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Serious Shooting Accident.

Last night about 9.20 Gladys Parsons, aged 14 years, was accidentally shot by an eight-year-old boy named Gordon Hackett. Early in the night Miss Parsons went to the house of Mr. Hackett, 83 Casey Street, to take care of the children, while the parents went to pay a friendly call on a neighbour.

While the parents were gone, young Hackett picked up a double barrel breech loading gun that stood in the corner, and as Miss Parsons told him to put it up, he, becoming frightened dropped it on the floor, and one of the charges (both barrels were loaded) exploded and entered the abdomen of the girl. In response to the outcry made, Dr. Roberts quickly appeared and ordered the girl to hospital, in the ambulance.

Constables Pittman and Bruce were also there and brought Hackett and the gun to the police station, although the child was later released. The gun had been rather thoughtlessly left in the kitchen by Mr. Hackett, and as a result Miss Parsons lies critically ill at the General Hospital.

Market Notes.

Codfish.—Some activity in purchases was apparent last week principally for the Brazilian market. Hard cured No. 1 shore is $14.50 to $15; Labrador soft bringing $11 to $11.50, with indications of steadying at these figures. In foreign markets, Brazil's demands are improving and Spain is holding out offers of more buying. A congestion is feared at Oporto where there are over 46,000 quintals in stores and five Newfoundland cargoes outside the bar, with a weekly consumption of 3,500 quintals, so far. With the coming of Lent, now barely over a fortnight hence, an increased demand may be expected.

Cod Oil.—Prices have not undergone any material change since last week's report, in either common or refined, a small lot of the latter having changed hands at $2.25 per gallon.

Herring.—Scotch Pack, large fulls have gone off to $18, other grades being $16 to $17.50. Splits are in good demand at from $7 to $7.50.

Provisions.—Standard Flour prices are firm at $14.25 to $14.75 wholesale, and $15 to $15.80 retail. Pork is being quoted in the following grades: Ham Butt, $48; Mess and Short Cut Clear, $50; Family Mess, $60. Beef prices are: Bos Flank, $47.50 to $48; Boneless, $46.50 to $47 and Plate, $49 to $46.50. Very few sales are being made at the above prices at present. It is probable that by the end of the month the sugar regulations will be lightened by the lifting of the compulsory purchase of brown in equal proportion to white. Prices to-day are White Granulated, $12.10; Brown, $10.50 per hundred pounds.

Characteristically German.

An esteemed soldier correspondent, who was for a while a prisoner of war in Germany, sends us, for publication, the following official document issued by the prison camp authorities. It is so characteristically German that comment is unnecessary.

"DECLARATION TO THE ENGLISH PRISONERS OF RESPITE."

Upon the German request to withdraw the German prisoners of war to a distance of not less than 30 kilometres from the front line the British Government has not replied. Therefore it has been decided, that all prisonersn of war who will be taken prisoners in future will be kept as Prisoners of Respite, that is, very short of food, bad lodgings, no beds, hard work, also beside the German guns under shell-fire, no pay, no soap for washing and shaving, no baths, no towels, boots, etc., etc. The English prisoners of respite are allowed to write to their relatives or persons of influence in England how badly they are treated and that no alteration in the ill-treatment will occur until the English Government has consented to the German request. It is, therefore, in the interest of all English prisoners of respite to do their best to enable the German Government to remove all English prisoners of respite to camps in Germany where they will be properly treated with good food, good clothing, etc. You will succeed by writing as mentioned above and then surely the English Government will consent to Germany's request for the sake of their own countrymen. You will be issued with postcards, paper and envelopes. All these for correspondence, in which you explain your hardships, will be sent as Express mail to England.

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It became known that four soldier-boys were on the Cor... would reach home on Sat... ...ans were immediately made ...g demonstration of welcome ... railway station. Although ...y train bought only one, the ...n none at all, and the even... ...t one more, it stirred our ...s to see the way Topsail ...ent en-masse, with gaily-de... sleighs, and the L.O.A. Band ...dance, to meet all three of ...hes! Work, personal affairs, ...forgotten. Nothing mattered ...as that four more of our ...re coming home; and that ...t should be spared to show ...r their part in the Great ...s appreciated, and that the ...should be a very warm one. ...as we see it, is a fine phase ...welcome! For a small town, ...given royally of our very ...e have lost heavily, yes; and ...and feared, and worked and ...who has not, during the ...r years? But, through it ...e Days of Welcome stand ...features in our little part of ...story—days when the bars ...n, and, for a few hours, only ...and biggest things were al... ...to matter. Personal grief ...put aside that no shadow ...m the joy of those who would ...r the ache of waiting in vain; ...affairs, discounted; scars ...hidden. Only the warm spirit ...ess-friendship fusing and en...all. And on those days we ...d that we were of this little ...and that life in little villages ...ll and fragrant. For only in ...le villages can everybody ...verybody else.

Our latest-returned soldiers ...Frank Tilley, Ernest Barnes, ...O'Brien and Allan O'Brien—...er having been a prisoner in ...y for the past two years. ...the two last-named came ...y road, thereby missing the ...of the general welcome, we ...the less glad to have them ...re in our midst. Ptes. Tilley ...rnes were triumphantly es... ...their homes by the entire ...with the Band playing the ...airs that always stir us so. ...soldier alighted at his home, ...Bancroft, Pres. of the M. ...a short address of welcome, ...he voiced the sentiments ...present. We cannot sufficiently praise the members of the Band. We can only say that it was a great "woods-day," and only country-men can appreciate the sacrifice of a lost day's work in the woods! Yet they were in full strength at the station on all the occasions. We know they do not wish, or need, our thanks. The joy of service freely given is its own reward. But we hail them! On the night of Thursday, Feb. 13th, a reception was held in the L.O.A. Hall, when the joint Patriotic Association entertained all our returned soldiers and sailors, with their relatives, free of charge.

The guest-table, which was on the platform, was in charge of Mrs. Jabez H. Butler, while the smaller tables set about the hall were all well-patronized. No need to enlarge upon the excellence of the spread, as a Patriotic Tea at Topsail is a synonym for all things delectable. A candy and flower booth which occupied the centre of the hall was in charge of Mesdames Bursell and Toornberg, and looked very attractive, while in one section of the booth Messrs. Bursell and Toornberg did a brisk business with lemonade and other refreshments. Mrs. Holland's fancy-work stall was very dainty, and proved another attractive feature. Tea being over, all soldiers and sailors were invited to the platform, and we were pleased to count forty-five. Mr. J. J. Butler then called to the chair the Rev. A. Pittman, who in an appropriate manner extended a welcome to the heroes, one and all. Pres. Bancroft was then asked to deliver the address of the evening—in our opinion one of the best speeches of many fine ones delivered by him on similar occasions, being simple and sincere in its welcome, concise, to the point, and full of "pep." He paid glowing tributes to the Army and Navy both so well represented by the forty-five stalwart heroes on the platform. Special reference was made to the four lately-returned lads, especially to Pte. Allan O'Brien, whose experience in a German prison-camp had been such that the President feared to dwell upon it too exhaustively, lest he be tempted to use language too strong for a public platform. Both of these speeches evoked much applause. Then followed Sergt. Penney, who in a short speech on behalf of the soldier-guests of honor, thanked the joint Associations for the good time accorded them. He paid a fine tribute to the W.P.A. of Newfoundland, whose work was so deeply appreciated by our men at the front. He referred with pride to the high honor won by Sergt. Ricketts, and the burst of spontaneous applause that greeted the reference showed that Topsail was not indifferent to the glory of Ricketts, V. C. Pte Saunders of Long Pond treated us to a very fine song entitled "The Kaiser's Dream," the rollicking typical Newfoundland tune of which must have been a joy to our boys Over There. If Private Saunders sometimes favored them with his fine voice. And we hope he did. Many neighboring little villages were represented among our guests, and we were also glad to have with us again Sergt. Garland Penney of English Hr., T.B., who is at present the guest of Mrs. Julia Hibbs, and who, having been C. E. Teacher here for two years, is hailed almost as one of our own boys. In conclusion cheers were called for the Army, the Navy, the Patriotic Association, etc., etc., and were given with a right goof-will. The reception was brought to a close with the National Anthem, after which dancing was the order of the hour. Receipts amounted to $130.

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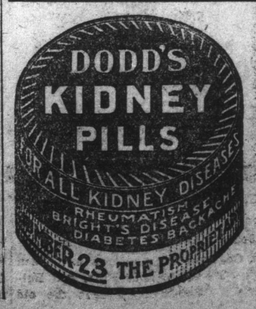

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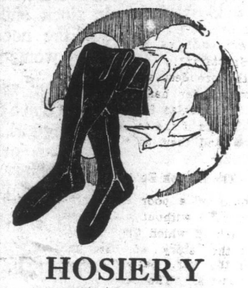

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