

## FORESTRY BATTALION! ATTENTION!

The following facts should be understood by those offering themselves:—

Pay for Forestry Battalion is as follows:  
PRIVATE . . . . . \$1.10 per day and food  
CORPORAL . . . . . \$1.20 " " " "  
SERGEANTS . . . . . \$1.50 " " " "

Cooks, \$40 to \$45 per month. Sawyers, same as Sergeants. Specially good mechanics according to discretion of Committee.

Families of men will be cared for by Trustees of the Patriotic Fund on the same lines as they are helping the Royal Naval Reserves and Soldiers of the Regiment.

Pensions will be given to men under the same scheme as has been adopted by the Pension Board.

Following are eligible for service: Married men of any age if fit; Single men who have offered for active service in army or navy and been rejected, if fit. No man will be rejected by the medical authorities except for good cause.

Men will be supplied with uniforms, clothes and board. Pay to start from enlistment in Newfoundland until return again.

Men of the Forestry Companies are only expected to work in England, Ireland or Scotland.

**W. B. GRIEVE,**  
Chairman.

St. John's, April, 1917.  
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## Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1917.

### Why the Allies Are Optimistic.

Optimism is an incurable disease, and perhaps it is just as well. An epidemic of it has lately broken out among those best informed. Lloyds may or may not be included in this number, but it is of interest that they are betting ten to one on an end to the war within less than ninety days from this date. They reflect what is very nearly a general opinion in England. What are the chief reasons for it?

They are, roughly, of three kinds, economic, political and military. The first—and it may be the most important—consists in the fact, comforting or the reverse according to the point of view, that the whole world is reaping the fruits of destruction and rapidly approaching starvation, but the Central Empires far more rapidly than the rest. Their staying power depends upon a wonderful organisation and, to give them their due, an almost equally wonderful spirit. But organisation may regulate but it does not create, and there are unmistakable signs of decline in the spirit.

Secondly, no less unmistakable has been the effect of the gradual emergence from the struggle of the issue between democracy and autocracy, always the essence of it and now brought sharply into prominence by the rapid succession of the Russian revolution and the entry of the United States. The German people are docile but they have some intelligence. They are beginning to see that they stand alone and the more important fact that there is but one way out of it all for them. The most striking and momentous exposition of the issue aforesaid that the world has read is President Wilson's speech to Congress on April 2nd. Only one German newspaper has had the courage to print it in full. The aim of the Allies are obligingly repeating the omission. Truth, like murder, will out, and every German will soon be able to know exactly what the President said and, let us hope, do some thinking for himself for once. Slowly but surely the indications multiply that Germany is being divided against herself. Von Reventlow is abusing Zimmerman in unmeasured terms, and Harden, who speaks to the

people, tells them without hesitation that the fortunes of the ruling house are completely dependent upon a German victory. In other words, victory being out of the question, if ruinous defeat is to be averted the ruling house must go. Bit by bit the purpose of the Allies to hold no parleys with that house is being made clear to the German people. Add to all this the fact that the rest of the Alliance (it is rumoured Germany herself as well) has separately made secret bids for peace.

Finally, there is the military situation. And here we must protest against the popular fallacy which, in spite of three years' of war, still prevails among many who call themselves experts. They point to the great tract of land from which the invader has yet to be ousted and warn us that the outcome is going to be a long business. The warning is justified, but the reason is ridiculous. One would think that once the German armies are driven back to the Rhine peace will automatically ensue. Ceteris paribus, we can imagine nothing that more effectively tend to prolong the war. Those armies advanced along a line that opened up very like a fan. Our own opinion is that the war will end long before this happens. But if any proof were needed of what seems to us an obvious contention it is provided by the nature of the fighting that is now proceeding. The Germans are throwing their reserves, which they have been husbanding with care, into the battle with reckless and desperate prodigality. The British are within an ace of breaking their line at Douai, and they know that if the line is broken it is all up with them. That is the simple reason why the military observers among the Allies are at last in accord with the economists and politicians and share their high hopes. They

Conversely, the Allies' task is not to redeem territory—that is merely incidental—but to destroy the German army. And that can be done, and is being done, far better in France and Belgium than in Germany; and it is the only way, from a military point of view, in which the war can be finished. It may be true that it will not be finished until the Germans are driven to their own borders, but if that is so it will not be because they will be on German soil, but because they will be but a sorry remnant of their army, incapable of holding any line anywhere. Our own opinion is that the war will end long before this happens. But if any proof were needed of what seems to us an obvious contention it is provided by the nature of the fighting that is now proceeding. The Germans are throwing their reserves, which they have been husbanding with care, into the battle with reckless and desperate prodigality. The British are within an ace of breaking their line at Douai, and they know that if the line is broken it is all up with them. That is the simple reason why the military observers among the Allies are at last in accord with the economists and politicians and share their high hopes. They

**25 THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF HEALTHY BOYS & GIRLS EAT Grape-Nuts AND CREAM EVERY MORNING BECAUSE WISE MOTHERS KNOW "There's a Reason"**

### He Knows Just Why He Admires them

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED MRS. MERCREDI.

#### Passage at Arms

Between Judge and Prosecuting Lawyer in Prohibition Case.

The hearing of the charge of a breach of the Prohibition Act preferred against a city doctor, took place in the Magistrate's Court to-day, Judge Morris presiding. The defendant gave a prescription to a workman to get a bottle of liquor for medicinal purposes. The liquor was used and abused when the case opened the chief clerk of the Colonial Secretary's Department and the Liquor Controller were sworn and examined. The man who paid for and received the liquor was then sworn and examined by Mr. Hunt, counsel for the prosecution. In his evidence he stated that before the doctor the sealfishery he went to the physician's surgery for a script. Witness said he was then in bad health and had been so for a couple of weeks previously when he had an attack of pleuro pneumonia and added that he was now in falling health. He told the medical officer that he wanted a bottle of liquor to use as a medicine. His pulse was examined and the prescription given him. Mr. Conroy, who was the acting counsel for the defence in the absence of Mr. Higgins, who is out of town, did not cross-examine the witness. Mr. Dunfield, an assistant counsel for the prosecution, was about to ask the witness a question when the Judge interrupted, reminding him of the rules of evidence. The counsel replied that the question he was going to ask arose out of the evidence, and was told by the Judge that it was contrary to the rules of evidence and he should have asked for permission from the bench before putting the query. The counsel then asked for permission and was refused. Thereupon he asked for permission to ask a question which he said did not arise out of the evidence. A flat refusal again came from the bench, the Judge mentioning that the counsel had no right to ask a fresh question after finishing his examination. The cross-examination ended there and the case was adjourned until Saturday next.

### McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1917.

We hope to have the well known remedy for Eczema D.D.D. to-morrow. This preparation, esteemed by many as the most potent external remedy for eczema, has been "on the road," coming, for a considerable time, and has only now arrived; and we think the announcement of its advent will arouse interest in a good many people who have for weeks been trying in vain to obtain it. There are several other popular remedies on the market, but we are confident that we are able to announce being again in stock during the next few days.



ATLANTIC LODGE, No. 1, L.O.O.F., will observe the Anniversary of the Order on Thursday, the 26th inst., in Grenfell Hall, when a Lecture will be given by the Rev. Geo. L.L.D., B.D., to Odd Fellows and friends, entitled "The Odd Fellow and the Other Fellow."

A short musical programme has been arranged and all are assured of an enjoyable time.

Admission 20c. Tickets may be obtained from the Committee, through any Odd Fellow, or at the door. Proceeds will be devoted to the benefit of Widows and Orphans. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. apr21,31,m,w

### A Strange Find.

WHAT DOES IT SUGGEST?

Minister of Marine Piccott is in receipt of a message stating that Mr. Joshua Stanford and crew, of Grate Cove, have picked up a boat, painted green, with black bottom, in which were three seals and three men's coats. One sail was set on the boat and there were also aboard two oars, powder and shot, one axe, one pocket knife and one bread box partly filled. The boat is about twelve feet keel. The coats, which are ordinarily men's short coats and apparently much worn, have been forwarded and are now in the possession of Minister Piccott for identification, and anyone seeking information should communicate with his department. It is quite evident from the foregoing that the owners of the coats were seal hunting, but up to the present their names are unknown. The coats have been examined and contain nothing that would lead to identification. There is much credence given the theory that the boat became jammed in the ice and the occupants decided to walk to the shore, bringing their guns and some food in their pockets along with them. It is sincerely hoped that the seal hunters will turn up all right, though so far there is no word of their having reached the land.

### Preparing the Land.

A MINIMUM PRICE ASKED.

A gentleman from Hr. Grace, who reached the city by last night's train, informs the Telegram that in answer to the appeal of the Agricultural Committee the citizens of the Second City are putting forward every effort to prepare and seed every available piece of land within a reasonable distance from their homes. A great patriotic wave is sweeping over the whole of Conception Bay, and with the proper seed and favourable growing conditions a record potato crop is assured. However there is a feeling existing among some farmers that the local market might be over-run, and if a minimum price of say \$2.00 a barrel was guaranteed the producer a much larger crop would be counted on.

### He Knows Just Why He Admires them

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED MRS. MERCREDI.

She Had Been Ill Two Years and Could Find No Cure. That's Why Her Husband is Enthusiastic Over Dodd's Kidney Pills.

For Smith, Alberta, April 24th.—(Special).—Among all the thousands of Canadians who praise Dodd's Kidney Pills for the good they have done, there is no more fervent admirer of the great kidney remedy than Isidore Mercredi, of this place.

"Yes, it always gives me pleasure to say a good word for Dodd's Kidney Pills," Mr. Mercredi says. "My wife was sick for two years. We could not find anything to restore her to health. Then we found a pamphlet telling of several persons who had been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"My wife used just two boxes of them and she is perfectly well, to the great surprise of all our neighbors. They can tell you the same thing. I cannot recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills enough."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are the greatest of all remedies for weak, suffering women. They cure the kidneys. The kidneys are the root of nine-tenths of women's ills. Moreover, cured kidneys mean pure clear blood all over the body. That means good health everywhere.

### Here and There.

Fresh Fillets and Fresh Kippers at ELLIS'.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E. N. E. light, weather foggy. Bar. 29.34; ther. 50.

Turkeys and Chicken at ELLIS'.

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Geo. Davey will take place from her late residence, 92 Queen's Road, on Thursday at 3 o'clock. Friends will please accept this, the only, intimation.

Big Dance, Prince's Rink, for worthy cause, Monday night, April 30th, 1917. Music by C. C. C. Band. Tickets—Double, 70c.; Lady's, 50c.—apr25,11

COLLECTING SEALS NORTH.—The S. S. Viking, which is picking up seals secured by landmen to the northward, is due back at the end of the week. Over twenty thousand seals were taken by the shore people north this spring.

Don't forget the Grand Concert and Sociable at Cochrane Street Central Lecture Room, Wednesday evening, April 25th, at 8 o'clock. Choice programme, dainty refreshments, Ice Cream and Candy for sale.—apr25,11

### S. A. WAR VETERAN RETURNING

—Mr. Charles Foran, a South African war veteran, who for the past 18 months has been with the Canadians in France, has been given an extended furlough and will reach here on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

RELIEVES SORE, TIGHT CHESTS

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and His Grace the Archbishop.)—Grand presentation of that delightful opera, "The Tragic Cup," Casino Theatre, next Tuesday and Wednesday, at 8.15 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Holy Cross Schools and the Central Parish Church. Reserved Seats, 50c. Gallery, 30c. Pit, 20c. Plan of Hall at Atlantic Bookstore.—apr25,11

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Froud, Burgoyne's Cove, desire to return thanks to all who sympathized with them in their bereavement through the death of their son Pte. Joseph Marsh, of the 8th Regiment, who was killed in action, March 3rd, 1917. Letters of sympathy were received from His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, the Hon. J. R. Bennett and many friends far and near.

As previously announced, a Grand Entertainment under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild, when a "Musical Play" will be produced, will be held in Canon Wood Hall this Wednesday, April 25th, at 8.15 p.m. The Llewellyn Orchestra will be in attendance and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Griffiths and Miss Dorothy Johnson will assist. Artificial Flowers for sale. A limited number of reserved seat tickets are on sale at Gray & Goodland's, 50c. and 30c.—apr25,11

ASK FOR MILDARD'S LINIMENT AND TAKE NO OTHER.



## FARMERS' SUPPLIES!

- PLOUGHS.
  - CULTIVATORS.
  - DIGGING FORKS.
  - MANURE FORKS.
  - WEEDING FORKS.
  - RAKES.
  - TROWELS.
  - SHOVELS.
  - SPADES.
  - MATTOCKS
- FENCE WIRE.
  - FOX WIRE.
  - CHICKEN WIRE.
  - SCREEN WIRE, 1/4 mesh
  - FLY WIRE.
  - WIRE NAILS.
  - CUT NAILS.
  - BARN PAINT.
  - MILK CHURNS.
  - RUBBER GARDEN HOSE.

# BLOUSES!

MIDDY BLOUSES,  
Striped  
Flannel,  
75 cents.

MIDDY BLOUSES,  
New Assortment,  
White Jean,  
95 cents.

LADIES' WHITE PIQUE BLOUSES,  
High and Low Neck Effects,  
\$1.20 each.

Fancy Percale  
BLOUSES,  
for Ladies,  
95c. each.

White Lawn  
BLOUSES,  
Endless Variety, up  
to \$3.20 each.

Wholesale buyers will find it to their advantage to get our prices on Blouses.

# S. MILLEY.

## THE WEE ONE!

The time is now at hand to fit out the "little one" for the coming summer, and this week we direct your attention to the fact that we are selling little pearls of value in Children's

**HATS,  
BONNETS  
and COATS,**  
to suit ages from 2 to 4 years' old.  
For Examples See Windows.



# A. & S. RODGER.