

DIAMOND DUST

Nothing But the Truth—Without Fear or Favour.

There will be a full practice of the ALL STARS at the Shamrock Grounds (opposite St. George's Field) at 7 o'clock to-night, and Manager John B. Orr requests those picked to be on hand promptly.

Saturday night there was a practice though owing to some of the players having to do night work, it was confined to hitting fungoes.

To-morrow night will witness the second game of the final round when the B.I.S. will face the Lions. The Irish youngsters have been hard at it under the direction of Manager Channing and their supporters are hopeful that they will give a good account of themselves against the veteran Hiltz crew to-morrow night.

The big event for Wednesday afternoon is the Church of England Garden Party, and its chief attraction for the sports loving public will be the playing off between the C.E.I. and Lions for the Bowring Baseball Cup, which has been presented by Sir Edgar Bowring for annual competition.

In addition, the Sports' Committee are presenting a set of gold and silver medals to the winners—the first ever given for baseball competition in Newfoundland. They will therefore form a most interesting souvenir and will, we feel sure, be highly prized by the recipients.

On Thursday night Harvey's plucky crew will face the Cubs in the third game of the final stanza, and an exciting contest is looked forward to.

Manager Morse of the Grand Falls team, who is at present in town, informs us that they are already prepared for the invasion of our All Stars. Their team, already so formidable, has been considerably strengthened by Murphy—our Joe—at first, Jamie Murphy in centre field, and Oss Sharpe, their new pitcher. The latter pair are from the United States, and outfielder Murphy is the heaviest hit-

ter the Falls have ever had. Lefty Joe is also polling them all over the meadow, and fans will remember that Joseph always packed a heavy wallop. Their other pitcher—Sebat Foran—is also in wonderful shape, and Manager Morse says that if St. John's wants the Reid Cup back they will have to go some, and will find it necessary to play a fifty per cent. better team than they produced last year. Now then, John B!

The Sydney series will commence this day week, and fans had better look after the reservation of their seats for the three games as already over a dozen telegrams have been received by the management from near-by outports asking that they be protected in the matter of seating accommodation. It appears that the Reid Newfoundland Company have advertised next week as "Shopping Week" all over the country, with special shopping excursion railroad fares, and Mr. Pittman—the genial G.P.A.—has been kind enough to include in their ad. the fact that the inter-Dominion baseball games will be the chief source of attraction for visitors. The reserved seats will be 50 cents each, and bookings can now be made at Chesman's.

We learn that four of the visiting team are Dalhousie students, so that doubtless they have many acquaintances in the city.

George Sisler, first baseman of the St. Louis Browns, is far out in the lead in the American League batting race. He is smashing the ball for an average of .408. With the serious disablement of Ty Cobb (who was out of the contest for nearly half the season owing to injuries) it doubtless means that Sisler will capture the big honors this season.

It's the fellow who has nerve enough to stretch a single across two bags that puts the ACE in base and ALL in ball.

Salvation Army Congress.

For over a week special announcements appeared in the daily press of the coming Congress. Friday and Saturday every train and boat brought officers from the different corps. A great united parade preceded the welcome demonstration in the No. 1 Citadel on Saturday night. After the opening services, the Chancellor, Staff Captain Thompson, introduced Colonel and Mrs. Martin to the delegates of Newfoundland's first Territorial Leaders, making special mention that the Colonel had spent 32 years as a Salvation Army officer and that Mrs. Martin had 6 years added to that, making 38 years' service. The Staff Captain made reference to a little incident in the life of "Bert," the son of Colonel and Mrs. Martin, who though English born, after living so long in foreign countries when he went back to England couldn't speak the English language. This brought out the cosmopolitan character of our new Territorial Leaders. The Colonel then stepped forward and was greeted heartily. After speaking for himself for some considerable time he completed the introduction of Mrs. Martin, who held a very interesting story of her father being a preacher, and the joy of pointing to God our present Chief of the Staff. He then called to the front his son, and with Mrs. Martin they sang a chorus "I'm going there some day." This finished the Colonel made reference to our visitors, viz. Adj. Hard of Canada, an old Newfoundland officer who is here on furlough; also Capt. and Mrs. Skotness who is a Nfld. officer, but the Captain is a Norwegian and they are appointed to South Africa. Mrs. Colonel Martin then read the Bible Lesson and spoke some very encouraging words of welcome to the delegates. Representative speakers then followed. First Adj. Cole of Carbonear, then our old warrior comrade Adj. Dowry of Catalina. Mrs. Adj. Oake, of Fortune, Ensign Abbott, of Triton, Lieut. Winsor, of Griguet and Lieut. Shute, of Harbor Grace. Adj. Hurd represented the many Newfoundland officers now fighting in the Canadian field, and his old friends were glad to see him. The Colonel then, after a few words of exhortation, brought the first meeting of the Congress to a close.

Sunday at 7 a.m. found a splendid sprinkling of comrades to the knickerbockers at the different corps. Then at 9.30 a.m. Nos. II. and III. bands and corps, conducted an open-air meeting at Beck's Cove, then marched west on Water Street and picked up the No. 1 band at Steer's Cove and the whole band in one parade to the No. 1 Citadel for the united holiness services conducted by the Territorial Commanders. The Colonel lined out that familiar song "Boundless Salvation" and it was a great inspiration to hear such singing. Adj. Simmonds

prayed, also Mrs. Colonel Martin and the Colonel. The Chancellor gave out the second song, after which the Colonel gave a Bible reading and the comments on the same were exceedingly rich and a great blessing to all. It was indeed a foretaste of what was in store later on. Several speakers were then introduced. Mrs. Commandant Strickland, of Bell Island, gave a very definite testimony of the blessing of the illness. She also referred to the illness of the Commandant who was prevented from coming to the Congress. He misses his familiar face, but pray that God will speedily heal him. Ensign Roberts, of Lush's Bight, was then called upon. He referred very kindly to the welcome received from the Territorial Commander and Mrs. Martin, and without reserve he spoke out of a full heart what God can do for people who will be led by Him, and of his own experience of full salvation. Captain Skotness gave a splendid talk on his experience before and since joining the Salvation Army. It was interesting for the Newfoundland officers because of the little tinge of another tongue which was detected in the Captain's speech. The Colonel then took hold and very feelingly got the whole audience to sing "At Thy Feet I Fall," and we believe many completed themselves afresh for service. Surely the message given by the Colonel will long live in us.

A report of Colonel Martin's lecture delivered in the afternoon appears in another column.

Row in a Laundry.

Chin Tung, a well to do oriental appeared in the Magistrates Court this morning with his head bound up in a black stocking and a gaping wound, 4 inches long in his skull, the result of being hit with an iron by a country man during a dispute at a Chinese Laundry, situated near Waldegrave Street. The row occurred early this morning and the injured man had a warrant issued for the arrest of his assailant.

Lightning Storm.

Saturday night and yesterday morning a heavy lightning and rain storm prevailed on the western end of the railway from Port aux Basques to Notre Dame Junction. The storm destroyed a number of telegraph poles but as far as is known no other damage was done.

SAGONA DELAYED.—The S. S. Sagona will not be leaving for the Labrador for a day or two yet.

To-day's Messages.

NO THOUGHT OF LEAVING.

WARSAW, Aug. 8. Premier Witos in a statement to Polish newspapers to-day says the Polish Government will remain in Warsaw indefinitely.

OUT OF THE CONTEST.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 8. The United States racing motor boat Whipporwill, here to represent the Motor Boat Club of America in a contest for the Harmsworth Trophy, beginning August tenth, caught fire in Osborne Bay to-day and sank. The crew was rescued.

SHIP PASSED QUEENSTOWN.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 8. It is presumed here that the steamer Baltic, on board of which was Archbishop Mannix of Australia, who sailed as a passenger from New York, has passed Queenstown, as some of the torpedo boat destroyers, which have been on patrol have returned to port here.

EXCITING TIMES.

BELLEVUE, Alb., Aug. 8. In a running fight between two of the bandits who held up a Crows Nest train at Sentinel on Monday afternoon last, Dassoff, one of the bandits was killed and a mounted policeman named Usher, and an Alberta provincial policeman named Bailey, were shot dead in the street Saturday afternoon. A member of the bandits, thought to be Arkloff, escaped and is now in hiding on Frank-slide, with a big posse of police and citizens in pursuit. The third bandit is believed to have been wounded in the fighting and is with Arkloff.

BRITISHERS WON.

DETROIT, Aug. 8. Harry Vardon and Harold Ray, British golf stars, defeated Walter Hagen, holder of the United States Open Golf Championship, and Alex. Ross, formerly holder of that title, three and three in a thirty-six hole match over the Detroit Golf Club course Saturday. The British professionals had the Detroit men three down at the end of the morning round, but Hagen and Ross held them all even in the afternoon play.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCES READY.

LONDON, Aug. 8. If it is decided to reimpose the blockade of Russia, it is to be made effective within a few hours, as far as the British Navy is concerned, and upon the British Navy will fall the bulk of the work. A squadron of light cruisers, and other light craft, is in the Baltic Sea, ready at a moment's notice to begin intensive patrols, while units in the Black Sea are more than enough to effectively blockade all ports there. The force in the Baltic is also considered sufficient, and the Admiralty denies reports that another squadron will be ordered there immediately, even should additional blockade work be decided on.

LEXICOGRAPHER DEAD.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 9. Frederick Sturgess Allen, general editor of Webster's New International Dictionary, died here yesterday.

CAUSED A RIOT.

BELFAST, Aug. 9. The flying of Sinn Fein flags in connection with the Mannix demonstration, in Londonderry yesterday, were nearly attended by bloodshed.

AMBUSHED POLICE.

BELFAST, Aug. 9. Nine policemen were ambushed at Kildorrey, County Cork, yesterday, five being wounded.

SOVIET CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 9. Russia is ready to start the withdrawal of her forces to the line stipulated in nineteen eighteen by the Supreme Council, provided Poland agrees to armistice terms, and if Allies do not support any advance against the Soviet on any front and to withdraw General Wrangel's army from the Crimea, according to a statement issued by the Russian delegation here yesterday.

DO NOT WANT IT.

ATHENS, Aug. 9. The occupation of Constantinople by the Greeks is not being considered, according to statements made here yesterday.

SITUATION IMPROVED.

WEST FRANKFORT, Aug. 9. More than twenty-five are under arrest in connection with rioting here, but the situation continues to improve.

PRELATE WELCOMED.

KINGSTON, Aug. 9. Archbishop Spratt was given royal welcome on his arrival here Sunday from Rome, where, it is said, he was shown marks of favor.

EUROPEAN WAR IMMINENT.

LONDON, Aug. 9. A deep note of anxiety is prevailing in the comment of to-day's newspapers relative to rejection, by the

Russian Soviet, of the request made by Premier Lloyd George for a ten day truce with Poland. A renewal of war in Europe is generally considered a possibility, and is treated in the gravest terms.

CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCE.

LONDON, Aug. 9. The Russian Bolsheviks have broken into Sokolon, about forty miles north-east of Warsaw, according to a statement received by wireless.

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The Growing Naval Power of Japan.

Japan's great battleship Negato is fast approaching completion at the naval dockyard at Kure, and will shortly be commissioned.

This ship has about the same displacement as Great Britain's famous battle cruiser Hood, though she is not so long and therefore has less space to armor. In offensive and defensive power the Negato is superior to the Hood. The main battery consists of ten long 16-inch guns as against the eight 15-inch guns of the Hood. Speed and length have been sacrificed to give the Negato superior armor protection to the Hood, or any other vessel afloat or proposed.

No exact details are available on the subject of the Negato's armor, but the Japanese have, for several years past, been studying both submarine and aerial protection in addition to protection against plunging shell fire. Huge sums have been spent in the course of their experiments, which have been conducted with characteristic Japanese thoroughness and efficiency. The Negato embodies the result of these experiments.

The Mutsu, a sister ship of the Negato, is to be completed in 1921. Two other ships, the Kaga and the Tosa, are under construction. There is some doubt as to the particulars of these latter ships. There is said to be a controversy over their armament. It is proposed to arm them with either twelve 16-inch or eight 17-inch guns, and there appears to be some opposition to arming them with the short-lived, slow-firing 18-inch guns with their great range and punishing power. The Japanese ordnance experts received their training in England and the introduction of an 18-inch gun into the British service is known to have had a marked influence upon the Japanese.

To Surpass the Hood. In addition to these ships the Japanese are building four battle cruisers that, it is said, will be superior to the Hood and the United States ships under construction.

Their programme calls for twenty-five scout cruisers in 1924. Five vessels are complete, each having a great cruising radius. In future wars Japan means to take the offensive as the best means of defence. This carries the scene of battle far from Japanese shores and in this way the offensive gives greater security than any other form of warfare. The plan of operation is to conduct a dashing offensive with all the naval power she can muster and to leave the problems of home defence to the ships of the second line. Her navy is at present carrying out this plan.

The battle fleet, consisting of four dreadnoughts carrying twelve 16-inch guns, one dreadnought carrying twelve 12-inch guns and four battle cruisers of twenty-seven knots speed carrying eight 12-inch guns, is absolutely free of the problems of home defence. Five scout cruisers and all of the destroyers in the navy of over 1,000 tons are with this fleet.

For Home Defence. Home defence is maintained by submarines, destroyers and aircraft. For Japan this is an ideal arrangement. The submarine is in its element in the warm waters of the Japanese Islands and when the submarine is aided and protected by the destroyer it becomes doubly dangerous. A number of destroyers between 600 tons and 1,000 tons are building for this purpose.

Japan has been somewhat backward in the air. This is not a result of national disregard of this potent military factor but rather from her isolated position and her remote theatre of operations in the war. At present both the army and navy are experimenting with and building aircraft. The Imperial Diet has made vast sums available for this purpose. An aircraft carrier, typed after the British ships of that kind, has been laid down by the Navy to keep the battle fleet supplied with an air force in any theatre of operations.

Old Country Cricket Games.

LONDON, July 30.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—Suffering from the effects of the rain, the pitches in the four county cricket matches under review played into the bowlers' hands, this to such an extent that at Harrogate 28 wickets fell in the course of one day's play, Calthorpe securing five for twenty and H. Howell three for three in Yorkshire's first inning and Waddington seven for twenty-one in Warwick's second. Yorkshire won by four wickets.

The play at the oval was keen while it lasted, Somerset scoring 138, Surrey 142 for six wickets when the match was abandoned.

At Southampton the match was drawn, Southampton securing two points for the first inning. Lead having scored 86 to Sussex' 75. Newman took 7 for 35, Cox 5 for 22.

At Northampton Mardin did the hat trick, against Kent, who, however, knocked up 308, Harding scoring 125. Northampton followed on 175 behind, Wool taking 5 for 21 and 6 for 69 in the second innings, which closed at 207, set out to get

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He Was Highest.

It is a big and fearsome time of the year for those in school. Examinations and final report cards arrive with the long vacation. There's a young lad in this town, however, who is an optimist. He was asked by an interested family if he had passed. "No," he said slowly. Then he brightened up. "But I was the highest among those who didn't."

Kilbride Amusement Club will hold a Dance in the Club Rooms on Wednesday night, August 11th. Refreshments will be served.—aug9, 11