

CONFLAGRATION AT BRITANNIA.

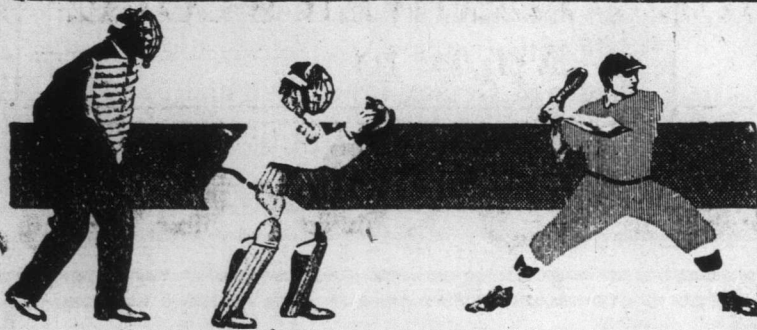
Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed and 10 Families Left Homeless and Destitute.

Meagre information reached the city last night from Britannia, Trinity Bay, to the effect that a big forest fire was raging there and that residential sections of the settlement were threatened with destruction.

This forenoon Deputy Minister of Justice Summers received a message from Mr. J. Leawood, J.P., at Britannia saying that a fierce forest fire yesterday swept the shore from Aspen Cove to Britannia destroying the

Anglican Church at Petley; ten saw mills with logs and lumber; ten dwelling houses with barns, fakes, stages and fish and that ten families were rendered homeless and destitute and in need of immediate relief.

Our Baseball Column. PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



THE THRILLING GRAND FALLS SERIES.

From the results of the Inter Town series just finished it is clearly evident that St. John's in future will have to regard the out-of-town aspirants to the championship more seriously than they have in the past in view of the showing made by Bell Island, and particularly Grand Falls. Seriousness of endeavor will be made by both next year to cop the much coveted Reid trophy.

THE SECOND RATERS.
This is a toast to the fellows that tried With a courage unflinching and clean.

When greatness and fame through the years that were
When the boys of their brothers were green.
Ah, many the battler, who gives of his best.

Through seasons of soul-testing strife, And few the bright victors who smile on the crest.

Bedecked with the baubles of life.
This is a toast to the fellows that lost With the smile of the brave that fall.

The fellows that played and paid the cost.
At the end of the long, long trail.

Each soul that tried in the weary race, Though blessed by victory never leaves its shaft of light a blossom bright.

In the garden of Man's Endeavour.

CLOUSTON & BRAZIE—THE HEROES.

With one game each to the credit, the final game between Grand Falls and St. John's found the score tied at the end of the 9th inning. The spectators were tense with excitement.

The paper men went to the bat first in the extra inning but Hall threw the first batter out, caught the second stealing third, and the last batter hit a short fly which was grabbed in right field.

Then came the crucial inning for the Home Team when a run meant the championship of Newfoundland and the Reid Cup. Major Montgomerie, the City manager, called the players together, and his instructions were both forcible and explicit. Clouston went to bat and let number one go by as it was a bit low. The second was a beautiful "in" and behind it was all Burg's cunning, but Ernie got to centre-field, the nose and drove it to centre-field. It looked good for two bags but he was taking no chances. Carew was

next batter up. His instructions from the Major were plain even if self-sacrificing, and he wasn't to even offer at one until Clouston was safely planted on the third bag. "Strike One" called Umpire Chesman, but Bill's bat was still on his shoulder. Clouston scooted down to second.

"Strike Two" called Fred, but Carew was as mobile as Cash's Indian, and with his bat still at the "slope" he had apparently not the slightest interest in Burg's offerings. Meanwhile Clouston stole third. Then, a wicked inshoot and Carew was struck out, but he had obeyed orders. Brazie steps up next. With only one man out a hit meant a run. He connected with the first one but hit it right to Burg's feet and started at a rapid pace to the initial sack. Meanwhile, immediately Brazie hit the ball Clouston started down the life for home. In order to divert Burg's attention, Brazie deliberately fell halfway up the line, screeching vociferously "throw it to first." Burg's attention was momentarily distracted, but that fraction of a second won the game for the City, as when Burg came home to cut off Clouston, Ernie was on the plate, and the Grand Falls catcher in the collision dropped the ball. A close shave, but the play showed a flash of regular big league baseball and effective management. It was certainly a thrilling climax to the very successful 1917 Baseball Season.

AFTER THE GAME.
When the last weary inning is over And the home team is glad or depressed,

When over the clay and the clover The players move off to their rest; They may not be constantly winning, But whether they failed in the test, Or whether with joy they are grinning They know they were trying their best!

They know that they fought to a finish And that's all a winner can say, Though their hopes of a pennant diminish

They played the old game all the way. When night o'er Life's ball game is stealing And Memory brings us the past, Will all of us carry that feeling When we go to the Clubhouse at last?

VALE!
This will be our last Baseball column for the season, and we hope that it has appeared of interest to the fans generally. So then, farewell, until the dawn of the 1918 season when (D.V.) we shall all be together again.

drive any kind of car and he actually tried to steal my Ford when he escaped, and if he had not that I would have offered \$200 for him."

ELLIS for Veal Cutlets, Lamb Chops, Mutton Chops, Sirloin Steaks, &c.

MACHINIST CONVICTED.—A machinist was arrested by Head Constable Peet last evening on suspicion of stealing \$28 and a pair of pincers from a fellow worker. On being searched at the police station the money was found in his possession and the accused admitted having taken it. He pleaded guilty. As it was his first offence and as the stolen money was recovered, Judge Morris imposed a light fine of \$20 or 60 days imprisonment.

A Garden Party will be held at Tor's Cove on Sunday next. The train will leave St. John's at 2 p.m. for Tor's Cove, stopping at all stations, and returning will leave Tor's Cove at 12 p.m. for St. John's.—sep19,11

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

To-Day's Messages.

10.30 A. M.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day.

Russia, having recovered in great measure from the effects of the recent internal difficulties, is preparing to make a firmer stand against the common enemy. The Russian Northern army which made some progress toward driving the Germans back to the Dyvina line in the Riga region on Sunday, occupied several German positions between Pskoff and Riga. On Monday they captured Teuton defences northeast of Friedrichstadt, south of Riga. In its official report Berlin makes no mention of activity in this region. General Stieberhoff, Commander on the Rumanian Front, carried out a successful offensive movement in the Suchitza Valley, northwest of Fokshani. A section of fortified Austro-German defences near Varnitza were occupied by the Rumanians. German attacks in the Pannetia region to the southeast were repulsed. Raids continue on the northern end of the Western front with both British and Germans as aggressors. Berlin, however, mentions no infantry activity on the front of Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria. Artillery and aerial activity on the Western Front remains intense. From Neuport to near Arras, and especially in the Ypres sector, the opposing guns are showing increased activity. In two efforts against the French positions on the Alsace Front the German Crown Prince again has met with failure. Near the Mietto River, on the Neufchateau Road, the Germans reached the French advance lines only to be thrown out again. In Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse artillery fire has been more spirited. The Italians are still withstanding successfully the Austro-Hungarian efforts on the southeast edge of the Bainsizza Plateau, while big guns are hurling their monstrous shells over the battle-torn area of the Carso Plateau. France, her new Premier, Professor Painleve, says, will continue the war till Alsace-Lorraine is restored and the Germans have made payment for the damages caused by their ruthlessness in the occupied area of the Republic. He urges that the allied powers consolidate their strength in a common effort. France by the end of 1917 will have expended 100,000,000,000 francs for military operations and civil administrations since beginning of the war; for the last quarter of the year its expenditures will total 12,150,000,000 francs.

1.30 P. M.

GERMANY PREPARING FOR PEACE OFFER.

LONDON, To-day.

The flood of so-called peace rumors which the German censor is permitting to sprout in the leading German newspapers convinces the London press and public that Berlin is preparing home opinion for another adroit peace manoeuvre, which probably will take definite shape before the snow flies. First came the alleged British peace offer which, despite official denial, is still being commented upon excitedly in Germany. Now much fuel has been added to the agitation by the report that the German Government has abandoned claims of superiority and of control over the territory and population of Belgium. In addition there are all sorts of rumors regarding the German answer to the Pope. A strange thing about the whole affair is that the German censor appears to be permitting newspapers to discuss the matter freely, but so far as is known none of the discussions is founded on more substantial authority than the indefinite, "We understand." The fact remains, however, that the German Government, as represented by the censor, does not object to these statements. A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says: "A careful reading of the German papers leads to the belief that reports of a British peace offer were circulated simply with the object of making it easy for the German Government to rally to the attitude of the Reichstag majority, and the whole thing is a manoeuvre engineered by Dr. Von Kuhlmann, the German Foreign Secretary."

STILL ENSLAVING BELGIANS.

LONDON, To-day.

The Times prints an article entitled "Slavery in Belgium." The Germans have not given up the deportation of Belgian workmen. After a show of deference to the insistent protests of various neutral states and the Pope, they are endeavouring to revive the practice of forced labor in another form.

SIGNIFICANT WORDS.

ZURICH, To-day.

Herr Erzberger delivered an important speech to his constituents yesterday at Biberach on the question of peace. He said that authoritative and unauthorized persons lectured the people on unrestricted U-boat warfare in an irresponsible manner. In spite of the fact that fifty per cent of the guaranteed shipping of Britain had been sunk, it had not been noticeable that England remained unconquered. Therefore, before voting the new war loan it was the duty of the Reichstag to consider whether a way could not be found to shorten the war. In the fourth year of the

war it would cost fifty milliard marks and a daily death toll of 1,250 men. The world's harvest was bad and a general shortage in coal, fat and leather was threatened which would cause belligerents greater hardships this winter than they had endured in the last three winters put together. After referring significantly to the necessity for Germany to consider the desires of her allies, Erzberger continued, "we have a peace dependent on might and oppression that would lead to future war. We must find the solution in enabling all nations to live side by side."

LIVING UP TO HIS NAME.

MINEOLA, New York, To-day.

Caleb Bragg, an aviator, made a claim yesterday to a new American altitude record, asserting that he reached a height of 22,000 feet in a flight in an airplane equipped with a 150 horsepower motor of a new type. The claim will be investigated by the Aero Club of America.

N.Y. LONGSHOREMEN THREATEN STRIKE.

NEW YORK, To-day.

The pier of the principal trans-Atlantic steamship lines in New York Harbor are affected by a strike called yesterday by the Longshoremen's Union because the International Mercantile Marine Company insisted on putting a foreman back to work against the protest of the Longshoremen.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, To-day.

Casualties in the British ranks reported for the week ending yesterday are as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers 185, men 4,755; wounded or missing, officers 431, men 21,843.

RUSSIAN APPOINTMENT.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

The Provisional Government has abolished the present military Governor of Petrograd and re-established the office of Commander of the troops of the Petrograd district. Colonel Polkovnikov has been appointed Commander, with power to settle questions relating to food supply and transport.

DR. SMITH (Dentist) resumes practice Wednesday, September 19th.—sep18,61

Another Boy Writes Home of U-Boat Attack.

Says Four Submarines Were Destroyed.

Another letter written home by an American boy, serving at the front, telling of an attack on our transports by German submarines, has reached The Times. In a letter published yesterday morning an American boy told how a fleet of transports from this country was attacked by twelve German submarines. The writer said that four of the U-boats were sunk in the encounter; and forty-seven German sailors were drowned. On the day after the battle with the transports American destroyers went out from a French port and, according to the letter, succeeded in sinking five more submarines.

The letter which reached The Times last night was from an American boy who was on the same fleet of transports as the former writer. He also tells of an attack on the fleet by a squadron of U-boats, asserting, as the other did, that four were sunk. Likewise his narrative asserts that two airplanes took part in the battle, a detail noted by his comrade. His letter follows:

On Active Service With the American Expeditionary Forces.

At Camp, Aug. 25, 1917.

My Dear Mother,—I received your letter yesterday, and I was the happiest fellow in camp. We are in a very large camp here. I think there are about here, but I don't think we will be here long. I won't tell you where I am because I am not allowed to.

We got into this town on the 21st and we probably have had the biggest submarine attack that any transports have had in this war, so far. We were attacked by about six submarines just about five miles from land the morning we came in. It lasted about 1 hour and 30 minutes and, believe me, it was a hummer.

The transports and destroyers fired about fifty shots and the official report (or so we heard) was that four submarines were sunk. And I saw the wake of a torpedo shoot right across in front of the —. Our boat fired about seven shots, but I don't think they hit.

We all had life preservers on and we were near our boats, but thank God, we all came through safely.

Two French airplanes came out when they heard the firing and they helped, believe me. They dropped two bombs and I think on of them hit.

Both letters came to the parents of the boys here in the city.—N.Y. Times.

Nyal's Face Cream at Stafford's Drug Stores, Duckworth St. and Theatre Hill.—sep7,11

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers are on the incoming express: A. Peters, Jno. Yemman, Lieut. S. Kean, J. and Mrs. Wilcox, R. Williams, W. Carroll, P. J. Burke, M. Dixon, Mrs. J. Bailey, Miss J. Steele, Miss R. Carter, Mrs. B. Riege, F. Lloyd, H. B. Frost, G. G. Carnegie, R. H. Hoveweg, A. H. Britain, Miss H. Lewis, Miss E. J. Finn, H. H. Reid, R. Cussell.



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If you get inkspots on polished wood, paint the wood lightly with sweet spirits of nitre, then polish with cloth dipped in sweet oil.

People who have to use trolley straps much should use gloves even in the summer with the idea of avoiding a few extra germs.

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