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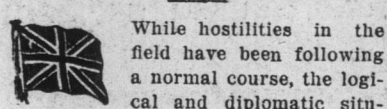
as follows:
Ladies only... at 8 o'clock.
Gentlemen only... at 9 o'clock.
May 15, 21

Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor
H. A. WINNER, B.A., - - Editor

WEDNESDAY, May 16th, 1917

Austria and Russia.



While hostilities in the field have been following a normal course, the logical and diplomatic situation seems to have been changing like a kaleidoscope, presenting every day a new aspect. It offers an extraordinary one at present. Conditions in Russia are so unsettled, and in Austria so bad, that it seems to be a question which of them can first be made amenable to the offers of the other side and induced to withdraw from the struggle. The difficulties in the way of either consummation are so many, however, that they would be likely to render nugatory even the complete willingness of both sides concerned to bring it about. We should feel disposed to put much more reliance in Austria's plain overtures if those that she has so far made did not bear so plainly the character of manufacture or at least modification in Berlin. However tremendous the advantages that any peace with the dual empire would offer to the Allies, they will accept no settlement that preserves the present intolerable form of Government and that leaves the Hapsburg supreme and the Austrian and Magyar predominant over the Slav to the existing extent. Though it would be most likely that with the ruin of the German ruling house that would inevitably follow the patchwork edifice could be trusted to fall to pieces of its own accord.

But there is no denying that the consequences of such a peacemaking would be so great and so beneficial to the Allies that they could afford to agree to terms far more generous than Austria deserves. Her neutrality would isolate Germany from Bulgaria and Turkey and bring about the surrender of the two latter in short order. Even with Russia out of it, a most unlikely contingency in such a case—Germany could not long withstand Britain, France and Italy, with America to throw in her strength at no distant date. In fact the war can end, or begin to end, in no better way than by the retirement from it of Austria, for that country represents in truth Germany's greatest conquest. "Middle Europe" would be cut in half and cease to menace the peace of the world.

In Russia a strict censorship and the conflicting reports that it permits to escape succeed in hiding the truth almost completely. Plainly much more is happening than we have any inkling of. It is comforting to have the Council of Workmen and Soldiers exhorting the army to remain at its post, but that body may be arrogating more importance than it really deserves, and its better behaviour can not outweigh the seriousness of a situation which has resulted in the resignation of the War Minister and the tendered resignations of the two Commanders in Chief, Brussiloff and Gurko. It now looks as if the army and not the people at home had got out of hand. It is a situation in which we can only put reliance in providence and the sound sense of the Russian people and leaders. The most unlighted of them must see the pathetic absurdity of their conduct if, after fighting so long and so valiantly under rulers in open sympathy with their enemies, they now desert with their rifles and only real obstacle has been removed. We believe that the patent truth of the position will prevail in the end over internal dissension and the hypocritical temptings of Germany.

The war meantime may be entering upon a new phase in the opening up of a Macedonian campaign and possibly of an Austro-Italian one as well. If the Italians have begun an offensive in the Isonzo region, as the Austrian bulletin may indicate, the news is welcome. In conjunction with the offensive in Serbia it will keep Austria busy again and renew her apprehensions. Italy has not been idle through the winter, and she is known to be much stronger in the necessary respect of heavy artillery. Success for her in this field would be of great value in the present condition of Austrian affairs.

Incorrigible Boy

FOUND ASLEEP ON THE STREET.

At an early hour this morning, Constables Chafe and Quinlan, of the night guard, while doing duty on Water Street, found a lad named Woodland on the sidewalk near the Shell Factory fast asleep in the arms of morpheus. He evidently was enjoying a quiet nap, despite the exposure, as when awakened by the officers, he felt very much out of sorts. When brought to the police station, he was sparsely clad and said he had no home to go to. Woodland is only 11 years of age and is an incorrigible. He has spent several terms in jail and only a few days ago was released from the Penitentiary, having served three months for theft. He is being held at the police station and tomorrow will be charged before the Magistrate for being a loose and disorderly character. It is a pity that some other means cannot be adopted to try and reform him instead of sending him to jail.

McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1917.
Just arrived, Zambuk Soap 30c. a cake; Peps, a well known throat and chest lozenge, 60c. a box; McMurdo's Assorted Soaps, 10c. a cake.
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Messages Received Previous to 9 a.m.

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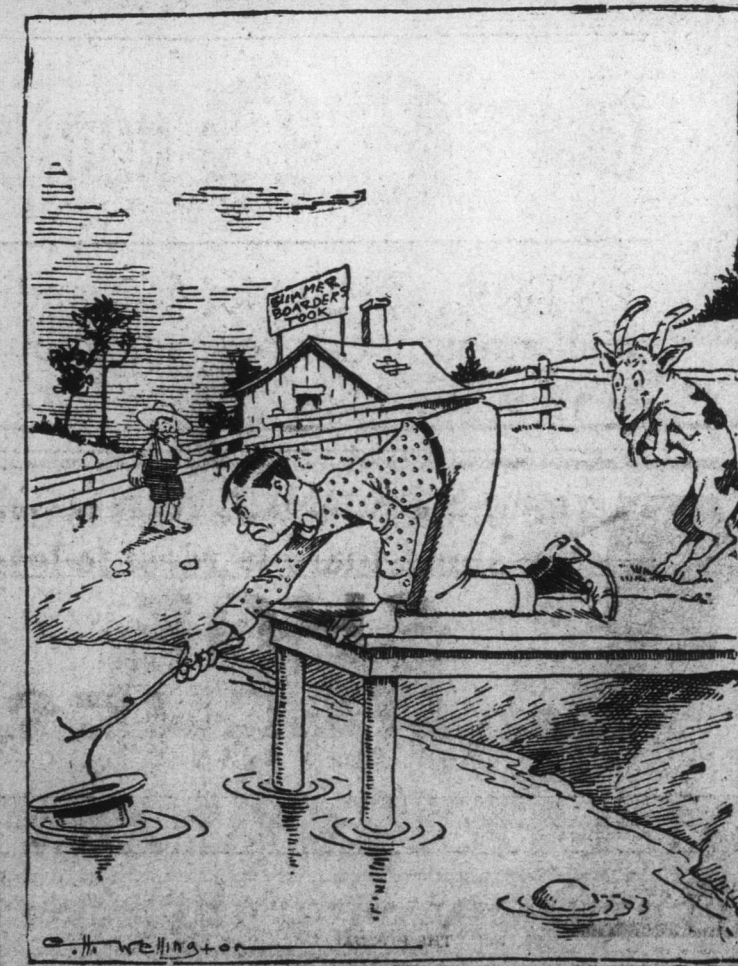
AMSTERDAM, May 15.
The Handelsblad says the Germans have evacuated the civil population of the town of Menin, Belgium. Menin lies on the Franco-Belgium front about 18 miles southeast of Ypres. The town has a population of between 18,000 and 20,000.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, May 15.
The Austrian official received here says: After three days' artillery preparation an Italian attack was begun Monday against the Austrian Isonzo army on a front of more than forty kilometers. The Italians at many points collapsed before the Austrian fire, says the statement, and at one point threw away their equipment and retreated in complete disorder. Wherever the Italians reached the Austrian trenches they were repulsed in hand-to-hand fight and at other points were chased back to their own positions. In their strong defences yesterday, the statement says, our troops achieved a complete success. The enemy left in our hands more than 1,600 prisoners and several machine guns. The battle continues without interruption.

PROSPERO OFF.—The s.s. Prospero, Capt. A. Kean, sailed this morning for northern ports, on her first trip for the season. She took a full freight and these saloon passengers: Messrs. Morrill, Stone, Jones, Guy, Simms, Dinney (2), Walling, Mercer, Davis, Noble, Loder, Barter, Strangmore, Lacey, Loveridge, Earle, Collins, Bowering, Holley, Snow; Dr. Fenwick; Mesdames Morrell, White, Scriver, Earle, Benson (2), Prior, Shearing, Mullett; Misses Grant, Butler, Gillingham and 55 steerage.

And the Worst is Yet to Come



Empire Night

Musical Comedy Entertainment.

Owing to the fact that the Daughters of Empire are unable this year to present their usual 24th of May entertainment for patriotic purposes, Miss Dorothy Johnson has secured the Casino Theatre for that night and will produce an entertainment consisting of selections from the musical comedies and dances, Japanese and Classical, etc., etc., in which she will be supported by our most successful artists. This good work of Miss Johnson's was originally intended for the Jensen Red Cross Fund, but the Committee, desirous that all monies obtained on Empire Day should be devoted to the Imperial Red Cross Fund, waived its claim to the proceeds of that night. The performance, however, will be repeated on the following night, May the 25th, for the Jensen Red Cross Fund, and we feel assured that the public, by its large attendance at this second performance, will show its appreciation of the much needed work that is being done at the Camp for the care and cure of the incipient tuberculosis among our returned soldiers and sailors, more particularly as the camp must shortly be enlarged to double its present size.

Hr. Grace Notes.

The sad news that so many of our boys are missing was received here with deep regret and much sympathy to the anxious relatives and friends, with an earnest prayer from everybody that the brave lads may still be safe.

Workmen to-day began to take down the building on Water Street where Dr. Strapp's drug store was kept for a number of years. We learn that an up-to-date building will be erected on the site that will be an ornament to the town and a credit alike to the enterprising owner and the carpentry work in hand which in itself is a guarantee of neat work being done.

The weather is very backward and farmers are unable to get at their work. This will make them very busy when the preparing and seeding will all have to be done at the one time.

A load of coal arrived this morning to R. D. McRae & Sons.

A schooner arrived yesterday from Trinity Bay with a load of coopers' lumber for Mr. C. D. Garland.

A number of men returned from Bell Island last week and will prosecute the fishery this summer. Quite a number of traps will fish from this place.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hr. Grace, May 14, 1917.

Here and There.

OFF FOR THE STRAITS.—Capt. George Whitley and the remainder of his fishery crews left by yesterday's express for Humbermouth where they will join the S. S. Ethel and proceed to Blanc Sablon where they will prosecute the codfishery as usual.

TO-NIGHT'S CONCERT.—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, under whose patronage the Comrades' Glee Club are giving a concert at the College Hall to-night, will attend. The proceeds are in aid of the city orphanages and it should be well patronized.

C. L. B. Shield Presentation and Drill Exhibition of Pyramids in Armoury, Harvey Road, Thursday, May 17th, 8.15 p.m. Tickets—Chairs, 20c.; Gallery, 10c. Music by Battalion Band. May 16, 11.

SERIOUSLY ILL.—His many friends in St. John's and in the Island generally will regret to hear of the serious indisposition of Mr. Thomas R. Job, of Job Bros. & Co., of Liverpool. Mr. Job has attained his four score of years and for many years was prominently identified with the commercial and industrial life of this Colony.



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Who Should be Notified
---Wives or Mothers?

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Would you allow me space in your valuable paper to ask who received the first news of Pte. Charles Wiseman, No. 2900, being missing, or was there any sent out by the Colonial Secretary, and who was it sent to, his wife, who resides at 21 Butler Place, and received nothing concerning him being missing till she saw it in the 'News'. Now she would like to ask, isn't a wife interested in her husband as well as a mother is in her son, and would like to know his whereabouts as well? We must understand when a man marries and leaves his mother, who, in case of sickness or death will miss him most, his mother or wife? Of course he wasn't married when he enlisted and his home was Heart's Delight, but that's no reason why his wife could not be notified. Don't the military authorities keep a register, and could they see by that where his allotment was sent and to whom it was sent, so if there is any more news received concerning him would they please notify his wife as well as his mother, as in these days of anxiety it's hard to take a paper and read it yourself that one's husband is missing and was not notified of it first. I know it was a long list but still every one thinks most of their own, so whatever others think, I think wives should be notified first. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I will close for the present, and hoping wives won't be forgotten in future, I remain,

ANNIE WISEMAN.

21 Butler Place,
off Hamilton St., City.

A CORRECTION.—In yesterday's casualties, 2892 Pte. Duncan J. McLean, stated as missing, should read 2892 Corporal Duncan J. McLean, Scotland.

There is only one way that the poisons in the blood can be cleaned away and the cause of pains and aches removed, and that is by the healthy action of the kidneys, liver and bowels. Because Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills act directly and specifically on these organs and ensure their activity they remove the cause of rheumatism and other dreadfully painful and fatal diseases. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

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1st Nfld. REGIMENT.

Casualty List.

Received May 16th, 1917.

859—Private Roy Spencer, Port Hope, Ontario. Seriously ill, gunshot wound arm. Amputation of right arm. Improving.

2560—Private Raymond Foster, Nippon Harbor. Seriously ill, appendicitis, Northumbrian. Casualty Clearing Station, April 29. Admitted Wandsworth. Appendicitis.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Rheumatism Entirely Gone

After Twenty-seven Years of Suffering—Swelling and Puffiness Has Disappeared—Not a Pain or an Ache Left.

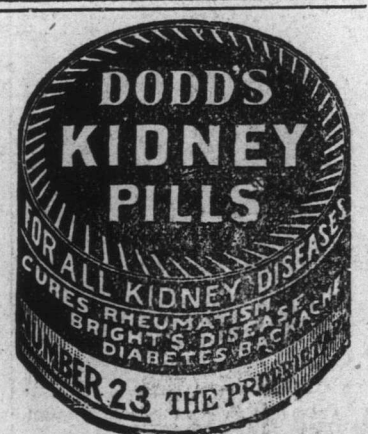
Kincardine, Ont., May 16th.—A most astonishing cure of rheumatism and eczema has been reported here, and Mrs. Ray is enthusiastic in telling her many friends how cure was effected. Rheumatism and eczema frequently go together, and in this case caused the most keen distress imaginable. All the swelling and puffiness resulting from many years of rheumatism have disappeared, and there is not a pain or an ache left.

Mr. G. H. Ray, R.R. No. 1, Kincardine, Ont., writes: "Mrs. Ray has been using your Kidney-Liver Pills. She was very bad with rheumatism and eczema, and had had that fearful itch for twenty-seven years. It was simply terrible what she suffered. I persuaded her to try \$1.00 worth of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, she is now on the last box, and let me tell you she scarcely knows herself, she is so free from both these diseases. All the swelling and puffiness caused by the rheumatism has gone away, and she has gone down in weight 18½ pounds. She never has an ache nor pain, but she is not sick headache all these months. She often says herself 'How glad I am that I know what to do instead of paying doctors so much to make me worse.'"

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ANOTHER SIGN OF THE TIMES.—We understand that the tonsorial artists of the city are not prepared to be excluded from the increases that are going now-a-days, and have decided to advance their prices for face and hair decorations to the extent of about thirty per cent. Their new schedule of rates will come into effect on Monday next, we hear.

STOMACH TROUBLES.—Stafford's Prescription "A" cures Indigestion and Dyspepsia. Price 25 and 50c. bottle. Postage 5 and 10c. extra.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers are on the incoming express, which left Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. to-day: A. Piercey, Mrs. Piercey and child, Mrs. Penney, F. Clouter, Rev. Clouter, Rev. Lockyer, Dr. Kellam and Mrs. Kellam, A. Squire, A. Halliburton, H. Section, Miss Moulard, R. J. French, J. Cousens, Mrs. L. Kean, Miss J. J. Murphy, Miss Mary Furlong, C. Cowan, S. Pretty, J. Moore; also the following Royal Naval Reservists: N. Cheater, A. Bushire, W. G. Normore, Jas. Fry, A. Bishop, R. Bradbury, J. Bartlett, E. Puddister, R. Field, C. Atkins, H. Carey, J. Cheater, W. Hefern, L. Crane, E. Yetman, E. Withers.

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DIED.

On the 16th inst., there passed peacefully away, after a long illness, Mrs. Wm. Hellyer, beloved wife of Wm. Hellyer, leaving to mourn a husband, one son, two sisters and two brothers; funeral at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 162 LeMarchant Road, on Friday, 18th; friends will kindly accept this, the only, intimation.

A blessed one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home Which can no more be filled.

On May 5, Patrick Coady, carpenter, formerly of this city, aged 87 years, for the past 43 years a resident of Toronto, leaving one son and two daughters at Toronto and one brother, John, and one sister, Mrs. P. Kennedy of this city, to mourn him.—R.I.P.

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