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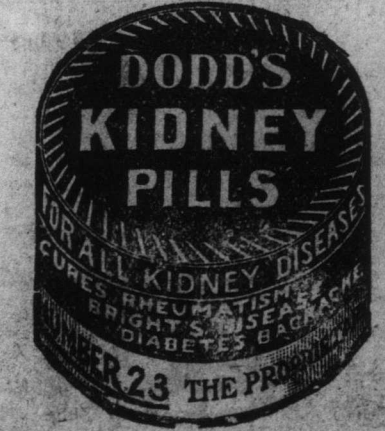
## LENS.

Great news comes over the wires to-day, Lens, the great mining centre from which the Germans have drawn liberal supplies for two years, and a main support of their line north through Lille and south through Douai, is being encircled slowly but surely and relentlessly, and the messages seem to convey the impression that the town, or what is left of it, will soon be wholly in British hands. Nothing could give more eloquent testimony of the overwhelming superiority of our arms in the west, for there is no point which Hindenburg would relinquish less willingly. The utmost force which he can bring to its defence is inadequate. The British front is invulnerable to attack; its slow, sapping, creeping advance behind a pitiless rain of metal is not to be resisted by twice the number of men the Germans can oppose to it.

The wisdom of Haig's method becomes every day more manifest. The Vimy victory brought him very close to Lens, but not close enough. He might have taken it by pushing on, but his losses would have been terrible. Instead, he consolidated his new, and commanding positions thoroughly and trusted to their inherent strength to do the same work at a much smaller cost. It has been done and now we see the finishing touches. The enemy has attacked persistently but in vain. He has lost heavily. With each repulse he has given a little more ground. The British and Canadians have crept along from Givency and Angres, pushing the lower, or southern, end of the net nearer to the doomed city. They are now in Coulotte and are fighting for Avion. Lens is a nest of machine guns, but they will not do much harm. There will be no direct attack on the town and the guns will need to turn in every direction. It is the new old method, first perfected on the Somme, which reduced Posteries, Combes and other "impregnable" positions. From this distance the whole operations, pushed forward in the teeth of desperate and very strong resistance, have all the merits of a masterpiece.

But masterpiece or not they spell the end of German rule in France and Belgium, the end of the war and the end of German militarism. Lens is a corner-post of Lille; Lille is the key to Flanders. The immediate effect of the British successes is to wrest a valuable coal and iron district from the enemy; indeed it is probable that Lens has been useless to him in that respect for some time. The damage he has done to the mines must be great but will not be irreparable; it is not comparable to the loss he has sustained himself. But the chief importance of the situation is its military aspect. If Lens falls, and its doom seems certain, it will represent perhaps the greatest victory that British arms have yet achieved, and the effect of it will be tremendous.

**HOMELESS WANDERER.**—Last night the police found a young woman, without home, friends or money, wandering the streets. She was taken to the police station for safekeeping.



## Obstruction Over

Opposition Calls For Division of the House Because Premier Morris Would Not Disclose What He Has "Up His Sleeve"—Marked Disparity in Civil Servants' Salaries Discussed.

Unexpectedly a tone of conciliation pervaded the atmosphere in the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon, as it was generally understood that a pronouncement, not at all favourable to the Opposition, would be made by the Leader of the Government regarding an election. The Premier remained totally reticent as to his attitude. Notwithstanding, the Opposition discontinued their obstruction tactics.

Dr. Lloyd, the Leader of the Opposition, moved "that in the opinion of the House it was desirable that Supply be not proceeded with until a statement has been received from the Prime Minister as to the intention of the Government re holding an election the coming Autumn."

Mr. Clift seconded the motion, which was put to a vote. A division was taken and the motion defeated on a strict party vote—14 to 10. Then for the first time within the past fortnight business was proceeded with and votes for some of the principal Departments in the Civil Service passed, including that of the Prime Minister's Colonial Secretary's, Public Works, Justice, Customs and Agriculture and Mines Departments.

While discussing the votes Dr. Lloyd pointed out some huge discrepancies and marked disparities in the increased salaries. It is absolutely unfair, he said, that where a man received two small salaries he is provided with an increase on each whereas a man whose salary is consolidated and whose duties are more responsible, comes in for a small increase and perhaps none at all. In this he was supported by Mr. Clift and other members of the Opposition.

Mr. Cashin, the Minister of Finance, agreed with what had been said and stated that the mistakes could be rectified as the business progressed.

Dr. Lloyd said it would be too late to correct the mistakes then as each vote in the Estimates was being passed separately.

Mr. Clift said that the whole system on which the increases were based was a mass of absurdities, as he cited an instance in which a clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, a responsible position, was receiving \$200 a year less than the messenger at the Public Works Office.

The Colonial Secretary agreed with Mr. Clift and regretted that such was the case. He hoped to get more for this efficient young man (Rendell) in future.

A general discussion then took place on the duties and qualifications of this messenger (Lockyer). The consensus of opinion was that he spent little or no time at his work at all, several members stating that he was constantly on Water Street, buying fish and oil and was looked upon as a commission agent; another said he was an "out-and-out" political campaigner, and the climax was tipped when Mr. Coaker announced that while on his return from Catalina yesterday and passing through Bay de Verde District, Mr. Lockyer was there hot on the political war path.

Mr. Woodford, Minister of Public Works, in giving an explanation, made one of his typical amusing speeches. First he said that Mr. Lockyer was always at his post and was the best messenger they ever had since he took charge of the Department. He said that often he used to send Lockyer to town to buy kindling for the Department. As for his presence in Bay de Verde, Mr. Woodford first said that Lockyer was not absent from his office, but later forgot himself and said that he gave him permission to go on a holiday last week as he was sick.

Dr. Lloyd and other members then questioned why the Deputy Minister of Justice should draw \$3,000, including \$1,200 as part salary from the Magistrate's Court, as against \$1,600 for the Deputy Minister of Public Works and Deputy Colonial Secretary and \$1,200 for the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines, who were competent, efficient and indispensable officials. The last mentioned gentleman said Dr. Lloyd had a meritorious family and had contributed generously to the Empire's call (5 sons); no boys had distinguished themselves better and he was glad to be able to state that word has just come to hand that one of them had received a commission and won a Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry on the battle field.

Mr. Cashin stated that the gentleman referred to had been receiving extra fees within the past five or six years for arbitration work in connection with the Railways.

The House adjourned at 6.30 till this afternoon.

Batter left over from hot cakes can be disposed of in two ways—it may go into the making of ginger-bread, or you can stir it into the mush when it is boiling.

## Obituary.

WILLIAM McLELLAN.

The almost sudden passing of Mr. Wm. McLellan occurred at his residence at Codroy Harbour, early on Saturday morning, June 23rd, 1917, after a brief illness. The deceased was near 80 years of age and was highly respected and well known on the West Coast, and also a prominent figure in the community. For over fifty years the deceased was always ready to help a traveller, and his home was opened to many a man from home. Being of a charitable disposition he extended many a welcome to both rich and poor, and was well liked by all who knew him, and a carpenter by trade and many a structure stands to-day as the fruits of his labors. He leaves four sons to mourn their loss namely, Capt. John, Daniel, Alexander and William, also four daughters, Mrs. O. E. Hannas, of Sydney, C.B., and Mrs. Thos. Hall, of Boston, Mass., and Miss Minnie, who, for the past two years, with her brother William, cared for their deceased father, their mother having passed away some ten years ago, to whom with other members of the family the friends of the deceased extend sympathy.

SYMPATHIZER.

## An Injustice to Old Officials.

We understand that a number of the older officials of the General Post Office resent the actions of the authorities in the appointment of junior officials to the important position of censor. This, they claim, should be given to those who have spent the best years of their life in the service, and the amounts which have been paid to one or two of the young clerks would have been of great assistance to them if given an opportunity to earn it.

## Axle Snapped With Heavy Load.

At 5.15 p.m. yesterday afternoon the axle of one of the hind wheels of a dray-cart owned by G. Browning & Son snapped on Water Street a short distance east of Hutchings Street. The driver who was sitting on the front was thrown to the ground, but fortunately escaped being injured. The contents of the dray, which consisted of some thirty sacks of hard brick, were carted away by another truck.

## Everyday Etiquette.

"Please tell me at a small wedding, as the minister lives out of town, should his fare be paid before or after the wedding?" asked John.

"It would be thoughtful to send the ticket to the minister, that he may receive it before starting on the journey. He must not be allowed to bear the travelling or hotel expenses," said his friend.

**A SUGGESTION.**—By the last English mail quite a number of people received printed forms from the Hon. Secretary of the Overseas Club, London, asking that they solicit subscriptions for the Overseas Tobacco Fund for Canadian soldiers at the front. While not doubting the sincerity of this movement, we would suggest that intending subscribers should first consider a similar fund near home, namely "Cheer-O-Linds."

Instead of tea or coffee  
**POSTUM**  
"There's a Reason"

## Casualty List.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESPECTING CASUALTIES ALREADY REPORTED.

Received June 26th, 1917.

Prisoner of War in Hospital at Mulheim, Ruhr, Rheinland, Germany (No Date Given), Gunshot Wound Left Leg. Previously Reported Missing, April 14th.  
2972—Private Joseph Harris, Grand Bank.

J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

## Russian Morale Is Better Now.

And This Despite the Fact That Germans are Relying Upon Alcohol and Ink in their Warfare.

Petrograd, June 19.—Germany is using alcohol and ink, instead of powder, on the eastern front. The propaganda of booze and notes is relied upon more than bullets just now to undermine the strength of the Russian army.

Despite all efforts to stop communication between the two sets of trenches German liquor seems to appear on the Russian side and every morning there are hundreds of neatly printed or carefully written notes and letters deposited near the Russian trenches. Reports from the front detailed to-day an increasing betterment of morale among the Russian soldiers. General Brusiloff, Commander-in-Chief of the army, who is on a tour of the battle lines to stir his soldiers up to fighting spirit and to restore rigid discipline again is meeting with enthusiastic receptions everywhere.

The congress of the old Greek church party at Moscow to-day adopted resolutions firmly insisting that Russia should make war to the bitter end against Germany. The meeting telegraphed Minister of War Kerensky, "You're Russia's foremost outpost in the field of liberty."

Ukrainian delegates in the Black Sea and coal mines have met and adopted resolutions declaring their independence and repudiation of Russia's war debt.

Members of the American mission have been exceedingly busy in conferences with various provisional Government heads, Major General Scott, the military chief of the mission, was to leave to-day for a visit to the Russian front. Rear Admiral Glennon was with the Russian battle fleet in the Black Sea. The members of the railroad commission, headed by John F. Stevens, have been in almost uninterrupted conference with Russian transportation experts. Stevens himself has been ill from ear trouble and unable to participate but was expected to be up and about within a few days. Former Senator Root and the other civilian commissioners of the diplomatic mission have been engaged in a series of conferences with various members of the ministry.

**COMFORTABLE COMPARTMENTS ON THE S.S. THETIS.**—The S.S. Thetis, which sails for the Labrador mail service Thursday, has been thoroughly renovated by the Reid Nfd. Co. and very comfortable compartments have been fitted up for first and second class passengers.

**GOOD FISHERY.**—Fishermen in and around St. John's did well again yesterday. Traps at the North and South Batteries got big hauls on the local grounds. Along the Southern Shore some have voyages ashore already.

## Our Volunteers.

The following recruits signed the roll at the various recruiting stations yesterday and on Monday:

**FOR THE ARMY.**  
James Delaney, Placentia.  
A. N. James, Epworth, Burin.  
James Williams, Placentia.  
Nicholas Kennedy, Bonne Bay.  
Albert Brenon, Burin.  
Samuel Hollett, Grand Bank.  
Frederick Burden, Burin.  
John Hollett, Burin.  
William Moulton, Garish.  
Michael Lundrigan, Burin.  
Thos. Roberts, Burin.  
William Strong, Burin.  
Clifford Smith, Burin.  
Samuel White, Bunyans Cove.  
James Haddy, Burin.  
William Burbridge, Burin.  
E. Vincent, St. John's.  
John J. Parker, St. John's.  
Wilfred Wootley, Lewisporte.  
Archibald Lidstone, Laurencetown.  
Joseph West, Musgrave Harbor.  
David Cooper, South West Arm, N. B.

**FORESTRY COMPANIES.**  
Wm. Meade, Bay D'Espoir.  
Lawrence Benoit, Bay D'Espoir.  
Jacob Noseworthy, Long Pond, Manuels.

## Fishery News.

From I. Parsons (Riverhead, Bay Roberts, to Juggler's Cove).—Prospects are not good at present and of the 38 traps fishing 3 or 4 took a few quintals last week. Caplin is scarce.

From B. Brazil (Island Rock to Pt. Rosey).—The total catch is 1800 qtls. and for last week 700. Only one trap, 12 dories and skiffs and 13 boats are fishing. There is plenty of cod and prospects are the best in the last twenty years, the dories getting from 2 to 3 qtls. a day. Caplin is fairly plentiful for bait.

From S. E. Chafe (South Pt. Briggs, to Bay Roberts Pt.).—Prospects are not bright to date and caplin is scarce. Hook and liners are doing nothing and one crew with 2 traps report for 35 quintals of the 150 which is the total catch. The average catch of the others is very small. Thirty dories and skiffs and 50 traps are fishing.

From M. J. White (Aquaforte to Caplin Bay).—The total catch is 1,580 quintals, and for last week 1,420. Thirty-nine traps, 46 dories and skiffs and 16 motor boats are fishing. Prospects are very good, and there is a good sign of fish on trawls. Caplin is plentiful. Traps are doing very little.

From W. White (Trotty to Port Rexton).—Caplin is plentiful but prospects are poor, and the best catch reported for one trap for a week is 5 qtls. The total catch is 310 qtls. with 30 for last week. Most of the traps are taking only enough for local consumption. Caplin is so abundant that the farmers are using it as fertilizer.

From C. Renouf (Bank Head to Highlands).—The catch to date is 15,649 qtls. and for last week 524. Forty-seven traps and 52 dories and skiffs are fishing. There is no caplin yet on this shore, but herring is obtainable in small quantities and hook and liners are doing well. Codfishing prospects are very good, and the same applies to the lobster industry in some places.

From J. Gosse (Spanlard's Bay to Upper Island Cove).—Prospects are not very good, and the traps average only 2 qtls. while the hook and liners are doing nothing. The boats get about 2 qtls. each some days on herring bait. Sixteen traps and 42 boats are fishing.

## Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'S.

GUESTS AT BALSAM PLACE.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jettett, Briggs; Rev. Isaac French, Exploits; F. F. Murphy, Miss Nellie Murphy, Placentia; J. W. Hiscock, Briggs.

Fresh Smoked Haddies, 12c. per lb., at ELLIS'S.

**ETHIE'S REPORT.**—The s.s. Ethie arrived at Humbermouth from the Straits of Belle Isle mail service at 7.20 p.m. yesterday, having made all sorts of call as far north as Belle Harbor. Capt. Goobie reports a slight improvement in the fishery since his last report.

**BASEBALL WEDNESDAY, 6 P.M. WANDERERS—LIONS. ADMISSION, 5 CENTS. PROCEEDS FOR RED CROSS FUND. June 25, 31.**

**DOCK MACHINISTS BUSY.**—Machinists at the dry dock shops are working night and day in order to complete the new bow being built on the salt boat now on the stocks. As soon as the ship is re-floated her place will be taken by another ship equally large. It will be well up to the middle of August before the latter ship will be able to leave the dock.

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