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ANOTHER ADMIRAL GONE WRONG.

The United States naval officers are continually getting into hot water. The Sampson Schley controversy engrossed the attention of the whole nation for nearly two years and was only finally settled when the President took the matter into his own hands, censured both Admirals, dismissed the official who was responsible for bringing on the inquiry, and informed the country that neither of them had done anything at Santiago to brag about. Admiral Dewey made a mess of it when he turned over to his brand new wife the brand new house and lot presented to him by admiring friends, and Lieutenant Hobson was called to account for indiscriminately kissing young ladies in broad daylight. The latest offender is Admiral Higginson who took part in the recent naval demonstration. It seems that the Admiral in the midst of the hottest and most sanguinary part of the engagement actually left his duties and received and entertained the Duchess of Marlborough and a party of her friends on board his flagship. It seems incredible that the Admiral should have so far forgotten his duties and the jeopardy in which he placed his fleet and country. What if the Duchess, an alien, should have taken note of the secret methods and manoeuvres and should communicate them to the British. It is just possible she carried a camera and obtained snap shots of some of the most important features of the engagement. The Admiral should have remembered the fate of Dreyfus. The only excuse offered in his behalf for this most unwarrantable proceeding is that he has often engaged in sham fights but has never before come in contact with a real live Duchess. Whether the United States naval authorities will accept this as a justification, remains to be seen. It was in the midst of another almost as sanguinary engagement in Manila Bay that Admiral Dewey ordered his men to cease firing and go below to luncheon. These American Admirals, when engaged in dangerous undertakings, display altogether too much levity.

THE EVOLUTION OF TENNIS.

A correspondent writes us to inquire whether tennis is an American or English game, and where

it originated. Tennis is a game of great antiquity and was played, though not as at present, in ancient Rome and Greece. At that time the racket was not used in serving or receiving the ball, but this was done with the palm of the hand, whence the name paume, under which the game was formerly known. Later, a glove very similar to the base-ball glove of to-day, was used, and finally the racket took the place of the hand. In the early game the net was not used, the courts being divided by lines drawn on the ground. In the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the game was in great vogue in France, everyone playing it from the sovereign to the meanest peasant. In England it was scarcely less popular. Many modifications of the game have been introduced. The early name of paume was afterwards changed to rackets and finally to tennis or lawn tennis. In the game of rackets the net had not come into use, but the ball was served against a wall and on rebounding was supposed to fall into the court of the receiver who returned it against another wall behind the server. Ping pong or parlor tennis has of late been very popular, especially in the winter season. This game is played with small celluloid balls and tiny rackets on a table across which a small net is drawn. It is governed by all the rules of lawn tennis. The name ping-pong was given to it from the peculiar sound made by the celluloid balls in coming in contact with the rackets of the players.

SMALL FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Attention has been from time to time called to the fact that the population of France is decreasing or is at least at a standstill, while in all the other European countries each decade shows a healthy increase in the number of people. There appears to be a disinclination among the people of France for large families. The French in Canada do not share this feeling and it is not uncommon in the Province of Quebec and among the Acadians of this Province to find families of from twelve to sixteen. The same tendency towards small families appears by the figures of the last census in the United States and a warning note has gone forth from several quarters. The latest appeal has been made by a daughter of the late Brigham Young in an address delivered by her before the National Council of Women at Washington. She declares that the matter is a serious one, and demands the attention of every intelligent woman. "It is a matter of regret," she says, "that the descendants of the old Pilgrim Fathers are by no means living up to the example set by their forefathers. The tendency nowadays is for the families of native born Americans to be noticeably small, whereas the families of foreigners are conspicuously large. In some parts of rural New England the schools are half empty, and among the pupils the children of foreigners predominate so largely as to form a serious menace to American nationality. Large families are now sneered at, and young girls are taught before marriage that a large family is a burden and care not only to its parents, but to the country at large. The history of womanhood as modern as you may find it, demonstrates that large families are productive of health,

equality and relatively ideal conditions, both mentally, morally and physically. We talk of leaving our impress upon humanity. Let us leave ourselves to our posterity. The remedy lies in the removal of the cause. Let wise counsel be given by mothers to their daughters, teaching them that it is a woman's first duty to bear children who will be a pride and a joy to her, and cause her to be held in high honor and respect.

COAL BRANCH ITEMS.

Sept. 4.—Miss Nellie Elliott, of Amherst, is visiting her cousin, Miss Margaret Mills.  
A large number of the young people gathered at the home of Mr. Michael Swift on Saturday evening and spent a very enjoyable time. Dancing was the chief amusement.  
Mr. S. Steeves is spending a few days at his home in Hillsboro.  
Miss P. O'Leary spent the holiday at Mr. M. Swift's.  
Mrs. M. Swift spent Sunday in Moncton.  
Mr. E. Baldwin, who has been visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. A. Little, returned to his home in Boston on Monday.  
Mr. J. I. Swift spent a few days of this week at his home.  
Mr. B. Watters spent Sunday with friends in Mill Branch.  
Mr. J. Murphy was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Swift on Sunday.  
On Wednesday evening a large number of the young folk gathered at the home of Mr. A. Little to bid farewell to John, who left on Thursday for Boston. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Jack will be much missed.  
Miss Mabel Rogers left for Rhode Island on Thursday.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

WEST BRANCH.  
No startling events this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Girvan and children, of Rexton, spent Sunday with their friend Mrs. Sinton.  
Mrs. David Hannah and daughters, Minnie and Ethel, have arrived from Boston.  
Two weddings in prospect, hope to have particulars for next issue.  
Mr. H. Wathen, Postal clerk, and Mrs. Wathen were visiting friends here, one and all were more than pleased to see them.  
Rev. Mr. Townsend officiated at the Zion church prayer meeting Sabbath evening.  
Mrs. Robert Lennox paid West Branch a visit.  
Mr. Kirk Murray is doing a more than rushing business with his binder in our village.  
Miss Nannie Lennox, who is visiting in St. John, is expected home soon. Her young friends miss her very much.  
We hope that the new organization of the old circle will prove a success.

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HARCOURT.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of W. W. Pride when his second daughter Annie Laura was united to John W. Ogden, of Mill Branch. The youthful bride looked charming in a pure white costume and carrying a white bouquet. The bride was the recipient of a very large number of useful and costly presents.

Harcourt has had an unusually large number of summer visitors who are gradually taking their flight.

Miss Jardine is visiting at the home of her uncle Wm. T. Ingram.

J. M. McLeod who was home visiting his mother for a few days returned to St. John on Wednesday.

Mrs. (Rev.) Heaney is visiting friends on P. E. I.

Rev. Jas. Wheeler returned on Friday from Matepédia where he has been visiting his mother.

Mrs. S. M. Dunn is visiting friends in St. John.

Robt. Welwood of Sydney, is visiting his mother who has been quite ill for some time.

Mrs. B. McLeod has resumed business at the old stand with a fresh and up to date stock of groceries, dry goods, boots, &c.

S. M. Dunn has removed the post office to the Perry building which he bought and has fitted up in fine style.

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COCAGNE.

Mr. H. D. Cutler, a recent graduate of Cornell University, went to Sydney Thursday to visit his sister, Mrs. Sam McManus.

Mr. Frank Bourgeois left for St. Josephs College, Thursday, where he will take a course.

Mr. G. A. Harrison Dysart returned to St. Joseph's College, yesterday.

Mr. H. A. Whitney of Moncton, a guest of Dr. Chandler, is registered at the Dy-sart Hotel.

Miss Maud Sears returned from Notre Dame Friday where she had been visiting her uncle, Mr. William Johnson.

Messrs. Napoleon Legere and Gilbert Bourque, of the I. C. R., Moncton, were in town, Sunday.

NOTRE DAME NOTES.

Miss Maud Sears, who was visiting at Mr. William Johnston's, returned to Cocagne Friday.

Miss Hattie B. Smith, Nellie McKinnon and Mr. B. W. Lockhart started to-day for Shediac where they will spend Sunday with friends.

Mrs. Bowen Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Lockhart.

One despatch from Winnipeg says the total grain crop of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories is placed at 100,000,000 bushels.

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Harvest Picnic!

The Annual Picnic in aid of Rexton Public Hall, will be held near the Hall on

Wednesday, Sept. 17th.

The Committee will arrange a good programme of sports to take place during the afternoon.

Gates to the grounds will open at 1 o'clock p. m.

Supper will be served from 5.30 to 7 o'clock at the small sum of 25cts.

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Come every one who can and have a pleasant afternoon's sport.

By Order of Committee.

A. B. CARSON, Secy.

A rich find of iron ore has been struck at a point four miles from the new steel plant at the Soo.

Provincial Treasurer Duffy, of Quebec, has a surplus of \$24,402, after providing for all expenditure for the year.

Sixteen buildings, about one-third of the town of Labelle, Que., have been destroyed by fire; loss \$90,000; insurance, about \$50,000.

There was a slight frost at points in Manitoba, on Sunday, but not sufficient to harm the grain.

Rain fell in many sections of Manitoba on Sunday, but the bulk of the grain crop was already cut.

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