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Naval Heroes Given.

A BIG WELCOME.
When the cross country express pulled in at the Railway Station last night hundreds of people lined the platform, all eager to extend a hearty welcome to a company of Royal Naval Reservists who were returning on furlough after an absence ranging from one to two and a half years. As the boys in blue stepped from the first class car on to the platform they were greeted with vociferous cheering from the big crowd which included the energetic workers of the Ladies' Reception Committee, the Premier, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and sweethearts of the jolly sailors. Following are the returned men:—
Thomas Marshall, Mussel Harbour Arm; W. Hewlett, Western Cove; Ernest F. Downey, Winterton; Martin Frampton, St. John's; E. Robbins, S. W. Arm, Random, T.B.; Chas. Tavenor, Heart's Content; J. T. Smith, Southport; Philip Tucker, Keefe's Hr.; James Whelan, Chapel Cove; A. Young, Twillingate; John W. Abernethy, Thomas Hewlett, Western Cove; Edgar Hibbs, Portugal Cove, C. B.; Jos. W. Grey, St. John's; Edward Cuff, Wesleyville; Noah Rogers, St. John's; G. Tobin, St. Lawrence; John Guy, Clarendville; Fred. Piment, Safe Harbour; W. J. Tilley, Hant's Hr.; Calob Cooper, Hillview; Horace Young, Twillingate; William J. Parsons, Carbonear; John Chalk, Charlottetown; Garland Steele, Musgrave Harbour; Jacob George, Flower's Cove; S. Squires, St. Philip's; Walter Critch, Northern Bight; Ed. Kelly, Cape Broyle; W. Barrett, St. John's; Silas Gorman, Snook's Brook; N. Snow, Hr. Grace; R. A. Joy, St. John's; S. T. Greene, —; George Lomeau, Grand Bay; and two others.
A company of Reservists from H. M. S. Briton formed a square at the front of the building, where the returned

heroes were addressed by the Premier, who on behalf of the Ladies' Reception Committee and the whole country thanked the men for the valuable services they had rendered their King and Country.
At the conclusion of the Premier's address the men were dismissed to report on board H. M. S. Briton at 9 o'clock this morning. This they did and were granted the usual furlough.

Hr. Grace Notes.

Some very fine hauls of fish were made by the trappers this morning, and all are looking forward to "something doing" in the fish line during the next few weeks.
Yesterday morning about church time a regular downpour of rain took place, accompanied by a little thunder and lightning. All inclined for rest had a good excuse, while the clergymen had an opportunity of seeing those anxious for worship.
The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Granville took place on Friday evening, attended by a large number of friends. Interment took place at the R. C. Cemetery.
We were shown a couple of days ago a brood of 9 fine turkeys owned by a resident of the hill, to the rear of our town. These birds have become very scarce in town, and we are glad to see the work of raising them again taken up. Without a doubt there is money in raising turkeys, geese, ducks, hens, etc. There is considerable pleasure in raising them and still more in testing their goodness at the family table.
We are now experiencing ideal weather for farming. Rain and sunshine is the life of all plants at this season. Crops all around are looking well, and one man told us this forenoon that he had potatoes in blossom.

And the Worst is Yet to Come—



Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



GOIN' TO HELP THE RED CROSS TO-MORROW NIGHT! THIS SEASON.

The Farmer always prays for rain To help along his growing grain. The Fans were always known to pray For sunshine every playing day. But all the Rooters will allow That things are slightly different now. When rain is needed for the soil To help the farmers at their toil And help 'em get a bumper crop— Well, let the players shut up shop. For if the worse comes to the worst We all agree that crops come first. So Rain, oh Rain, no matter when You come to moisten field and glen We will not care one whit at all How much you stop us playing Ball. P.S. Rain, oh Rain, such lines as these. Won't spoil your Summer showing. You'll likely come just when you please And go when you are going.

REVENGE IS SWEET.

The pentup defeats of many seasons are ranking in the many bosoms of the Hiltz crew, and they are just thirsting for revenge to-morrow.

While the spectators at the fence are farther away from the scene of action than the fans in the bleachers, that's the only disadvantage. You can call an umpire just as many names at a ball-game for a NICKEL as you can for a Dime.

THE UMPIRES.

Umpire-in-Chief Chesman and Major Montgomerie will control to-morrow's game.

HIGH-BALLS.

In the baseball seasons previous to Prohibition, a lot of players used to strike out on high-balls. Wonder what'll be the cause this year?

THE LINEUPS.

The lineups of both teams will be published to-morrow.

SOAKING THE PILL.

Oh! it's all very well For the oarsman to tell Of the joy of a long tight pull. But for high class thrill Let me sweat the old pill For a run home clout with the bases full.

The schur, Dorothy stranded in the sale here last year, has been purchased by Mr. E. Simmons and is being fitted up at his premises by Messrs. S. and J. Tetford. She will be a fine staunch schooner when completed.

The C. H. E. Examinations are being held in Coughlan Hall this week; 108 candidates from this centre are sitting for the exams.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hr. Grace, June 25th, 1917.

Opposition Continue Their Obstruction at the House.

A long talk against time and a hold up on the Estimates was again the outstanding feature of yesterday afternoon's sitting of the House of Assembly.

At the opening all of the Government members were at their posts and answered the roll call, though there was a marked depletion in the Opposition ranks, a noticeable vacant seat being that of the F. P. U. President, who was out of town.

After a chapter of petitions were presented from both sides and the Bills respecting the Volunteer Force and the Wills and Estates of deceased members of the Regiment and Naval Reserve were read a third time, the House went into Committee on Supply.

Mr. Hickman continued his speech from the last sitting and spoke for an hour and a half. He said that if the Government prolonged the life of Parliament they would do so in defiance of the people in the outports and that such an act, if attempted, will be detrimental to recruiting. In support of his contention he claimed that the Opposition represented a majority of the electors of the country. Referring to the appointment of a new Inspector

INSHOOTS.

The way some ball players bat you'd think that they were afraid of getting tired running if they knocked out a home run.

"Why do they call the fourth base on the basefield the plate?" asks A Spectator.

Probably because that's where the players spend so much of their time. Incidentally that's where they often try to eat up the umpire.

And also that's where they try to polish off a pitcher.

If the fans like to see plenty of hitting why is it they always shout: "Take him out" when a pitcher is being walloped?

Most ballplayers are as harmless with a bat in their hands as a one-legged man with water on the knee.

BE GENEROUS.

Fans: Our brave wounded need all the nickels you can give them to-morrow night.

HOPE NOT.

In case to-morrow night should be wet, the game will be postponed till Thursday night at seven o'clock.

TAKE THE CURE.

When you're feelin' sort o' surly And most everything goes wrong, When you see things thro' blue glasses And for solitude are strong; When you can't enjoy your dinner And you want to quit your job, When you fear you'll lose your best girl, In fact, feel like "old hob,"

Just hike out to the ball game, Mingle with the bleacher boys, Drink some pop or eat some candy Yell and make a lot of noise. Do some fanning with your neighbors, And before the game's half through You'll forget that you're the fellow Who so recently felt blue— That's the cure, man, that's for you.

AN OLD FAVOURITE.

Dr. Pritchard will play to-morrow. Speaking of the Doe as a great hunter reminds us that some of his bunts are so well placed that it takes the right fielder 5 minutes to get the ball back to the infield.

THE BALL GAME.

Here end the sorrows of the race— All want, all, wretchedness, and crime, Where care must seek another place, Where sin must bide another time.

Here's where the heart's wiped clean and dry— Where in dull breasts the flame is lit. As young and old wait the reply— A Strike out—or—A Two base hit.

YOU SAID IT.

Incidentally umpire don't need any Spring training. They can "miss 'em" without practice.

LEST WE FORGET.

The game to-morrow does not start till 6 o'clock.

General, he said that the position should be filled by a man from the ranks if an efficient police force was wanted. He then stated that public monies were given as family grants by the Government; criticized the bad condition of the Reid Co.'s Railway and scored the Government for not taking proper action two years ago in regularizing freight rates whereby the people would be paying less for foodstuffs to-day. He disapproved of defected members being in the Executive and also of the increased salary system adopted by the Government, pointing out a series of anomalies.

Mr. Halfyard then occupied an equal amount of time. He talked (on irrelevant matters) and talked and talked, his sentences being connected with yawns. He became so jading that most of the members left the Chamber and went home, though the Big Chief sat back in his chair and contented himself reading a chapter from "In the reign of Terror." There were 13 people, including visitors, listening to Mr. Halfyard as he went on telling about the largely subsidized press. The Daily News and Herald, he said, were paid handsomely for not favouring an election and the Evening Telegram, which he thought was semi-dependent, feared they would offend their Water Street advertisers if they did not oppose an election. He then branched off into talking on patriotism and loyalty and was about to show how much of these he had permeating his views at this crucial period when the adjournment hour arrived and put a stop to his eloquence.

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