



Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, June 23rd, 1917.

A LESSON IN LEGISLATION.

Yesterday Mr. Morris handed down a judgment in the Magistrate's Court in which he convicted a defendant of a breach of the Prohibition Act and imposed the minimum fine of \$100. The breach consisted in selling some bottles of Beer, Iron and Wine, a patent medicine manufactured locally, with which the purchaser managed to make himself badly intoxicated. The case is recognized to have been a test one. We hope the test will have its proper effect, for it should serve to lay bare several defects in the Act, which could easily have been foreseen and prevented, and a shameful neglect on the part of the Executive, which is wholly inexcusable. In simple justice to the defendant, with whom we sympathize, the fine should be paid by the officials who constitute "the Governor in Council." They are the real guilty parties.

Section 4 of the Prohibition Act prescribes a fine, ranging from \$100 to \$500, upon anyone who "sells, after the 1st day of January, 1917, any intoxicating liquors." Section 7 defines intoxicating liquors as "all ale, wines, malt, brewed or spirituous liquors containing two per cent. or upward of alcohol in volume, except such drugs and medicines as may be excepted by the Governor in Council, and wines for sacramental purposes." It is clear that so far as this case is concerned the Act is not at fault. It was necessary to prohibit generally the sale of all "two per cent. and over" alcoholic liquors in order to include all beverages which it was intended to prohibit. But this would have included many other commodities which it was most necessary that the public should be allowed to buy and use, and so this discretion was left to the Executive. So far as we know, they have completely neglected their obvious and imperative duty. What is the result? Technically, every drugstore or grocery store sells, methylated spirits, is breaking the law! Technically, every household having in his or her possession any such spirits imported after January 1st of this year is also breaking the law! Could absurdity go further?

But the Act itself is faulty. Section 7 allows the Governor in Council to except "drugs and medicines." Why this particular limitation, which only creates trouble? Why not "liquors," simply? If, to take the example given, methylated spirits are not a drug or medicine—and the matter is open to doubt—they cannot be excepted and, until the Act is amended, they are prohibited from sale! And there are many alcoholic liquors which are certainly not drugs or medicines, but which are bought and sold every day. Another peculiarity is discovered on a close examination of the Act. No one will deny that the creature who bought this stuff, with the plain intention of testing its intoxicating qualities, and who tested it so successfully, was more guilty than the woman who supplied it. Yet he has gone scot free, and unless the preparation happens to have been manufactured this year, he must go scot free. The Act makes it illegal to sell intoxicants; it leaves it permissible, except under unlikely conditions, to buy as much as the buyer likes. No whiskey, for instance, is manufactured here. It is unlikely that any has been imported this year. Consequently, anyone can buy as much whiskey as he pleases with impunity. The obvious purpose of the Act was to stop the traffic in liquors. Traffic is two-sided, and until both parties, who are equally guilty, are made liable to punishment, there is the more likelihood of its going on.

We have treated the subject at this length because it points a useful moral. We make a great fuss here, as they do everywhere else, about electing legislators, with reference to every quality they possess except the one necessary to their real duty, which is to make laws. Our statute book is full of laws which abound in imperfections and absurdities. They are made to meet certain requirements and almost always without regard to the host of possibilities that exist within the four corners of their literal interpretation. The chaotic state of the law relating to magistrates, brought into prominence by this very question of prohibition, is a good instance. We noted another, small but typical, in the matter of pit-props recently. Everywhere except where an English precedent can be followed exactly the same thing applies. If our House of Assembly wishes to do the country a real service, let it stop talking random nonsense for one afternoon, take this important enactment in hand and amend it to meet all possibilities so as to leave no loophole whatever for uncertainties and injustices.

A Costly Joke.

Yesterday afternoon a certain business man left his automobile on Water Street while he went into a restaurant. During his absence two well known sports came along and, after expressing their admiration for the car, one of them got in and sat on the driver's seat while the other, intending a joke, cranked the machine and soon it was set going, making a bee line across the street and into a shop window. The would-be driver, who did not know how to manipulate the brake, fortunately jumped clear. The damage done to the car and store amounts to a considerable sum. Summonses have been issued against the sports and they will likely have to pay heavily for their joke in court early next week.

McMurdo's Store News

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Strictly Prime Timothy Hay Seed is so called because it consists only of the highest grade of selected Timothy. It is remarkably free from weeds and other adulterations and can be depended upon, other things being equal, to give better crops than any other grade. We have never imported any other grade than this, and we are the only importers in Newfoundland of "strictly prime." The uniformly good results which our customers have obtained from this grade speak for themselves. Prices on application.

Serious Charge.

A young man, who has been doing a peddling business in the country the past three years, mainly with headquarters at Grand Falls, was arrested under warrant last night charged with obtaining money under false pretences. The accused is remanded in custody; meanwhile the police are looking up evidence into the case at the inland town.

Obituary.

The angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cloney early Friday morning and took from them their bright little daughter, Alice, who up to a day or two before was in the best of health. She was a pupil of the Mercy Convent and although only six years of age showed signs of being a bright child. She was a little favorite with her class-mates as well as all who knew her. To her parents her death came as a terrible blow. Although everything possible was done to save her, God willed otherwise. May He in His mercy comfort them and help them to bear their loss with resignation to His Holy Will.

United Parade.

The members of the Sons of England, Orange, S. U. F. and British Societies will hold their second annual church parade to-morrow afternoon to commemorate the birth of the city. They meet at the British Hall at 2 p.m. and will attend service at Gower St. Church at 3. The pastor, Rev. D. B. Hemmison, will preach and a collection will be taken in aid of city orphans.

DELEGATES TO METHODIST CONFERENCE.—The following Lay Delegates from St. John's District will attend the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church which opens at the Cochrane St. Centennial Church on Wednesday, 27th, viz.: Hon. R. K. Bishop, J. E. Peters, Esq., John Lennon, Arthur W. Martin, Chas. P. Ayre, Arthur Mews, Norman Burt, Geo. W. Gushue, W. H. Peters, C. H. Hutchings, Albert Soper, Arthur C. Peters, Edwin Parsons, J. Marshall, F. Noseworthy, Geo. T. Hudson.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 15c. bottle.—may1,17

Summer Straws!



Ideal Holiday Hats.

We have just opened another shipment

Ladies' Straw Hats

consisting of

Leghorn, Panama, Rafia and Tuscan.

STEER Brothers

NOTICE!

CALLAHAN, GLASS & COMPANY, LTD.,

Wishes to announce that their Factory is in full swing again, and that they are prepared to fill all orders for Special Furniture, School Desks, Church Furniture, etc.

They also wish to state that their books were not burnt in the recent fire, and that their office has been opened in the Factory Building, where they are ready to receive payment of amounts due them. ju22,6i.

HEADQUARTERS FOR TENNIS GOODS.

Our stock of Tennis Goods is the largest and most varied in the City.

Here are some of our Quality and Prices in Tennis Racquets:

The "DARLING"	\$1.60	The "YOUTH"	\$2.50
The "RIVAL"	\$2.50	The "LA BELLE"	\$3.00
The "WIMBLETON"	\$3.25	The "TRIUMPH"	\$3.25
The "UBIQUE"	\$3.50	The "ZEPHYR"	\$3.75
The "EXCELSIOR"	\$4.00	The "COURT"	\$4.50
The "S. & S."	\$4.50	The "ACME"	\$4.75
The "CHALLENGE"	\$5.25	The "Q. C."	\$5.25
The "PREMIER"	\$6.00	The "DEMON"	\$6.25
The "PASTIME"	\$6.50	The "PELICAN"	\$7.50
The "IRIS"	\$7.50	The "SINNET"	\$8.50

Also a very large stock of TENNIS BALLS, including the celebrated Planenger and F. H. Ayne, 1917 make, from 15c. to 50c. each.

TENNIS PRESSES, 75c.; TENNIS POSTS, \$3.60 set.

TENNIS NETS, \$3.70, \$4.75; CENTRE SUPPORT for Nets, 80c.

TENNIS BALL BAG, 10c.; LAWN MARKERS, \$5.50.

MARTIN ROYAL STORES HARDWARE CO., Ltd.

(Successors to Martin Hardware Co. & Royal Stores Hardware)

Your Boys and Girls.

The "stand up straight" warning is heard to-day just as it was heard years ago by your grandmothers. Straightness of back is important not only to the carriage but also to the health. The child who is allowed to huddle into comfortable but slouchy postures, or to lean far over her books when studying, is not only ruining her future posture but is also running the risk of spinal curvature, narrow, constricted lungs, constricted digestive organs and other ills.

There is much more chance also of the little girl's growing taller if her back is kept straight. If the back is held habitually straight even a short woman, looks several inches taller than she really is. This straightness of the back includes its vertebrae at the neck. If the shoulders are held rigidly back and the neck shoots forward from the fifth

vertebrae, as so many necks do, the carriage will be anything but graceful. When she writes or reads she must not huddle forward in her chair, she must be made to sit erect. For this reason children should not be allowed to read in very large chairs, for in order to bend the knees over the front edge of the chair an utterly wrong position of the spine is taken against the chair-back.

Minard's Linctament Cures Diphtheria.

John Bull Would Pay War Debt With Fish.

A plan to make the fishing resources of Hudson Bay and the whole off the South Seas help to pay off the huge debt with which the British Empire will find itself burdened at the close of the war, has been launched in London through the formation of the Empire Resources Development Committee, with Sir Starr Jameson, the organizer of the Jameson raid, as chairman.

The plan is to put the work in the hands of captains of industry whose potential wealth. This state would back the enterprise, would enlist the work of experts, who would seek out the most valuable resources of the empire and exploit them for the benefit of the people.

Use for the state, after the war, of the fishing fleet now engaged in mine-sweeping is one of the novel suggestions of Alfred Bigland, member of the House of Commons and a leading business man who has travelled extensively in the United States.

"We should tap," said Mr. Bigland, "the fisheries in the Pacific Ocean, bordering on British Columbia, in the mouth of the St. Lawrence, and in the waters around Newfoundland and Labrador. We would become the purveyors of fish in all forms almost to the whole world."

"Already Newfoundland is sending on an average of 300,000 tons of cod to the Mediterranean and neutral countries. There is practically no limit to the quantity, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has already offered us refrigerating plants to bring fish from Prince Rupert Island to Liverpool at two cents a pound, which would be reduced still further on government contracts."

"After the war, if the government allowed it, all the vessels now used in the North Sea for mine-sweeping and other purposes, could be used to form the nucleus of an empire fishing fleet."

"Cold storage houses should be built in towns all over the land, and profits from the sale of fish caught by the state fleet should go into the state treasury. The fishermen would be paid according to the size of the catch, with a guaranteed minimum."

Mr. Bigland said that he believed that four times as much fish might be sold in this country as was sold before the war, and that the state might make a gross profit of \$180,000,000 a year.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS.

LOST.—On Thursday evening, between top of Coronation and Pleasant Streets, by way of LeMarchant Road, A SUM OF MONEY. Finder please leave same at this office and get reward.—June23,1i

Sunday Services

Church of England Cathedral.—Holy Communion (1st Sunday) 7.00, 8.00 and 11; other Sundays, 8.00; Matins (except 1st Sunday), 11; Children's Service, 3.30; Evensong, 6.30. Week Days—Matins, 8.00; Evensong, 5.30; Saints' Days, Matins, 7.30; Holy Communion, 8.00; Thursdays, Holy Communion, 7.15; Fridays, Evensong, 7.30. Sunday Schools, 2.45 p.m.; Boys' Bible Class, 2.45 p.m. (Vestry); C.M.B.C. (Synod Bldg.) 3 p.m.

St. Thomas's.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11. Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton; Sunday School, 2.45 p.m.; Children's service, 3.30; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30. Preacher, Rev. A. Moulton.

St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's West.—Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Other Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church (Casey Street).—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Christ Church, Quill Viad.—Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel.—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 2.30 p.m. BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL. Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, THE GOULDS. Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

ASTYIM FOR THE PEOPLE. Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m. Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST. Gower Street.—11 and 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmison.

George Street.—11, Rev. Samuel Baggis, 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.

Cochrane Street.—11 and 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond.

Wesley.—11, Rev. Geo. Patten; 6.30, Rev. Samuel Baggis.

Presbyterian—11 and 6.30, Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A.

Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. T. B. Darby.

Salvation Army (No. 1 Citadel, New Gower St.)—7 a.m., Kneedril; 11, Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Here and There.

MASONIC SERVICE.—The special service for Masons in the C. of E. Cathedral to-morrow afternoon begins at 3.15 p.m.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Thursday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques at 9.50 p.m. yesterday. The incoming express is due at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

DOWNINGS' SHIPS.—The Prospero left Moreton's Hr. early this morning, going north. The Portia left Channel at 7.30 a.m. to-day, coming east.

ZYLEX.—Excellent for Prickly Heat, Nettle Rash and Chafing. 50c. a box at McMURDO'S.

FISH STRUCK IN.—Fish struck in at Pouch Cove this morning and traps averaged about 20 qts. At Bauline, Portugal Cove and Bell Island some good catches are also reported.

For every 25c. purchase made at Stafford's Drug Store you receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,17

PRIZE WINNERS.—Amongst the prize-winners at the Academy of Mount St. Vincent, Halifax, were Miss Caroline Furlong, Miss Margaret Edens and Miss Hilda Jenkins, of St. John's.

Buy a bottle of Stafford's Phoradone Cough Cure for 25c. and receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,17

TO WELCOME RETURNED HEROES.—The Premier and ladies of the reception committee will be at the station this afternoon to extend a hearty welcome to our returning heroes, who are due to arrive about 4.30 o'clock.

WELCOME SHOWERS.—The sudden change in the temperature has caused many city folks to say a lot of unfavourable things about the weather man. This is not so with the farmer, who to-day is blessing the welcome showers. "It's an ill wind that blows no one good."

FOUND IN HELPLESS STATE.—A well known citizen of over three score of years, who forgot that the Prohibition Act was in force and celebrated as of yore, was taken into police custody last night, as he was in a helpless condition. He was released this morning after a compulsory contribution of \$1 towards the revenue.

A MEAN TRICK.—We learn from people who arrived from Petty Hr. this morning that at certain places along the road bits of broken bottles were strewn around, making it dangerous to motorists and horses alike. Our informant removed the broken glass and is of the opinion that some unscrupulous person is responsible for its being there. We presume it is nothing more than the action of thoughtless children who if caught at their game will be severely punished. Careless boys should remember that the one-time dreaded birch rod is now ready for use, and a few strokes of it on the bare back will long be remembered.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-Day. Wind S. E. blowing strong, raining. A steamer was heard passing in at 5 a.m. Bar. 29.35, ther. 58.

BORN.

This morning a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penney, Beaumont Street.

DIED.

Last night after a short illness, Richard Rogers, cooper, aged 60 years, leaving a wife, two daughters and one son to mourn the loss of a loving husband and kind father; funeral to-morrow, Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 18 Hutchings St.

On the 23rd inst., Emily, relict of the late Patrick Butler, aged 58 years, leaving two sons and four daughters; funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, Water Street West.

DURING THE WAR and AFTER!

During the War and after, a discount of 10 per cent will be allowed on all Cash Retail Purchases made by those wearing either of the Allies' Uniforms, at our Stores and Restaurants in St. John's and at Grand Falls.

WOOD'S Candy Store.

Proprietor. FRED. B. WOOD, June22,6i.

TO-DAY

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11.00

PRO-GERMAN GRIEVANCE

The deportation of a large number of persons including Demetrios, Minister of Justice, from the Zaimon, Domnais and Colonnades, has been transferred to us, all the pro-Germans, surveillance must be homes. Notable among are former Premier Skouloudis and Lachar.

ST. QUENTIN RE-PAID

Inhabitants of St. Quentin were expelled by the Germans in Paris, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, etc. The late arrival town was finally evacuated by a long period of suffering from lack of food, from the relief committee, entirely supplied region and other parts of France. The town consisted during the Belgium and through the soup made from the refugees. The refugees, many connected with the Quentins with one hand, have dug communication, der ground from the town to those of some distance away.

RUSSIAN OF PETROGRAD

The following officers issued to-day: These ladies and aerial operations, Russia and on the front. On the Caucasus, the Turkish position on the heights of Jambou, the defenders were, however, an exception of a few, were in making their Serzeht, after a summit with Kurds, our troops, Capt. Kruten, who in numerous air fights, six airplanes, was ascending at an altitude.

FOOD CONTROL IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. Food control in the United States will be made under the conditions of the will permit, and it will amount almost to a it was said to-day between Herbert C. J. Hanna, just appointed Food Controller, ready enacted legislation, said, especially appropriation of the food for Congress. The purpose of Washington was to study the American people that Canada might be as possible. Hanna, explained, and Canada have the lemons. Both are crops and both this year will crops than normal.

BARON RHONDA DIED

The United States working together to the problem, can stand up threats to starvation. Rhonda, the new food declared to-day in regard to the food on Rhonda said, in the closest cooperation, bert C. Hoover, administrator, they had constant touch with the food, that proposed food food speculation, he asserted that speculation.

