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Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, September 19, 1917.

RUSSIA.

Certain opinion in Washington sees no small likelihood that Russia will shortly conclude the oft-threatened peace with Germany and Austria. It would be a great mistake to dismiss the rumour as an idle canard. He is a wise man who can read the real meaning of recent events in Russia or discern the forces behind and actuating the different figures therein, but it is certain that these are more important far than the figures themselves, of whom Kerensky alone can be said to derive his ascendancy from the vigour of his own personality. It is because of the sane and sound policy which Korniloff represented that his complete failure is deplored by the other Allies. He wanted an efficient army and took the only course that he could see to procure it: he was backed by the only efficient and loyal part of it, the Cossacks. It is reasonable to conclude that the forces which engulfed the attempt so thoroughly were inspired to a large extent by views the opposite of his. The surmise is supported by much that has been happening in the political field for weeks past, in which, as the despatch states, the sober, clear-thinking conservative elements have everywhere been defeated. Whether a shameful peace with the enemy is the result or not, it is plain that Russia is controlled at present by a combination of mad socialists and pacificists, both adroitly manipulated by the Maximalists and German secret emissaries and the whole working upon the impressionable minds of a populace almost unbelievably childlike. The one comforting feature of the whole situation is the firmer stand of the army against the enemy, offset in turn by a natural doubt how long it will be able to continue.

The Postal Telegraphs and the Messages.

It is a long time since we made a complaint on this score, but the fact is to be attributed rather to our exemplary patience than to lack of an occasion. Occasions have, in fact, been frequent. Yesterday one occurred which passed the bounds even of editorial patience. A message of unusual interest, if not importance, was received, or began to be received, by the Postals at 1.45 p.m. It had not reached us when we went to press at 2.40. If three quarters of an hour was too short a time in which to transcribe a sheet of cables, the courtesy of an intimation that it was worth holding the press back for would have been appreciated. We are not suggesting this latter in any way as a duty of the department: its obvious duty is to replace the archaic and absurd system which it uses by one more speedy and correct.

We note that the Postmaster General, in his excellent report, deals fully with this matter. We are ready to make all due allowances. We do not complain, and have never done so, of the service itself. It is not at all bad on the whole. It occasionally contains items that are of little value but it spares us a great deal of rubbish that chokes the columns of foreign newspapers, and if it now and then omits matters of importance, it generally gives a very fair and comprehensive gist of the day's news in a summary that can be read and understood in a few moments. It is the manner in which the service is presented that we complain of. The messages are more often than not full of the most absurd and obvious errors. We note that the Postmaster General thinks that many of these creep in before the wires send them on from Canso, and that "what comes is received, and what is received is reproduced as it comes." We respectfully beg to differ. We are morally certain that the greater part of the mistakes occur at this end, somewhere between Port-aux-Basques and St. John's. To take one instance out of ten thousand, the Canadians were recently represented as fighting at "Aviation." Now if operators are to be mere automata, let them be automata and send along just what they receive. Here was a case where one of them at least used his own judgment to make an amusing error. He had never heard of Avion—his knowledge of the war probably did not extend beyond the fact that it is going on. But he knew the word "aviation" and substituted it for the word he did not know. That sort of thing occurs every day, words closely resembling those that are transmitted being substituted for them to reduce whole sentences to utter nonsense. The most frequent and annoying source of error is found in two things that are not transmitted at all, capitals and punctuation marks. A short time ago the messages had a German attack of capitals: words like 'infantry, machine gun, barbed wire, telegraph,' and so on being regularly thus honoured. We would not mind this if the names of towns and rivers, individuals and organizations, were not almost as regularly slighted by the reverse process. The Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, for instance, are invariably subjected to the indignity of small initials. We are quite in accord with the infliction of capital punishment on these troublemakers, but it is not our place to inflict it. Similarly with the punctuation. Commas are substituted for periods, periods for commas, and both put where there should be no stops at all. If any reader thinks we are making a fuss about a trifle, let him select any sheet of the typed message that is daily posted and endeavour to put it in readable shape. He will obtain some idea of the sheer waste of time, mostly preventable, that an editor must submit to every day.

The greater part of the cause lies in the incompetence of operators and the faulty condition of our telegraph wires. We are certain the Anglo or Commercial would not present a fraction of these errors. The remedy is suggested by Mr. Robinson himself. We believe the messages could be edited as soon as received by a capable person with slight additional expense, either of time or of money. He could receive the rough draft and rapidly dictate to a typist a correct version, properly spelled and punctuated. He would earn the thanks of a large public and the blessings of at least five editors. If this cannot be done, the carelessness that is evident should be checked. It might be suggested that a little real knowledge of the subjects regularly treated would not be a bad thing. Even a telegraph operator might take an occasional personal interest in the war. There is no excuse for misspelling the same name more than ten times.

Deserved Honors.

The long list of decorations bestowed upon men of the Regiment will be read everywhere in the Island with keen pleasure. Its publication happily synchronises with that of the Times' account of the gallant performance which was without doubt the service that won the rewards. Late English papers settle the question of its 'locale.' The little Steenbeek river runs through a swamp just south of Langemarck, the capture of which took place on the day our troops did such good work and has been acclaimed the best performance of the British since the opening of the attack on August 1st. To that capture the feat of the Newfoundlanders must have contributed materially. The day of Beaumont Hamel is past. When our men go forward now they reach the destination marked out for them, and things happen when they get there. Hats off to Capt. Paterson and his gallant men!

Casualty List.

(Received Sept. 19th, 1917.)

Admitted Wandsworth—Not yet Diagnosed.

2864—Private Chesley Wheeler, Tizzard's Hr., N.D.B.

At 62nd Casualty Clearing Station, France, Sept. 6—Wounded, Shell Shock, Buried by Shell Aug. 13—Understood to be Progressing Favorably.

3168—Private Charles Chaytor, Greenspond.

Seriously Ill Wandsworth, Sept. 18—Previously Reported Pyrexia of Unknown Origin.

3148—Private Charles Gillam, Sandy Point, Bay St. George.

R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19th, 1917

We have just opened a new stock of Water Glass or Egg Preservative. Since Eggs are certain to be very expensive this winter it will be wise to put away a few dozen for later use. The only really successful means of keeping eggs fresh for an indefinite time is by use of a solution of Silicate of Soda, popularly known as Water Glass. Eggs kept immersed in this solution will keep quite fresh for months without losing in any way their flavour or healthfulness. If you have not tried this method, do so this fall; if you have, you will of course want to go on using the process. Price 20c. a tin; puts up 6 to 8 dozen eggs.

Incorrigibles Dealt With.

Four incorrigible lads named Reed, Evans, Connors and Dillon, who were arrested a few night ago for housebreaking and theft, were before Judge Morris to-day, for the larceny of a camera, 4 watches, 3 flash lamps, 2 tins of tobacco, 3 pocket knives, a quantity of cigarettes and a pack of playing cards. All the stolen property was recovered except a flash light. Evans, in view of his tender years (10) was not sent to jail, but was ordered to get six strokes of the birch switch; Reid, aged 12, was sentenced to 10 days and to be lashed 3 times going in and as often coming out; Connors and Dillon, the oldest and most hardened of the gang were each sentenced to sixty days imprisonment with hard labor.

SALVED FROM S. S. KRISTIANIAFJORD.
Men's Undershirts, value $1.10 for 39c., while they last.
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Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Marystown at 6 p.m. yesterday.

The Thetis due here in a few days.

The Clyde left Herring Neck at 6.50 p.m. yesterday.

The Dundee left Salvage at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 5 p.m. yesterday.

The Glencoe arrived at Placentia at 4.15 p.m. yesterday.

The Home left Three Arms at 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

The Wren left Heart's Content at 6.50 p.m. yesterday.

W.P.A. Christmas Fund

We have received the following donation to this fund:

John H. Campbell .. ..$ 2.00

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind E., light, dense fog, raining. Bar. 29.25; Ther. 60.

Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.—A case of infantile paralysis has been reported to Health Officer Brehm from Chance Cove, T.B.

The Christian Bros. Schools, St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross, will re-open on Monday, Sept. 24th inst., at 9 o'clock. 1i

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express left Grand Falls at 8.15 a.m. to-day. The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 9.45 a.m. to-day.

WANTED — A Big Boy to drive horse and deliver parcels; must be able to read and write; apply to SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water Street.—eod,tf

T. A. BAND.—The T. A. Band are now preparing new music which they will render at Tor's Cove Garden party on Sunday next.

SLIGHTLY WET MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS.
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NEW BELFRY FOR FIRE HALL—Contractor Bursell has been given the contract to erect a new belfry at the West End Fire Hall. The supports of the old structure, while showing a solid outward appearance, were literally rotten on the inside. Defects were first discovered by Capt. Kane who inserted a pen knife in the butt of a post and discovered it to be hollow.

The Wonderland Shows--First Circus to Play Nfld.

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THE ARGUING MAN.

I hired a man to work around, to groom the cow and feed the snakes, and after seven weeks I found he wasn't worth a brace of shakes. I'd say, "Oh, James, I wish you'd start and paint the fence dark blue and pink." He'd say, "Have some respect for Art! That combination's rank, I think. If I should paint it red and green, the colors nicely would combine, and every passer-by, I ween, would cry, 'Oh, chee! That fence is fine!'" Then I'd reply, "I pay the mon to have that fence the way I wish; my way I'll surely have it done, or you will lose your job, odsfish!" Then he would quote a lot of jays, old Rembrandt, Titian and that mob, to show that artist folk would raise a clamor o'er the measly job. So we would stand in joint debate, until the sinking of the sun, and when the daylight pulled its freight, there was no job of painting done. Now, James is poor, and always was, and always will be till he dies; he labors too much with his jaws to satisfy employing guys. My way of doing things is punk, I'm always in the wrong, I know; but when for toil I pay the plunk, I guess my way will have to go.

Pains Over Left Kidney.

Warned This Captain That the Kidneys Were Responsible for His Pains and Aches—Freed of Pain and Suffering by a Well-Known Medicine.

Hereford, Que., Sept. 19th.—Captain Peabody is well known all through this section, and his cure by use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has aroused great interest in this great medicine.

The Captain had been suffering for a long time, and could never get any treatment to afford lasting relief until he began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Captain A. Peabody, Hereford, Que., writes:—"For years I suffered from indigestion, rheumatism and neuralgia. Lightning-like pains would shoot all through my body, and I also had severe pains over my left kidney and through the hips. I doctored for years and tried all kinds of remedies, but the only result was money spent without relief. At last I read in Dr. Chase's Almanac of his Kidney-Liver Pills and decided to try them. One box made such a change that I sent for five more. Before I had finished them the pains in my kidneys and hips had disappeared, and I was clear of those sharp, shooting pains through the body. I still take these Pills occasionally to keep my bowels regular, and would not be without them, as I have them to thank for my cure.

"I can also speak highly of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Powder and Linseed and Turpentine. The former cured me of catarrh in the head, which caused frequent headaches. I am completely cured of this now, and breathe freely as when a boy. The Linseed and Turpentine proved of great benefit for a bad cough which bothered me continually for three winters. Last winter I took one bottle of the Linseed and Turpentine, and have not been bothered with a cough since."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Don't be talked into accepting anything said to be just as good. Imitations and substitutes only disappoint.

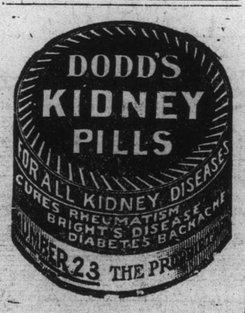
Light on Sweden's Role.

When Count Luxburg, in the dispatches he sent to Germany through the Swedish Legation at Buenos Aires, recommended that the Argentine ships whose sailing dates he gave be either spared or "sunk without a trace being left," he meant that if sunk the crew and passengers should be murdered to a man. But why? So that the German Government should be able to state upon its honor that they had not been sunk at all, and that, therefore, no reparation need be made to Argentina. If the honor and good faith of the German Government were not already a matter upon which the case is made up, this would illuminate it. If we did not already know how many things a German diplomat is called upon to do that diplomats from other lands would be insulted at the suspicion of doing, this would illuminate that question, too.

But no such illumination is needed. The illumination that was needed was on the part Sweden is playing in the war, and this, too, is fortunately lit up with a blinding glare by the revelation of what has been going on in Buenos Aires, with its inevitable implication that similar things have been going on in other capitals where Swedish and German diplomats can meet. That Germany was capable of using the sacred immunity of a diplomat's correspondence for the purpose of forwarding sailing dates to waiting submarines we already knew; it had been demonstrated in Norway. But that these unsuspecting ships were being betrayed to their fate by the medium of the carefully respected diplomatic correspondence of Sweden we did not know. Now that we know it, much about Germany's uncanny knowledge of what goes on in other countries is clear to us.

Of course, the unfortunate Minister in Buenos Aires who forwarded Luxburg's frightful communication under cover of his own sacred diplomatic character will be made a scapegoat. There is no legal evidenec as yet which involves the Swedish Government. But international courtesy cannot be stretched to the point of endangering the Allies' cause or the lives of their sailors. The Allies may have to accept Sweden's forthcoming protestations that she knew nothing of what was going on in her legation at Buenos Aires. But they should insist, since these unfortunate accidents happen, that Sweden consent to forego during the rest of the war the international courtesy by which her diplomatic correspondence is allowed to pass the censorship. Too many queer things have been happening. The British Government has already had occasion to warn Sweden, and this time there should be no more warnings. If Sweden should feel humiliated by this plain intimation that she cannot be trusted, she has invited the humiliation.

As for Argentina, her education on the subject of German faith is progressing. She is at present in about that stage of negotiation with Germany that we were at the time the Arabic was sunk, but events like this may hurry the process.—N. Y. Times.



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