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**Grenfell Hall Spring Series Of Concerts Opens**

The opening concert and entertainment of the Spring series, held last night in the Grenfell Hall of the King George Institute, was a distinct success as far as the musical part is concerned, but certainly not the financial success—as represented by the small gathering assembled—that the event called for, or the efforts of the talented performers merited.

The programme for the evening was arranged by, and under the supervision of Mr. H. W. Stirling, L.L.C. M. who, with Miss C. Windeler as accompanist, and the St. Thomas's Glee Singers furnished the major portion of a delightful musical evening in the rendition of part-songs, which were interspersed with vocal solos by Misses G. Strang, L. Anderson, N. Job, D. Johnson, Mrs. W. C. Job and Mr. F. M. Ruggles. Recitations by Miss M. Doyle and Miss M. Morris, and a violin solo by Miss S. Johnson.

In the rendition of the part-song, we give preference to the opening and closing numbers, viz.—"Let the Hills Resound," and "The Soldiers' Chorus" (Faust), but all the part-singing last night by the Glee Singers gave evidence of careful training at the hands of their talented conductor.

The only instrumental item on the programme was a violin solo by Miss S. Johnson, and it is needless to say that this talented lady excelled herself last night.

In her patriotic recitation of "England Aroused!" Miss M. Morris captivated the audience, and had to respond to an encore, which she did in genuine old Irish style by the rendition of "A Cup of Irish Tea" and "Potato Cakes."

Miss N. Job also scored last night in her patriotic vocal contribution of "There are thousands rolling in," having to respond with an extra verse, and Mr. Ruggles—the only male soloist on the programme—was loudly cheered for his "Recruiting Sergeant," to which he responded with "Tommy Lad."

The closing item on the program was "Rule Britannia," solo by Mrs. W. C. Job, with chorus by the Glee Singers, which was very effectively rendered, and the audience joined in the singing of "God Save the King," bringing to an end a highly successful musical event, that reflected the utmost credit on Mr. Stirling and all associated with him in its production, the only regretted feature connected with the entire affair being the small audience, particularly when we consider that the net proceeds were for such a laudable purpose as that of "helping out" in the maintenance of the Grenfell Hall.

**THE NICKEL**

Each show at the Nickel last night was crowded, and the many who attended were pleased with the splendid pictures presented.

Special praise was given, and rightly so, to Prof. McCarthy, for the excellent music furnished, as it was indeed one of the features of the whole performance which claims for the Nickel the good will of all.

If you did not see the show last night, be sure and get up this evening. You will pass a pleasant and profitable hour. The price is small, the value big, and the crowd always appreciative.

**Rossley's Theatres**

Ballard Brown and Madge Locke made their debut last night to an audience that completely filled Jack Rossley's spacious and elegantly fitted East End Theatre.

Both artistes, who are typical representatives of the "Land of the Heather," made a great hit in the one-act scene of "Scotland Yet." Miss Locke, in her impersonations of the great Lauder, captivating the audience, and Mr. Brown's singing and acting simply carried the house by storm. All present were delighted with the show, and comment was general on the great improvements provided by the genial Rossley for the comfort of all his patrons. Brown and Locke will appear to-night, with added specialties, and a most enjoyable evening is assured all who attend.

The West End Theatre "Ours" had record attendances at all the performances yesterday to see Mrs. Rossley's clever "little pupils"—the Slaters Squires—These two St. John's girls are certainly marvels and created quite an impression, receiving loud encores.

The pictures shown, were, all of them, also much admired—East and West Rossley has the goods—Be sure to visit either or both.

**New Officers**

Congratulations to the parents and friends of our latest commissioned officers, viz.—Lieuts. Fox, Balne, Herder and Harvey.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

The local via Broad Cove got into the city at 12.20 p.m.

It is said that some of our sealing steamers have been ordered home.

The weather along the line of railway to-day is clam and fine. The temperature ranges from 8 to 35 above.

The B.I.S. L. and A. Committee are making big arrangements for their Easter dance, which takes place on the evening of April.

The members of the Young Men's Circle attached to the Seaman's Institute are holding a social gathering to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.

Mr. Frank McNamara lost a valuable horse last afternoon. The animal, which had been hauling goods to the dock pier, backed over the wharf there.

We understand that in addition to the regular passenger list of the Stephano, the 33 stranded Chinamen from the S.S. Desola are being transported to New York.

Two cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday—one at Cabot St. a boy of 12 years of age—the other a young woman of King's Road. Both cases were sent to Hospital.

Lovers of part-singing are requested to keep open Thursday evening for attending the College Hall, to hear the St. Thomas's Glee Singers render popular Glee's and choruses. Proceeds for the city poor.

There is always trouble with our vessels on the eve of sailing, owing to members of the crews not reporting for duty. The Dunure and Nellie Louise were unable to get away yesterday afternoon because of the above reason.

The battleship Nelson belongs to that class sometimes called semi-dreadnought, because they approximate to that type in tonnage and armament. Her displacement is 15,500 tons, length 410 feet, and her engines are of 16,750 horse power. She has 4 12-inch guns and 10 2-inch.

The quiet atmosphere of Water St. West was a little disturbed last night when a resident there thought to create a disturbance in his home, and exchanged some crockeryware with his wife. The police, who were quickly on the scene, arrested the fellow at the instance of his better half, and Judge Knight is going to have a talk with him to-day.

**ENLISTED**

Nine more names were added to the roll last evening, making the total number up to date 1,506.—

Mr. Penny, Burin.  
Francis J. Snow, St. John's.  
Augustus Whelan, St. John's.  
Leo Murphy, St. John's.  
Eldred Crane, St. John's.  
R. Keary, St. John's.  
M. Woodford, Hr. Main.  
Wm. Joy, Hr. Main.  
M. Hawco, Fogo.

Some 21 young men sat for examination for non-com. stripes last evening, the examiners being Messrs. J. J. McKay and T. McNeill. The result of the exams. will be made known in a few days.

**The "Ball Alley"**

Very few of the old landmarks like the "Ball Alley" now being torn down are in existence in St. John's.

The Ball Alley, so we are informed was built by an Irishman named McCabe. It stood near the entrance to the grounds of St. Michael's Convent on Allandale Road.

The game of hand-ball was a favorite pastime with the men of a generation or two ago, and it was on the old spot where that house is now being dismantled, that many a spirited contest was engaged in by "the rufefathers of the hamlet," many of whom now sleep in the tombs of Belvedere close by. It is to be regretted that we have no artistes among us who combine with the artistic tastes a love for the old things, made beautiful by the memories that attach to them, that they might perpetuate their existence in pictorial form.

Many old buildings that have more than a passing interest are removed from time to time, of which not even a memory will soon survive. Types of architecture are being removed, that, whilst not boasting of beauty, are still interesting enough, we should think, to be photographed for the benefit of historians to come.

Very Rev. Fr. St. John, P.P., of Torbay, went to Placentia by this morning's train.

**PERSONAL**

Dr. Scully leaves on a visit to Halifax to-day.

Hon. R. K. Bishop arrived by the express this a.m.

Mr. D. A. Ryan and Mr. J. Jardine are going to New York via Halifax by to-day's Stephano.

Mr. Jerrett returned to Brigus by rail this forenoon, after a few days in the city devoted to business.

Mr. C. A. C. Bruce is a passenger by the Stephano to Halifax to-day.

Mr. A. Moulton who had been spending a few days in the city returns to Halifax by to-day steamer.

Miss Maile Parsons, daughter of Mr. E. Parsons, M.H.A., leaves by this afternoon's express for Montreal, whence she will proceed to the front to engage in Red Cross work.

Mr. A. S. Wadden had one of his New Gower Street shop windows broken yesterday evening by a drunk falling through. His honor says the tipsy one must pay up or go down.

**George St. Auxiliary Annual Easter Service**

The annual Easter Service of the George Street Auxiliary will be held this Tuesday evening sharp at 7.45 in the basement of the Church. Mrs. Boyle of Wesley Church and Miss Bates, Deaconess of Gower Street will address the meeting, subject "Easter Thoughts." Mrs. Squires will render "The Legend of Service," and Misses Vincent, Whiteway and Hamlin, will be the soloists.

Contributions from the Circle and Band members, with the above, guarantee a pleasing and inspiring service in the interest of our Missionary Work. Come and bring a friend with you. Come.

**Concert At The College Hall**

The vocal recital in the College Hall last night under the direction of Mr. Henry M. Astle, was one of the most successful events of its kind for the season, and the hall was packed to the doors.

Those who assisted Mr. Astle and helped to the making of the big success were:—Mrs. C. J. Coblin, Miss Sybil Johnson, Miss Jean Strang and Mr. F. J. King.

The recital was under the patronage of their Excellencies Sir William E. and Lady Davidson.

Mr. Astle, who is late of the Royal Welsh Singers, may feel justly proud of the success of his work, and it is hoped by all that he will again endeavour to bring forth another such treat as that of last evening's recital.

**Equipping the Reserve Company**

Equipping the members of the Reserve Company of our regiment is progressing rapidly, and nearly all the men have been fully kitted. The manner in which the equipping is being rushed is a tribute to Quartermaster Outerbridge. We understand that this Reserve Company will be supplied with the Regulation Service cap before they leave, and this acquisition to their kit will add materially to the appearance of the men.

**Capt. Thos. Hally**

Congratulations to Capt. Thos. Hally, who has been elected to that office by the last regimental orders issued by Lieut.-Colonel Conroy of the Catholic Cadet Corps. Capt. Hally holds that promotion in connection with the St. Bonaventure's College Company, and his old Alma Mater, replacing Capt. V. P. Burke, who goes on the Reserve List. Capts. J. J. D. O'neilly and L. C. Murphy have been officially granted leave, both being attached to the first Newfoundland Regiment.

**SEALING NEWS**

To Bowling Bros. (last night):—

From Florizel—"Have driven back a little in the bay, ice still tight; ship jammed."

From Eagle—"Drifted about 4 miles west half South since yesterday; ice tight; ship jammed; nothing new to report."

From Viking—"Forty miles south of Cape North; clear water in sight; Terra Nova and Bonaventure 15 miles south; weather fine, clear and cold." Message to Marine and Fisheries to-day.

Change Islands—Wind N. W., fair, ice on land; three steamers about 6 miles off here, apparently jammed.

**SHIPPING**

The Argyle left Placentia at 10 p.m. yesterday, going west.

The next boat from London for here will be the Graciana, which is due to leave there on the 15th inst.

The S.S. Ethie arrived at St. John's this morning from Placentia. The steamer will now go on dock for repairs.

The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 4.20 a.m., for Louisburg.

S.S. Meigle left Pushthrough at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, coming this way.

Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 9 o'clock this morning with a big freight and several packages of mail matter.

The Schr. Mildred Roberson, now some ten days out from Barbados to New York, will bring a large general cargo from that port to St. John's.

There are now several vessels at Barbados loading molasses for this port, whilst five other shipsloads are on the way here now.

**Fire Alarm**

An alarm of fire was sent in last evening from box 221, and on the Central and East End Companies responding, the fire was found to be at the house of Mr. Ed. Smith, Rennie's Mill Road. The services of the firemen, however, were not required, as the blaze which had been ignited by burning soot in the chimney, was quickly extinguished.

**B.I.S. Tourney**

The billiard tourney now being played in the B.I.S. for a dinner, to be given next week by the losers, goes steadily on.

Last night D. Williams (Plain) defeated J. Aylward (Spot) by 97 points and J. Walsh (Plain) defeated H. Brophy (Spot) by 89 points.

The Plains are now leading by 477 points, and the Spots will soon order up that turkey.

**WEATHER REPORT**

Toronto (noon)  
Moderate to fresh S. W. shifting to S.E. winds, fine and a little milder to-day, becoming showery during Wednesday.

Cape Race (noon)  
Wind N., light, weather fine and clear; nothing passed in.

Roper's (noon)  
Bar. 29.90; ther. 42.

**LATEST WAR MESSAGES**

**Trawler Torpedoed**

Blyth, Eng., April 6.—The trawler Agantha attacked by German submarine off Longstrom was sent to the bottom. The crew was rescued.

**Austro-German Army In Full Retreat**

Rome, April 6.—The Tribuna publishes, under Vienna date, a despatch, stating that according to the latest Austrian news the Austrian-German army in the Carpathians is in full retreat.

**Official Denial Of German Report**

Tokio, April 6.—Reports originating in Berlin that war had broken out between China and Japan officially denied at the Foreign Office.

**Magistrate's Court**

(Before Judge Knight.)

A drunken cooper of Bonnerman St. paid costs and was discharged.

Another cooper from the same street was fined one dollar for glass breaking.

An ordinary drunk citizen was discharged.

An elderly citizen, charged with being drunk and disorderly in his own home, was discharged for want of evidence, his better half having got faint-hearted on the Court House steps.

**S.S. Stephano Sails**

S.S. Stephano, Capt. Smith, sails at 3 p.m. for Halifax and New York, taking a large freight and as passengers—P. J. and Mrs. Martin, Miss E. Ayre, Mrs. G. Knowling, J. S. and Mrs. Munn, Mrs. R. H. Anderson, Miss M. Whelean, Mr. Isinor, Miss M. Parker, D. and Mrs. Baird, Miss Baird, Miss Prowse, Miss Connolly, Mr. Kieley, J. Rendell, A. Moulton, D. A. Ryan, Dr. Scully, Mrs. and Master McCoubrey, J. Jardine, George Shea, L. M. Trask, M. Findlater, W. J. Carroll and 42 in steerage.

**Hr. Grace Dock**

The new dry dock at Hr. Grace is doing good work, and the employees there are kept busy attending to the many vessels always on the stocks.

The Schr. Studland, the harbor ferry boat, and the new motor boat owned by Mr. F. C. Archibald, came off the dock on Saturday last.

**Bait News**

Messages to Marines and Fisheries to-day:—

St. Mary's—Plenty herring in the bay; two bankers baited.

Salmonier—Herring plentiful here; three vessels baited and sailed for Banks.

**A Youthful Soldier**

Limoges, March 28.—Henri Lacombe, nine years old, wrote to President Poincare, asking permission to enlist in the army. The President replied:—

"Your patriotic desire, unfortunately, cannot be realized, the law prohibiting enlistment before 17 years of age; but to be a wise and industrious child is already serving France."

**FOR SALE--Boat Ophir**

20 tons, 9 years old, used very little. Built in Placentia Bay. A smart sailer. Dory sail in first class condition; also new cable, new chain, two new stoves, side lights and two anchors. Will be sold cheap. Apply to W. J. MAHAR, Aquaforte.—apl6,6id,6iw

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**WANTED--By Outport**

Young lady, about the middle of May, a position as Nursery Groomess or Mother's Help. Church of England family preferred. Apply to this office.—apl6,6id,6iw

**Wanted--An Engineer**

holding a Second's Certificate to take Chief's position on a steamer. Apply by letter with references to A.B.C., this office.—m31