

Help the Orphans.

Comrades Glee Club Concert in Aid of the City Orphanages.

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson.)

Methodist College Hall, Wednesday, May 16, at 8.15 p.m.

Musical Director MR. F. J. KING.

Choruses and Quartettes by members of the Club.
The following ladies and gentlemen will assist: Mrs. C. J. Cahill, Mrs. Arthur Mews, Misses Emily Mear, Mary Ryan, and Messrs. Arthur Bulley, DeWitt C. Cairns, Fred. Emerson, Arthur Huskins, A. Mews, Alex. Mews, T. H. O'Neill, F. M. Ruggles, S. Tucker, A. Williams and H. Foster.
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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - - Proprietor
H. A. WIN-FER, B.A., - - Editor

TUESDAY, May 15th, 1917.

THE WAR.

The battle of the Scarpe continues with unabated violence, and in the face of the strongest resistance the Germans can oppose the British make progress. The fighting is now all along the so-called switch line, running north and south from Drocourt to Queant, hastily thrown out by Hindenburg as a barrier before Douai. The battle has raged up and down this line for more than a month, the Germans betraying their prodigious use of troops and reserves the importance they attach to holding it. Nevertheless, despite indisputably greater losses than ours, they are not holding it. The British have finally surrounded and taken Roeux, a village north of Monchy and like it the scene of the fiercest and most sanguinary encounters. North, at Fresnoy, and south, at Bullecourt, the British have loosened both ends of the line and it may collapse at any time and open the way to Douai.

But there is need to consult the map. A more eloquent and faithful tale is told in the list of captures estimated for a bare month's fighting. Germany cannot long be bled at the rate of 50,000 prisoners and nearly 500 heavy guns a month. Our own losses, we are told, are about half in proportion of those on the Somme, while the killed and wounded among the Germans exceed by a very high portion of the whole in fighting of this description. With Petain now in control of the French armies and also, to some extent, of the British, we may look for even slower progress, for his theory of warfare accounts territory nothing worth and men everything. He will use his terrible artillery, not to win ground, but to kill Germans, and Verdun made him an unequalled expert in the art.

There is apparent quiet from the French below Laon, which bodes ill for the enemy. Another blow is about due and may be looked for this week. A considerable offensive appears to be under way in Macedonia and some progress has been made north of Monastir. This theatre remains a mystery and little reliable can be learned of it. Evidently the Allies consider themselves strong enough to attack, though it is not likely that they have been reinforced during the winter by many more than Venizelos' troops. Serbia, Greece and Roumania may soon all become the stage of stirring events; matters have changed complexion since the pitiful drama of last autumn.

The Allies may include among their objects in this offensive the drawing off of the enemy garrison in Roumania, encouraging the Russians to attack with them. Certain it is that Russia is the greatest danger for the present. Every day confirms the belief that she will not be able to lend any effective help for a long time to come. Ivan wants to be his own master, having got rid of his old ones, and not to fight, and certainly no fighting is being done. Mush, in Armenia, was recently evacuated, though its advanced position might be a sufficient explanation, and now we hear general tidings of further reverses at the hands of the Turks. It is a reflection of popular knowledge of conditions in Russia when the absurd rumour needs to be refuted publicly that Japan is to apply pressure at Britain's urging, and General

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Brusiloff has to issue grave warnings to his army. The very greatest importance, therefore, attaches to the visit of the American mission, headed by Elihu Root, to Petrograd. Ocular demonstration to the masses of Russia of the alliance with them of the world's greatest republic may in itself be one of the most potent factors in redeeming the situation in the East. It cannot be redeemed too soon.

Supreme Court.

Present: The Full Bench.

A land case which came up before the Supreme Court on circuit at Hr. Grace but was not disposed of, was tried before the full bench this morning. The plaintiff was Patrick Dugan and the defendant James Hutchings. Messrs. L. E. Emerson and C. E. Hunt for plaintiff; Mr. J. A. W. McNelly for defendant. The plaintiff claims the right of ownership of certain land on the Shearstown Road near Bay Roberts which is in the possession of the defendant. Mr. Hearn, land surveyor at Brigus, who surveyed the land in 1892, was sworn and examined by Mr. McNelly. The Court adjourned for recess at 1 p.m. till 3 o'clock.

Newfoundland Troops Won Fame in Vimy Ridge

Islanders Too Much for Germans, Says Observers at Front.

London, April 20.—Newfoundland's soldiers get high praise for their share in the battle of Arras in the description sent by British correspondents at the front.
"In company with certain English troops," writes one correspondent, "they had pushed recently to the farthest point of our advance, in the most difficult section of the battle area, when they were met by a counter attack from three columns of the enemy in overwhelming force. Some few were apparently cut off, but the main body fell back, holding the German masses at arms' length. Reaching a trench in advance of our main position the enemy, checked by our fire, dropped into and occupied it. Then came the Newfoundlanders' opportunity, and the next half hour saw such a slaughter of Germans as has only been witnessed perhaps once or twice in this battle. It is believed that no enemy went back, but in the trench and on the ground over which they had come were 1,200 to 1,500 dead.

"Since last July the Newfoundlanders have had harder fighting in proportion to their size than any other unit of the British armies, and it is doubtful if any troops of similar strength inflicted such heavy losses on the enemy.—New York Sun.

Ob

At St. Joseph's, Salmonier, on Sunday, 6th inst., the grim reaper visited the home of Cassimir and Della Slaney, and robbed from its circle their darling child Clara. She was a bright and lively child of five years. Only a few days before her death, she frolicked and played in the May sunshine, full of gladness and vigor. Alas! this little spring flower was fated not to bloom long, for she was suddenly stricken with meningitis, and though she received all the care and attention that the doctor and loving friends could give, after a few days of quiet suffering, this gentle child was folded to rest in that Home of Love beyond the skies. To her fond parents and relatives who are grief-stricken over her sudden and early departure, the whole community offer their deepest sympathy. In that great cloister's stillness, and seclusion, By guardian angels led, Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution, She lives, whom we call dead.
—COM.
St. Joseph's, May 12th, 1917.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind E.N.E., fresh breeze, foggy. Bar. 28.75; ther. 45.

Last Night's Missionary Lecture.

There was a large and representative audience at the Methodist College Hall last night who listened with deep interest to the lecture of Rev. A. S. Rogers, B.D., who spoke on the "Life and Work of the Rev. Thomas Crosby" the world-famed missionary to the Indians of the great Northwest. Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., acted as chairman and in a few well chosen remarks introduced the reverend lecturer. Mr. Rogers in his opening remarks referred to the recent casualty lists the price that is being paid by this and other lands in the cause of righteousness. Previous to the great war we were decadent, but the thousands of heroes who had left our shores in the prime of manhood to fight the Empire's battles and the hundreds who had fallen had hurled the lie back in our traders' faces.

The Rev. Thomas Crosby was born in England in 1840 and became converted at a camp meeting, shortly after deciding to undertake mission work among the Indians. The hardships and self-sacrifice in that great enterprise which had to be endured by the famous missionary, the life and habits of the savages were fully explained by the lecturer. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides depicting the country and its inhabitants. At the conclusion Rev. Dr. Bond proposed and Mr. Geo. W. Gushue seconded a vote of thanks which was accorded in a hearty manner.

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We would remind those who contemplate attending the concert to be given by the Comrades' Glee Club in the Methodist College Hall to-morrow night that they will enjoy something worth while from a vocal standpoint and to those who propose to absent themselves we feel safe in saying that they will miss a treat. Proof that the performance will be an excellent one is the fact that the city's best talent, as examined by Mr. McNelly, will assist in the programme, which alone ought to be ample assurance of a large audience; but in addition it may be added that the proceeds will be devoted towards the city's orphanages and in regard to this laudable purpose further comment is unnecessary.

McMurdo's Store News

TUESDAY, May 15, 1917.

In this kind of weather, when colds are so prevalent and so easy to acquire, a good antiseptic lozenge is almost a necessity. Among pastilles of this class Menthol and Eucalyptus is one of the most useful and efficacious. A box of these lozenges is a handy thing to have near one. Price 20c. a box.

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Gentlemen only . . . at 9 o'clock.
May 15, 21.

Rod and Gun.

For the out-of-door man Rod and Gun magazine, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont., for May has been sent to him of interest to offer. Bonnycastle Dale, the Canadian naturalist, gives the result of a midnight study of the wild duck in the leading article "The Terror that Passeth by Night." A Holiday in the Rockies is the story of a fishing trip and outings in the vicinity of Waterton Lakes, Alberta. Some Canadian Vacation Camps, gives an idea of some Northern Ontario camps where young lads can get more for their money than in any other way, enjoying many unique experiences at a moderate expense. Fishing experiences of an Old Country Angler tells of fishing in the wonderful Georgian Bay region. There are other stories of equal interest and a treasure trove for the fisherman in this month's instalment of Fishing Notes by Robert Page Lincoln. Guns and Ammunition is equally attractive to the gun lover, while Kennel men will find the report of the Toronto Kennel Club Spring Show in this issue and a list of the winners and trap-shooters, the records of the scores at the Hamilton Tournament on April 6th and 7th, as well as other trap notes of interest.

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About the Penitentiary.

Letter from the Superintendent, Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of yesterday, I notice you publish some extracts from the Grand Jury's Presentment, in which reference is made to reports of "laxity of supervision and more serious abuses in the Penitentiary here." Touching these charges, I think it is due to myself, and the official staff of the prison to make some reply or explanation. First, then, let me say that the charge of "laxity" is not only ignored by the gentlemen of the Grand Inquest, but that it is positively denied by their entry in the "Visitors' Book," which reads as follows:

April 25th, 1917.
"The Grand Jury visited the Penitentiary to-day and went through 'the various Departments, which showed cleanliness and order throughout, and in our opinion, were conducted 'with a desire on the part of the management to give satisfaction.'"
T. H. O'Neill, Foreman; Arthur Peters, J. Rossiter, T. J. Edens, F. MacNamara, A. Soper, R. S. Bremner, E. Bishop, J. C. Ryan, D. M. Hogan, W. H. Jessop, W. D. Graham, W. O. Carnell, P. F. Collins, M. Searle, R. J. Byrne.

So much, then, for the charge of "laxity." And, with your permission, Mr. Editor, I should like, just here, to thank these nineteen gentlemen for their vindication of the official staff of the institution from the aspersions thus unjustly and maliciously brought against them.

With respect to the matter of "correspondence between a male and female prisoner," I wish to state that I have carefully inquired into the affair and find that it was unconsciously permitted, so to speak, more through sympathy for the latter than any want of habitual vigilance on the part of the officials. He (the prisoner) and a long term before him, and, as he was not very strong, I put him in the prison kitchen to assist the cook. Here he had more freedom and fresh air than he could possibly get in the Industrial Department or anywhere else; and being, apparently, well behaved, he was allowed greater privileges than he deserved.

The result was that he managed, unobserved, to correspond for some time, without detection, with one of the female prisoners, the paper used being stolen from my office when she went up there in the morning with the Matron to clean it up. This is the only time, to my knowledge, any such attempt has succeeded during the fourteen years of my Superintendency of the institution. However, I feel certain, under a repetition of the offence absolutely impossible.

As regards the suggestion of "more freedom for the female inmates," I have only to say that the yard in which they take exercise is immediately under the windows of the eastern side of the main prison, and they are only allowed out when the Matron can spare time to look after them. Care, however, is taken that their

confinement to the work-room does not militate against their health, as the place is well ventilated and airy all the time.

In relation to the Jury's observations about the juvenile prisoners, I need hardly say that my views are entirely in accord with theirs. In all my reports I have strongly emphasized the urgent necessity of a separate institution for youthful criminals. As long ago as in 1911 I reported as follows:

"Although it is true that but few juvenile offenders have been committed during the past year, yet the number is large enough to make it desirable that some other place than the Penitentiary should be provided for the punishment and possible reformation of mere lads whose offences are mainly confined to window breaking and petty larcenies. Confinement in a common jail familiarizes them with the associations and surroundings of criminal life. Consequently they become less and less susceptible to moral and religious influences and finally drift down to their destination among the habitual thieves and vagrants of the community."

It is somewhat suggestive that the Penitentiary should, within the past year or two, and more especially since the Prohibition Act came into operation, be singled out for criticism and misrepresentation. The late Horace Greeley used to say: "When everything else fails, write about the weather." Some of my "good friends" seem inclined to change the phrase and say, "When you are hard up for something sensational, concoct a story about the Penitentiary." You can always get a discharged convict, or some one else with a grievance to furnish the "ground-work;" the "embellishing" can be easily done by any one with a vivid imagination.

But, seriously speaking, why, I ask, are certain individuals so extremely anxious about the Penitentiary? Do they—in anticipation of being sent to that institution to atone for their political sins of omission and commission—feel troubled in advance about the treatment they would be likely to receive there? If so, I can assure them they are giving themselves a lot of unnecessary worry. The place is not what their forebodings lead them to believe.

On the contrary, it is a first-rate institution of the kind. The corridors and cells are always kept clean and neat, as Grand Jurors from time to time amply testify; the beds are comfortable, the clothing clean and otherwise suitable, the sewerage all that could be desired, and the food of excellent quality and sufficient in quantity to satisfy the greatest gourmand in the community. Then, again, it has yet another very important advantage, and it is this—the inmates never suffer from epidemic disease. In fact, it seems to be immune from all "the ills to which human flesh is heir" in other more highly privileged institutions.

Some writer in one of the local papers, the other day, called the Penitentiary a "Convalescent Home under its present management," and he was perfectly correct in doing so. For nearly a decade and a half there have been only three deaths here,

and the unfortunate deceased in these cases were fatally afflicted when the magistrate committed them. Pretty well all the officials live to be octogenarians. Three of them who were pensioned at seventy, or there about, are to-day approaching their eightieth landmark and still look hale and hearty; and one of the present wardens, who has been doing active duty for the past thirty-one years, has never he tells me, had a day's sickness in all his life. But I fear, Mr. Editor, I am trespassing on your valuable space, for the use of which I—an old member of the craft—most sincerely thank you.

Faithfully yours,
ALEX. A. PARSONS,
Supt. H.M.P.
Penitentiary, May 15th, 1917.

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Here and There.

BUILDING TOWER.—The work of erecting the tower of the new St. Joseph's Church is now well under way.

REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.—During yesterday more than a half dozen patients were removed to the General Hospital.

OPORTO MARKET.—Stocks (Nfld.), past week, 9,635; previous week, 13,453. Consumption, past week, 6,016; previous week, 3,642.

DINNER POSTPONED.—The B. I. S. billiard dinner set down for tomorrow night has been postponed on account of the sad news in connection with our Regiment.

CORRECTION.—In the list of Missing, published on Saturday, 12th inst., the name of Charles Mifflin appeared. It should have read Chesley Mifflin. The young soldier is a son of Constable Mifflin, of Spaniard's Bay.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of Terra Nova Council, No. 1452, will be held this Tuesday at 8.30 o'clock. C. J. CAHILL, Fin. Sec'y.—May 15, 11.

PRIEST HAS DIPHTHERIA.—The many friends of Rev. Dr. Carter will regret to learn that he was removed to the Fever Hospital yesterday suffering from diphtheria, though they will be glad to hear that the ailment is of such a slight form as to expect a speedy recovery.

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Reids' Boats.

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The Clyde left Lewisporte at 6.50 p.m. yesterday.
The Dundee was not reported since leaving Wesleyville on Sunday.
The Ethie is north of Flower's Cove.
The Glencoe leaves Port aux Basques to-day.
The Home left Lewisporte at 1.20 p.m. yesterday.
The Wren left Clarendville at 6.30 a.m. to-day.

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