

JUST IN:

25 Barrels  
Large  
PEANUTS

J. J. ROSSITER,

Our Motto: "Sum Cuique."



("To Every Man His Own.")

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ALLIES OFFENSIVE

IF Bonar Law has made the statement credited to him to the effect that the British are now about ready for their great offensive on the Western front, it must mean that the war is nearer an end than was expected a couple of months ago. We lay emphasis upon the fact that a British Cabinet Minister makes an announcement concerning British military plans rather than upon the fact that the army is now prepared for its great effort after more than a year of battling for time.

In ordinary circumstances it would be considered madness to announce an important military movement before it was under way, for it would give the enemy an opportunity to make his plans for resisting it; and despite frequent statements to the effect that the element of surprise has been eliminated from warfare by the aeroplane, the captive balloon and wireless telegraphy, the great success of the Russians under Brusiloff shows that there are still opportunities for an alert general to take an enemy unawares. Therefore when a great movement is announced in advance it must mean that the blow is to be a crushing one, and that the fact of the Germans knowing what is coming cannot enable them to ward it off.

It seems that in the South Joffre has adopted one policy, and that another has been designed for the British in the North. There has been persistent "nibbling" in one place, varied only when the Germans try a great offensive like that at Verdun; while in the North there has been no effort gradually to advance. The British have waited until they could enlist, train and equip an overwhelming force.

They must now greatly outnumber the Germans opposed to them, and they must also have the necessary surplus of ammunition, especially the heavy shells, without which infantry attacks upon trenches are no more than wholesale suicide. Having these advantages they calculate that the mere fact of the enemy being aware of them will not enable him to offset them in any way. Germany has passed her maximum strength both with regard to men and munitions. She has not displayed much generalship upon the Western front, and she would not dare to withdraw Hindenburg in view of the Russian offensive. So she is made welcome to the ominous information that the British are now ready to launch their great stroke.

Several Naval Reservists who put in a year's service on the other side, yesterday came along on the express, all looking good after their experiences in the navy.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

ITALY WAKES UP

ITALY has ousted her Ministry, and a new Government that will prosecute the war in more vigorous fashion will be formed. As usual a censorship prevents us from getting a clear view of the facts, but a censorship cannot abolish sentiment, and the Italian people for some time past have been fretting under the suspicion that their Government was not putting its full strength into the war. When the Austrians launched their great drive this sentiment manifested itself in such an ominous manner that the Government resigned.

Those who have defended the Italians from the charge that they were not putting their whole weight into the struggle pointed out that the battles were being fought upon narrow fronts and in regions where it was impossible to use the full first line strength of the Italian army. Fewer men are required to fight in a mountain pass than in open country, and the Italian campaign has been fought almost exclusively in the mountain ranges that separate Italy from Austria. Then the fact that Italy alone of the Allies was able to do her fighting in enemy territory was held to show that she was not lagging behind the other enemies of the Central Empires.

Whatever may be said for or against these contentions, it is plain that the Italian people became dissatisfied with the way the war was going. The high hopes aroused for the speedy conquest of Trieste and Trent were deferred month after month. Then came the Austrian offensive which threatened the plains of Venice, and the doom of the Ministry was sealed. The Italian people evidently believe that political rather than military leaders have been at fault. They were suspicious, too, because the Italian Government refrained from making a declaration of war against Germany, and were evidently sceptical of the announcement that this decision had been left with General Cadorna. Among all the belligerents secret German influences are at work. They appear to have had more effect in Italy than anywhere else, although the determination of France to hurl back the German invaders is not more passionate than the resolve of the Italians to win their lost provinces from Austria.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

June 23

JAMES FARRELL (Queen St.) died in Ireland, 1867.  
Patrick Molloy, blacksmith, died, 1882.  
Archdeacon O'Connor, of Portugal Cove, died, 1884.  
Matthew Murphy, Government House, carpenter, died, 1884.  
William Woodley, sr., farmer, died, 1887.  
H.M.S. Drake, from Halifax to St. John's, lost at eastern head of St. Shott's; she had a crew of 60 all told, of whom the following were lost: Captain Baker, Lieutenant Stanley, Mr. Newman, Master William Moore, midshipman (son of John Moore of H.M.C., this city; Master-carpenter's son; nine seamen, two marines, and two women; names not ascertained, 1822.  
Chapel of our Lady of Good Counsel (attached to Mercy Convent) dedicated, 1892.  
Steamer Capulet (of postage stamp renown) lost at St. Shott's, 1896.  
Torchlight bicycle parade, in honor of Queen's Jubilee, at night, 1897.  
American warship Massachusetts, Commander Rogers, arrived in port to take part in Queen's Jubilee celebration, 1897.  
Schr. Snowbird found bottom up in St. Mary's Bay; no tidings of crew, 1894.

MILITARY CROSS HERE.

Capt. George T. Carly who arrived here yesterday with the other Gallipoli veterans brought to Mrs. Donnelly, the mother of Capt. James Donnelly, "the hero of Caribou Hill," the Military Cross presented to him by His Majesty the King for his part in that heroic action. We were privileged to see the Cross to-day. It is a beautiful piece of workmanship, is of solid silver and on the reverse side is inscribed the legend:  
Suvla.  
Capt. James J. Donnelly,  
1st. Nfld. Regiment,  
November 4th-5th,  
1916.

It is held with a ribbon of purple and white and is a souvenir, which Mrs. Donnelly, as well as her brave son will long cherish.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING OF CIVIC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The meeting of the friends and supporters of the City Commissioners held at the C.C.C. Hall last evening was well attended, considering the short notice given. At least four hundred citizens were present and showed by their frequent applause their full sympathy with the programme outlined by the Commissioners.

Mr. W. Linegar, President of the Coopers' Union, was chosen as Chairman of the meeting; Mr. F. Wadden as Secretary. After a short speech made by the Chairman who expressed appreciation of the Commissioners' work, Mr. Gosling was introduced as the first speaker.

Mr. Gosling is not an orator, nor does he pretend to be. Dealing with the water system Mr. Gosling stated that St. George's Pond would be a reservoir to be of service when at any time there are signs of low pressure from the Windsor Lake main. This would result as saving to the people insuring the house at least \$55,000 and those who did not insure greater protection than they get at present.

Continuing he said none of the improvements under consideration would mean increased taxation for the poorer classes of the community. The programme is to make those who can pay what increases are necessary. Manufacturing industries and business places were not paying their proportional share of taxes with the poor classes. They used considerable water and it was intended to establish meters in these places so that they will be obliged to pay for all the water they consume. In other words said the speaker, the better classes are under assessed and we intend to rectify this evil.

As to the catch basins on which so much has been said he had the report of Dr. Brehm who asserts that these basins do not in any way injure the health of citizens and therefore are not responsible for measles. Measles were in England, it was an epidemic at Seattle and they (Commissioners) could not be held responsible for that. The catch basins had done good in saving to the city some thousands of dollars and allowing the services of the men who were following night carts far more useful work in other directions.

The housing problem was a very important one for which the city must solve the solution. This could be done by assisting the poorer classes to own their own houses. Several proposals were being considered, one of which was buying land, building the houses and selling them to those requiring them, giving them an extended period for meeting the cost.

Mr. Gosling spoke highly of Mr. M. P. Gibbs work in trying to assist these people with improved sanitary conveniences, the cost of which was to be met along similar lines.

Mr. Withers followed and in an interesting speech justified the work of the Commissioners. Their record was supremely good he said and in a scientific way had done more good work than any other Council. They worked together harmoniously and while there was differences of opinion there was no wrangling. If elected he would deem it not only an honor but a privilege to serve his native city.

Mr. Bradshaw in an earnest and enthusiastic manner said he would be only glad to give his practical, theoretical and technical knowledge on engineering for the benefit of his town. He touched the key of the whole problem for the future when he said education was the great factor. He would have the schools learn the scholars the value of keeping a city beautiful by showing them that the drains, the sewers, the streets, the houses were all theirs and they could do their part by making them what they would like them to be. Said Mr. Bradshaw more disease is expected in an ill ventilated overcrowded school room than from a catch basin and that was a problem that he intended to solve if elected as Councillor. He (Bradshaw) further said that the Commission was not wedded to all the clauses of the Charter and would recommend alteration and amendment when required.

Mr. I. C. Morris said that patience and perseverance were required to carry out the work start-

ed. Too much legislation was railroaded and hurried through that was the cause of dissatisfaction here and there and with a better public spirit citizens would be patient to await a careful working out of a programme that would ensure good results. He contended our wealthy citizens could do much in that direction by not only giving money for parks but for other needed improvements in city improvements. In city improvements \$250,000 was not too much to expect from them.

Mr. McGrath, President of the Longshoremen's Union, in a very humorous speech filled with good sound common sense said that the people themselves could improve the localities in which they lived by burning their refuse instead of throwing it into the street. It would save on their coal bill - besides making their street look clean and tidy. He referred to the catch basins in several of the streets he was well acquainted with and asserted that no person would dare to take them away so well were they appreciated by the residents.

Mr. McNamara furnished something to think about and which should make every citizen alive to a very important question, that of the Municipal ownership of electric light. He stated that we were paying twice as much as they do in many Canadian cities where

they pay 7 1-2 cents per kilowatt to our fifteen cents. The cost of establishing a plant would be about \$250,000, the interest on which would be \$15,000. With municipal ownership we could pay that \$15,000 and save besides \$60,000 which would be an additional revenue for the city, and in addition save the consumer of electric light 7 1-2 cents a kilowatt.

Mr. C. P. Ayre was the last speaker and eulogized Mr. Gosling for his enthusiastic and whole hearted devotion to civic improvements and dwelt on Mr. McGrath's remarks - the cooperation of the people in making a clean city. Every man, woman and child should be brought up to take a pride in it and with a bigger and

broader view of our relations to each other there could be no doubt about the result. What was already done has not been without its good effect and this was seen by the fact that the death rate was now the lowest on record, 14 to the 1000, where before it varied from 19 to 23.

Mr. Soper then moved, seconded by Mr. Jeans, that the work of the Commissioners be approved. This was carried unanimously. The general meeting then closed and sub-committees were arranged to carry out work necessary up till voting day.

"You are going to the dogs."  
"Sir, that is a cur-sory remark."  
Baltimore American.

MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Wednesday while Wm. Chafe was loading a puncheon of molasses on a long cart at Monroe & Co.'s, the horse suddenly started ahead and the puncheon rolled backward on the cart. The man had his legs down in the square sections of the car and death stared him in the face as the big package rolled towards him. The men about, however, jumped to his aid but not before the puncheon's weight came across him and bent him back almost double. He was badly hurt about the legs and body, had to be driven home and will be confined to his home for several days.

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Commencing Monday, June 26th, train will leave St. John's at 5.00 p.m., and returning will leave Trepassey at 2.35 a.m., as per following schedule:-

Read Down.		Read Up.	
Leave	St. John's	Arrive	Trepassey
5.00 p.m.	St. John's	9.30 a.m.	Trepassey
5.00 p.m.	Waterford Bridge	9.20 a.m.	Trepassey
5.32 p.m.	Petty Harbour	9.01 a.m.	Trepassey
6.22 p.m.	Bay Bulls	8.11 a.m.	Trepassey
6.41 p.m.	Witless Bay	7.55 a.m.	Trepassey
7.09 p.m.	Tor's Cove	7.33 a.m.	Trepassey
8.11 p.m.	Cape Broyle	6.39 a.m.	Trepassey
8.59 p.m.	Ferryland	5.55 a.m.	Trepassey
9.42 p.m.	Ferneuse	5.15 a.m.	Trepassey
10.00 p.m.	Renews	5.00 a.m.	Trepassey
TUES.	11.47 p.m. Portugal Cove	3.15 a.m.	MON.
THURS.	12.25 a.m. Trepassey	2.35 a.m.	WED.
SAT.			FRI.

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