Ladies'
SPRING and SUMMER
HATS.

Misses' and Children's
Straw Hats.

Children's White Silk Hats.

JUST OPENED.

These goods are smart and good value, and you will be wise to see them at once. While it does seem a bit early to be thinking of Children's White Silk Hats, we can say you will be well advised to buy now, as owing to the way silk has been advancing in price you may not do as well later, and even have difficulty in getting them.

HENRY BLAIR

Weather and Ice Conditions.

PORT aux BASQUES—Wind W., strong breeze and snowing; ice close on land.

FLOWER'S COVE—Wind N.W., very stormy; Straits still blocked with ice.

GRIQUET—W. winds, weather fair but cold; ice about 5 miles off shore; seals none.

ST. ANTHONY—Westerly winds; little colder; ice off shore.

LaSCIE—Strong W. wind; fair and cold.

SEAL COVE—Wind S.W., with snow flurries; bay still clear of ice; no seals.

TILT COVE—Decreasing W. wind, fine and cold; bay clear.

NIPPER'S HR.—Strong W. wind; bay clear.

TWILLINGATE — Westerly gale; weather fine.

FOGO—Strong W.S.W. wind, fair and cold; no ice in sight.

GREENSPOND—Wind W. by S., blowing a gale; no ice in sight.

WESLEYVILLE—Wind W., strong breeze; fine and clear; no ice in sight.

CATALINA—Strong W.N.W. wind, fair and cold; bay clear of ice.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Meditation has entered to load codfish at Placentia from T. P. Kemp form Italy.

Schr. Armistice, 30 days from Cadiz, salt laden to Hickman & Co., arrived in port to-day.

S. S. Diana sailed at 2 o'clock this morning for Louisburg.

Schr. Hebe, with a load of bulk fish from Baine, Johnston's, sailed at noon to-day for across.

S. S. Rosalind leaves Halifax to-morrow morning for here.

S.S. Digby arrived at Halifax at 10.30 this morning.

Gulf Report.

Heath Point — Strong northwest wind with light snow; heavy close packed ice everywhere.

Grindstone—Clear, northwest wind.

West Point and North Grindstone—Close packed ice everywhere.

Grosse Isle—Light open ice everywhere.

Pleasant Bay—Clear.

Money Point — Cloudy, northwest wind; closed packed ice inshore.

Cape Ray—Light snow; gale west wind; heavy close packed ice everywhere. Flat Point—Clear; strong northwest wind; no ice.

Scattarie—Clear; northwest wind; no ice.

St. Paul's Island—No cable connection with Cape Breton all winter, and no wireless on Island.

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To-day's Messages.

SOMETHING NEW.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

Leon Trotsky, Minister of War of Soviet Russia, addressing the Third Russian Congress, held in Moscow January 25th last, outlined a Bolshevist plan for converting the Red Army into an army of Labor, according to reports of his speech reaching here.

BROAD POWERS.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

In the Irish Home Rule Bill, which was brought down in Parliament to-night, it is provided that the Imperial Parliament shall control the higher judiciary officers until such time as the two Parliaments might be agreed on the method of appointing them. The Imperial Parliament would also control the Royal Irish Constabulary of Dublin and the Metropolitan police for three years, if the United Parliament is not organized by that time. Other powers are reserved to temporary Parliament which embrace the Crown, peace and war, foreign affairs, army and navy, coinage, defense, treason, trade outside Ireland, post offices, navigation, including merchant shipping, wireless and cables, collection of income and excess profit taxes and customs and excises. The two Parliaments would be given the right to collect the coin tax, including death duties, stamp taxes, entertainment taxes, license fees and others of similar nature, which the Legislatures might devise.

THREE AIRPLANES MISSING.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

Three British airplanes, which left Chester for Dublin last Saturday, are missing. The trip should have taken only three hours.

SIMS CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

An investigation of Rear Admiral Sims' charges that the United States navy failed to co-operate fully with the Allies during the war will begin on March ninth, with the Admiral as the first witness, it was officially announced to-day.

BOLSHEVISM RESPONSIBLE.

WARSAW, Feb. 28.

Lithuanian troops mutinied in Kovno on the 21st inst., according to a Polish Government News Agency, besieging Parliament for 24 hours to enforce their demands for back pay. The railway station, and other parts of the city, were subjected to artillery fire day and night. Loyal troops finally suppressed the mutiny which report attributes to Bolshevism.

Complaint Made.

Some of the parties who have been cutting ice on Long Pond for a number of years past have lodged a complaint with the Agricultural Department against the action of the parties who placed a concrete dam at the mouth of the pond. The ice men complain that since the dam has been placed in position the water will not run clear of the pond, causing the ice to flood and interfering with the work of cutting. One man who has a contract to cut some 500 tons of ice is quite indignant and threatens to demolish the structure, saying that the company who placed it there had no right to do so.

Police Court.

A man was charged with having in his possession goods (rum) upon which no duty had been paid. He was fined $50.

A business man was charged with owning a vicious dog, which had bitten a little girl. It was ordered that the dog be muzzled and that the defendant pay the doctor's fee and expenses.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

The Beautiful Anna Q. Nilsson.

You have seen her in "OVER THERE," you have admired her talent, supporting Clara Kimball Young in "Cheating Cheaters." Now see her in this beautiful Art Drama,

"INFIDELITY."

Also, "THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT,"
The most wonderful Travelogue ever screened.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

Supreme Court.

(Before Full Bench.)

The preliminary hearing of the Hickman Election petition was begun this morning. Mr. Mews, Deputy Colonial Secretary, was called as a witness and the poll book and other documents were put in evidence. The petitioner, Hickman, claims to have polled enough votes to entitle him to a seat in the House of Assembly, and has filed a list of votes recorded for his opponent to which he takes exception on various grounds: viz., under age, non-residence, etc. The Respondent, Cave, through his Counsel, has also filed a list of votes given in favor of Hickman, to which he takes exception on various grounds, viz., under age, bribery, etc. The hearing was postponed to-day till Monday, at 10 o'clock.

The New Telephone Central.

The Avalon Telephone Company has three places from which to choose a site for the new central exchange. One is the space adjoining the T. A. Hall, opposite the present central. The second is the land near Skinner's Marble Works and the third the property next to the Bank of Montreal. Negotiations for the purchase of the first-mentioned plot are going on between the company and the T. A. Society.

Coastal Boats.

FRED. H. ELLIS & CO.

S. S. Ingraham left Trepassey at 8 a.m. to-day, towing two schooners to this port. One of them is the Lila Boutilier.

S. S. Susu was at Bay de Verde this morning, landing freight.

GOVERNMENT.

S. S. Prospero will leave for Louisburg early next week.

S. S. Portia, according to latest reports from the Shipping Office, has not left Louisburg yet. She is finding a difficulty in securing her coal cargo.

REIDS'.

Argyle arrived at Placentia at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Clyde left St. John's 7.30 a.m. yesterday.

Glencoe and Sagona not reported.

Home and Petrel at St. John's.

Kyle at North Sydney.

Meigle due at Louisburg.

Complaint Made.

Complaint was made to the S.P.C.A. Society to-day re the condition of the Long Pond Road. The gulches are "frightful" and a cause of much suffering to animals hauling loads. The Society will act in the matter.

FETCHED BIG PRICE.—The house and premises of the late Dr. Skelton were sold at auction to-day for $17,700, Mr. F. House being the purchaser.

MUSKRATS!

We will purchase any quantity and pay highest Cash Prices.

P. C. O'Driscoll, Ltd.,
St. John's.

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This Morning's Inter-Collegiate Hockey.

The St. Bon's team won in this morning's Inter-collegiate hockey game with the Feildians. The line-up follows:

St. Bon's—Goal, Ryan; point, Delahunty; cover, J. Muir; rover, Phalen; center, Knight; wings, Murphy and Skinner.

Feildians—Goal, Blackler; point, Perlin; cover, Rendell; rover, Lemessurier; center, Fraser; wings, Withers and Baird.

Muir, of St. Bon's, was substituted by Murphy, and Rendell, of the Feildians, by Anderson. Mr. J. Tobin was referee.

Here and There.

AN ARRAY OF WITNESSES—Some 140 witnesses from the district of Bay de Verde are in the city awaiting the hearing of the election petitions.

NEWSPAPERMAN ILL.—Mr. R. T. Joy, of the Herald Reportorial Staff, has been confined to his home through illness for the past three days.

AT THE CROSBIE.—The following guests have registered at the Crosbie: Richard Dwyer, Holyrood; Dr. T. R. Dwyer, Holyrood; J. W. Dawe, Bay Roberts; J. T. Lawrence, Halifax; H. H. Archibald, Mr. Grace.

Slaughter Sale Flannelette!

For balance February only, 2000 yards.

Sale Price 35 cents.

Regular Price 45 cents.

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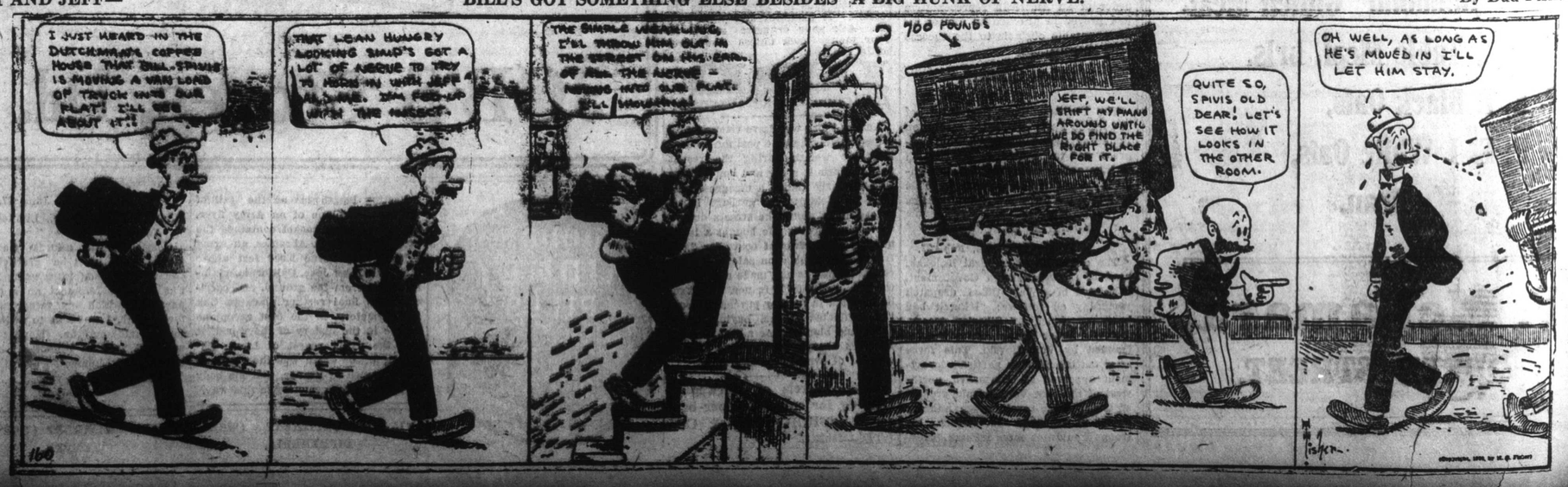
RAWLINS' CROSS.

Broke Arm Last Night.

Mr. Richard T. McGrath, Customs' Inspector, met with a bad accident last night, when the result was a broken arm. He was coming down Victoria Street from service at the Cathedral, and, tripping in a hole in the snow, fell head-forward for a distance of twenty feet. By a mere fluke he missed falling over the steep steps at the bottom of the street. He picked himself up and entered the Knights of Columbus' Rooms, nearby, asking to have a doctor phoned for. Before one arrived he went to his home on Gower St., where Dr. Cluny Macpherson later attended him. This morning the broken arm was set by Doctors Macpherson and Mitchell. It will be some weeks before Mr. McGrath will be able to be out and around again.

The 1920 Sealing Fleet.

Ten steamers will prosecute the sealing voyage this year. They are the new one of Campbell & McKay, Farquhar & Co's Sable I., Job's Neptune and Thetis, Baird's Diana, Baine, Johnston's Seal, and the Bowring fleet —Terra Nova, Capt. A. Kean; Eagle, Capt. Edward Bishop; Ranger, Capt. S. R. Winsor ,and Viking, Capt. William Bartlett. This last mentioned firm will take approximately 720 men to the icefields.

MUTT AND JEFF— BILL'S GOT SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES A BIG HUNK OF NERVE. By Bud Fisher.