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THURSDAY, December 13, 1917.

Duty Which Is Self-Interest.

The authorities went to the right source when they convoked last night's meeting of the women of St. John's to lay before them the seriousness of the food problem and ask their assistance in solving it. If the women, not of St. John's alone but of the whole island, can grasp the main truths of the situation and understand exactly what action is necessary, we can trust them to adopt it and to brook no interference from the other and less capable portion of the population. Through the admirable organization of the W. P. A. and in other ways, every housewife will soon know a dozen or a score of ways in which economy of food can be effected, a practical step which pages of general advice. We will do no more at present than attempt to summarise very briefly the essence of the excellent addresses given last night. This country must cut short its consumption of flour and meat. Our importations of flour are a national disgrace and of meat scarcely less so. We do not produce either of these staple foods ourselves. From this fact follows a most important consequence. It means that self-interest dictates our course before patriotism does, so that those whose selfishness is greater than their patriotism—and they are more numerous than they should be—can give themselves no excuse for not listening and obeying. In a word, if we do not economise to help the fighters, we shall in any case have to economise to help ourselves. If we do not economise, we may starve. Canada and the States send us all our flour. If they decide that we are getting too much for our population, they will cut down our supply; they are certain to do that in May next. If in that interval we have not accustomed ourselves to using less flour, the diminution will come as a sudden shock. It will work great hardship in many places, particularly the outports, to which we would especially address our observations. Substitutes must be used, waste must be rigidly avoided. Then, when we have adjusted our requirements to the lessened

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supply, it will be the part of patriotism to bring them still lower, to let Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hanna know that we can do with less than they are willing to give us and send the difference to the men at the front. But let the first point be clearly understood by everyone—we have got to be patriotic whether we want to or not.

There is only one other aspect of the matter to present now. This effort that is beginning to be made, and beginning well, is a voluntary one. Like all voluntary movements, it will be supported by most persons but it must be the duty of the Board and of citizens generally to see that the "some" are the fewest possible and that they get the reward of their selfishness. It is not a difficult matter in this country, when an article like flour is being consumed in larger proportionate measure in certain places than in the rest, to trace those places out, down to the actual households. If the retail dealers assisted, it would be the easiest matter possible. Dr. Lloyd stated that such things as tea parties are a crime under existing circumstances. Add to that specific instance extravagance, waste and hoarding in general. If these are crimes in effect let them be made crimes in fact and treated like other crimes. Let it be understood that a voluntary effort does not preclude the possibility of compulsion, but that the one stands ready to hand to be applied instantly where the other has failed. The times are too serious for trifling and paltering.

Supreme Court.

Present: Mr. Justice Kent.

Catherine Murphy vs. The Newfoundland Fishermen's Seafarers' Association.—Convey, K.C., for plaintiff; Gibbs, K.C., for defendant. This is an action to recover the sum of \$100 under a policy or certificate of insurance on the life of Thomas Murphy, issued by the proper officers of the defendant, dated the 25th day of May, 1906.

Suspect Found Innocent.

For quibbling and giving evasive answers to questions put to him by Detective Byrne, who was in search of the spirit who stole the new suit of clothes worth an equal amount, a Chinaman cook on a steamer in port was arrested last night on suspicion of the theft. This morning he established his innocence and was released from custody. The victimized one is a member of a crew of an other steamer at present in this port.

Cold Cause Headache and Grip.

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GRAY'S signature is on box. 30c.

No Reservists Injured at Halifax.

H.M.S. "Briton," St. John's, N.F., 13th December, 1917.

Sir: I have much pleasure in informing you that I have this day received an official intimation from H.M.C.S. "Niobe," at Halifax, that there are no reservists amongst the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve Men at that port, in the recent catastrophe.

Yours truly,
A. MacDERMOTT, Commander.

Harbor Grace to Help.

Mayor Gosling received the following message from W. A. Oke, Harbour Grace, this morning:

"Citizens holding meeting tonight to help distress in Halifax."

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind Southeast, blowing strong with snow; five small schooners passed at 10.30 a.m. Bar. 30.10; ther. 34.

LATEST**FREE PASSAGE FOR SOLDIERS' WIVES.**

MELBOURNE, To-day. The Australian Government is providing free passages for returned soldiers' wives who married in England. The Russian Consul General at Victoria, repudiating the Bolsheviks, informed Premier Hughes that if a separate peace were concluded by Russia he would offer his services to Australia in any capacity.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, To-day. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters in France telegraphs that during the last 24 hours the Germans have shown a certain amount of activity behind their lines. Through out yesterday there was a good deal of movement of columns of troops being frequently seen on the march and there were frequent comings and goings of transport convoys, which were often caught under the fire of our batteries. Enemy airmen were particularly active over some sectors of the front, between Cherisy in the north and Hagincourt in the south, partly, no doubt, with the object of denying observation to our aviators. Hostile artillery has been more than usually busy during the past two days, especially in the neighborhood east of Marconing, Villers, Gouzeaucourt, Trescault, upon the Canal du Nord and as far north as Tarnoucy and Mouchy. The only German infantry aggression reported was a raid against our position north of Priel farm shortly after dark last night, which was beaten off by heavy rifle and machine gun fire. We recovered two field guns in No. 1 man's Land which were among the weapons abandoned by us during the retirement before the first onslaught of the enemy in his recent counter-offensive. A good deal of bombing was carried out in daylight yesterday, our machines dropping many bombs on ground targets. The weather has turned bitterly cold, sharp frost at night and snow seems most likely now.

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Casualty List.

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At 3rd Australian Hospital, Abbeyville, Dec. 1; Gunshot Wound Right Arm, Mild.

430—Sergeant Ernest Butcher, M.M., 5 Howe Place.

At St. John Military Hospital, Etaples, Dec. 8; Gunshot Wound Right Leg, Severe.

1782—Private Thomas W. Ford, Jackson Park, White Bay.

At 54th General Hospital, Etaples, Dec. 4; Gunshot Wounds.

3701—Private Wm. Gillies, 58 Gower Street, multiple, severe.

1266—Private Thomas Seaward, Port aux Basques, right side, mild.

At 18th General Hospital, Camiers, Dec. 4; Gunshot Wounds Left Arm, Left Foot, Shoulder and Thigh, Severe.

1781—Corp. John Ezekiel, St. Mary's.

At 6th Stationary Hospital, Frevent, Dec. 1; Gunshot Wound Hip, Mild.

363—Private Norman Chester, Greenspond.

At 41st Stationary Hospital, Gailly, Dec. 4; Not yet Diagnosed; Neurasthenia, Mild.

2192—Private Samuel Edwards, Catalina, multiple, severe.

3226—Private Richard A. Hickey, 38 Flower Hill, right knee.

1517—Private John Hawco, Harbor Head, left side and left foot, severe.

3367—Private Ed Saunders, Point Leamington, N.D.B.; head, mild.

1638—Private Thomas P. Hafez, 315, West Street, St. W.; right hand.

At 3rd General Hospital, Le Treport, Dec. 5; Gunshot Wounds.

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