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Evening TelegramW. J. HERDER, - - - Proprietor
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SATURDAY, January 5th, 1918.

Ministers and Contracts.

It is hard to say whether the general public watching with the more interest or amusement the laboured efforts of Dr. Lloyd and Mr. Crook to force their rag and bone Government. Doubtless by the time these words are written they will have successfully concluded their little something, at least, for the country to congratulate itself upon that they have had so much difficulty in finding men sufficiently devoid of self-respect to consent to join the collection of remnants they have gathered together.

Meanwhile, we note that the Herald is prepared to defend on constitutional grounds the numerous irregularities and improprieties that attend the formation of this political menagerie, and have marked so many of the past proceedings of several of its members. If we were much interested in constitutional questions at present, we might reply to its arguments in detail. They are of little importance, however, for they will shortly be swept away, and the need of answering them, by the best of all judges, the voice of the people itself, which will make itself heard in no uncertain tones. But the gist of the Herald's contentions is worth remarking. The presence in the Cabinet of government contractors and of others enjoying approximately contractual relations with the Government is justified, apparently, because a former Governor did not disapprove of the principle, and because Hon. A. W. Harvey violated it. We should be sorry for ourselves if we were asked to find a single instance of an illegality or irregularity in this country which did not have behind it a dozen or more exactly similar instances to excuse it. We should prefer to see the Herald to those which the Herald gives the principle of every constitutional writer of repute and the reports of scores of cases, imperial and colonial, in which it has been upheld and enforced. The Herald deals, evidently in answer to ourselves, with the specific case of Mr. Crosbie, which it defends on the ground that he is no longer a contractor because the government was compelled to break the contract in question and his ships were requisitioned by it. We will allow this doubtful argument, but by whom were the ships requisitioned? By Mr. Crosbie himself! Mr. Crosbie, acting on the Defence Committee and being the only really active member on it, took over his own ships for the public service, which has been a farce from beginning to end. Can a more scandalous, a more impudent proceeding be imagined? Whether or not, in doing so, Mr. Crosbie wrote letters to himself and discussed with himself his own terms, we cannot say, but we intend to know, and to let the public know, the full details of the matter. This minister-contractor is now to be appointed Minister of Militia. Perhaps we may be forgiven if we confess concern on behalf of the Regiment, it is unnecessary to do so on behalf of the country. We shall have more to say on this and kindred subjects at another time. For the present we are merely giving our readers something to think about.

"A Marquis, Duke and a That."

We have just received the following communication from the Acting Colonial Secretary.

"Sir, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State, the contents of which will be of great interest to the whole Colony. Will you kindly give it place in your columns?"

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. W. HALPWARD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Code Telegram from Secretary of State.

(Recd. 5 January, 1917.)

Following will be published in press here to-morrow morning:

His Majesty has been pleased to confer the dignity of a Baroncy of the United Kingdom on the Right Honourable Sir Edward Patrick Morris, K.C.M.G., late Prime Minister of Newfoundland, in recognition of his long and distinguished services to the Empire.

LONG.

We have not time for the necessary comment to-day upon this extraordinary announcement, and we shall all

The Real Responsibility Grand Patriotic Tea and Concert.

Editor Evening Telegram

Sir,—In Wednesday's issue of the Daily News the editor in dealing with the political situation says, "Sir Edward Morris's resignation is apparently going to result in the Government of the country passing under the control of a close corporation." Well, who is to blame for that? Sir Edward Morris primarily, and then, the supporters of Sir Edward inside and outside of the House of Assembly, of whom the Daily News was one. Mr. John S. Currie must shoulder, however reluctantly, a double responsibility in this matter, for as a member of the Government party, and also as editor of the Daily News, he aided and abetted the leader in bringing about the coalition which he now fears is going to end in a scandalous calamity. In order to divest himself of any responsibility, the editor of the Daily News says that although a member of the party he was not aware that his leader intended to resign—"he gave no intimation to his associates before leaving for England that he had such a step in contemplation, though the street was filled with rumours." If "the street was filled with rumours" why it is not the duty of Mr. John S. Currie, both as a press editor and a member of the Government party, to probe those rumours to the bottom? In other words, to have demanded from Sir Edward Morris a denial or confirmation of these rumours.

But there is a second horn to the dilemma, and the editor of the Daily News is impaled on that also. He knew that Sir Edward Morris intended leaving for England, and that during his absence Dr. Lloyd, Solicitor for the F. P. U., was to become Acting Premier, for it was publicly announced by Mr. Coaker in his paper, the Advocate. He also knew that when Sir Edward left here the Coakerites would be in a majority in the Executive Council, and that therefore immediately on Sir Edward's departure from the Colony the F. P. U., the "close corporation" of which he now very properly complains, would control the Government and finances of the Colony. The mischief was done when the coalition was approved, it has been rampant for nearly six months—and neither war nor peace could furnish a justification for such an outrage on all tenets of political morality. I will return to this subject to-morrow.

Yours truly,

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 4th.

But the Co. is "Seeing Red" Just Now

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I have always taken a deep interest in matters heraldic and genealogical, and was accordingly much struck by Mr. Coaker's frequent references last night to the amount of blue blood to be found in the veins of our local plutocracy. I had supposed this precious fluid to be somewhat rare in Newfoundland, but I am now reassured. It strikes me, however, as a pity that so many scions of historic stems, with, perhaps—who knows?—even the blood of Plantagenets in their veins, should be born to bluish—bluey, it is to be assumed—unseen in this sadly unappreciative island. Perhaps the United Publishing Company will bring out a local Debrett? It would fill a long-felt want.

Yours very truly,

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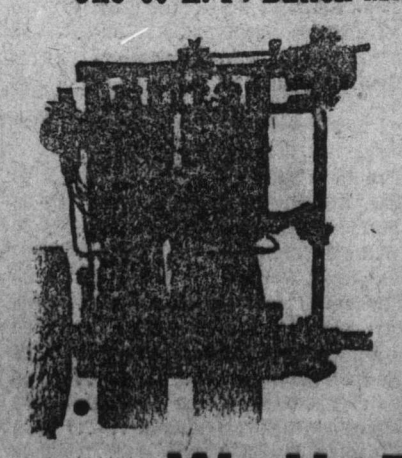
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Grand Patriotic Tea and Concert.

Under the auspices of the Joint Women's and Men's Patriotic Associations a successful tea and concert was held at Topsail on Thursday, December 27th, 1917. The tea, which was held in the S. O. Hall, was well patronized. The tables were nicely appointed, and laden with good things, to which full justice was done. The hall was prettily decorated with evergreens, while immediately in front of the platform was a large candy-stall, the whole width of the hall, the joint achievement of Messadams Bursell and Hollands, which, with its dainty moss-baskets full of fruit, nuts and candy proved a very attractive feature. On the platform a special tea-table was reserved in honor of Reservist William Taylor, one of our returned heroes, who, having returned unexpectedly, had not received the ovation accorded other boys. This omission was more than made good in the warmth of the address of welcome delivered by J. F. Bancroft, Esq., President M.P.A. who presided over the table, of which the returned hero was guest of honor. At this table were seated representative officers from both Associations; the clergy, and Sergt. Joseph Squires, representing the Army. At the close of Mr. Bancroft's speech Reservist Taylor was loudly acclaimed in a manner which showed the people's pride. The ladies in charge of this tea are to be congratulated on the success of every detail. The concert which was held in the S.O.F. Hall, opened at 8:30 p.m., in a house packed to the doors. A troupe of the best amateur talent of St. John's, under the direction of Mrs. L. P. Cooper, were the performers, and the loud applause which followed each item was eloquent of the appreciation of the audience. Amongst so much that was excellent, is, perhaps, unfair to discriminate, but we cannot forbear to mention Miss Doyle, whose acting in "Such is Fame," with its natural grace, so utterly devoid of the obvious staginess that spoils so much amateur acting, charmed everybody. In the same farce Miss Emerson starred as the Cockney servant-maid, and kept the audience convulsed. Perhaps the prettiest item was the Dutch song and dance—"A pink petty from Peter," which was wildly enjoyed, and applauded with great gusto. In the farce "The Spare Room" the comedy was "laid on thick" by Commander McDermod, whose rollicking was irresistible in his role of "Uncle David" to Mrs. Cooper's "Aunt Psyche." In this farce the old saw was clearly demonstrated—there is no fool like an old fool. Mr. Bancroft, at the close, expressed the hearty thanks of the P.A. to Mrs. Cooper and her troupe for their kindness in assisting us in such an interesting fashion; both the S.U.F. and L.O.A. for the free use of their hall; all who helped with the tea; and otherwise, and all who sent donations. Mrs. Cooper, still in Aunt Psyche costume, with bonnet fearfully and wonderfully built, in a charming little speech, thanked the committee for many kindnesses shown the troupe, especially Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft whose guests they were, and the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. The combined proceeds amounted to \$137.

For Shanghai.

Major Abraham, who has been Staff Officer here for the past three years, has been ordered by the Imperial Government to proceed to Shanghai, China, and will leave for there shortly. Major Abraham has already served at that station.

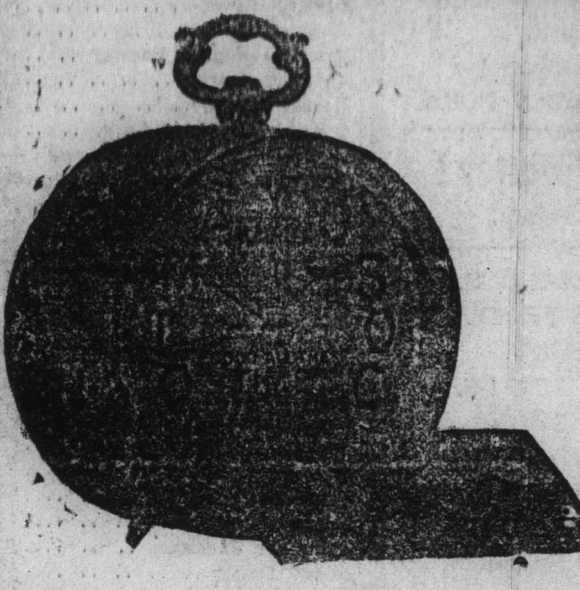
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Vessel in Flames.

Deputy Minister of Customs Le-Messurier, C.M.G., received a message to-day from the Sub-Collector at Bonne Bay informing him that a vessel was in flames between Daniel's Cove and Paton's Pond. The name and nationality of the vessel is unknown and no other particulars are available.

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THIS WEEK.

A. & S. RODGER'S.**A Sad Case.**

The case of the unfortunate outport girl, the victim of some scamp, allusion to which we made yesterday, occupied the attention of the authorities again this morning. The humane

efforts of Magistrate Morris and Inspector General Hutchings to make provision for the poor creature in the way of getting her a temporary place of abode proved unavailing and they regretted that the only place they could have her sent was to the Penitentiary, though not as a criminal.

Both officials sympathized with the girl, who they knew had been respectably up to the time she had been deceived.

RINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM

To-Day's Cables

10.30 A.M.

DIG SUGAR CROP ARRIVING.

PHILADELPHIA, To-Day. The first cargo of the new crop of Cuban sugar consigned to this country arrived to-day on a Norwegian steamer. More than four million tons of Cuban sugar is now available. The refiners say the market will soon be supplied with all the sugar needed. Eighty-four mills are now grinding the last Cuban big sugar crop.

THE MATTER OF PRISONERS.

PETROGRAD, To-Day. The work of the Commission which is dealing with prisoners is proceeding slowly. The Russian delegation claimed the right to send any publication they desired to Russian prisoners in Germany and in the Contraband. They demanded unrestricted and direct telegraphic communication with representatives of the German parties in enemy countries. The German delegates replied that they were unauthorized to make an agreement on this point. The Russians demanded the creation of a special Commission to inquire into the deportation of Polish workmen from employment in privately owned enterprises in Germany. To this demand the Germans responded that they had not been authorized to take up the question. The Russians thereupon asked for further instructions from the Council of the People's Commissars.

KERENSKY AS AUTHOR.

LONDON, To-Day. According to the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., M. Kerensky, the deposed Premier, has prepared an account of his services during the period of the revolution, which will be presented to the Constituent Assembly. It includes full details of conditions at the time during the June offensive and the reasons for which Kerensky decided to remove former Emperor Nicholas II from Siberia.

THE GERMAN BULLY.

PETROGRAD, To-Day. Disclosures of the details of the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations make it clear that Germany assumed a domineering attitude, while Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were very cillary and deservingly so. It was Germany's position. There were difficulties also among the German delegates. Foreign Minister von Kuhlmann and General Hoffmann clashed openly during the general meeting. Germany posed constantly as a conqueror, while her three allies showed eagerness for peace and a willingness to compromise. A statement issued by the Bolsheviks emphasizes the fact that enemy delegates now Petrograd have no diplomatic standing and are here merely to arm details growing out of the armistice, such as the payment of wages and the resumption of the postal service.

SIGNIFICANT OF THE CHANGE.

COPENHAGEN, To-Day. The Local Assembly of Berlin learns from Tokyo that the Japanese Government has decided to enter into diplomatic relations with new Russian Government.

MISS RANKIN HEARD FROM.

WASHINGTON, To-Day. A joint resolution declaring that this Government recognizes the right of Ireland to political independence and that we count Ireland among those countries for whose freedom and democracy we are fighting, introduced to-day by Representative Jeannette Rankin of Montana. Rankin introduced a resolution authorizing the President to require employers of labor during the war pay women workers the same wages as are paid to men and offered a bill to equalize the wages of men and women Government employees perform similar labor.

LONDON SHORT OF MEAT.

LONDON, To-Day. So meagre is the supply of meat in London that the first meatless day expected for a large number of inhabitants during this week-end. Butchers to-day crowded the wholesale markets in an attempt to obtain a supply for their customers, but majority of dealers met with disappointment. The Government has leased 3,000 carcasses of lamb, but supply is reserved for distribution among the butchers in the post-districts. The West End butchers have been told to advise their customers to eat fish, game and poultry if the meat conditions are improved.

WAR REVIEW.

Although the peace conference between representatives of the Bolshevik Government and Central Powers was due to re-convene on Friday, news has come through indicating that the meeting took place. Whether there have been any advances or whether the difficulties in the way of reaching an agreement have been mounting or if concessions by either side making possible further negotiations are intended. Dissatisfaction with the proposals of the Central Powers apparently does not rest solely on the side of the Bolshevik Government, but among the delegates of the Central Powers as well. Bulgaria and Turkey are said to have disagreed with the prevailing attitude of the Germans at Brest-Litovsk conference, where they posed as conquerors. The attitude of the German socialists against the hands of the Central Powers, especially those providing for the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other occupied territory has forced the Imperial Chancellor to refer the situation before the Main Committee of the Reichstag. The Chancellor's statement, however, was merely a platitude and gave no inkling as to what Germany's future intentions in the premises were, and a gift to the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs the task of outlining the most pertinent features of the negotiations up to time that peace has been taken at Brest-Litovsk. "We heartily await the further course of the incident," we read in the strong position, "our loyal intentions and our just rights," was virtually