

Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, February 13, 1918.

A Duet.

The Herald last week interested itself greatly in the question of the authorship of an editorial article which appeared in this paper. We are now able to return the compliment. Will our contemporary inform us what gentleman is supplying the Herald and Advocate at the same time with the same leaders? If the reading public would like a little diversion in these strenuous times, it will find it in a comparison of the articles last night in these papers on the subject of the "Maid of Harlech." It will be found an amusing game for two. The first player reads the first sentence from the Herald, beginning, "Some weeks ago the Admiralty advised the Colonial authorities . . . the second player then reads the first sentence from the Advocate, beginning, "Some time ago the Admiralty advised the Colonial authorities . . . And so on to the end, the order needing to be varied only occasionally. A splendid pastime for a winter evening, and costs only two cents! Or, again, the articles might be issued in song form: "Maid of Harlech," a Duet (not to be confounded with "Men of Harlech," the well known chorus).

Of course, it is obvious what has happened. As long as it is a matter of the exchange of personal pleasanties, every man can look after himself; but here the News touched on something more important, and there was a pretty stir in the Government dovecot. A conference must be called and a version of the story agreed upon to be given to the public. The duet is the result, but wouldn't it have been wise to make the two narratives a little more different? There is another amusing giveaway also. Evidently the matter of the Herbert Warren was recalled at the discussion and debated with so much concern that the Advocate was still thinking of it when the article went in, and allowed its name to appear in place of that of the Harlech! As to the explanation, it seems to us to explain nothing that is not discreditable to those responsible. The most important element of the matter—the risk which the crew ran to their very lives—is entirely ignored by both papers as not being worth considering. The situation is plain enough. The Admiralty issued the most solemn warning of the peril to sailing vessels in the Mediterranean. In the face of it, someone—whether the Board of Trade or the Tonnage Committee—persisted in sending these cargoes on to Italy and the crews to their more than possible doom. The business is almost ghastly. Nothing, apparently, matters but the miserable cargoes; men's precious lives must be placed in certain danger lest the "Colony" suffer the loss of some wretched dollars through the failure of the sales. The "Colony" in this case was a few fish merchants, one of them Mr. Crosbie himself, who is still allowed to act on the Tonnage Committee. When that Committee sends, or permits to be sent, some vessel on such a voyage, which is torpedoed in just this way, and the crew are not saved, the public may at least rouse itself and demand the proper action. The Committee, instead of backing up the Admiralty, deliberately acted contrary to its wishes, or at least encouraged others to do so.

This specious "explanation" concocted in a Government office will not finish the matter. There are a number of facts which the public will want to know and is entitled to know. The chief questions it asks at present are these: Who owned the Harlech's cargo? Who gave instructions to the master to proceed to Italy? How much insurance did the Government effect on the cargo? What other insurance was there? These are the pertinent facts to be elicited, not the irrelevant rubbish the Advocate gives, such as the great services of the Committee in keeping the price of fish from falling through the spoiling of the cargoes at Gibraltar. It is only from the Advocate that the theory could come that the price of a commodity drops when the supply is made still shorter.

Slackers in High Places.

We direct the attention of our readers to an article appearing in another column of to-day's issue, which proves to the hilt our contention all along that in Regimental matters it is the Government that must be charged with the short-coming. No better evidence of this can be offered than the statement laid down by our correspondent that the accusation comes, not from any private individual, but from an officer of the Regiment itself who has placed himself on perpetual record by his utterance. The gravamen of the charge is that it is announced from the platform at a public meeting and this would not have been the case had not the officer known of what he was speaking. For a long time we have been waiting for some such pronouncement, made from a thorough knowledge of conditions, and at last the truth has come. Repeatedly reference has been made in this column to the utter futility of recruiting under the prevailing regime, yet parties are being repeatedly sent out which never fail to produce negligible results. These are being undertaken because of a mistaken idea which exists in certain quarters that "one volunteer is worth ten pressed men." We are now at the end of our recruiting tether and other means must be employed. The Government must act and either by the passage of a Registration Bill or a Conscription Act, men must be obtained. Their duty is plain. Unless something is done and right speedily to keep up the regimental strength it will have, necessarily, to be disbanded. In that event the bones of our gallant lads, which are strewn over the hills of Gallipoli and on the wind swept plains of the West, will rise up in condemnation of those who failed their living comrades in the hour of stress, and the voices of our slain brothers' blood will arise even from the ground in protest. To prove the truth of our assertion that recruiting is dead, we take the liberty of quoting the following from the St. John's Bay correspondence of the Daily News:—

"Major Sullivan, Sergeant Moore and Corporal Pitman paid us a visit last week in the interest of the Forestry Battalion and held a meeting in the Parish Hall. They showed some splendid views of the Battalion logging in Scotland; delivered stirring addresses, and made a strong appeal for recruits. Yet without success."

Notes and Comments.

Hindenburg boasts that he will be in Paris by next April. We can remember that the A.H.—highest command a somewhat similar boast in 1914.

"We have great faith in the German Navy, which has so often exhibited its will to victory and its capacity to fulfill its duty." (Loud laughs).

If Newfoundland is not represented on the International Fisheries Commission now sitting at St. John, N.B., we would like to ask—why?

The one certain formula of victory for a democratic peace remains as before. Keep the seas and hold fast on the Western front.—New York World.

One proverb in the Down East States Hath this interpretation: He cackinates best who cackinates last. The ultimate cackination. —Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

"Don't you wish you knew as much as your children think you do?" "No, I wish I knew as much as my children think they do."

288 Vaccination Shields have just arrived for STAFFORD'S Drug Stores, only 20c. ea.—f5,tf

At the Casino.

A rare treat is in store for those who attend the matinee this afternoon at 2.30 to see the Harlekins Players in "Rich Man Poor Man," as Miss Dorothy Chesmond will present for the last time in St. John's her marvelous dances. No one should miss seeing her. To-night and to-morrow night "Nearly Married," by Edgar Selwyn, author of "Rolling Stones," and as an added attraction Miss Lilian Worth will sing some of the latest song successes. Friday and Saturday nights a comedy sensation "Baby Mine" by Margaret Mayo. No funnier play was ever written. They wanted babies. They got them, but how? Ask "Jimmy" he knows. There will be a farewell matinee Saturday afternoon. The play to be announced.

To-Night's Players.

The following will be the line-up in to-night's game:

Fieldians	Goal	Victorias
Thomas	Point	Dr. Power
Wilson	Cover	Godde
Bennett	Rover	Ford
Jerrett	Centre	Brin
White	Left	McGettigan
Ewing	Right	Power
Bugden		Munn

Consecration of Bishop-Elect White

ON MARCH 1ST IN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE.

We are permitted by the Administrator of the Diocese to say that the Consecration of the Rev. Canon White, Bishop-Elect, is to take place (D.V.) in the Cathedral Church of this Diocese on the first of March next (St. David's Day). The Consecrating Bishops who are coming from Canada to perform this high office of the Church are:—His Grace C. L. Worrell, D.D., D.C.L., Archbishop of Nova Scotia; Rt. Rev. L. W. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Quebec; Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Montreal; Rt. Rev. J. F. Sweeney, D.D., D.L.L., Bishop of Toronto.

It is also possible that the Rt. Rev. W. L. Mills, D.D., L.L.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Ontario will be able to attend.

Protect your arm by using a Vaccination Shield, only 20c. ea. at STAFFORD'S Drug Stores.

Pleasant Evening With Men's Guild.

The addresses given to the Men's Guild of St. Andrew's by Lieut. Val. Warren of 'Ours' and Pte. Crockett, R.M.L.I. on their experiences at the front was much enjoyed last night. Lieut. Warren was among the first to enlist, left here as a Sergeant, but won promotion to Lieutenant. His story of the exploits of 'Ours' and of individual members at Egypt, Gallipoli and France, proved of absorbing interest, and all were sorry when he concluded. The doings of the naval brigade at Antwerp in the early days of the struggle were related in a most interesting manner. Pte. Crockett had the pleasure of assisting with defence of that city. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to both speakers by Mr. B. L. Mitchell who was chairman. During the evening songs and recitations were given. Mr. F. F. Chesman acting as accompanist. Tea was served by the members of the Ladies' Guild which was thoroughly enjoyed.

LEAGUE HOCKEY.—Fieldians vs. Victorias, Prince of Wales' Rink, 7.30 this evening, sharp.—feb13,11

McMurdo's Store News.

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McMurdo's Catarrh Balm is useful for coryza, running in the nose, acute or chronic catarrh, and similar nasal and throat troubles. It is quite easy to use and with a little management it is possible to get a continuous remedial effect from the balm which helps to cure the cold or catarrh more quickly. In use, it is quite pleasant; soothing, cooling, effect being felt on the inflamed membranes after the first application. Sold in tubes convenient for applying. Price 25c.

Here and There.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

GOOD PROGRESS.—The volunteers now in training are making very good progress in marksmanship and the instructors deserve every praise.

Just received, a shipment of Pin Maules. BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware.—feb4,eod,tf

LADIES COMPETE FOR CLUB CUP.—In the point competition for the club cup at the Curling Rink on Monday, Mrs. Hugh Baird with a score of 21 captured the trophy. Mrs. Gosling was a close second with 20 points.

"A NIGHT WITH TOM MOORE."—Under the distinguished patronage of His Grace the Archbishop—On Thursday, February 14th, at 8.15 o'clock, in the Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College, a play of Presentation Convent Building Fund. Admission 20c. feb13,11

GOOD FISHERY REPORT.—A report from Channel to the Board of Trade states the fishery outlook in that vicinity is very good but weather very stormy. There is a good sign of cod and the few boats which got out last week did well. Bait is very scarce.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church will hold a Valentine Sociable next Thursday, Feb. 14th, at 8 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. Admission 30c. Ice Cream for sale. An excellent programme provided, including a Sketch entitled "The Silent Woman."—feb13,11

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'.

DIED.

On the 12th inst., of meningitis, William Benedict, darling child of Patrick and Clara Roberts, aged 4 months.

THIRD WEEK

KNOWLING'S

GREAT ANNUAL CASH SALE!

SPOT CASH, NO GOODS CHARGED OR SENT ON APPROVAL.

consisting mostly of

HOUSE FURNISHING.

The goods offered cannot be replaced for anything near the prices asked, quantities of some are limited, therefore suggest early inspection.

ART COVERING, SATEEN FINISH, Dainty Patterns, make strong.

White Table Damask Bargain

A good, sound, lustrous finish Damask.

30c. & 75c.

per yard. We cannot repeat these goods near these prices.

CURTAIN SCRIM BARGAIN

Splendid quality Curtain Scrim in Cream and White, hemstitched and crocheted borders.

20c.

per yard. 36 inches wide. Good value

Child's Cot Blanket Bargain.

Dainty warm fancy Cot Blankets in Blue and Pink grounds.

\$1.10

each. Size 30 inches by 40 inches. Worth to-day \$1.50.

2 Yards wide FLOOR COVERING, slight imperfections, 85c. yard.

Tapestry Table Cover Bargain.

A wonderful bargain in Fancy Table Covers, assorted colorings and designs.

75c., 90c., \$1.50

Size 48 inches by 65 inches. Worth to-day \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Marcella Crib Quilt Bargain.

A wonderfully fine Satin finish White Marcella Quilt.

\$1.10, 1.25, 1.50

Worth from \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Crochet Bed Cover Bargain.

Marvellous values in White Honeycomb or Crochet Quilts.

\$2.25, 2.50

up to \$2.95 Full size. Worth to-day from \$3.20 to \$4.50.

Circular Pillow Cotton Bargain.

This is a fine strong fabric and hard to procure. We offer this at

40c.

per yard. 46 inches wide. Worth to-day 65c.

CURTAIN SCRIM BARGAIN, in plain, white and cream, 30 to 36 inches wide, 10c. yard.

Spot Cash. No Appropriation

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Thoughts Upon the Times.

(By PATRIOT.)

The attempt made by the editor of the Herald in yesterday's issue to defend the members of the Tonnage Committee in regard to the loss of the Government fish carrier "Maid of Harlech" will not satisfy the public, who are entitled to know all the facts in connection with the loss, and attach the blame, if any exists, to the party deserving it. The quicker the Herald understands that this is a public matter, and that there has been too much concealment of facts going on in connection with this matter, the better it will be for the parties whom he tries to defend. It has been stated that the country stands to lose at least the thousand dollars by the ill-advised action of the Chairman of the Tonnage Committee.

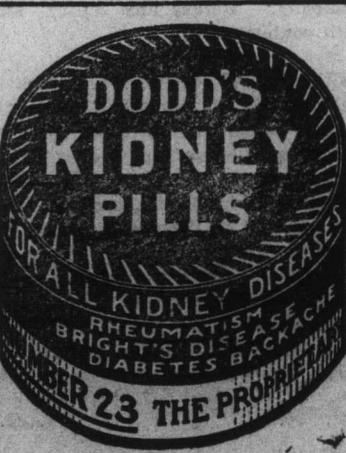
The Herald tries to disclaim responsibility for him but this should not be allowed to pass, and a strict enquiry ought to be instituted and the facts made known to the public, not only in connection with the loss of the vessel, but into the whole mystery which enshrouds the question. It is said that the Business Profits Tax will not prove such an aid to the Treasury as was anticipated by its promoters.

In the past we have been blamed for too much legislation, and in proof of this our critics point with derision to the useless statutes now burdening the shelves of our law library. There is more truth than poetry in this gibe. We have had too much hasty legislation in the past. Every man these days is apt to consider himself a full fledged legislator,

ready and able to take up the greatest questions of statecraft and settle them satisfactorily in a very short time, as in the case of the Business Profits Tax. In view of the circumstances there is, after all, not much to be wondered at. We are willing to admit that we need experts for other Government duties which require special qualifications, but we seem very slow to learn that law-making is the most difficult science of all. For instance, according to the views expressed by some of our local legislators a man may be a failure at everything else and yet become a very Solon in the matter of law-making, or a Prime Minister. In view of the attempts which certain demagogues have recently made to promote distrust and discord between the merchants and fishermen of this country, it is noteworthy that the leaders of labor organizations both in England and America are doing their utmost to put down class-hatred and distrust between capital and labor. In fact one of the results of the war will be the bringing about of a better and more cordial relationship between employer and employee.

After the war is over demagogues and agitators will not find it so easy to thrive as they did before. The idea is growing that this country will presently have to confront the most serious peril it has ever faced. It has been charged that the Government, which was organized and named a "National Government," with a special function, viz: win-the-war, has thrown overboard the purpose for which it was formed, and now merely represents special interests—two great corporations—rather than the interests of the general public. In consequence it has lost the esteem and confidence of the public.

What seems most glaring in the case of the present Government is that they made no attempt to fulfill their promises, but immediately set to work to repudiate the purpose for which they were organized. I refer now to their public actions towards the Royal Nfld. Regiment and the Royal Naval Reserve. It has been stated by high authority "that many men depart from honorable and accepted standards early in their careers as a result of actual ignorance of the ethical requirements of the situation." But the fact remains we will very soon be called upon to face the most serious financial, economical and social difficulties that ever confronted this country of ours. If we continue to ignore them we shall be guilty of the most willful violation of our trust as citizens. We shall need our best and most tried legislators and men of great business talents to grapple with our approaching problems. There will be no room for the man with the grouch against everyone else. Above all, we shall need the co-operation of every patriotic citizen in the Dominion.



"Chill Chasers."

We have received another shipment of these popular portable heating stoves in three sizes which we are selling at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50.

We also call attention to our special "Humphrey" Gas Iron, in nickel finish, complete with flexible hose and connection. We are selling this line at \$5.00, and recommend it as a useful Xmas Gift.

Phone 97, or call at our Showroom, Oke Building.

ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT CO. dec22,11

PERSONAL.—Messrs. G. C. Harris and Capt. S. Piercy, of Grand Bank, who have been in the city for some time, leave by rail to-morrow morning for Placentia, where they will connect with the Ethie for home.

MILLIONS DIE

Every year from Consumption Millions could have been saved only common sense prevention been used in the first stage. IT IS A Sufferer from Asthma, phthisis, Catarrh, Pleurisy, Lung, Cough and Colds—all cases leading up to Consumption. TUBERCULOSIS, YOU ARE INTERESTED. Write for Testimonials and Booklet to DR. STRANDGARD'S MEDICINE CO., 585-585 Young Street, Toronto.

THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN AGENCIES, Representatives, Post Office Box 1131, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Curiana.

The young ladies of the Tug Day Committee of the W. P. A. will commence on to-morrow, Thursday, 14th inst., St. Valentine's Day, to dispose of the tickets for the Curiers Big Red Cross Day. The members of the Committee will do their best to offer an interesting programme for the 20th inst. (whole holidays) commencing at 9 o'clock a.m. and continuing until evening.

The Ladies' Curling Club are also making big preparations in the re-making line so that the comforts of freshment line will be amply provided for them. The Curiers and their friends are anticipating, with keen pleasure the final shot of the evening "War Cake" day as well. The three city hands will render special music of admission. The Curiers and their friends are anticipating, with keen pleasure the final shot of the evening "War Cake" day as well. The three city hands will render special music of admission. The Curiers and their friends are anticipating, with keen pleasure the final shot of the evening "War Cake" day as well. The three city hands will render special music of admission.

The Bell Island Curling team contemplate visiting the city to play for the "Cowan Trophy" won by St. John's last year. The curiers are endeavoring to make arrangements to have the first game played on the evening of our Big Day 20th inst., commencing at 7.30. This game will prove very interesting and it is to be hoped the Islanders will see their way clear to avail of this day to play their first game.

One More Recruit for the Great Army

WHO DECLARE THEY OWE THEIR HEALTH TO DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Miss Lizzie LeBlanc Had Backache and Rheumatism But They Both Vanished When She Used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Lower West Publico, Yarmouth Co., N.S., February 12th. (Special).—After suffering for some time from backache and rheumatism, Miss L. V. LeBlanc, a well known and highly respected young lady living here, took a friend's advice, and used Dodd's Kidney Pills. The result is that she is completely cured and one more recruit has been added to the army who are advising their friends to use Dodd's Kidney Pills for all kidney troubles.

"Yes, I am telling my friends what Dodd's Kidney Pills did for me," Miss LeBlanc says. "Not only did I have backache and rheumatism, but I was tired all the time."

"Two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills helped me so much that I decided to continue the treatment. In two months I was completely cured and I have stayed cured."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have made their reputation by their cures. One person who benefited from them told another, till now they are known all over Canada as the most reliable remedy for all kidney ills.

Hockey Notes.

The Fieldians and Victorias will be the contesting teams in to-night's game. The Vics, with the addition of Ford and Munn should put up a stiff fight.

Following to-night's game fourteen players will be picked to practice for the coming games between the City and King's College team. From the former number there will be called seven regular and two sparemen.

The King's College party will number ten, including the Manager and a man from Windsor, not a student of the College, who will be allowed to play with the visitors.

SKATES SHARPENED at shortest notice. J. CHANNING, Shoemaker, Long's Hill.—f2,t,f

Mail Couriers Demand More Pay.

We understand that there has been a general demand for mail couriers up north for an increase in their pay, which for years has not been at all satisfactory. Of late years parcel post mail has increased to such an extent that mail couriers have on several occasions been unable to take all the packages despatched from St. John's. In most cases, we are told, the couriers demands were reasonable and in order to save delay the Postal Department lost no time in granting their just request.

When you want Sausages, why—get ELLIS'; they're the best.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER

