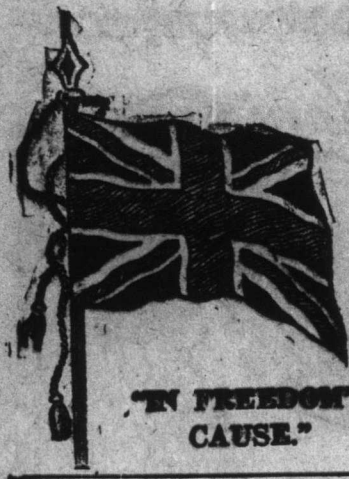




## Evening Telegram

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### Kolchack's Threat.

Monday's foreign news despatches contained the intelligence that Admiral Kolchack, the head of the Omsk Government, which is anti-Bolshevik, has notified the Government of the United States of his intention to cede a portion of Siberia to Japan unless the Allies send assistance in the shape of reinforcements of men, and presumably money also, to the White (all-Russian) armies, to help save Russia from being completely dominated by the Red elements. Yesterday came advices from Honolulu that heavy Japanese reinforcements have been rushed to Irkutsk to aid the forces of Admiral Kolchack, who has established himself in the Lake Baikal City, and has so far been partly successful in offering stern resistance to the Bolshevik hordes. Honolulu's authority for this news is given as being a dispatch from Tokio, the capital of Japan, to the Japanese newspaper published in the chief town of the Sandwich Islands.

Whether there is any connecting link between the two messages, the one from Russian sources, via London, and the other from the Japanese seat of Government, via Honolulu it is difficult to say, the difference in dating from the final dispatching points being but twenty-four hours or so, but the facts contained are significant. It takes no little time for information to reach cabling points from Siberian towns, and the news now received may have been held back until those controlling its dissemination, viz., the Russian and Japanese authorities, were satisfied that that which they desired had been brought about. Censorship is no less severe in Russia than it is in the land of the Mikado, and that Tokio should permit such an announcement to be sent out is conclusive proof that some kind of arrangement has been entered into between the White armies of Russia and Japan's Government. It is well known that Japan seeks expansion in China, and would not be particularly sorry if a foothold were gained in Siberia. Apparently the opportunity to secure the latter is now offered, and the Japs will not be slow to avail of it.

Japan has been feeling pretty sore since her victorious war with Russia 1904-5, when the Treaty of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, robbed her of the expected and desired fruits of her successful campaign. A policy of watchful waiting was thereupon adopted by the wily statesmen of the land of the Rising Sun, and every occasion which left open a chance to thrust in was seized upon. Witness the Shantung affair. This peninsula was literally torn from China by the Peace Council and transferred to an ally which to say the least was more out for plunder than principle, and whose capture of the German fortress of Tsingtau in November, 1914, was about the only thing done by Japan to aid the Entente, and even the as-

sault and taking of this enemy stronghold was dictated perhaps more by reason of domestic policy, and with a view to its ultimate possession than any principle of assistance involved. China is the plum upon which Japan casts a longing eye, and with Shantung as a starting point, influences will be used to spread Japanese propaganda to Japanese advantage. The disturbances at Fu-Chow last fall were inspired by the Japs and the Chinese foreign ministry demanded the removal of the Japanese Consul from that city charging him with inciting to riot. Taking all these incidents into consideration, and adding to them the aggressiveness of the Jap and his ambition for expansion, it will be a sorry day for the West, should the subjects of the Mikado get such a hold on Siberia as they apparently have on China. Even now Kolchack's threat may have been carried out.

### The Thin Edge Of The Wedge.

It is useless for Premier Squires and his organs to be trying to persuade the people who are opposed to a change in the educational system, that no change was intended. Why then provide the elaborate machinery of a Ministry of Education, of an office and office staff, and a salary of some \$3,000 for Mr. Barnes? If there is not suggestion enough of change behind all this, we should like to know Mr. Squires' definition of "change." We agree with him that there will be no change while the bye-elections are on, but once the present Tory Government get entrenched safely in power and four years of office ahead, then we shall all see this new educational baby, which looks so harmless now in Barnes' lap, grow into a healthy youth, a strapping boy that will soon be telling Drs. Blackall, Burke and Curtis "mind their own business" with very little of that left them to mind.

There is an old saying that "there are more ways of choking a dog than to choke him with butter," and especially should the advice be good now since the manufacturers have given another lift to creamery. The plan is already adopted to camouflage the intended changes seeing that there has developed so much opposition, and when Barnes' vessel is launched out, people will not be able to say definitely whether she is a brig or a barque, or whether there are guns on her deck or dummies. The changes that will be made will offend nobody and be as harmless to ordinary observation as a book of melodies. The wedge that is prepared now is so very thin that one could almost shave with it. It is a good strong wedge all the same, and those who are opposed to any change in the present school system involving a diminution of denominational control, will be surprised to see what a difference it will make when the final drive is given to the wedge in a few years' time. Hon. Mr. Barnes will have to earn his \$3,000 salary at some other job, if Squires and Coaker do not intend to make drastic changes in the present school system. That is quite evident to all the public.

They have at any rate shown their hand in the appointment of Mr. Barnes, and the fact that Mr. Squires has not so far taken the public into his confidence as to how far he intends to go, has aroused suspicions that, we admit, may not be justified. However, as long as he refuses to trust the people in this matter, the people should not trust him. They should put him and his colleague, Hon. Mr. Brownrigg, into a position on the 22nd where they can do no harm to education or any other public business. That both of them seem too small for their jobs, is the experience of the past two months, otherwise they

would not let Mr. Coaker run them on nearly all public questions that have been dealt with, as well as education, and it certainly is a sad reflection for St. John's to have to admit that she is going to be ruled the next four years by Mr. Coaker per Mr. Squires. One word to end this. People of St. John's if you want to have perpetual doubt about the control of your schools, elect Squires and Brownrigg; but if you want to rest in certainty that your schools will be untouched, VOTE for LINEGAR and MARTIN.

### Delightful Concert at St. Mary's.

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A highly interesting concert was held at St. Mary's Hall, Southside, last evening, when a full house greeted the performers. Tickets for most of the seats had been sold out before-hand, and the remainder of the available seats were taken up before the concert began. Besides songs and recitations by various young ladies and gentlemen, best of whom was Miss Ryan, who received an encore call, three clever sketches by the Caribou Comedy Company, which has been before the public on former occasions, were put on. "The Dishonest Servant," "The Doctor's Assistant," in which Mr. Fred Bursey impersonated Charlie Chaplin with much ability. "Pat Casey and The Wood Vendor," were laugh-provoking sketches which kept everyone in roars of laughter. The Comedy Company had the sketches well in hand, and the result of sufficient rehearsing could be seen. Costumes, make-up and stage settings were all good, and in all the evening passed very pleasantly for everyone. Mr. A. B. Walker contributed largely to the success of the concert by presiding at the piano, and his pianoforte solo was particularly enjoyed. The proceeds will be devoted to the Church funds.

### Historical Society.

The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held in the rooms of the Council of Higher Education, in the Millie Building, on Thursday evening. Special preparation is being made for a Paper to be read on the "Pilgrim Fathers of New England"—and its very close connection with Newfoundland from its very inception. This is a subject that appeals to everyone, and a large attendance is looked for. All are welcome both ladies and gentlemen.

### Board of Trade.

The following members of the Board of Trade have been nominated to fill vacancies in the Council for the ensuing year:  
For President, Mr. H. A. Brooks.  
For 2nd Vice-President, Mr. R. F. Goodridge.  
For Councillors, Hon. S. Milley, Messrs. F. H. Steer, John Campbell and Reginald Harvey.

### Found Drowned.

The following message was received from Lawn by the Justice Department this morning: "Ignatius, aged 23, son of Michael Grant, escaped from home last night and was found dead shortly after by his father in the landwash, near his house. The unfortunate man had been suffering since infancy from tuberculosis and Miss Vivian Dames, and recently has been 'let' minded." Magistrate Henning of Lawn is enquiring into the affair.

### McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7.  
Our windows to-day contain our own goods exclusively. One window, the eastern central one, displays preparations put up in our own factory, a selection of the products of our laboratory, some of which have become quite famous in their way, among them such things as Cantharidine Hair Tonic, Cream of Lilies, Acme Liniment, and M-M Shampoo. The other window, that on the western side, is devoted to those articles and preparations, which while not of our own actual manufacture, are made according to recipes which we furnished, or goods of which we have sole control and sale. In this list will be found daisy's Digestive Syrup, Red Cross Oil and Cutaneous Soap. We invite attention to these windows.

### At the Majestic.

Johnny Wiggins, a film-actor of the rough-house sort, finds it necessary to impersonate his chum, temporarily in jail. He has to play the brother to a young heiress much sought in marriage by a mercenary Duke. Miss Burnham, the heiress, has not seen her brother in many years, and accepts "Johnny" as her brother Bill. His signature of assent is needed on her marriage contract with the duke of nobility. What Johnny does to the Duke and the other villainous characters, the acrobatic feats he performs, the tricks he does for a pretty little lady's maid, constitute the performance. He wigs hands down in every case. The villain disposed of, the heiress goes to a deserving young man and "Johnny" gets the girl of his choice.

### Domestic Loses

#### Life in Fire.

Miss Janet Daley, of St. Joseph's, Spt. located in Burning House.

Family of Mr. T. H. Carter Had Narrow Escape From Death.

Miss Janet Daley, of St. Joseph's, and a domestic in the family of Mr. T. H. Carter, of 81 Military Road, lost her life early this morning when she was suffocated by smoke resultant from the burning of her mistress's house.

Shortly before one o'clock Mrs. Carter, who sleeps lightly, was awakened by a strong smell of smoke. Arousing her husband, she told him of the fact, and he immediately switched on the electric light. Seeing that the room was filled with smoke, and that the rear of the house was burning fiercely, they waked their little boy Tommy. While Mr. Carter was phoning an alarm into the Fire Station, Mrs. Carter called the girl, Janet Daley. Just now the lights went out as a result of the connection becoming burnt, and Mr. Carter, seeing no other way of escape, smashed out the window and storm-door on the second story on the front of the house. By standing on the lintel of a lower window he assisted Mrs. Carter and the child through the window. Then, while his wife and son clung to the ledge of the upper window and rested their feet on the lintel of the one beneath, Mr. Carter dropped to the sidewalk and, with the slight assistance of Mrs. Carter, the boy was gotten safely down. Mrs. Carter then let go her hold and jumped down, being caught by her husband. Thus neither of them was injured.

Realizing now that the domestic had not escaped from the house Mr. and Mrs. Carter attempted to communicate with her by hammering on the wall between her room and the adjoining house, that of Mr. P. J. Fortune. The latter and his wife had been awakened by Mr. and Mrs. Carter, who hammered on their front door. However, although they hammered on the wall and shouted to her, they heard no sounds coming from the girl's direction, and when the firemen arrived and entered the room they found her in bed unconscious and unburned. Removed to Mr. Fortune's house the girl was worked upon by Dr. Macpherson, who had been called, and for the space of more than an hour efforts at reviving her were kept up. Shortly after two o'clock, however, and notwithstanding the hour's work, it was seen that life was extinct. The ambulance, ordered on the scene by Inspector General of Police Hutchings, who was present, was therefore unneeded.

Miss Daley, who had been living with the Carter family for three years, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Daley of St. Joseph's, Salmonier. Two sisters, working at the residence of Mrs. R. H. O'Dwyer, are in town, and, needless to say, are grief-stricken at the tragic death of their sister. Undertaker Myrick is attending to the funeral arrangements.

The Carter house was badly gutted, while on the third flat of Mr. Payne's house, next that of Mr. Carter, the fire broke in through the third story. It also found its way through the wall of the second flat of Mr. Fortune's residence, breaking out in the bath room.

The fire engines were unavoidably slow in reaching the burning houses. Deep snow on the sides of the street-car track on Military Road, over which the engines had to pass, caused delay, and although the fire was quickly gotten under control after arrival, less damage would have been done had the arrival been effected sooner.

Just about three o'clock after the men and engines had returned to the hall, an alarm sent from a fire-watchman who had been left behind brought the chemical. The new outbreak, which was at the rear of the house, was speedily extinguished.

The origin of the fire is not known exactly. A new furnace installed in the basement and used yesterday for the first time, is thought by Mr. Carter to have been the cause, but of the fact he is not positive. When the family retired there was no fire in the kitchen stove and no fire in either other room in the house.

At any rate it is felt that, had Mr. and Mrs. Carter not awakened until five minutes later, death would have been the fate of the three families. It was the noise of the breaking of the window which roused the families in the adjoining houses, and but for this it is possible that they would have been suffocated and left without a chance for life.

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