

## City Council

**Raises Tax on Automobiles 50%—  
Movies May be Extra-Taxed.**

To make special provision in the way of additional taxation in certain directions for the \$9,000 to be added to the pay of the Council's employees, the City Fathers held a brief session last evening to discuss the matter, Mayor Gosling presiding. It was decided to tax automobiles fifty per cent, this being thought feasible by the Board in order that the burden will fall on those who can best afford to pay. The next direction hinted at in which to increase their taxes was the Moving Picture Theatres. From statistics in the possession of the Council, the average attendance at the theatre houses in the city is something like 23,000 persons per week, and according to the amounts paid to the City Treasurer's Office roughly \$12,000 is spent within that period at movies or about \$60,000 annually. However, one member of the Board calculates that over \$100,000 was spent in this way last year, or \$3 per head of the population of St. John's within the municipality. Further discussion on the matter was deferred until definite statements of attendances are received from the different theatre managements. To-night the regular weekly meeting of the Board will be held and the proposed increasing of employees' pay will again be gone into; also the question of whether or not any tariff paving will be done this year, will be discussed.

## What the Victory Means

**Century-Old Militarism Beaten by  
Young Army.**

Rome, Thursday.—The British victory in France has made a great impression here, and the newspapers publish enthusiastic comments.

The Messagero remarks: "Germany has taken a century and a half to create a great army and a marvellous military organization. Well, Great Britain, in less than three years has created an army, procured more engines of war than Germany had, and has organized not only a great military machine but victory."

The Journal remarks that the legend of Germany's invincible military organization is being dissipated. "The British," it says, "have mortally wounded proud German militarism and will continue their programme calmly and methodically."

The military expert of the Giornale d'Italia sarcastically alluded to the contempt expressed by the German Emperor and Germanophile Italians for the British Army. "The British," who were described as mere football players, like the Italians were derided as marionette players, have soon taught a lesson to the solemn and savage Germans."

**NO MAIL BOAT.**—So far as we can learn no steamer has been engaged for the Fogo mail service to replace the S. S. Susa, which has been set aside for important work this summer.

By Rail to-day, Thursday,  
May 31, '17:  
**500 lbs.  
FRESH  
HALIBUT.**

1,000 gross  
**SEA DOG MATCHES.**

25 Tons  
**No. 1 HAY,**  
Small bundles,  
**1 1-2 cts. per lb.,**  
or  
**\$30.00 Ton.**

300 bags P. E. L. Black Oats,  
300 bags P. E. L. White Oats,  
100 bags Bran,  
100 bags Hominy,  
100 bags Badger Feed, \$2.50 bag  
Robinson's Patent Barley,  
Robinson's Groats,  
Barrington Hall Coffee, 1 lb. tin,  
White House Coffee, 1 lb. tin,  
Pure Gold Coffee, 1 lb. tin,  
Red Rose Coffee, 1 lb. tin.

**BEECHNUT BACON,  
FIDELITY BACON,  
CUDAHY'S BACON.**

Shredded Wheat Biscuits, 16c.  
pkg.  
Macaroni, finest, 1 lb. pkg., 15c.  
Corn Cob Hominy, 3 lb. tin, 10c.

**T. J. EDENS.**  
Duckworth Street and  
Military Road.

## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A. M.

## FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, May 2.  
To-day's official announcement says that in the region of Chemin des Dames artillery was fairly active. On Cerny Hurtebise Craonne front the enemy made several attacks on our trenches and small posts. The attacks were partly repulsed by our machine gun fire and grenades. In the Champagne the artillery was very active. Active grenade fighting occurred in the region west of Mont Cerallet, in the course of which we made appreciable progress. Near Epargues our detachments penetrated the German lines at several points, destroying defence works and material. In Lorraine there was patrol activity near Moncel and Embenail, and we took prisoners. On Monday night a French aerial squadron threw a number of projectiles on several railway stations and military establishments in the region of Laon and Rethel.

## PAPER MILLS OBLIGED TO CLOSE

LONDON, May 2.  
The Express says there is an acute crisis in the paper trade in Great Britain, owing to submarine activities, and that imports of raw material have almost stopped. Several paper mills have been obliged to close, and imports in the last few weeks were only ten per cent of the restricted amount allowed by the Government.

## MAY DAY IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, May 2.  
Work stopped completely throughout Austria-Hungary on May Day, according to a wireless despatch from Berne. All Vienna munition factories were left idle, while workers gathered at sixty mass meetings, where the food question and need of immediate peace were the chief topics. Identical resolutions were passed at all the meetings demanding peace without annexations or indemnities. A procession of 100,000 men and women marched along the Ringstrasse and from there to the Prater, Vienna's greatest pleasure park, where a fête was held. In Hungary a holiday was observed in all the towns. The Socialists paraded in Budapest, singing labor songs with frequent shouts of peace and bread.

## AMERICAN SUNK.

LONDON, May 2.  
The American steamer Rockingham has been sunk by a German submarine, and 13 of her crew are missing. Two boats containing 33 men were picked up yesterday, one by a patrol ship. One boat containing 13 men is missing. The Rockingham was formerly the steamer Nebraskan, 4,408 tons gross, built at Camden, N.J., in 1902, and owned by the Barland Steamship Co.

## GENERAL SMUTS PROMOTED.

LONDON, May 2.  
General Jan Smuts, of South Africa, at present in England, according to the Central News, will be offered a high military command, and it is expected he will accept it.

## TURKS OCCUPY MUSH.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 2.  
The evacuation by the Russians of Mush in Turkish Armenia, is announced by the war office. The town has been occupied by the Turks.

## BUDGET TO BE INTRODUCED.

LONDON, May 2.  
The fourth and largest budget of the war has been prepared by Chancellor Bonar Law for introduction in the House to-day. Although the intervention of the United States in the war is expected to relieve Great Britain to a large extent of the necessity of financing her Allies, the Government's expenditures for the present year, if the war continues, probably will exceed the cost of preceding years. New sources of revenue must be found. Charges on war debt are increasing, and excise returns are diminishing. On account of the restriction placed on the liquor trade, the House is prepared for an increase of the levies on excise profits on tobacco and amusements.

## MORE NORWEGIANS SUNK.

LONDON, May 2.  
The Norwegian Foreign Office has announced the sinking of the Norwegian steamers Hectoria and Langland, by German submarines. The crews have been saved.

## RESIGNS POSITION.

MEXICO CITY, May 2.  
General Obregon has resigned the position of Minister of War in the Carranza Cabinet.

Dr. Keegan Contradicts  
Rumors.

(Editor St. John's Daily Star.)  
Dear Sir,—Your paper of April 30th, publishes under the heading of "Many Rumors" an item which I wish to emphatically contradict.

In reference to contemplated changes, no official here is being turned down or discredited. Any changes that may take place from time to time are made solely in the interest of the public for whose benefit the hospital is run.

With reference to the second and more serious rumor, that such a condition of things could exist amongst such a hard-working staff as the nurses of the General Hospital is almost too absurd to contradict; however in justice to those ladies who naturally resent the imputation, I state emphatically that neither now nor at any other time, to my definite knowledge, has any nurse or nurses in the institution been guilty of such misconduct. I feel sure Mr. Editor that you will be very pleased to give prominence to this letter.

L. E. KEEGAN,  
Superintendent.

## Rann-dom Reels.

## THE GARAGE.

The garage is a small, squat specimen of Gothic architecture which is designed as the last resting place of a new automobile. It is generally built on such generous lines that it will hold all of the automobile except the full floating rear axle and the one-man top, which makes it comparatively easy for a man to fasten the doors from the inside by crawling on his hands and knees.

There are two kinds of garages—stationary and portable. The stationary style is preferred by people who buy a new car every fall and never know whether the wheelbase will fit. Some of these stationary garages are highly ornate, being profusely decorated with defunct inner tubes, blown-out casings, garden hose and a full line of repairs ranging from a spark plug to a propeller shaft. As these repairs usually fit nothing but last year's model, they are retained largely for their sentimental value.

The portable garage was gotten up for the benefit of the uneasy householder, who fits from place to place and puts the garage in the back seat. Some of these structures are more portable than others. Many a new driver has returned home at the evening hour and aimed his radiator directly at the open doors of a portable garage, only to have it step briskly to the right and shiver a shimmering fender with twenty-four coats of paint on its boom. On this account, many architects are recommending the use of an army tent.

The word "garage" is a French noun which was imported here several years ago by some of the Four Hundred, who heard it pronounced abroad and used it to confound the common people. When correctly given, the larynx is depressed and the broad "a" is sounded with a low, languorous grunt. Few red-blooded Americans are able to do this without stripping a fear, so they attack it with clenched teeth and a defiant look. We have since appropriated the word and slipped a hard "g" into it, mainly for the benefit of unlettered mechanics who do repair work.

The public garage is a resort where automobiles are doctored at night rate. These resorts have sprung up

at every cross-roads and are a great boon to motorists who are not familiar with the local price of gasoline. Some men try to do their own repair work, but are finally hauled into the garage by kind-hearted farmers who lurk at the base of a sand hill with an expectant look.

Children's Country  
Store To-night.

There was a good house at Rossley's last night and an unusual performance went with a swing that showed the talent of the young performers. This sketch carried out by the pupils of Mrs. Rossley are little short of marvellous. Their singing and dancing always meet with great applause. For dancing this talented troupe are equal to any found in the big cities; they have acquired the beautiful grace and difficult steps that only years of constant training can give. To-night another big programme and children's country store; some delightful things for everyone to bring home. Toys, games, fruit, groceries, dry goods, china and beautiful glassware.

## "Why Not in Ireland?"

London Daily Mail: Why should the Irish question be the only one to which we refuse to apply any remedy unless it is demonstrably an ideally perfect remedy? In dealing with every other political problem we take it for granted that after we have devised our solution a great deal will remain to be accomplished by the good will and patient effort of everyone concerned. Why not in Ireland? Everybody knows that it is impossible to frame an ordinary business contract that will effectively bind the parties who sign it unless it is assumed that they will both honestly endeavor to carry it out. The reason why it "passes the wit of men," as Mr. Gladstone once said, to frame an Irish Constitution is because it is always supposed that it must be perfect "on paper." But England has never had a paper Constitution. Our system of government, we are pleased to believe, is the best in the world. In many other countries it is admired and envied, and sometimes imitated. But the British Constitution was never perfect. It has always been subject to improvement, and is always being amended. So might it be in Ireland if a system of Administration were adopted which could be altered and re-arranged from time to time in the light of practical working and experience.

## ding Bells.

## WHITE—MAHAR.

At the Cathedral by Very Rev. Monsignor McDermott, on Monday evening, Miss "Shan" White, daughter of the late R. H. White, of Ferryland, to Mr. W. J. Mahar, of Aquaforte. The bride is a niece of Rev. S. O'Driscoll, P.P., St. Mary's, and Mr. P. C. O'Driscoll, of this city. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, Barnes Road, where the newly married couple will reside for some weeks before taking up their permanent residence at Aquaforte.

**WORK ON NEW CHURCH.**—The work of slating the new St. Joseph's Church has commenced. The plastering will be done inside in a few weeks time. It is hoped to have the building finished about the latter part of June.

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in the way of  
better health  
can ever come  
from drinking  
tea or coffee.  
\$ Millions of  
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coffee users now  
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We want to make you comfortable while you are buying your Shoes, while you are wearing them and when you are paying for them!

**SHOES FOR MEN, FOR WOMEN, FOR BOYS,  
FOR MISSES, FOR CHILDREN,  
SHOES FOR EVERYBODY!**

<b>SHOES FOR MEN,</b> \$2.60 to \$7.00.	<b>SHOES FOR WOMEN,</b> \$2.35 to \$8.00.
<b>SHOES FOR BOYS,</b> \$2.00 to \$3.90.	<b>SHOES FOR GIRLS,</b> \$1.45 to \$2.80.
<b>SHOES FOR MISSES,</b> \$1.90 to \$3.20.	<b>SHOES FOR CHILDREN,</b> 45c. to \$1.90.

This is a splendid Shoe Home to tie to these days, when Shoe Prices are so High and there are so many uncertain Shoes being placed on the market.

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For this week end—every one a money saver.

**TOWELS,**  
75 pairs Blay Turkish,  
Big Value,  
30 cents pair.

**Straw Hats,**  
For Little Girls,  
Smart and Becoming,  
30 cents.

**Ladies, those Washing Percale Blouses for 90  
cts., are Exceptional Value. Did you get some?**

**Ladies'  
BLACK HOSE,**  
Value cannot be  
duplicated,  
20 cents per pair.

**School Girl  
MIDDY BLOUSES,**  
to fit from 6 to 14  
years,  
75 cents.

**GIRLS' WASH DRESSES,**

In Fancy Checks, etc.,

**65 cts.**

Sizes, for 6 to 14 years.

**S. MILLEY.**

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Previous to 9 a.m.

## ITALY'S COMMISSION.

ROME, May 2.  
The official announcement says: The special mission to America will be composed of Prince Udine, eldest son of the Duke of Genoa; Senator Marconi, Marquis Barsarilli, Under Secretary Foreign Affairs; Deputies Giffel and Matti, both former ministers.

## MAY DAY FETE IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, May 2.  
The May Day fete in Petrograd lasted well into the night. More than 300 platforms had been erected in different parts of the capital. From them numberless speeches were

made, none of which contained a word about separate peace. Speeches made by the followers of Radical Socialists, and agitator Lenin, were greeted with cheers of "enough, hold your tongue." No disturbances of any kind occurred.

## GERMAN WAR OFFICE REPORT.

BERLIN, May 2.  
The British and French lost fourteen a. planes on the western front yesterday, the War Office announces.

**PITCH PINE TIMBER.**—We hold a good stock of Heavy, Long Pitch Pine Timber, Planks and Boards. **HORWOOD LUMBER CO., LTD.**—apr26,61

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## From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind E., fresh, weather fine; several schooners passed in and west "ice last report. Bar. 29.60; Ther.

For every 25c. purchase made at Stafford's Drug Store you receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,tf

**GETS NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
DEGREE.**—Mr. Arthur Barnes, who has been studying for some time at New York University, has had conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Pedagogy of that University. We understand that he is leaving New York for his native country on Saturday next.

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BED SHEET

Extra large  
best English  
fine (will wash  
that will stand  
size 7 1/2 x 8 1/2  
represent \$4.00  
Friday, Saturday  
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TURKISH

Family Towel  
bleached Tur  
crimson stripes  
that we usually  
Friday, Saturday  
Monday, each

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A nice Cr  
glass Towel  
this has a  
ing finish, and  
like. Reg. 25  
yard. Friday  
and Monday

Ladies



Broken line  
These are as  
no imperfection  
new stocks are  
unreplaced.

Lady

In Black  
most asked  
mer Dress  
pair