

Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, December 31, 1917.

The New Year.

Deep as the feelings are which always stir men's hearts and minds on this day of all the year, they are a hundred times deeper and more impressive in the historic times through which we are passing. We have travelled through a year memorable for many great events even in those times, and now stand on the threshold of another of which we know with certainty that it must contain other events greater still. Does it contain peace? We, on the Allies' side, fighting with renewed and greater determination for that right and justice which alone can make peace worth achieving, must ask ourselves first, does it contain victory? We have every reason to hope so. If we look forward with much natural misgiving and doubt, we can do so also with much greater hope and confidence, born of the great developments of the past year, and firmly founded on the consciousness that has been ours from the beginning of the purity and righteousness of our cause. In the inspiration of that hope and confidence we wish our readers the happiest of New Years.

Our New Press.

We have attempted on another page to sketch, in the most cursory fashion, some of the landmarks of the past year's history. We have been handicapped in the task and compelled to omit much that we had intended to give our readers by the fact that our new press, which we had hoped to have installed a month ago, has only just been set up and got in running order. The fact that, in spite of the magnitude of the task which this has involved, the Telegram has appeared as regularly and as full as ever, without a day's interruption, is one which reflects the greatest credit on those who have had the work in hand. Those who know what such an undertaking means will not be slow to appreciate the merit of the feat. If this cause, therefore, has made even a little more of a little short of what we could have wished it to be, it will enable us in return to add considerably in the future to those features of the Evening Telegram which our readers have been good enough to approve in the past, and of which they have shown such kind appreciation.

First Nfld. Prisoner of War Exchanged.

Minister of Militia Bennett is in receipt of a cablegram intimating that Lieut. Alexander Baird of "Ours", son of Mr. J. C. Baird, this city, was in Switzerland with a bad leg. Lieut. Baird was wounded and captured by the Germans in the battle of Monchy, April 14th last. He was in Lemberg camp with a number of others of "Ours" up to recently when he was removed to Gefangenenlager, Heilbronn, Baden. He is now evidently one of the exchanged prisoners, reference to whom is made in today's public despatch. The many friends of "Sand", who are regretting the fact that his wounds are still affecting him, will rejoice to hear that he is out of captivity and will look forward with eagerness to his return to his native land.

Hockey Skates Sharpened and Attached. - J. J. CHANNING, Long's Hill, -dec31,11

Obituary.

ON Wednesday last, Dec. 20th, there passed peacefully away at a short illness, one of the best known and most respected residents of Witless Bay, in the person of Mrs. Frances Walsh. The deceased had been alling out a short while and the end came unexpectedly. She leaves to mourn her husband Christopher Walsh, four children, two grand-children and one brother in Witless Bay and two brothers in the U.S.A. Her loss will be keenly felt by her family and by a large circle of friends all over the southern shore. Deceased was in her 59th year. -Cor.

Just received: a fresh shipment of Henry Clay and Bock Cigars, also El Proposo Cigars in boxes of 25's, at ROYAL CIGAR STORE, Geo. F. Trainor, Proprietor, -dec31,11

Watchnight Services.

C. of E. CATHEDRAL.—There will be a Watchnight Service to-night at 11.15. Collection to purchase coal for the poor.
ST. MARY'S.—There will be a Watchnight Service to-night at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, commencing at 11 o'clock.
COCHRANE ST.—The usual Watchnight Service will be held in Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church this evening, to commence at 11 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bond, the offering will be in aid of the ends of the Methodist Orphanage.
GOWER ST.—The usual Watchnight Service will be held to-night, beginning at 11 o'clock. Friends will please remember the offering which will be taken up in aid of the Orphanage and the sexton.
GEORGE ST.—The usual Watchnight Service will be held to-night, beginning at 11 o'clock. Friends will please remember that a collection will be taken up for the poor.

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Our Volunteers.

The following recruits signed the roll at the Regimental Headquarters on Saturday, December 29th:

S. H. Diamond, Change Islands.
M. Hillyard, Placentia.
Charles Reid, Lower Island Cove.
W. J. Shaw, Little Heart's Ease, T. Bay.
Wm. Rodgers, 84 Barnes' Rd., St. John's.
Enlisted Second Time.
Gerald White, St. John's.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED DEC. 29th, 1917.

Died of Wounds, November 22nd. Nature of Wounds Not Reported. Burial Report by A. D. C., Base, Dec. 7.
2146—Private Stephen Fortune, Jeffrey's, Bay St. George.
R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary.

W.P.A. Christmas Gifts

The W. P. A. Christmas gifts were shipped from here by the S. S. Kincaid and Rieberger on the 1st of November, and we hope were in France in time for Christmas. Owing to the impracticability of dealing with individuals it was decided to send the contribution in bulk. The selection for the men in France was made from suggestions offered by Capt. Nangle, C.P., who was home on leave, and who assured us the men would much rather something from home in preference to things purchased in England. The shipment consisted of the following:

To 40 Officers in France—2 cases (48) tins bakeapples, 500 cigarettes each, 1/2 lb. box chocolates each.
To 850 men in France—4 bbls. selected pork, 4 bbls. selected spare ribs, 3 bbls. dried caplin (all procurable), 1 case chewing gum, 55 bags No. 1 hard bread, 1/2 lb. tobacco each, 50 cigarettes each, 1/2 lb. box chocolates each.
To 1000 officers and men at the Depot, Ayr—1/2 lb. box chocolates each.
To the R. N. R. men serving with the Navy—A parcel consisting of a pair of socks from the W. P. A. and tobacco and cigarettes from the cheer-O-Land Fund. This parcel was made up by the Nfld. War Contingent Association and sent by them, acknowledgments of which have been published from time to time in our daily papers.
Prisoners of War—£50 sent to Mr. Reeve, Secretary N. W. C. A., for food and comforts for our prisoners in Germany.
To 64 patients at the Naval and Military Hospital, the Jensen Camp and the General Hospital—Individual parcels consisting of half pound of tobacco, 50 cigarettes and a box of chocolates.
In addition to the W. P. A. gifts the N. W. C. A. very generously sent a present to each man of the Regiment in hospital, at the front, and to each R. N. Reservist serving with the Navy. A statement of the amount is given below.

Contributions received from
The Daily News \$1628 20
Evening Telegram 466 70
Herald 33 10
Advocate 8 50
Employees Ayre & Sons 52 00
Belleoram W. P. A. 10 00

Paid for:
Tobacco and cigarettes \$455 00
Cards and envelopes 35 10
Chocolates 458 00
150 boxes bread 578 00
4 bbls. pork 188 00
3 bbls. spare ribs 100 50
1 case chewing gum 40 00
3 bbls. dried caplin 10 00
2 cases bakeapples 26 00
Insurance 116 55
Postage on cards 1 92
Cable and stamps 2 43
64 packages tobacco and cigarettes 241 25
64 boxes chocolates 30 40
64 boxes chocolates 32 00

Credited.
Hon. J. C. Crosbie, 1 bbl. pork \$ 47 00
Mrs. J. S. Munn, ditto 47 00
A. Harvey & Co. 25 00
A. Harvey & Co., discount 10 12
A. Harvey & Co., Customs drawback 9 35

Balance on hand \$ 138 47

MARY MACKAY, Secretary-Treasurer Christmas Gift Fund, Sutherland Place.

Worth Seeing.

T. A. Macnab & Co., City Club Building, Water Street, Wholesale Distributors of "2 in 1" Shoe Polishes, have a most interesting display in their wareroom window at the present time. It consists of sample boots of the fighting nations, ranging all the way from the little canvas rest shoe of the Belgians to the big top boot used by the Russians in their winter campaigns. The Serbian and Rumanian boots are particularly odd looking. The Italian mountain boot is probably the finest boot shown, being particularly well made and serviceable looking. One of the boots displayed is a high tan boot bearing the card "Made in a small shop in Russia." At the back of the display is a large stack of cases of "2 in 1" bearing this legend across the face of it—

"DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENT BOOTS BUT THEY ALL USE '2 IN 1'"

A Denial.

This is to certify that I had nothing whatever to do with the sending of letters to the young men of St. Mary's with a white feather and the word slacker written inside the envelope.
(Sgd.) VINCENT S. WALSH, Police Constable, St. John's, Dec. 21st, 1917. dec31,11

NARROW ESCAPE.—Two men named Nodal and Sheehan had a close call on Saturday night by the

St. Joseph's Entertainment.

The entertainment which is taking place at the Casino Theatre to-morrow night in aid of St. Joseph's Church promises to be one of the best productions offered the general public for some time. Apart from the worthiness of the cause, the management have spared no pains to prepare a programme that will appeal to all who attend. The first part of the programme will consist of a concert by many of our leading artists, whilst the second part consists of that ever popular sketch "The Rough Diamond." It is sufficient to say of this, that it is under the management of the genial P. F. Moore, who will play the inimitable Cousin Joe. We speak a bumper house for the performance.

"Chill Chasers."

We have received another shipment of these popular portable heating stoves in three sizes which we are selling at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50.

We also call attention to our special "Humphrey" Gas Iron, in nickel finish, complete with flexible tube connection. We are selling this iron at \$5.00, and recommend it as a useful Xmas gift.

Phone 97, or call at our Showroom, Oke Building.
ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT CO.
dec22,11

Here and There.

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

SMALLPOX ON INCREASE.—Slide Saturday last four new cases of smallpox developed in the city, the patients being three girls and a woman.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS.

FOREIGN FISH MARKET.—"Prices are unchanged since last report. I do not think prices will be maintained beginning next year," is a cablegram wired by the British Consul at Oporto to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Stafford's Liniment cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all Aches and Pains.

C. M. B. C.—The Chairman, Rev. J. Brington, addressed the Central Men's Bible Class yesterday afternoon on "Jerusalem." The discourse was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience present.

Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov29,11

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind S. E. light, dense fog and rain; the schr. Stella passed in yesterday. Bar. 29.45; ther. 40.

Under the auspices of the Cochrane Mission Circle a Variety Entertainment will be given in the Lecture Room of Cochrane Street Church on Thursday next, January the 3rd. The programme will include old-time melodies and the latest Patriotic Songs, also a Dialogue, entitled "Aunt Matilda's Birthday Party." Part proceeds are in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Tickets 20 cents.—dec29,21

There is nothing that will brighten the costume more than a long string of bright blue beads.

AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

BREST-LITOVSK, To-day.
A Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including the liberation of war prisoners and the resumption of commercial relations was reached by the Delegates of the Russian and Central Powers in the discussion of the "last" day, Friday, which in the event of a general peace would have to be settled among nations represented in the negotiations here. This provisional discussion was terminated yesterday, the basis of agreement being adopted under the reservation that it was to be examined by the Governments represented by the delegates. In respect of treaty relations an understanding was arrived at regarding the restoration of the situation as it existed when the war was begun. It was provided that certain laws adopted during the war shall be cancelled and that those affected thereby shall be restored to their previous rights or be indemnified. In regard to the payment of war costs, damages were defined in greater details and provisions were made concerning damage sustained by civilians outside the war area. An agreement in principle, was reached regarding the reciprocal liberation and return home of war prisoners and interned civilians and also for the return of captured merchant ships. The speedy resumption of diplomatic and consular relations is embraced in the understanding. It is set forth that there shall be an immediate stoppage of economic warfare, establishment of commercial intercourse and organized exchange of commodities. A substantial understanding was arrived at by which a basis of economic relations shall be settled permanently.

His Excellency the Governor will hold a Levee at Government House on New Year's Day, between 12 and 1 o'clock.
Uniform or Morning Dress.
Those attending will please bring a Visiting Card to hand to the Private Secretary before presentation.
By command,
H. KNOX-NIVEN, Lt.-Col., Private Secretary.
Government House, 20 Dec., 1917. dec20,31

The Governor and Miss Armorer Harris will be "At Home" at Government House on Thursday, the 3rd of January, 1918, from 4 to 6 p.m.
By command,
H. KNOX-NIVEN, Lt.-Colonel, Private Secretary.
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WAR NEWS

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

BULGARIA ACCEPTS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.
The Bulgarian Premier, Vlado Radaslavoff, according to a despatch has sent a message to the effect that Bulgaria has accepted the Russian proposals, first that war between Bulgaria and Russia be ended; second that the status quo ante bellum with respect to commercial treaties, consular and other conventions be re-established; third regarding the Danube question that this be decided to-morrow at a plenary meeting of all delegates, Bulgaria to have a delegate on the Danube commission. The Premier's message added: "Both parties have congratulated each other on the results."

RUSSIAN LOCOMOTIVES TAKEN OVER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.
Two hundred locomotives, under construction in this country for Russia, will be taken over as a part of the Government's plan for quick improvement in American railroad equipment.

BRITISH PRISONERS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
(By Mail).—British prisoners held by the enemy, including those in Switzerland, total 46,712. According to an official statement the prisoners include members of the regular army, territorial forces, Royal Navy and naval divisions, divided as follows: In Germany, officers, 1,863, other ranks 41,836; in Turkey, 340 officers, 253 others; in Bulgaria, 42 officers, 583 others; in Austria, 13 officers, 74 others; totals 2,257 officers, 44,455 others.

THREE BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of Dec. 22nd, with the loss of 13 officers and 180 men, the Admiralty announced to-day. The text of the statement reads: Three of our destroyers were mined or torpedoed during foggy weather off the Dutch coast on the night of the 22nd December. A total of 13 officers and 180 men were lost.

10.00 A.M.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN SWITZERLAND.

ZURICH, Switzerland.
(Via Reuter's Agency) To-day.
A party of British war prisoners has arrived here from Germany consisting of 84 officers and 654 men. The officers include Brigadier General Victor Williams of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Officers are going to Montreux and Vevey. The men will be interned at Chateau de Dore. The party on the whole looked well, those interned in north Germany appearing to have had a much worse time than those in south Germany. (It is reported that Lieut. A. Baird is among this number.—Ed.)

GO TO IT, WELLINGTON.

(Via Reuter's, Ottawa), To-day.
The Australian conscription referendum figures have not yet been materially altered. It is officially estimated that 200,000 votes are still to be counted. Of these 123,000 are those of members of the Australian forces and 77,000 those of ordinary absentee voters. It is estimated that 81 per cent of the electors voted. Wellington.—Despatches state that some reinforcements are being sent to employ Australians as shepherds, on the grounds that while the New Zealanders are fighting at the front their places shouldn't be filled by anti-conscriptionists. After the sitting of the Australian Cabinet Saturday, Premier Hughes stated that a meeting of the Ministerial party had been convened for January 1st. The meeting of Parliament has been summoned to meet on January 9.

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COAL SHORTAGE AND KERO.

NEW YORK, To-day.
The already alarming coal shortage throughout greater New York has become more acute to-day by reason of the approaching cold weather. The available supply of fuel at the



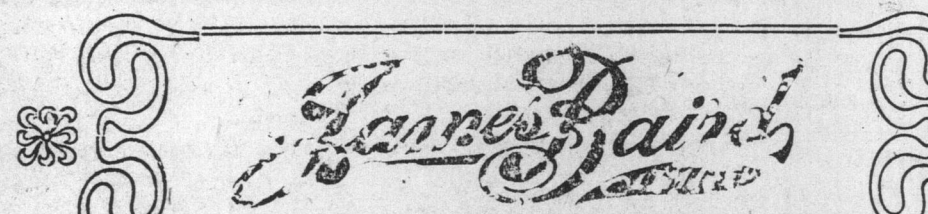
Hardware and Grocery Departments

Gratefully acknowledge the large amount of public patronage received the past year, and on the threshold of the New Year beg to tender all their patrons their sincerest wishes for continued good-will and prosperity.

We are sincerely grateful for your many favours during 1917, and now accompanying our hopes for the future we offer

Best Wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May 1918 see the realization of our fondest and brightest hopes, and the cares and worries of 1917 relegated to the region of forgetfulness.



Gretnell Association.

The annual meeting of the Gretnell Association of Newfoundland was held at Government House, on Saturday afternoon. His Excellency the Governor presided and those present were—Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson, Hon. John Harvey, Hon. R. K. Bishop, Hon. A. F. Goodridge, Hon. A. E. Hickman, Hon. M. G. Winter, Hon. R. Watson, Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., Mr. P. G. Borteano, I. S. O., Mayor Gosling, Major Macpherson, Mr. Arthur Mews, Dr. Grievie and Mr. H. R. Prookes, Secretary.

The annual report of the Directors was on motion of Mr. Justice Johnson received and adopted. In accordance with the Constitution three Directors retired from office but were re-elected. The Board of Directors for the ensuing year will be, viz.:—His Excellency the Governor, Hon. John Harvey, Hon. M. G. Winter, Sir Edward Morris, Hon. R. Watson, Mayor Gosling, Mr. C. P. Ayre, Mr. F. C. Borteano and Major Macpherson.

Messrs. W. C. Job and R. Watson were re-appointed to the International Board for another year. On motion of Hon. John Harvey, a resolution was passed placing on record appreciation of the valued services of Sir Walter Davidson who had been Chairman of the Association during his residence here.

Messrs. LeMessurier and Borteano spoke a few words of welcome to His Excellency Sir Alexander Harris.

See Chalmers Movie Pictures at Nickel Theatre Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

WILKES-BARRE-PA.
Chalmers Six wins Hollenback Trophy in hill climb up Giant's Despair Mountain.—dec31,21

DIED.

On Sunday, 20th inst., after a short illness, Dorothy Marie, darling child of Catherine and Ronald Phippard, aged 7 months.

Killed in action, somewhere in France, Port. Ch., after serving three years with the C. E. F., Pte. Kenneth George Ledham, son of the late New.

Spaniards Fined for Selling Liquor.

The further hearing of the charges preferred against a captain and cook of a Spanish vessel for selling wine and rum here recently was concluded before Judge Morris in the Magistrate's Court on Saturday afternoon. Both were convicted of violating the Prohibition Act, the captain being fined \$200 and the cook \$100, or alternative terms of imprisonment. The names of a couple of those who purchased the liquor from the Spaniards have been secured and they will likely get into trouble.

Here and There.

When you want Sausages, why—get ELLIS; they're the best.

SUSTAINED DAMAGE.—A Danish vessel, which arrived here yesterday from Gibraltar, after a 50 days passage, sustained damage to her canvas.

STAFFORD'S PHOTONOTE for all kinds of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and various Lung Troubles.—nov6,11

HIGH PRICE FOR COD LIVER.—Owing to keen competition among the manufacturers of cod oil at Rose Blanche, fishermen are being paid a higher price than heretofore for liver.

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

FOR REPAIRS.—A Norwegian schooner put in here yesterday for repairs. She got her engine out of

The Studio of S. H. PARSONS & SONS, Photographers, corner of Water and Prescott Streets.

A Valuable New Year's Gift.

We will give you 25c. discount off all TOYS and FANCY GOODS you buy from us between now and New Year's Day. We have a great stock and a big display of LEATHER GOODS, such as:—Ladies' Hand Bags, Purses, Clear Cases, Writing Cases, Pictures, Manicure Sets, Cut Glass Ware, Silver Teapots, Silver Photo-Frames, Music Cases, Candle Shades, Electric Light Shades and a hundred and one other items that make most acceptable New Year Gifts. Remember, the offering holds good from now until New Year's Day. Come NOW and get the most attractive pieces.

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