



Evening Telegram

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THE ITALIAN SITUATION.

With the Austro-Hungarian armies battering the Italian defenses with all the power behind one million men and seven thousand five hundred guns of all calibres, the situation in the Italian theatre resolves itself into a series of stubborn attacks and equally stubborn defence. It is plainly perceptible that the enemy is making a supreme throw for victory over the Allies in this region, and is using every available force at his command with this one purpose in view. A defeat for the Allies here would mean more than a victory for the Teuton. It would be a military triumph, for should this disaster occur the Austrian would be in a position to withdraw a large number of battalions and use them in the new offensive which it is anticipated is being in course of preparation on the Western Front. But so far, it has not been shown that there is any likelihood of the enemy winning anything so decisive, for while the battle rages with ever increasing violence and the greatest severity, there have been no important gains recorded in the attackers' favor. The dispatches, as we get them, do not state how strong, numerically, are the troops of the Italians and their British and French allies. Notwithstanding the paucity of information on this point, it is quite certain that if lacking in numbers, which may not be the case, the Allies have the advantage in the strength of their positions, for in the mountainous regions where the principal fighting seems to be taking place, there are fastnesses which a single company of men could hold against a division. Evidence of this is most strong when we read that the Austrians are ordered to advance without thought of blood sacrifice and their obedience to the command results in thousands of their corpses strewn the ground over which their attacks are made, which ground overlooks the

mountainous Italian sector, where the Allies being entrenched are able to shower shot and shell on the hostile forces. The Italian peasants, in the battle area are not exhibiting any signs of panic but show perfect confidence in the ability of their defenders to hold out against the enemy. Proof of this is apparent, for the civilians are attending to their daily duties, encouraged by the cheerful spirit of the troops which are going to the front line singing and stopping on their line of march to beg flowers with which to decorate their kepis. The enemy increases his bag of prisoners at will and according to latest reports has captured 30,000, with 120 guns, while the Allies with less desire to give out actual numbers admit to having about 9,000. The fighting along the Piave is intense and the fact that the Austrians have thrown fourteen bridges across that river on a front of 14 1/2 miles, or about one per mile notwithstanding the heavy gun fire of the defenders, directed chiefly on the pontoons, shows a determination to carry on at all costs. A general summary of the past days fighting may be taken as proving that no important military success has been gained by the enemy, and whatever minor ones he may have attained have been purchased at too dearly a blood.

Notes and Comments

"A statesman is a man who gives your life for his country." (Vernon Watson.)

The best kind of charity stops short at subscription lists.

At last one of the wise men has been met, and he admits that the fellows who are running the war knows more about it than he does. His name, naturally, is not for publication.

The Germans have adopted the plan of dressing their men in French uniforms, to fool the Allies. They would have to be a long way off to deceive anybody. A Boche looks about as much like a Polak as a gargoyle resembles an Adonis. (Vancouver Daily Sun.)

The Chicago Tribune says:—"There is no better fighting man in the world than the British soldier. He has written that fact all over the pages of modern history, and he has shed his blood gloriously in this great war. Certainly it is not for any American to grudge him praise and gratitude."

The Boston Herald remarks and very truly, that the reprisal on Colons by airmen, which resulted in 302 casualties was an argument that even the German mind can grasp. There are some people (but not the Archbishop of York) who would like to see more "arguments" of a similar kind.

Customer—"Send a ton of coal to my home."

Dealer—"Yes, sir. What size?"

Customer—"Two thousand two hundred and forty pounds, please."

BUY VICTORY BONDS.

Drifting Fishermen Rescued.

A motor boat with two men named Winsor, the engine of which broke down at evening while coming towards the narrows, was picked up early this morning by the S.S. Wren seven miles off Cape Spear where they had drifted. The matter was first reported to the police at 10 o'clock last night, who in turn communicated the facts to Mr. Stone, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The latter engaged the s.s. Mary, which ship however was not able to proceed to the rescue owing to there being no firemen at hand. Mr. Stone then took the F. P. U. motor boat and while going out the narrows hailed the s.s. Wren which was then making port. Getting on board the steamer, Mr. Stone directed the Captain to proceed in the direction in which the men were drifting. The steamer's whistle was kept going and fares sent up and after two hours cruising the castaways were picked up. The Wren returned to port at four o'clock this morning.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle is leaving Placentia today. The Clyde left Joe Batt's Arm at 2:50 p.m. yesterday, inward. The Dundee not reported since leaving Westville on the 18th. The Glencoe reached Port aux Basques this morning. The Home not reported since leaving Pilley's Island on the 18th inst. The Petrel not reported since leaving LaPointe on the 18th inst. The Diana leaves Humbermouth today.

Life Insurance Men

FORM ASSOCIATION.

A branch of what is popularly known as the Life Underwriters Association of Canada was formed here yesterday morning at a meeting held in the Board of Trade Building. The meeting which was convened by Mr. Geo. H. Hunt, Superintendent of Agencies for the Imperial Life Insurance Co. of Toronto, opened at 10:30 and was attended by practically all the life insurance men in the city and several agents from the outports. Mr. Hunt, after being formally introduced, gave a stirring address on the necessity of such an Association as the Life Underwriters, being formed in this country. The aims and objects of the Association as successfully carried out in Canada, he fully described and the consensus of opinion as expressed by all present was that the time was opportune for the establishment of an Association of Life Insurance men in this country. Following a lengthy discussion on insurance matters in general, the election of officers took place with the following result: President, C. A. C. Bruce; Vice-President, W. J. Walsh, M.H.A.; Secretary-Treasurer, W. J. Edgar; Executive Committee, James A. MacKenzie, D. Munn, W. J. Pike. The meeting adjourned shortly after noon to meet again after the arrival of the President, who is now on a business trip to Canada.

McMurdo's Store News

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The Horrified Dean.

WOMEN IN ST. PAUL'S CEREMONY. Colonel Seymour, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and late of the U. S. Army, told a story of Dean Inge at the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association at Essex Hall, London, yesterday, May 22.

When going to Canada to join the Expeditionary Force (before the entry into the war of the United States) he asked the Dean of St. Paul's whether the cathedral would take into its care five American flags which were in his possession.

The Dean agreed, and Colonel Seymour then asked Mrs. Page, wife of the American Ambassador, and Lady Perley, wife of the Canadian High Commissioner, to place the flags in their position in the Cathedral. They gladly consented to do so, and he hurried back to tell the Dean, who was horrified and threw up his hands.

"To allow women to take part in a ceremony in St. Paul's Cathedral would be to establish a precedent!" he exclaimed.

"That's all right," said Colonel Seymour; "I come from a country where we make these things." He put it to the Dean that the five flags might be regarded as five babies, and Mrs. Page should be their mother and Lady Perley their godmother. The Church, he submitted, allowed women to take part in the ceremony of baptism. And so it happened.—Daily Mail.

STOLEN COW HIDES.—A number of cow hides that were stored on a West End premises have been mysteriously spirited away during the past week. The police are now on the trail of the thieves and arrests may follow at any moment.

Here and There.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E. light, weather dull. Bar. 29.60; ther. 52.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Tuesday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 7:35 p.m. yesterday. The incoming express is due at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

A meeting of the C. C. C. Boat Club Band Committee and Ladies' Association will take place this evening at 8.15. A full attendance is requested. J. M. TOBIN, Sec.—June 20, 11

GONE SALMON FISHING.—Mr. G. H. Hunt, Supt. of Agencies and Mr. James A. MacKenzie, manager of the local branch of the Imperial Life Insurance Co., left by to-day's express for the West Coast for a few days salmon fishing.

THIEVES ARRESTED.—Referring to the item above, Constable John Simmonds, who was working on the case, gathered sufficient information to warrant the police in arresting the culprits, two boys under seventeen years of age. On being charged with the theft they pleaded guilty. The hides were the property of Tessier & Co. and were stored at their premises. Both lads who have bad police records were sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Concert at Bonne Bay.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—A very pleasant evening was spent some time ago in Lord Nelson Hall, when a concert was given for patriotic purposes, under the auspices of Excelsior Lodge, I.O.O.F. No. 126, by some of the members, assisted by some kind friends.

The concert consisted of the following:—Comic play "A Jap and Hercules;" War play "Captured as a Spy;" choruses, quartettes, duets, solos, etc. Those taking part were Messrs. R. Roberts, W. Bagden, A. W. Ambertman, M. Jenkins, M. F. Dwyer, J. Noel, J. Taylor, Alex. Roberts, Alex. Payne, A. Ingram, Alex. McAuley, C. Hopkins, J. Lee, W. Galliot, Misses N. Allen, M. Garland, S. Garland, E. Halliburton, M. Taylor, W. Ball, D. Witton, T. Tapper, F. Allen.

The plays were well put on and the performers deserve great credit. The singing was a treat and was enjoyed by the audience, every part being enthusiastically applauded. There was a little drawback owing to wind and rain coming on some time that evening thereby preventing a great many from coming who otherwise would have been there nevertheless the amount of \$55.00 was realized. Seeing the state of the weather and being anxious for the cause the performers kindly offered to put on the concert the next night which was done, but the weather turned out just as bad or worse this time so that those intending to come from a distance found it impossible to attend, however those in the near vicinity put in appearance and the sum of \$15.00 was realized, making in all the total of \$70.00.

This amount has been voted to a branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, viz., The Cot Fund. Excelsior Lodge, I. O. O. F., takes this opportunity of expressing their thanks to all those kind friends who spent their time in helping to make this concert a success, and being the means of raising this amount which although small is yet a much needed sum to aid a cause we all feel we cannot do enough for.

Again thanking the performers and all those who were good enough to patronize this laudable cause. Yours truly, GEO. W. WILTON. Bonne Bay, June 15, 1918.

Took No Action to Keep the Hun Out.

That for ten years after the war no German or Austrian commercial traveler be allowed to enter this country for trading purposes, was the proposal of Mr. Holder, London, at the conference of the United Kingdom Commercial Travelers' Association at Nottingham, recently. He said our soldiers had been fighting to keep the Hun out of our country, and it was our duty to carry out this object in peace time.

Here and There.

THE GORDON C.—The Gordon C. Capt. Perry, arrived at her first port of call yesterday morning, and left again during the day.

BORN.

On the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Gush, a son.

DIED.

Last evening at Logy Bay, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Patrick Devereaux, aged 53 years, leaving a husband, two daughters and two sons to mourn the loss of a kind mother. Funeral to-morrow morning at Logy Bay, after repelment mass.—R.I.P.



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"Blessed are the Dead"

The sad news reached the city yesterday that Rev. L. R. Vereker, the highly honored Parish Priest of Ferryland, had passed away at 8 o'clock, and arrangements have been made for bringing the remains to town to-day, the funeral taking place tomorrow morning, at 8.30, after Solemn Requiem Mass at the Cathedral.

The death of Father Vereker taken from the Catholic Church in the decline of his senior priest, who for half a century labored incessantly in the service of God and Holy Church, and for the people who had been given to his spiritual care. Half a century of priesthood in an outport means more than can be realized, especially when the lack of travelling facilities prior to the railway and coastal service are considered. The circuit of the clergy extended over many miles of sparsely populated and in many cases desolate and lonely coast, but notwithstanding the difficulties, by land and sea, the strenuous work of attending to the many souls in his care was faithfully performed by Father Vereker.

The late priest of God was born in Kilkenny County, Ireland, nearly 40 years ago, and after taking a seminary course in his native land, came to this country and continued his studies with the late Rev. Father O'Keefe, F. Brigus, who was then the Administrator of the Diocese. His theological course finished he was ordained the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Power, being among the first to be admitted to the priesthood by that distinguished prelate. Following ordination Fr. Vereker was sent to do missionary work on the West Side of Placentia Bay, where he laboured for more than 10 years, achieving wonderful results. Some 35 years ago on the transfer of the late Father Clancy to Placentia from Ferryland, Father Vereker was appointed his successor, in recognition of the splendid work done at Placentia Bay, and in Ferryland Parish he continued his labors, only laying them down, when death called yesterday.

Deceased was a brother of the late Rev. John Vereker for many years attached to the Cathedral here, and was Administrator of the Diocese during the Episcopacy of the late Bishop Mullock. From the Vereker family many sons have been given to the service of the Church. The deceased, a clergyman, we understand, has no relatives in Newfoundland.

Acknowledgement.

George J. Keough, Esq., 45 Hayward Avenue, St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Sir,—I have again to thank you warmly for your further collection of £2-0-0 towards our Tobacco Fund.

The parcels of smokes will be sent in the way you desire, and I am sure will be most gratefully received in the fighting line.

Yours very truly, L. R. JONES, Actg. Secy.

London, 23/5/18.

The Smallest Bees.

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