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Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, April 26th, 1917.

Our Food Supply.

We need offer no excuse for again bringing up this subject. It is literally of vital importance and that fact must be realised now. It will be too late to do so in a few weeks.

The appointment of the Food Commission has helped to bring the matter more closely to public notice, and we have already stated what in our opinion is the proper scope of the Commission's inquiries. We print to-day extracts from an article in "Land and Water" by Harold Cox, in which he shows the evil results of attempts to interfere with and restrict prices. We could add many other similar opinions from high places. If the mere threat of inquiries bids fair to discourage importers it will be better if they are abandoned altogether. We do not think this result likely, but on the contrary believe that the Commission can do much good by enlightening the public thoroughly on the food question and by emphasizing the necessity of securing the greatest supply possible. On no account whatever must the importation of necessary foods be diminished.

In support of the serious view we take of this matter, we quote the following extracts from the New York Financial Chronicle, from among a mass of authorities:—
"The truth is, the whole world, belatedly as well as neutrals, is on the verge of economic exhaustion. . . . The Germans may flatter themselves that this (food) shortage in Great Britain is the work of their submarines, and no doubt this warfare has served to aggravate the situation in that respect. But the cause lies much deeper. . . . The whole world is facing starvation. If we ask why, the explanation is simple: for nearly three years millions upon millions of men have been withdrawn from productive enterprise. Because of this, fields have gone untilled and the harvests that should have been gathered have never been raised. An inevitable dearth of foodstuffs has followed. . . . Now comes the United States to battle for the ideals of democracy, but by recourse to Prussian methods. Those men are to be withdrawn from reproductive enterprise in a labor field already ill supplied with men. . . . Accounts regarding the winter wheat crop in this country at the moment are extremely discouraging—indeed, are alarming. . . . With the whole world confronted by economic exhaustion, it seems incredible that the war can last much longer. In that sense the entrance of the United States, by intensifying the conditions that are responsible for the fast developing economic exhaustion, will certainly tend to shorten the conflict, but whether it will benefit the side we are seeking to aid, or will the sooner throttle it—that remains for the future to tell."

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS.
St. Michael's Sociable.
An enjoyable sociable was held at St. Michael's Lecture Hall last night, in aid of the Choir Fund. Rev. Canon Field presided and the following programme was gone through, the various items being faithfully rendered:—
1. Instrumental, Mr. Gordon Christian; 2. Song, Mr. Geo. Cranford; 3. Song, Mr. H. Foster; 4. Piano Solo, Miss F. Pike; 5. Recitation, Mr. A. Brett (H. M. S. Briton); 6. Piano Trio, Misses Butler; 7. Quartette, Messrs. Luscombe, Martin and Vavasour (2)—(St. Michael's Choir); 8. Instrumental Trio: clarinet, trombone and euphonium, Messrs. H. Grant, T. Pottles, and E. V. Vavasour; 9. Song, Mr. Fred Martin.
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every fisherman to reflect what that means. There is only one course of action for us to pursue. We must curtail our consumption of flour—for that matter, of all foods—and seek by every possible means to increase our production of every kind of crops. We must begin to do both now.

We note that the Agricultural Board are doing nothing with their usual thoroughness. They do not seem to realise that a great responsibility rests upon them, a responsibility from which they are not relieved because a few patriotic gentlemen have had more foresight than they and begun a much needed campaign. They have issued some appeals and published advertisements, it is true, but even in this important respect many outport newspapers complain that they have been neglected. Their complaint is a just one, for they are the best medium through which thousands who can help can best be taught the need and the way to meet it. Instructive pamphlets should be issued everywhere and the facts driven home. Efforts should be made to obtain and distribute the best fertilizers and seeds available at cost price. The proper methods of planting should be taught, so that valuable seeds and labour may not be wasted. These and a hundred other things should be done, and done at once.

We note a growing tendency among farmers to hesitate to plant potatoes, in fear of a glutted market and financial loss. This is to be regretted. The fear is most unlikely to be realised, but to make doubly sure the Government should follow the lead of other governments and guarantee a minimum price. Everyone who has potatoes to sell will be assured then of at least a profit and be encouraged to plant all he has. At the worst, if the market should drop, the result will be a slight tax upon the whole country—a small price to pay to avert starvation. Indeed, we hope the guarantee will have to be made good, for it will mean that the supply is assured; and if the Government should have to purchase the surplus it would almost certainly be able to export it. There is no need to wait until the House meets; that will probably be too late. The guarantee should be given now, on the word of both Government and Opposition, to be later ratified by Act of Parliament. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that this potato supply will be needed not merely to meet the usual demand for that vegetable (which, by the way, is now met by needlessly large importations) but to supplement an almost certain shortage of flour.

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MR. AD'S LINIMENT CURES DYPHTHERIA.

Meeting of the Importers' Association

The annual meeting of the Importers' Association to fix the holiday schedule for another year and the hours for the closing of the stores took place at the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Hon. G. Knowling and Mr. J. S. Ayre, respectively, Mr. W. Frew presided over a large attendance. The schedule of holidays for 1917-18 was arranged thus:—

Holidays—May 24th, June (King's birthday as proclaimed), July 5th, August 1st, August 22nd, Sept. 12th, 1918—January 28th. Thanksgiving Day: February 12th, March 17th.

Half days—Wednesday's, June 6th, 12th, 20th, 27th; July 11th, 18th, 25th; August 8th, 15th, 22nd; Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

There was a diversity of opinion expressed as to the hours for closing the stores. It was decided, until further notice, to close the stores at 6 p. m. (Saturdays excepted). The Association will meet again in September next when arrangements will be made regarding the closing hours while the fall trade is on.

The question of daylight saving was brought up for discussion, and a resolution was unanimously passed favouring the scheme and resolving that a recommendation for its adoption be presented to the Legislature when it convenes.

Wedding Bells.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church, White Bay, on Sunday, April 22nd, when Miss Norah Vickers and Mr. James J. Maloney were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. J. O'Brien, P.P. The bride looked charming in a dress of cream delectable satin and was attended by Miss Bride Vickers and Miss Lucy Evans, sister and cousin of the bride, respectively, who were attired in cream silk. The groom was ably supported by his brother, Mr. Maurice Maloney. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to their future home where supper was partaken of, and dancing kept up until the wee small hours of the morning. The bride and groom received many useful presents including a check from the groom's father. The bride was formerly of T. McCarthy's store of this city.

The Rossley Benefit.

Last night notwithstanding the downpour of rain and other attractions, the benefit at Rossley was fairly well attended by many of our best citizens and under the distinguished patronage and presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson and Captain Riley. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson personally complimented Mrs. Rossley on the splendid manner in which her clever troupe gave the performance. Little Kathleen Barnes, as usual, came in for a large share of praise, as did the entire troupe. Every one is loud in their praise of this clever Company. The Children's Country Store takes place to-night and there are some beautiful things for the youngsters. Parents may bring their children.

Fish Will be Cheap.

Fish in the North Sea are having the time of their lives just now. It is too dangerous to travel for them, so they are left in peace. For several years before the war broke out, ever since the advent of the steam trawler, they have been harried and cheived towards the verge of extinction.

It might be thought that this was impossible, considering the size of the North Sea. And so it would be, perhaps, if the trawlers worked evenly all over its area. But they do not. They all crowd together on the famous fishing ground known as the Dogger Bank, whence in peace time comes the bulk of our sea fish.

The Dogger is a flat sandbank in the middle of the North Sea. If it were fifty or sixty feet higher it would be a huge flat island, stretching from a point about forty miles opposite Flamborough Head to within a few miles of Holland. It constitutes an ideal breeding-ground for flat-fish—soles, plaice, and the like. And there they are now increasing and multiplying by hundreds of millions, undisturbed save by the explosion of an occasional stray mine, or the passing just above them now and again of a swift-moving submarine—T-Bits.

Germany's Allies

All Angling for Separate Peace. London, April 18.—Reports persisted here to-day that Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were all angling for separate peace agreements with the Entente through secret emissaries. The move was said to centre in Switzerland. No confirmation was obtainable here.

MOLASSES CARGOES.—During the present week four cargoes of molasses reached the city. These are the first shipments to arrive from Barbados so far this season.

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A Strange Situation.

(From the Ottawa Journal.)

Discovery, during a court case, that practically eighty per cent of the workmen in a Toronto munitions factory are enemy aliens should call attention sharply to a situation in Canada demanding scrutiny. It arises from the scarcity of labor. As a direct result of the scarcity, enemy aliens in Canada have gained entrance into industrial and business positions with either a minimum regard for the opportunities opened up for mischief, or none at all. Experience of the hardest kind has proved that to adopt a policy of easy tolerance in dealing with enemy aliens is to invite disaster. A careless policy permits the enemy secret agents to work out plans and make other preparations in comfort. Enemy aliens cannot be used with safety in positions of trust because they are not to be trusted. The jury in Toronto called the attention of the Imperial Munitions Board to the particular factory concerned in this case. It is by no means the only one in Canada in which enemy aliens are employed. Why wait for the explosions?

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Germany Poor in Everything But Men.

London Daily News.—It is admitted by practically all the witnesses now that the position of Germany is extremely desperate. Clear evidence is forthcoming that rich as well as poor are now suffering severely and directly from a lack of proper food. It is certain that there have been serious riots at Krupp's and in some of the larger manufacturing towns. All sorts of difficulties of the gravest kind—such as the lack of fat for lubricating machinery—are undoubtedly embarrassing the conduct of the war. On the other hand, there is no lack of man power—of a sort—and our authority maintains that Germany has at present in the field more men than she has ever had before. The real controversy is one of psychology, not of facts. And that opens the door to all sorts of possible issues—not least among them the effect of the Russian revolution.

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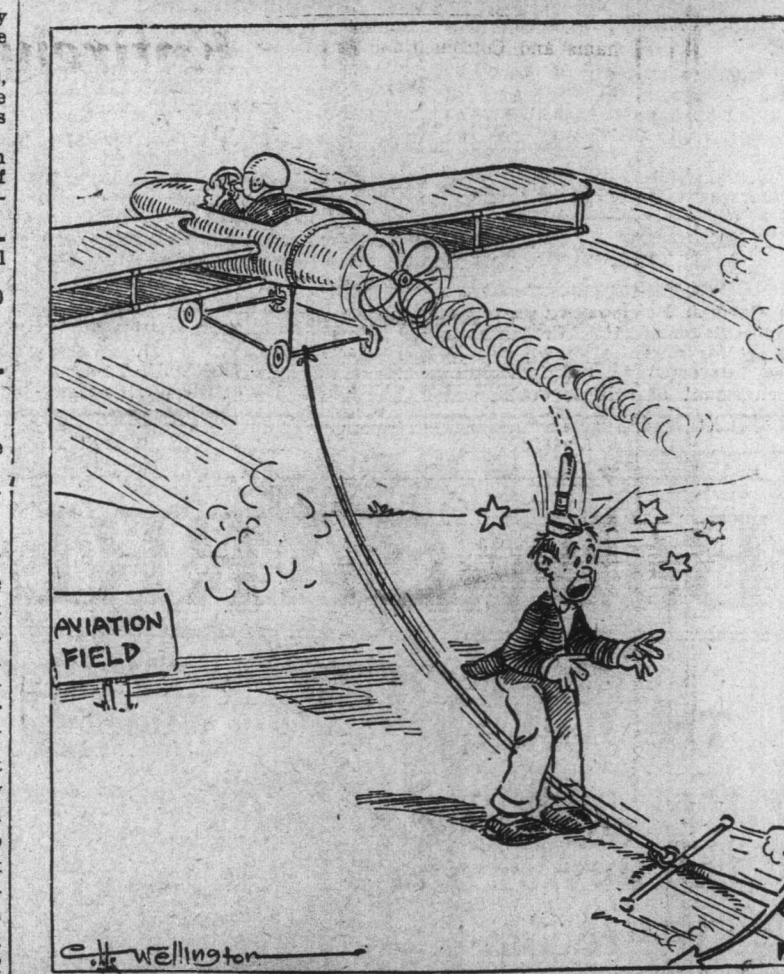
When civil war raged o'er the land, I was but two feet high; yet eagerly I wished to stand, a howitzer in either hand, and for my country die. But sternly then my elders said, "You are too young to fight; don't think of dream of carnage red, but drop your toys and go to bed, and in that bed sleep tight." Again I hear of war's alarms, much talk of sturdy blows; the battlefield for me has charms, and I would like to carry arms, and swat my country's foes. But when I speak of this, my aim, the captains cry, "Nay, nay! You are too ancient for the games; go buy your self a quilting frame, or help the girls crochet." So if our battleships shall meet the foe upon the brine, or if on land the armies meet, I may not kill men and repeat the inglenook is mine. They ought to let the fellow fight who wants to bear a gun, even though his kidneys are not right, and though he wears a ton. But no, alas! they choose their men, rejecting able lads, because one fellow has a wen, and one's too old to fight again, and some wear liver pads.

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And the Worst is Yet to Come



Flow of Supplies to Begin Soon to Allies

U. S. Cabinet Recognizes its First Step Must be to Furnish Tonnage to Carry Food Across Atlantic—Enemy Vessels to be Utilized.

Washington, April 18.—The United States is rushing preparations for supplying tonnage to the Allies without waiting for the Allied-American conference.

No time must be lost, it was determined at the meeting of the President and his Cabinet yesterday, to start an immediate flow of food and supplies to the Allied nations, for they have reached a critical stage in the conduct of the war.

The countries are more vitally concerned about their ability to weather the present needs than they are of the future, as the end of the war is regarded as a foregone conclusion

once the resources of the United States in both soldiers and the necessities of war have been mobilized.

The great cry is for "ships" with which to carry to Europe the supplies of which they are in urgent need. At the Cabinet meeting yesterday the President and his advisers decided that the fourteen Austrian ships seized a week ago will be the first ships to be added to the fleet which to carry to Europe the supplies of which they are in urgent need.

To these will be added as quickly as possible the German raiders and merchantment of which this Government took possession upon declaration of a state of war. These are in much worse condition than the Austrian vessels, because they were badly damaged by their crews as soon as the Germans realized that the continuance of peaceful relations was impossible.

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