



Evening Telegram

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The Rock of Gibraltar

The raising of the question of the return of the Rock of Gibraltar to Spain by the Premier of that country is an instance which in the light of Spain's action in the Great War, is refreshing in its coolness, and we are rather inclined to think that the suggestion will be received with but a diplomatic politeness by the Imperial British Government, who are not likely to accede to such an absurd request. Even if they were about to consider it, popular opinion would find a way to convince them that where Gibraltar is concerned there is to be no handing over to any nation. The latest development in this connection is the statement made by Senor Romanones that Spain is willing to offer in exchange for Gibraltar, the Ceuta territory on the African side of the Straits, holding that the possession of Ceuta would afford Britain equal strategic advantage in modern warfare.

The fortress of Gibraltar possesses too much value to Britain, sentimentally and politically to be either exchanged or given away. The history of the capture and defence of the Rock during the wars of the 18th century sheds a lustre over the naval and military annals of that period, and we have come to look upon Gibraltar as one of the outposts of Empire, the guardian of the Mediterranean, the gateway to the East the possession of which is as necessary to Britain's future as is her command of the sea. Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, Aden. The four guard the pathway of British commerce to the Orient and with either of these in other hands a blow could be struck, the force of which would paralyze forever the trade of the Empire. There can be no consideration whatever given to such a suggestion. Gibraltar must remain British. The peace of the world would again be jeopardized if this rocky stronghold were allowed to pass from under the Union Jack. In British hands its tremendous armament is a protection and a defense alike to all shipping passing under the frowning muzzles of its great guns. In other hands it would become at once a menace and a threat to the shipping of the world, which to-day may pass in

GOOD WISHES FROM THE KING

A Gracious Message to the Wounded.

The following telegram from His Majesty the King to the people of this Colony has been received by His Excellency the Governor:—

Buckingham Palace.

Another Christmas has come round and we are no longer fighting. God has blessed your efforts. The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt good wishes for a happy Christmas and many brighter years to come. To the disabled, sick and wounded, we send a special greeting, praying that with returning health you may be comforted and cheered by the vision of those good days of Peace for which you have sacrificed so much.

(Sgd.) GEORGE R. I.

Newfoundlander Awarded V. C.

Congratulations to Pte. Ricketts of White Bay, the first Newfoundlander to receive the chief decoration for Valor, the Victoria Cross. No particulars of the gallant act for which the honor is conferred are available as we go to press, but we hope to have a full official report to-morrow.

To-Day's Messages.

1.00 P. M.

JEWISH REPUBLIC.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26. Resolutions, providing for the regulation of immigration to the proposed Republic of Palestine, and for the country's political, industrial and economical relations, were adopted by the Zion Convention in session here to-day. The resolutions urge that the new Republic be affiliated with the proposed League of Nations, and express the hope that Great Britain will allow the Jews to establish their own Government in Palestine.

FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. Resolutions, urging State and Federal legislation for the effective physical education of American youth in all schools, to remedy the physical unpreparedness of young men, as disclosed by the war, were adopted at the annual convention, here to-day, of the American Athletic Research Society.

BRITAIN'S GRAND FLEET, THE BACKBONE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. The adventures of the American overseas fleet in attempting to bait the German ships to combat, how a U-boat had rammed his super-dreadnought, and how every effort to lure the enemy from his base, was told yesterday by Rear Admiral Hugh Rodmann, on the flagship New York. It was he who commanded the American battle division in the Grand Fleet under Sir David Beatty. In the words of the Admiral the submarine "ran amuck," dented the ship's plates, smashed a propeller blade, and undoubtedly was sent to the bottom at the next turn of the screws, he said. He also told of the ignominious surrender of the German fleets for surrender. The Admiral said, "It is needless, in fact superfluous, for me to reiterate that which is known and recognized throughout the civilized world, namely that it was the Grand Fleet which has been the very backbone of the structure which has made a victorious peace a certainty. Without it there is no question that the war long ago would have been disastrously concluded with just the reverse conditions obtaining from these which now exist. 'No mention can be made of the Grand Fleet without our thoughts turning to its Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir David Beatty, a man of rare accomplishments, a natural born, tried, trusted and gallant leader. Under him our combined forces operated, just as later all of the Allied armies were placed under the direction or command of Marshal Foch.'"

Kilbride Xmas Tree.

The annual Xmas tree at Kilbride was opened last evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Coady, P.P., who, in a short address, explained the object of same and congratulated the ladies and those who promoted the affair. There was a large attendance from the parish and nearly places, and the table holders were kept quite busy. It will close to-night when some goods left over will be sold, and a grand concert, tea and dance held. An enjoyable time is promised all who attend.

Price of Hay.

The price of imported hay is \$60 a ton, and the price of local hay is the same, notwithstanding the many extra items of cost that have to be included in the former: a high invoice price, high freight rates, insurance, duty, cartage and storage—all these have to be taken into account when charging for imported hay. Not incurring any of these expenses, the local hay sellers nevertheless charge the same price as the imported article which, to say the least, is generally of a better quality. It is up to the Food Controller to take the matter in hand.

A toque of henna brown veil is effectively trimmed with squirrel. The cape is the great vogue in Paris, both for street and evening. Umbrella hands are of colorful snakewood with gold caps or hooks.

Government, as its guests. They were given a dinner to-night by Lord Robert Cecil, a former Minister of Blockade, at the Savoy Hotel. The newspaper proprietors' Association will give a large dinner in their honour to-morrow.

GERMANY'S SUPER WARRIORS.

SPA, Belgium, Dec. 18. The former headquarters of the Kaiser's and his general staff is disclosing some extraordinarily queer facts these days, about the men who engineered the world war. Take one, Hindenburg. Germany's superman, around whom reams of poetry have been written, disclosing him as a fearless Napoleon leading his troops to victory. As a matter of fact he spent a great deal of time in a wonderfully constructed "funk hole," or dugout, underneath the grounds of his villa here. Spa, it may be noted, is almost on the German border, and so far from where battle lines used to be, that it was almost a day's journey in a fast motor car to get within sound of the big guns. The Kaiser, too, had a similar hiding place at Neubeau, near a comic opera trench system, about which he is said to have paraded for the benefit of motion pictures. At each of their villas there were delicate electrical instruments which would set up a furious buzzing, whenever an airplane approached anywhere near. At the first sound from this contrivance Hindenburg and the Kaiser used to run to shelter, it is reported. People who worked about Hindenburg's establishment said that he was continually running for cover.

FIGHTING IN RUSSIA.

WARSAW, Dec. 24. Forces commanded by Petlura, the Ukraine leader, drove General Skoropadski from Kiev on Sunday, Dec. 13. Petlura himself entered the city last Thursday. Prince Radziwill, a wealthy Polish landowner, escaped and has reached here with other refugees, which include 400 Russian officers driven out of the district of Dubno by peasants.

Train Notes.

Wednesday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques at 4.50 a.m.

Yesterday's west bound express left Badger, Brook at 9.10 a.m.

Yesterday's east bound express left Glenwood at 9.05 a.m.

To-day's east bound express left Port aux Basques at 10 a.m.

The Fishing Industry.

A Canadian whaling company on the Pacific coast reports a catch of 999 whales, or 126 more than in the preceding year. As compared with this, Norwegian whalers caught during the year ending August last 736 whales, the oil from which is valued at \$1,800,000. As a result of the demand for whale meat a cannery has been established in British Columbia, from which over 1,000 tons have been shipped to Samoa and Fiji, while orders for 1,000 tons from the United States are in course of execution. In Newfoundland, as a result of the armistice, deliveries of codfish have been heavy. Fishermen, who were holding back for a rise of prices in the spring, in expectation of the war continuing, are selling their stocks as rapidly as the weather will permit. Big shipments of frozen fish are being made to Great Britain.

About three and a half million pounds of flat fish other than halibut from the Pacific coast have been sold in Canada since the Food Board first arranged for the sale of this class of fish in March 1918. The public has apparently developed an altogether unexpected appetite for such fish, thus providing a market for what was discarded by the fishermen as useless prior to the action of the Food Board. Monthly Letter of Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Rod and Gun.

The December issue of Rod and Gun from its first page to its last is replete with articles of interest to the sportsman and lover of the out of doors. Stories, articles, special departments are good of their kind and the magazine is well illustrated throughout. "Birdland" Reflections from an Old Camera" by Bonnycastle Dale; "The Open Places," by R. J. Fraser; "Snowbound Hills," by H. C. Haddon; "How Christmas Comes in the Northland," by Harry Laughy; "A December Afternoon with Buster," by Reginald Gourlay, are some of the stories, while an article on the making of skis fully illustrated, Fishing Notes including an article on "Facts about Cotton Threading" and Guns and Ammunition with more dope for the gun crank, and material of interest to the trapper are some of the other features. Rod and Gun is published by W. J. Taylor Limited, Woodstock, Ont.

DIED.

On the 26th inst., at Larkin's Square, Rita, infant daughter of Patrick J. and Katherine Kerrivan.

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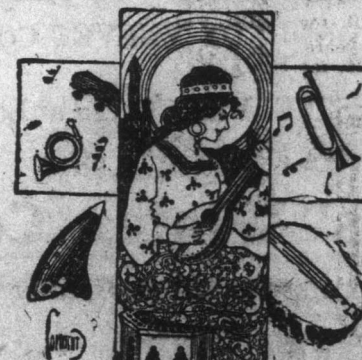
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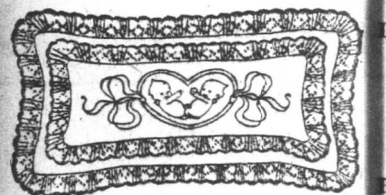
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