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Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, February 9, 1918.

The Real Truth.

We should be sorry to spoil the Herald's evident pleasure in its occupation of building airy fabrics of untruth on foundations of facts which exist only in its own imagination, and should not attempt to do so if we alone were affected by its productions, but as both the public are being misled by them and another person unjustly attacked, we feel it is time to interpose. The Herald found our silence on Thursday with reference to its article of the previous day most significant. We regret to have to disappoint it, but we can explain this dark silence (though the explanation involves another terrible confession) by the simplest of causes—we did not reply to its article because we did not see it. We do not always read the Herald. Perhaps in this bustling age one may be forgiven if he finds it impossible to grasp at once all the good things of life. If we had read the article in question, we should certainly have replied to it, if only to draw attention to the offensive manner in which it repeats the libel for which Mr. Squires has taken action against the Advocate.

Now that we have read it, we have no hesitation in giving the Herald the satisfaction of an answer. As our article on Monday has been represented by it as the composition or inspiration of Mr. Squires, a convenient preliminary to an attack upon him, we will inform the Herald categorically that Mr. Squires neither wrote nor suggested a single word of it and that he was entirely ignorant of the fact that it was being written. He had, in other words, as much knowledge of it from beginning to end as the editor himself of the Herald had. We would like to say further that, whatever the practice of the Herald may be, we are not in the habit of seeking outside assistance in the task of filling our editorial columns. As for the offensive references which it makes to the business relations of Mr. Squires and the late editor of this paper, we know the public is not interested in them, and they are in any case only the sort of impertinent personalities which we have come to expect from the Herald. The only issue which we raised then, though we are charged with having since evaded it, was in connection with the Advocate's attack upon the private affairs and reputation of one who was a public official, and who only happened to be Mr. Squires. Had it been anyone else and the facts similar, we should have written exactly as we did. But the Advocate not only made such an attack, but insinuated a good deal about the manner in which the duties of Mr. Squires' office were discharged. It was a bad opening to make, and we replied by the obvious method of comparing his record with that of his predecessors. It may not be the soundest of arguments, but it is the last which the Herald should deprecate, since it is fond of using it itself to the exclusion of all others except the sort of directly personal allusions which we mention above. As to its correctness, we leave it to the Herald to consult those who are likely to be the best judges. The Herald speaks in a scandalised tone of our remarks, as though they were a sort of scandalum magnatum, a lese majeste. At the risk of shocking our contemporary's tender sensibilities still further we will repeat what we then said, that while the country has had to submit to much in the past, it is doubtful if it has ever been misrepresented by such an array of incompetence in office as it is to-day and must continue to be until another election enables it to make a complete change. We may say that our observations were not intended as any personal criticism of Mr. Bennett or Mr. Watson, as the Herald makes them appear to be, for we know that those gentlemen performed their duties creditably. Those duties, however, took their character from that of the Government of which they were a part, just as do those of the different departments to-day. What better illustration of the capabilities of the present regime could we ask than the record of, say, the Tonnage Committee?

Systematic Inspection Needed.

The deplorable circumstances, reported in Thursday's issue of this paper, in connection with a grave irregularity in the Postal Service, leads us to the conclusion that what we stand most in need of in all departments of the Government, is an inspectorial system, properly organized and effectively carried out. If this were done and inspectors, vested with authority to deal with offenses coming under their notice, appointed, there would be a restoration of public confidence, and inefficiency would have no place in any office. Take the case to which reference has already been made. The official in question had been on the P. O. travelling staff for a number of years, and to our knowledge had never been the subject of a complaint. Yet, due to causes, which have to be subsequently ascertained, he dropped into habits of negligence, with the result that for nearly a year and a half, he had been, perhaps unconsciously, holding back letters or allowing unstamped and departmental correspondence to accumulate in his mail room, without making any effort whatsoever to hand same over to addressees. There had been, evidently, no attempt on the part of this unfortunate clerk to tamper with any of the held up letters, and his cash account being straight, makes the reason for his action the more difficult to comprehend.

But—and here is the crux of the whole matter—could this thing have occurred if there had been in operation a proper system of inspection? We think not. With our ever-growing mail service, there is, as well, an ever-growing demand for a strict and careful supervision of the numerous Post Offices throughout the Dominion. Not that we charge any Postmaster or Postmistress with being lax or careless. On the whole they are a hard-working and painstaking body, especially when we consider the miserable stipends paid most of them. Nevertheless it would make for greater efficiency and we believe that the officials themselves would welcome it, if a travelling inspector were appointed, whose sole duty it would be to visit and examine into the conduct of every office, if possible, several times a year. Or, finding that it would not be expedient to make such frequent calls at every office, then to visit each and every Money Order office (and there are some 250 of these) in order that they be made to coordinate with the G. P. O. and each other. At present, we are inclined to think that they do not, but that each one has its own method. With our railway and steamship facilities one man should at least be able to perform this work without taxing either his strength or endurance; therefore it is possible of accomplishment. The adoption of such a system would assist in improving postal conditions: would reduce carelessness and negligence to a minimum, and would place a premium on efficiency and capability, and above all would render impossible a recurrence of the irregularity which prompts us to make this point. We wish to say, however, that in taking up this subject we are not criticising the administration of the Post Master General whose work since his assumption of office has been recognized by all to be in the best interests of the public service, notwithstanding the many obstacles in the way.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Rumours are on the street that there is not to be any general election until November. This postponement of the Spring programme will give the voters time to think and will also be food for reflection.,

It is easy to make the bell ring by continuous leanings against the push, but the sound thus made soon becomes monotonous.

"Count that day blest, whose low descending sun,
Hears not of some new worse atrocity of the Hun."

If some people realised what it would mean to be a brother to an ox in a German yoke, they would not be so careless about how this war is going to turn out.—(Vancouver Daily Sun).

Can any one get the "Coal" out of Coalition? No prize offered.

Grand Musicale, under the auspices of the Holy Name Society, will be held on Tuesday next, 12th inst., at 8 p.m. sharp, in the Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College.—feb8,4i

Opening Hockey Game.

Terra Nova's Defeat Victorias.

The opening game in the 1918 series of the senior Hockey League was run off at the Prince's Rink, last night before a goodly number of spectators. The opposing teams were the Terra Novas and Victorias. The ice which was in perfect condition, that is from a shooting point of view, was perhaps a little too fast for the players who did not have their "blades" tuned up to grip its glossy surface.

PLAY STARTS.

Sharp at 7.30 a shrill blast from the referee's whistle called the players to the centre of the ice where the veteran referee, Mr. W. J. Higgins, spoke a few words of encouragement to the boys and also struck a note of warning that any "rough-house" stuff would be severely dealt with. The puck being centered, the Terra Novas made a dash for the Victorias' goal, Brien, however, cleared and slipping down eastward made the first actual attempt to score. Tobin then controlled the rubber and tried one from mid-ice which was cleared by Godden, the latter losing to Stick; and after a neat bit of combination Trapnell, who occupied a position on the left wing for the Terra Novas, sent in a scorcher to Doc Power, notching up No. 1 for his team, and the honour of drawing first blood for the season. (Time: three minutes). The puck being centred the Terra Novas made a dash West and in a scrimmage near the Vics goal Godden removed the disc from out the danger zone, but lost to R. Herder, who has a peculiar habit of being in the right place at the proper time. Tobin who was found guilty of a minor offence was given 2 minutes fence duty. Play for a short period was evenly divided and much individual finesse noticeable. Canning and R. Herder of the Terra Nova's were the next to be retired for a 2 minutes rest. With but five men on the ice the Terra Novas were called on to defend the net. As soon as the sides were evened up Canning scored goal No. 2 (Time: 10 minutes). Facing off the Victorias worked hard to reduce their opponents majority and in a mix up near centre ice Godden was given 3 minutes in the time-keepers box. At this juncture of the game the Herder boys, Power and Brien gave a good exhibition of individual play but with no direct results. Combining near their goal, the Victorias worked their way east. Power made an attempt but failed to beat St. John. Brien again got hold of the rubber and shooting from three-quarter rink, scored the one and only goal for his team (Time 20 minutes). The half-time bell then sounded and the teams crossed over. Terra Novas, 2; Vics. 1.

SECOND PERIOD.

Determined to equalize, the Victorias through the forwards, made a bold attempt to score, but found the Terra Novas back division hard to penetrate. Getting down to play, Stick, R. Herder and Trapnell combined, with the result that the latter again found the net. (Time 3 mins.) Canning, who was caught loafing offsides was retired for 2 minutes and was quickly followed by McGettigan who was found guilty of a similar offence. Here the Victorias literally fell to pieces and for five or six minutes had to rely on Brien, Godden and Power to do the forward work. R. Herder, Trapnell and Stick then combined and working their way through their opponents' ranks, Stick found the net scoring goal No. 4 for the Terra Novas. (Time 13 minutes.) Going back to centre the Vics indulged in too much individual play which seemed to be their weak point all through the game. Forming up in battle array the Terra Novas advanced into Vic's territory where they rained shot after shot at Doc. Power. McGettigan, Reid and Coultas for the Vics combined and going west made an attempt to beat St. John who saved well. With the puck well in the neighborhood of the Terra Novas goal R. Herder took control and dashing down the rink was confronted with the Vic. back division, but after a clever exhibition of stick handling landed the disc in the twine scoring the fifth goal for the winners. The line-up was:

Terra Novas		Victorias.
St. John	Goal	Dr. Power
G. Herder	Point	Godden
Tobin	Cover	Brien
Stick	Rover	McGettigan
R. Herder	Centre	Reid
Trapnell	Left	Power
Canning	Right	Coultas

Summary of Goals.

(First Half.)

Trapnell (T.N.)	3 mins.
Canning (T.N.)	10 "
Brien (V.)	20 "

(Second Half.)

Trapnell (T.N.)	4 "
Stick (T.N.)	11 "
R. Herder (T.N.)	13 "

Timekeepers—Messrs. C. Ellis, J. Vinnicombe and J. Carmichael.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

The Victorias lack combination and are badly in need of more practice.

Lt. Ralph Herder, of Gallipoli and France fame, who for three years has been away from the game, showed up well.

G. Herder, J. Tobin, C. Trapnell and F. Brien of the Old Guard can still show the youngsters pointers on the game.

We have been asked to suggest that the games be advertised.

MECHANICS' SOCIETY NOMINATION MEETING.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mechanics' Society will be held in their Hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, after which the officers will be nominated for the ensuing year. J. A. LEAHEY, Sec.—feb9,1i

NEW SCHR. FOR LOCAL TRADE.—The schr. Jean Campbell, built for the Hon. G. A. Cox at Shelbourne, N.S., and afterwards bought by Campbell & McKay, of this city, (the purchase price being $60,000), is now at Halifax. Capt. L. Blandford and crew who left here some weeks ago to bring the schooner down are now on board.

Curlers Play for Reid Medal.

At the Curling Rink yesterday afternoon and night, points were played for the H. D. Reid Medal (open to all) and the Taylor Medal for beginners of 2 years and under. Mr. F. W. Hayward captured the former with a score of 35 points and Mr. W. H. Butt the latter with 19 points. Following are the scores: F. W. Hayward, 35; H. J. Taylor, 30; F. T. Brehm, 30; D. P. Duff, 30; W. F. Joyce, 29; E. J. Rowe, 29; J. A. Branscombe, 26; W. H. Duder, 26; S. C. Thompson, 26; D. McFarlane, 26; J. Foster, 24; Hon. John Harvey, 23; J. Peters, 23; G. A. Whiteley, 23; J. McFarlane, 22; J. Hanlin, 22; T. Winter, 22; J. J. Tobin, 22; C. R. Duder, 21; J. Baxter, 21; J. Kelt 21; H. A. Brown, 20; H. C. Donnelly, 20; E. McNab, 20; F. W. Bradshaw, 19; A. Montgomerie, 19; A. H. Salter, 19; F. Crane, 19; W. H. Butt, 19; H. E. Cowan, 18; W. H. Peters, 18; H. Jardine, 18; W. Jocelyn, 18; T. Hallett, 18; T. J. Barron, 18; H. J. Duder, 18; G. Peters, 17; G. Knowling, 17; S. J. Ryall, 16; H. R. Brookes, 16; D. M. Duff, 16; H. Baird, 16; J. R. Bennett, 16; F. V. Chesman, 16; E. W. Taylor, 15; S. J. Foote, 15; W. Collins, 15; T. A. McNab, 14; J. Taylor, 14; G. Knowling, 13; J. Angel, 13; W. J. Higgins, 13; B. Martin, 13; W. B. Fraser, 12; R. W. Miller, 12; H. C. Carey, 12; T. H. Griffiths, 10.

At the Casino.

Miss Chesmond Delights Audience With Her Magnificent Dancing.

The audience which greeted the Harkins players last night in presenting "Rich Man—Poor Man" was certainly a large one and one which went away thoroughly satisfied and delighted. The play is, as we suggested yesterday, one of the best yet put on and those who missed it will do well to see it this evening. A great feature of last night's performance was the graceful dancing of Miss Chesmond. She appeared in specialties between the acts and gave the finest exhibition seen here for many a day. She received much well-merited applause. For the final week of their engagement the company will play three laughable comedies. The bill for Monday and Tuesday evenings will be the New York success "Rolling Stones." The Daily Post of Sydney, speaks of the play and players as follows:

"The W. S. Harkins Co. played to another good sized audience at the Academy last night. "Rolling Stones" proved a splendid play and it surely was well put on by this clever company. Miss Marjorie Davis, as Norra Noggs, was a realistic piece of acting. Miss Davis is undoubtedly one of the cleverest actresses that has visited New Glasgow for many years. Local theatre-goers are unanimous in saying that Mr. Harkins has this year the strongest company he has carried for years—and that is saying a good deal—for W. S. Harkins always has taken good care never to carry anything but the best. As we have said before, he believes in giving the public the very best. This year he has been more than successful. Last night's play took in the entire strength of the company and each and all proved themselves artists of high merit."

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PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.—The prizes which have been won by the scholars of the Cathedral Sunday Schools will be presented by Miss Armorel Harris on Sunday afternoon in the Synod Hall.

PERSONAL.—Mr. P. J. Carter, Asst. Chief Clerke of the R. N. Co.'s Freight Department, has resigned his position to become identified with T. H. Carter & Co., Commission Merchants. He is being succeeded by Mr. Jas. Jacobs.

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MONDAY NIGHT'S GAME.—The Terra Novas and the Feildians line up for action on Monday night in the second of the League hockey games. The Feildians are said to have a fast and well-balanced team and a most interesting and lively contest is expected.

GUESTS AT BALSAM PLACE.—E. E. Bulley, Pass Island; C. C. Jerrett and wife, Brigus; F. LeDrew, Mrs. LeDrew, Miss E. LeDrew, Cupids; A. Penney, Carbonear; F. F. Peach, Bay Roberts.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.—The marriage of Miss F. Furness to Mr. John Lester will take place on Monday, Feb. 11th, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, South Side. Owing to the accident which has happened her stepfather, Mr. E. Chayter, the reception and dance will not be held.—advt.1i.

C.M.B.C.—The Class meets in the Synod Building at 3 p.m. to-morrow. Mr. Barnes, who was to give the address is unable to do so, but the class will have the pleasure of hearing him the following Sunday. The address to-morrow will be given by the chairman.

CITY APPRAISERS APPOINTED.—At a Council meeting held during the week, Messrs. T. M. White and W. H. Godden were appointed as City Appraisers to start next week. There has been considerable building about town during the last couple of years, and an increased revenue will follow. The salaries of the Appraisers will be $1,500 each.

$1,500 FOR W.P.A.—It is evident that "Curlers' Day" for the W.P.A. is going to be a great success. The committee very ably assisted by the ladies of the W.P.A. are sparing no efforts in enlisting the support of the community. Already the Secretary announces $1,500. It is hoped that this figure will be greatly increased.

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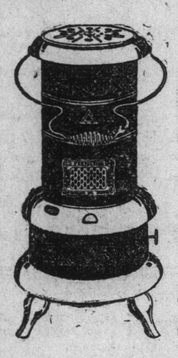

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JELLICOE OPTIMISTIC.

LONDON, To-day.

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, former Chief of Naval Staff, speaking at Hull to-day said, he was afraid that we are in for a bad time for a few months but by late summer, about August, I believe we'll be able to say that submarine menace is killed. Admiral Jellicoe then continued: I won't say before August because I always notice when we have an optimistic speech from the Premier or any high official it results in a disaster about next July. I have told the Premier often enough not to make optimistic speeches about submarines because I have found next morning I had to go over to the War Cabinet with a very long list of losses. I would ask them not to make any more optimistic speeches until August when they can make as many as they like. Admiral Jellicoe said the reason for the recent losses in the Irish Sea was that there is shoal water on each side of that sea at the bottom of which a submarine could rest and remain when hunted. The difficulty of keeping submarines in their home ports, he said was accentuated by shoal water in and around Heligoland Bight.

REVISED LOSSES TUSCANIA.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

Seventy-two hours after British Liner Tuscania, laden with American troops and travelling in company with a large convoy was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish Coast, the War Department had no official losses to change the estimate of yesterday that 210 persons were missing, 113 of them being Americans. British Admiralty figures given to the Associated Press at London to-night show that 166 are missing, 147 of them American soldiers, being four officers and 143 enlisted men. There were 117 American officers, 2060 men on board the Lusania, and the Admiralty reports that among the survivors were 113 officers and 1917 men. Despite the realization that the loss was remarkably small considering the number carried by the liner, revised report was received here with bitter disappointment. Press despatches last night indicate that the dead all told might not exceed 100, had led to the hope that possibly not more than 50 of the soldiers had perished. A cable received by the Navy Department during the day announced that 76 officers and 1274 enlisted men of the army had been landed at Bunerranna, Ireland, that 91 soldiers are in hospitals at Londonderry, while 670 officers and men are at Islay. This gives a total of 2011, but doesn't include scattering survivors reported in unofficial despatches as having landed at ports in Scotland. Despatches to-day were received with indisguised pleasure by army officials.

EAST AND WEST.

PARIS, To-day.

War Office statement issued to-night says: In Chemin des Dames and in Woevre region near Fleury we repulsed raids by the enemy against small posts and inflicted losses upon assailants. There were quite spirited bombardments during the day on the right bank of the Meuse and at various points in Voseges. (Eastern Theatre), —There were reciprocal artillery engagements in Vardar and in Doiran Sectors west of Monstair. The Serbians repulsed an enemy reconnaissance in the direction of Dobropolje.

REFUSES RESIGNATION.

ZURICH, To-day.

Emperor Charles has refused to accept the resignation of the Cabinet of Dr. Von Seydler, according to advices received here.

NOT SUFFICIENT BOATS.

AN IRISH PORT. To-day. By Associated Press.—A small fishing trawler returned here this morning without 142 Americans, it set out from here to take off from the barren northerly shore which the Americans had reached in three life boats, fourteen hours after the Tuscania was sunk by a German submarine. The skipper of the trawler told the British Commodore here that the American Captain in charge of them refused to embark his men on the trawler because the little vessel didn't carry life boats enough to hold all the troops in case the trawler was torpedoed. This party, according to the Captain of the trawler consists of two Captains and 140 men who reached the shore a short distance from the point where the bodies of 44 Americans were washed up yesterday. The trawler had made a perilous journey to reach the American, the sea was choppy but the trawler kept her course until it reached the point where the Americans are marooned. On return of the trawler the British authorities sent a large steamer to bring the Americans to Glasgow. This vessel has sufficient life boats to take care of the men in case it should run afoul of an underwater boat.

THE UBIQUITOUS SPY.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, To-day.

A German spy was reported to-night to have been found among the 40 1st and 2nd cabin passengers of the Dutch Liner Niew Amsterdam, who earlier in the day were detained by the Federal Agencies for examination. After 12 thin sheets of paper covered with letters and figures of a code had been found upon him, one man is said to have broken down and to have confessed that he was in the pay of the German Government and had come here in order to furnish spies now operating in this country with a new code. He is also said to have stated that he received a large sum of money for undertaking this mission, but refused to give the names of the persons to whom the code was to be delivered. He was said to be a naturalized American citizen of Dutch or German origin. Since the arrival of the Niew Amsterdam here on Thursday, elaborate precautions have been taken to prevent German spies on board from smuggling papers ashore. Only Government officers were allowed to meet the ship, and when the vessel docked it was guarded by 100 sailors and marines, and rope barriers were stretched between passengers leaving the ship and persons waiting to meet them. Every person aboard was thoroughly searched before he was permitted to pass the barriers and communicate with those on shore and after all had been searched, '37 men and three women, it was stated, were detained for further questioning. It was among these that the spy was found. The purpose of the spy in coming to this country was to re-