



## Evening Telegram

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### Sedition.

During the past few days many rumours have been circulated on the street, to the effect that anti-conscription riots have taken place in various sections North, and that bodily injury accompanied by wilful destruction of property were incidents of these disturbances. Immediately on hearing of this, the Telegram made enquiries which, however, failed to elicit any information which would warrant a press item. No person seemed to know, definitely, anything about it, excepting that they had heard of the occurrences.

Confirmation that rumour is not always a lying jade, is given by a correspondent of Wesleyville in the Daily News of yesterday, who states that disgraceful and unpatriotic happenings have already occurred there, the cause of which has been the Military Service Act, or at least the demonstrations were against the passage of the Bill, the announcement of its becoming an act of the Legislature having been received at this settlement about the time of the disturbances reported. Not only did the demonstrators interrupt and impede the progress of a Patriotic Concert which was being given, but the same people have made it impossible for the holding of the regular Church Services. These incidents, which are as disreputable as they are seditious, culminated on Sunday night, April 28th when several members left the church because of a patriotic remark made by the preacher. We have often heard of loyal men leaving an assembly in which unpatriotic remarks were made by speakers, as a protest, but in a British Colony for a British subject to deliberately leave a sacred edifice because the preacher was preaching a patriotic sermon, smacks highly of treason, and the ultra-loyal citizen and his followers should be interrogated closely. The correspondent adds that the Magistrate from Greenspond was telegraphed from and promptly arrived. The investigation which he held has ere this been forwarded to the authorities, but so far it remains in their hands. Nothing has been given out for public information. This censorship, may or may not be the quintessence of wisdom. When acts of sedition and disloyalty are committed in any section of the country, common sense demands that an official announcement be made. In this case it is not unlikely that we shall get fuller information, than we already have, from some subsequent issue of a Canadian paper. It has happened before.

It is not improbable that the Special Circular prompted the obstructionists of Wesleyville, and incited them to violence, and in order to clear up this misunderstanding that may have arisen in the public mind we demand that the authorities publish Magistrate Millett's report of this affair, and that the ring-leaders in the display outbreak be punished severely. We also ask why information was withheld. The times do not sanction concealment of treason, no matter where or by whom. Let that be borne in mind.

### What Purpose.

The Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia left for "somewhere" by the cross country express at 12.30 to-day. Rumour has it that they are both going to England, the former to attend the Imperial Conference, the latter on business connected with the Regiment. Why this exodus at the present moment? There is ample work for the Premier at home, and there are duties touching the Militia Department which should be discharged by the Minister personally. We have not the slightest hesitation in making the statement that this journey to England is a "frame up." Having bulldozed the country and passed legislation unheard of in the history of Newfoundland: important and particular legislation the operation of which should not be left to inexperienced politicians, the Prime Minister leaves the burden upon the shoulders of parliamentary tyros and accompanied by the Minister of Militia, as guide, philosopher and friend, hies him across the Atlantic. With sedition

breaking out in certain sections of the Dominion, and with such antagonism to the Conscription Act developing, the proper place for the Prime Minister and his Minister of Militia is at home. To what purpose is the present jaunt?

### Ferment Enquiries.

**SUGGESTED AND OTHERWISE.**  
Is our beloved leader Premier Lloyd going to London?  
Are we likely to lose him, as we did the dearly beloved "E.P."?  
Will he also lord it over us?  
Would we not expect our beloved leader to remain at home to insure the success of important matters like the enactment of Conscription and the Victory Loan?  
Does Lloyd George await his advice, or does our Premier go to get advice from "the Barren"?  
Has Coaker any troubles?  
What is going to happen because the Finance Minister told the truth in his Budget Speech about the increase in revenue being due to the increased values of goods imported, and not the quantities?

Why was not it blamed, as usual, upon the increased prosperity, due to our present able Government?  
Why did the member for Bonaville fold his tent and steal silently away on Sunday morning?  
Under what Banking Act or Charter is the President of the F. P. U. authorized to accept money on deposit from the fishermen of Newfoundland, without value received? And if the President has such charter what gold reserve has the F. P. U. established with the Government as a protection to the fishermen making the deposits asked for?

### House of Assembly

Very little business was done at the House yesterday. Mr. Parsons occupied the Speaker's chair owing to Mr. Higgins being engaged in the Supreme Court. The Finance Minister moved the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain matters. During the Committee stage Mr. Walsh took advantage to ask the Minister of Militia, whether he understood that his immediate duty was to remain here and attend to the work that would accrue under the Conscription Act. He could not understand how the Minister could leave his department at this particular time. Questions intimately related to his department were bound to arise, and with the Premier and Minister of Militia both away, who was going to attend to them. If, said the speaker, it was essential for the Minister to go to England he could do so later, when his presence here would not be so necessary. Mr. Currie supported Mr. Walsh's plea in behalf of the "Blue Puttees."

Mr. Bennett in replying stated that he found it necessary in the interests of the Regiment to visit the other side so as he could see how they are doing things over there. Sir Edward Morris, said Mr. Bennett, wanted him to do this when he first took the post of Minister of Militia, and he thought it was the best time. The Prime Minister had arranged for his passage with the other Imperial delegates and he would hustle back as soon as possible and let us know the result of all the great things he learnt over there.

While the Salaries Bill was being put through Mr. Currie called the attention of the House that the salary for the Minister of Shipping was set down as \$3,000, and he pointed out that this was a mistake the amount voted in the estimate being \$2,000. The Finance Minister with a smile altered the amount. Of course there was no intention to put the vote through at \$3,000; it was the Minister of Finance said, a clerical error.

The House took recess until 8 o'clock.

Just before midnight the last Bill was sent back from the Legislative Council.

The House closed at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### Legislative Council

The House met at 3 o'clock yesterday, and excepting a recess from 6.40 to 8 p.m., was in session till midnight. All the Bills sent up from the Lower House were passed and the Assembly will officially close at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Anderson criticised the small amount of \$9,000 which is set aside for increases in the Civil Service.

Hon. Mr. Milley asked if any notice of the increased postage rate had been sent out.

Hon. Mr. Ellis presumed that such notice had been given the public since Hon. Mr. Milley complained that copies of the Revenue Bill (under discussion) had not been given the members. Common courtesy suggested that the Council should have been furnished with copies.

Hon. Mr. Anderson took a similar position. He thought it but a waste of time to have the Clerk read the Bill when the members had nothing before them to follow the text. He did not consider it fair or honest.

Hon. Mr. Ellis said there was no intention of acting discourteously.

A smart linguistic passage at arms here occurred between Hons. Milley and Ellis.

At the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Milley the Clerk read over the items on the Bill, twice, to permit members to make notes.

Hon. Mr. McNamara objected to the tax of 50 cents on lobster and salmon

## Newfoundland Shells AS SOUVENIRS.

An opportunity to secure a Shell as a souvenir. We are showing Plain Shells

from \$1.50 each.

Shells converted into Tobacco Jars, Shells fitted with fixtures for Electric Light at a slight extra cost.

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(cases) as being unfair. The latter were less than half the value of the former, while the export duty was the same on each.

Hon. Mr. Goodridge agreed that the tax should not be the same on both.

Hon. Mr. Bishop was of opinion that more duty should be placed on cod liver oil than on the common article. The former being of much greater value should bear a greater proportion of tax.

Hon. Mr. Anderson wanted to know who paid this export duty and whether it was good policy to levy some of the taxes at all.

Hon. Mr. Harvey thought that the Government should have provided copies of the Bill, which without further discussion was then passed.

The Crown Lands Bill caused considerable discussion, and Section 3 of the Bill was eliminated. This Section gave to the Governor-in-Council the right to reserve certain areas, and such powers were too great to be vested in this way. The Bill passed with the above change.

The War Tax Stamp Rates Bill passed, after the House had been informed that the sum of 20 cents would be taxed on every complete set of Customs Entries.

The Saw Mills Bill was principally spoken to by Hons. Murphy and Bishop, and an amendment was made to the Penalty Clause, making the mill owner and log cutter equally responsible if logs were proven to have been cut, before sawn, on the three mile limit.

The House adjourned at 6.40. On resuming at 8 o'clock the Cable Tax was up for consideration, and subsequently passed without amendment.

The Municipal Bill also passed. The Income Tax Bill passed with some amendments, the original made by the Lower House.

The Extension of the City Council Bill was next considered and a lively discussion on the subject was held in by Hons. Squires, Anderson, Ellis and Harvey, and the Bill passed without amendment.

The last item on the order paper was an Act to amend the Shipbuilding Act of 1916.

Hon. J. Harvey here took the opportunity of pointing out the great necessity for lights and buoys along the Southern Shore, and in view of the many recent disasters to shipping suggested that immediate action should be taken and something done.

Hon. Mr. Cook delivered a very practical speech on the subject. The Bill was reported passed without amendment.

The House adjourned at 12.45 this morning to meet again for closing at 3 this afternoon.

**TRAIN MOVEMENTS.**  
Tuesday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques last night. To-day's incoming express left Port aux-Basques at 11 a.m. to-day.

## T. J. EDENS.

50 Cases  
(or 1200 3 lb. tins)  
LIBBY'S SOLID PACKED  
TOMATOES  
80c. per tin.

### ROLLED OATS,

BEST CANADIAN ... 8c. lb.  
SALTED BACON in Glass, 80c.  
EARLY JUNE PEAS ... 25c. tin  
LIBBY'S PICKLES ... 20c. tin  
LAUNDRY STARCH ... 13c. lb.  
(5 lbs., 60c.)  
CARROTS ... 8c. lb.  
CORNED BEEF ... \$3.00  
6 lb. tins  
KIRKMAN'S BORAX SOAP, 10c. cake

### By Steamer from New York to-day:

25 cases CAL. ORANGES.  
20 cases WINE SAPP APPLES.  
5 cases LEMONS.  
2 cases GRAPES FRUIT.  
2 bunches BANANAS.  
2 crates TOMATOES.  
2 crates NEW CABBAGE.  
20 crates TEXAS ONIONS.  
100 bags WHITE OATS.  
10 bags HAY SEED.  
50 bags WHITE ROMINY FEED.

### FRESH BUTTERY EGGS

by Rail to-day.

## T. J. EDENS,

Duckworth St. and Rawlins' Cross.

### Closing of the House.

At 8 o'clock this afternoon the members of both branches of the Legislature met in the Council Chamber where His Excellency the Governor Sir Alexander Harris was pleased to deliver the following Speech from the Throne, at the conclusion of the Seventh Session of the 23rd General Assembly, which opened on April 23rd, St. George's Day.

**Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:**  
**Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:**

It is a pleasure to me to be able to relieve you thus early from the duties which your attendance at this session has involved. Having regard to the number and importance of the measures which have formed the subject of your deliberations, it is gratifying that you have been able to dispose of them with such despatch, and so clear the way for what will be to most of you a very busy season.

The measures which you have taken for dealing with the revenue are, I trust, such as will amply provide for the increasing needs of the Public Service, and the growing pressure of those war burdens which you have shouldered in common with the rest of the Empire. Guided, as you have been, in their enactment by the underlying principles of justice and equity, I believe they will be regarded as eminently fair and reasonable.

Your prompt and patriotic action in providing for the enrolment of men in order to keep at full strength the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and ensure the maintenance of the splendid record which has been achieved by our forces, will meet with universal commendation, and forms another evidence of that loyalty which has ever been the proud boast of this oldest Colony.

The provision which you have made for the raising of a loan locally for war purposes, displays a confidence in the practical patriotism of our people which I am certain will be fully justified.

**Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:**

I thank you for the liberal nature of the supplies which you have provided for the Public Service. The appropriateness of the measures which you have taken to obtain the fullest returns to the public.

**Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:**  
**Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:**

I sincerely trust that the fishery operation of our people, in which they are now about to engage, will be attended with the fullest measure of success, and that it will be found possible to arrange for the profitable marketing of the catch.

In taking leave of you I would express the hope that Divine Providence may bless and prosper you and our common country, and that the terrible struggle in which we, in common with the Mother Country and her Allies, are participating may be brought to an early and victorious conclusion.

### McMurdo's Store News

THURSDAY, May 16, 1918.

Our Almond Cream of Roses is quite a standard preparation for use in the toilet; and as a complexion lotion it has few rivals. Almond Cream of Roses is becoming more popular each season as it becomes better known, and as one lady tells another of its good results. If you want a face lotion that with the minimum of trouble will give good results in keeping the skin of face, neck, and hands in proper condition during the summer months, use Almond Cream of Roses. Price 25c. a bottle.

Just received: Full stock of Radway's Ready Relief.

### IN AID OF RED CROSS FUND.

A Sale of fancy and useful articles will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, at the Girls' Department of King George 5th Institute. Admission 10c. Teas served from 4 to 7 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets, including Tea and Concert, 30c. Miss Harris has kindly consented to open the Sale.

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**CAPE RACE, To-day.**  
Wind north, fresh, weather fine; latest news from steamer Ethia at Mistaken Point is that the cargo is being salvaged and expectations of floating her is anticipated. Bar. 29.65; ther. 45.

**REID'S BOATS.**—The Argyle left Lamlaine at 4 p.m. yesterday, inward. The Dundee not reported since leaving Salvage on the 13th. The Foghorn not reported since leaving Port aux-Basques on the 14th.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT LUMBER-MAN'S FRIEND.**

## AT KNOWLING'S

Central, West and Duckworth St. Showrooms.

## Special Blouse Purchase

Marvellous Values in Lawn, Delain, Crepon, Poplin, Cashmere, Plain, Fancy Colors and Black,

50c. 60c.

95c.

Values from \$1.00 to \$2.25.

## LADIES' TWEED SKIRTS Bargain.

Fancy Mixed Wool Tweeds,

\$1.70 and \$2.50

each.

would be good value at \$3.00 to \$4.00

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## Men's Clothing!

Our Men's Suits are all Well Made & Good Fitting



Dark Tweed Suits, all

Good Patterns,

\$10.00 to 22.00.

Navy Serge Suits,

\$16.00 to 21.00.

Black Cloth Suits,

\$11.00 to 15.00.

Black Serge Suits,

\$14.00 to 21.00.



## PANTS!

Men's Single Pants, in Union Tweed and Fine Cashmeres, Neat Dark Grey Stripes, \$1.70 to \$6.00.

Fine Navy Serge Pants,

\$2.00 to \$8.00.

## STEER Brothers.

### Here and There.

**WATER PROOF ENGINES.**—The Nid. Specialty Company, 10 Gear Building, have two shipments of the Engines on the road now, which should arrive by May 25th.

**CHEAP OYSTER STEWS.**—To clear our stock of Oysters, we are serving Oyster Stews at 25c. WOOD'S West End Restaurant.—apr27,tf

### SMART MILLINERY HATS.

Just received a special shipment of New Millinery Hats, \$9.00 to \$15.00. G. KNOWLING, Ltd.—may16,31,th,s,tu

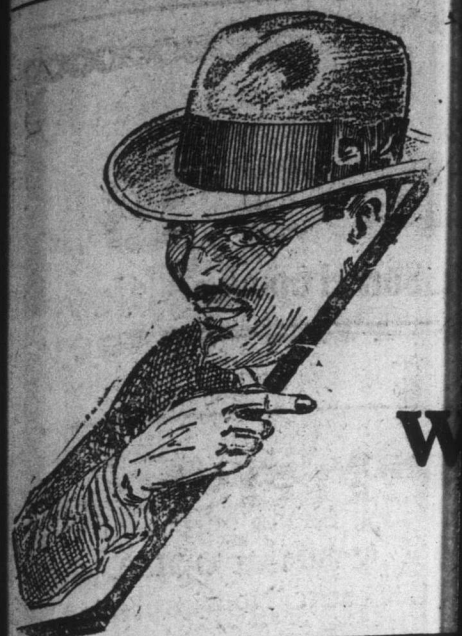
**CLB. DANCE.**—The CLB. are holding a dance shortly for the purpose of raising funds to help defray the cost of the annual camp arrangements for which are already being made. Formerly a few supporters of the brigade were responsible for the expenses in connection with the outing but all will now have an opportunity to assist by attending the dance.

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

A velvet blouse with cream white buttons is very striking.

A touch of black makes the white costume becoming.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAIN GET IN COWS.**



## Here's Your O MEN'S FUR

Higher Prices are Saving Way is to

**MEN'S SOFT FELT HATS.**—From wear we make special mention Saturday. They come with a splendid range of the latest color Fawn and Black. Regular \$2.50 Saturday ...

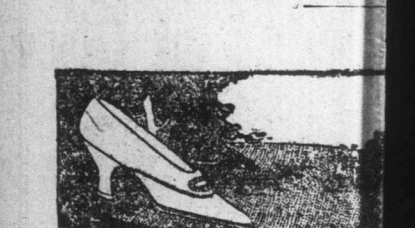
**STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR.**—Weight for present season's wear, extra good quality of fine wool, very satisfactory to the man, non-itchable underwear of sizes 34 to 42. Reg. \$3.30 Saturday and Sunday ...

**MEN'S TAN CALF BOOTS.**—In a sum toe, blucher shape, with weight soles and heels. We have very special value at the low here, sizes 7 1/2 to 9, including a pair \$4.00 pair. Friday and Saturday ...

**MEN'S GUN METAL BOOTS.**—With ed oak soles, stylish medium tip, and comfortable heel. These selling general purpose boot and a lot of shrewd buyers. Reg. \$4.30 pair. Friday and Saturday ...

**MEN'S NEW TWEED CAPS.**—One of the best lines we have ever had pleasure of offering as a bargain special. The colors are most Fawn and Grey in a magnificent variety of checked & striped designs. If you want an extra good, stylish and shapely cap for summer wear, you should see these at once. Reg. \$2.50 each. Friday and Saturday ... \$2.25

## SUMMER FO



**WOMEN'S TWO-STRAP SHOES.**—A of fine Cabretta, for house or plain toe. Regular \$1.90 pair. day ...

**WOMEN'S CLOTH TOP BOOTS.**—B plain toe; high heel and medium Reg. \$3.75 pair. Friday and Saturday ...

**WOMEN'S HOSE.**—Fibre Silk and facts. Worth, if perfect, up to and Saturday ...

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