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U. S. NOTE GIVEN MUCH ATTENTION

Britain Must Have Absolute Guarantees From Neutral Countries of Non-Shipments of Goods to Germany

Washington, Jan. 4.—Developments in the negotiations to stop British interruptions of American copper shipments have reached the point, it was understood here today, where Britain will not interfere with shipments to well-known Italian firms, if they are made in Italian ships.

Shipments to well-known manufacturers in Sweden and Holland, it was also understood, would be uninterrupted, but it has not been made plain if they must be made in ships of those countries.

Few Cargoes Stopped. It can be authoritatively stated only five cargoes destined for Italy have been stopped at Gibraltar since Nov. 15th. Two of these were released within three days and the others as soon as the alleged contraband in their cargoes could be removed.

Since Dec. 4, no cargoes destined for Italy have been intercepted by the Allies.

Rubber cargoes held in English ports destined for American firms will probably be released shortly or purchased by Britain which needs much rubber for the manufacture of tyres, bed blankets and boots.

Tighten the Regulations. Constant negotiations are in progress between the Allies and neutral European countries situated near Germany looking to tightening export regulations which will prevent American shipments from reaching Germany and Austria through neighboring countries other than Italy.

The loosening of regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials will depend largely on assurances received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Austria and Turkey with munitions of war.

Given Much Attention. London, Jan. 4.—Politically, the American note still occupies a prominent position dividing attention with speculation as to what Roumania and Italy intend to do.

The answer of the British Government is expected to be sent to Washington late this week.

It is understood that Britain has reached such good understanding with Italy with regard to the transshipment of contraband that no cargoes destined to that country have been stopped since Dec. 4th.

British officials declare that the relief of American shipping from the present regulations depends largely on the assurances of neutral States bordering on the belligerent countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Austria or Turkey, with food products or munitions of war.

Reply Next Week. London, Jan. 4.—The British Government's reply to the American note

By Strong Reinforcements Russians Were Enabled To Turn Tide In The East

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Heavy reinforcements from Kiev were responsible for the recent change in the situation in Galicia, according to a correspondent of The Tageblatt with the Austrian headquarters.

The Russians, after their defeat at Lodz and their unsuccessful battle at Limanowa, the correspondent says, seemed on the point of being objected from Galicia and retired behind the Vistula but the reinforcements, although principally militia, were sufficient to turn the scale in favor of the Russians who launched a new offensive southwards in the direction of Nowy Sencze in the hope of jamming in between the Galician and Carpathian armies.

The Austrians, however, by a new

Germans Sunk The Formidable, So Says Berlin

German Submarine Boat Wirelesses Report of This Achievement To Admiralty

Berlin, Jan. 4.—An official announcement made public through the official news bureau today says: "A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in Berlin, that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth, the battleship Formidable.

The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

Swedish Steamer Lost In North Sea 20 Men Drowned

Supposed to Have Struck a Mine—Was 1058 Tons and Used in Coasting Trade

London, Jan. 4.—According to advices received here from Stockholm, the Swedish steamer Carma has been lost in the North Sea with a crew of twenty men.

It is presumed the Carma struck a mine. The steamer Carma was a coasting vessel built at Sunderland in 1882. She was 1058 tons and owned at Helmsburg.

Bad Weather Forces Lull In Fighting

Steinbach, Important Alsatian Position, Now in the Hands of The French

London, Jan. 4.—Latest news from the battlefield indicates but little activity, the lull evidently being enforced by bad weather.

Steinbach Village, Upper Alsace, is now in the hands of the French after house to house fighting. This loss Berlin admits.

The day was marked by artillery duels with occasional infantry dashes with slight gains, but the line from the Oise to the sea is almost completely calm.

The German headquarters declare the situation in the East remains unchanged. Nothing has reached London to contradict this statement.

The Portia arrived at Channel at 4.40 a.m. and left again at 6.10.

concerning contraband will be sent before the end of this week.

An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes.

Probably there will be a statement issued shortly showing that Italy and England and her Allies have arrived at an understanding concerning contraband satisfactory to all the countries affected.

Retained Oil Wells. Simultaneously, the Russians turned on the Carpathian army, but confined themselves to an attack on Southwestern passes forcing their way into Hungary over the Uzack Pass, this move assuring them the continued control of the important Petroleum fields South of Lember and Przemysl.

RUSSIANS INVADE HUNGARY PARIS, JAN. 5--A Petrograd despatch reports that the Russians have occupied eight Hungarian townships and that several divisions of the Austrian army are surrounded in the Carpathians.

David Butler, Naval Reservist Dies In Hospital

Death From Pleuro-pneumonia, Occurred at Portsmouth—Shearstown Man

The cable received yesterday announcing the death of the first naval reservist caused much sorrow in the City.

The lad was David Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Butler, Shearstown, Bay Roberts, and he died at the Naval Hospital, of Portsmouth.

Deceased joined the Reserve a year ago and crossed to England on the Franconia. He landed from the steamer in excellent health but since caught a heavy cold and pleuro-pneumonia set in.

To the parents we extend sincere sympathy. He was willing to give his life for justice, and his name will be inscribed on the immortal roll of honor as if he had died on the deck of a battleship.

Make Exchanges Of Prisoners Wounded in War

London, Jan. 5.—A despatch from Berlin says the first exchange of wounded prisoners of war will take place in Geneva this month.

CHANGES LIKELY IN THE BRITISH GOV'T. CABINET

London, Jan. 5.—Interesting changes are likely to follow the death of Percy Hingworth, Chief Liberal Whip, according to the Daily News which says it is probable that Augustine Burrell will retire as Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and be succeeded by Herbert L. Samuel, Postmaster General.

Kaiser Throws Off Cloak of Pretence

Authorises His Soldiers to Use the Dum-Dum Bullet

London, Dec. 31.—The Daily Telegraph has received from a correspondent a statement that the following proclamation has been issued in Antwerp:

"The Kaiser, weary of vain protests against the use of dum-dum bullets, by all the Allied armies, finds himself obliged, cruelly against his will, to authorize his valiant soldiers also to employ this murderous weapon."

Tide Of Battle With Russians On East Front

Small German Force Annihilated On the Bzura—German Brigade Repulsed at Bolimoff

London, Jan. 4.—The French Government report artillery duels and slight progress at certain points. The weather is very bad on almost the whole front.

The Russian Government reports that a small German force has been annihilated near the Bzura river. A German brigade was repulsed, with enormous loss, near Bolimoff.

There has been desperate fighting near Rawa in Galicia. The Austrians are in flight, abandoning arms and ammunition.

About two hundred survivors of the Formidabile have been rescued. Scher. Maggie Sullivan arrived yesterday. She was jammed in the ice at Seidom and got clear. Sunday she was obliged to shelter at Carbonear.

BRITISH SHELL PORT IN AFRICA

Battleship and Cruiser Bombard Dar-es-Salaam, German Headquarters in East Africa

Nairobi, British East Africa, Jan. 4.—The British battleship Gollath, and the light cruiser Fox, have carried out successful operations against Dar-es-Salaam, the capital of German East Africa.

The warships bombarded the town inflicting considerable damage. All the German vessels in the harbor were disabled.

Fourteen Europeans and twenty natives were taken prisoners. The British loss was one killed and twelve wounded.

Dar-es-Salaam, the best-built town on the coast of German East Africa, is a military station with an excellent harbor situated forty miles south of Zanzibar. It is the terminus of an important caravan route and the residence of the Governor, and has large commercial interests. The white population in 1909 was estimated at 1,000 and the total population at more than 20,000.

NO DEMAND FOR FISH AT OPORTONOW

Demand For Good Qualities Much Below the Average Usual to This Time of the Year

The following letter has been received by the Board of Trade from Lind & Couto, Oporto, Dec. 4th:—

There has been no improvement in the consumption lately, due to the forcing into consumption of large quantities of deteriorated and under-cured fish at low prices, but the demand for good qualities is much below the average for the time of year.

We hope there will be some improvement during the next fortnight owing to Christmas sale, but the Portuguese cure is now on the market and is competing with the imported article.

We hear of very high prices being paid in Spain and Italy, but our market cannot afford to pay such high prices for codfish as is proved by the very limited demand for high priced fish and the good demand for cheaper qualities.

We suppose, too, that the fish obtaining such prices in Spain and Italy is of better quality than that sent here.

The official rate of exchange, fixed by the Junta Reguladora do Cambio, has been steadily reduced until it is now identical with the open market rate, consequently, the Junta which did more harm than good by preventing free exchange business, may now be considered merely a nominal institution.

The present rate is about 27% but paper is difficult to obtain in any large amount and bankers will not deal in future."

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fresh N. W. and W. winds, fair; Wednesday S.W. winds and a little milder.

Artillery Duels The Main Feature Of Recent Fights

French Artillery Silences German Batteries—Capture Heights in Upper Alsace

(Official St. Pierre Bulletin.) Paris, Jan. 4.—From the sea to the Oise the day was nearly calm. Rainy weather prevails. Artillery duels have occurred on certain parts of the front.

Opposite Noulletes our heavy artillery has silenced the German batteries.

On the Aisne, and in the Champagne cannonading was particularly violent, our batteries confirming their superiority and bringing under their range some of the enemy's reserves. Several German positions have been captured in Perthes and Mesnel les Hurles district.

Intermittent cannonading between the Argonne and the Meuse. An attempt made yesterday by us to take Bourcelles failed.

Our advance still continues in Le Pretre Woods.

In higher Alsace we have taken an important height, west of Cernay and repulsed a German counter attack at Steinbach. We occupy part of the town around the chapel and cemetery.

Our Soldier Lad Buried In Scotland

The remains of the late John F. Chaplin, of the 1st Nfd. Contingent, were interred at Fort George this afternoon at 3.30, 11.30 local time.

Fiona At Basques

The Customs Department had a message from Basques yesterday that the Revenue cruiser Fiona had put in there safely.

More Recruits From Outports

Bring Total of the Second Contingent Up To 739

The number of volunteers for the Second Contingent now number 739. The following enlisted yesterday: R. W. Winter, Burnin; J. M. Plozman, Port Rexton, Whitefield Bannister, Port Rexton; Stephen Norris, Three Arms; S. G. Burry, Greenspond; E. T. Allen, St. John's, D. Curran, St. John's, D. J. Rogers, St. John's.

S.S. Meigle is now at the dock premises undergoing a general overhauling.

Carthaginian Reaches Port Badly Iced Up

Met Very Boisterous Weather On Her Voyage Here From Philadelphia

The Allan steamer Carthaginian arrived at 10 a.m. from Philadelphia. She left there on Tuesday last, but was detained in the Delaware until Wednesday by ice.

Herring Fishers Sadly Hindered By Bad Weather

Fishery Almost a Blank at Bonne Bay, But Big Catches at Bay of Islands Says the Star.

The herring fishery in Bay of Islands has been but partially conducted during the past week, owing to boisterous weather conditions, which prevented the boats from tending their nets with anything like regularity.

In Middle Arm the fishery for several days has been a blank, and the three vessels there are anxious to get into North Arm.

Fairly Plentiful. Herring are fairly plentiful in North Arm where there is a fleet of about fifteen vessels. Some of them are well fished, while others have but recently arrived. All the herring taken lately have been frozen, and a number of vessels have loaded and are ready to sail first opportunity.

The fishery at Bonne Bay, which was almost a failure, is practically closed for this season, and the six vessels seeking cargoes there have come down to North Arm of Bay of Islands.

Towed Them Over. The s.s. Wren towed two vessels, the Agnes and Nobility, from Bonne Bay to Bay of Islands on Saturday. They are now in North Arm.

The John R. Bradley, with a full load of frozen herring, put to sea from Woods Island on Friday, bound for Gloucester.

The schr. Aloah Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived at Woods Island on Saturday night. She has gone into North Arm for herring cargo. This is her second trip for this season.

Had to Leave Bonne Bay. The schr. Oriole, Elizabeth N. Boehmia, and Regina came from Bonne Bay to Bay of Islands last week, and are now seeking herring cargoes in North Arm.

The Lunenburg schr. Mary D. Young has about three parts of a cargo of frozen herring, and will likely finish this week.

The weather of late has been favorable for freezing herring, and all good fish are being secured by the vessels. Should herring continue plentiful, and weather conditions prove favorable, it is thought that the voyage will be pretty well over by the end of next week.

Flour Advances

Flour advanced again slightly in the English market this morning. This local market is likely to be affected shortly.

31 SHIPS OF THE U.S. HELD UP

All of Them Contain Cargoes of Copper, Totalling 19,350 Tons and Valued at \$5,000,000

Washington, Jan. 3.—Thirty-one ships, bearing 19,350 tons of American copper, worth \$5,000,000, destined to neutral nations, have been detained and their cargoes seized as contraband since the European war began, Senator Walsh, of Montana, told the Senate to-day in a speech reviewing interruptions to American commerce and highly endorsing the American Government's recent note to Great Britain. "Four ships were consigned to Holland, fourteen to Italy and thirteen to Sweden, he said, and at Gibraltar 9,350 tons of American copper "have been piled up."

Senator Walsh said: "The British Government might well avoid a course calculated to make it appear as an offensive act. There is no sentiment of hostility or animosity in the United States toward Great Britain, save in sporadic cases of no consequence, in the sum total of the national disposition.

"God grant that our relations may always remain friendly.

"The feeling engendered by the aggressions complained of is akin to the surprise and regret experienced by one who has been cruelly wronged by a friend, and who remains confident that a personal explanation and candid conference will wipe out all difference, and bring a speedy reparation. It is in this spirit the American people await the result of the well-timed note of the President.

What is needed now is the release of every detained shipment against which a prime facie case of guilt cannot be made out, carrying with it an assurance to the trade that so long as it is honest it is safe."

Capt. John Clarke Commands 'Diana'

Brigus Man to Prosecute Sealishery This Spring

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ALLIES AGGRESSIVE IN WEST SUCCEEDS IN FORCING ENEMY TO REMAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE

Operations Attended by the Many Hardships Contingent On Bad Weather—Cold Liquid Mud Puts Rifles Out of Business and Most of Fighting is Done With the Bayonet—Review of Operations, December 16th to 24th

Paris, Jan. 2.—There has been given out in Paris the official recital of principal events between Dec. 16th and Dec. 24th.

"This period of nine days resulted in consolidating the successes won by us during the ten days preceding. Our aggressive attitude has been continued with even increased energy; everywhere the enemy has been reduced to a defensive attitude.

"The violence of counter attacks has been evidence that he accepted this attitude reluctantly. The checking of every movement made by him in his endeavor to recapture the ground lost to us made our advantage the greater.

"It is proper to say that at various points along the front, particularly near Arras, on the western boundary of the Argonne district, and near Verdun, we have made ourselves the masters of important points of support.

"The operations to the north of Lys have been attended by hardships because of the bad weather. The cold liquid mud in which the men have to move has got into the breeches of their rifles. This made it impossible to shoot. The fighting consequently has been done with the bayonet, the butt-end of muskets and even with fists.

"Blots of Mud."

"According to an expression used by one of their leaders, the soldiers are literally blots of mud. There has been organized for them a system by which they can bathe and change their clothes when they leave the trenches. This they appreciate very much. Their unflinching good humor helps them to support in a wonderful way the very hard life that this rigorous winter is inflicting upon them.

"In considering the operations during this period of days along this part of the country, we can divide the country into three parts—the region before Nieport, the region to the north of Ypres, and the region to the south of Ypres. In front of Nieport there is on one side the sea and on the other flooded country. Between them are the sand dunes. Here it is that we have made good progress.

Progress Near Nieport.
"December 15th, in the evening, we moved out of Nieport as far as the western boundary of Lombaertzyde. December 16th we advanced as far as the sea, occupied the lighthouse, and made more than 100 prisoners. Dec. 17th we occupied the point where the Lombaertzyde road crosses the dunes. This day we also made certain progress more to the south in front of St. Georges. Dec. 19th further progress; we advanced 200 yards along this entire front. Dec. 20th, we occupied a German trench, and Dec. 21st we made a further onward rush gaining 150 yards in the direction of Westende. The enemy delivered a counter attack, Dec. 22nd, but was repulsed.

Ground is Retained.

"All the ground gained by us remains in our possession. The German marines and the German coast artillery have not been successful in recapturing from us the positions we have taken.

"Dec. 20th, to the north of Ypres the fighting concentrated near Steenstraete, and near Bixchoote, in the vicinity of the Korteker Inn, and at a point further to the southeast where there is a windmill. Dec. 17th we captured in one engagement several trenches, four machine guns, and made 150 prisoners and advanced 150

yards. During Dec. 18th we took one by one the houses close to our lines. The next day the jam came under our control. We swept up the surrounding country and took possession of a forest, certain houses and a redoubt. On Dec. 22nd we gained another 100 yards. The enemy delivered counter-attacks but in vain. The operations of Dec. 17th and 18th, represented together an advance of more than 700 yards.

Gains South of Ypres.

"To the south of Ypres, near Wel-doeke and near Wartelen, we gained on Dec. 16th a total of 400 yards. Dec. 17th and the days following we continued our advance, capturing two machine guns, certain caissons, and several groups of houses. Dec. 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. At this point also the ground presented great difficulties. It was necessary for our men to fight in the water, and never once did we falter.

"From the Lys to the Oise in the region of Lens and of Arras, there occurred several very brilliant actions, which in their entirety presented the same characteristics as those developed in the north. To the north of Lens, in the region of Bermilles we made gains not far from Notre Dame de Consolation, on Dec. 16th, running from 200 to 300 yards. On the 17th a further rush forward won us 100 yards in one direction and 500 in another. Our total advance Dec. 18th was 800 yards. Dec. 20th we made further progress of 150 yards, which brought us to the junction of the roads from Loos to Rut-oire, and from Loos to Vernelles. In this fighting our artillery was strikingly successful. In spite of his efforts at resistance, the enemy was compelled to abandon his ground.

Uncomfortable Trenches.

"To the south of Lens, there was fighting in the region of Carency and of Notre Dame de Lorrette. Here the territory, even on the heights, is clayey and filled with springs. The trenches become inundated as soon as they are dug. As happened in Belgium, the rifles became mud-covered and the men made use of their butts. Dec. 17th the first German trenches of Notre Dame de Lorrette came into our possession. Three days later the first line trenches were occupied by us. The following days we were stopped by the fog which made it impossible to regulate the firing of our artillery.

"The Germans endeavored to debouch from Carency, which possession they still held. They were driven back with heavy losses, but still they maintained possession of Carency.

Ground Won at St. Laurent.

"In the approaches of Arras at St. Laurent and at Blangy we delivered attacks and were successful in winning ground. The first houses of St. Laurent have been in our possession since Dec. 17th. This position we held in spite of violent counter attacks, both by day and by night. Dec. 24th we gained one hundred yards more.

"Our artillery never loses time or opportunity when the weather is clear enough to shoot. Our guns succeeded in blowing up a depot of munitions at Thelus, to the north of Arras, and several caissons at a point to the east of Blangy.

"A German trench taken by us Dec. 16th and evacuated Dec. 17th was retaken on the 18th. During this time our artillery destroyed the German trenches to the north-east of Carney and demolished two machine guns (Dec. 19th). The following day, extending the range of its fire, our artillery demolished two pieces in a German battery at a point near Hem.

Trenches Captured.

"In the region of Lisons, we captured on Dec. 17th, certain trenches which we were compelled to defend vigorously Dec. 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. The counter-attacks delivered by the Germans were furious. The engagement of Dec. 19th saw the Germans advance in columns of four men abreast. The enemy was cut down in this fighting by our artillery. They all remained on the field of battle. Dec. 24th we occupied another trench, in spite of the desperate resistance of the enemy.

"From the Oise to the west of the Argonne, between the Oise and the Aisne, our artillery gained a measurable success. It accomplished the destruction Dec. 16th of a machine gun and an observation tower at a point near Tracey le Val, on the 19th it destroyed a barricade on the region of

Valley; on the 20th we put a German howitzer out of business and on Dec. 21st we destroyed another machine gun. On the 22nd it broke up the descent of a German captive balloon and two days later on the plateau of Houvron, our artillery demolished the trenches of the enemy.

Good Work of Infantry.

"Our infantry made some interesting advances in the region of Nam-pool. On the 21st of Dec. these troops occupied the first line trenches of the enemy along a front extending for 500 yards and they captured a machine gun. Dec. 22nd we lost to the enemy and on the 23rd we recaptured from them part of this original gain. On the 23rd all the counter attacks of the enemy were brilliantly repulsed with the bayonet.

"Dec. 24th we were masters of the entire line occupied by us on the 21st, with the exception of a few yards at the eastern extremity of his line. This point is still in the possession of the enemy.

"Our infantry losses still diminish, which is the best criterion of the results obtained by our batteries. Each night the enemy sets off a huge amount of 'fire-works' in addition to their infantry fire, marking in a word, a nervousness with which we are well satisfied.

Vigorous Attacks.

"Between Rheims and the Argonne our attacks, delivered with confidence, did not permit the enemy, in spite of vigorous counter attacks, to recapture the positions lost by him between the 15th and the 24th. These attacks developed particularly between St. Hilaire le Grand and Beausjour (to the east of the village of Ville Sur Tourbe). We can sum up all by saying that all the points of support which they proposed to seize are to-day in our possession.

"In the environs of Perthes we gained 200 metres on the 20th, also on the 21st, and 800 metres on the 22nd. This gain extended our front a kilometre and a half, which represents the whole line of the enemy's trenches upon this front.

"Our attack resulted in the capture of several blockhouses, a section of machine guns with its personnel, caissons with numerous projectiles, and a gun protected by a cupola, certain proof that the Germans, confident of their ability to resist, have nevertheless been mastered by our troops.

Counter Attacks Checked.

"The checking of five counter attacks which they directed upon this point has likewise affirmed our superiority. On the 24th we chased the Germans from some zig-zag trenches which they still occupied, and consolidated our position upon all of their first line.

"The positions around Perthes have been supplemented by others more available to us—a gain of 400 metres at Mesnil-les-Hurtus, on the 23rd, and the possession of Calery Hill, near Beausjour on the 20th. On the 24th we seized a forest to the east of the trenches, captured on the 23rd near Mesnil. Here again the results attained have been secured, in spite of the enemy's counter attacks. In this region we have better succeeded in conquering the various points of support which were presented to us as an objective.

"The enemy suffered huge losses and our soldiers are in high spirits.

Harder Warfare.

"From the Argonne to the Swiss frontier, in the woods of Argonne the warfare is harder and more disagreeable, the difficulties of the wooded and muddy terra firma making more not-

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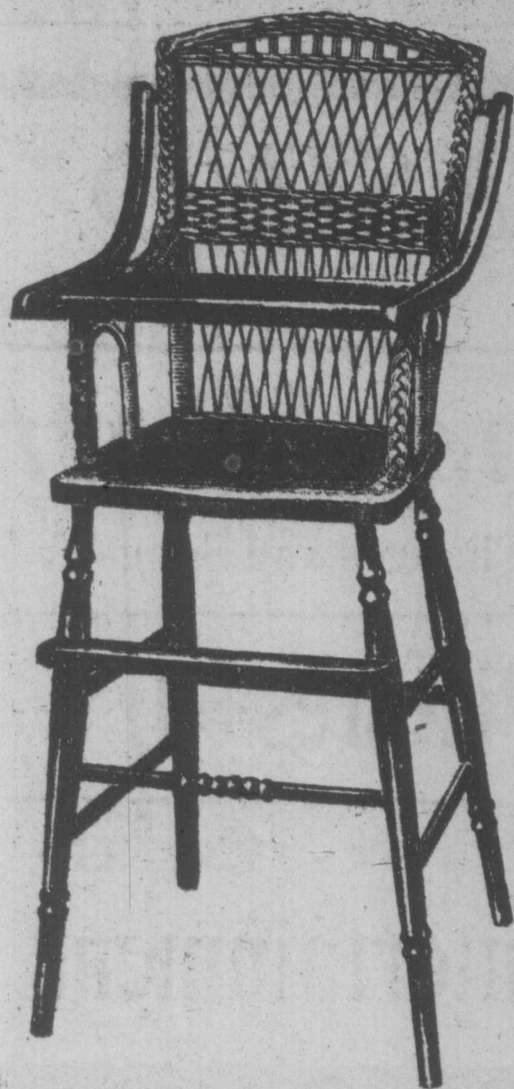
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ALLIES AGGRESSIVE IN WEST SUCCEEDS IN FORCING ENEMY TO REMAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE

(Continued from page 2)
able our good progress. In the two woods of La Guerre and Labonte the enemy succeeded on the 17th in blowing up one of our transports. It has since been recaptured from the rear, and on the 20th they constructed some new trenches in advance of the old ones. On four occasions we blew up some German mines, demolished machine guns, concealed in shelters and captured rifle ammunition and other material. Many advances, not one retreat—that is the balance sheet of the flanks, west of the Argonne. In one day, the 24th, we repulsed five attacks.

Allies Active.
"From the west of the Argonne to the heights of the Meuse, inclusive, we showed an activity from the 16th to the 24th, often crowned with success, and that, in spite of the condition of the rain, more suitable to the defensive than the offensive. Our artillery, and especially our heavy artillery, inflicted notable damage upon the artillery of the enemy. On the 17th two pieces were destroyed, two batteries demolished on the 19th, and one reduced to silence; a machine gun shelter destroyed on the 20th, and one blown up; a battery on the 22nd was damaged, to the north-east of St. Mihiel, and two destroyed near Bethincourt."

"Infantry attacks developed in the region of Bourouilles and Vauquois, in that of Cuisy and the woods of Forges, Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, with a gain of from 200 to 300 metres in these three days. We gained 150 metres on the 24th in the woods of Consenvoye, where, in spite of a violent bombardment, and of counterattacks we maintained the conquered position.

"In the woods of Chevaliers, finally, we gained 100 metres, and took some prisoners, remarkable for their soldierly dirtiness. They were from head to foot a mass of vermin.

Less Violent Here.
"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, the action has been less violent than the rest of the front. It has permitted us to register progress slowly, but this progress continues in the forest of Apremont and in the woods of La Pretre, we succeeded in destroying or silencing several batteries of the enemy's artillery in the Woivre district, and in the forest of Apremont, on the 20th. We demolished trenches in the same region on the 23rd and 24th. We effectively bombarded the railroad station of Arneville on the 18th and 22nd.

"In the Vosges we gained 250 metres in Le Ban de Sapt and maintained at every other point our gains of the preceding week. Near Cirey our advance posts have been established within 1,500 metres of the city.

Aerial Warfare
"In spite of the extreme difficulty resulting from rain, wind and fog, our squadrons of aeroplanes and our dirigibles have done excellent work. One of the latter, on the night of the 17th, dropped 15 bombs upon the railroad station of Sarreburg, six upon that of Petit Eich, and five shells and a thousand arrows upon a train in the railroad station of Heilmig. The damage done was important, and was acknowledged by German newspapers. On several occasions, the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, our aviators gave chase to some German machines and obliged them to descend. On the 18th one of our aviators shot and killed a German pilot, whose machine crashed to the earth. On another occasion,

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near Arras, an aviator was put to flight by twenty carbide shots. Another time, one of our officers was pursued by an 'Albatross,' which succeeded in crossing our lines. The German aeroplane was badly damaged by a fusillade of shells. In spite of the state of the atmosphere, some of our aviators on the 18th succeeded in dropping bombs on the enemy's trenches upon a concentration of troops on the 19th and 20th; upon railroad stations and trains the 20th and 22nd; upon a captive balloon the 21st, upon the port of Strassburg on the Rhine, and the railroad depot of Dieuve, on the 22nd.

"The Prince of Teck has expressed his warm thanks to the chief of the air squadron which has operated on the Belgian coast with the English aviators. This squadron has, in fact, effectively contributed toward the regulation of the fire of the battle-ships, and in surveying the sea for enemy's submarines."

OBSERVED XMAS TRUCE IN TRENCHES

It was Unofficial, of Course, But None the Less Strictly Observed and Germans and Allies Fraternised For a While

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily News publishes a letter from an officer in the Queen's Westminster Rifles, describing an extraordinary truce.

"I really must tell you about the funniest and most amusing Christmas I have ever spent. As you know, the official armistice did not come off, but the men made one of their own.

"I told you that our section was billeted on fatigue duty. Well, on Christmas eve we carried wood up to the firing line from dark until 1 a.m., all the time there was singing, cheering, and trumpet calls in both lines, and the Germans had lights all along their front. We were walking with our wood in the bright moonlight, but not a shot was fired at us all the time.

"Next day would have made a good chapter in Dickens' Christmas Carol. It was, indeed, a tribute to the spirit of Christmas. Many of our chaps walked out and met the Germans between the lines. I went over in the afternoon and was photographed in a group of English and Germans mixed. We exchanged souvenirs; I got a German ribbon and a photo of the Crown Prince of Bavaria. The Germans opposite were awfully decent fellows; Saxons, intelligent, respectable looking men. I had quite a talk with three or four and have two names and addresses in my note book.

"It was the strangest scene you could imagine, going out unarmed to meet our enemies, also unarmed. After a talk I really think a lot of our newspaper reports must be horribly exaggerated, but of course, these men were Saxons—not Prussians."

Facts You May Not Know

THE warden of a Georgia prison has been puzzled by an order to give one of his prisoners a nineteen days' allowance on his sentence. As the sentence is for life, the order is difficult to carry out.

According to an Italian mathematician, all the people in the world could stand comfortably in an area of 500 square miles, while a graveyard about the size of Colorado would bury all of them.

The usual size of some game fish caught in irrigation ditches in Washington led to the belief that they had fattened themselves by eating alfalfa and an investigation proved the theory correct.

The areas of the nine Canadian provinces in square miles are: Quebec, 706,834; Ontario, 407,252; British Columbia, 367,600; Alberta, 253,540; Saskatchewan, 250,650; Manitoba, 251,832; New Brunswick, 27,985; Nova Scotia, 21,428, and Prince Edward Islands, 2,184.

Moses Alexander, new governor of Idaho, is the first Hebrew ever elected to the governorship of an American State.

Germany is credited with having 100,000 motor vehicles in military use.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

CORONER'S JURY GIVES VERDICT ON DUNN MURDER

Death Caused by Blow from Some Person or Persons Unknown—Two Colored Men Are Arrested

North Sydney, December 30th.—The inquest on the body of Miss K. C. Dunn, who was murdered in her house on Queen Street on December 21 was continued before Coroner A. R. Fobes to-night. The verdict of the jury was as follows:—

"We find that the deceased, Katherine C. Dunn, came to her death by blows inflicted on the back of the head by some blunt instrument between the hours of five and seven-thirty o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, December 21, 1914, in her residence on Queen street, and that the said blow or blows were inflicted by some person or persons unknown to us."

Only one new witness was sworn to-night, a boy named Ernest Sudbury, who was in the habit of visiting Wm. Connolly's house, where the two-colored men under arrest boarded. Young Sudbury faintly while being cross-examined.

Mrs. Connolly, Alfred Willis and George Taylor were also examined to-night. Taylor was questioned with reference to Willis' past.

The evidence of Mrs. McLean and Rindress, who examined the body, was submitted in writing. It was to the effect that death was due to a blow on the back of the head. Warrants have been issued against Willis and West.

German General Orders

(From Life, New York)
Until further notice the following scale will be in force:

For dropping a bomb on a hospital, one Iron Cross.

For dropping a bomb on a church, two Iron Crosses.

For dropping a bomb on a cathedral, ten Iron Crosses.

This is for the encouragement of culture.

The old scale of one Iron Cross for killing a child, two for killing a woman, and five for killing a Red Cross nurse will still be in force.

Commanders are urged to levy the utmost fine on captured towns which the places can stand. The Fatherland needs the money.

Use the white flag whenever possible for the purpose of luring on detachments of the enemy. A white flag is only a scrap of linen.

Mine-layers should always be disguised as hospital ships.

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

What About Cooper

TOBIAS COOPER of Bonavista—the man that led the "thirty" that refused to proceed to the Stephano on March 21st last—was no doubt the means of saving the lives of a number of men. He refused to proceed as he believed weather was brewing and the risks of travelling so far under such circumstances was not justified.

Cooper appealed to the men near saying: "Boys, who'll follow me. I'm going to board the Newfoundland. My life is as sweet to me as Capt. West Kean's is to him." So about 30 men followed Cooper.

Capt. West Kean called him an old woman when he boarded the ship, although the storm was on at that time, and asked him "What he came to the icefield for?"

After the storm revealed the destruction to human lives, Cooper said: "Now, Captain, who is the old woman?"

Cooper is in bad circumstances now and destitute, as sickness has visited his home and he earned very little the past summer, but those 30 men who returned should never forget the good his advice and pluck was to them, and the Disaster Committee should also show their appreciation of his conduct which no doubt resulted in saving the Committee the worry of providing for many more orphan children and widows.

Some of our readers who have a dollar to spare might forward a contribution to assist Cooper. Any such contributions should be sent to Mr. John Abbott, M.H.A., Bonavista, who will see it reaches Cooper and is properly acknowledged.

Some of the F.P.U. Councils might also see their way to aid Cooper with a dollar or so.

Cooper without doubt was the cause of saving those 30 men a hard experience and possibly many of their lives. He used his own judgment and ran the risk of being called an old woman, but our regret is that more did not follow him on that fatal morning.

Never again should the seafarers run the risk of being caught in a blizzard, no matter how many times they are called old women by the arm-chair captains. They should use their own discretion in such cases and refuse to proceed miles from their ship, even if a signal to come for seals is given by a relative of their captain.

Now who will help Cooper?

Destitution

NO move has been made by the Government to arrange for the relief of the destitute. Here in this city we have been visited by men with families, who have no food or

fuel and can't secure employment. The Premier or his colleagues do not come in contact with those poor creatures because their officers are barred against their entrance, but our office is open to every man, and they therefore avail of the chance to explain their condition.

From scores of harbors come appeals for aid. Many fishermen the past season did not secure 10 quintals of fish, consequently they could not make provision for the winter. The heartless and unfeeling men who compose the Government care not two straws who dies from hunger or who are suffering from the want of fuel. They sit in their comfortable arm chairs before blazing fires and all their thoughts are self and how much more they will grab the coming year.

Here in this town, when so much poverty exists, the ladies are collecting funds to send to Belgium. There is no notice taken of the poor right in our midst. To relieve such would not give some an opportunity to have their names published as having given this or that to the patriotic fund, or to relieve distress in Belgium.

It is well to look to those matters when means are available, but surely some consideration is due the poor and unfortunate in our own country.

The Premier says in his letter to The News published New Year's Eve that the country is prosperous. Such a statement carries the imprint of falsehood upon its very face, for if he knew anything about outport conditions he would know that fully one-third of the people in this country to-day are in destitute circumstances and do not know how they are to keep alive until May. The Government won't wake up until the destitute start to loot and then they will attempt to jail the starving toilers.

Even the great rich Reid Nfld. Co. that could scatter so much money about a year or so ago, are now laying off scores of employees. On New Year's Eve several of their employees at St. John's were told they were not wanted any longer, one of them had been a faithful employee for 17 years. Not an hour's notice had been given them. Others hourly expect similar treatment. Their work shops have been running on short time all the Fall, and the most of their men are little better than destitute, as they only get four days out of seven.

The Company gave \$10,000 it is said to the Patriotic Fund—better all concerned had they kept their \$10,000 and added their long faithful employees over this wretched winter.

Many of the friends of the Naval Reserve lads are feeling the effects of the hungry times, although their loved ones are far away fighting for King and Country. The allowance or pay of a Naval Reservist is insufficient to keep the wolf from the door. The cry of those in authority is, "Why don't the fishermen come forward and enlist?" Our reply is: "Why don't the Premier agree to supplement the Imperial Government's allowance to our Naval lads and make it equal to what the Country is paying the Volunteers?"

You can't expect the fishermen to rush for enlistment when they are offered 50 cents per day less for their services than the land boys are receiving. We have appealed to the Premier to right this wrong, but in vain. For our part we will not in future appeal to our fishermen to join the Naval forces until the Government has announced its intention to make up the difference between what the Admiralty pays and a dollar a day which is what the Colony is paying our Volunteers.

Two hundred more are needed yet to make up the 1000 offered the Home Government by the Premier and Governor in August. Is it any wonder that the 200 are wanting?

Get to work you lazy drones operating the Government and do something worthy of a government and cease acting as children. The times demand it. The country needs it. Act, perform, strive as men or get cut and give place to men who will do their duty.

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

STRATEGY AND NEWS

London Telegraph:—At a moment when the expert authority is prosecuting a war against a virile enemy, who is endeavoring to rob us of our heritage, is it patriotic to impugn, in the absence of full knowledge of all the circumstances, the wisdom of those in whose hands our cause and the cause of the whole Empire has been confided? This is not a question of this or that person, but of principle. If in any particular circumstance the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet or the Admiralty on the one hand, or Field-Marshal Sir John French or the War Office on the other determines that it is detrimental to our interests to make a full disclosure of certain facts, is the nation prepared to accept the responsibility of declaring that, come what may, it will have them—however much the enemy may profit thereby?

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Not only Britain and her Allies but this Country as well is passing through a great crucial period, which is trying the strength and endurance of the labouring classes to an almost unendurable degree.

Laws and Principles The British Empire, if I am correct in my interpretation, is constructed upon certain laws and principles growing out of these laws, which, to be effectual and to command the respect of the nations, must be kept inviolate.

Most Remarkable Thing Is it not a most remarkable thing that some of these very gentlemen, who are so profuse in their expressions of loyalty, are to-day holding office unconstitutionally and taking large sums of money from the public funds for their wrongly attained services, while they are backed by the most distinguished representatives of the Crown in anything coming within the scope of their unholy wishes?

What can we think when such unprincipled creatures trample constitutional laws beneath their feet and hurl defiance in the face of the electorate? What but that they are the most arrogant public hypocrites that ever lived.

If only one word be said that may be construed as having in it the remotest semblance of what may be injurious to the Empire we love so well, at this crucial stage of her experience, they—the wily politicians—are at you in a moment and they protest that this is not a time to make correction of the abuses of authority and trust, that have been going on for some years past.

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(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—The fishermen of Conception Bay greatly appreciate the action of President Coaker in taking out life insurance amounting to \$40,000.00 on his own life in order to safe-guard the Union interests.

Well, we often wondered how he would manage things so as to prevent any panic or loss if death should claim him. Now we clearly see that he had not over-looked us even after his death.

Fancy, boys, who are shareholders in the Trading Co., our President's death will give us \$40,000.00 or make our \$10 shares worth \$14, which ought to make every man's mouth water for shares in the Trading Co.

There will be no fear of everything going smash when Coaker dies, as our enemies have always been saying. His death will mean wonderful progress to the Trading Co. and will enable any fair, level headed man to run the company's affairs after Mr. Coaker passes away.

He started on nothing and when he passes away he will leave a great organization in first-class working order and well provided with money which will forever establish his great work and his wonderful organising abilities.

Our enemies have been saying for six years that Coaker's object was self and he was after money, and when he got enough together he would run with the lot. Now they have had this stuff driven down their gullets and rammed in their ugly souls, yet he is more loved and feared than ever and our confidence in him today is greater than we have in any living man.

Some say, yes! But where will the premiums come from that must pay for the big policy?

Why, sir, these foolish men forget that the President is drawing \$50.00 a month salary, where he is worth \$500.00 a month, and this being grant-

ed, the company can afford to take out \$150,000 worth of insurance on the President's life and still find the premiums were paid from the salary that they ought to be paying their general manager and which they would have to pay another manager if Mr. Coaker was dead, and then they, in the bargain would soon find that if Mr. Coaker was back again his salary would be cheap at \$1,000.00 per month, for it is hardly likely we will ever get another Coaker to run the Company's affairs no matter how good a man we find to replace him.

So the premium is paid, if you please Mr. Tory Graball from a part of the money that Mr. Coaker ought to be drawing every year as salary.

It therefore follows that at his death Mr. Coaker will leave the fishermen a \$40,000.00 present to extend the Trading Co. work, and he has stated that it is likely he will add another \$40,000.00 as soon as the Company's capital reaches \$200,000 for shares sold for cash.

Now, if there is another man in this Colony who ever did such things to benefit the poor underdogs, I would like for someone to publicly announce the fact.

I take off my hat to the great leader of the Union and acclaim him the greatest son of Newfoundland our soil has yet produced.

Go ahead, Mr. Coaker, every hour your opponents are growing less and your friends are more and more inspired and enthused. Our countrymen are proud of you and the toilers will stand by you. So fear no foe and never budge to uphold Right for with the people at your back you can defy governors, judges, governments and merchants.

You have shown this time and again therefore we trust in you, confide in you and will stand by you in this fight for Country and Right. J. K. Hr. Grace, Jan. 2, 1915.

JOE BATT'S ARM DELIGHTED

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Sir,—The Union men here and at Barr'd Islands were greatly delighted over the news that the Trading Co. had purchased Mr. Earle's premises here. It is a fine business premises, in good condition, and just what the Union men wanted, as it is a hard matter to get a water-front property suitable for business uses here.

Mr. Seammell, who worked with Mr. Earle since the Earle business opened here, some 15 years ago, is still in charge of the business here. The Union men are wondering whether he will hold on here or not.

The business transacted by the Union Store here the past year was an eye-opener, and if the premises and facilities had been equal to the demand, 100 per cent. more business would have been done.

It is wonderful when one realizes what chances the Union is bringing about in the poor man's interest. When we find old business firms selling their branches at times when fish is selling at such good values, it shows that the Union is indeed forcing the very highest value for fish and oil and selling goods so cheap that no firms can successfully compete with it.

pointed by the Government, is to be paid well, out of the public funds, and there can be little doubt that President Coaker might have had the chance of sharing in the "givings out" if he had but bowed his knee to the Golden God set up by prominent members of the Government. But he didn't do it and he well deserves the plaudits that are heaped upon him from one end of the Island to the other.

No One but President Coaker Who will take this matter up and deal with it fearlessly? No one but President Coaker. He is one of the very few men with clean hands, who stand out to-day—unswayed by influence and unbribed by gain. I have heard, by the way, that every man on the Sealing Commission, ap-

on, and will go on, for no one now has any doubt of the great abilities of our President and of his selection for this great revolution by an All-wise Providence.

Every fisherman this way is now convinced of the great benefits of the Union to the toilers and country. The formation of a Company to export fish will be strongly backed by the independent fishermen, who are convinced that Mr. Coaker's ideas in this respect are as sound as those he advanced on other issues the last six years.

We intend to support the Export Co. We all depend upon the President's lead, and when he says the word in future all will respond, for he has shown the world openly and

presidently that his opinions are worthy of all respect and well founded.

Time has shown that he was right all through the past Fall regarding the extent of the catch and its probable value. He stated in the paper in August that in the late fall the value of fish would advance to an astounding price, as he pointed out it was an article of food, and as other foods besides flour had advanced in value, so must fish especially in view of the clean markets and small catch, and seeing the Norwegian fish was cut off from Europe and French fish was short and would be required for France.

So he was right and the merchants who tried to fool us by offering us \$5 for fish in August and September when Mr. Coaker said "No," sell to the Union for \$6 will find in the future that their cake is dough.

Wishing the F.P.U. and President Coaker and our paper a successful New Year.

UNIONIST.

Joe Batt's Arm, Dec. 28, '14.

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Letters To The Editor

Pinchard's Island Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—We held our annual meeting Dec 26th. The following officers were elected:—

Alexander Hounsel re-elected chairman; Louis Gill, dpty-chairman, re-elected; John B. Gill, secretary, elected; Ernest Dickson, treasurer, elected, and William Green, door-guard, elected. We had a grand meeting, but not being convenient to have a tea, the boys are going to provide for it the next night of meeting.
I wish the President, Aunt Jane, and all the F.P.U. boys a Happy New year.

JOHN B. GILL, Secy.
Pinchard's Isl., Dec. 28, '14.

Valleyfield Local Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—The annual meeting of the Valleyfield Local Council of the F.P.U. was held on Dec. 26th and the following officers were elected for the coming year are:—

Alphaeus Spurrell, elected chairman; John Roberts, elected deputy-chairman; John J. Spurrell, re-elected secretary; Joellah Spurrell elected treasurer; Israel Starks, re-elected door-guard.

I wish Mr. Cook and the F.P.U. every success.

ALPHAEUS SPURRELL,
Chairman.
Valleyfield, Dec. 24, '14.

Mail and Advocate Interesting Paper

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I am enclosing herewith my subscription for the continuance of my weekly paper—The Mail and Advocate.

I have become more interested in your paper than ever because it is full of interesting reading, especially war news.

At the time of my writing two of our young men—Willis White and Lewis Head—who have been in St. John's a week on drill are now home to bid their friends good-bye and while we know it is right for our young men to volunteer for service yet there's that feeling that parting always brings.

We trust they will take the advice

given them and we are praying that God will bless them and that this war will speedily come to an end.

—REUBEN WHITE.
Comfort Cove, N.D.B., Dec. 26, '14.

Charlottetown Local Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—We had our election of officers for the ensuing year and the names of those elected are as follows:

William Ford, Chairman, re-elected. Allan Chaulk, Deputy Chairman, re-elected.
Eugene Penney, Secretary, elected. George Penney, Treasurer, elected. Lawrence Chaulk, Outside Door Guard, elected.
Hector W. Ford, Inside Door Guard, re-elected.

We are stronger than ever to stand by our President and the F.P.U. as we know he is the right man in the right place.

—LOCAL SECRETARY.
Charlottetown, Dec. 22, '14.

Postal Office

Dear Sir,—I wish to say a few words in reference to the Post Office here. I would like to know if the post office is the place to discuss business other than that of public news.

I have gone to the post office at Nipper's Harbour and waited in the outside room for persons who were in the inside waiting room, thinking they were doing some business in connection with the post office, and have heard them talking about motor engines and Lodge work, and have left the place without getting inside.

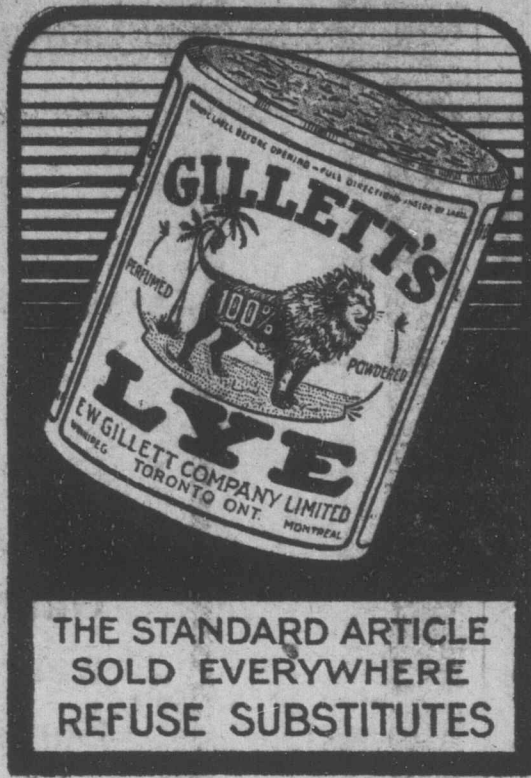
Should not such matters as these be discussed in their houses or at the public, and not at the Post Office?

A LOVER OF RIGHT.
Nipper's Hr.,
Dec. 28th, 1914.

SAYS CREDIT BELONGS TO MR. W. CLAPP

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Kindly give me space in your paper to make a few remarks in reference to Capt. Kean's trip to Gray Islands for the mail couriers.

There was a telegram sent from Conche to St. John's to the former



Robt. Hobbs, John Hobbs, James Fitzgerald, Edward Fitzgerald, Charlie Mesh, James Yetman, Edward Carpenter, Miss Sarah Mesh (4 pairs), Mesdames Joseph Penney, John Penney, Jr., Johnathan Yetman, James Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Wm. J. Penney, Thos. Chetman, John Moss, Robt. Moss, Jos. Hobbs, Jr., John Hobbs, Henry Quinton, Thos. Hobbs, sr., Lige Hobbs, Rd. Mesh, Jr., Phillip Fitzgerald, Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Sandy Mesh, Phoebe Hobbs, Thos. Mesh, Wm. Moss, John Mesh, Wm. Yetman, Henry T. Mesh, James Ducey, Wm. Wheeler, Jas. Wheeler, Bernard Fitzgerald, Charlie Hobbs, Robt. Penney, Thos. Mesh, Edward Penney, James Carew, Caleb Marshfield.

The following knit one pair each:— Mesdames Anastasia Fitzgerald, Charlie Penney, Miss Sophia Leydan, Mesdames Henry Fitzgerald, Mary A. Neil, Jas. Mesh, Mary Carew, Wm. Quinton. Total, 132 pairs.

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The people of Gray Island asked Capt. Kean if there was any mail for them. His reply was "No" which was untrue as it was later carried by a man from Engtee to Conche when it should have been landed here. It is high time for Abram's "gallant" feats to be made public.

ONE WHO KNOWS.
Conche, Dec. 24, 1914.

KEELS LADIES WHO KNIT SOCKS

The following ladies of Keels, B.B., have knit socks from the wool given by the F.P.U. and these very useful articles will be presented to Volunteers.

The following knit two pairs each: Mesdames Thos. Penney, Martha Quinton, Jas. Hobbs, Wm. J. Hobbs, Mary Hobbs, Saml. Hobbs, Lizzie Yetman, Walter Hobbs, Fred. Penney, Miss Martha Hobbs, Mesdames Henry Mesh, Henry Hobbs, Levi Mesh, Thos. Hobbs, George Hobbs, John W. Hobbs, Fred Moss, Miss Mary Moss, Mesdames

W HAT is said to be the smallest book in the world is a tiny volume of the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam, a copy of which is among the most curious of all printed things in Uncle Sam's great Congressional Library at Washington. It was printed at Cleveland and was brought down by photographic reduction to a volume one-third of an inch square. That tiny "Rubaiyat" is only one of a considerable collection of books of Lilliputian size in the big library, the largest of which is about two inches in length.

TO LET

The office lately occupied by Mr. John Syme, Commission Merchant, situate on Water Street West, next to premises occupied by J. J. Mullaly, Coal Merchant. Apply to BAINES JOHNSTON & CO., Agents.—nov14

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

Smallest Book in World

STEBAURMAN'S OINTMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Bell Island, Sept. 25, 1913.
I was laid up 3 years with my arms and had two doctors attending me and they couldn't do any good for me. At last, mother hearing of Mr. Stebaurman's Ointment, thought to try it. After using 18 boxes, pleased to say it made a perfect cure of me.
Yours truly,
AMBROSE HICKEY.

Stebaurman's Ointment, 20 cents per box or 6 boxes for \$1.00—oct23.2w
Cash Must be Sent With Order.
P.O. Box 651, or 15 Brazil's Square.

Tablet On Historic Stump

ONE hundred and fifty-six years ago General John Forbes, commanding the British and colonial troops in their attack against the French and Indians in western Pennsylvania, camped under a giant oak tree and planned the mode of advance upon Fort Duquesne.

The stump of that tree is situated in Penn. avenue, Pittsburgh. Members of the Allegheny County chapter of the Colonial Dames of America recently unveiled the stump, in which had been inserted a bronze tablet bearing the historical data and legend.

A number of years ago the tree was struck by lightning and it was necessary to even the stump by sawing it. In the course of the sawing a large cavity was found by a Mr. Imhoff, and in it he found a sword. It was assumed that some officer had left it leaning against the tree and it had become enveloped in the growth.

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The Trouble-Proof Engine. PERFECTION WATERPROOF IGNITION SYSTEM. No Coils—No Batteries—No Timer. Only One Wire on the Whole System. The only safe equipment for boats that must be used every day. No danger of your engine stopping if caught in a storm. Advantages of Perfection Igniter. No batteries, no coil to need adjusting, no complicated wiring, no variation in current, no adjustment, not affected by water, makes an easy starting engine. Runs in either direction. Spark does not depend on speed of engine. Simple and durable. Test shown in photograph was made to prove that "Perfection" Igniter is absolutely waterproof. We challenge any engine manufacturer in the world to produce an engine with an ignition system that will stand a similar test. Every part of the ignition system was submerged in water and engine continued to run, showed the same power and speed as when running perfectly dry, proving beyond any doubt our claim AN ABSOLUTE WATERPROOF IGNITION SYSTEM.

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Big Winter Sale of Dry Goods

SALE NOW ON

We are selling the following list of goods at greatly reduced prices to clear. It will pay you to have a look; all our stock of

LADIES' FURS, LADIES' and MISSES COATS, FELT HATS, GOLF JERSEYS, COAT SWEATERS, WOOL CAPS, CHILDS' WOOL CAPS, SILK MOTOR SCARVES, DRESS GOODS.

Gents and Boys

OVER-COATS, WINTER CAPS, SWEATER COATS, SWEATERS, BOYS' JERSEY SUITS, SILK and WOOL MUFFLERS, MATS and RUGS, BLANKET CLOTHS, CARACULS, SEALETTES, GREY ASTRACHANS, WHITE COATINGS, BLOUSE FLAN NELETTES, WADDED QUILTS, WHITE WOOL BLANKETS,

\$3.25 for \$2.85 pair.

A few lines of LADIES and GENTS' RUBBERS and BOOTS to clear.

STEER BROTHERS.

Anderson's Great Removal Sale.

WE extend the season's greetings to the general public and wish everyone prosperity and happiness. You have responded in a noble manner to our call; to visit our GREAT REMOVAL SALE; for thousands have visited us and have carried away many excellent Bargains. We want you to take in the full meaning of these words "REMOVAL SALE"—it's not a January, nor a February Sale; but a genuine continual Sale—until that Great Removal day comes; when we will vacate this

Removal Sale of Stylish Blouses

NOW is the time to buy a fashionable Blouse for that particular event.

We have them in a variety of White and Cream fabrics such as Lawns, Voiles, Silks, etc., and an enormous range of Colored fabrics, as Wool-Crepe, Challis, and Sun-Resista; also abundance of Black Blouses in the best fabrics as French-twill faced goods and Silk—kinds and qualities that will surely please you—all imported this season and mostly manufacturers' samples; priced about one third off the original value.

Store; owing to expiry of our lease, and move to our New Modern Store in the West.

Therefore we invite you to come often—whenever you want to save money on your purchase, come! because, hourly we are turning out new lines of dry-goods, and marking them at liberally cut prices to make it easy for you to buy. Come today and share the benefits of this REMOVAL SALE.

Removal Sale of Elegant Dress Robes

A SPECIAL lot of fine twill, all-wool, Navy Serge Dress Robes going at liberally cut prices during this sale.

These Dress Robes are handsomely trimmed and quite suitable for people that dress well.

Here are some prices: Orig. Value \$7.00. Sale Price \$4. Orig. Value \$8. Sale Price \$4.25. Orig. Value \$15.00 Sale Price \$6.

Also some Rich real-silk Dress Robes. Original Value \$15.00. Sale Price \$6.25.

See our Dress Robes for young girls' wear. Call early to-day.

Removal Sale of Stylish Furs

EVERY fur that we have in stock are now marked at Sale Prices, and if you want the best, at reasonable prices, call and see our stock and buy at a considerable saving.

Removal Sale of Dress Fabrics

FIVE hundred yards fine-make, light-weight, woollen, dress fabric, richly Embroidered with a handsome Art Spray—suitable for making garments for Evening wear for yourself or child. Original price 70c. Sale price 40c. yard.

Sale of Women's Sweaters and Sport Coats.

A great variety to choose from in White and Colored. Sale prices: 87c., \$1.25, \$1.65, 2.05

A Special Bargain

\$1.25 for three and four dollar value, Cream Kersey, Street Skirts, slightly soiled—a limited quantity.

Sale of Silk and Satin Underskirts.

We have the latest styles. Silk or Satin Underskirts, Black; also Colored. See them.

Anderson's, Water Street, St. John's, N.F.

FIONA GOT BUFFETING IN STORMS

Western Star Tells of Revenue Cutter's Three Attempts to Tow Disabled Schooner from Bonne Bay to Bay of Islands

Buffeted by tempest and storm, the s.s. Fiona arrived at Curling on Saturday, after a most eventful trip to Bonne Bay, whither she was ordered a fortnight ago, by the Marine & Fisheries Department, to tow to Bay of Islands, the disabled schooner, Francis Willard, Capt. Paul Young.

On the morning of the 23rd the Fiona, under the command of Captain English, steamed out of Bonne Bay, having the Willard in tow, and it looked promising for a good run to Bay of Islands.

Had to Put Back.
The wind was from the south-east at first, but later shifted to north-east, suddenly chopping around from the westward, blowing with hurricane force and raising mountainous seas. The barometer quickly dropped two tenths, and fearing disaster may befall the schooner, the Fiona had to return to Bonne Bay after being as far as Chimney Cove.

Put Out a Second Time.
On Christmas Day, the Fiona again put to sea. The wind was at first blowing moderately from the W.N.W., but it increased in fury, and the frost was very intense, the spray flying over both steamer and schooner being quickly frozen, making them appear like huge icebergs.

When off Trout River the weather became so severe that Capt. English decided to again retreat and seek shelter in Bonne Bay. The Francis Willard was coal laden, and the strain of this deeply loaded vessel on the hawser was so great that at times fears were entertained for her safety, because had the towline parted the vessel would surely have dashed to pieces on the treacherous coast, as some of her sails and booms had already been carried away.

Successful at Last.
On Saturday, Captain English, undaunted by old Neptune, made a third attempt to reach his desired port. When outside the headlands of Bonne Bay he found the seas pretty choppy, but by skillful manoeuvring of his ship managed to reach Curling that afternoon.

All credit is due the gallant Captain English and his staff of engineers who stuck nobly to their posts. When the engines raced on the mountainous seas the chief was there at the throttle, as the safety of all depended upon the careful manipulation of the machinery.

The service rendered in this instance, as well as in many others, clearly demonstrates the wisdom of the Government in having the Fiona stationed on the West Coast at this season of the year. As for her commander, we say without fear of contradiction that no more capable and confident man could fill the position.

Nickel Crowded

The Nickel Theatre was the popular resort last evening, hundreds of citizens being in attendance. Everyone was delighted with the pictures especially the big Pathe play "Race Memories," showing the prehistoric and modern love making. The Keystone comedy "In the Clutches of the Gang" was very funny and kept the audience in the best of humor.

Prospero Sails

Prospero sailed his afternoon, taking a full freight and the following passengers: Messrs. G. Blandford, H. Spurrell, H. Collins, Moore, G. House, S. K. Bell, J. Norris, C. H. Burton, B. Greydon, O'D. Jones, W. Strong, J. Oldford, T. Hyde, G. Yetman, H. Murrell, A. Moore, F. March, C. A. C. Bruce, P. Noel, J. Short, G. Newell, N. Keen, F. Yetman, J. Harris; Mesdames Collins, H. House, Norris, O'Connor, Blackmore, Chalk; Misses Whalen, March, Hoskins, Williams, Hopkins, and 35 steerage.

PERSONAL

Mr. D. Sacks leaves this evening for New York where he will remain three months. On arrival there he will attend the wedding of his sister. A number of his friends tendered him a farewell banquet yesterday at the residence of Mr. F. Wellausky. A pleasant time was spent.

Gets More News From 'The Mail' Than He Gets In English Papers

Mr. S. James received the following letter from Harold Lidston, one of the First Newfoundland Contingent. It was written from Fort George on Dec. 15th.

The opening paragraph is most complimentary to this paper. Everyone at home and abroad agrees that *The Mail* is Newfoundland's best and brightest newspaper. We publish the following extracts, feeling sure that it will be read with interest by all.

"I got the nice card and papers O.K. There is more war news in *The Mail* than in the English papers. We are having a nice time in Bonnie Scotland. I am sending you a twig of heather. It is what I get when out skirmishing. It is a pity, it is not in bloom. I hope you will get it all right."

Long Run on Train.
"We left Bustard's Camp on Monday and walked about six miles to Amesbury Station and had a run of twenty-two hours on the train to Adersier Station, then we walked about one mile to the Fort."

"This Fort and barracks is very comfortable; we have an open grate in each room with only six men in a room. So you see we can have toast or any kind of a feed we like. You know that a soldier at midday gets only a hot dinner, so we can boil the water and have cocoa. We get plenty of bread and tea for breakfast and tea, but I can't enjoy dinner if I don't get a cup of tea."

"It is so much better than the camps, where we don't see fire and are up to your knees in mud all the time. This little village of Adersier is a nice place, but there is nothing to see, only soldiers wives, so I won't get married this trip. There are only one or two small shops."

"We had a route march this morning. It was about fourteen miles, but it is only playwork to march here. It is not like the mud and high weren't in the mud, you were tangled in the grass; it was hard to march."

"Write and tell me how the Highlanders are going on and who got my job with the recruits. I know the recruits must be flocking in. Remember me to all my old section and all the boys."

THE SOLDIER
He answers the call when his country Asks for men to protect her right, And he dreads not to do the bloody tasks, He steepleth forth in his might. He leaves his home, and loved ones, dear, The cot of his boyhood days, The scenes of youth and the dreams so fair,— He heeds them not when the bugle plays.

He marches past— Amid the ever growing throng With the young, with the old, and the strong— To the sound of the drums, And with measured tread, he marches on And he fears no dread. He thinks of those he may meet no more, Of his children romping on the floor, And the faithful wife, will she watch in vain? When the troops come marching home again.

He fights And the cannon shots fly fast And the battle breaks with fiery blast, The columns pass, The call of the bugles passes by And the colors flash against the sky, Here men are dead and men will die; But he thinks of nought but his country's fight, And he knows wrong shall not conquer right. He fights for his glory not alone— He remembers those he has left at home.

It is night; the battlefield is cold, On the damped earth lies the soldier bold; The clash and the tumult now is o'er, The flash of the guns is seen no more; Darkness reigns supreme and still And the moon creeps slowly o'er the hill; Her yellow beams shine far and wide, Shine on the heroes side by side. Many are dead—their fight is done; Dead, but their courage the victory won.

And the soldier dreams he is far away In the vine-clad fields at the close of day. He dreams of those who love him dear, And remember him with a sigh and a tear.

The war is o'er And the troops march back, But the ranks are thinned, and the men are wracked; And the soldier marches, his heart beats free, As he waits for his loved ones smilely. He tells of his deeds; of his mighty fights, And the neighbors gather 'round at nights. In years to come, when he's old and grey, He'll tell them how they won the day. He sees the troops go marching by And he thinks again of his liberty. He joins in the Nation's great rejoice, And thanks his God that he heard her voice.

C. HARRY SYNYARD.
Stephano Arrives
S.S. Stephano arrived in port shortly after 2 this afternoon. She left Halifax Sunday evening at 6 and made good time. She brought a full cargo.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR BELGIAN SCOUT HERO

Youngest Belgian to be so Decorated—Reward For Gallantry in Battle and for Keen Discovery of Spies

Northern France, Jan. 1.—The youngest Chevalier of the Belgian Order of Leopold, and the first Boy Scout to be decorated for gallantry on the field of battle is Joseph Leysin.

King Albert recently pinned the cross on his breast in the presence of his Ministers and military staff, and in giving him the accolade said: "I have the honor to decorate you with the Order of Leopold. You are the youngest Belgian hero. I congratulate you and all Scouts who have done such service for their country."

Only 18 Years Old.
Joseph, who is 18 years old, was working in a shop in Brussels when the war broke out. Already an enthusiastic member of Baden-Powell's Belgian Boy Scouts he at once volunteered for any duties at which the military authorities might wish to set him, and was soon in the thick of things. In the words of the officer under whom he served, "he became an 'enfant du regiment, posing as a priest."

It is difficult to get him to talk of his experiences, but one of his earliest feats was the tracking down and arrest of two spies, and of this he gives the following account:

Suspected Them.
"One afternoon I saw a crowd of people, and found that they had gathered around two men who had been arrested by our outposts. They claimed to be priests, but I noticed that they did not wear the usual white collar and black cravat. Getting permission of the officer who had made the arrests I questioned them, but they replied: 'You had better run away and play instead of insulting two honest men. We are priests on our way to the convent at Liege.'"

"They were searched and released as nothing incriminating was found but I was convinced that two spies were being allowed to escape, and so I got permission of the Lieutenant to follow them to Liege. Jumping on my bicycle, I overtook the two men near Renori. As soon as they saw me they ran into a wood, but I went after them and called out: 'In the name of the law, come out of that wood, and follow the road, or I will fire on you!'"

Arrested and Confessed.
"They at once returned to the road, and just at that moment two lancers lashed up in a motor car. The two priests at once tried to make off, but I collared them, and, with the help of the lancers, made them get into the car. Then we drove to Liege and handed over our captives to the authorities."

"Then the false priests at last confessed that one of them was a German and the other an Austrian. When they were searched carefully there were found in their boots plans of forts and trenches. The authorities hereupon gave me a written declaration that I had arrested two spies, and I returned to my regiment."

Besides his decoration from the King, this enterprising youth has received the Cross of Merit from the Boy Scouts of Belgium.

Penetrated Slick Device Of Germans

British Officer Found That Apparent Norwegian Ship Was Really German Owned

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent says: "A Norwegian merchant captain who has just returned here from Gibraltar, says that the Hamburg-American liner *Grascia* attempted to cross the Atlantic flying a Norwegian flag under the name of Bjoevin, but she was stopped by a British cruiser which discovered her real name which had been painted over."


The cruiser thereupon took the steamer as a prize to Gibraltar. The steamer carried a cargo of provisions for German warships in the Atlantic.

Patrick Walsh, Rossiter's Lane, was taken to the hospital in the ambulance this morning. He is suffering from pneumonia.

"Only a few Germans returned to the silent trenches and later we could see companies coming up from the second line of trenches under our artillery fire."

SOROSIS SHOES

The name SOROSIS on a pair of Shoes is a Guarantee of Quality, Style and Fit. As a wear-resister, and a shape-retainer the Sorosis has a high reputation with particular women.



A shipment of these celebrated Shoes has just come to hand. Below we list the styles we are showing.

Buttoned
Dongola, with Self Tip.
Dongola Vamp, Gray Cloth Top.
Tan Vamp, Brown Cloth Top.
Tan Vamp, Fancy Fawn Top.
Pat. Leather, Black & White Top

Laced
Dongola, Patent Tip.
Dongola, Self Tip.
Gun Metal.

Ayre & Sons LIMITED

Placentia Greet Her Soldier Lads

Capt. G. T. Carty, 1st Nfld. Regiment, Fort George, Inverness. Please convey heartfelt greetings Placentia boys. Friends here well, and join in wishing all our boys a Happy Christmas.

V. F. REARDON, W. F. O'REILLY, W. J. WALSH.
Fort George, Dec. 31st. Monsignor Reardon, Placentia. New Year's greetings from Placentia boys: all well.

Reservists Arrive

A number of naval reservists from Conception Bay arrived by yesterday's train and joined the Calypso.

Sleigh Upsets

Dr. Fraser's sleigh toppled over on Queen's Road yesterday. The doctor, who was driving, was thrown out, but succeeded in stopping the animal. One shaft of the sleigh was broken.

Schooner In Ice

Messrs. Bishop had a message this morning that the schooner *St. Elmo*, Donnelly master, from Green Bay to St. John's with a cargo of herring, was jammed in the ice off Red Cliff Island, B.B.

This craft was with the Maggie Sullivan last week but the latter succeeded in forcing her way through.

Curliana

The Committee of Management meets this evening at 7. The first match takes place Thursday and Friday of this week for the pipes donated by the President and Vice-President.

In this contest skips must lead and hild stones skip but they are permitted to consult with skips during the game. Queen Wilhelmina leaves Liverpool to-morrow, and the *Tabasco* leaves on the 16th.

THE SPIRIT OF GERMAN KULTUR

[In printing the following "poem" by Albrecht Schaeffer, the "Berliner Borsen-Courier" observes, "In this terrible poem, the dying German gathers up his fleeting strength to fling at the Briton." Poems such as this were even in the popular mouth of Germany during the recent Christmas season.]

Oh Fury! Oh holiest Fury! a Briton is in view! Now my heart hold firm, grip tight With iron-fisted grasp on sabre bright, In mine ear the music of a murderous hew!

Again, and for the last time, will I treasure The venom which in my heart doth rage and cry With bitter hate that knows no end nor measure, With which the name of England I defy!

To earth, base Britain, crushed out of being in the mire! God! stand not in the way whilst she is smitten! Or, dying, God! on Thee my soul shall vent its ire!

"Down, England!" and gathering his last remaining strength He stretched his quivering limbs to their full length, To gaze into the eyes Of him who lay there dead!

With snake-like dart his sword 'gainst the sleeping enemy sped, Then, laughing loud, he shook his fever'd head, While in the staring pupils, glazed and set, His own eyes a murdered nation's shadow met

Set free at last from the torment of its hate and pain, From the poison cleansed with consumed it more and more, His soul, pure as an angel's, upward soared, The Lord to follow with His sword of flame!

Mr. H. Bastow for many years in Bowring's grocery has accepted a position at Harvey & Co.'s office.

Sagona Clear

Hon. J. C. Crosbie had a message this morning that the Sagona was clear of the ice and bound to St. John's. The Fogota is still jammed.

Magistrate's Court

Two vagrants were before Judge Knight this morning; one was discharged and the other was sent down for ten days.

S.S. Sydlund finished coaling at A. Harvey & Co.'s yesterday and continued her voyage to Baltimore.

WANTED—A Reliable Girl who understands Plain Cooking.

Small family. Good wages. Apply to CAPTAIN ABRAHAM, Ordnance St., next door to the East End Fire Hall.—dec31, jan2,4,5,11

FOR SALE—One Dwelling House, Store and Work Shop combined.

Will sell at a bargain. For further particulars apply to W. J. DOVE, Chance Hr. East.—dec5,11

FOR SALE—A Few Barrels of Splendid Partridge Berries.

(preserved in water tight packages) at \$4.00 per brl. A splendid lot for retailers. FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO.—dec31

FOR SALE—We have a quantity of Large Dry Codfish,

suitable for eating, which we are retailing at a reasonable figure. Anyone wanting eating fish should see this before buying elsewhere. FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO.—dec18

NOTICE.—Trinity Bay Councils of the F.P.U.

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

NOTICE.—Owing to the

Conception Bay Convention to be held at Coley's Point the second week in January, there will be no meeting of that Convention is closed, when due notice will be given of the time and place of meeting. GEO. F. GRIMES, Chairman, Port de Grave District Council.