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Question of Protection Against Air Raids Gets Ventilated in House of Commons

London, Feb. 17.—Harold J. Tennant, Under Secretary of War, made an important announcement. "From to-day," he said, "the Navy will deal with all hostile aircraft attempting to reach Britain, but the control of the air defences within the country have been transferred from the Admiralty to the War Office."

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Uncle Sam Finds That War Is Good Money Maker

Washington, Feb. 17.—American made war munitions now are pouring into Europe at the rate of nearly two million dollars worth daily with figures swelling rapidly as the production increases.

SAID TO BE THE WORK OF HUN AGENTS

Toronto, Feb. 17.—A fierce fire whose progress was marked by loud explosions broke out here at three a.m. to-day in the American Club on Wellington Street, West, and resulted in the death of P. I. Nairston, mining broker of this city, formerly of Dallas, Texas, and the probable fatal injury to Edward Johnson, nightwatchman; loss estimated at \$50,000.

The Fall of Erzerum Causes Great Rejoice-ment in Petrograd

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17.—The fall of Erzerum, which had been confidently awaited since the news of the taking by the Russians of nine of the eight-teen forts guarding the gateway to Asia Minor, is the cause of great elation at Petrograd. Controlling the roads through Armenia with access to Trebizond, Tabriz and Mesopotamia to have immense strategic importance in the Russian campaign.

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BIG FIRE IN BROOKLYN, N.Y. TOTAL LOSS ESTIMATED \$4,000,000

New York, Feb. 17.—No evidence of incendiaryism has been found by Chief Fire Marshal Brophy, it is announced to-night in connection with the fire on Brooklyn waterfront early to-day which caused the destruction of 3 British steamships, 37 lighters and barges and a new 900 foot pier belonging to the New York Dock Co., and \$1,000,000 worth of merchandise consigned to the Entente Allies.

Holland Again Storm Swept

Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—A storm is now raging over Holland causing great anxiety regarding floods and disasters day and night. Hundreds of laborers are working feverishly to prevent fresh ruptures of dykes. The force of the storm is such that all kinds of strengthening material is speedily washed away by giant waves breaking across the dykes.

CAPTURE OF ERZERUM WILL ENABLE RUSSIANS TO MARCH TO RELIEF OF BRITISH AT KUT-EL-AMARA

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Erzerum, Turkey's chief city in Armenia, is in the hands of the Russians, the heavy assaults by the Russians against the long line of detached forts protecting the city lasting over a period of five days are described by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, as unprecedented and have resulted in the capture of the fortress. Unofficial reports early in the present month said the German Field Marshal Von Der Goltz with 80,000 men was besieged in the city with provisions for only a fortnight. The capture of Erzerum is considered of great strategic importance, from it radiates roads leading in all directions. Over those leading to the south-east and south it will be possible for the Russians to fight their way towards their compatriots operating against the Persians and Turks in the north-west and west of Persia or to proceed south towards Bagdad to the relief of the British bottled up in Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris, south-east of Bagdad.



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Couldn't Agree With the Gov't's War Policy

Cockermouth, Eng., Feb. 17.—The constituents of Sir Wilfred Lawson, member of Parliament for this district, have accepted his resignation which was tendered on the ground that he was unable to support the war policy of the Government. Sir Wilfred is one of the small sections of the Liberal party who are called "little Englanders."

BURNED AT PIER

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The steamer Bolton Castle and Pacific Pier, belonging to the New York Dock Co., Brooklyn, were destroyed by fire to-day.

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The F.P.U. Rapidly Increasing in Strength in Harbor Main District

"Scrutiny" Has Something to Say of How Matters are Run According to Morris's Ideas of Public Administration. Some Officials Very Active at Recent Road Board Election, But Their Little Game Was Queered.

(To the Editor of Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir.—This indeed a forlorn castigation we get when, at the present time we take a mental summary of the haggard and withered constitutional fabric which our country has attained in the Morris Nursery. After years of energy and industrial strife, mostly with the fathomless ocean—the most unfriendly agent of God's creation for man to combat in the making of any country—after, I say, the bravest efforts on the part of our people, efforts full of courage unequalled by the makers of any empire, our island home had just begun to flap the wing of prosperity when the present regime, by the application of the wrong nipple, turned the tide of struggle and wrought the inefficacy that is her predominant chord to-day. And had she but grown helpless financially and drawn on greater force from the sinews of our working people for even the meanness of life's necessities; if, I say her vitality had but been lowered in that direction there were hopes of an early recovery under better ministrations; but, alas, the confidence of the people in the offices of government and judicial administration is severed and besmirched because of unworthy occupants in some cases, and, added thereto, the insult-to-injury degradation of a conscienceless and undignified discharge of the duties of others of which, with certainty Mr. Main tells the loudest knocker. There were never, Mr. Editor, in our past history such contemptible convictions forced on the constituents of our country as are held to-day for many branches of the government, if not all of them, because of mismanagement and extravagance and the high-handed proceedings of some of the ruling factors that comprise the Morris regime.

The people of this place are in no quandary over the window-smashing escapade that took place here last summer. All the evidence is before us, in fact some of us actually saw more than we are credited with, and we are a very scrutinizing court; but we are likewise a silent court and care only to whisper the real perpetrators till St. John's is done with the case. Good as is the above, Mr. Editor, if you had all the facts to govern your decision, yet in the laboratory of Morris Government, we can serve you with better. We have had the spectacle on more than one occasion of heelers carrying off poor men's cows in defiance of evidence so plain and sufficient as to reveal the right owner even to the blind. But I speak of evidence. Well, the oddity of such a word in such a case. Was it not deliberately prearranged to handle the case and make it the parody on justice it has never ceased to be in the mouth of everybody since the day of its commission? Mr. Editor, I intend giving the details of this case to your readers that you and they may have a cutlet from the flank of Mr. Main Justice during the Morris tenure of office.

I cease in the premises now only to hurry on to some questionable activities surrounding the election of our local road board council. Shortly before this election took place one esteemed "friend" (not in the sense of friendship) received advice from a visitor to his workshop that if he intended being a candidate for a place on the council board he had better get to work and try to offset a plot that was being formed by some parties in our midst to accomplish his defeat. The story ran that at a certain house a number of individuals would be gathered that night with rum in galore to formulate the plans to effect, if possible, the defeat of our "friend" and tradesman part way up the hill. Well, to assure himself of the accuracy of that story our "friend" kept an eye on the meeting place revealed to him and, at a late hour, had the consolation of seeing the number of plotters, amongst them being a government official, stroll out in double file. Convinced beyond question that the meeting did take place, and by the parties named by his informant, and that rum in galore as the informant stated was in evidence, our friend concluded from the early advice of his visitor that some concern of him in the election was really actuating the movements of that assembly. So high, in fact, did

five to eight dollars to parties controlling votes and likely without this grease at this particular time to operate in favour of our "friend." Were the government and Mr. Woodford parties to the object of the plotters in defeating our "friend" and thus sent the road grant at that time when King Frost held sway, as they had never done before?

I had intended, Mr. Editor, to point out to you the silver lining that is looming up in the distance behind this dark and extremely rotten cloud of maladministration, but I fear I am already too long winded. Anyway, in deferring it for another occasion I may just intimate that its web and fibre are composed of the rapidly increasing strength of the F.P.U. and the solid and constructive program which its policy entails. Of its activities at the present time in our midst including the visit yesterday of Friend Hibbs, who is Chairman of the Conception Bay Council, it is impossible to do justice with our space already overrun. Suffice it just now for me to tell you that in that gentleman we have no Mosdell type of faithless Unionist and Friend, but a real earnest co-operator of great ability and a priceless acquisition to us in Conception Bay in the great work lying prone before us, of revolutionizing our public and industrial life and redeeming it from the lethargy and decadence to which tourism has brought I am, etc.

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Sergt. Gynemer, of French Corps, Wins in His Fifth Duel.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Sergeant-Pilot Gynemer, 21 years of age, of the French flying corps, has just brought down his fifth German adversary, and has been mentioned for his exploit in an official communication. Previously he had been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, the War Cross and the Military Medal for other feats.

M. Gynemer was a lad in college when the war began, and enlisted at once. He had never been in an aeroplane, but at the end of seven days of training he made his trial flight for a pilot's license. Six week's training, usually is required.

His work at the front began in April of last year. It was not until Dec. 5 that he began to make his record by hunting German aeroplanes. At that time he brought down, single-handed, a large German biplane.

Sergt. Gynemer flies alone, as did Garros and Pegoud, but instead of a monoplane he uses a great biplane, on which he makes 90 miles an hour. He accounted for four machines in nine days. Gynemer is of Scotch extraction.

In December the sergeant fought a spectacular duel directly above the arms cheering him enthusiastically below. He was engaged with one of the famous Fokker aeroplanes, and though there were two men aboard the Fokker, he manoeuvred skillfully until he brought his gun in range. At a distance of 15 yards he delivered a mortal blow.

"The Old Charles" is the name given to the biplane which Sergeant Gynemer manipulated. It is armed with a weapon which it is not permissible to describe. He handles it with remarkable facility and deadly precision, at the same time manoeuvring his aeroplane with great skill.

Between the times of his fourth and fifth successful duels he had a narrow escape in a fight with a Fokker. At the moment of firing, at a distance of 30 yards, his gun became unusable, the lubricating oil having frozen. He attempted a quick turn, but, carried by the momentum, struck the German machine with his upper plane and began to descend abruptly. After falling very rapidly for 500 yards the biplane righted itself. Gynemer returned to the headquarters of his flotilla, but had missed his fifth machine, which he accounted for only a few days later. His antagonist went to earth in flames after a short combat.

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40,000 GIRLS TO STRIKE FOR INCREASED WAGES

New York, Feb. 7.—It is expected that approximately 40,000 girls employed in some 600 waist and dressmaking shops in this city will quit work to-morrow in a general strike for increased wages and less hours' work. These workers demand the same concessions which were ordered to-day by the Board of Arbitrators which settled a strike of 20,000 girls employed in the shops of the Waist and Dress Manufacturers' Association by granting a 48-hour week, higher wages and other demands of the strikers.

Kitchener's Review of the War in the House of Lords

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of Lords, Earl Kitchener, Secretary for War, reviewed the recent British operations on various fronts. In France, said Kitchener, although the Indians have been withdrawn, our forces have been materially increased by no less than eight divisions of the army. In Egypt adequate preparations have been made against the threatened invasion. In Mesopotamia, Major Genl. Aylmer is awaiting further reinforcements before renewing his forward movement for junction with General Townshend.

Touching on the workings of the new system of army enlistments, Kitchener said the Government was beginning to realize how seriously the number of men immediately obtainable are affected by exemptions. Time alone will show what the result will be, said the War Secretary, but I trust on a future occasion to be in a position to assure the House as to the chance of securing the numbers required.

Continuing his review of the operations, Kitchener said the Allied offensive in the Loos and Champagne areas inflicted very heavy losses on

ments of the forward movement which the splendid courage of the Italian troops is surely eventually to push home.

Notwithstanding the heavy blows and consequent losses sustained by Russia in the summer of 1915, her army has been thoroughly re-organized, re-equipped, and armaments increased.

The Turkish army, reinforced by German supplies, was able to organize a movement of troops either against Egypt or to strengthen their forces in Mesopotamia, and at the same time bring more powerful artillery to bear against our positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was, therefore, decided to withdraw from the Peninsula and reinforce our troops at Salonika and Egypt.

During last winter an abortive attempt on the Suez Canal was easily pushed aside by the small British force operating in that neighbourhood, but, as a more serious attempt had been threatened, adequate preparations were made to defend the Canal.

Turco-German influence with the religious chief of the Senussi tribesmen on the west flank in Egypt, succeeded in inducing the tribes of Cyrenaica and Tripoli to assume a hostile attitude towards us. Their first attempts resulted in complete failure and disaster, and, though this movement still causes an amount of un-

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More Correspondence Between Washington and Berlin

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary of State Lansing said to-day that the German Government announced its intention of sinking armed merchantmen, without warning, after February 29th, has re-opened the entire question of submarine warfare. The Lusitania agreement presented by Count Von Bernstorff to-day, cannot be finally accepted until the United States determines whether anything in its conflicts with the new policy of sinking armed merchant ships.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The United States, it was said by high authorities at the State Department to-day, concedes that the Entente Allies are within their rights, under prevailing international law, in arming merchant ships for defensive purposes, no matter what conditions exist on the seas, consequently it is admitted that should the Allies decline to adopt the American suggestion to disarm merchantmen, this government cannot announce its approval of the intention of the Teutonic Powers to torpedo without warning after Feb. 29th all armed vessels.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Daily Mail expresses the opinion that the first of March, on which date the German memorandum comes into effect respecting armed merchantmen, will see the inauguration of a new German submarine campaign with newly-built vessels of an alleged tonnage of five thousand. These vessels are reported to be capable of crossing and recrossing the Atlantic without needing fresh fuel on the water, and according to the Mail they will act as long range commerce destroyers.

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 16.—The crew of the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru, reached port last night, on the steamer which rescued them in mid-Atlantic, after they had abandoned their steamer in a sinking condition, consequent upon springing a leak.

The Kenkon Maru was bound for Baltimore. The crew of the steamer spent several days in stormy weather at the pumps, which became choked. The boats of the vessel were submerged, when the Plymouth bound steamer arrived on the scene.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—According to the Echo de Belge, three persons were killed and ten wounded at Assenede, Belgium, when German soldiers fired into a crowd assembled to protest against further German requisitions.

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A GIGANTIC WASTE

IN his report on Hudson Bay Railway work during last year, the engineer in charge of the construction of terminals at Port Nelson makes reference to some of the difficulties encountered. These are not ordinary engineering difficulties which can be overcome by a lavish expenditure of money, but difficulties man is powerless to cope with, difficulties which stomp as wastefully extravagant the expenditure of a single cent on this Hudson Bay scheme. The engineer's report, embodied in the annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals, just published, notes, according to an Ottawa correspondent:

The first boat in from Halifax with supplies could not make the port until Aug. 13. The summer months were wet and disagreeable, with thirty-six days of rain or snow during July, August and September. The loss of time was therefore serious. It was very windy during the whole year, the wind gauges frequently recording gales of 50 miles per hour. The average January temperature was 24 below zero, and the average August temperature 53 above. Outside of the River bed the only construction material without 50 miles of Port Nelson is a mixture of sand and clay, and it was found to be so softened by the rising and falling tides that the cribs slid in all directions, wrecking trestles and taking slopes of 20 to 1. The report further states that frost penetrates in the swampy country around Port Nelson to an unbelievable depth, at no point less than 25 feet. No ground water supply was found other than salt water.

This practical condemnation of the Hudson Bay project by a responsible agent of the Railway department, following closely its condemnation by an agent of the Marine and Fisheries department, should influence both parliamentary and public opinion against the enormous expenditure involved in the construction of the Hudson Bay road, with necessary terminals at Port Nelson and the aids to navigation which must be established and maintained to make safe the waterway to the inland port, which may not be reached before August and will be ice-bound again by October. With

MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS!

NOTHING more clearly indicated the true character of W. F. COAKER than invitation to Sir Robert Bond to lead the Union Forces during the recent campaign. A less cautious man or one more self-conceited would, in COAKER'S position, have essayed the task himself. But, sinking personal ambition and keeping an eye single to the interests of the F. P. U., the President (COAKER) secured a practical politician for the position. AND SO THE COUNTRY LEARNED THAT COAKER IS A MAN WHOSE HEAD IS NOT TURNED BY SUCCESS AND ALSO THAT HIS

PRESENT POSITION DOES INDEED REQUIRE MUCH SELF-SACRIFICE AND NO LITTLE DIPLOMACY. It is a foregone conclusion that under his (COAKER'S) Leadership the Fishermen's Protective Union will eventually become THE GOVERNING POWER OF THE LAND and thus in elevating the Toilers to this dignified position, which is theirs by every right of manhood, W. F. COAKER HAS WRIT HIS NAME LARGELY ON THE PAGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND HISTORY. — MOSDELL, in The Fishermen's Advocate, December 20th, 1913.

CAN HE DENY IT?

"AND because the Fishermen have found Coaker faithful above all things to the trust reposed in him he is bound to raise in the esteem of the Fishermen and to bind them to him with the bonds of affection."—Mosdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, Dec. 20th, 1913.

The above is just one other quotation taking from an article written by Mosdell some short while ago. Then Mosdell saw and outlined the great future in store for the Fishermen of this Country so long sought for by the Toilers; but aye so long sought for in vain. The day has at last come, and come to stay. No tide can stop it. It has swept through the land with the force of a mighty tornado carrying all before it. It has not stayed in any one particular place but has spread to every harbour and village throughout the Island. It has been to many a Fisherman a message of deliverance and to hundreds of others a ray of hope for the future.

Now had Mosdell stayed with the Union and Coaker he might have felt some pride later on in the fact that he outlined the aims and objects of this organization and when the hour of final victory now so near at hand, at last came, he could take his place with Coaker and share in the glory of work well and faithfully performed. But no; being unable to usurp Coaker from the position of trust and responsibility reposed in him by the Fishermen of this Country and being unable to stand even for the time being the envy aroused within him over Coaker's unequalled success he looked around for newer ideals and newer masters to serve at his own price.

Men of Mosdell's type will always find buyers in the market ready to purchase men who will for a consideration refute to-day that which they wrote yesterday; who will not scruple to abuse the confidence of another as long as their own ends are served. Such a man is Mosdell.

Now the poet tells us that—
"New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth."

And so Coaker instead of following the beaten path of the would be reformer who generally goes by some one's else methods boldly blazed a path for himself

ports open the year round needing equipment in the way of dredging, wharves, elevators, breakwaters, etc., to carry the trade of Canada, the expenditure on the Hudson's Bay project of from thirty to fifty millions of dollars, perhaps more, appears a gigantic waste.—The St. John Globe.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

FEBRUARY 17

Benevolent Irish Society's annual election day.—founded in 1806. The following is a list of its Presidents and years they presided:—

- Capt. Winckworth Tongue, 1806-7;
- Lieut. Col. John Murray, 1808-9;
- Capt. James McBraire, 1810 to 1822;
- Patrick Morris, Esq., 1823 to 1829;
- Stephen Lawlor, Esq., 1830-1;
- Patrick Morris, Esq., 1832;
- Timothy Hogen, Esq., 1833;
- Patrick Morris, Esq., 1834 to 1837;
- Lawrence O'Brien, Esq., 1838-9;
- Patrick Morris, Esq., 1840;
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- Hon. John Kent, 1846;
- Hon. Lawrence O'Brien, 1847-8;
- John V. Nugent, Esq., 1849-50;
- Hon. Lawrence O'Brien, 1851-6;
- Hon. Philip F. Little, 1857-8;
- Hon. Edward Morris, 1859 to 1873;
- M. Fenelon, Esq., M.H.A., 1874-9;
- Joseph I. Little, Esq., Q.C., M.H.A., 1880-3;
- Robert J. Kent, Esq., Q.C., M.H.A., 1884 to 1891;
- John T. O'Mara, Esq., 1892-3;
- Michael H. Carty, Esq., M.H.A., 1894;
- Hon. James D. Ryan, 1895 to 1916.

Thomas Macey's wife, wife's father, and four children burnt to death in John Bond's cottage, Portugal Cove Road, 1862.

The brig William Donnelly launched at Harbor Grace, 1865. D. Morison married, 1882.

One hundred and forty Fenians arrested in Dublin, 1867.

During illness of Governor DesVoeux, Hon. E. D. Shea read Governor's speech at opening of Legislature, 1887.

Miss Frances E. Willard died, 1898. Thomas Lawlor, Governor's coachman, died, 1891.

John Purcell, architect, died, 1892. Barque Meteor, Capt. Smith, abandoned at sea on her way from Cadiz to St. John's, 1890.

THE REASON WHY

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Times naval correspondent expresses the belief that the recent increased activity of the German fleet is due to the appointment of a new Commander-in-Chief, whose name has not been divulged, and the passing into service of certain new vessels and probably faster and heavier torpedo craft.

RESIGNS HIS POST

PETROGRAD, Feb. 16.—George T. Marye, American Ambassador, has resigned, giving ill-health as his reason. He has not been advised of the acceptance of his resignation by the State Department.

and decided that his work on behalf of the Fishermen of this Country would be a creation not a copy. With this idea in view he has laboured on for six years, each year following the other with a record of greater work than the previous one.

YESTERDAYS' LONDON REVIEW

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Switching their offensive from the Artois and Champagne regions, in France, to the Belgian sector around Ypres, held by the British, the Germans have smashed their way by artillery bombardment and infantry into the British front line trench over a distance between 600 and 800 yards. Berlin says that a majority of the defenders of the trench were killed, but that one officer and several dozen soldiers were made prisoners.

In the Artois region, between Lens and Bethune, a crater of a mine blown up by the Germans was occupied by them, while French guns have been busy shelling German organizations in the neighbourhood of the road to Lille. The French also bombarded German positions north of Vic Sur Aisne and to the northeast of Soissons, and in Argonne exploded a mine and occupied a crater. In Champagne, Berlin asserts, French infantry attempts to regain lost positions north of Taurus were repulsed, as likewise was a similar attack in the Vosges near Obersoep.

There has been a considerable renewal of activity on the Russian front around Dvinsk, to the south of the Pripiet river and along the upper middle Stripa river, but no important changes have occurred.

Italians are still using their guns and infantry in attempts to retake from the Austro-Hungarians the positions recently captured. All attempts have been repulsed with heavy losses, according to Vienna. Both sides of the Sizza, occupied by the Austrians, and positions in the Leebach Valley, and on the Austrian front between the Fella Valley and Viesch mountain, also have been heavily bombed by the Italians.

The Russians are still on the offensive against the Turks in the Caucasus. Constantinople reports attacks being repulsed by counter-attacks in Mesopotamia.

Around Kut-el-Amar and Felahia, where the British are operating against the Turks, the situation is unchanged.

HAS PROMISE OF BEING A LIVELY SITTING

LONDON, Feb. 16.—No fewer than 35 amendments to the address in reply to the King's speech were down for discussion when the debate was resumed in the Commons to-day. The majority of the amendments are unimportant, but others raise serious issues which promise a lively discussion. A list of 165 questions addressed to Ministers is also to be disposed of.

The amendments include one by William Johnstone Hicks, on defence measures against Zeppelin raids. It was expected the Government's reply would be made by Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War.

The requisitioning of shipping was brought forward in an amendment proposed by Robert Houston, Unionist Member.

Charles P. Trevelyan, Liberal, has given notice of motion calling on the Government to announce the general terms on which it would be willing to enter into negotiations with a view to bringing about a just and lasting peace. Another peace amendment was sponsored by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal, who suggested the establishment of an international tribunal, to which diplomatic disputes should be referred in future.

Emperor Nicholas and Pres. Poincare Exchange Greetings

PARIS, Feb. 16.—Emperor Nicholas sent the following telegram yesterday from the General Headquarters of the Russian staff to President Poincare: "I have just received news that the Serbian Army finds itself removed from all danger, thanks to the efforts of the French Government. I wish to address to Mr. President my warmest and most hearty congratulations for the aid France has generously given to our valiant allies so cruelly tried in the course of their heroic struggle against the common enemy. —Signed, Nicholas."

The President replied as follows: "His Majesty Emperor of Russia: Our military mission and our navy, which, in accord with the British and Italian naval authorities, in spite of great difficulties, have accomplished the complete rescue of the Serbian army, will be very much touched by your majesty's felicitations. France is proud to have contributed to the preservation intact of the valiant troops who have been obliged to yield mo-

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MENTALLY TO SUPERIOR NUMBERS, AND WHO WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE ALLIES IN THE LIBERATION OF THEIR COUNTRY.—Signed, Poincare."

GOVERNMENT TO COMMANDEER ALL DISTILLERIES

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Central News says it is able to confirm the report that the Government is about to commandeer all distilleries in the United Kingdom with a little delay as possible. This step is rendered necessary, it is said, owing to the constantly growing demand for alcohol in the manufacturing of light explosives.

BARON MURRAY RESIGNS

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Baron Murray of Ellbank, who was appointed last November to act in a temporary honorary capacity as director general of recruiting for munition work, has resigned his post owing to ill health. Sir George Croydon Marks, M.P. for north-east Cornwall, will probably succeed him.

BUTTER CARDS NOW SEEN IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The magistrates in Greater Berlin held a conference to-day over the uniform distribution of the butter supply, and decided to introduce butter cards similar in their application to bread cards.

SAYS NO GERMAN BATTLESHIP WAS SUNK

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—A denial was made to-day by the Overseas News Agency of the recently published report that a German warship had been sunk in the Cattegat.

A Copenhagen despatch of Feb. 7th said it was reported that a large German warship had been sunk in the Cattegat, presumably by a mine. It was said at the time that wireless calls for help had been heard.

Const. Bishop arrived here by last night's train from Port de Grave with a woman named Dawe, a widow, for the Lunatic Asylum. She has been mentally afflicted for sometime past.

The railway section men and others working on the line have been experiencing pretty hard times of late. The intense frost and storms made their work difficult and surrounded it with much hardship so that many of them had ears and hands nipped with the frost.

The Reid Nfld. Co. believe the Kyle arrived at Louisburg early to-day and is now on her way back to Port aux Basques.

Mrs. Ebsary had a telegram a couple of days ago from Regimental Sgt. Major Saml. Ebsary, her son, saying that he had received all his letters and parcels and that he was then feeling well.

GERMANY IDENTIFIES LIEUT. HANS BERG

Commander of Prize Crew of the Appam is a Naval Reservist

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Lieut. Hans Berg, commander of the prize crew which recently took the British steamer Appam into Hampton Roads, has been identified as Hans Berg, of Apenrade, a naval reservist and master in peace time of the tramp steamer Gamma, belonging to the Ahrenkiel and Clausen Line.

Berg served as a one-year volunteer in the navy, and was called to the colors at the outbreak of the war, and promoted to be lieutenant six months ago.

While on furlough last year Berg told his wife in Apenrade not to be disturbed if she heard nothing from him in a long time. As a matter of fact, his wife has had no letter from him, and has been unable to write him for many months, as his address was unknown.

The German steamer Gamma is a vessel of 2,234 tons. She was last reported in port at Rotterdam.

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No Scarcity of Food in Russia

London, Feb. 8.—Commenting on the announcement that the Russian minister of agriculture has ordered two meat fast days weekly in Russia, despatches received from Petrograd say there is no serious scarcity of food in Russia generally, and that this is due largely to a faulty transportation. Generally speaking, the newspapers say, the scarcity of provisions is peculiar to Petrograd which must be provisioned by means of a single railway, which already is

heavily taxed with war business. At Moscow, the situation is normal and everywhere else, but in town and country there are ample supplies and the mass of the people are in better condition to purchase than ever before. The peasants are receiving about double the usual amount for their produce and labor and cannot waste their means on drink. The only reason why the new fast days apply to the whole empire is a precaution to oppose the tendency to eat more meat than usual and thereby cause a dangerous strain on the supplies of cattle.

Germany Seizes All Clothing

Measure More Significant Than the Bread Card Proclamation—What the Ordinance Means—All Woollens, Linen and Cotton Goods to be Mobilized

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The most far-reaching measure taken by Germany so far is the confiscation of practically all stocks of clothes, textiles, woven and knitted goods which are suitable for use for the German army or navy, the sick and wounded prisoners, and German Government officials. The military ordinance, and is more significant even than the bread card proclamation.

The ordinance, which goes into effect throughout Germany at once, amounts to a general mobilization of all textiles, woollens, linen and cotton goods. All companies, as well as individual merchants, having in their possession more than a fixed maximum quantity of the goods subject to confiscation are required to make an itemized report of their stocks to the Minister of War, which must be as soon as possible release goods not held in subject to the disposal and order of the War Minister, which will be as soon as possible release goods not wanted or unsuited for the war needs, taking over against prompt payment goods suitable to cover future war requirements. To obviate a rush of the public on the stores, tailors, etc., and to prevent a sudden boosting of prices, the ordinance fixes automatically a maximum. The price for such goods in future is to be no higher than the price at which they were last sold before Feb. 1st.

The new war measure is the one topic of interest to-day, and the press with wonderful unanimity sounds a stirring patriotic note. The Tageblatt says:

"It will mean a stretching of supplies. Hitherto discarded clothes have largely represented dead capital, but will now be found for them again for the rest of the war. Nobody in Germany will trouble about fashion. We will wear what clothes are available and adapt our needs to actual conditions."

The new programme for stretching stocks is not merely occasioned by military reasons to cover the needs of the army. Greater significance lies in the fact that the military authorities are striving to strengthen the whole German national economy. The Prussian War Ministry is following the policy of a war of economies which is just as important for Germany as strategy. For Germany is waging not only a military and political war against the Quadruple Entente, but also an economic war. The fortunate ending of one is unthinkable without carrying the other through successfully. One of the Ministry's most important tasks is to keep our economic weapons just as sharp as our military ones. The army must first be covered, the needs of civilians can be more easily limited.

"As in the case of all our other protective measures, this readjustment in the textile industry will attract notice abroad, and particularly the notice of our enemies. Capital will be made of the confiscation to show that Germany has reached the end of her strength. The clear-headed abroad who are familiar with conditions here, however, arguing for a long war. Confiscation is not an indication that no stocks are on hand, but rather of a gathering together of strength."

Other newspapers lay emphasis on the fact that the new measure is designed to meet the exigencies of a war that may last for years.

The Morgen Post says: "The purchases of textiles will undoubtedly make it more difficult for civilians, but this will have an educational effect on the well-to-do classes."

The Tagliche Rundschau says: "The well-to-do classes will be forced to recognize the seriousness of the situation, which, unfortunately, they have not done so far. Men and women will ransack closets and trunks and return to old discarded clothes, conscious of the fact that today it is an honor, to go about in a shabby coat."

ANOTHER RUSSIAN MINISTER RETIRES

Petrograd, Feb. 7.—Another important Cabinet change was announced to-day. Pierre A. Kharitonoff, Controller-General, retires for reasons of health. He is succeeded by M. Pokrovsky, a member of the Council of the Empire.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Convents Looted in Stamboul

Although for the last four or five months it has been very difficult to get private letters through either to or from the Ottoman capital, the Paris Midi has received some information of great interest. In the matter of schools, British interests in Turkey have not suffered as much as French for France had also most monopolized primary and secondary education, especially for girls. Most of the Moslem women who are educated at all, in the European sense of the world, were taught by the Zionist Sisters of Kadikoi or Pankaldi, or by the Sisters of Pera and Galata, whilst very many men went through the colleges of the Fathers at Kadikoi or Taxim, or through the Faure Lyceum in Pera. Not long after the German invasion all these establishments were sacked and robbed, and then converted into German or Moslem schools.

In the case of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth, at Pera, the school was evacuated, all the Sisters being shut up for the night in one room. The next day all their belongings were thrown into the muddy street for them to pick up as best they could before being marched up to the Sirkeci Railway station and despatched to Dedeagatch. In the case of the Fathers of Kadikoi, whose schools possessed valuable botanical, mineral and natural history collections and some costly and delicate instruments, these were simply removed to the German school at the Tekkeh, and the furniture disappeared in less than an hour. The fathers were kept locked until the whole establishment was looted, and then were themselves stripped and robbed before being turned out into the street. On general indignation being expressed the unhappy priests were promptly driven across the frontier into Greece or Bulgaria.

The lady superior of the School of Notre Dame de Zion was kept a prisoner for two months because, being an Alesatian, she proclaimed her love for France and her detestation of Germany. At Bebek Orphanage the police arrived just as the children were sitting down to luncheon. They turned out the orphans and the Sisters forthwith, not even allowing them to take a crust of bread, devoured the meal themselves, and at once put Turkish school children into the building. The Sisters and orphans were driven out and made to walk for hours, in pelting rain, to Galata, where they were rescued.

The French Club, the Union Francaise, was also pillaged of all its handsome furniture, valuable objects of art, pictures and library. The Russian and British hospitals were requisitioned at once, and the French only escaped by having been taken over previously by the American Red Cross. The Italian hospital was occupied on the very day that war was declared, but the Italians had anticipated things and had cleared out everything, so that the Germans found nothing but bare walls.

Wounded Soldiers To Obtain Training

Military Hospitals Commission Employs a Vocational Officer—Will Visit Provinces—There Are 1,155 Returned Men in Various Convalescent Homes

Montreal, Feb. 6.—Steps towards inaugurating a system for the vocational re-education of crippled soldiers were taken at a meeting of the Military Hospitals Commission of Canada, held Saturday in the Drummond Building, Montreal. It was decided to appoint competent vocational instructors for the various convalescent homes where returned soldiers are being cared for.

In this way it will be possible to determine just what line of work each man is best fitted to pursue. A definite programme to deal with the re-educating of the men after this information is secured will be submitted at the next meeting of the commission.

A report was submitted by the Provincial Employment Commission, showing the approximate number of returned soldiers for whom employment had been found up to January 26th, 1916. The total is 647, made up by provinces as follows: Ontario, 200; Quebec, 140; Nova Scotia, 30; British Columbia, 79; Saskatchewan, 35; Alberta, 99; Manitoba, 41; and head office of commission, 25.

Chickens come home to roost, and a promissory note always displays the same tendency.

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Fierce Fighting In the Interior Of Albania

ROME, Feb. 6.—The situation in Albania is unchanged. A squadron of Austrian cavalry has occupied the town of Krojo, about 12 miles north-east of Durazzo, while Bulgarian irregulars are nearing Elbassan, but the Italians and the troops of Essad Pasha have as yet not come in contact with the invaders. Fierce, merciless fighting is going on in the interior of Albania between Christian and Moslem Albanian tribesmen and the invasion of Serbia, which, they armed hands have been recruited by the Bulgarians and financed by the Austrians and Germans. These bands are now infesting central and southern Albania, massacring the inhabitants who are friendly to Essad Pasha, burning towns and villages and looting them of all things of value, such as domestic utensils made out of copper. These things are well paid for by the invaders, who are much in need of copper. The Austro-German and Bulgarian officers are systematically organizing massacres, applying a reformer?

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STEER BROS.

Horse Races at Quidi Vidi Lake

Large Gathering of People Present—Great Interest Taken in Meet—Several Challenge Matches Are Spoken of

Some thousands of our citizens yesterday afternoon assembled on Quidi Vidi Lake to witness the horse races held there. The ice was in pretty good condition and much interest was shown in the outcome of each event, some betting being indulged in on the favorites.

In the first race, which was between city horses, trotters were entered by H. Macpherson, M. Kelly, Wiley, R. Lester, J. Judge and A. E. Parkins. The prizes were won in the order given and consisted of a buffalo robe, presented by Mr. J. S. Munn; a pair of blankets, by Mr. H. Macpherson, and a ton of coal by Mr. R. Harvey.

The first, second and fourth heats were won by H. Macpherson, who drove his own horse, and the third was a dead heat between him and M. Kelly. The greatest interest was centered in this race, and it is said much money changed hands on the result.

In the farm-horse contest, M. McDonald was first; Ross, second, and P. Neville, third. The prizes given were \$10 first, \$6 second and \$4 third.

The winners were heartily congratulated and as a result of the day's events it is not at all unlikely that several challenge races will result.

Empire Lodge, S.O.F. Entertains Pte. Long

Last night in the Oddfellows Hall a very pleasant time was spent by the members of Empire Lodge when Private, Brother W. J. Long, who has just got back from the front on furlough, was entertained. President F. W. Pike presided and the following toast list was discussed, interspersed with songs:

- "The King"—Prop. by the President; Resp. God Save the King.
- "Our Guest"—Prop. Bro. G. T. Phillips; Resp. W. J. Long.
- "Song"—Bro. C. W. Udle.
- "Supreme Lodge"—Prop. Bro. James Chaffey, W.P.P.; Resp. C. W. Udle.
- "Song"—Bro. S. Merrils.
- "Lodge Dudley"—Prop. Bro. W. J. Pike; Resp. W. T. Quick, W.P.
- "Song"—Bro. G. S. Phillips.
- "Our Boys on Active Service"—Prop. Bro. L. Hallett, W.P.P.; Resp. W. H. Strong.
- "Song"—Bro. Hallett.
- "Chairman"—Prop. Bro. G. S. Phillips; Resp. The Chairman.

GOD SAVE THE KING

M. C. L. I.

To-night the members of the M. C. L. I. will debate the following proposition:

"Resolved—That an Imperial system of Government, based on the Canadian system, would lead to a greater solidarity of the Empire?"

The leaders in the debate are Rev. Dr. Curtis and Abraham Kean, and a most interesting debate is expected.

PUT BACK TO LOUISBURG

The S.S. Meigle left Louisburg at daylight yesterday but was to the heavy ice blocking the coast had to put back. Capt. Parsons telegraphed that the ice was very heavy and jammed tight on the land. She steamed 29 miles S.W. but could not get around the floe and was forced to return to wait for a change in the weather.

PORT BLOCKED WITH ICE

Not for many years past has the port of St. John's been blocked with ice so early in the season as this year. Heavy slob ice extends away off to sea North and South of the Heads and this impedes inward and outward shipping. The harbor is also firmly frozen over and a strong off shore wind is necessary to clear the coast.

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To-Night's Hockey W.P.A. Games

The W. P. A. is in needs of funds and a good way to assist is by attending at the Prince's Rink to-night, when the hockey games between teams of ladies and veterans will be run off. The ladies will play first and a good game is expected, as the Greens hope to reverse the result of the previous contest when they lost by 5 goals to 2. Play begins at 7.30 and the line-up will be:

Reds	Goal	Greens
Vera O'Dwyer	Mildred Coen	
B. Bartlett	M. Mitchell	
Elsie Crowdy	C. Storey	
Helen Anderson	E. Hayward	
Gwen Mews	A. Hayward	
Lizzie Howley	O. Hayward	
Renie Hutchings	A. Hayward	

In the old-timers' contest the players will be as follows:

East	Goal	West
Hearn	Duff	
N. Vinicombe	Shortall	
G. Herder	Hutchings	
Marshall	Dickinson	
J. Vinicombe	James	
Simms	W. Herder	
Seymour	Urquhart	

Teas will be served by ladies of the W. P. A. and a special programme of music has been prepared for the occasion by the C.C.C. Band.

AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

Last night, the second of the Lantern Exhibition at the Presbyterian Hall was equally as successful as the first, another large gathering being present. The various views of the regiment heroes, the leaders in the great struggle etc., were received with warmest applause, particularly those of Nurse Cavell and the Memorial Service in St. Paul's Cathedral. Band and others added greatly to the pleasure of all. Quite a large sum was realized, part of which will be donated to the W.P.A.

W.P.A.

In Aid of the Sick and Wounded and of our Soldiers and Sailors at the Front.

- Subscriptions may be sent to Lady Davidson, Mrs. Emerson, Hon. Treasurer; or to any of the following members of the Finance Committee—Mrs. John Ayre, Mrs. Garrett Byrne, Miss Browning, Mrs. T. J. Duley, Mrs. T. J. Edens, Miss Hayward, Mrs. A. Macpherson, Mrs. H. Rendell. Amount acknowledged \$23,087.55
- Proceeds dance held in Fishermen's Hall, Greenspond per F. J. Matthews 6.00
- H. Oubridge Esq. 30.00
- Gift of Prize Winners in the C. of E. Cathedral Sunday schools 50.00
- Collected by Mrs. Snow 5.55
- Dr. J. F. Pratt, Binghampton, N.Y., per Mrs. W. J. Carroll 5.00
- Some old sports 17.00

Balance approximately \$23,201.10

KATHERINE EMERSON, Hon. Treasurer.

St. John's, Feb. 16, 1916.

DEATH

LAWRENCE—Died this morning, Jane, beloved wife of Thomas H. Lawrence, leaving 3 sons and 3 daughters. Interment Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 33 Hayward Avenue.

The Best American Mayo's... 15c Plug.

At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

Victorias Defeat Terra Novas 3 to 1

The Terra Novas suffered their first defeat for the season last night when the Victorias won over them by three goals to one. The game was by far the best of the series, both sides putting up a fine exhibition. A feature of the game was the absence of foul or rough play but the offside rule was not closely observed by the Vics, who seemed a bit off colour in the previous contests came back in great form and got in some star work for his side.

Although the winners had the best of play all through, their opponents made some splendid efforts to beat Hunt, who, however, saved the many hard shots in fine style. Mr. G. Herder was referee; Messrs. Slims and McKenzie, timekeepers and the players were:

Terra Novas	Goal	Victorias
Duley	Hunt	
Tobin	Ford	
Watts	Long	
Stick	Brien	
Mews	Reid	
Trapnell	King	
Sellars	Duggan	

The Vics. Landed two goals in the first half, Ford scoring No. 1 in six mins., and Brien No. 2 in 19 mins. In the second round Tobin in 22 minutes landed the one and only for his team, and Duggan half a minute later sent in No. 3 for the Vics. Only one penalty was giving during the game, Mews getting three minutes' rest for fouling Ford.

SHIPPING

The Prospero left Pushtrough at 4.08 a.m. to-day, going west.

The S.S. Stephano left Halifax at 9 a.m. yesterday and is due here tomorrow morning.

The schr. Gay Gordon left Belleoram for Gibraltar yesterday with 3215 qds oilfish, shipped by Harvey & Co.

The S.S. Stephano, due to arrive here to-morrow, will have a large freight and also a big mail, as she is taking all the mail matter that has been lying over at Halifax.

The Ranger is now being overhauled at Bowring Bros. She goes to the Gulf for the first time since coming here and will be commanded by Capt. W. Bartlett, Jr.

TWO YEARS FOR ARSON

In the Supreme Court to-day Arch Thompson who was charged with setting fire to his grocery store on Duckworth Street was arraigned before the Chief Justice. He pleaded guilty through his counsel, Mr. W. J. Higgins and was sentenced to two years imprisonment, the sentence dating from to-day.

COULDN'T CROSS TICKLE

The S.S. Eurphrates left Bell Island this morning and got only half way across the Tickle owing to the ice. The mail man left her with his mail and walked into Portugal Cove on the ice. There were about 100 passengers on board from the island but they would not walk ashore on the floe and the steamer took them up to Broad Cove to try and land them there.

DECLARED NO DIVIDEND

The annual meeting of the Imperial Tobacco Co. was held Tuesday last but no dividend was declared for the year's work. The same directors as last year were appointed.

FLORIZEL STILL CAUGHT

As far as we could learn at Bowring Bros. to-day the S. S. Florizel is practically in the same position of Sydney jammed in the ice which is packed close to the land. A good off-shore wind is required there as it is here to clear the blockade.

POLICE COURT NEWS

In the Police Court to-day the S. P. C. A. entered actions against impounder Dessart and Messrs. Ring, Hackett and Simms for a breach of Section 11 of the Protection of Animals Act for slaughtering goats in the presence of others of their kind awaiting slaughter. The cases will be heard Saturday.

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OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.
The holiday programme at the Nickel theatre yesterday attracted immense audiences, the theatre being crowded during the afternoon and evening. The principal feature film was the final episode of The Clutching Hand. This sensational serial has been running for several weeks and all movie patrons have been interested in it. The final chapter was more thrilling than all the others, and no one should miss it. To-day the programme will be repeated and those who were unable to attend yesterday should be sure and take it in. Next Wednesday there will be a new "Exploits of Elaine". Friday and Saturday of this week the greatest of all the Charlie Chaplin comedies—"Work" will be given. We advise all to see this funny comedy.

OBITUARY

IN MEMORIAM.
Mary O'Neil Who Died At Littledale Academy Feb. 10th, 1916-10:15 P.M.

Youth is always associated with Life—Yea with Immortality. Sudden then is the shock and great the grief when we learn that a dear one in the full flush of the morning of life has been suddenly snatched away by Death like some fair flower rudely plucked by vandal hands in the rose light of the dawn.

We may well imagine the sorrow and consternation which enshrouded Littledale Academy like a gloomy pall, when Mary O'Neil one of its brightest pupils died at that institution after a very brief illness on last Thursday evening.

In apparently good health on the previous Wednesday with alarming rapidity pneumonia developed on the following day and despite the unremitting care of the Rev. Mother and the Sisters and all that medical science and skill could do, she passed away at 10:15 o'clock p.m. on the vigil of Our Lady of Lourdes.

When it became evident that the innocent young life was fast flickering to a close the last Sacraments were duly administered as a viaticum on the last Journey, and to be an Angel of the Covenant and a pillar of light to guide the soul to that unknown country from whose bourne no traveller ever returns.

Modesty, simplicity, sweetness, these were the charming qualities which endeared her to the Nuns and to her school-mates and will be always cherished sacredly in the garden of hallowed memories.

The sincere sympathy of all will go out to the parents of the deceased—Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil of Bay de Verde on the sudden loss of their only daughter who was just fifteen years old. A void has been made in their home and in their hearts which only Christian faith and hope can fill but the souvenir of the dear child's piety, affection and love must ever remain as a sweet consolation when time has softened grief and has dried sad tears.

The body was embalmed and sent to Carbonear by rail, the boarders walked to the railway station as a last mark of respect. Soft wisps of snow, light as gossamer, were falling ever so gently on the Coffin and it may be fancy as we thought it a symbolical fitness of a spotless life gone to its heavenly reward.

"Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to render to every one according to his works." (Apoc. 22: 12)

Mr. Patrick Costigan

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of a well known and respected citizen in the person of Mr. Patk. Costigan, in his 74th year. The deceased until very recently carried on an extensive fishing business on Labrador and was a successful planter. The deceased leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn him, viz., Mrs. A. W. O'Reilly and Mrs. Jas. O'Toole. His funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday) afternoon from his late residence, Theatre Hill.

MILD WEATHER PREVAILS

Yesterday across country the weather which had been very cold for days past took a change and became far milder.

At Bishop's Falls, where it was intensely cold, the glass registered 28 above zero; at Quarry, 11; at Port aux Basques, 20. It was 4 at Whitbourne and in the city last night 17 above.

Motto of the confidence man:

"Watch and prey."

56 Enlists at Grand Falls

Last evening Dr. W. F. Lloyd had the following message from Grand Falls which demonstrates the patriotic spirit existing amongst the people of that progressive town:

"Public meeting held last night in Town Hall; packed and two bands present. Earnest and patriotic addresses; no excitement but a determined feeling to avenge the death of innocents. Fifty-six volunteered and number will be increased to-day.

"N. PIKE, Chairman."

Messages received to-day state 100 have now enlisted.

SCHOONERS FIT FOR SEALFISHERY

We learn that there are several fine large schooners laying up in this harbor at present which would be very eligible to send to the seal fishery. We know of at least one owner of such vessels who had his mind made up to embark them in the venture, but he could not get insurance on them and considered it too risky to equip and fit them out unless insurance could be effected.

It is a pity that some of these schooners could not get a chance to try their luck as they could be easily crewed and no doubt most of them would be successful.

REMAINS ARRIVED HERE.

The express arrived here at 11.30 to-day bringing the remains of the late Mr. M. W. Furlong, K.C., who died in Montreal. The casket was taken charge of by undertaker M. W. Myrick and the remains were taken to his late residence at Winter Avenue, whence the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

LOCAL ITEMS

The volunteers were given leave yesterday, it being a holiday, and resumed their work to-day.

A young man, a resident of Petty Harbour developed diphtheria yesterday and is being treated at home. Two houses were released from quarantine there a month ago. This outbreak occurred in a different locality.

Mr. Eli Whiteaway has now applications enough from females who are ill to fill the General Hospital twice over. None of these who have applied for admission can be treated there for at least two months to come.

In the League Hockey match to-morrow night the Feildans and St. Bon's teams will meet. It is likely there will be a change in the St. Bon's line-up.

We hear the idea of getting a hockey team to visit us from Sydney has been abandoned. It would be a good way to raise money for the Patriotic Fund if the scheme could be successfully carried out.

It is now believed that pretty well all the Northern fleet of sealers will clear from Northern ports this spring. Most of them will leave here the first week in March. The Florizel will likely be the only ship to clear from St. John's.

Mr. Wm. Thistle of the Post Office was the first to discover the fire at Garret Byrn's bookstore yesterday morning. He supplied buckets to get water and helped energetically the police and others to quench the blaze.

Michael Peddle of Bay Bulls who had been a section man on the Trepassey Branch Line since its inception, died at the General Hospital yesterday. The body was sent home for interment by yesterday evening's train.

Mr. Kenneth C. Pike, son of Mr. Mark Pike of Steer Bros., who is Postal Telegraph operator at Port aux Basques, arrived here by the express to-day on a visit to his parents here.

The belief held to-day is that the steamer which was at Cape Spear yesterday telegraphed Cape Spear particulars as regards the ice was not the "Damore" but some tramp ship possibly damaged and waiting to make this port. She was not a Furlong boat in appearance. If it were "Damore" she would have shown her flag and signalled her name.

War Messages.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT

GENEVA, Feb. 16.—The Bucharest newspaper Adeveral says that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, at a review of German, Austrian and Bulgarian troops in Macedonia, informed the staffs that an attack on Salonika at the present time was inadvisable. The best policy, he is quoted as having said, was to retain the Entente Allied forces in Salonika and prevent them from being used on other fronts. Another Bucharest report received here says that the temporary inaction is due to the excessive demands of Bulgaria regarding the occupied territory in Serbia. Germany, it is said, is doing everything to avoid offending Greece. A further report says that rumours of misunderstanding between Germans and Bulgarians are unfounded.

GREECE OBJECTS TO SEIZURE OF SHIP

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A despatch from Athens says that another diplomatic clash between the Greeks and the Entente Allies has arisen over the arrest by the Allies of the Greek steamer Mavrakratousa, carrying 200 Bulgars whom the Allies considered belligerents. The Greeks contend that they are Hellenic subjects, from newly annexed provinces, and are consequently neutral. The steamer was bound for Crete.

REVOLT AGAINST AUSTRINIANS

ROME, Feb. 16.—The correspondent of the Idea Nazionale telegraphs that the Montenegrins in the Kasoyevic, Plavl and Gunstage districts, goaded by the ill usage of the Austrians, have revolted with such success that the Austrian authorities have been obliged to send to Scutari reinforcements. The Montenegrins, backed by arms and ammunition, which they had hidden, continue to resist.

PRASE FOR BULGARS

PARIS, Feb. 15.—News from hostile lines is that the Germans are directing the construction of a railway from Uskup to Monastir, by way of Krusavo, and the line is nearly completed, says a Temps despatch from Salonika to-day. Field Marshal von Mackensen, who has been reviewing the Bulgarian troops at Uskup, made a public speech to them, eulogizing their achievements.

CANADIAN BUDGET

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—The outstanding features of the Budget introduced in the House of Commons yesterday, may be summarized as follows: War appropriation, \$250,000,000 for 1916; National Debt now stands at \$580,000,000, an increase of \$131,000,000 over last year; Revenue for year estimated at \$170,000,000; surplus expected, \$45,000,000; trade balance estimated at \$200,000,000.

ALLIES WILL PAY FOR GREEK'S INJURED

PARIS, Feb. 16.—The French and British Ministers to Greece have given assurance to the Greek Government that the Allies will pay indemnities to all merchants and private individuals who suffered damage from recent zeppelin raids on Salonika. Payments to be made after the Balkan campaign is ended.

ANOTHE RMYSTERIOUS FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—Fifty thousand pounds of sugar were destroyed by fire in the hold of the steamer Dalton. The vessel had been chartered by the British Government to convey sugar to West Hartlepool, England, and was to sail to-day. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

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LATEST

Shipping Problem One of Importance

London, Feb. 17.—The question of requisitioning merchant shipping is one of the important matters which come up for consideration when the debate on the address in reply to the King's speech is resumed to-day. General interest is manifested in the subject by members of Parliament, the amendment in this connection is presented by Basil Edward Peto, who expresses regret in the amendment, that the Government had not taken measures to utilize economically the available tonnage, and put it under the control of central expert authority, with full power to requisition and direct the movements of all vessels, and to fix and limit remuneration for transport services of all kinds during the war. It is expected that an important reply will be elicited by this amendment from Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, on behalf of the Government. It is understood that it is the present intention of Premier Asquith to take the new vote of credit in the House of Commons on Monday.

Bulgar Army is in Bad Way—King Grows Unpopular

Rome, Feb. 17.—A despatch to The Daily News says neutral diplomats who recently returned from Bulgaria, says Bulgarian losses so far amount to 150,000; the army is now reduced to about 180,000, this is absolutely insufficient to aid the Germans in an attack on Salonika.

The soldiers, who are on short rations, as the Germans requisitioned all available supplies of wheat, are disheartened and tired of war; they fear Russian reprisals in the near future.

The King is openly blamed for selling the country to the Germans and is becoming very unpopular. His journey to Germany and Austria was taken because he feared it would be impossible to avoid a revolution, unless the Austro-Germans took the precaution of organizing timely measures, these the King personally urged in Berlin and Vienna.

Struggle Begun for Albanian Mastery

London, Feb. 17.—The final struggle for the mastery of Albania has begun, according to despatches received in London. The Austrians and Bulgars have succeeded in forming a juncture of their combined armies and now are in contact with Essad Pasha's army of Albanians, Montenegrins and Serbians which is defending Durazzo.

WILL HAVE FAR REACING CONSEQUENCES

Paris, Feb. 17.—The capture of Erzerum by the Russians is declared by the French newspapers as the best item of news for the Allies in many months. The military experts declaring that it gives the Russians the key to Asia Minor and is a victory which will inevitably have far reaching consequences.

FRANCE STORM SWEPT

Paris, Feb. 17.—A gale swept France yesterday and caused serious damage in Paris and in the provinces a number of shipwrecks have been reported and the channel services have been delayed and at some ports are entirely interrupted.

Pursuit of wealth is the great human hurdle race.