

## Evening Telegram

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See Page 7 of this issue of THE EVENING TELEGRAM for full record of the daily sales during the past year. It will repay perusal, and the most sceptical will admit that THE EVENING TELEGRAM is in reality "The People's Paper."

## The New War Loans

We pay our correspondent "Patriot" the compliment of recommending that his letter, which we publish to-day, be read in conjunction with the report of the British Prime Minister's speech at the Guildhall. Huge war loans have become of such frequent occurrence that their announcement seems now to arouse little interest save among regular investors; they have never aroused the slightest here. There has been much gib talk of utilizing the whole resources of the Empire, and it is now known in the remotest corner of it that those resources consist of more than men to line trenches. "Men, munitions and money." We have given and are giving men. We are sending over a few shells, but more is hardly expected of us. What money are we giving? If we except the voluntary subscriptions to Red Cross, Aeroplane, and other special funds, which stand on a separate basis and as to which our efforts have been splendid as far as they have gone, is it incorrect to answer, none at all? It is all very well to speak of ourselves as a small and far from wealthy community, but what would be said if some quarter of a million of the subjects of the British Isles took the same stand, had no appeal of this nature addressed to them or seemed not to be expected to respond to it in like measure to their fellow subjects? And this is not a fanciful point of view as long as we insist on talking of the unity of the British Empire.

This particular matter is one within the province of our Government, which has been completely neglectful of its duty from the beginning. War loans are the first means of financing the war and are initiated by the Imperial Government. Naturally it exercises no influence over the Colonies in this respect, but it may be said to delegate its influence to the Colonial Governments. Our own has made no effort not merely to popularize this very sound and profitable form of investment but even to make its existence and nature known to the people. The terms of the issue should be published; our banks and other financial machinery should be utilized to encourage and collect subscriptions. This latest loan comes at a time and is of such nature as to distinguish it from its predecessors. It has been appropriately named the "Victory" loan. "Every well-directed cheque properly loaded and timed," says Mr. Lloyd George, "is a more formidable weapon of destruction than twelve-inch shells." It is a weapon which Newfoundland can supply as well as any other part of the Empire. It is not like other contributions. Britain asks us to give our men; she merely wants us to lend our money. She will pay no less than 5 1/2 per cent. interest in return. That payment is guaranteed by the British Government; it has the wealth of the Empire behind it. "Patriot" refers to the regrettable lingering among so many of our people of the impression created by the bank failures of 1894 and their reluctance to deal with their ready money. It is indeed time that this superstition were laid. The same people risk yearly, and often lose, their money and labour in fishery and other ventures, yet are fearful of disturbing the gold they have accumulated and permit it to lie idle. There is here an opportunity of utilizing it to the benefit of themselves and the great cause, with the absolute assurance that every dollar will be returned and handsomely increased. "The big loan now will win the war. Let no money be squandered on luxuries or indulgence." The more we get the surer will be our victory and the shorter will be the war. The more we get the surer will be the war. The more we get the surer will be the war. The more we get the surer will be the war.

land. Let our people listen to them, and let the Government wake up and tell them how to make response.

## Answering the Answer.

There is not likely to be a further answer of the Allies to the answer of Germany to the answer of the Allies to the note of Germany—and we can all preserve our wits. The latest German note appears to be a glib composition. It is merely the street boy argument, "You're another!" It seems to be principally abuse of England. The world will read with some amusement an indictment which depends upon such counts as the "fate" of the Irish people, and of the Boer Republic (represented, we presume, in the persons of Redmond and Botha), violation of the Declaration of London, and so on. But the "piece de resistance" is the truly amazing defence of the outrage upon Belgium. That country, and the Allies who supported her, were entirely in the wrong in blocking Germany's "right of way" through her territory, and she deserved all she got. This frank and unblushing repudiation to the world of the elementary rights of neutral nations, the claim of their duty of non-resistance to neighbouring bullies who wish to make use of that easement, will not improve Germany's case at the bar. It is without doubt the most extraordinary pretension that this extraordinary nation has yet advanced.

## Seaman Drowned.

## FAMILY LEFT DESTITUTE.

At noon yesterday, Hon. J. C. Crosbie received a cable from Capt. David Robinson, of the ship Clutha, stating that he had arrived at Pernambuco after a very stormy passage, and that seaman Sylvester Cane had been washed overboard and drowned on the night of Nov. 27th, the day on which the Clutha left this port. No further particulars have been received. It will be remembered that on the afternoon of the date mentioned a heavy gale sprang up and it is supposed that poor Cane lost his life in an attempt to shorten sail or in performing some other hazardous work. Immediately after receipt of the message, Mr. Crosbie communicated the happening to the Rev. Fr. Conway, who broke the sad news to the widow of the deceased, who occupies a flat in a tenement house at 17 Holdsworth Street. Mrs. Cane, on receipt of the terrible news, broke into bitter sobs, and with her six little fatherless children gathered around her the scene can more easily be imagined than described. At the best of times the small monthly earnings of the father were only sufficient to supply the means whereby the family could exist, as is evident by the fact that they were compelled to live in a two room flat consisting of a bedroom and a living room. Of the six children the oldest is 16 and the youngest 4 years old. The former is a messenger boy and a 14-year-old daughter is now in hospital undergoing medical treatment. Shortly before Christmas there were seven in the family, but the oldest, a girl of 18 died from the effects of a lingering illness. Seaman Sylvester Cane was 45 years of age and followed the sea for upwards of twenty years. To the bereaved family general sympathy will be expressed, in which the Telegram joins.

## Killed in Action.

The Bowring family is well represented in this great war and the first member of it to have fallen is Capt. C. G. Bowring, who was killed in action with a Canadian Regiment on December 29th last. Deceased is a first cousin of Mr. Eric A. Bowring, of this city. News has also reached the city that Fred Burchell, better known here as "Fritz," was killed in action in France on Thursday last. He was a Sergeant with the Canadian Artillery. He was a son of Mr. Burchell, one time Government Engineer here, and a first cousin of Mrs. Dr. Duncan.

## All About a Pair of Rubbers.

Business has been exceptionally slack at the Magistrate's Court lately and the only thing to engage its attention this morning was an absent pair of rubbers. An outport volunteer summoned a city shoemaker for the recovery of a pair of rubbers. The plaintiff claimed he gave the rubbers on board a schooner to the defendant to repair, while the latter was equally certain that he never received the rubbers. The merits and demerits of either side were not discussed and the case was postponed till Tuesday next.

EDWARDS' LINIMENT USED BY PRYMARANS.

## WEEK-END NOTES.

L. C. M.

The gift of the Messrs. Harvey & Co. to the city is very opportune, and may be looked upon as the beginning of something practical in the housing problem, which for such a long while has been discussed. But there is always a reward for patience, and many of our best comforts come to us from perseverance and waiting.

It is, however, high time that we got to work and made a move in this direction, and when once the ball is started it may be kept rolling. The city really needs more workingmen's houses, but to discuss the question further would be vain repetition. The only thing that is now necessary is legislation, and this will in all probability be enacted at the next session of the Legislature. This legislation implies the passing of the Charter, in which the rules and regulations governing the erection and construction of workingmen's houses are fully set forth.

As to the passing of the full Charter this season there is still some doubt, but there should not be any doubt whatever for this section of it. A special Act would meet the case and make it lawful for the City Council to take such measures as will authorize the Council to set the machinery of the housing problem in motion. This is not too much to expect. The question is worthy the very best that our legislators can do for it; and as they all profess to be there for the country's good, there is room for great expectations. We expect to see diversity of opinion over some sections of the Charter before it is passed, but as the housing problem is one that meets the general approval of our people, it is not likely that any very serious obstacles will be placed in the way of this feature of the Charter.

At the same time we are conscious that for party purposes even a good measure is sometimes defeated, and rather than let an opponent win, the good must suffer with the bad. Newfoundland has suffered from this custom in the past, nor was it possible to be otherwise under the extreme party spirit by which our politics has been dominated. In this respect the majority of us have failed, and it is just as well to be frank about the matter and to acknowledge our error. We have been party blinded, and sometimes party intoxicated.

But we think the people are seeing their mistake somewhat, and it may not be too much to hope that the politicians also are seeing it, and that they are about to adopt a better way, and to display a nobler spirit. The present is a time when the best is required of every man, and when the people as a whole are doing their best; therefore it is only reasonable to suppose that upon such an important question as is here dealt with, our rulers will rise to the occasion and do their duty.

A common feeling of citizenship demands that the best be done, and that it be done at an early date; for next to that love of country, which we call patriotism, comes that love of city, which comprises true citizenship. We therefore confide our case to the gentlemen who have it in hand. They consist of the Citizens' Committee, and the Select Committee, and finally the Legislature, and we hope that by wise counsel and high ideas, and a keen sense of the situation, they will enact the necessary laws for which the Mayor has so ardently worked, and for which he is so zealously waiting, and by so doing they will enable him to carry out his plans and re-model at least a part of St. John's.

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SEE WINDOW.

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MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

BOARD OF TRADE.—At the last meeting of the Board of Trade, the following were elected to membership: Mr. William Drover, Brown's Arms; Mr. G. G. Glennie, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia; Mr. John Cowan, Broker, St. John's; Mr. M. A. Duffy, Grocer, St. John's; Mr. Ronald Sheehy, representative of Lever Bros., St. John's.

POSTAL OFFICIAL RESIGNED.—Mr. George Moore, for many years Postmaster at Heart's Content, has resigned his position in order to accept a more lucrative one with the Western Union Cable Co. at the historic cable town. Mr. Moore succeeded his father in his former position and with but one exception the Post Office was conducted by father and son since it opened some fifty years ago.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES RHEUMATISM.

## McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, Jan. 13th, 1917. We have just received—too late for the Christmas trade—a few bottles of Many Garden Perfumes—the full size package. This exquisite scent needs no commendation, its popularity having been shown by the rapidity with which it has been sold in town this season. The large bottle is in proportion much larger than the small size, and retails at \$4 a bottle.

Danderine, certainly one of the most popular of hair preparations, which, we believe, has not been obtainable in town for the last few weeks, has now arrived to us and is on sale at our stores. Price 20c. a bottle.

St. Thomas's Women's Association will hold an Afternoon Tea and Apron Sale on Wednesday, Jan. 31st, at 3 o'clock (the first half-holiday), in Canon Wood Hall. Particulars later.—Jan 13, 11

When supplies come from the grocer's they should always be checked up with the order slip in the kitchen. Pulverized chalk moistened with ammonia will remove the yellow stains caused by faucets dripping on porcelain.

A 10c. wire dish drainer attached to the pantry scales will do to weigh the baby in if there is nothing else handy. A little of the rind of an orange grated in the mixture for pumpkin custards will make them much better flavored.

If the can of the chair seat sags, wash it with hot water and rinse in clear cold water. Let it dry in the open air.

An indoor drier for the washing is a great labor saver and does away with the uncertainties of a winter washday.

The bones that are in the rib roast, even after being roasted, will not be a some stock if they are boiled for a long time.



## With the V

The forced through At night a squad of landers Armoury Over ten young Armoury yesterday service.

## Topsail Web Ret

Practically the topsail assembled Monday night country express with one hundred naval whom was one from our little station and not a soul there to the naval passing disappointment, he forgotten.

On Tuesday morning turned out on Monday 1.15. As the train L.O.A. band, which struck up the old tune, "Home, Sweet Home," the gathering was the Men's and Women's societies, who did their power to making the brave sailor, he had more than in that respect.

A procession headed by the "Auld Lang Syne" airs en route. New many carriages drove. In the first one his wife and other whom his reunion sense of much joy sense of thirty years the crowd. As the settlement, the was fired and from every staff waved which the hero had The people then to father's house, man of the Association extended manner on behalf of its kind in the it will naturally as a red letter day que little village.

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T. A. B. S. J. The Juvenile B. S. held a special when tickets for which takes place noon, were hand



## ECON

Take a few save the expense out. A cup of few biscuits, or a light refreshment until your next cup of can be made with hot water when you get day at the office will do you better than a cup of milk makes a

## A Cake

Tins of 10