



Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, December 16th, 1918.

Ungenerous Treatment.

We publish to-day some official correspondence between the Newfoundland Board of Trade and the London Chamber of Commerce, and commend the careful perusal of same to all our readers. The revelations made in that correspondence of the grossly ungenerous treatment accorded this colony by the British Ministry of Shipping, will make interesting reading. Apparently not a single effort was made by the home authorities to assist Newfoundland in marketing her produce, while at the same time Canadian shippers were getting the preference in every way. Steamers came to St. John's from England with cargoes and were ordered on to Canadian ports in ballast, after discharging, to load for across at either Halifax or Montreal. Not an Imperial liner was lifted to aid us in moving our marketable products by steamer, and had it not been for the heroic conduct of our own mariners who risked all dangers in their sailing vessels, we should not have been able to get a cargo to Europe. The losses of two years show how many perils were braved by our merchant sailors, in their endeavours to keep foreign markets supplied with our products. The toll for that period is sixty-five vessels, of which number twenty-six fell victims to enemy submarines. Canada and the United States, had prohibited their sailing fleet, and some of the smaller vessels of their steam fleet from going across the Atlantic, the reason being that sufficient steam shipping was forthcoming to carry their exports across the Atlantic, but Newfoundland could not make any similar regulations, being absolutely dependent on the local sailing craft, consequently we had to "carry on" and carry on we did, thanks to the sterling courage of the men who manned the vessels, and our ships were found, all through the war, in the ports of Spain, Portugal and Italy, having carried the fish which was so much needed by the people of those countries, and bringing back no less necessary cargoes of ball.

The Board of Trade opened a correspondence with the Chamber of Commerce, London, England, on July 27th, of this year, and having explained the situation existing in this country, asked for reservations of space on steamers for their leading commodities: Salt Codfish, in cases, Cod Oil and Cod Liver Oil. One of the most important articles of food the second of great value in the manufacture of certain articles required for war purposes, and the third, perhaps having the greatest

of all natural medicinal properties. In support of the request for space the Board submitted comparative tables showing the volume of shipments of these products to England, covering a period of five years, 1914-1918; also statistics showing the rate of freight in force for the same period and the altogether out of proportion advance during 1918, the rates now standing at an increase of 1700 per cent, on codfish, 1600 per cent, on cod oil, and 3140 per cent, on barrelled herring, over the 1914 schedule.

It was in a measure, chiefly to point out the unfairness of such an exorbitant and intolerable rate, which was in effect a straight discrimination against Newfoundland, no less than to secure space reservations, that the Board of Trade took up this matter with their correspondents in London. Unfortunately however the authorities there could not or would not agree that Newfoundland was being unfairly treated both in the matter of freight charges and tonnage. The London Chamber of Commerce immediately took up the matter with the British Ministry of Shipping, but nothing came of it. After the receipt of some communications from that august body, the Chamber of Commerce, while expressing the fullest sympathy, politely regretted that they could not see their way to press the Controller of Shipping further in the matter. The official letter from the Ministry is a most surprising document. It offers no explanation, excepting the trite one, that freights on Newfoundland produce advanced only to the same extent as rates on other articles. The Chairman, Sir Joseph Maclay, while agreeing (great satisfaction to Newfoundland) that it would be desirable to draw supplies from the Dominion rather than from neutral countries, regrets that the shipping situation does not admit of this arrangement. In other words, the neutrals, who were doubtless feeding Germany all through the war were to have the preference of English trade arrangements, while Newfoundland could paddle its own canoe. Regarding the Cod oil situation, the Controller of Shipping said, in effect, that it was better to buy it from Norway than from Newfoundland, and that doubtless has been the policy of the Imperial authorities, so far as any efforts on their part to help Newfoundland over tonnage difficulties have been made by them. Not a finger was lifted, according to published correspondence, to relieve the tonnage situation of the current year, so far as we were concerned, and had it not been for the traditional courage of the sailors of our own merchant marine, the prosperity which we now enjoy, would have been transformed into general adversity. Therefore whatever we owe for the saving of our commercial life, is due the men of Newfoundland who risked and dared all perils and dangers other than those of the sea, to move our products to market, and no gratitude should be expressed to the British Ministry of Shipping, by which Newfoundland was treated in a very ungenerous and unjust manner, and discriminated against to the nth degree.

"Ours" in Cologne.

The Minister of Militia has received word from the War Office, London, that the 1st Battalion of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment is at present in Cologne, with the 9th Division.

Thetis Arrives.

Bringing a full cargo of oats, etc., from Prince Edward Island, the S. S. Thetis arrived in port at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. A snow storm and boisterous weather impeded her progress down, hence the long trip.

Governor and President

14th December, 1918.

I have the honour to forward herewith, for publication in your paper, copies of the telegrams exchanged between His Excellency the Governor and the President of the United States. I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary.

The Editor,
Evening Telegram.

(Copy)
To President Wilson, on board George Washington.

At the moment of your passing Britain's most ancient Colony, the Governor and his Council, on behalf of the people of Newfoundland, bid you God-speed.

(Copy)
To Sir C. A. Harris, Governor of Newfoundland.

Your message just received. It is deeply appreciated, and I beg you to accept for yourself and the people of Newfoundland my most cordial greetings and good wishes.

(Sgd.) WOODROW WILSON.

"Better Than the Best."—The Ladies' Khaki Guild will hold their Annual Sale, afternoon tea and concert (in aid of the disabled soldiers' and sailors' fund) in the Presbyterian Hall, on Wednesday, December 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Plain work, jams, jellies and Xmas puddings and Pickles for sale. Minced Meat a specialty. Admission, 10 cts. dec13,16,17

Casualty List.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 16th, 1918.

Following Released Prisoners of War Arrived in England, Dec. 14th, From Germany.

Lieut. Andrew M. Clouston, Patrick Street, City.

Lieut. William A. Grace, 10 Knight Street, City.

639—Sergeant Edward Charles Caldwell, Brigus.

2019—Pte. Lewis B. Leane, Seldom-Come-By.

235—Pte. Patrick Courran, Bell Island, C.B.

1032—Pte. Chesley Nottall, Broad Cove, B.D.V.

Arrived at Copenhagen, Detained by Repatriation Officer, Registered Germany.

50—Corpl. Neil McLellan, 51 Military Road, City.

Reported by Brd Echelen B.E.F., Dec. 18th, 1918.—Died of Wounds Oct. 14, 1918.—Pte. Augustus Goodland, Winter Avenue, City.

Progressing Favourably, Dec. 14th.

Lieut. Alexander B. Baird, Portugal Cove Road, City. Previously reported.

J. R. BENNETT, Minister of Militia.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Dec. 16, 1918.

Vivondou's exquisites have a quality of exquisiteness that few perfumes can boast, and for that reason is one of the most popular of recently discovered scents. Not only is it of engaging quality, but it is very strong and lasting and is put up in dainty and distinctive bottles. Price \$2.25 a bottle.

The Mavis Toilet Water also partakes of the qualities of the perfume and is remarkably well adapted for its special purpose as a toilet perfume. Price \$2.00 a bottle. Both the Mavis Perfume and Mavis Toilet Water make excellent Christmas Presents.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and dull; temperature 55 to 45 above.

Police Court.

Two lads were before Court charged with the larceny of 4 pairs of boots, valued at \$14.00 and some shoemaking materials. Both of these lads having bad records. Judge Morris, although bawling the lack of a chill reformatory, sentenced both to six months imprisonment.

The young man who defrauded the Postal Department of the G. P. O. was again brought before the Court for further hearing of his case. After examination of witnesses, Mr. Bradley, Counsel for the accused, made an able plea for the prisoner. Judge Morris sentenced accused to a fine of \$100 or in default of payment, six months imprisonment.

Shipping News.

Messages received by Assistant Collector of Customs state that the steamers Lake Gordon and Lake Agassiz left Botwood Saturday night for New York with a load of pulp and paper.

The S. S. Lynchburg reports having rescued the entire crew of the schr. Wilfred Marcus. The crew were picked up in lat. 40.23 north and long. 48.46 west. The Wilfred Marcus was a schr. of 123 tons, and was built at Shelbourne, N.S., 1914. She was owned by G. and A. Buffett, of Grand Bank.

Schr. Gladys Fearn arrived from Santa Pola to Campbell & McKay; she was 52 days out and brought a cargo of salt.

S.S. Sagona arrived this morning from North Sydney with a general cargo to the Reid Nfd. Co.

The schr. Pauline Martin is due here from Cadiz with a cargo of salt.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia to-day on western route.

The Clyde is not reported.

The Dundee arrived at Lewisporte at 8.30 a.m. yesterday.

The Ethie is at Humbermouth.

The Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 1.55 p.m. yesterday.

The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 4 a.m. yesterday.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The Meigle is in port.

The Petrel left Port Union to-day.

The Fogota arrived at Port aux Basques at 1.45 a.m. yesterday.

Rev. Bayley Lectures.

At last evening's session of the C. M. B. C. Rev. A. G. Bayley, founder of the Class, was present, and gave an address. The Lecturer described in a very interesting manner his recent trip from Rose Blanche to other places further west. Besides dilating on the scenery etc., he also emphasized the need of more missionaries to minister unto the needs of the people on that part of the coast especially.

Fines Imposed.

Word was received by Assistant Collector of Customs that Reuben Shade and George Boucher had each been fined \$25.00 by the Magistrate of St. John's for failing to report goods taken from the Kristianafjord wreck last year.

Train Notes.

Saturday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques at 1 a.m. Yesterday's east bound express left Kelligrews at 2.00 p.m. yesterday.

Yesterday's east bound express left Quarry at 7.50 a.m.

Here and There.

SCHOONERS SAILED.—Many of the schooners left during the past few days for their home ports. Those which left Thursday night reached home safely.

RESIGNS POSITION.—Mr. Joseph Peters, who for many years was one of the Department Managers at Ayre and Sons Ltd., has resigned his position there.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers are on the incoming steamer, F. A. McKenzie, G. Quinn, J. Shank, Mrs. A. Gervais, and 2 children, F. G. and Mrs. Martin, W. F. Kelloway, J. and Mrs. White, B. A. Hilarie.

Mrs. H. C. Carey (nee Miss Ina Lester) will receive at her home, 102 Pleasant Street, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week.—dec16,17

BAD WALKING.—With the rain of the last day or two the streets are in a terrible walking condition. Even rubbers are of no use, and anything shorter than long gum boots are about useless. It is to be hoped that the snow will all go, or that the soft weather ends.

RE-ENTERED HOSPITAL.—Mr. Charles Gill, who recently underwent a serious operation at the General Hospital and was released, has again re-entered the institution for treatment.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind west, light fog; the steamers Sagona in, and the Thomas H. Drummond, west at 4 p.m. yesterday; nothing heard passing to-day. Bar. 29.8; ther. 40.

GRAND DANCE, C. C. C. Boat Club, St. Stephen's Night, Dec. 26th, C. C. Hall, Music by Battalion Band. Ladies', \$1.50; Gent's, \$1.20; Double, 60c. (including supper).—dec16,21,m,w

THE DOUBLE HOLIDAY.—In connection with the "Peace Christmas" celebration, many people are of the opinion that two holidays might be granted this year, Wednesday and Thursday. It is to be hoped that the Importers' Association will grant the extra holiday.

Make Your Selection for Xmas

We have just opened and ready for your inspection, a splendid assortment of

FERN POTS.

POTS & PEDESTALS, Complete with PALMS, \$6.00, \$8.50.

PALMS ONLY, 60c. to \$1.50.

DINNER SETS, WHITE and GOLD, \$9.25 per set.

TEA PLATES, 9c. 11c.

DINNER PLATES, 20c., 23c.

TEA SETS, \$5.95, \$6.65, \$13.50, \$19.25.

Lemonade Sets, \$2.40.

SPECIAL! We have one only TOILET SET, 6 pieces, hand painted, a beauty for \$25.00.

New Stock of Tumblers, Fancy and Plain, 85c., \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.70 per doz.

WATER SETS, in Pale Blue, \$2.40. JAPANESE CUP & SAUCER, 35c.

Orange Bowls, 85c.; Berry Bowls, 26c.; Salvers, 45c. and 55c. Preserve Dishes, 75c. doz.; Pickle Dishes, 25c. Candy Trays, 26c.; Vases Colored and Plain, 18c., 22c., 26c. Colored Jugs, 35c.; Plain Jugs, 28c. Shaving Mugs, 45c.; Fancy Jugs, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.50.

JAPANESE CHINA Consisting of Cup and Saucer, 35c.; Nut Bowls, 35c., 55c.; Bon Bons, 60c. Baby Plates, 65c.; Chocolate Sets, \$4.20; Cruets, 45c. Sugar and Cream Sets, 70c., \$1.00, \$1.20; Cream Bowl, 70c. Preserve Sets, \$2.40.

G. Knowling, Ltd.,

CHINA AND GLASS DEPARTMENT East, West, and Central Stores.

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Here and There.

DIPHTHERIA CASE.—Saturday evening a twelve-year-old boy of Mundy Pond Road was taken to Hospital suffering from diphtheria.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS.

MAIDEN TRIP.—The schr. Armored is loading codfish at Tesser and Co.'s for the Mediterranean, and will probably get away this week.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

MUCH VENISON.—By Saturday's express a large quantity of venison was brought in. The same was sold very quickly, and returned fair prices.

STRIKE OVER.—The N. I. W. A. strike in connection with the employees of Browning's Bakery, has ended, and the employees have gone back to work.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"A citizen and a Seafaring man"—If you will send in your name and be a little more explicit in your statement, we will consider publication of your communication.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday morning at 10.45 an old man named John McCarthy fell, at the junction of Water Street and Adelaide Street, and dislocated his shoulder. Dr. Tait attended him and later Constable Myers took him home.

170 boxes

Coke and Charcoal

TIN PLATES—20" x 14", 28" x 20", 17" x 12 1/2". Selling from stock at our usual low prices.

G. Knowling, Ltd.,

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Armistice Prolonged

Germans Given Another Fulfil Conditions—Suspension Results in Ireland and Liner Corinthian Tot

9.00 A.M.

A LENGTHY PROCEEDING.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15. (Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.)—Transport steamers will ply between Copenhagen and LeTeve, and twenty smaller steamers will be continually engaged repatriating prisoners of war from Germany. Two steamers, with British troops aboard, arrived yesterday.

SENTENCE REMITTED.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The Home Secretary, after consultation with the President Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal, has advised the remission of the sentence of two Canadian soldiers, named Hanson and Caba.

REGULAR REPATRIATION.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 13. (Via Reuters' London, Dec. 15.)—Regular transport of entente prisoners of war from Germany, began to-day. Four trains leave daily for France, each conveying from 700 to 900 prisoners. It is estimated that there are 75,000 French and British prisoners to be repatriated. The prisoners in Germany and Central Germany will be repatriated by a more direct route.

FINLAND'S POLICY.

LONDON, Dec. 15. (Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.)—Hanserheim, the President of Finland, left Newcastle for Helsinki yesterday, to assume his new office. Interviewed by Reuters' correspondent here, his policy and aim was to get the terms possible with the Allies, to secure the recognition of the complete independence of Finland by the Powers, and to establish a democratic form of government, based on co-operation of all parties. He had conferred with the leading statesmen of London and Paris, and was delighted with his reception. It was a part of his policy, he said, to include a rapprochement with Finland's Scandinavian neighbors, and to enter into good relations with the Soviet Russia, which must emerge from present chaos, in the meantime Finland was in great need of food, and the Allies had arranged to send regular monthly shipments of food. Hanserheim believed all German troops had now left Finland. The commercial treaty concluded between Finland and Germany had been cancelled a few days ago.

FLARE UP IN MEXICO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (Via Reuters' London, Dec. 15.)—A brief battle between American gunners and a party of Mexican

British troops, during the occupation of the city of Tampico, on Sunday, Dec. 15, resulted in the death of a British soldier and the capture of a Mexican soldier.

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The Coupon Store is Open at Night

Until 9 o'clock from now until and including Christmas Eve, for the benefit of our friends who are unable to redeem their tags and coupons during the day time.

Our Window Display is worth your attention. Have you seen it?

Imperial Tobacco Co.

Bright Crystallized Sugar, only 1c. lb.

Raisins—Calif., Valencia, 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Persian", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Sultana", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Large", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Small", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Golden", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Black", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Green", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"Red", 17c. lb.

Raisins—"White", 17c. lb.