

Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, February 6, 1918.

The War.

The war is about to enter upon what will in all probability be its last distinct phase, the phase, that is to say, which will begin with the resumption of fighting on the only fronts that matter and continue with fierce and terrible intensity until the end. While no events of importance mark this period of preparation, there are hints enough of what is to come; and the mere massing of troops in unprecedented numbers by both sides on the West front is sufficient justification of the prediction everywhere made that the closing stages of the gigantic struggle will be in every way worthy of its proportions and the huge issues at stake.

The frequent references also to America, which on the part of the Allies are made with a certain degree of uneasiness, show that she has at last attained in fact the status of the absolutely deciding factor which farseeing observers predicted she would attain when she first entered the war. Her position relative to it and in fact the whole war situation are in their broad outlines plain enough. It is now or never for Germany, and everyone knows it. Whether or not she believes that she can obtain the decision essential to her before the American army reaches the proportions at the front which would absolutely freedom to failure the effort to obtain it, there is no alternative before her to making that effort. Under the circumstances it is most encouraging to have the assurances of the present and probable future fighting strength of the American army which men like Baker, Secretary of War, and Chairman Flood give us. Though their critics are as emphatic as they that their estimates are optimistic and greatly exaggerated, they must have information which is not known to those outside the Government and it is not likely that they would make the statements they have made without full and careful consideration. Experts who are entitled to respect say that the presence on the fighting line of a million first class American troops would place the issue beyond all possible doubt. Mr. Baker says that half that number will be available by the spring and three times that number in the course of the year. If this is correct, it would not be undue optimism to call the issue already beyond doubt, though the date when it will be reached and the cost of reaching it must depend almost entirely upon the speed with which this great and fresh force is put in the field.

As the situation presents itself today, one thing only can be predicted with certainty—a blow from the enemy delivered with every atom of strength that he has been able to gather from his fast waning resources. When, where and with what result it will fall it is idle yet to speculate. But the prospect should not cause us much concern. In some senses at least it is as well that Russia has quitted the war, for it concentrates what remains of it in a fight to the death between the real enemies of the world and its real champions: Germany could survive many reverses in the East, none that are serious in the West. And there are several important facts for us to remember. The struggle on the Italian front has taken a far more favourable turn for the Allies, and the really remarkable victory of the Italians a few days ago is refreshing evidence of their returning power and confidence. Germany, then, has another front to reckon with and a fast weakening ally. It may well be that not France or Flanders but Italy will first claim attention when the great drama opens. Further, the only hope that Germany can now cherish lies in an actual numerical supremacy in the field, yet as late as to-day a competent critic tells us that the Allies outnumber her. And finally, it must most of all be remembered that it is exactly two years since Germany attempted a great offensive in the West, and that was at historic Verdun. Since she failed so tragically then, the Allies have grown tremendously stronger in every respect, and have carried on a continuous offensive of their own. The very preliminary stage which Germany must face will probably never be passed by her. She must wrest from the French and British the commanding heights which fell to them one by one last year. We are confident that though she may carpet their slopes with her dead, she will not win back a single one of them.

Decoration Received.

Mr. James Coughlan, of the G. P. O., received by the last mail the Military Medal won by his son, Sergt. Gerald W. Coughlan, while fighting with the Canadians at "Wimy" last year. Sergt. Coughlan is attached to the 148th Battalion, C. E. F., and has gone through some of the hardest fighting. He was wounded last October but has since recovered from his wounds and is supposed to be again on the firing line.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED FEBRUARY 6TH, 1918.

In Hospital—Halifax.

4161—Private Daniel Anderson.

Summerside, Bay of Islands; abscess.

4188—Private Edgar Hopkins.

Heart's Content; cystitis.

4680—Private Chesley Carter, Pass

Island, P.B.; N. Y. D. (not yet diagnosed).

4218—Private Chesley Hart, Hor-

wood, N. D. B.; bronchitis.

Died of Pneumonia, Empyema, Ayr

County Hospital—February 4, '18.

2651—Private James D. Doody,

Crowdy St., Carbonear.

At Wandsworth.

3708—Private Lester Scymore, Bot-

wood; G. S. W., thigh.

J. R. BENNETT,

Acting Minister of Militia.

"Patriotism That

Means Sacrifice."

A great example of patriotism is

shown by the sons of Mr. Patk. Lan-

man, Carter's Hill, his four sons

giving themselves to the cause. Two

made the Supreme Sacrifice in June

last. Garrett, the eldest, who was

serving with the Canadians, was killed

on the 27th, while William, of

"Ours" died of wounds on the 18th.

James, the second son, who joined the

Regiment after two years' service in

the Navy, was killed on Nov. 20th.

John, the youngest is now in training

here.

The parents while grieved over the

loss of their sons can find comfort

in the fact that they died in a most

worthy cause and a cause in which

the name of Lannon will hold a fore-

most place on the Roll of Honour.

Annual Meeting of

the Hr. Grace Dock Co.

The annual meeting of the Harbor

Grace Railway Dock Co. was held yester-

day in the Board of Trade Rooms, a

fair number of shareholders were

present. The report of the Managing

Director showed that a great deal of

work had been done during the past

year although the surplus received

only permitted a dividend of 5 per

cent. This was attributed to the high

cost of fuel and labour. The report

was adopted and last year's director-

ate was re-elected. Hons. F. MacNa-

mara and W. J. Ellis being added to

the number.

C.C.C. "At Home."

The annual "At Home" of the C. C.

C. was held at their new Hall last

night, over 100 couples attended in-

cluding representatives of sister brigs-

ades and the Regiment. The affair

opened with a short concert program

consisting of songs by Misses Mary

Ryan, Kavanagh, Brown and Mr. Hut-

ton. Capt. Bulley gave a horn solo,

while the band rendered several se-

lections. Dancing was then taken up

and continued till an early hour this

morning. At midnight the lady friends

of the committee served supper to

which full justice was done. The

band as usual furnished excellent

dance music.

The Finest Made.

What if other countries have been

making Macaroni for over two thou-

sand years? They are none to particu-

lar about the quality. What a con-

trast to the infinite care taken to in-

sure absolute purity and cleanliness

in the Canadian food of Catsall's Milk

Macaroni.

Here is a pure food product that delights

the heart of the expert. Made of the

choicest wheat, Semolina and Milk.

Superior in every point of quality,

nutriment and flavor, to any imported

brand.

Write for a cook book—free.

BERT HAYWARD,

Bank of Montreal Bldg. Distributor.

Feb 7, 11

Highlanders "at Home"

Great preparations are being made

for the Highlanders "At Home" which

takes place on Monday night next. The

British Hall has been secured for the

occasion while the C. L. B. band will

furnish the music. A number of

ladies interested in the brigade have

kindly offered to provide supper and

as this will be the first "At Home"

since the outbreak of hostilities, held

by the Highland Laddies, everything

possible is being done to make the

affair a success.

Train Notes.

Tuesday's outgoing express left

Crabbes at 8.30 a.m. to-day.

Yesterday's outward mail and

freight on arrival at Bishop's Falls

was cancelled west of there.

The incoming express is expected

to leave Port aux Basques this after-

noon.

NOTICE.—A Special Meeting

of St. Mary's Parishioners will

be held in the Parish Hall this

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

(Sgd.) THE CHURCHWARD-

ENS.—Feb 7, 11

"A Matter of Importance."

A great deal of inconvenience has

been experienced in the past, as well

as at the present time by patients com-

ing from the outports seeking admis-

sion to the General Hospital. The

fundamental cause of this inconven-

ience no doubt is the accommodation

at our disposal is entirely inadequate

for the demand, but this is not all. A

great deal of this trouble would be al-

leviated were it not for the absolute

disregard of the instructions affecting

the admission of patients to the hospi-

tal. These instructions have been

published by the Board of Works De-

partment, copies of which no doubt

have been forwarded to the respon-

sible parties in the various out-

ports. We were shown a copy of

these instructions yesterday by Mr. Eli

Whiteway, and if they were carried

out, as they undoubtedly should be,

much of this inconvenience would be

removed as well as relieving the au-

thorities of a good deal of unneces-

sary trouble.

Another point: It is evident that

our General Hospital is looked upon

more as a convalescent home than an

institution for the treatment of seri-

ous ailments. An illustration of this

was seen last week. Mr. Whiteway

received a message saying there was

a man on the incoming train "dangero-

ously ill." He immediately made ar-

rangements for the ambulance to meet

him on arrival of the train. It turned

out that the train was late and Mr.

Whiteway "took a chance" on not

having the ambulance to meet the

train which afterwards turned out to

be a very wise action. When the

train did turn up, however, Mr. White-

way found that his "dangerously ill"

patient was as well able to walk as

he was himself, as he was suffering

only from a slight lameness of the leg.

This was the urgent(?) hospital case

which kept the ambulance waiting

for a couple of hours at the station.

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The wea-

ther across country is light A.W.

wind and dull; temperature zero to

20 above.

Vaccination Shields just ar-

rived for STAFFORD'S Drug

Stores, only 20c. ea.—Feb 5, 11

REIDS' BOATS.—The Argyle left

Flat Islands at 10 a.m. yesterday, out-

ward; the Glenora not reported since

leaving St. John's on 5th inst.

Just received, a shipment of

Pin Maids. BOWRING BROS.,

LTD., Hardware.—Feb 4, 60d, 11

ICE IN THE GULF.—Owing to the

presence of heavy ice in the Gulf

steamer crossing the Cabot Straits

find it difficult to force their way

through the ice.

Only One "BROMO QUININE."

To get the genuine, call for full name

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look

for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures

a Cold in One Day. 30c.

CUTTING ICE.—During the past

few days several hundred tons of ice

was removed from nearby ponds and

has been stored in ice houses for do-

mestic and industrial purposes during

the coming season.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—

The St. Thomas's Women's As-

sociation will hold a Sale and

Tea in Canon Wood Hall on

Wednesday, 17th April.—5c, 21

GOES FOR HERRING.—The new

schooner Gordon C. Capt. E. C. Perry,

sailed yesterday afternoon for Harbor

Buffet and other ports in Placentia

Bay, where she will load herring for

Mr. G. M. Barr.

WEATHER STRIPPING.—

Keep out the draught by using

Storm-proof Weather Stripping.

Sent covered rubber core.

KNOWLING, Ltd.—Jan 8, 51, 11

DIED SUDDENLY.—The following

message was received to-day by the

Minister of Justice from Magistrate

J. R. Courage, of Bay L'Argent, P.B.:

"Ignatius Hickey, aged 18, died sud-

denly at Terrenceville, at 11.30 this

morning."

When you want something in

a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS—

Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Roiled

Ham, Cooker Corned Beef, Bo-

logna Sausage.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Wm.

Weir wishes to thank Drs. Keegan and

Carnell, Miss Taylor and Miss Scott,

Sisters Flemming and Lerner, Nurses

Doyle, Tibbo, Mesley, Palmer and

Murray for their kindness and treat-

ment to her son John O'Brien, during

his stay at the Hospital.—adv.

Get your tickets for St. Mar-

garet's Guild Concert in Canon

Wood Hall, Shrove Tuesday, at

8.15 p.m. The returned soldiers

will be there in the trenches and

the following will assist: Misses

Orr, Dunfield, Hayward and

J. Rendell; Messrs. Trappell,

Emerson and Bennett. C. L. B.

Band will also attend. Tickets

at Gray & Goodland's, 50 and

30 cents.—Feb 7, 11

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIP-

HERIA.

SECOND WEEK

KNOWLING'S

GREAT ANNUAL CASH SALE!

Sale Goods Cannot be Charged or Sent on Approbation.

SPECIAL WHITE GOODS OFFERING

White Gabardine Remnant Bargain

Splendid quality White Gabardine Dress Material.

25c.

36 inches wide. Worth 50 cts.

SPECIAL WHITE GOODS BARGAIN

This is a case of beautifully fine White Goods, just as it came from the mill, consisting of Lawns, Robe Muslins, Brillantes, Marquessette Cloth, Mercerized Muslins.

30c. and 40c.

per yard.

Widths from 30 inches to 44 inches. Compare these high grade goods with to-day's prices.

White Pincheck Muslin Bargain

A fine, free from dressing soft texture Muslin.

25c.

36 inches wide. Worth 40 cts.

Embroideries We are also showing some 52 inches wide Embroideries, worth from \$2.00 to \$3.00. We offer at from \$1.00, \$1.20 to 1.70

Lawn and Muslin Bargain

Wonderful value in good useful White Muslin and Lawn.

10c.

Suitable for afternoon Dresses, Casement Curtain, etc., from 30 inches to 34 inches wide.

White Pique Remnant Bargain

High-grade White Pique—make splendid Skirts, Costumes, etc.

30c.

per yard.

Wears and washes well, 28 inches wide. Good value at 45 cts. yard.

Louisine Remnant Bargain

A very fine soft mercerized material