



he would have been puzzled to find his way to the Hall through the paradise of shrubberies, terraces, Turkish gardens, alcoves with statues, Edenlike walks and groves, and when he, at length, had reached the hill, he certainly would not have recognized in the palatial pile that towered in all the glory of marble and granite above the old oaks, the venerable home of his forefathers.

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The magician-gold-hal waved his wand over the old Hall and turned it into a palace.

And now the owner of the magnificent palace, and the enormous wealth it represented, was coming down to it, and what was more, coming down prepared for a colony of titled and illustrious guests. Rumors of his magnificence and os-

tentation, as displayed in town, had





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his neighbor at the Warren. silver stick could step forward to re-But Captain Dartmouth suspected ceive them. Reginald Dartmouth came nothing. He was too much engrossed hastily toward them and, with outby his other all-important affairs to stretched hand, said, in the voice he

pay any attention, or give any knew so well how to render impresthought, to Miss Rebecca, and so the sive:

mine was sprung under his feet. At last the day arrived. The London road was, at early

dawn, all astir with dust and rapidly running carriages.

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Postilious in scarlet and outriders an air of the deepest and most proin yellow, coachmen in purple, and found respect, led them to the apartfootmen in claret and lacings, were ments allotted to them, Lucille leanto be seen all bound for the Hall. ing upon the count's arm and follow-The master of the grand place had ed by Madam Campani.

arrived two days beforehand. The count was grathled and some A distant relation, old enough to what relieved by this gracious receplend propriety to the gathering, and tion, and pressed his host's hand with unimportant enough in other respects, fervent friendship.

had consented to play the fictitious The beautiful countess moved her farce of hostess, as the captain's aunt, lovely eyes round the gilded corridu and a duchess lent her brilliancy to and bent them upon Reginald Darbgive it the highest tone. mouth with a smile that sent the

Every guest was to do as he or sh blood coursing madly to his heart. liked; it was to be Liberty Hall in "Is Captain Dartmouth a magician every respect-none were to consider that he has raised such a fairy-lie themselves bound to any programme. place?"

Breakfast would be served in the "No magician, countess, but small banqueting-room from nine till slave," he said, with a low bow, and one. Cold viands were to be found at laying his hand, smothered in ruffles hour in a small buffet in the large and glittering with diamonds, to his

"My dear count and countess, the

honor of your presence beneath this

Then, waving the functionary aside

with his long hand, he himself, with

poor roof overcomes me."

or. Dinner-at which all would heart. "A slave!" she repeated. "Captain The grand drawing-room was light Dartmouth would have us give him credit for an impossibility, madam"-Every visitor had his especial serturning to Madam Campani. "Come vants allotted to him and his special sir, if you are the slave you have mot

than once assured me, we command you to make cause with madam her Ingenuity had been tortured to that she permit us to join you erstvent some fresh novelty in luxury and while."

Carriage after carriage arrived and And she turned, with a silver delivered its load of admiring guests. laugh, to the chaperon. By the first night all had arrived The count laughed.

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The countess shook her head with a light laugh.

Before the major-domo with his "No not it is maily and truly what you English call magnificent. Captain Dartmouth is a wizard." (To be Continued.)

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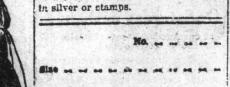
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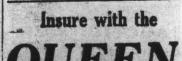
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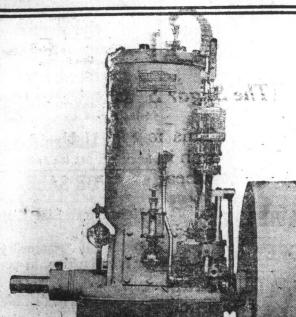
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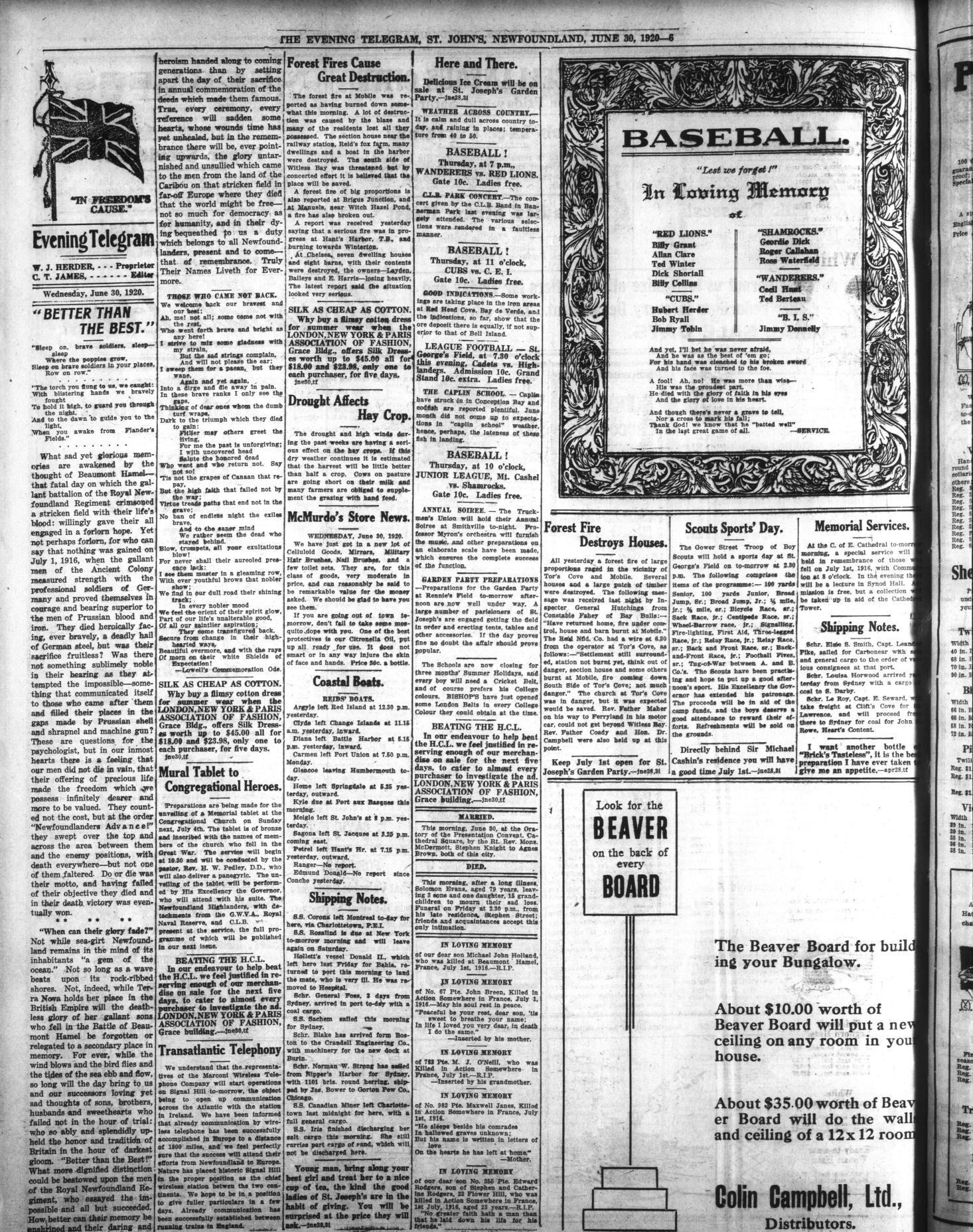
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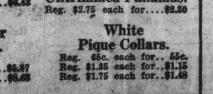
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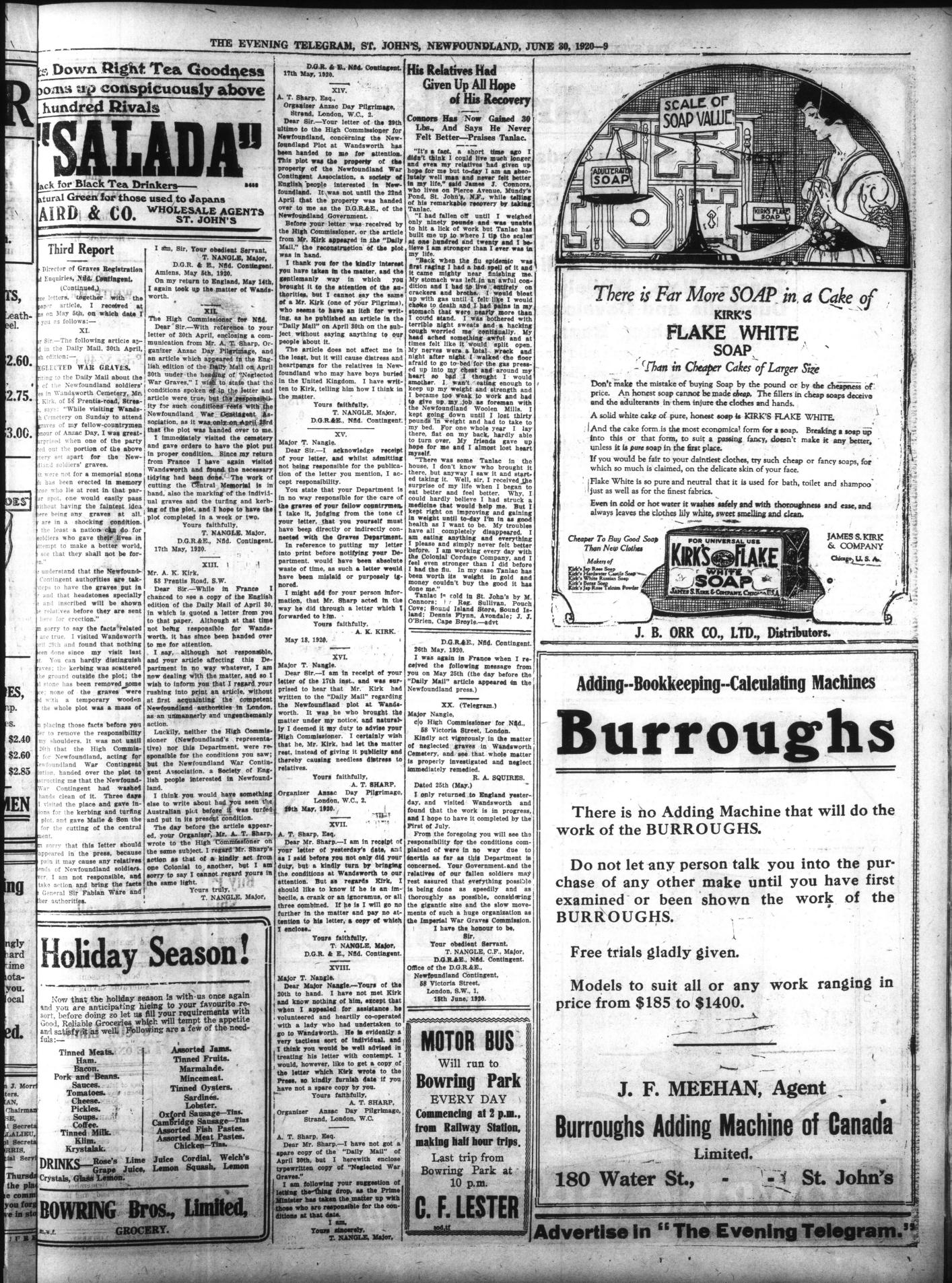
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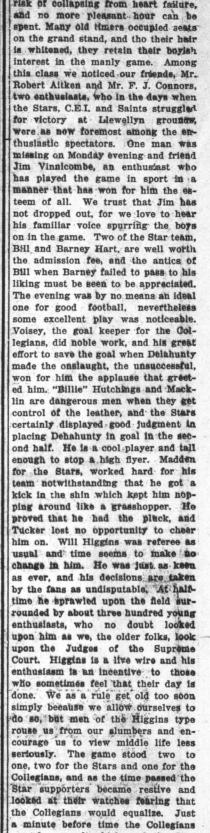
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