all four berths. If its occupants are all male all is well. But the passengers constitute some of both sexes, was to those who are late in buying their tickets. They must either stay on deck, or sit in a place that the Reids would not stable their horses.

If the Government think they can cajole us in this way and assume that anything is good enough for Trinity Bay, they are much mistaken.

Regarding freight, this beautiful ship has a carrying capacity of about three cars of freight, and to see the condition under which it is handled would make a man with any spirit at all cry aloud for vengeance. Are we Trinity Bay men to pay a subsidy for such treatment. I think not. I have heard that this "sub"—no other name can adequately describe her—is to be placed on the Bay next year for a permanency.

Mr. Editor, if that is to be the case, I ask you to place a column of your paper in defence of the Trinity Bay voters. Are we going to be treated in this way because we are on the Opposition side. Come, Mr. Editor, take up the cudgels in defence of Trinity Bay.

FAIR PLAY.  
Trinity, Dec. 20, 1915.

## THE LATEST "HERO"

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## AN AMUSING STORY OF A FISH AND A PAIR KHAKI PANTS

The following appeared recently in a North-eastern Scottish newspaper: "Mr. Taylor, a fish merchant, in the pleasant little town of Stonehaven, had occasion to send a parcel to a certain party in the south. This parcel arrived quite safely; but a short time after the party in the south got delivery of another parcel (labelled with one of Mr. Taylor's printed labels) which, to their extreme surprise, contained not fish but a pair of khaki trousers! Thinking there must have been some amusing mistake, the party returned the trousers to Mr. Taylor, who was scarcely less astonished to receive such an understandable consignment. The mystery deepened when Mr. Taylor wrote to his customer stating that he had never sent the trousers, and that he was quite at a loss to know how it happened that his label was attached to the parcel. Both parties were for a time completely puzzled. At length however, enquiry was made at the postal officials, who suggested that, as Mr. Taylor's parcel had had two labels attached to it, one might have slipped off. It might have been possible, too, that the parcel containing the pair of khaki trousers had also lost its address label, and that the parcel clerk, discovering the detached label and the unaddressed parcel in the same mail bag, had concluded that the one belonged to the other, and thus sent a poor "Tommy's" trousers to the unsuspecting party in the south instead of home to his wife or mother.

"This explanation has been accepted by Mr. Taylor, but the difficulty now is to whom do the trousers belong? There is little doubt that "Somewhere in France" or the "Dardanelles" a valiant son of Britain is eudgelling his brains to find an excuse to offer to the military authorities for the complete disappearance of his "pants," at the same time "cussing" the unreliability of the British postal system and inwardly resolving that when blessed peace again smiles he will do his utmost to get a bill introduced for its total abolition!

## THE GLOBE'S YARN KITCHENER RESIGNED CAUSED A PAINC IN LONDON

London newspapers tell of the kind of sensation that was created by the publication in the London Globe of the statement that Lord Kitchener had resigned as secretary of war. The Globe was issued at 4.30, the Central news Agency "confirmed" the announcement at 4.45, and the press are indignant because the Official Press Bureau waited until 5.30 to deny the statement. The London Sketch Says: "It would be difficult to exaggerate the sensation caused in London when the evening paper placards appeared with the words 'Kitchener Resigns.'"

The news of a disastrous defeat would have been received with less alarm. Lord Kitchener is the most trusted man in the Empire. The public does not care a straw whether politicians come and go or what happens to them so long as Kitchener is at the War Office.

At the corner of Charing Cross a newsboy with a bill "Lord Kitchener Resigns" was mobbed and the papers torn from his hands.

Similar scenes took place in other parts of London. "This is the end of everything," people were heard saying.

There was very nearly a panic wherever the news reached. For the first time since the outbreak of war people asked: "Are we going to lose?" "Nothing could have heartened the Germans more, and if the story had been put about by German spies it would have been the best service they had yet done their Fatherland.

## THE PANAMA CANAL'S FUTURE

GEN. GOETHALS'S recent report on the history of Panama Canal slides stated that failure to take steps against them was largely due to the opinion of advisory geologists that they would not be a menace. He himself now thinks that enlarged excavations will safeguard the Canal's future. He proposes to spend ten months in clearing away the sides of the "prism" at certain points near Culebra, and to remove 10,000,000 cubic yards of earth there—a considerable amount, as the whole original excavation required for Culebra Cut was but 100,000,000 cubic yards. Nevertheless, the President has done well to ask the National Academy of Sciences to appoint a commission of three geologists, three geophysicists, one seismologist, one physicist, and three engineers to go to Panama and study the whole problem.

President Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, is to be chairman of the commission. These men will give such a study to the whole problem as it has never had before. Gen Goethals has described the work of the Government geologists as hasty and inaccurate; and, of course, the "innumerable plans for treating the slides . . . suggested by interested and patriotic citizens throughout the country" to which Col. Gaillard once sarcastically referred, were only amateur schemes. It may now be possible to devise a scientific and permanently effective plan of operations.—The Nation.

## General Botha

London Daily Mail:—The important thing is that General Botha faced the confusion with a clear head and hesitated not a moment to oppose his own people rather than be false to his ideals of loyalty and sound policy. We wish all politicians in all countries would follow his example of courage and constancy. He was placed in a predicament which would have made an end of a weaker man. Had he attempted to compromise, to look round for some easy way of escape, under the pretence of "preserving the national policy," he would have been done for. He elected instead to fight it out on a square issue, and the result, as usual, has justified the strong man and confounded the weaklings.

## German Autocracy Doomed

New Republic—What the future lays before the German financier is a long vista of fiscal struggles, gaining in intensity as the enthusiasm of victory or the mutual sympathy of defeat dies away in history. The Junkers will be compelled to pay, in land and income taxes, and will cry out that the blood is being sucked out of them. Industry and commerce will be compelled to pay, through taxes direct and indirect, increasing railway rates, and whatever other devices may yield returns. Great will be the outcry. It will be urged that Germany cannot afford to handicap German industry in its competition with foreign countries. Labor will be compelled to

pay through consumption taxes, increasing the cost of living, and the social democracy will enter upon a new phase of growth. The necessity of payment is inevitable; the government can only mitigate the resultant bitterness through granting the respective classes a fair share in determining the distribution of burdens. But this means constitutional reform. Barring the miracle of colossal military indemnities, autocratic government in Germany is doomed. Its downfall is written in the skies.

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## BISHOP SPENCER PUPILS HOLD PRIZE DAY

His Lordship Bishop Jones Presided and Lady Davidson Presented the Prizes--The Principal, Miss Stirling, Congratulated on Her Good Work

In the Synod Hall yesterday the prizes earned by the pupils of Bishop Spencer College were distributed before a large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils. His Lordship Bishop Jones presided and a beautifully presented programme of songs, drills, recitations &c. were gone through which certainly merited the applause received.

In presenting the annual report the School Secretary, Mr. B. E. S. Dunfield paid a merited tribute to the work of Miss Stirling, the principal, and her assistants, and also referred to the training of the Girl Scouts. Mr. W. W. Blackall spoke at some length on Domestic Science, and on the excellent showing made by the College in all departments, and the prizes were graciously presented by Lady Davidson.

The prize winners were:--

**INDUSTRY PRIZES.**  
Form 6 (a), Vera Hayward; Form 6 (b), Leonore Lillie, May Holden; Form 5, Olive Mews, Muriel Cook; Form 4, Edith Alderice, Jean Mathieson; Form 3 (a), Edith Scandrett, Isabel Feaver; Form 3 (b), Jean Cowan, Stella Perlin.

**Kindergarten.**  
Div. 2 (a), Charlotte Green, Gwenie Goodland; Div. 2 (b), Trilix Noseworthy, Gladys Grant; Div. 1 (a) Marjorie MacGregor; Div. 1 (b), Katie Smith.

**SPECIAL PRIZES.**  
Divinity--Form 5, Eileen Nurse; Form 4, Edith Alderice; Form 3 (a), Isabel Feaver; Form 3 (b), Jean Cowan, Etha Peckford.  
Theory of Music--Minnie MacLean, Jean Cowan.

**Drawing--Form 6, Cecile Hayward; Form 5, Marjorie Stirling. Geometry--Olive Mews. Needlework (Plain)--Form 5, Besie Thomas; Form 4, Doris Mews; Form 4, Doris Mews; Form 3, Martin Cook. Needlework (Fancy)--Leah Rendell, Isabel Feaver. Attendance--Leah Rendell. Hand and Eye Work--Charlotte Green, Gladys Grant, Dorothy Sellars.**

**C. H. E. HONORS.**  
A.A.--Vera Hayward, Marguerite Bailey, Annette Rowsell. Intermediate--Leonore Lillie, Cecile Hayward, Ella Steele, May Holdca, Amelia Noonan.

**C. H. E. MONEY PRIZES.**  
A.A.--Hygiene, Annette Rowsell, \$4.00. Intermediate--History, Leonore Lillie, \$4.00. Geography--May Holden, \$4.00. Preliminary--Open scholarship, Olive Mews, \$20.00. English Literature--Edith House, \$4.00.

For many of the beautiful premiums given the college is indebted to Lady Outerbridge, Mesdames L. H. Miller, A. W. Harvey, (Rev) Bolt, Clayton; Misses N. Rendell, Kelly, Holden, Bremner and Mr. H. W. Stirling.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Canon Bolt and seconded by Mr. Dunfield, was accorded to Lady Davidson.

**XMAS AT ST. THOMAS'S**  
The carols will be sung on Xmas Eve at 10.30. There will be a short address by the Rector and the soloists will be the Misses Mitcheff and Alice Dunfield. The offertory will be in aid of the Choir Fund, and books of the words will be provided.

On Xmas Day there will be three celebrations of the Holy Communion--at 6.30, 8.30, and 11.00. At the eleven o'clock service the following music will be rendered:--  
Processional Hymn 92. Venite--Bentrick, Te Deum--Hoptains in G, Anthem--Sing O Heavens--Mauder, Hymns 84, 88. Preacher: The Rector.

Evensong will be said at 5 o'clock.

## LOCAL ITEMS

St. Thomas's Bible Class will meet to-night at 8 o'clock at Canon Wood Hall.

The stormy weather of yesterday prevented the Volunteers from holding drills in the open and the men were put through the different exercises in the armoury.

Steward Jones of the Stephano, as well as Capt. Smith, is off the ship and is staying with his friends at New York for the Christmas holidays. Second steward Snow is taking Mr. Jones' place for the present.

**We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.--nov23**

Work in discharging the S.S. Stephano is being pushed vigorously in order to get her away to New York by to-morrow night. She will take a large outward cargo consisting mostly of codfish.

The R. C. Cathedral as well as St. Patrick's church has been beautifully decorated for the Christmas ceremonies. The high altars of both churches will each present a very handsome appearance. The cribs at the churches will be most realistic also.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the Band of the C.C.C. will not perform at the midnight mass in the Cathedral Christmas Eve Night. The choir has, however, prepared a beautiful programme of sacred music.

**For all kinds of raw furs--nov23**  
Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices

There was a clean docket in court this morning, an unusual circumstance of late. A boy who made a nuisance of himself with a toy revolver had been summoned but did not appear and may be arrested under warrant.

Christmas Day, this year, coming on Saturday and being an exceptional year with possibly an English mail to go out, the P. M. G. has ordered that mails will be despatched from St. John's on Christmas morning to Conception Bay and the Bay de Verde and Heart's Content and Placentia Branches.

## SCHOONER GOES ASHORE.

The schooner Renown, of Little Bay Islands, was out in the storm of Tuesday night and yesterday morning and had a hard time of it. She had all her canvass torn off her in the hurricane and was driven up in Conception Bay and came to an anchor last evening near Broad Cove. She lay with two anchors out, and when the wind veered off the coast she swung round and grounded on Mussel Park, pounding heavily in the sea, and made much water.

To-day she was warped off and its afloat again, and though considerably damaged, will likely be towed over here.

## DIVIDED THE LABOR

When the Stephano arrived here yesterday President James McGrath of the Laborers' Union arranged with Contractors Bartlett and Godden to divide the labor on the ship, one compliment of men to work half the cargo and another the remainder, thereby giving all the Longshore men who work the ships a chance to earn something for Christmas. All approved of the arrangement, and both Messrs. Bartlett, Godden and McGrath will not be forgotten by the Longshoremen for their kindness in this connection.

## THE BONAVENTURE SOLD.

The S.S. Bonaventure, we hear, has been sold to the Russian Government and is therefore eliminated from the sealishery, so that only the depleted wooden fleet of comparatively few ships will seek the hood and harp the coming spring. The ship, we hear, was held at Gibraltar, where she was formally taken possession of by the Government of our great ally, and she will likely be taken over to Archangel by Captain Randell and his men.

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PUPILS' CONCERT

Enjoyable Operetta Presented by Pupils--Present School Now Overcrowded--Hope Expressed Present Conditions Will Speedily be Remedied--Prize Donors Thanked by Rector

St. Mary's Parish Hall was crowded last night with the parents and friends of the pupils of St. Mary's School when the prizes for the season's work were presented. The opening concert was a most enjoyable feature and the operetta--"The coming of the Mary Queen" captivated all. The premiums were distributed by Rev. H. Uphill as follows:--

### Junior Department.

Industry--(Primer Class), Cyril Rice, George Crane, Ernest Baker; No. 1--lower division, Roy Cousins, Willie Moore, Gladys Baker; No. 1--upper division, Trevor Thomas, Laura August; No. 2, Ethel Taylor, Max Wareham.

Reading and Spelling--Doris Thomas, Gladys Snow, Walter Cranford. Writing--Jean Cook, Sandy Whitten, Mabel Baker.

Arithmetic--Victor Reid, Charlie Nixon, Emma Morgan. General Progress--Irene Taylor, Gladys Whitten, Ralph Reid.

### Senior Department.

Industry--No. 3, Marjorie Redstone, Ruth Jones; No. 4, Margaret Gulliver, Nina Harvey; No. 5, Dorothy Pike; No. 6, Rosie Pynn, Lena Eford.

Reading and Spelling--Doris Cranford, Cyril Reid, Madeline Whitten. Writing--Jennie Saunders, Belle Williams, Lena Eford. Arithmetic--Mabel Pynn, Muriel Whitten, Laura Noseworthy. General Progress--Gertrude Locke, Fred. Cook, Tom. Cook, Bell Laing. Geography and History--Edward Cranford.

English--Florence Guest. Manual Training--Edward Cranford. Needlework--1st. Class, Rosie Pynn, Florence Guest; 2nd. Class, Muriel Whitten, Mabel Pynn.

When the prizes were distributed Rev. Hy. Uphill heartily thanked the donors of prizes and also the officers and men of H. M. S. Calypso for decorating the hall, and was followed by Mr. W. W. Blackall, Supt. of C. E. Schools, who dwelt on the advantages of the Domestic Science and Manual Training classes which should be availed of by all girls and boys. He regretted that the school accommodation in such an important centre as St. Mary's was not adequate to the needs, and hoped some steps would soon be devised to remedy existing conditions.

Rev. Canon Bolt warmly praised the work of Miss Hawkins who is in charge of the school and encouraged the pupils to persevere in their studies. The evening closed with cheers for the teachers, Misses Hawkins and Ellis; Rev. Hy. Uphill, and prize donors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

## OPORTO MARKET

This Week.	
Nfld. Stocks	30,670 qtls.
Consumption	4,350 "
Norwegian Stocks	3,170 "
Consumption	820 "

Last Week.	
Nfld. Stocks	15,040 qtls.
Consumption	3,585 "
Norwegian stocks	590 "
Consumption	175 "

Entered--"Benjamin Smith," "Marjan Helena," "Maryota," "Francis W. Smith," "Wautraga" and "Little Myster." Forwarded to Lisbon--"A. H. Frits," "Muriel M. Young" and "Geo. Ewart" outside the "Jennie Ritchie."

## BROKE HER LEG.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Tobin of Wood Street in coming out of her house tripped and fell on her doorstep and broke one of her legs. She was attended by Dr. Cowperthwaite and was then taken to Hospital in the ambulance.

## THE FOGOTA'S PASSENGERS.

The Fogota, Capt. Dalton, left here for the North at midnight with a full freight of Xmas goods and the following passengers: E. Facey, C. Phillips, N. Abbot, Ensign Woodfrey, J. Gatehouse, J. Sheppard, R. Bursery, D. Burry, Mrs. W. Bragg and 60 in steerage.

## SHIPPING

The Prospero left Conche at midnight bound north.

The Portia left Hr. Breton at 7.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Kyle's express is due here at 10 o'clock to-night.

The Gaspe will sail to-day for Penambuco taking 5714 qtls codfish, shipped by James Baird Ltd.

The schr. Elizabeth N. Devereaux reached Bonne Bay yesterday and will then load herring for T. and M. Nicholson of Bakesport, Maine.

The schr. Colmia arrived at Harbor Breton yesterday to load codfish from the Hr. rBeton Fish Co.

The schr. Montana left Bonne Bay to-day with 1163 brls. herring for Gloucester.

## ONE VESSEL LOST.

Another Missing Is O.K.

Mr. R. J. Devereaux, M.H.A., had messages from St. Mary's last night making enquiries for the schooner "Herald," Capt. Daley, which left here Tuesday morning for that place with supplies. She was out in the big snow storm and it was found this morning that she was at Mall Bay, O.K., Mrs. Daley having a telegram from her husband, saying the vessel was safe. She is a vessel of 45 tons and was out in the snow storm and had a terrible time of it, but Skipper Daley is a capable man and brought his schooner, through it without accident.

Mr. Devereaux also had another message saying that Laurence Daley's schooner of St. Mary's had been lost at the Gaskers near St. Mary's and had become a total wreck. She went ashore in the storm. Mr. Devereaux says that Supt. H. Saunders of the Anglo Co., when he was making enquiries about these vessels last night gave him every facility to do so and remained in his office till past midnight to get news of them.

## REMOVAL NOTICE!

**F. A. MEWS**  
Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary  
ADDRESS:  
City Chambers  
Water Street  
(Over Royal Bank of Canada  
1st Floor)  
dec4,2w,s,sh,th Phone 601.

## REPORTED CAPT. O'BRIEN WOUNDED.

It was reported in the City today that Capt. G. O'Brien, so well and favourably known here, had been wounded in the recent fighting at Gallipoli. It is said that his wounds, however, are not serious.

## BAY DE VERDE STORM SWEPT.

We learn that as a result of Tuesday night's and yesterday morning's storm a very high sea ran into Bay de Verde and a great deal of damage was done. Flakes, stages, cook houses and other property was swept away and we hear that much fishing gear and some fish was lost. This is the second time this year that Bay de Verde has suffered as a result of stormy weather.

## REPORTED EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$3,500.

Parties who arrived here recently by train report that a young man, a trusted employee of a large concern in an inland part of the country, recently got into serious trouble. In examination of his accounts showed that he was out \$3,500 and his employer charged him with embezzling the sum. There was talk of his being arrested but we since here that the man and his friends will make good the amount to stay such a proceeding.

## SAGONA'S PASSENGERS.

The Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 10 o'clock to-day with the following passengers:--O. Knight, N. Vickers and W. Vickers.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. F. FRELICH

Employees of British Clothing Factory Present Popular Manager With Address and Gift

Yesterday evening after work the employees of the British Clothing Factory waited on the Manager, Mr. S. Frelich, and presented him with the accompanying address and a beautiful set of gold cuff links, studded with diamonds, and a handsome gold stick-pin. Mr. Frelich who is justly held in high esteem by all and is most popular with his employees was taken completely by surprise. We append the address and reply:

### ADDRESS.

Dear Mr. Frelich:--  
We, on behalf of our fellow employees, have the greatest pleasure in asking you to accept the accompanying set of Cuff Links and Tie Pin at this Merry Xmas Season in the spirit in which it is tendered a spirit of hearty co-operation, unbounded respect and appreciation of your many excellent qualities as shown to us during the ups and downs of the closing year.

We wish you may be long spared to "Link" us all together in bonds of good fellowship and that our united efforts will allow you to "Pin" the flag of success on the highest pinnacle of your ambitions.

Wishing you a right merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year,  
Yours truly,  
L. S. SHEPPARD,  
A. C. SELLARS.

### REPLY.

Dear Friends and Fellow Employees: It is with feeling of pleasure that mere words fail to express that I have read the address presented to me on your behalf by Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Sellars, no empty phrase to say that I was taken by surprise more especially as such a handsome and valuable gift I shall always treasure it as a souvenir of the good fellowship that has prevailed between us during the time we have been associated in business, trusting this pleasant relationship shall always continue. It is needless to remind you that my ambition working here in this factory is not only the work for myself but for your welfare and benefit. It is a source of pleasure to me to know that my efforts to train and educate efficient workers have not been wasted and that we have now in the factory young men and women with professional training in the clothing business who are capable of earning their living in any city in the world. My own professional experience in the business has been imparted freely, as you know, to all who had the desire and ambition to learn.

In conclusion my dear friends and fellow employees I hope and trust that you shall long continue to work in unity and that the present amicable relations existing between us will long continue, and I may give you the assurance that as time goes on and conditions improve you will have interest in your work and will have no need to remind me for advance in wages, because, as you know, I am always pleased and willing to give all my employees what they are entitled to. Again thanking you and wishing you all a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.  
Yours faithfully,  
F. FRELICH.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT VESSELS

Yesterday the Marine and Fisheries Department had the following message from Catalina:--

"The following 5 schooners left here at 3 p.m. Tuesday: Bessie P., Maruna Loo, Reginald A., Renown and Ethel B. Clarke. The following schooners are here: Maggie, Agnes E. Downs, E. P. Morris, Etie Bess and Isabella, Capt. W. Dawe from St. John's."

A message from Catalina to-day said the schrs. Bessie R. and Reginald A. are at Trinity and Harbor Grace said the Maruna Loo is at that place, so that only the Ethel B. Clarke and Renown were unaccounted for. The latter went ashore we since learn at Broad Cove, C.B. But up to 1 p.m. there was no news of the "Clarke" which is missing, but may be heard from during the day.

## OBITUARY

ARTHUR C. DUDER.

It is with feelings of profound regret we chronicle to-day the death of Mr. Arthur C. Duder. Mr. Duder who was only in his 25th year, promised to be a worthy representative of a family prominent for many years in the social and business life of Newfoundland, and his brilliant attainments held a promise for him of a more than ordinarily successful career. The deceased young man spent several years in Chicago returning about six years ago, since when he has been in failing health. His passing at a season when joy usually abounds renders more poignant the grief of parents, relatives and friends. In the general sympathy felt for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duder, The Mail and Advocate joins.

## RECORD HERRING CATCH AT BONNE BAY.

We reported when the Portia arrived on her second last trip that the catch of herring at Bonne Bay this season promised to be a record one. This has been confirmed by advices received from that place recently. Up to last week some 40,000 barrels had been shipped, a considerable percentage of which was put up after the Scotch method of cure. The average price is now \$2.75 per barrel from the nets, the best price ever received. The fishery at Bay of Islands is very poor but very little fish having been netted for some time past.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The public would like to know who is responsible for allowing the large quantity of rotten rabbits recently put on the market for sale. No doubt Sergt. O'Brien has done his duty as Inspector of Foods. We shall refer to this matter at greater length later.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT SCHOONER.

The schooner Minnie J. Smith left Twillingate for Seal Bay on the 20th and up to this forenoon had not arrived. Anxious enquiries were being made about her to-day at the Marine and Fisheries Department.

## So Says the Queen of Greece

People are forever wondering why it is that the world-wide condemnation of German militarism doesn't get under the skin of the Germans themselves. It is a continued source of amazement that the censure of the civilized world rolls off what is supposed to be the German conscience like water off the back of a duck. The case seems to be, however, that the real blood-and-iron German--the Prussian--is so imbued with the doctrine of militarism that he cannot appreciate the point of view of others. While the rest of us are marvelling at the indifference of the German to human considerations and to outside opinion, the German himself is marvelling that anyone should not view militarism and German principles as he does.

This is borne out by an interview given an American magazine writer by the Queen of Greece, the Kaiser's sister. This woman deplors the war, and yet she cannot understand why everyone should not respect the ability of Germany to make war.

"It is the most perfect thing conceivable," she says, in speaking of German culture. "The world will have to accept it sooner or later, whether it wants to or not. . . . Look at Germany. Look at Germany's army. Nothing was ever so extraordinary as the system which makes it possible nor for Germany to meet this frightful crisis without the slightest disturbance of individual well-being within her own borders."

She weeps because of the bloodshed of war, and yet the German army and the ability of Germany to make war is the greatest exponent, to her mind, of German Kultur. She cannot conceive of lack of appreciation for this evidence of Kultur. Because, for this war, "everything has been thought of and provided for." Germany "is the world's example." Germany efficiency "is a most wonderful thing," she says. "Germany's methods in the prosecution of this war are such as were never before heard of. It is a Kultur which all peoples will

## TIME FOR CIVIC BOARD TO WAKE UP

Deplorable Conditions on Golf Avenue--Council Tries to Collect Taxes But Refuses to Connect Houses With Water and Sewerage Mains

The residents of Golf Avenue and vicinity are loud to-day in their complaints over the disgraceful manner in which they are treated by the Civic Board.

Although the Council seems anxious to collect taxes from the residents in this locality they have refused to connect water and sewerage although the main pipes run across LeMerchant Road. The residents have petitioned time and time again but to no avail.

The condition of this thoroughfare yesterday and to-day is a disgrace to St. John's. People living there had quite a task to reach their homes last evening. If a mild spurt of weather comes this road will be utterly impassable. Cannot the Board do something for these people? Why spend all the revenue on Tarvia pavements and repairing "back" streets such as Prescott and Rennie's Mill Road? Wake up Mr. Gosling, the people are not getting a square deal, and if you don't intend to do justice to all--please quit.

## KEEPING UP THEIR COURAGE

BERLIN, Dec. 22.--The Overseas Agency says that the Cologne Gazette published a despatch from Athens stating that nearly all the British troops have left Imbros, Lemnos and Tenedos Islands, to be sent to Salonika. Troops on Imbros Island were most discontented, some of the troops mutinied, and five or six officers of the general staff are reported to have been killed. Finally the troops were removed after they had been promised that numerous reinforcements would be sent.

## A DENIAL

ROME, Dec. 22.--The Stefani agency gave out a communication to-day, evidently in behalf of the government to the effect that the stories concerning the sinking of the Italian battleship Ante-Alighiere were untrue.

The Italian fleet, according to the statement, has suffered no loss.

## JUST ANOTHER

PARIS, Dec. 22.--The sinking of the Japanese steamship Sado Mura in the Eastern Mediterranean, yesterday, by a German or Austrian submarine, is reported in a despatch from Malta. A wireless call for help reached Alexandria in Egypt, and vessels were sent out. Details of the sinking are not known.

## Post Office Notice

**BOOKS for use of the Blind FREE.**

BOOKS of raised characters for the use of the Blind are accepted for transmission in the mails FREE OF POSTAGE to all places in Newfoundland and between Newfoundland and Canada.

H. J. B. WOODS,  
dec23,3i Postmaster General.

## FOUND--A STRAYED HEIFER, Color Red, White Star on Forehead, three letters on Right Horn.

Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. PATRICK FITZGERALD, Western Bay, Bay de Verde.--dec23,1i