



Evening Telegram

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Unexpected Development.

When the news flashed over the cable from London some days ago that the Irish difficulty had been adjusted by the Treaty of Agreement signed by representative Irishmen and the British Prime Minister, a feeling of heartfelt relief was manifest everywhere, and all agreed that the settlement as arranged was the only possible and reasonable solution of the trouble that had for so many centuries created a division between the two peoples. But unexpected developments have occurred; other obstacles have arisen, the discontent this time being between two sections of Dail Eireann or Irish Parliament. The titular president of the Irish Republic has protested the Anglo-Irish Treaty, and in protest he is backed by a following in the Dail. There is, however, an exceeding strong sentiment among Dail members that the agreement having been ratified by the Imperial Parliament, should also receive ratification from the Irish Parliament. An acrimonious debate arose over the motion to adopt the treaty in the latter, and members used heated language one to the other. Those in favor of the Treaty are by no means willing to accept its rejection. One Dail member went so far as to say that "not a man who votes against this treaty, but hopes for its ratification." In other words he charged that the fight being made against it was only for show and effect. Another member challenged those disapproving the pact with the words, "What Irishman would believe that Lloyd George had deceived Michael Collins?" Thus the protagonists of Ireland are at variance among themselves. To-day and the announcement may come that all that's gone before has been of no avail, and that far from being better off as was hoped, the green isle may be in a worse state of distraction than ever. Yet wise counsels may yet prevail and contentment and happiness reign. So note it be.

Out of Date Methods

The primitive, obsolete and altogether out-of-date methods under which general and civic elections are conducted in Newfoundland are a disgrace to our vaunted intelligence and an impediment to progress. Could it be imagined anywhere but in Newfoundland, that a municipal election took place in the City of St. John's on the 15th December and that it took five days (excluding Sunday) to count the ballots cast for Councilors. Outsiders who are accustomed to more modern ways of doing things, must surely laugh at our antiquated ballot counting system if by any stretch of the imagination it can be called a system. The whole internal economy of the working of the Council should be scrapped and newer and more easily worked machinery installed. Of course we readily realise the tediousness of checking and

counting some four thousand ballot papers, each one of which contains twenty-five names, but is there any real, any logical reason why all these should have to be taken to one central place and checked box by box, all the papers being then dumped into a larger box, mixed with a broomstick and then drawn out one by one. Surely a more expeditious process can be discovered, and it will certainly be the prime duty of the New Council to make such changes in the procedure of election in such manner as will do away with confusion and delay as existent at present.

Greetings From General.

FORMER BRIGADE COMMANDER WRITES G.W.V.A.

A Christmas Card and the letter opened, was received by President Higgins of the G.W.V.A. recently from Major-General D. E. Cayley, formerly of the 88th Brigade of the 29th Division, with which our Regiment was associated in Gallipoli and France. General Cayley writes as follows:—"The President, Great War Veterans Association. Dear Sir—I have much pleasure in sending your Association a Xmas card, which carries with it all good wishes to you and all the members of your Association, especially to those who served in the 88th Brigade of the 29th Division. One has very many pleasant memories of the gallant 1st Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment and wishes all those who belonged to it and theirs, every prosperity and happiness. I have much appreciated the copies of the "Veteran" magazine which you have sent me, and find it extraordinarily interesting. Yours sincerely, D. E. CAYLEY."

Kirk Carol Service.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the annual Carol Service at the Kirk, which will commence at 10.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. It will consist of carols, anthems, solos, quartettes and selections from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah." An interesting number in the programme is the Motet by Mendelssohn for Soprano solos and chorus, "Hear my Prayer," the solo part being taken by Mrs. E. Campbell. The choir numbers some three dozen voices, and under the direction of Mr. Moncrieff Mavor, the organist, has been hard at work these last few weeks, and judging by the enthusiasm displayed at rehearsals, this year's carol service promises to eclipse all previous efforts of this well-known organization. A collection will be taken up and will be devoted to the funds of the choir.

"Holly Leaves."

A most interesting number for the Christmas season, it contains the following articles of interest:—"A parting word to the old year and a Xmas greeting for 1921," Alex. A. Parsons, J.P.; "The People of Narrow Vision" by I. C. Morris; Surprise by R. G. Macdonald; Memories of a Xmas Eve of Long Ago; Alice Masters' Flight, by G. Phillips; St. John's War Memorial by R. T. Joy; Cricket and Horse Racing, by Terra Nova; More About Trout by J. A. Carmichael, and other interesting articles and illustrations.—adv.

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Horses Collide.

GIG OVERTURNED—PASSENGERS UNHURT.

A horse attached to a square-bodied wagon, and driven by J. Stack of Petty Harbor, collided at the Cross Roads yesterday afternoon with a gig, driven by T. Dooley of the city. The gig was overturned and its two passengers were thrown out on the street. Fortunately they were uninjured beyond receiving a severe shock. There ladies in Stack's carriage were unhurt. The vehicles were proceeding in opposite directions and at a fair rate of speed when the horses met in head-on collision. The shafts and axle of the carriage were badly damaged and the axle of the gig was considerably bent. The ladies in the carriage received a bad fright.

There is a new shipment of Ice Sticks just arrived at BISHOP'S Men's Furnishing Store. Prices for stick and spear complete range from one dollar and eight-cents up to four dollars and ten cents each.

AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at Balsam Place: Ray, S. W. Francis, Clarke's Beach; Miss Katherine Gallivan, St. John, N.B.; Capt. G. Cane, Quebec.

The Humber Proposition

MONTREAL STAR'S COMMENT.

The gist of the statement made by Mr. H. P. Reid in connection with the Humber proposition and published in the Telegram, was wired to the Montreal Daily Star and appears in the Dec. 15th issue of that paper. A leading article in the same paper comments on the proposition. The article congratulates Newfoundland on what the writers considers to be "an excellent thing for the island colony, whose great natural wealth only awaits the enterprise of powerful firms such as Armstrong-Whitworth to yield a most profitable revenue." He then proceeds to show how much room there is for the development of the natural resources of Quebec and suggests that the matter should be taken up by the Provincial Government with considerable advantage. This proposition, however, may look very well on paper but there is always the question of the guarantee, and until our Government is fully assured that the colony is not likely to suffer financially by consenting to the terms of the capitalists behind the scheme, it should not receive any consideration. This matter will be dealt with more fully in a forthcoming issue of the Telegram.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent)

The King vs. Capt. J. Parsons and crew of the schooner Romeo. During yesterday afternoon's proceedings four Crown witnesses were examined by Mr. Mews and cross-examined by Mr. Ayre for the defence. This morning the hearing was resumed and the evidence of W. H. Weston taken. Sergeant Gardner of Bonaville was in the witness box up to recess hour, and the cross examination by the defence had not finished. Two or three other witnesses have yet to be called and it is probable the case will conclude to-night.

Portia Sails West.

S.S. Portia left port on the Western Coastal Service at 10 a.m. to-day, taking a full general cargo and the following passengers:—Miss M. Fagan, Mr. Moty, G. A. Bartlett, G. R. Bartlett, Miss Clancy, Miss Lee, J. M. O'Brien, Mr. Hearn, R. Paul, Mr. Squire, R. Keeling, C. Moulton, Miss Omond, Mr. Courtney, G. Diamond, D. Grant, G. Gibbons, C. Rose, Miss Rose, Miss Halfyard, R. Murrell, G. Walsh, J. Foote, R. Riggs and wife, Miss Rita, P. St. Croix, W. Tarrant, M. Veil, Miss A. Boone, Mrs. Lutton, Miss Dutton.

Perfectly Correct.

From a point of strict economy most bottled beverages are more or less inefficient. Take for instance a bottle of Soda Water which is usually only two-thirds used and the remaining quantity cannot be kept for future use. With this in view from a realization of the needs of the home, we have greatly developed our Syphon Soda outfit and your trial of this article will bear out our claim that GADEN'S SODA SYPHONS are full of sparkle and pep to the last drop.

Xmas Poultry.

It is probable that there will be a shortage in the supply of poultry for the Xmas season. Owing to shipping connection not being made with the Rosalind on her trip from Halifax. A large consignment which were to come by the ship, arrived at Halifax two hours too late for transfer. The poultry which arrived by the ship is being bought up quickly, and seventy-five cents per lb. is being asked for turkey.

Homeless Youth Remanded.

A youth charged with being a loose and disorderly person said he had no work and his parents were dead. Superintendent Grimes said the accused belonged to Port au Port. With his brother he had recently left Mount Cashel Orphanage and now had no home and no money. His Honour had no recourse but to send the accused down for 10 days and in the meantime he ordered enquiry to be set on foot to find some way of getting the sentence and his brother to their relatives in Port au Port.

Kyle's Passengers.

The following passengers arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.30 a.m. on S.S. Kyle, and are now on the incoming express due to-morrow afternoon:—F. G. Brake, Mrs. W. B. Fitzgerald, W. J. Fitzgerald, Miss M. Buck, T. Ryan, R. Snook, W. B. Thompson, A. Flight, Miss M. Quinn, Miss I. Vincent, W. King, E. Bernard, Mrs. A. Carter, A. A. Chisom, A. Yates, T. J. Hogan, Miss M. Dave, John Parsons, D. O. Sullivan, Capt. R. Rendell, D. M. Soper, R. Petrie, C. A. White, A. J. House, J. M. Darcy, O. Chevalier.

BEWARE!—The XXX, midnight. The Irish Dance, Dec. 26th.—dec21,11

Dowden Sixth Man.

BROPHY RUNNING HIM CLOSE.

When the count in the election of Councilors adjourned at 1 p.m. to-day, Reg Dowden was in the sixth place with W. Brophy running him close. Whitty had dropped well behind these two. The first five are still polling a good vote, but there is a possibility of some changes in their positions although all are bound to be elected. Outerbridge is close behind, Marth and Vincombe is well ahead of Collier and only 38 behind Outerbridge. There is a wide margin of 215 votes between Ryan, the fifth man, and Dowden, the sixth. So far only 2429 ballots have been counted and at this rate, with over 1000 more to go, the poll will not be declared until some time to-morrow. The count as it now stands is:—Martin 1225
Outerbridge 1129
Vincombe 1097
Collier 1063
Ryan 969
Dowden 744
Brophy 723
Whitty 699
Taft 583
Ruby 548
Chafe 436
Peel 486
Feet 287
O'Brien 417
Hopkins 276
Peel 334
Cook 371
Spurrell 391
Galway 294
Garland 311
Robinson 330
Nagle 224
Wiseman 224
Roll 173
Penney 77

Woman on Trial.

HENS EXHIBITED IN COURT.

A fine selection of hens was produced in Court this morning when a woman of the Blackhead Road was charged before Judge Morris with the larceny of poultry to the value of over \$70 at various times during the past month. The accused pleaded not guilty. Mr. John Ryan, who had had some of his fowls stolen, was asked if he could identify any of his poultry amongst the specimens produced in court. These, when the covering of their boxes was removed, set up a loud clucking, which induced as they recognised the well known faces of their owners. So exuberant did they become that they attempted to leave their temporary prison but found their legs had been fastened down. Mr. Ryan identified several of the hens as his property. Other witnesses also identified poultry belonging to them. Confable Pritchard gave evidence of going to the Southside and finding on property belonging to the accused, a number of dead and plucked hens and twenty-six live ones. These were taken to the police station. Several points in the case were hotly disputed between Inspector General Hutchings, prosecuting and Mr. J. Barron, defending. At times there were angry exchanges of words. Head Constable Byrne said the accused admitted to him that she had stolen some of the hens. Witness said that during the last three months 99 fowls had been stolen and last night the owner of a poultry run brought in fourteen heads which thieves had cut off his poultry before taking them away. The hearing was adjourned.

Stole Lump of Coal.

A man was charged with the larceny of a 10 lb. lump of coal from Harvey & Co.'s to the value of 10 cents. In withdrawing the prosecution, Inspector General Hutchings referred to the large number of larcenies which have been taking place lately on shipping premises. The accused had been found with the coal in his possession and admitted the theft. It was later ascertained that the coal did not belong to Harvey's, and as the amount was a small one there was no desire to press the prosecution. The accused was discharged.

The War Memorial.

Several contributions have been recently received by the War Memorial Committee, and the latest is a cheque for \$100, which was sent by the Ladies' College Aid Society, whose generosity is greatly appreciated, and should serve as an example and incentive to others. The Ladies' Committee is still doing well and will be ready to report to the general meeting which will be held shortly after the New Year.

Oporto Stocks.

Dec. 10. Dec. 12.
British 72,972 61,515
Entered 5,714 6,343
Entered—Hamlet, Rita Choet, General Trenchard.

HERRING FISHERY.—The herring fishery in Notre Dame Bay has been fairly successful this season. The Prospero on her return trip will bring along a large quantity for transshipment. The Sebastopol on her way south will also take a complement to this port.

Poultry Show Closed.

Feathered Prisoners Released.

Only six lonely hens remain of the splendid exhibition of poultry which was to be seen at the Police Station yesterday. All but these have been restored to their owners, who expressed little difficulty in identifying them, and the remaining few have also been claimed and with their removal this afternoon, the impromptu poultry show will close. Up to this morning the twenty-six hens and roosters were still in the cell allotted for their use, but the owners of those identified were ordered to remove their poultry during the morning. All day yesterday and throughout the night the familiar sounds of the henyard filled the Police Station, and at an early hour this morning, the roosters announced the approach of dawn with discordant crowing. The police looked after the feeding of their prisoners in a most generous manner, giving them all the oats and water they required, and some of the inmates of the cell will be very sorry to leave their temporary surroundings. Those which rested in state in the morgue will be given decent burial later, as it was impossible to recognize them. None of the hens laid eggs whilst they were incarcerated in the lock-up.

Christmas Numbers.

HOLLY LEAVES.

That well known Christmas number, "Holly Leaves" has again made its appearance, and its contents consist of several seasonable articles and stories. Ex-Mayor Morris, Alex. A. Parsons, J.P., R. T. Joy and J. A. Carmichael are amongst the contributors, and their articles are well worth perusal. The illustrations are very creditable and go far towards making an excellent Christmas issue.

THE COMMERCIAL ANNUAL.

A vast amount of interesting and instructive information will reward the reader of the Commercial Annual for 1921, which has just been published. Several points of interest in connection with our municipalities are dealt with by authorities on the various subjects in a manner which cannot fail to attract the attention of the veriest layman. To single out any of these articles for special mention would be invidious when all are of such equal merit. The Commercial Annual has made a reputation in past years, and the present number will go far towards making that reputation even greater.

Christmas Tree Held.

A Christmas Tree for the little ones of the Methodist College Kindergarten was held in the College Hall yesterday afternoon. A very enjoyable entertainment in which the pupils took part was presented. The feature of this were the nursery rhymes which were very well acted. Presents were distributed to each child. The prize distribution for the rest of the school takes place to-night when the pupils will present a cantata.

Here and There.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—dec18,6mo

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CHILD HIT BY MOTOR CAR.—Yesterday afternoon a school girl named Green, whilst crossing Springdale Street, was knocked down by a motor car, but fortunately not seriously injured. The driver of the car picked up the child and conveyed her home.

Holley, Mistletoe and Laurel at BISHOP'S Grocery. Phone 679.

MADE FINE PASSAGE.—Schooner Hubert L. Warren, Capt. Gerald Power arrived in port this morning, after a splendid run of 34 days from Pernambuco. The vessel met fine weather practically all the way along, but on nearing land terrific seas with gales were encountered.

Choice Italian Gorgonzola Cheese at ELLIS.—dec17

HON. TASKER COOK,

MAYOR-ELECT.

Thanks the Citizens.

St. John's, December 21, 1921.

I take this opportunity to thank my committee, friends and voters of both sexes for having elected me Mayor of St. John's, and hope with their united co-operation my term of office will be one of much benefit to the Municipality.

Wishing you one and all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

TASKER COOK.

Our Local Pepps.

HIS DIARY.

December 20th.—To the Police Court, there to witness a very strange sight, being a number of hens in a cell and they making a most hideous clamour. And in the morgue, I did see several hens that had been plucked of their feathers, having been killed, to lay in state. Indeed, the most curious sight I have witnessed this many a day. To Water Street, where meeting the Prime Minister, I did hold some discourse with him and he tells me that he is leaving for Montreal to-day. I to the Board of Trade where meeting Hon. S. Foote, I did have some talk with him of the so-called Humber Proposition which, he tells me, the Government is considering. Dr. V. P. Burke did discuss with me the women's meeting of last evening, and did seem to be mightily pleased with it. Towards noon, I again to the Board of Trade where all the talk of the election of councillors and it does appear that Whitty will not be elected but that Dowden or Brophy will have the sixth place. I began to discourse with Mr. Outerbridge the business of the election, and other matter, and I told him it is plain that he is elected at the top of the poll. To Dr. Murphy, the eye specialist, for advice, who dissuades me from using the spectacles which I have, they being injurious to my eyes. To the Militia Department, to see Lieut. Colonel Rendell that is Chief Staff Officer, and our talk of the War Graves' Commission and its work. At the C.L.R. Armoury did play my tournament in ping pong with Lieut. Colonel Goodridge and he did beat me by 2 to my one point. In the evening to the Casino, there to attend the Speech Day of Bishop Field College, that is my old school. Thence out to supper with friends and to dance. So home and to do a great amount of work so that it was at an early hour of the morning that I did get to bed.

Here and There.

Children's Tan Long Rubbers, at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec16,1f

The musicians known as the B.I.S. Orch. have decided to appear at all future engagements as the Novelty Orch. dec21,2i

"QUAKER GIRL"—As will be noted from the advertisement in another column, reservations may now be made at the Royal Stationery Co. for "Quaker Girl" tickets. The plan has not yet been completed, but advance orders will be taken, and all who desire to secure good seats for the opening nights should phone immediately.

"HOLLY LEAVES" is for sale at the following Bookstores: S. E. Garland, Gray & Goodland, Dicks, Ayre & Sons, Mayo's, Wadden's and Buckley & McLoughlan, West End. Price: 10 cents.—dec21,1i

FUNERAL THIS MORNING.—The funeral of the late Patrick Hynes took place this morning from the South Side. The arrangements were in charge of undertaker Bursey and quite a number of people followed the remains to the late home of the deceased at Pouch Cove, where interment takes place.

"Will you come out for a walk on Christmas Day," asked Mabel of her girl friend who works in a busy store down town. "I would love to if I'm not too tired," she replied. "Last year I was so tired after the Christmas rush, that I had to stay in all day." Just think of that, and resolve to do your shopping early, and don't forget to take home some Life Savers for the children.—dec21,24

ROSALIND'S PASSENGERS.—S.S. Rosalind sails for Halifax and New York at 8 p.m. taking the following passengers: Mrs. Hartnett, Mrs. Ber-teau, Miss Jessie Moore, Miss Dorcas Pittman, Wm. Wood, Mrs. F. McCurdy, Alex. Smith, Mrs. Davis, John T. Meaney, Jas. Evans, E. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrett, Alf. Burg, E. R. Bearne, Miss M. Mackay and 15 second class.

Choice Italian Gorgonzola Cheese at ELLIS.—dec17

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THE OPERA

"The Quaker Girl"

will be produced in the

Casino Theatre

Commencing New Year's Night.

Plan of the Hall is not yet ready but reservations will be received at the Office of the Royal Stationery Co. (the Song Shop) commencing to-day.

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