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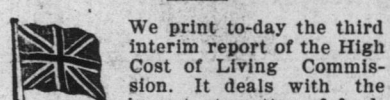
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Evening Telegram

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carefully the story of the fourteen fat and lean years in Egypt. You cannot eat your cake and have it any more to-day than in the days of Joseph. Not only will economy in consumption help to assure the supply, but it will be far the best means of reducing the cost. It is almost impossible to convince the average man that it is not the manipulations of middlemen but the relation of demand to supply that fixes prices. Increase the supply (which we cannot do) and diminish the demand (which we can), and prices will inevitably drop. We cannot assure our supply of water by fooling with the pipes from Windsor Lake, but by preventing waste and leakage.

With regard, however, to prices, the best suggestion the Commission have made is the enactment of an Excess Profits Tax. It should have been on the statute book two years ago. Profits are necessary. In this business of flour they are most necessary. Remove them, or the possibility of making them and we would be flourless in a month. But excess profits are not necessary. Some merchants will agree that they are unjustifiable. The Government, having delegated their duties to the Commission, cannot refuse to act on its recommendations. It forced through the House yesterday acts conferring benefits upon two industrial concerns which are scandalous and outrageous, indefensible on economic principles and clear evidence of moneyed influence. It now remains to be seen whether the Government, having flouted the people in these matters, will respect their rights in the other. We have not space to deal with other matters contained in the Report, notably the question of freight, but we shall do so on another occasion.

Casualty List.

Received June 8th, 1917.

Died of Pneumonia at the Military Infectious Hospital, St. John's, June 7th.
3764—Private Gerald Brian, Crabbe, St. George's.

At 22nd General Hospital, Danes, Canada, June 1st.
2102—Private John W. Muford, Codroy. — Wounded accidentally upper right arm, slight.

At 53rd Field Ambulance, May 22nd.
2768—Private Edward J. Kennedy, 6 J. P. Coy. — Wounded.

Wounded, Remained on Duty, May 23.
2106—Private Benjamin Young, Codroy.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

W. M. S. Branch Delegates Arrive.

The city delegates of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church who had been attending the annual conference at Quebec, returned to the city last night. The delegates were met at the railway station by a large number of friends. They were met by a large number of friends. They were met by a large number of friends.

Hon. President, Mrs. (Dr.) Curtis.
President, Mrs. E. G. Hunter.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) F. R. Matthews.
2nd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) M. Fenwick.
3rd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) C. Howse.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. (Rev.) A. Adams.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. Lindsay.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Peters.
Circle and Band Secretary, Miss G. Parsons.
Circle and Band Treasurer, Miss Goolie.
Supt. Christian Stewardship, Mrs. A. E. Parkins.
Secretary Literature, Mrs. W. G. Gaudin.
Auditor, Mr. W. G. Carrie.
District Organizers:
St. John's, Mrs. K. Barnes.
Codroy, Mrs. J. Madock.
Northern Districts, Mrs. D. P. Omond.
Northern Districts (Asst), Mrs. A. Barbour.
Western Districts, Mrs. J. Vigus.

Dumping Refuse On Streets

Editor Evening Telegram.
Sir,—Please permit me to call Mayor Goelling's attention to the fact that some person or persons are using the Junction of Pennywell Road and Rocky Lane as a dumping ground for old back yard refuse. To my mind this is a very serious matter, as it is not conducive to health, and certainly does not add to the beauty of the surroundings.

Come, Mr. Mayor, see if you can't do something to put a stop to the dumping of refuse on our streets by putting out such a base use as referred to above.

Yours etc.,
JUNE 9, 1917. A RESIDENT.

Anniversary of the Great Fire.

To-day June 9th, 1846, seventy-one years ago the greater part of the city of St. John's was destroyed by fire. The fire started in a workshop on Queen Street and is supposed to have been caused by the upsetting of a glue pot which was boiling on an old-fashioned stove. About two-thirds of the people were left homeless, while practically all the business houses were destroyed. From that day to this St. John's people are very careful of the manner in which they melt glue.

The Messiah

Four years ago Mr. A. H. Allen gave a performance of The Messiah and it proved to be one of the most notable performances in recent years. He will give it again next Thursday night in the College Hall and the event is of more than ordinary importance. It is now 176 years since Handel composed The Messiah, and nearly two centuries have but added to its popularity, if we may use that term in connection with an Oratorio. There is a singularly impressive and stirring effect in Handel's Messiah, that is due to the straightforwardness and rugged simplicity of its harmonies. The greatness of its simplicity is its finest charm, and thus year after year it is performed at every music centre in the world, and listened to with an interest and solemn delight that never wavers.

The words, of course, are taken from the Bible and deal with the prophecy of the Messiah's coming from the Old Testament, through the Birth, the Life, the Death and finally the note of triumph of the Resurrection, which is so wonderfully brought out in "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Following the procedure of Sir Joseph Beecham at Manchester with his choir, the Hallelujah Chorus will be sung at the end of the oratorio. The soprano solos will be taken by Miss Jean Strang, who will have the triumphant "Rejoice Greatly to sing, also "How beautiful are the feet" (which was not sung before), and "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The contralto solos will be taken by Miss Flora Curtis who will have "He shall feed His flock," the wonderful "He was despised," and "O thou that art the Father of the Fatherless." The tenor solo will be taken by Mr. Carl Trapnell, who will have "Every valley shall be exalted," "Behold and see if any sorrow," "Thou shalt break them," while the Bass solo will fall to Mr. F. J. King, "But who may abide," "The people that walked in darkness," "Why do the Nations rage," "The Trumpet shall sound." There will be two choruses that Mr. Allen did not give before—"His yoke is easy" and "Their sound is gone out." The singers in the chorus will, as usual, reflect the good training which always characterizes Mr. Allen's work, and will be assisted by Mr. Arthur Mews at the organ, and Mrs. Alex. Mews at the piano, with an orchestra of strings.

Unfortunately, this will be the last opportunity the public will have to hear the Messiah, as Mr. Allen, who has resigned his post at the Cathedral and leaves for England in July. As a number of outstanding artists will be taken by Mr. Allen, it is to be hoped that the College Hall will be well filled next Thursday night to hear the Messiah that has stirred the hearts during the past 176 years.

Industrial Workers

THIRD MEETING.

At a large attended meeting of the Industrial Workers' Association of Newfoundland, held at the L. S. P. U. Hall last night, the following Resolution was unanimously passed: "Whereas Resolutions are now being considered by the House of Assembly granting protection to certain local manufacturers to the extent of 35 per cent. on hosiery, sweaters, blankets, yarns and cotton and wool underwear for a term of 20 years, in addition to a guaranteed 5 per cent. annual dividend on the capital invested up to \$100,000; And Whereas A cash bonus of 5 per cent. on all imported wool manufactures by such concerns is also included in those resolutions submitted to the House of Assembly by the Government, as well as an increase in yarns from 20 per cent. to 35 per cent. imported into the country;

Be It Resolved That this general meeting of the Industrial Workers' Association of Newfoundland strongly protest against the enactment of a law containing a tariff guaranteed protection of 35 per cent. on all articles as above enumerated for a term of 20 years, thus debarring future Governments from reducing taxation on these goods, which are absolutely essential to the good health of the people, and which goods, in the opinion of this meeting, should be admitted at a rate of duty that will prevent the possibility of exorbitant profits being made out of the wage-earners of the country, which the few who are to keep duty as low as possible to provide warm woolen clothing at the lowest possible price;

Be It Also Resolved—That this meeting considers that no such drawback on imported wool that can be raised in Newfoundland should be given, but is of opinion that a bonus of 5 cents per pound be paid by the Colony on all cleaned wool raised in the Colony, payable thereby to the producer and not to the manufacturer;

Be It Also Resolved—That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the proper authorities and also to the Press.

During the evening some interesting addresses were given by several members, which chiefly dealt with the high cost of living. The Association is formed for the improving of the workmen, mentally, morally, socially and physically, and is non-sectarian and non-partisan in politics. Since the last meeting the membership has increased from 107 to 278.

Wedding Bells.

At St. Patrick's Church, Riverhead, St. John's, on June 6th a very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. Fr. Pippy, when Miss Kathleen Kane, of Renew, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Patrick Kane, of this city. The bride looked charming in a suit of white with hat to match. The bride and groom were supported by Mrs. Rodgers and Mr. Wm. Foster, of this city. The ceremony was a happy and enjoyable one, and was well attended.

A DROP IN SALMON PRICES.—Salmon was sold in the city yesterday at ten cents a pound direct to the consumer.

Exciting Case.

RESERVIST AND SOLDIER FINED.

"Here Bruce, Bruce, Bruce" shouted a gang of boys as they ran down Gower Street a few nights ago, at the same time standing on the sidewalk was Police Constable Bruce. The outcome was that a Naval Reservist and a soldier, both aged 17, were charged with loose and disorderly conduct in the Magistrate's Court to-day. On the night in question Const. Bruce came greatly incensed over the double-meaning yells and chased away the lads. On returning to where he first stood he ordered the two recruits to move off the sidewalk. The soldier, gradually moving away a foot or two with his chum, replied "We can't do anything with these fellows, they are always after us." This further aroused the ire of the Constable, who struck the soldier in the face (so the latter swore) and then caught hold of him to arrest him. The Naval Reservist moved closer to the scene to see what was doing, and soon saw with the recognition he got. Hearing a remark that there was a number of volunteers and reservists nearby, who would likely hamper his efforts, Bruce thought it imprudent to make an arrest, released his hold on the recruit and asked him to see what the reservist for their names, as he intended to summon them. The request was flatly refused and Bruce was told to apply to Headquarters if he was anxious for their names, which he did. During the hearing of the case to-day the defendants stated that they were set on by Bruce and assaulted, without reason; whilst the Superintendent of Police, who conducted the prosecution, contended that the policeman had sufficient provocation for striking the defendants when they refused to move; he knew that from his own long experience. The case reached an exciting stage when the Supt. asked a Naval Reservist, who appeared as a witness, how long it was since he came out of jail. After summing up, Mr. C. H. Hutchings, J., who presided imposed a fine of \$5 or 14 days on the Reservist and \$2 or 7 days on the soldier, with costs.

Barber Cured of Eczema

Generously Tells Others How Cure Was Effected.

Toronto, Ont., June 9th.—No one is better qualified to judge of treatment for skin troubles than the barber. He finds his customers bothered with barber's itch, pimples and eczema and has his own difficulties in treating these conditions after shaving. Mr. Lewis learned from a customer about Dr. Chase's Ointment, and when he contracted eczema, applied this treatment with most satisfactory results. He is naturally enthusiastic now in recommending this ointment to any one suffering from similar skin troubles.

Mr. George Lewis, barber, 202 1/2 Wellesley Street, Toronto, writes: "I was for some time troubled with an itchy eruption on my scalp and obtained temporary relief by the use of a tonic. About six months later little blisters broke out on my face and the doctor pronounced the trouble to be eczema. I heard of Dr. Chase's Ointment through a customer who was treating his eczema with it. I at once began the use of this Ointment and in a short time the eczema entirely disappeared from my face and scalp. You can imagine my relief, as I am a barber by trade and having a face covered with pimples or blotches was not conducive to good business. I should take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Chase's Ointment to any customers with facial or other troubles of this nature."

Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60c. box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 4.20 p.m. yesterday.
The Clyde left at Lewisport.
The Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 8.45 p.m. yesterday.
The Edith left Flower's Cove at 4 p.m. yesterday.
The Glencoe left Harbor Breton at 7 p.m. yesterday, going west.
The Glencoe arrived at Lewisport at 11 a.m. yesterday.
The Wren left Heart's Content at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, June 9th, 1917.
Desp'th Mr. Reid's weather straw hats are beginning to make their appearance in the streets. If you want to make your straw hat look presentable, get a package of "So Easy Straw Hat Cleaner" which is the handiest, quickest and most complete article to be had for the purpose of cleaning and bleaching white straw hats, and with very little trouble you can make last year's hat look practically as good as new. Price 10c. a pkg.

Acme Corn Silk will conquer that obstinate corn of yours and make washing of bottles instead of a toll. Price 10c. a pkg.

Here and There.

For old sores use Zylex. Its healing power is really remarkable. At McMurdo's. Price 50c.—June 9, 11.

BAND OF HOPE ENTERTAINMENT.

An enjoyable entertainment was given by the members of the Band of Hope at the Lecture Room of the Congregational Church last night. The programme was a pianoforte solo by Jean Cowan, recitation by A. Matthews, vocal duet by Trilzie and Louise, Newworthy, vocal duet by Maggie English and Beatrice Stone, recitations by Nellie Barnes and Essie Thomas, solo by Newworthy and the cantata "A Trip to Fairyland." In this as well as in the dialogue "A very lame man" the performance was most successful. The Band of Hope is a very fine organization, and the members are to be commended for their patriotic purpose.

OPEN ALL NIGHT?

"Not on your tin-tyo," but open from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. and we invite you to come and see our newly decorated store at the old stand. An entirely new stock of Tobaccos, Cigarettes and Pipes are here for your selection. All fancy goods purchased previous to the war will be sold at greatly reduced prices. This is your opportunity to secure some real bargains at

The Royal Cigar and Tobacco Store, WATER STREET.



It Is Coming.

Wait! Watch! Profit by Our Semi-Annual Furniture Sale.

We have been months preparing for this great event, which will eclipse all other Sales, as we were fortunate in securing large stocks of material ahead and will now give the benefit to our customers and the public generally.

We offer Bureaus from \$8.50 that cannot be imported and sold less than \$12.50; other furniture in proportion. You ask us why? The answer is: We patronize Home Industry, have goods made for us right in building; anything made to order as required.

Call in and see us. Watch papers for further announcements.

The C. L. MARCH CO., Ltd., Corner Water and Springdale Streets.

Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'S.

ADVERTISER.—Subject: "Desolation of the Earth." All welcome. Evangelist D. J. C. Barrett.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. Kenally who was in town on business returned to Carbonear by this evening's train.

Have you seen our Ladies' Collars for 12c? Worth 25c. THE WEST END BAZAAR, June 8, 21 51 Water St. West.

TO FISH IN U. S. A.—Over thirty men from points in Conception Bay left yesterday for the United States where they will engage at the fishery.

GEORGE KNOWLING has a shipment of CHOICE FRESH HALIBUT which he is selling at ten cents per lb.—June 8, 21

SEALS PLENTIFUL.—Old seals have been plentiful of late in the vicinity of Battle Hr., and a large number have been netted by the landmen there.

Buy a bottle of Stafford's Phlegm Cure for 25c. and receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,tf

COLLECTION FOR CEMETERIES.—In aid of the Belvedere and Mount Carmel Cemeteries a collection will be taken up at all the R. C. Churches of the city to-morrow.

Choice Pansy, Daisy and Carnation Rootes now ready. MRS. M. MOORE, Torrington Annex, Waterford Bridge Road. may22,61,ead

ST. ANDREW'S (Presbyterian).—The Pastor will preach at both services. Morning subject: "A Church Dispersed." Evening subject: "Daylight and Darkness in the Kingdom of God." Strangers will be welcomed.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES RHEUMATISM.

Here and There.

The best place to buy Dry Goods is THE WEST END BAZAAR, 51 Water St. West.

GENERAL MEETING OF SAINT ANNE'S SOCIETY.—There will be a general meeting of St. Anne's Sodality at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, in their Oratory, at the Presentation Convent, St. Patrick's, Riverhead. All members are requested to attend.

Fishing Rods, Trout Lines, Baskets, Wading Stockings, Fly and Bait Hooks, to be had at BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—may25,ead,tf

THREE MONTHS' RECRUITING FIGURES.—Since the Water Street Recruiting Station opened on March 9th, 216 men have offered for the Navy, and 248 for the Army, a total of 464. This does not include recruits who have signed the roll at Headquarters.

Paints, Stains, Oil, Varnishes, Floor Polish, Wax, Mops, Paint Brushes, etc., to be had at BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—may25,ead,tf

INCENSED SEAMAN.—A seaman, who apparently was tired of his surroundings, jumped from the deck of a vessel into the sea a few nights ago in the Narrows. He struck out to swim for the shore when a pilot boat picked him up and put him on board again.

How beautiful! How dainty! These remarks heard daily from people viewing that really beautiful Ivorydy Goods displayed in R. H. TRAPNELL'S window. Engraved with your monogram and enamelled to suit the taste, nothing nicer can be imagined.

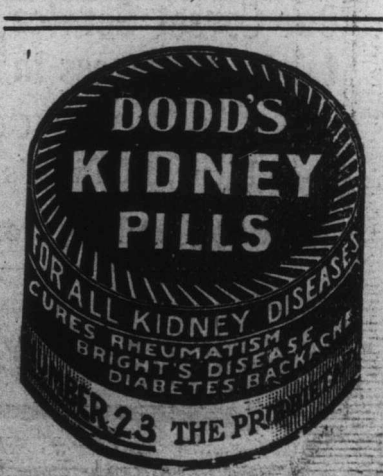
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For every 25c. purchase made at Stafford's Drug Store you receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,tf

DISAPPOINTED BOOZE-HUNTER.—At some time yesterday and while the House of Assembly was in session, an unknown person gained access to a room in that building and forcibly opened a cupboard in which was kept a bounteous supply of light, but invigorating refreshments, dainties, edibles and fancy smokes. After treating himself liberally to "the best in the house" the visitor decamped. He left sufficient evidence to show that the beverage he partook of was not the kind he was after. However, there is not the slightest clue as to who the disappointed booze-hunter is.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, a Grand Pedlars' Parade will take place in the C. C. C. Hall on Thursday, June 21st. March Past begins at 8 p.m. Special features will be Fancy Dancing by Miss Cleary's pupils and by the Pedlars. Refreshments, Ice Cream and Candy for sale. Admission on door, 20 cents.—11



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