

Evening Telegram

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NO NEWS!

It is possible that the extraordinary nature of situation to-day will provide, in time, a satisfactory explanation of the extraordinary way in which we are being treated here in Newfoundland, and in view of such a possibility we refrain from the criticism we feel tempted to make upon first thoughts. But we demand that the true explanation be found, and if it be no other than that vouchsafed of similar treatment in recent days, that the cause be removed without further delay. It may be that the censor is at work, in which case we shall be amply rewarded for the exercise of a little patience. We cannot believe, however, that censor or no censor, the wires are not everywhere red hot to-day, except, of course, in unimportant Newfoundland. Up to midday at least not a single message, not a single word, has reached us. The United States may be severing, may have already severed, diplomatic relations with Germany. We can only speculate. The matter, of course, does not interest us much and concerns us not at all. We have no part in the war and are not affected by it. We are merely an insignificant little island somewhere near the North Pole, and should be grateful for any little crumbs of information that may charitably be scattered to us.

Yesterday we were more fortunate than usual and were favored with a little of the stirring news that is agitating the world. The primary cause of it all, however, the premonitory note from Germany to the neutral nations, was conspicuously absent from the messages. Another point on which we ask to be enlightened has already been referred to by the Herald. For some time the major part of such news as we do receive has, for some reason or another, been granted, as if by special preference, space in our morning papers, including much matter that used formerly to be received in time for publication in the evening papers. We may instance, as an example, the daily review of the war, of interest to almost every reader. We are making no insinuations, but merely demand an explanation of an indisputable fact. There must be a reason for this change and we intend to know what it is.

Trust the Navy!



With the war about to enter upon a new and distinct stage of which the current prophecies may not be over-coloured, and with the whole world under the strain of tense excitement, the phlegm of the British temperament is as noticeable and admirable as ever. There may be excitement in the old country, but there are no "nerves". It is generally recognised that this is Britain's round. She will play the major part in every direction in which the war will now be waged. Her wealth supports the whole fabric of the Allied combination; her armies will be most numerous on the West front, where victory will be won; and her navy will fight almost unaided this last advertised weapon of the enemy, while it is prepared as ever to meet her in legitimate combat on, and not below, the seas. For the moment the last seems to concern us most. If there is any apprehension here (and it would be more justice to our alertness if a little more were in evidence), every act and word from the mother country should inspire confidence. "Trust the Navy," they seem to say.

These will be Britain's great days, and she will measure up to them with all her greatness. Looking at the history of her awakening since 1914 and at her girding herself for efforts of which she had not dreamt that she was capable, we are, among those who be-

lieve that the enemy has not yet the slightest suspicion of her real power. Be it remembered that Germany has not yet met Great Britain face to face. Her people have not estimated the great silent victory of the British navy because it has been achieved without fighting. On land, the battles of the Somme and Amiens last year were but a mild foretaste of what is to come, at best a defensive-offensive designed to relieve France at Verdun. We believe that it not alone the deluded German people but their self-deluded leaders, still constitutionally unable to regard England as a military nation, had any real foreknowledge of the events to come, there would be at least a speedy end of their boasting and arrogance. It is not by starvation that the enemy will be humbled, but by the mighty blows of Britain's armies in France, which will first shatter and then rout into confusion the opposing forces that have not yet learned the power that is behind them. But first must come this struggle on the seas in which not the strength but all the resource and cunning of the British navy is challenged. We shall hear, as in the past, only one side of it, but we shall be able to guess at the other. We shall trust the Navy.

McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Feb. 2, 1917.

Sanident Tooth Paste is still very much to the front. For general use to preserve the teeth and keep them in first rate condition, as a means of keeping the gums and mouth in a healthy and antiseptic state, and as one of the most pleasant tooth pastes in use, we can point to it as fulfilling all requirements. It still sells at 25c. a tube.

The Sanident Tooth Brush occupies a similar high position in the estimation of users of this indispensable toilet adjunct, and is one of the few tooth brushes the hairs of which will not come out. May be had in medium (35c.) hard (35c.) and unbleached varieties.

Theatrical Troupe Returning.

Mrs. Baxter and party, who left here for Grand Falls on Sunday last as the guests of Manager Scott of the A. N. D. Co., will join the incoming express to-night, which is due here to-morrow afternoon. The entertainments given were largely attended and the "At Home" held in honor of the guests was a great success. While at the paper town the party were shown all over the A. N. D. Co's plant, while some of their number took a hand in producing the material that paper is made from. Mr. J. Baxter, who was returning by rail from a business trip abroad, joined the party early in the week.

S.S. Kite Sold to Gloucester Firm.

We learn that a Gloucester firm has purchased the s.s. Kite through their representative here. The purchase price, we hear, was \$12,000. The steamer is now being stripped and is to be thoroughly renovated and refitted, including the installation of a new boiler. She will be used by her new owners as a fish carrier. The Kite prosecuted the seal fishery for more than forty springs and was known as the "baby" of the fleet.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Baine Hr. at 2.40 p.m. yesterday, outward.

The Glencoe left St. Jacques at 12.50 p.m. yesterday.

The Kyle reached Port aux Basques at 9.30 a.m. to-day.

The Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.30 a.m. to-day.

DOG NUISANCE.—The residents of Cochrane Street are complaining bitterly about the horde of savage dogs that infest that neighborhood. Particularly is it the case at night time when people are unable to sleep on account of the hideous barks of the mongrels. The enforcement of the Dog Act would put an end to the nuisance.

"PLEASE PASS THOSE CAKES."

At whatever table our delicacies are on somebody is kept busy "passing".

SATURDAY

we will have a large display of Cakes, Pastries, etc., all good make from pure material, and better than you can purchase elsewhere.

"THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING."

JOHNSON'S Fancy Bakery.

Retail Store: CALVER'S, Duckworth Street.
(near Bearns' Grocery.)

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Governor Addresses Llewellyn Club.

His Excellency the Governor gave an interesting address last night at the monthly meeting of the Llewellyn Club, taking for his subject "The Life of an Englishman in Ceylon." His Excellency, who for some time was stationed on the island, for over an hour reviewed the customs and habits of the inhabitants and told how the colony had prospered under British rule. At the close of the address Rev. Dr. Jones proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency, which was carried by acclamation. Through the kindness of Mrs. Walter Willis, assisted by several other ladies, a bountiful supply of refreshments and "smokes" were served in the lower flat. After full justice had been done the inner man, an impromptu concert took place. Mr. W. H. Stirling presided at the organ and the following contributed numbers: Rev. C. E. Moulton, Messrs. H. Y. Mott, C. J. Fox, C. E. Hunt, A. Carnell, Green, R. G. McDonald and Sgt. Edwards. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Willis and associates, proposed by Mr. R. Dowden, was carried by hearty clapping and the singing of "They are jolly good fellows." Before the gathering dispersed the Rector called for three cheers for the Royal Navy, which still rules and would continue to rule the waves.

Barefaced Fraud.

"Joey" Gibbs Acts "Navy Veteran" and is Brought to Task.

A public scandal was exposed and stopped this morning when Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., J.P., sent a disreputable character named Gibbs to the Penitentiary where he will quarter till sun-basking time comes round again. "Joey" as he is termed by those of his calibre, is a character well known to the authorities and has spent at least ten of the past fifteen years in jail for grave crimes committed by him, such as robbery, indecent assault on children and other offences almost too numerous to mention. His latest exploitations have been to deceive the charitably disposed people of the community, including clergymen, by relating to them bogus and pitiable yarns, thereby eliciting their sympathy and help. Invariably he impersonated the "Dardanelles veteran" at residences in various parts of the town where he called and solicited alms, said he was a Naval Reservist, had spent two years in the Navy, during which period he had many thrilling experiences and only recently was invalided home. Not infrequently did "Joey" give fictitious names to his victims, who gave him money and clothing and half the places on the Newfoundland map were given as his birth-place. Two well known gentlemen, who had strong reason to doubt the stories, reported the matter to the authorities and last night he was rounded up by Constable Whelan in a stable on Pleasant Street. He appeared in the Magistrate's Court to-day charged with being a loose and disorderly character. Gibbs admitted all that was said in evidence about his conduct. Mr. Morris commented strongly on the rascality of the prisoner, who has grossly slandered and libelled the brave men of our navy who were now fighting for our existence. He ordered Gibbs to give bonds in \$200 or go to jail for six months. The latter course was adopted. Mr. Morris thanked the two citizens responsible for the exposure of such a grave public scandal and for the capture of Gibbs.

Note of Thanks.

E. J. Kennedy and family and Mrs. M. Mahoney and other relatives of the late M. J. Kennedy, M.H.A., desire to thank the many kind friends who sent notes of sympathy in their sad bereavement especially the Right Rev. M. P. Power, Bishop of St. George's, Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Rev. Fr. D. O'Callaghan, P.P., Pouch Cove, Rev. Fr. Cacciola, P.P., Bar Haven, Rev. Bro. J. E. Ennis, Mount Cashel, The Sisters of Mercy, Burin, The Sisters of Presentation Order, Trepassy, Mr. W. J. Walsh, M.H.A., Placentia, Mr. Edward Parsons, M.H.A., Fr. Grace, Mr. Thos. LeFevre, M.H.A., Burin, W. J. Higgins, M.H.A., Dr. Stafford and Son, Dr. and Mrs. Parkins, Knights of Columbus, T.A. & B. Society, Hon. R. Watson, Citizens' Committee, Mr. C. R. Belbin, St. Philip's, also wreaths from Hon. R. A. Squires, "Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Butler, H. C. Donnelly and all other kind friends who sympathized and helped them in their sudden and unexpected sorrow.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind S. light, weather foggy. Bar, 29.80; ther. 34.

LEAGUE HOCKEY—Prince's Rink, this evening, at 7.30. Terra Novas vs. Victorias.—li

SECOND WEEK
KNOWLING'S

Great Annual Cash Sale

No Sale Goods sent on Approbation or Charged.
Despite all difficulties, we have managed to secure some
VERY SPECIAL VALUES.

BLOUSE
BARGAINS

In our Showrooms we are now showing astonishing values in Ladies' Black, White and Fancy Blouses in Satens, Flettes, Muslins, Voiles, Cashmerette.

40c., 50c., 65c.,
75c. to \$1.50

each.

Regular values would be from 80 cts. to \$4.50 each. We recommend an early inspection of this line.

Ladies' Jersey Coat Bargain

Rare opportunity to secure one of these seasonable Garments at

\$1.95

Worth \$3.50 to \$4.00, to be had in Shot effects, Rose, Saxe, Tan, Brown, Green.

Ladies' Blackcloth Underskirt Bargain

Well-made, heavyweight Black Melton and Felt Underskirts in our Showroom, in just the thing for the season.

90c.

each.

Would be good value at \$1.30 to \$1.50.

SATEEN
UNDERSKIRT
BARGAIN

Wonderful value in assorted stripe high-class Schreinerized Sateen Underskirts,

65c.

each.

These would be good value at from \$1.20 to \$1.40.

Khaki Solsette Bargain

A splendid fine Mercerised finished 36 inch cloth, somewhat like a fine Cashmere,

13c.

per yard.

Suitable for Dresses, Overalls, etc. Would be cheap at 20 cts.

Ladies Fleece-lined Combination Bargain

Well made and finished. Seasonable weight, fleece-lined garments, wonderful value at

60c.

per suit.

These goods could not be sold to-day for 90 cts. to \$1.00.

Ladies' Divided Skirt Bargain

We can offer a few heavyweight fleece-lined Knickers at the following special values:

45., 55c., 75c.

In Sax, Cream and Grey, fleece-lined and Jersey knit.

Misses' & Women's Overall Bargain

This is an assorted lot of fancy and plain colored cotton, daintily trimmed, also Black Sateen Overall Aprons for house work, cooking, etc.,

37c., 55c., 70c.

You will find a large variety of colors and patterns. Worth from 50 cts. to \$1.10 each.

Black Cashmere Bargain

We offer this swell lot of high grade fine finish Black Cotton Cashmere,

20c. and 35c.

per yard.

This is a rare opportunity, and the values of this lot are from 35 cts. to 50 cts. per yard.

Child's Fcy. Domet Dress Bargain, 30c

CHILD'S COLORED OVERALLS. Worth 17c. and 50c. Now 10c. and 30c.

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M.C.L.I. Discusses Church Union.

There was a large attendance at last night's meeting of the M. C. L. I. Dr. W. F. Lloyd, M. H. A., acted as judge of the debate. The subject was: "Resolved, that greater benefit would accrue to the Christian Church by the consummation of church union now under consideration in Canada." The speakers for the affirmative were Rev. T. B. Darby, Mr. Arthur Mews and Mr. Geo. P. Jones; for the negative Rev. H. Royle, Mr. R. F. Horwood and Mr. T. M. Gillingham. The affirmative contended:—

(1) That church union was bound to come; it was the Christian ideal, and gave an impetus to church work.

(2) The present system is costly, both in men and money. Places were instances in Canada where three men were doing the work of one, creating denominational jealousy among the churches.

(3) There is nothing now to keep the churches apart, as fends of long ago have been forgotten, and the debatable points are not essential.

(4) Church dis-union is the mission fields of China and Japan is the greatest stumbling block the Christian church has to deal with to-day. This has compelled the division of territory among the churches operating in these fields, and now each of the four great churches has an allotted sphere in which to work and she dare not trespass on her sister church's territory.

(5) Division looks badly and causes unbelief in Christendom, and much more so in heathen lands; it prevents the church from putting a united front

against the great evils of the day, and encourages bickering, etc.

(6) Union would speed up the evangelization of the world, by setting free both the men and money now tied up by the present overlapping system.

(7) It would be a convincing proof to the world of the reality of the Christian faith and spirit and would be in accordance with the Christian age.

(8) It is in accordance with the mind of Christ.

The negative side based their arguments on the following:

(1) Doctrinally, it would not be beneficial; it is a compromise of the beliefs of each church. To some these are small matters, but to those contending for these things, great issues.

(2) Types of mind are ruined by such a union. The Christian church as a whole must cater to every type of mind. Each type demands separate treatment and separate organization.

(3) To do justice to Truth we must have more divisions.

(4) Co-operation would be a much greater benefit.

(5) The present proposition would not be a union at all, in that it would not be unanimous. In this connection the different polls were given, when the votes of the churches were taken, which showed that there was considerable opposition to it. In the case of the Presbyterian Church there were more votes cast against union in the last poll than in the former one.

(6) Union would only bring into being an additional church, because it would not remove the old ones. Legislation was already being sought to protect the present churches.

(7) Churches as separate organizations have not failed in their work, and the affirmative should prove that

better work would be accomplished after union. The present system produced a healthy rivalry.

After the leaders had presented their case the question was thrown open for discussion. The vote being taken was in favour of the affirmative.

Dr. Lloyd, agreeing with the popular decision, in summing up the debate showed where the negative in point of presentation and oratory had made the best showing. In conclusion Dr. Lloyd complimented the members of the Institute on their speaking abilities and gave them some good advice which was much appreciated.

St. John's Boy Under Arrest

IN U. S. A.

It is reported that a young man, a native of St. John's, who left here for New York in September last year, has been arrested for a breach of neutrality. The man in question was at no time over-flowing in his love for King and Country and gave as his reason for leaving home that he feared conscription. It appears that on reaching New York he secured employment in a German Hotel and his arrest followed from information given by a secret service bureau. Friends of his family who reside in New York offered to give bonds for the young man's future behaviour, but were informed that the crime committed was of too serious a nature for any favours to be given.

CLEANING WATER STREET.—The police and City Inspectors are at present busily engaged keeping the snow cleaned off Water Street.

CURLING.

The Buchanan Cup was competed for at the Curling Rink last night between the Whites and Reds. The former won by 10 points. The players and scores were:—

Reds.	Whites.
B. Hayward	H. R. Brookes
J. Taylor	R. J. Coleman
G. Whiteley	W. H. Peters
F. H. Steer	T. Godden
(sk.)—4	(sk.)—14
H. Bartlett	J. J. Tobin
S. Rodger	W. S. Monroe
H. D. Carter	W. Jocelyn
J. C. Hepburn	F. W. Hayward
(sk.)—9	(sk.)—9
W. Collins	P. O'Mara
H. Brown	J. J. Maher
D. McFardane	J. McIntyre
H. E. Cowan	F. T. Brehm
(sk.)—12	(sk.)—11
J. J. Henley	W. S. Monroe
Substitute	F. White
H. J. Donnelly	H. C. Crawford
A. H. Sallor	S. J. Ryall
(sk.)—5	(sk.)—5
B. Hayward	Dr. Brehm
J. Angel	A. Munn
G. Tossier	J. Harvey
C. R. Duder	A. Donnelly
(sk.)—6	(sk.)—12
W. Rodger	E. Watson
J. Browning	R. J. Coleman
E. A. Bowring	F. W. Bradshaw
J. Jackson	H. W. LeMessurier
(sk.)—9	(sk.)—10
W. McNelly	W. H. Duder
R. G. Ross	J. J. Tobin
G. Peters	T. Cook
J. S. Munn	E. W. Taylor
(sk.)—16	(sk.)—6

The Cowan and Wright Medals will be competed for next Tuesday night.

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