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Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, Feb. 14th, 1918.

The Loss of the "Harlech."

It is evident that the Government—to be more exact, the Tonnage Committee—after giving their prepared but specious explanation of the Harlech affair, intend to let the matter drop. The intention is comprehensible enough on the part of the Committee, but unfortunately does not coincide with that which the general public entertains and which is directly opposite. It intends to know the whole truth about this vessel and indeed the whole history of the Mediterranean cargoes in the past few months. Not the least interesting part of the disclosures would concern the attitude of Mr. Coaker, who has beaten the anti-merchant drum with deafening effect on every possible occasion, but in the case of these cargoes has shown himself strangely solicitous of the merchants' welfare and has interested himself keenly on their account. Can the explanation be that David has been won over by Jonathan, and that Mr. Coaker's quondam views have undergone this change because Mr. Crosbie happens to have been among those most interested in the cargoes?

The general outline of the situation is this. The British Government is naturally reluctant to use coercion of any sort towards any Colony, though our own Government has not had the "savoir faire" to give that reluctance its proper interpretation. The Admiralty has not wished to prevent our schooners from going to Italy, though it might easily have done so, but tried its best to discourage such an adventure. As a result the most sensible and considerate shipowners and merchants permitted their vessels to be held at Gibraltar until transportation of the fish by rail or steamer could be effected. The risk by steamer from Gibraltar is not so great, because certain distinct lines are followed which are heavily patrolled. Obviously sailing ships cannot follow such lines and the Admiralty plainly intimated that they could not undertake their protection and that they would be courting destruction if they attempted the voyage. Knowing this, and knowing it better than anyone else, The Tonnage Committee nevertheless ordered these four vessels to sail, and may be said to have deliberately sacrificed the Harlech and her cargo (for which the country pays), and can only thank Providence that the lives of her crew were not sacrificed as well. But it is the motive underlying the action that is the most disgraceful aspect of the business. When a vesel, fish-laden is held at Gibraltar, the cargo owners see themselves faced with an almost certain loss unless something is done at once. If the fish goes bad through the delay, as it has actually done in many instances, it will be a dead loss, since any sale of it will be avoided and insurance could hardly be claimed. As long as the ship stays there they have nothing to gain and everything to lose. If, on the other hand, the ship continues her voyage, they have nothing to lose and everything to gain; for if she reaches her destination the fish can be sold before it has a chance to go bad (we will say nothing of the honesty of this aspect of it), and if she is torpedoed the cargo is insured in any case. The crew don't count one way or the other. This is precisely the way in which the Tonnage Committee argued in this case, one member of whom seems to have been more interested than anyone else in the cargoes released from Gibraltar. It is absolutely necessary that the fullest investigation should be made into the whole matter. The first point of importance is as to the amount of insurance carried by the Government. The one thing that stands out clearly at present is that the Tonnage Committee not only used the country's funds to protect cargoes of which one of its members owned a large share, but further deliberately exposed those cargoes to the most extreme risk. A more improper and scandalous proceeding it is difficult to imagine.

St. Valentine's Day.

The custom of sending sentimental and comic love messages on this day is of very ancient origin, and perhaps can be traced from the peculiar celebrations of the old Roman festival called Lupercal, the ceremonies in connection with which, were performed in a grotto at the foot of the Palatine Hill and were held on the fifteenth of February. The real custom, however, of anonymously sending messages of a burlesque or affectionate nature did not become the vogue until about the latter part of the third century. February 14th, the feast day of St. Valentinus, a Christian martyr beheaded at Rome (270 AD) and famous for his charity, being selected as the most appropriate day for the adoption of a custom which succeeding ages have seen maintained and which promises to remain the mode so long as time lasts. Youth and old age, rich and poor, gentle and simple, alike have held to the innocent amusements of Valentine's day, and the world would be a mighty poor place in which to live if these old traditions were not adhered to. Let us forget then, for one day, at least, the trials and worries, the troubles and grievances, the malices and hatreds, the envies and jealousies, aye, even the problems of life, and become young again in thought. The children, as the shades of night descend, will be conversing together in whispers, having their missives prepared and in readiness to be hanged on, or pushed under, the doors of their chums, and while waiting an opportunity to slip out and return without being discovered (for to be caught spoils the fun) they will be anticipating the knock at their own door which heralds the arrival of Valentine's postman, to them. Youth too will be as eager as childhood to participate in this game, in which Cupid plays a very prominent part, for the youthful hearts of both sexes beat highly during the Valentine season, and many a dainty souvenir, bearing the insignia of the little god is sent and received. Middle age and old age as well interest themselves in the proceedings for have not they, too, been through them all, when their hearts were young. And so there is a feeling of love and good-will generated by the spirit of the day. In this spirit then let us crown the efforts of the young ladies of the Tag Day Committee with more than mere success, financially. Let us make them feel that their good work is estimated at its proper value. But in addition pile up a record for them by purchasing tickets. The Red Cross Society needs all the help it can get. Money buys the thousand and one items necessary for the boys in the trenches, and our giving liberally will be as an anodyne to them, in showing that we are not niggardly in keeping up their supply of creature comforts. Help also the W.P.A. swell their funds. Contribute generously to the cause which we have so much at heart. Let Valentine's Day, 1918, be a red letter one in the annals of St. John's. Remember that the spirit of it all is Love, and when we think of those who have not hesitated in making the supreme sacrifice that others might live to enjoy the blessings of a permanent peace, safe from the domination of autocracy, the words spoken by the exponent of love, will be fraught with a newer meaning, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Good-morrow, Valentine!

Tag Day for the C.R.C.

Dig up the coins!

Make it a whopper!

Help win the war.

Also help the W.P.A.

Let everybody be tagged.

Don't forget the 20th.

Remember the boys in the trenches.

Soop 'em up.

Teams Picked.

Two teams have been selected to practice from which the seven to play the visitors in the hockey games next week will be chosen. The teams are:—(a) Goal, St. John; point, Gus Herder; cover pt., Munn; rover, Jerrett; centre, Ralph Herder; right wing, Coultas; left wing, Trapnell. (b) Goal, Doctor Power; point, Tobin; cover point, Brien; rover, Ewing; centre, White; right wing, Stick; left wing, Power.

Mr. H. D. Reid has offered gold medals for the winners in the coming contest. The first practice starts tonight.

Kisses!

Which kind do you like best? Apart from the real kind, connoiseurs say that McCormick's Kisses are the best. Try McCormick's Butternut Kisses—they are delicious.

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At the Casino.

The laughable tribulations of a young couple who become divorced and found barriers in the way when they repented and wanted to be remarried, formed the theme of that most enjoyable farce entitled: "Nearly Married" which the W. S. Harkins Players presented last night to a large audience. Each of the three acts was crammed full of amusing situations. All the parts were most capably performed.

Miss Lillian Worth who was heard for the first time in a new song delighted the audience, having to reappear for the third time. To-night "Nearly Married" will be repeated. Friday and Saturday nights "Baby Mine," said to be the funniest play ever written. Saturday afternoon there will be a farewell matinee.

Rod and Gun.

"The Conditions of the Fur Seals To-day" by Bonnycastle Dale; "His First Duck" by F. V. Williams; "The Civilizing of Split Rock" by H. A. Shaw; "Injun Devil" by H. A. Surtzel; "A Toilet Set for the Camper" by E. G. Brewer; "The Old Time River Brigade" by R. J. Fraser; "Wandering Trails" by H. C. Haddon; "A Hunt with New Brunswick Guides"; these are some of the stories and articles that go to make up the mid-winter number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor, Limited.

In addition to the above their February number contains under the heading of "Guns and Ammunition" two fine articles by expert gunmen, namely Thomas K. Lee and Major Townsend Whelen. Mr. Lee is described by the editor of this department as "undoubtedly the finest target shot with the .22 rifle that ever lived" and his article on Repeating and Single Shot Rifles will be read with great interest by gunmen.

Wedding Bells.

At the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday afternoon the marriage took place of Miss Annie McCarthy, of Carbonear, Newfoundland, to John Byrne, of Marble Mountain. Rev. D. M. MacAdam performed the ceremony. The bride wore a becoming costume of blue taffeta and georgetta with hat to match. She was attended by Miss Elsie Janes. Daniel McCarthy was the groomman. After a honeymoon trip through the province Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy will make their home at Marble Mountain.—Sydney Record, Feb. 7th.

ARE YOU ECONOMIZING?

That is the question to-day—How to economize especially in foods.

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BERT HAYWARD.
Bank of Montreal Bldg.

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind N.N.W. strong weather fine; steamer Ethie passed West. Bar. 29.55; ther. 25.

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Profits Paid Policyholders	248,857.65
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HENRY BLAIR.

Successful Concert.

The concert under the auspices of Wesley Church Epworth League, was quite a success as to the choice programme supplied, but the audience was not so large as expected owing no doubt, to the Rev. Dr. Bond's Lecture and other attractions elsewhere. Mrs. Gordon Christian, Messrs. Woods, Jolliffe and Abbott contributed beautiful solos and each was encored. Lieut. J. Spooner sang a fine patriotic song, and in response to contiued applause gave another in the "Harry Lauder style" scotch and jolly. Miss Parsons' piano solo was admired by those able to criticize and Misses F. Cumming and Madge Quick pleased all with their splendid recitations.

Rev. H. Royle presided and thanked Mr. Christian, the entertainers and the audience for their assistance toward the Missionary and Red Cross Fund.

TRAIN NOTES.—Tuesday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.45 a.m. to-day. Yesterday's outward mail and freight reached Bishop's Falls at 8.10 a.m. to-day and is cancelled from there. The incoming express is likely to leave Port aux Basques this afternoon.

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Supreme Court.

Present: The Full Bench.
GIBBS VS. HISCOCK.

In the matter of the appeal from the judgment of Chief Justice Horwood. It is ordered that the appeal be dismissed with costs.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, Feb. 14, 1918.

"Lasso" the latest hand cleaner possesses distinct advantages over ordinary hand cleaners. In the first place it is much less messy and wasteful—being in a solid cake done up in a neat box. Again, it is much more portable for the reason that it is so compact. Again, it does not dry up and become scratchy as most things of the kind do. Lastly it has no tendency to make the hands sore. In one sentence, Lasso is the result of great knowledge of what is needed for a soap of this kind, and the manufacturers are one of the best soap makers in England. Price 20c. a box.

Weather Report.

Flowers Cove. — Slight westerly winds, fair and very cold; ice conditions unchanged.

Fogo.—Light W. winds, fine; full of ice.

St. Anthony.—Calm, clear and cold; ice conditions unchanged.

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and snowing; temperature 10 to 31 above.

REID'S BOATS.—The Argyle not reported. The Glencoe not reported since leaving Pushthrough on the 12th inst.

PERSONAL.—Capt. Ed. Vardy of the tern schooner Saxony who had such a trying time on his last trip from New York, left by to-day's express on a visit to Hickman's Hr., T.B.

CARGO OF HERRING.—The steamer Gordon C., owned by P. H. Cowan & Co., left Hr. Buffett at 5 a.m. to-day direct for this port with a cargo of herring consigned to Mr. G. M. Barr.

HOSPITAL FILLED.—A young lad named Fitzpatrick reached the city yesterday suffering from an injured knee. This is a very urgent case for hospital, but at present there is not a single vacant cot in the institution.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.

Casualty List.

(Received February 13, 1918.)

Accidentally Killed, France, January 27th, 1918—No Particulars Given.

2901—Private James Newman, Pitt Forte, Placentia.

Killed in Action, January 29th, 1918.

2395—Sergeant Ralph N. Bond, Clarenville.

Died of Wounds, 48th Casualty Clearing Station, France.

3533—Private George Rose, Grey Harbour, Fortune Bay.

RECEIVED FEBRUARY 12th, 1918.

At Wandsworth.

1083—Private Patrick J. Power, 9 New Gower Street. Fever (uncertain origin).

2501—Private Elam Randell, Bonavista, Rexton, T.B. Trench fever.

Previously Reported Missing—Now Reported Prisoner of War, Limburg, (No particulars given).

3703—Private George Pomeroy, Colinalina.

J. R. BENNETT,
Acting Minister of Militia.

Cairns Estate.

(In the Supreme Court Before the Full Bench.)

This was an application on the motion of Mr. Squires, K.C., for an order that the Administrator may be paid such remuneration in accordance with the Trustees Act as the Court may consider reasonable and that an order of Court should be given for the final distribution of the estate and the payment over of the funds. Reference was had to Supreme Court suits by Amelia Cairns and William J. Cairns estates before the Supreme Court of Newfoundland in 1906 and it was stated that since that date there have been no further tidings of William J. Cairns, who if alive would be entitled to the estate. Mr. Summers, K.C. appeared on behalf of the Crown and did not agree or oppose the motion, but said that the matter was entirely new to him and it might take him some little time to look into the Supreme Court records in connection with these old proceedings. Adjournment was taken until the first of March.

Here and There.

Prince of Wales' Rink open. C. C. C. Band in attendance.—1i

THE PROSPERO.—The s.s. Prospero left St. Jacques at 7 o'clock this morning coming east.

NIGHT SCHOOL.—The usual Night School Classes, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Greene, will open this evening at 7.30 in the T. A. Armoury.—feb14,1i

OPORTO MARKET.—The following message has been received by the Board of Trade from Oporto: "Stocks, 85,010; Consumption, 8,635. Hawazos, Julia 4, entered, Lillian, Oregon, outside. Lind and Couto."

TO-NIGHT.—Subject of debate at the M. C. L. I.: Resolved,—That at the coming session of the Legislature the Government should enact an eight-hour day for all employees of the Civil Service, Factories, Mines, Mills and Mercantile Establishments. Leaders: Messrs. George F. Grimes and George Peters.—feb14,1i

A FAST SAILER.— The former Digby (N.S.) schooner Albert J. Lutz, which held the blue-ribbon honors as the clipper of the fleet of bankers out of Digby, has been sold to A. Moulton & Co., who will add her to the Moulton fleet engaged in the Newfounland trade.

LOST—This morning between Pleasant Street and General Post Office, by way of Springdale and Water Streets, a LADY'S PLAIN GOLD WATCH. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to W. H. EWING & SONS, Water St.—feb14,1i

BACK AGAIN.—Capt. A. Norris, of the ill-fated auxiliary schooner Lucania, which now lies a total wreck at Freshwater, Ferryland, arrived in the city by the Trepassey train this morning. Capt. Norris reports the greater part of the cargo salved and in good condition. The motor engines, however, could not be secured as they are situated in the stern of the ship which is now under water. There is no hope of saving the ship and with a strong in wind she will break to pieces. Capt. Norris is none the worse for his trying experience.

DIED.

At 25 Freshwater Rd., this morning, Leah Young, relict of the late John C. Dominy, Greenspond, aged 76 years; funeral notice later.

Yesterday morning after a long illness John Brien, aged 74 years, leaving a wife and one son to mourn their loss; funeral took place at 2 p.m. to-day from his late residence Mundy's Pond Road.

This morning, at 8.30, Annie Greene, widow of the late Hon. D. J. Greene, K.C., leaving one brother surviving her. Funeral on Saturday next, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 24 Queen's Road.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.

EARLY MES

AN ANSWER TO FRITZ.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Bonar Law in the House to-night stated that British guns available in France had increased 30 per cent, and that the supply of airplanes had been multiplied by 2½ in 1917 as compared with 1916.

SHIPPING LOSSES.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Nineteen British merchant ships were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week, according to the admiralty statement to-night. Of these 13 were 1,600 tons or more, and six were under that tonnage. Three fishing craft were also sunk.

OFFENBURG BOMBED.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

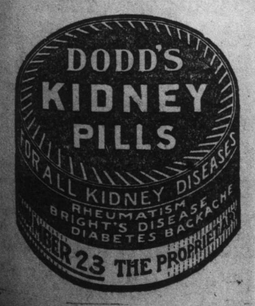
The official statement from the War Office last night reads: A few prisoners were brought in by our patrols at different points along the front. Our airplanes carried out a raid into Germany and bombed Offenburg (in Baden, southwest of Karlsruhe). Details have not been received.

HERTLING WILL ANSWER.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Count Von Hertling, the German Chancellor, a despatch from Amsterdam says, intends to answer President Wilson's message in the Reichstag on Tuesday.

WAR TIME IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

(Delayed). — Parliament re-assembled to-day tip toe with curiosity as to how Premier Lloyd George would meet President Wilson's latest declaration and the dissatisfaction manifested by a section of the press and public over the Versailles Council, and, also, as to how far Mr. Asquith, former Premier, would respond to the demand of the extreme wing of his followers for the abandonment of the policy of benevolence toward the Government in favor of active opposition based on disapproval of the general war policy and especially the enlargement of the functions of the Supreme Council. The Commons was not disappointed for the sitting proved unusually exciting. It could hardly be said that Asquith rose to expectation of most of his party, but the temper of a large section of members seemed to show that such tactics would meet with considerable support. Perhaps the most notable thing was the contrast in speeches of the Premier and former Premier with reference to Wilson's speech. While Asquith endorsed fully the President's view Lloyd George did not even mention Wilson's last speech and declined to see in Count Czernin's statement any nearer approach to reasonable terms than in Count Von Hertling's. Moreover the Chancellor's demands that Great Britain give up her coaling stations proved fully that the controllers of the German policy were in no mood to discuss reasonable terms of peace. The Premier declared absolutely that he would not yield on the matter of revealing more about the Versailles conference, and challenged the House if dissatisfied with the Government's conduct of the war to put another government in its place. The question of enlarging the status of the Versailles Council led to a little scene between the Premier and Asquith, and throughout his remarks about the Council the Premier was subjected to a running fire of heckling, punctuated with loud cheers from the extreme Liberals, many of whom, in subsequent speeches, made strong attacks on the Premier regarding his allied connection with the press. Lord Hugh Cecil, member for Oxford University, admitted that the Premier's speech was reassuring, but said that the weakness of the Government lay in the existence of coincidences between utterancs in the press and certain lines of Governmental action. He supposed the government would not hesitate to suppress if necessary, even the most influential journals acting contrary to the national interest. Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux invited the Premier to get rid of his private secretaries and also the press which was hanging around his neck like an albatross. While the Versailles Conference was under discussion the Premier was also met by constant cries of "don't divulge," at one point Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, interposing to deny that Field Marshal Haig or General Robertson had been dismissed or resigned, and being