

## DONATIONS TO METHODIST ORPHANAGE

The Supt. of the Methodist Orphanage begs to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the following donations during the Christmas season: Hon. R. Watson, \$5.00; M. and E. Kennedy, \$5.00; W. Carlson, \$5.00; Dr. R. E. Forbes, Bonavista, -10.00; Whitbourne Sunday School, \$3.00; M. Morey & Co., \$5.00; Anonymous, \$3.00; Moore & Co., \$5.00; Capt. J. Joliffe, \$5.00; George Neal, brl. apples; John T. Currie, Britannia, qtl. Fish; Dr. F. W. Burden, Emergency Supplies; J. M. Spearns, Toys; Burt & Lawrence, sack Parships; Robert Hamlyn, box Sodas; G. Browning & Son, 2 sacks Biscuits; Max Lindsay, 3 bxs. Crackers; Sir W. D. Reid, gr. Beef; Mr. Weeks, box Lemon Biscuits; Hon. James Angel, Goose; J. H. and Mrs. James, 2 doz. boxes Candy; Moses Drover, brl. Apples; Standard Mfg. Co., box Soap; Steer Bros., box Apricots; Royal Stores, brl. Apples; Mrs. W. Herder, brl. Apples; Miss Daisy White, Toys; Miss Vey, Christmas Cake; J. E. P. Peters, Flannellette; Ayre & Sons, pail Candy; J. P. Cash, Ham and Sodas; F. J. Connors, gr. Beef; M. O'Regan, gr. Beef; Star Candy Co., box Candy; Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, brl. Apples; Frank McNamara, box Dried Peaches; Capt. Levi Diamond, Goose; A. and Mrs. Goobie, Pilot Biscuits; Joshua Hooke, doz. Brooms; W. J. Ellis, brl. Apples; Mrs. Stephen Tucker, Christmas Cake; R. Cross, Candy; A. Friend (Anonymous), 20 bxs. Handkerchiefs; Herbert, Donald and Jean Wyatt, Candy; K. and Mrs. Barnes, 10 lbs. Butter; J. and Mrs. McIntyre, half brl. Apples; Mrs. Mark Chaplin, Biscuits; Soper & Moore, sack Carrots; Wm. R. Howley, brl. Apples; H. J. Brownrigg, brl. Apples; C. H. Butt, box Sodas; S. H. Peet, Goose; Mrs. Walter White, 2 Christmas Cakes; F. B. Wood Co., box Candy; C. P. Eagan, box Raisins; Hon. J. D. Ryan, Current Biscuits; Hon. J. R. Bennett, brl. Apples; John Leamon, Story and Picture Biscuit; A. E. Worrall, box Biscuits; M. A. Duffy, Biscuits; Bishop, Sons and Co., brl. Turnips; A. Friend, gallon Partridge Berry Jam.

A hockey match between a city team and one from the Regiment has been arranged and will take place as soon as ice conditions are favourable.

## OUR THEATRES AT THE CRESCENT

To-day the Crescent Picture Palace presents Henry King in "The Stained Pearl," a thrilling sea drama produced in three reels by the Knickerbocker star features. Edith Story and Antonio Moreno in "She won the prize," a classy drama by the Vitagraph Company; and a roaring Western comedy "A scandal in Hickville." Professor McCarthy plays a good musical programme. Get in and see this great mid-week show.

## GREAT PANTOMIME FEATURE

Last night a large crowd attended the Rossley British Theatre and were delighted with the beautiful performance. The pantomime feature, floral fete, "Poses and Roses" is one of the prettiest sights. The posing of the various groups is something very original. The baby cupids are very cute and cunning. The many changes of new costumes and the gorgeous electrical effects seemed to transport one to fairy land. The songs and dances are also all new. Mrs. Rossley has made another little artist, Kathleen McGraw, only four and a half years of age, who appears as a Quaker maid and sings her song in character, a sweet little voice that can be heard all over the large theatre. She is simply wonderful. The big three reel feature, "Helen of the Chorus" by the Edison players, is very thrilling and interesting. "Pickles and Diamonds," a high-class comedy. There is a matinee daily, five and ten cents; two full shows nightly, ten and twenty cents. In reply to many patrons who were unable to see the "Blackbirds," it will be repeated on Monday.

## THE ALLIANCE

The prolonged stay of millions of British subject in the northern departments of France will have results which cannot yet be calculated. The alliance, cemented by the blood shed in common, of two races which have long been hostile and which must always remain dissimilar, is a moral event that is taking place before our eyes without our noticing it, and that offers to the psychologist a field of observation almost limitless in its wealth.

## REV. DR. BOND LECTURES

At the Cochran Street Sunday School Room last night the Rev. Dr. George Bond delivered one of his racy and interesting lectures on "China." A very disagreeable evening prevented a larger attendance. The Rev. Gentleman gave his audience a first-hand description of the habits, modes of living and the religious tenets of the people of the Celestial Empire. Particularly interesting was that part of the lecture which dealt with the work of the Missionaries, to whom he paid well-merited tribute. The lantern slides, under the operation of Mr. Leslie Curtis, were realistic and clear and contributed much to the enjoyment of this literary treat. During the intervals a solo was sweetly rendered by Miss Gladys Peters. Her accompanist was Miss Gwendolyn Mews. A vote of thanks, proposed by Miss O. Taylor and seconded by Miss F. Burt, was tendered the lecturer in fitting style by Mrs. A. E. Parkins.

## COASTAL BOATS

**REID'S**  
S.S. Glencoe is due at St. John's to-day to undergo her annual overhauling.  
S.S. Home left Three Arms at 3.35 a.m. yesterday, inward.  
S.S. Argyle is leaving Placentia to-day on bay route.  
S.S. Clyde. No report since leaving Lewisport on the 1st inst.  
S.S. Dundee left Wesleyville at 3 p.m. yesterday, coming to St. John's.  
S.S. Ethie left Flower's Cove at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, going north.  
S.S. Sagana left Port aux Basques at 3.35 a.m. for North Sydney.

## BOWRING'S

The S.S. Prospero left Pilley's Island at 11 a.m. to-day.  
The S.S. Portia left Pushthrough at 9.15 last night, going west.

The regular weekly card tournament at the British Club Rooms takes place this evening at 8.30 o'clock. These tournaments are open to members of other clubs and a cordial invitation is extended to them to take a hand.

The weather up country to-day is fine with strong North. West wind. Temperature—zero to 35 above.

## VIEW POINTS FROM THE CURB

By "The Man on the Street"

## The Minimum Wage.

Since I mentioned this subject before in my first letter there has been some healthy discussion on the same, and it is pleasing to note that as Shannahan says, everybody is appearing to do it, namely give more to increase the salaries of their employees, and it shows that after all some of our business concerns are not as soulless as some of us would imagine.

Yet there are some who we know have not as yet seen any fifteen per cent. increase. Are you, dear reader, aware we have teamsters carrying heavy loads, hauling them long distances in rain and frost for the sum of seven dollars per week? Are there not young women who work in some of our stores for from six to ten dollars per month, and are you conscious of the wages our government pays those Sisters of Mercy, the nurses in our General Hospital? Why, I feel ashamed to tell it. Just think what it cost the parents of any young lady to go in training for a nurse. Consider all the unpleasantness that she has discovered in assuming that position for three long years, for twelve hours each day, or each long night with one day off each fortnight. She toils on. Often she gets an unkind word from some patient or patient's friend to help cheer her up, and she gets the tidy sum of four dollars per month, and until the former editor of the "Telegraph" took up the matter she had to pay for her washing as well. It was a pity that there was not more said on the subject at that time, but let us now hope that the Board of Governors will make a move in the matter, and when the time comes let a bill be passed to raise the pay of the police, firemen, postal carriers and nurses of our General Hospital, as well as a minimum wage law for our daughters and sisters in the stores for truly the laborer is worthy of his hire.

## Cashing Cheques.

Many of my readers can recall our old banks which closed their doors on that memorable morning known as Black Monday some twenty odd years ago. Happily for us of to-day they did so, for with their closing they left an open door for that broad spirit of democracy to come in for in the old days did one not approach a bank with fear and trembling and feel as if they had no right to enter such an institution? Was it not for the classes, and were not the masses kept in the background, but to-day we find it is the other way, for the masses and not the select few. We owe much to our Canadian banks. They have brought a new era to our country and have put our business transactions on a sounder basis in the financial world, but we should guard those privileges that they have given us, for there are some times we have had occasion to feel pretty small as well as annoyed while we take a cheque from a person in all sincerity, duly giving him either our own or a receipt in exchange to find when we present his cheque that there are no funds to pay the same.

Now this is apt to cause serious friction amongst people who have to handle a lot of money in such a form. The man who is always safe and who is often doubted more than the one who is shaky may suffer inasmuch as his cheques will not be accepted until certified, which causes both delay and humiliation at times.

Again I understand that it is not only against the rules of banking to overdraw, but is punishable as a crime. Let us not, then, trifle with our banks, and if we cannot get our notes honored in a proper way, let us go to our creditors like a man, and say so.

## Game Preserves To Go!

(Toronto "Globe.")

The abolition of British game preserves which occupy arable land is in contemplation as a result of the war. Britain is learning in a hard school that the primary duty of land is to supply food and the materials for clothing and shelter for the many rather than sport for the few.

## To Employers

Two Retired Volunteers unfit for active service, wish to obtain employment. Both have families and want work immediately. All information can be obtained at the office of "The Mail and Advocate."—3i

## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

Received January 3rd, 1917  
2078 Sergeant Malcolm Hollett, Burin. Previously reported, off serious list, 5th. General Hospital, Rouen. Now reported, at Wandsworth.

## TRAGIC ACCIDENT 2 MEN DROWNED

Another tragic accident, this time at Burgeo, is reported this morning in the following message by the Minister of Justice from the Magistrate of Burgeo:

"Samuel and John Carter, two married men, were drowned here yesterday while gunning. The boat was picked up at 3 p.m. Both men leave families."

## THE CONTROLLER

The Minister of Finance, Hon. M. P. Cashin, has been appointed controller over the dispensing of liquor in connection with the enforcement of the Prohibition Act. It is also understood that Capt. Thomas Bonia, the present Inspector of roads and bridges, is to have an appointment in the department which is now being organized. The "Daily News" says editorially this morning that Mr. Cashin's appointment is pro tem, pending the selection of a permanent head.

## THE POLICE COURT

Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C. presided this morning. The adjourned case against the young fisherman from Trepassay, who broke the plate glass in the store window of Mrs. Haviland Edgar, was disposed of. It appears that the defendant takes a long time between drinks, he having kept the pledge for 12 months, and was induced to take drink on New Year's Day. After a strong plea from Mr. W. J. Higgins, who appeared for him and payment of \$59.27, the price of the glass, and Court charges, the young man was given his liberty, and sails for home to-day.

Thomas Hernandez, a Mexican seaman charged with desertion from the s.s. char. Svallen, was put aboard his ship by the police.

A slander case, in which the parties failed to appear, was stricken from the docket.

## THE DANISH WEST INDIES

(New York "World.")

On account of extraordinary military and other expenses of over \$16,500,000, the Danish public accounts so far for the present year show a deficit of over \$11,500,000. The \$25,000,000 Denmark is to receive from the United States for her possessions in the West Indies, therefore, will not only wipe out the deficit but leave a goodly sum in the Danish Treasury. It does not seem to be probable, however, that this was the chief consideration that led the Danes to vote so overwhelmingly in favor of disposing of the islands. In parting with them they exchanged a liability for a convenient and much-needed sum of money.

## SIGNIFICANT

Germany's host go marching on through Rumania, and the Kaiser orders the bells of the empire rung, to celebrate the capture of King Ferdinand's capital. But the German 100-mark bill simultaneously falls to 80 francs, the lowest point of the war, on the Zurich Bourse.

The careful student of events will not fail to note the significant and growing weakness of German credit. The money men of the world do not conduct their operations on sentiment. They do not put much trust in spectacular victories. They watch the general trend of the great struggle. And when the German mark and the Austrian krona go down as they have been doing steadily the intelligent observer cannot fail to understand the hand writing on the wall.

The S.S. Susu sails for Change Islands and intermediate ports at noon today.

## TO ADVERTISERS

Our Contract Advertisers will kindly notice that their matter for the Morning Editor should be sent to this office not later than 4 p.m. each day. The office will be open all night for any other matter for publication.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. John Rabbits, J. P., who was in town yesterday, returned to his home, Brigus, by last evening's train.

St. John's was a very dry town all day yesterday up till 5.30 p.m.—when rain, the first for over a week, began to fall.

A new school at Bay Bulls will be opened on Sunday next, when a bazaar will be held. The building is an up-to-date one and a credit to the town.

We learn that Nurse Carey, formerly attached to the Fever Hospital, shortly leaves for England to take up work in a military hospital there.

The schr. Passport, from Bay of Islands, for Halifax with a cargo of herring and which was reported missing, has arrived safely at Halifax, all well.

The S.S. Susu sails north at 4 p.m. to-day, taking a full freight, and the following passengers:—Henry Lockyer, J. Lockyer, Malcom Leete, Mr. Sweeney, Frank Banks and C. Cole.

A. PITTMAN, Plumber, Steam-fitter, etc., has severed his connection with the firm of Pittman & Shaw, Persons requiring his services will find him at J. T. PHILLIPS', 310 Water

The S.S. Meigle sailed from Placentia at 2 a.m. to-day with the following passengers:—Dr. Mosdell, J. Pine, C. Keeping, W. McDougall, C. Winter, Miss Greenland, Miss Thomas, Capt. Burden, A. Kelly, Capt. Dinnam and 42 second class passengers.

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques this a.m. at 9 with the following passengers:—E. McDonald, Miss E. Messervey, W. Gillam and wife, L. McLean, D. W. Burpee, V. D. Damsare, Mrs. Linberg, Austin and Mrs. Maddock, W. J. Ryan and B. E. Murray.

## DIPHTHERIA

Another case of diphtheria is under observation to-day in Rocky Lane in the same home from which yesterday's case was removed. The boy was at school yesterday. The case is of a mild type. Unless parents and others interested aid the authorities by promptly reporting every case and following the health regulations, it is almost impossible to keep this dreaded disease in check. Not until it comes violently epidemic and there are a number of deaths will the people realize the seriousness of keeping those in touch with contagion away from schools and other public places.

## PRELIMINARY HEARING

The preliminary hearing in the case of James and Elizabeth Gosse, 32 Pleasant Street, charged with so neglecting a child as to cause her death, is on in camera before Mr. Morris, K.C., to-day.

The accused are represented by Mr. W. J. Higgins and Mr. L. E. Emerson prosecutes.

This forenoon was taken up with the medical testimony of Drs. Rendell and Scully, who performed the autopsy.

## BONUS TO EMPLOYEES

The laborers and mechanics of St. John's are keenly interested in the question of the raise of wages at the present time. The employees of the Newfoundland Furniture and Moulding Company in pursuance of a notice posted in the factory a couple of months ago, were given a bonus of 10 per cent. on New Year's Eve. Whether this substantial increase may be looked forward to for the current year is a matter of keen interest, not only to the Tub Factory employees, but to all classes of labor in the city and elsewhere.

This morning we interviewed the Hon. John Harvey concerning the present bonus, and future prospects. As to the future that gentleman was non-committal, but he sincerely hoped that the work at their factory would continue so satisfactory during the current year as will warrant the firm to do even better by their men at the close of the present year.

The Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Methodist Orphanage begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of twenty-five dollars (\$25) from the Hon. Geo. Knowling.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Harding desire to express their sincere thanks to Drs. Keegan and Richards, also Sisters Oakley and Lerner, Nurses Baldwin and Doyle, for kindness shown their daughter Beatrice during her stay at the hospital. Also the many kind friends who took interest enough to visit her during her illness.

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