



## Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, June 12, 1919.

### The Coastal Service.

The knowledge that the Government have been obliged to commandeer the s.s. Portia and Prospero of the local Red Cross Line for the purpose of maintaining the Northern and Western Coastal Services, will come as a surprise to the people, but a surprise that nevertheless will be appreciated, and a feeling of relief will be experienced, generally, because of the knowledge that at last something has been done to relieve a situation which was fast becoming alarming.

It was only under the great stress of the serious conditions prevailing at the hour, that the Government decided there was no alternative but to put the War Measures Act into operation and under its provisions take over the boats named. All negotiations which had previously taken place had come to naught, and the urgent demand for steam carriers, North and West rendered it incumbent upon the Government to take such steps as were deemed advisable in order to overcome an intolerable situation. No other steamboats, other than the Prospero and Portia, being available for the carriage of passengers and freight upon such lengthy and important routes, there was but one thing to do, and that has been done.

The company, apparently, were standing off on their original tender, and any continuance of negotiations might have entailed the passage of considerable time before finalization, during which the sections of coast covered by the service would suffer greatly, from lack of shipping facilities and in consequence cause much hardship and deprivation, the need for immediate freight conveyance being increased by the growing shortage of supplies. By the action of the Government the ships are immediately made available to take up their schedules, and will be operated by the owners, under official supervision.

In the meantime further negotiations with the company will proceed, and it is hoped that a mutually satisfactory agreement will be reached. If not the Government will keep the steamers in service until such time as they can provide others to take their place. The commandeering of the Prospero and Portia has been done in the interests of the people. There was no other way out, the season being so far advanced that added delay in providing transportation by water to the numerous ports of call North and West would have militated severely against the populations of these sections and their summer prospects for the fishery.

### The Coastal Service and the Government

The question of coastal steam has reached a point at which it seems right to make public comment. While negotiations for a contract were pending, silence seemed not only golden, but the path of duty for onlook-

ers, whose well meant efforts might do more harm than good. We fear that the political efforts of the Coaker Opposition, and of their open and disguised allies, have not been well meant, and have done much public harm. The outcry for the service, the demand that the Government should accept the Bowring terms, and all the talk of injury to the public which would otherwise result, has terribly hampered the Government, and aided the tenderers.

Weeks ago, Bowring Bros., Ltd., offered to contract for ten years for the use of the s.s. "Portia" and "Prospero," for \$100,000 per year, and the right to increase passenger and freight rates one half. They asked, too, that the subsidy should be paid whether regular trips were made or not, whereas under the 1904 Contract they were paid by the trip.

Except for an outstanding question about rates to Treaty Shore points, to which an increase of one hundred per cent. was asked, the Lloyd Government had agreed to a draft Contract. But the Cashin Government, considering that subsidy and rates were based on present conditions, and that they would be too high when normal times came, were unwilling to make a ten year contract, and suggested five.

Seizing upon the opportunity offered by the proposal for a five year contract, Bowring Bros. withdrew their tender, at the very time that the Cashin Government reluctantly notified them of their decision to make a ten year contract. Efforts by the Government to renew negotiations have been very slowly replied to by Bowring Bros., and perilous delay thereby caused, with the result that the s.s. Portia and Prospero were on Tuesday, seized under Order-in-Council, and are, until further decided, to be operated under the Department of Shipping. After the seizure, but not apparently as a result of it—a belated result rather, of prior negotiations—Bowring Bros. have notified the Government of their readiness to enter into a ten year Contract on new terms.

They now want \$120,000 per year subsidy, and permission to double all passenger and freight rates, while for French Treaty ports (East Side) the increase in some cases would be two hundred per cent. It cannot be doubted that this new demand has been made in large measure because of the encouragement and aid given by the Opposition in the Legislature and press. Their demands for a Contract, their cries as to the needs of the Country, their onslaughts on the Government for reluctance to contract, has very naturally emboldened the tenderers to increase their demands.

It is the obvious duty of the Government to resist. It were better that the loss by public operation should be double the subsidy than that such a demand should under the circumstances be submitted to. "Millions for defence, not a cent for tribute." It is in this sense at least that the Government will be justified in continuing operations under the Department of Shipping. While doing so, a real good service might as well be given. More commodious shipping premises than the coastal boats have had should be acquired. They should not belong to a shipper of such freight as the coastal boats carry. They should be so roomy that the cartage scenes so common here should not be seen again. It may be that additional boats will soon be needed.

In the meantime, we are glad the Cashin Government has shown its red blood, its courage and initiative, its power to both wait and strike at the right time, and hope it will in this matter be endorsed by public sentiment.

Mr. Geo. Penny, Ramen, arrived in town by train last evening and is staying at the Cresbia.

## Handley-Page People Delighted.

### Tuesday's Trial Was Highly Successful.

Special to Evening Telegram.

HARBOR GRACE, Yesterday. Tuesday's trial of the Handley-Page biplane was highly successful. Shortly before 4.30 the big flier was hauled into position and engines tuned. Crew then climbed into cockpit and machine slowly taxied down aerodrome in an Easterly direction and headed the moderate Westerly breeze which was blowing. The engines were set ahead on a wide open throttle and the machine bounded up the gentle slope and when opposite the big audience which had gathered to witness the flight, ran onto level ground and into the head wind, rising gracefully at an angle of 40 degrees, and zooming or climbing almost straight upwards. The take-off was most beautiful and the aviators were delighted. The crowd cheered itself hoarse and the wildest and most enthusiastic excitement prevailed. The plane circled over the drome for a few minutes then headed out over the harbor and across Conception Bay to Cape St. Francis, and passing through a great smoke bank, arising from a forest fire, flew onward to St. John's. The flight from starting point to city took about twenty-five minutes, the intention to fly that way having been taken by pilot when aloft. Machine flew over Vicker's aerodrome, but didn't see the bomber. The birds eye view of St. John's was declared by Admiral Kerr to be exceedingly pretty. Flier returned around the shores of the Bay purposely passing over every town and settlement, to give people an opportunity of seeing the plane. The grouping of the various hamlets flown over looked quite picturesque from the air, the plane flying at an altitude of from two to three thousand feet, in order to give all an opportunity to clearly see the big bird. The waiting multitude on the aerodrome kept looking toward the direction of St. John's for the reappearance of flier, when suddenly and to their surprise they appeared in the Western sky and flew steadily toward the landing place turning a little bottom of the drome and alighting perfectly and steadily with the wind against them. The crowd again vociferated applause and mightily cheered.

On getting out of the machine, the aviators posed for cinematograph picture. They were very courteous to your correspondent to whom Admiral Kerr stated that the trip was highly successful and entirely satisfactory. The highest altitude attained was 5000 feet, the average being from 3000 to 4000. On the plane during test trial were Admiral Kerr, Majors Brackley and Kerr, Wireless Operator White and Meteorological expert Taylor. All but the latter will make the trans-Atlantic trip. Major Brackley took numerous photographs while flying. The crew were not the least tired and expressed themselves as being highly gratified with results of trial. The cinematographer will film all the flights taking place including the start and these will be shown all over the world. During the hour and twenty-five minutes flight engines worked well averaging ninety miles per hour. The wireless worked splendidly and the operator was in touch with Cape Race, Mt. Pearl and some other stations. Aviators and mechanics have greatest confidence in ability of machine to make the long flight. There are 400 gallons petrol, 250 gallons of water and full capacity of lubricating oils now on board. Upon that station at Louisa a small petrol leak was discovered by the Rolls Royce expert, which was promptly stopped. Major Partidge, the official of the Royal Air Force, delegated the Rolls Royce inspector to affix the official seal of the Air Force to the machine, which was done yesterday. The total cost of the Handley-Page machine here is \$100,000.

### Waiting for the Word.

Special Evening Telegram.

H.R. GRACE, This Morning. After engines and plans had been gone over subsequent to yesterday's flight, it was discovered that a wheel spoke had been broken, on or after landing. The damage was promptly repaired, the broken part being replaced by a spare. Other minor improvements were also effected, and then plane was given a general overhauling. The mechanics in assembling machine did most excellent work and set up the plane in much quicker time than could have been done at the shops, notwithstanding that less men were employed at the job here. Aviators say that the completion was a record and reflects great credit on the skill and industry of workmen, which goes without saying, as they are specially picked and trained operatives. All are confident in the ability of plane to win out. During Tuesday's flight wireless spoke transatlantic receiving station at Louisa, C.B., 330 miles away. According to advices received here last night it is understood that the Vickers machine is delayed from making a start until the arrival from England by steamer of a new part of the petrol pump which does not work properly. A considerable number of people came over from Bell Island yesterday in the hope of witnessing flight.

LATEST FROM H.R. GRACE. Flight Probably This Afternoon. Special Evening Telegram.

H.R. GRACE, Noon. The weather at present is rather hazy and not at all suitable for flying. Admiral Kerr informs correspondent, however, that there is a possibility of making another flight this afternoon, but this depends on weather clearing.

### Criminal Libel

AGAINST DAILY STAR.

Yesterday afternoon summonses granted by Stipendiary Magistrate Morris were served on the Star Publishing Company, Limited, the Proprietors, and H. M. Moedell, the Editor of the Star newspaper for criminal libel upon the Hon. Mr. Morris, Attorney General in his official capacity.

The summonses were obtained upon the affidavit (which for want of space, is held over until to-morrow) and an enquiry will begin on Monday next, preparatory to a commitment of the accused for trial in the Supreme Court.

Howley, K.C., and Edward Emerson are acting for the complainant.

### Reids' Boats.

Argyle leaves Placentia on Western route after arrival of to-day's train. Clyde at Herring Neck. Dundee—No report since leaving Princeton on the 10th, going to Lewisville.

Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 11.50 a.m. yesterday. Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 10 p.m. yesterday, for North Sydney. Home arrived at Exploits at 8.30 a.m. on the 10th; no report of leaving.

Meile left Placentia at 5.30 p.m. yesterday coming to St. John's. Petrel arrived at Clervenville at 5.45 p.m. yesterday.

### Weather and Ice Conditions.

Battle Hr.—Wind S.W., weather fine. No ice visible north, south, east or west.

St. Anthony—Moderate west wind, fine and warm; coast clear.

Grigues—Moderate northwest wind, fine; ice moved off shore.

Conche—Calm and fine; ice loose along shore.

LaScie—Calm and fine; ice close packed, no water to be seen.

Little Bay Islands—Light S.W. wind. South side of bay full of ice; slack in vicinity.

Bonaville—Light N.E. wind; no field ice in sight.

### Here and There.

Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov29.

PERSONAL.—Mr. H. J. Earles' son Harold, who left here by rail for Fogo via Lewisport, reached Seldom-Come-by by motor boat, where he is still held up, owing to the ice being along the coast.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

The famous Local Song, "Sergeant T. R. Ricketts, V.C.," our Newfoundland hero, that made such a hit in the City of Boston, now on sale at Ayre & Sons, Ltd. Price 30c. Get one, it's a dandy. June12,11

FISHERY REPORT.—That section of Burgeo and LaPole district from Red Island to Connors, reports the catch of codfish to date as being 7140 quintals, with 155 quintals for last week. Sixty small craft are engaged in operations. Herring is being used for bait but the supply is uncertain.

A few specials for Restaurants and Ice Cream Parlors: Optic Soda Tumblers, \$2.80 doz. Ice Cream Dishes, clear crystal, footed, \$2.85 doz. Nappies plain crystal, 85c doz. Nappies fancy crystal, \$1.00 doz. Beer Mugs, 10 oz., \$3.00 doz. Beer Mugs, 20 oz., \$5.60 doz. Goblets, \$2.15 doz. Candy Jars, tin top, 20c, 45c, 65c, 85c each. Candy Jars, glass top, 70c, \$1.10 each. Orange Bowls, \$1.10 each. Salters or Cake Stands, 48c, 55c, 60c, 90c, \$1.55 each. Tumblers, \$1.05, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.50, \$3.10 doz.—GEO. KNOWLING, Ltd.—June7,10,12,14

### DIED.

At Jersey Side, Placentia, on the 10th inst, Mary, beloved wife of John Williams, aged 72 years leaving a husband, three daughters and a son to mourn their sad loss. R. I. P.

## KNOWLING'S for Fishing Tackle.

STEEL RODS.

SPLIT BAMBOO and LANCEWOOD Rods.

### Just Opened English Trout & Salmon Rods.

ENGLISH TROUT and SALMON FLIES. HOOKS TO GUT. RINGED HOOKS.

GUT LEADERS. ARTIFICIAL MINNOWS. PRESERV'D MINNOWS. WADERS. REELS.

LINES, all grades.

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## WHITE SALE

An Important Selling of White Summer Needs That Will Be Welcome to Our Patrons. Here Are a Few of the Leading Items in This Sale.



WHITE VESTS with Wing Sleeve and Sleeveless.

Misses' Sleeveless . . . . .20c.  
Ladies' Sleeveless . . . . .25 & 30c.  
Ladies' Wing Sleeve . . . . .25, 30, 35c.



WHITE HOSE for Ladies, Misses & Children.

Ladies' Silk Hose . . . . .55 & 95c.  
Ladies' Mercerized . . . . .40 & 50c.  
Ladies' Cotton . . . . .25, 30 & 35c.  
Misses & Children's Hose, 15, 25, 30, 35 and 40c.

WHITE GLOVES, 60, 70 and 85c.



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These Gloves are made in new fabrics which will wash out equal to new, and have the same perfect fit and dressiness after they are cleaned as they had before.

## MILLEY'S.

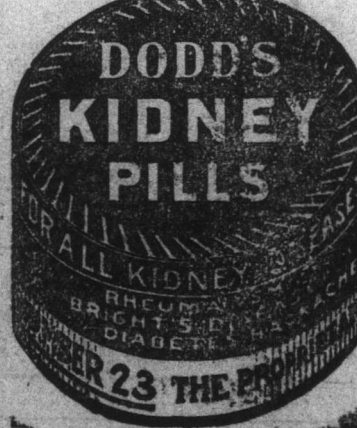
### NOTICE.

NFLD. AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

The Newfoundland Agricultural Board has now in stock, for the convenience of the public requiring such for agricultural purposes, the following materials, viz:—Sheep Dip, Paris Green, Arsenate of Lead, dry and paste; Lime Sulphur, Blue Stone, Insecto, Knapsack, Fish Oil Soap. These goods will be supplied at cost. Knapsack Sprays will also be supplied on similar terms.

ALBERT J. BAYLY, Acting Secy.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather along the line today, was calm and fine, with the temperature from 40 to 64 above.



### Civil Re-Establishment Educational Announcement.

1. Any returned sailor or soldier is entitled to admission to the Re-establishment Day School.

2. Any returned sailor or soldier is entitled to admission to the Re-establishment Night School which is conducted from 7.30 to 9.30 on the following evenings of every week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

3. Arrangements have been made with the Bishop Field College and the Methodist College for a laboratory course in Physics and Chemistry for students who propose to enter a University in the Fall of the year. The lectures will commence on Monday, May 5th, and continue until end of June.

Applications for permission to take advantage of the opportunities indicated above and for further information should be made to the Vocational Officer, 17 Militia Building.—may11th



NEWFOUNDLAND. Notice to Mariners. No. 1 of 1919.

### FORT AMHERST.

(Entrance to St. John's Harbour.) Latitude 47. 33. 47 N. Longitude 52. 40. 20 W.

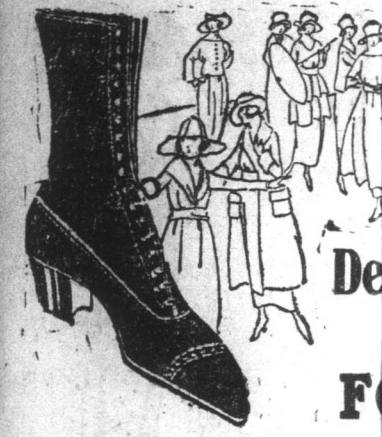
Notice is hereby given that the Occulting White Light, heretofore exhibited at Fort Amherst, is discontinued, and a White Flashing Acetylene Gas Light is established, giving 20 flashes per minute, thus:—

Light Dark Light Dark 0.3 sec. 2.7 sec. 0.3 sec. 2.7 sec.

This Light is now shown from the roof of the engine house, necessitated by the installation of a new lightroom on the roof of the dwelling, from which, when completed, the new light will be exhibited, without further notice.

(Sgd.) J. G. STONE, Minister of Marine & Fisheries, Dept. Marine & Fisheries, St. John's, Newfoundland, June 11th, 1919. June12,11

## Another



WOMEN'S HIGH-CUT DINGOLA style fresh from New York. Full leather sole. A full range of Reg. \$8.50 pair. Friday and Saturday.

WOMEN'S GUN METAL BOOTS— with high heels, self tip and sole and serviceable boot that will hard wear. Reg. \$5.90 pair. Friday and Saturday.

WOMEN'S SILK HOSE—Manufactured to slight imperfections. Color Black. Regular 28c. pair. Friday and Saturday.

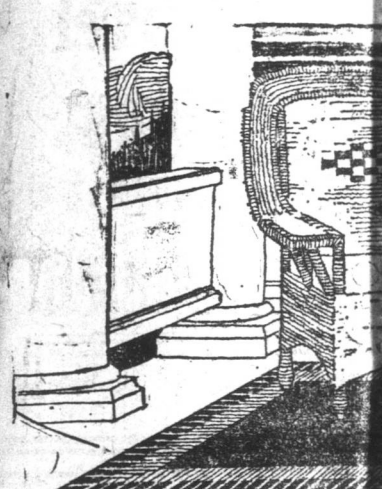
CHILDREN'S GLAZE LEATHER shoes; metal toes and good heel—knock-about wear; sizes 3 to 10. Regular 90c. pair. Friday and Saturday.

WOMEN'S GLAZE LEATHER shoes high in price this line will clear them to-morrow morning per pair . . . . .

WOMEN'S BLACK CASHMERE HOSE with Hawley's hygienic dye, was less, llama finish. Regular 85c. Saturday . . . . .

WOMEN'S FANCY WHITE LISLE for the warm days to come. Regular 33 cents pair. Saturday . . . . .

### It's Sure



### To Buy Household Goods

HAND WORKED WHITE COTTON wide, hemstitched hem, beautifully perfect. Regular \$1.75 each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

WASH CLOTHS.—Size 9 x 9 inches and tape for hanging. Regular \$1.50 each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

EMBROIDERED SIDEBORD CLOTHS cotton; serviceable, hemstitched \$1.10 each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

FRILLED PILLOW CASES.—Medium corners, in new designs. Regular \$1.00 each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

FAWN CRASH CUSHION COVERS—trasting and blending shades each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

AMERICAN BEDSPREADS.—Pure patterns, good large size with Reg. \$3.75 each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

CROCHET DOYLIES.—With plain worked. Reg. 20c. each. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

RUBBER SHEETING.—Of an extra of the material on one side to use in the manufacture of air. Regular \$1.65 yard. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

CURTAIN SCRIMS.—Self-color imitation hem. Regular 60c. Saturday . . . . .

STRIPED TICKING.—Twill finished, cheap wide. Regular 70c. yard. day . . . . .

ROLLER TOWELLING.—Assorted Reg. 25c. yard. Friday and Saturday . . . . .

### Miss Information.

