

Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, March 31, 1917.

Against the World.

Next week will be one of the most momentous since the beginning of the war. Matters will take on a new aspect; the war itself will enter on a new stage. Congress meets on Monday to commit the United States to the most serious step a nation can take. For the present it is little more than academic interest that the country is in a state of war with Germany. What Congress will do—an unfettered Congress this time—is to declare formally that such a state of war exists, but also to give practical direction, so far as lies within its functions, to the prosecution of actual and active warfare. The necessary appropriations will be made, and the legislation required by the policy the Government will adopt will be enacted, and will disclose with sufficient clearness what that policy will be. It will in any case be indicated by the President in his address.

Despite their pretended assurance, there are not wanting signs of great uneasiness in Germany and Austria at this eleventh hour. The swift and uncompromising decision of America in February was unexpected by them, and their diplomats have clung to the delusion even since then that she would not take the step she is about to take. But they cannot recede in the only effective way, and order their submarines to cease their murder. To do so would be to confess either failure of the campaign or dire fear of the new adversary, and to suffer a moral defeat that would immediately bring disastrous consequences within their own borders. They are hardly in a dilemma, for they are compelled to the choice already of one of the painful alternatives that confront them. From this point their fond and favourite weapon will itself bring into the war against it counter-weapons of great effectiveness, so that the first direct result of its use will be an increase in the means to defeat it. The other possible effects in other directions are too vague and perhaps too vast to consider.

The time has come when too great attention cannot be given to the social conditions in every country involved in the war. One after another messages are coming in that tell of the awakening of the German people to the real facts and nature of the war, their realization that it is a struggle of democracy against autocracy. Things must have gone far when a paper like the Tagblatt can openly call upon the German Government to make the desired electoral reforms at

once, and when the Munich Post can confess frankly that against its country is arrayed the whole world democracy. These are bold utterances. They must be effects; they cannot be designed to be causes. The message, both spoken and unspoken, of the liberated Russian people has been heard. Prussia will stifle the response, until the people of Germany rise up and stifle Prussia and sweep away the anachronism of its form of Government and the brutalising influences of its ascendancy. On the time when this is done depends almost the whole fate of Germany. If that ascendancy is as firmly established as we have been taught by the war to believe it is, then that fate will be a terrible one. Russia will fight like a giant aroused; France hardly needed the sight of the latest German barbarities to provoke her to white hot fury and steel her determination to fight Germany into grovelling surrender on the battlefield. It may be coincidence or it may be fate, to call it by no higher name, that republican America comes into the fight just as the Russian people have won theirs. She might have done so many months ago, but she could not have done so at a greater moment.

Jensen Red Cross Fund

For Our Wounded and Invalided Soldiers and Sailors.

Concert St. Patrick's Night . . . \$220.00
Miss B. Knowling 2.00
Mrs. H. Munn 5.00
Patriotic Association, Bell Island 100.00
The Committee also wish to acknowledge the gift of books and games from Mr. C. Ayre.
ADELINE E. BROWNING
FLORENCE S. PATERSON.

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 8:20 p.m. yesterday.
There is no incoming express at present on the road.
The local from Carbonear reached the city at 1 p.m. to-day.

ANOTHER GRAND SOCIABLE.—The ladies of the Congregational Aid Society intend holding another Sociable on Thursday, April 12th. As this is the last Sociable they will hold this season, a special effort is being made to make this one a crowning success. Make a note of the date.—mar27,31,tu,th,s

SEALERS' TRAIN.—A special train with over 100 sealers left at 5 p.m. yesterday. The majority of the men are for points in Bonavista Bay.

A FALSE REPORT.—The report that was being circulated around town to the effect that a ship en route for this port and jammed in the ice had secured a large number of seals, is incorrect, so we are informed by the owners.

Daring Feats in the Air

Lieutenant Reid's Brilliant Work as Pilot.

We take the following short extract from a lengthy article on aerial fighting appearing in a recent number of "The Great War." The Lieutenant Reid mentioned is Lieut. Howard Reid, who has just returned to duty again after a short leave of absence here. The passage evidently shows that the young airman's work has been more meritorious than is generally known in his own country.

"Capt. Dixon-Spain, with Lieutenant Reid as pilot, became a master fighter. On one day they attacked and drove off a hostile machine, and a few minutes later four more German planes were sighted, three of which were attacked one after the other and driven back, while the fourth machine was tackled by another British patrol. On another occasion Captain Dixon Spain and Lieutenant Reid swooped onto two German machines, drove one down and forced the other off. Two days later another German couple were dealt with in the same manner, one machine being shot down and the other being pursued to its aerodrome."

Casualty List.

(Received March 30.)

417—L. Corp. William J. Gladney, D.C.M., Portugal Cove. Admitted Military Hospital, Dartmouth, N.S., diphtheria; progressing favorably.
3246—Private John Candow, Monroe Street. Seriously ill inflammation of kidneys, (Windsor, N.S.)
588—L. Corp. William Humphries, East Point, Catalina. Seriously ill pneumonia, Sydney, N.S.

(Received March 31.)

Reported by Officer Commanding Draft (Previously Reported.)

2822—Private Ernest A. Gosney, Black River, P.B. Pneumonia; off dangerous list; progressing favorably. Now convalescent.

3275—Private Alex. D. Pushe, Heart's Content. Seriously ill, pleurisy; progressing favorably. Do.

3197—Private Leo Terry, Coachman's Cove. Seriously ill, pneumonia; progressing favorably. Do.
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Sealing Disaster Anniversary.

To-day, March 31st, marks the anniversary of the terrible sealing disaster of 1914, when 252 men lost their lives and many others were badly frostbitten. It will be remembered that most of the crew of the S.S. Newfoundland (since lost) were caught out in a blizzard and unable to make their way back to the ship. After being on the ice nearly sixty hours, they were picked up, 77 of them frozen to death, by the rescue ship Bellaventure, and brought into St. John's. The S.S. Southern Cross while on her way from the Gulf with a load of fat, was lost in the same storm. She was deeply laden and foundered with all hands, numbering 175 lives. Pieces of wreckage of the Southern Cross were afterwards picked up in England and Scotland, having drifted there with the tide. The awful calamity of that year is the worst in the history of the sealfishery.

Wedding Bells.

TAYLOR—BUTLER.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the George's Street Methodist Parsonage by the Rev. N. Guy, on the 27th, when Miss Beatrice F. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor, Brazil's Square, was united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. James Butler, of Knowling's Central Dry Goods Dept. Miss Sallie Whitten and Miss Helen Butler acted as bridesmaids, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. J. Garland also of Knowling's Dry Goods Dept. The presents received were useful and valuable, including a purse of gold. The Telegram joins in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Butler a bon voyage over the sea of matrimony.

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, March 31, 1917.

McMurdo's Extract of Malt and Cod Liver Oil is one of the most elegant as well as most effective preparations of its class. For rapidly growing or delicate children, it supplies what is needed, nourishment for the tissues and fat, enabling the child to attain normal health. Large bottles 90c. each.

Our Catalogues of Sutton's Seeds are now ready for distribution and will be sent gratis and post free to anyone sending name and address. Send or call for yours.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GALLS GET IN COWS.

\$25,000 Hoped for Imperial Red Cross Fund.

Yesterday afternoon there met at Government House the Committee chosen to organize for an "Imperial Red Cross Fund," in response to the appeal recently wired to His Excellency Sir Walter Davidson, by Sir Robert Hudson, the Chairman of the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Fund and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England. These two organizations are carrying on the whole work of voluntary effort in caring for sick and wounded soldiers and sailors in the present war in support of the regular military and naval organizations, and in view of the expected activities—both on land and sea during the summer, have asked that the British Empire Overseas shall contribute as much as possible towards increasing the funds available for this purpose.

His Excellency the Governor presided at the opening yesterday afternoon and invited nominations for officers. There were present Lady Davidson, Mrs. G. H. Emerson and Mrs. W. G. Gosling, representing the W.P.A., and Mrs. John Harvey, the Secretary of the Red Cross branch; Sir William Horwood, Surgeon-Major Macpherson and Mr. John Fenelon, representing the St. John Ambulance Association; and Mr. F. H. Steer and Hon. P. T. McGrath representing the Men's Patriotic Association, the third nominee, Mr. R. G. Rendell, being absent from the city at present.

His Excellency having stated the object of the meeting, invited nominations for officers, and Sir William Horwood was unanimously chosen as Chairman and Mr. Steer as Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Major Macpherson, Mr. Steer and Mr. Fenelon were named as a Committee to draft an appeal for transmission to the magistrates, teachers and other representative persons in the outports, and also for publication through the press. It was also agreed that the Chairman of the Board of Trade be written and asked that his organization undertake the work of making a collection from the principal business firms and others in the city. It was announced by Lady Davidson that the W.P.A. was planning a "tag" scheme for Empire Day, as last year, the proceeds of which would be given to this Fund, and other ideas for enlarging it were considered.

The intention now is to make a large collection as possible for Empire Day and to transmit it at once. Last year the amount raised for Empire Day was \$20,000 and the Committee is setting it at \$25,000, the sum which it hopes to raise this year in view of the greater needs, while it is hoped that even this figure may be exceeded.

Here and There.

Over 30,000 bottles of Stafford's Liniment sold last year.

MISSION CLOSES.—The mission for the men being conducted at the R. C. Cathedral and St. Patrick's closes to-morrow night.

Zylex does great work in Burns and Scalds. Try it. At McMURDO'S, 50c. box.—li

EXIT MARCH.—To-day's strong gale and rainstorm verifies the old adage that March month "came in like a lamb and went out like a lion."

A large assortment of English Easter Eggs and Novelties at BISHOP, SONS & CO'S, Grocery Dept. Phone 679.—m31,lf

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light S. E. wind, raining on the East Coast and snow at the Topsails; temperature 13 to 30 above.

HAMPERED BY ICE.—Most of the fishermen at the Batteries are waiting for the ice to move off to have their first "try" on the local fishing grounds.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—The work of inoculating the volunteers is being carried on daily. To-morrow the usual church parade will be held by the soldiers.

AMBULANCE CALL.—The ambulance brought a man named O'Grady to the General Hospital yesterday evening, suffering from a serious internal ailment.

MORE ICE IN CONCEPTION BAY.—The ice is again packed close to the south side of Bell Island, thus preventing the mailboat from crossing to Portugal Cove. While there has been considerable ice in Conception Bay this season it has not been cemented by frost sufficient to allow transportation on its surface, as is often the case.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.



A BIG SPREAD FOR EASTER

NEW GOODS FOR EASTER.

<p>Ladies' Costumes. Smart styles, newest fabrics.</p> <p>NEW BLOUSES. Treat yourself to one for Easter. Voile, Organdie, Zephyr, Ninon and Silk, 75c. to \$2.50.</p> <p>Ladies' and Children's Dresses. White & Coloured, very dainty.</p>	<p>White Embroidered Underskirts. 75c. to \$2.50.</p> <p>MIDDY BLOUSES. White and Palm Beach, trimmed Red or Blue, \$1.00 to 2.50.</p> <p>Special Line CHILDREN'S CORDUROY HATS, 40c. each.</p> <p>NECKWEAR. White Organdie Collars, lace trimmed, 25c. ea. Collar & Cuff Sets, 25 cents.</p>
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Fancy Enamelled Bar Pins, 2 1/2 in. long 17c. each.

Blouse Pin Sets, 12 cents.

Ladies!

THIS WEEK WE OFFER

A Splendid Selection

— OF —

BLOUSES

AT ONLY

\$1.00 each.

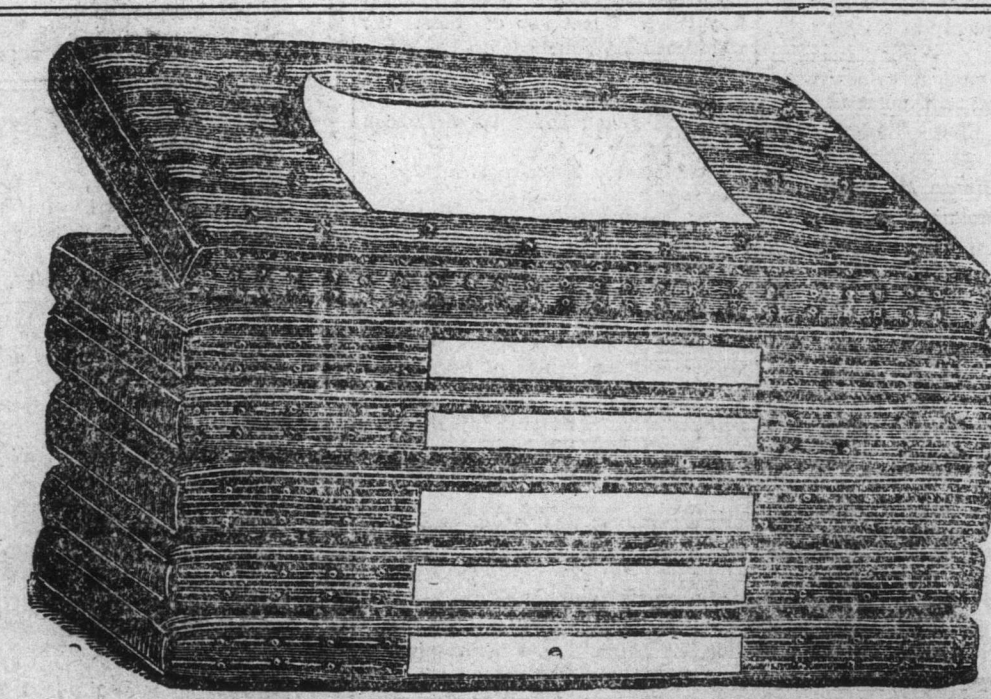
This range includes a very fine assortment of White, Black and Coloured Blouses, and the values are Extra Special.

See Our Window Display of these Dainty \$1.00 Blouses.

We have also just opened many other Blouses at other prices which are also good values, and you can save money by buying your Blouses here now, as at other times, as we have bought these goods well and have marked them low to help you out on the High Cost of Living.

Henry Blair

Our New Health Mattress,
Absolutely Sanitary.



MADE EXPRESSLY FOR US.

The filling is of pure kiln dried wood fibre, made in factory in building from selected wood and placed in the Mattress without pressing out the curl. This wood fibre is covered with layers of soft carded cotton felt, perfectly sanitary. Built by expert workmen, you can depend on getting a good reliable Mattress if you buy the **NEW HEALTH**. Having secured a special line of ticking which is very strong and durable in exclusive printed art or woven designs, we are going to give our customers and the public generally the benefit of same at old prices, provided they come at once, as prices must necessarily advance owing to the serious advances in the foreign market.

Prices, from \$5.00 up. See West Window.

The C. L. MARCH CO., Ltd.,
Corner Water and Springdale Streets.

Advertise in "The Evening Telegram."

TO-DAY
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11.00 A
WAR REV

LONDON
The British troops occupied three more miles of the Somme region and in the process for several days have recaptured the positions by the Germans on the German retirement on the Peronne-Pines Ridge, strong British presence by Berlin. Two villages, Grand, which are on the other, Ruyalcourt, south and 8 miles to the name, Field Marshal Haig says, after hard fighting gained ground west of the direction of Hemelward the railroad running Marolring. A German British positions south Bourjoval, between Ruyalcourt, is reported by London. It has been checked with troops have been in action Neville St. Vaast. British four attacks by Canadian repulsed with heavy London Claims the German entered and prisoners taken. Berlin nor Paris Pantry action between the Oise. Northeast of the attack were dispersed. In the sector verging on northeast of Soissons, made progress. West of Champagne a French offensive resulted in the German to give up the position. Wednesday. The French prisoners, Paris adds. The no important action on other fronts. Russian attack delivered southeast of the eastern front but not say with what result. troops entered Russian the Oginski Canal, but were Austrian attacks against positions on Monte Fait on Italian front, Rome says with heavy losses and taken.

PLAIN WORDS FROM PAPERS.
LONDON
A despatch to the English graph from Amsterdam, Tagblatt as commenting on the German Chancellor to postpone franchise reform of the war. It is a prospect of internal reform to have taken the Chancellor ought to be reminded of his own words the statesman who falls on his own age or lets slip his. "The Vossische Zeitung as saying, "If the Government in the lurch we shall ourselves. Parliament, representative of the people, reform into its own hands a resolute Reichstag and weight than the words of the." According to the says the correspondent, petitions have been placed Reichstag. A large number demand that the Reichstag on Emperor William the "Falkland" so that it may history and the ages again him. The Reichstag Parliament will discuss the correspondent adds.

FRENCH TO FIGHT TO END.
PARIS
A resolution affirming blockade of Germany is and completely expressed that the Government would necessary measures so designate the efforts of France Allies was adopted under the Chamber of Deputies 15 Cochin, Under-Secretary Affairs, in charge of blockades, admiral blockades left something because neutrals which tors of Germany were France as they were by outrages committed recent France, he declared now for carrying the war end, until the enemies completely crushed. His applauded by the entire

CABINET SOLID FOR WASHINGTON
The Administration by American Government has definitely upon the court meet the hostility of the official announcement pending the appearance Wilson before Congress