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LATE SWIMMING.—Some of our sports led on by the President of the Hillsborough Boating Club were in for a swim yesterday. This pleasant autumn swim was kept up last year until December 5th and those who like that sort of sport will now look forward to their Indian summer.

PLEASANT EVENING.—Mr. J. D. Seaman, principal of the "Prince St. School" addressed the young people of the Methodist Church at their regular Friday evening meeting held in Hertz Memorial Hall. A solo by Gunner Dawson was much appreciated. "A Musical Romance" was the novelty of the evening and proved a most interesting game for all.

BIG PRICES REALIZED.—Mr. Benjamin Carter, auctioneer, in conversation with a Guardian representative reports general produce selling very high throughout the country. At a sale for Mrs. John Campbell, Clyde River, on Thursday, Mr. Carter sold thirty-eight head of cattle, ranging from \$25 to \$70 each, according to type, and breeding. Horses brought from \$75 to \$125. Hay sold at \$18 per ton; potatoes 62c, per bushel, turnips 18c. Full-grown live hogs sold at \$80 per pair, and implements sold at splendid prices. The farm of sixty acres sold at \$2,500. Hundreds of people were in attendance. Mrs. Campbell is highly delighted with the results accruing from the sale.

COUNTRESS' CURSE PURSUED EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Following was the famous curse of the Countess of Karolyi upon the Emperor of Austria:—"May your life be stripped here of all happiness, to the last shred; may suffering and misery untold strike upon those nearest and dearest to you; at the end, may you be crushed to earth in utter despair."

The story of the Hapsburgs since Francis Joseph came to the throne has been a story of scandals and sudden deaths. His wife, the Empress Elizabeth, was assassinated. His son, the Duke of Austria, was drowned at sea.

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LITTLE NEWS COMES FROM ROUMANIA

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Rumanian official communications of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which all reached London, throw little light on the German advance to Craiova. Tuesday's report stated there were desperate struggles in the Alt Valley in the region of Veresti, Albecht, Surpazli, Monastir, and Kozia. The Rumanians in the Jiu Valley were reported to be retreating toward the west of Craiova. A wireless despatch, makes the following correction in the text originally received on Thursday's communique.

"Our troops have withdrawn from the Alt Valley and now occupy positions held on the previous day." The words "held on the previous day" having been omitted in the original communication.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—Entente forces on the Macedonian front are making progress in their attacks on the German-Bulgarian lines, according to today's war office announcement. The gain of further ground during the continuation of the battle east of Monastir, is claimed, while to the west the Italians, continuing their progress, have reached Nijipole.

CHESS.—The Chess Club meets to night in the Royal Bank building. Any visitors to the City who are fond of the Royal Game will be most welcome any time after 7.30 p. m.

SUCCESSFUL SALE.—The sale of the property of Mr. Herbert T. Prowse, at Marshfield on Wednesday, conducted by Mr. Benj. Carter, auctioneer, proved very successful. The farm consisting of one hundred acres was bought in at \$5,000, the highest bidder being Mr. Samuel Kennedy, of this City, whose highest bid was \$4,800. The stock, and implements all brought very good prices.

All Forms Of Money Contraband

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Nov. 24.—A royal proclamation issued today declares that henceforth, gold silver and paper money, securities, checks drafts, letters of credit and any negotiable instruments of money, credit or securities will be treated as contraband.

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, November 23.—With Craiova in the hands of Falkenhayn's troops, and the Rumanians on the march, the chief interest in the day's developments in Western Wallachia centers on the fate of Orsova and its Rumanian garrison. The invaders are steadily advancing on that position from the west, according to Berlin and the attack on the town is imminent.

Cut off from retreat along the railroad to Craiova by the capture of the Wallachian capital, the Rumanians at Orsova have but one line of escape open to them—along the Danube to the southeast. Whether they are making any attempt to leave the town by this route is not indicated by the day's reports. It is believed that they will remain and at the price of their lives force the German troops to conduct a costly siege. The expected drive on Bucharest until reinforcements could reach the Rumanians.

A desperate battle is now raging to the north and west of Craiova, according to unofficial advices from the front. Falkenhayn apparently has no intention of delaying the drive on the Rumanian capital. Meanwhile the situation in the upper Alt valley is growing more threatening for the Rumanians. On the Red Tower pass road the Germans are steadily pressing forward. Unless checked speedily this movement will sweep the whole valley or the Alt and bring the invaders thirty miles nearer Bucharest.

Details of the great movement by which Falkenhayn's army swept into Craiova and cut off the Rumanians in Orsova show that the smashing of the Rumanian defence at Terajul south of Vulcan Pass paved the way for victory. When the resistance of Ferdinand's troops was broken at this point the German troops swarmed over the Wallachian plain in two columns and moving swiftly southward cut the Orsova-Craiova railroad at Srehaia and Piflash. One column then moved southeast into Craiova, driving the badly disorganized Rumanians before them, while the other unit advanced westward toward Orsova. The latter army is now approaching Orsova.

The early fears of the Allies that a big Rumanian army had been cut off and trapped between Craiova and the northern frontier appear to have no foundation. The Rumanians undoubtedly suffered heavily in the engagements that ended in their complete rout, however. The determined silence of Bucharest, unbroken since Sunday, prevents the forming of any estimate of the Rumanian losses or of the full extent of their defeat. Artillery activity continues along the Danube, in the Dobrudja which soon may be the scene of a renewed effort by Mackensen to drive on Bucharest simultaneously with his fellow commander in Western Rumania.

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A Russian Dreadnought Sunk

PETROGRAD, Nov. 24.—Russia officially announced the loss of the dreadnought Imperatritsa Maria. A statement last night reads:—"The Russian dreadnought Imperatritsa Maria has been sunk by an internal explosion. Two hundred of the crew are missing."

COMMUNION SERVICE LOST OR STOLEN FROM HALIFAX CHURCH

(Canadian Press Despatch) HALIFAX, November 24.—St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, in this city is practically as old as the year 1750. It possesses an ancient and handsome communion set, which does not date back to the start of the congregation, 166 years ago, but is as old at least as the present church structure. The church kept the set insured for \$1,000. It has just become known that this communion set is lost or stolen, no one knows which, but it certainly has disappeared and at a recent communion service a set had to be borrowed from a neighboring church. Shortly before the Nova Scotia Highlanders left Aldershot camp to go overseas the set was borrowed for a service at the camp. It was used there and afterwards was forwarded back to Halifax, but never reached St. Matthew's church and what became of it is a complete mystery. It may have been stolen and the so-called melted down. One theory is that in the confusion of moving troops at the time it may have got among the baggage and by mistake been sent overseas, but there is no clue of any kind, though detectives have been steadily at work.

THE PIPES OF WATERLOO

(By Benj. and Nettie Buchanan, descendants of the Macdonald family.) Donald and Malcolm Macdonald, now fighting in the trenches; Daniel Todd, convalescing in England, after having been wounded in Flanders; Alex. Buchanan, in the 105th Highlanders, are descendants of Angus Macdonald, who played bagpipes at Waterloo, and the old instrument is still in existence. Canadian and New Bedford musicians, who among you can play "The Pipes of Waterloo" with the fire of Donald, the brilliancy of Angus Mackay, Canadian and New Bedford music lovers, who among you can honestly say that the skirl of the pipes, is music in your ears, that the pibroch can, the Macdonalds of these places, whose ancestors were pipers of time out of mind. Yet before Scotland folk ever entered the Highlands, before, indeed, the mad music of the pipes was heard even in England, the bagpipes' martial music stirred men to the charge. Scottish bagpipers lie that in the ranks of Roman, Greek, Persian, and Egyptian armies. Musical instruments have risen to popularity, and been forgotten again, but the bagpipes, like the drum and flute, is with us.

In some dim garret in Nova Scotia the ancient Scottish bagpipers lie that were played by Angus Macdonald, when the Black Watch helped the English and the Prussians take the field of Waterloo from Napoleon. The Macdonalds have always been a warlike clan. Angus was not the first of his pipers to sound the pibroch that brought victory. Nor will he even be the last.

There are many New Bedford and Canadian people who take an extraordinary interest in the pipes of Angus Macdonald. They are Macdonalds of the same clan that befriended the fugitive Prince Charlie, and that fought so bravely at Culloden; of the same clan that fought and died for the cause of Bonnie Dundee; of the same clan which gave a general to the Revolutionary War, and we are not ashamed to acknowledge that he fought and died for the cause of the Waterloo. There were Macdonalds who shed their blood for England at Waterloo, and there are Macdonalds who are shedding their blood for England not far from Waterloo now.

The second owner of the Waterloo pipes was Donald Macdonald, son of Angus, and better known as "Donald Tailor." At the old-time weddings, at the gatherings of the clans, or in the militia, "Donald Tailor" took his place as piper. Even at the present day the old militia men declare that they could stand the fatigue of route marches and the monotony of camp life when they had "Donald Tailor" and his pipes.

It is curious fact that the pipes of Waterloo are gray with dust, because their present owner, Donald Macdonald, is away at the war, and fighting again in that same Black Watch regiment in which his grandfather fought at Waterloo. We suppose that the bag of the old pipes is too dry and cracked to hold the mighty blowing of a 20th century Scotch piper; and that when Donald Macdonald plays the pipes in the trenches of Europe, he does so on instruments more modern. Another brother, Malcolm, came 200 miles with the pipes to the front. From that place he made connections with the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders were stationed. Malcolm Macdonald is now in France, and the sound of his pipes brings comfort and cheer to the wounded and dying. We wish with their sisters, Mrs. Alex. Buchanan, and Mrs. D. A. MacLeod, of P.E.I., each of whom has a son who has given up the comforts of home to serve their king and country; and with their brothers, Alexander, Murdoch and John, and with their sisters, Mrs. Jeanette MacLeod, Mrs. J. C. MacLeod, Mrs. R. L. C. Stevenson, and Mrs. B. Stevenson, all of New Bedford, that the pipes of Angus Macdonald, their grandfather, might have aid, now in the possession of the sounded again at Waterloo in 1916. But instead they lie, half forgotten, in the garret in Amherst, N. S. Once the old pipes were gay with ribbons, tossed in the smoky air by the mad melodies of war. How the in his dreams at night, and the story

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great bag filled, as Scottish lungs blew the shrilling pibroch above the battle roar. Bullets were somehow turned from that gallant Scot; shell burst over him in vain; the pipes were a charm that defied death distant, as if a guardian spirit, a protecting god Pan, the first piper, were in the skirl of the music, so that death passed the player by.

To modern ears that are neither Scottish nor southern Italian, there is a devilry in the roar of sound from the bagpipes, a mad, squealing tumult of dissonance. To the Scots, however, it shouts of victory, to German ears it is still in contempt, known as the "duddelsack."

The bagpipe is no Scottish invention. English pipers played on bagpipes long before Scottish pipers took up the fashion. Chaucer's miller, in "The Canterbury Tales," played on a bagpipe; and in Shakespeare are several references to it, such as "When the bagpipe sings 'the nose,'" in "The Merchant of Venice." The Macdonald pipes are a great treasure, likewise the medal pinned on their first owner's bravery by the King of England. The bagpipe is honored by the greatest of English poets, is placed in an angel's hand in one of Raphael's paintings; and has been found pictured on a little tablet, dated by students of history at a period before 4000 B. C. The pipes testify an instrument which is the forerunner of the church organ,—for the first church organs were played just as the bagpipes of Angus Macdonald were blown at Waterloo.

The fair ladies of the court of Louis XIV., of France, carried their heads adorned by pink silk ribbons round their necks; a great composer gave them a place in his symphony orchestra; and ancient troubadours, jongleurs, and bands the world over, played them in their wanderings, to the delight of many noble ancestors of Americans, whether of German, Austrian, Roman, Greek, French, Irish, English, Scotch, Italian, Chinese or Egyptian descent—so it may truly be said that no matter from what land your forebears came, their fathers knew the bagpipes.

The pipers at Waterloo won immortal fame. Lord Byron, in a poem on Waterloo, referred to them: "And wild and high the Cameron's gathering rose, The stirring memory of a thousand years, And Evan's, Donald's fame rings in each clansman's ears."

"The Story of the Bagpipe" is very completely told in the interesting book of that name, written by Wm. H. Grattan Flood, an eminent Irish musician and writer. Of the pipes of Waterloo he writes: "When the din of battle of Waterloo raged most fiercely the bagpipes were heard in no uncertain fashion. The pibroch at the word of command, 'Prepare to Charge,' roused the troops, and it is said that one brave piper, when wounded in the leg, threw down his pipes, and entered the fighting ranks, dealing havoc all around, till he was killed. At Waterloo were the 42nd, 78th, 97th, 79th and 93rd regiments."

On the following page Mr. Flood tells this tribute to the Black Watch, in which Angus Macdonald played: "For over half a century, the pipes of the Black Watch have been famous. A story is told of them that on one occasion, under a broiling sun in India, they managed to keep the music going for fully four miles—quite a remarkable feat of endurance. It is well to explain that, under ordinary circumstances, pipers can easily keep playing for about three miles, and it is undeniable that, for a Highland regiment, the bagpipes are a splendid aid in difficult marches. In connection with the Black Watch it may be added that they distinguished themselves in the Ashanti War, and no brave episode signaled the campaign than the march to Coomassie, headed by the pipers."

William Ross, a piper in the Black Watch, was appointed piper to the Queen by Queen Victoria. So the bagpipes of Angus Macdonald, now in the possession of the Macdonald family, together with his medal, recall a deal of rich tradition. Their present owner, separated from them by an ocean, will yet hear in the trenches the ring of their pibroch in his dreams at night, and the story

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of this Scottish ancestor will en- Athens correspondent says that the Greek steamer Sparti, has been sunk. The Captain believes the vessel was torpedoed. Nearly all those on board the steamer were saved including several nurses. There are two Greek steamers named Sparti, one measuring 2,549 tons and other 961 tons.

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Nov. 25.—The British ship Grenade, was sunk, says an announcement by Lloyds Shipping Agency. LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Daily Mail's

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Mr. R. King Tarrow, Ottawa, is registered at the Victoria.

Rev. P. D. McGuigan, Vernon, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. A. O'Hanley, St. Peter's was visitor to the city yesterday.

Mr. D. C. Morson, Cardigan was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Cornelius Blanchard has arrived home from Boston.

Mr. John McDougall, horse buyer of Glace Bay, arrived in the city last night by the Stanley.

Gunner H. Rogers of No. 5 Siege Artillery Draft is visiting his home in Alberton for a few days.

Mr. R. H. Morrison, Summerside was registered at the Victoria yesterday.

Mr. Geo. Cummins, Webster's former was a visitor to Charlottetown yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mallett, of Cornwall were in the city on Friday attending the funeral of the late Lillian Taper.

Mr. Stramberg, Engineer of the new terminus here, with Mrs. Stramberg and child left yesterday for Halifax via Moncton.

Rev. William Hogan, son of Mr. W. P. Hogan of Charlottetown, is here from Portland, Oregon called home by the serious illness of his father.

Lance-Corp. Buntan and Quartermaster Burn of the 105th reinforcements are on a few days leave of absence to their respective homes in New London and Kensington.

Mrs. Richard A. Dunbar of Juelph, Ont., arrived last night for a short visit to her son, Mr. W. H. Dunbar, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at the Russ.

Mr. R. H. Sterns and Mr. J. G. Sterns and Mrs. (Major) H. H. Sterns, returned last night from Halifax, where they had gone to bid farewell to Major Sterns before his capture overseas.

The boys in khaki in the Armouree expressed their appreciation in the most emphatic manner for the kindness of the Silver Club Ladies in supplying a "feed" of fancy cooking yesterday.

Mr. Michael Carragher, City, returned from Boston last evening by the S. S. Halifax, where he had come to consult a specialist in regard to his eyesight, and as a result there is some improvement in his sight.

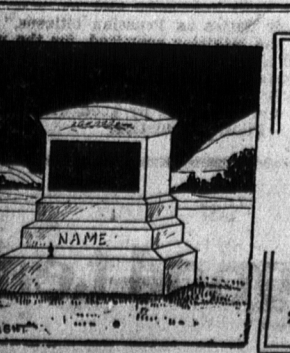
Capt. George Campbell, son of Colonel R. H. Campbell, together with his wife and child have returned to Summerside from England. Captain Campbell, some time ago, had one of his legs badly injured by being run over by an automobile. His many friends will hope for his speedy recovery. Previous to enlisting he was engaged as teacher in the Summerside High School.

Bombardment On The Somme Front

PARIS, Nov. 24.—There was a live-bombardment in Somme front last night, in the region of Sully-Sailly, north of the river, and that of blaincourt, south of the Stream, is war office announced to-day. The light was uneventful on the remainder of the front. French aviators took part in forty aerial engagements on the Somme front during which five hostile machines were brought down, sub-Lieut. George Gunymer accounting for his twenty-third German machine.

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