



Evening Telegram

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The Labor Situation.

Yesterday in discussing the existing situation, as regards labor, we gathered here the then presented conditions that there was an easing up of the difficulty of finding employment for the extraordinary number of men out of work in the city. We were then quite ready to believe that a way out had been discovered, and were consequently delighted to pass the good word along. To-day unfortunately we have ascertained that further complications have arisen, and that neither Government, Municipal Council or Citizens Committee are prepared to attack the problem in a manner which commands the entire approval of those most interested in finding the wherewithal to support themselves and families during the present depression in labor circles. The Civic authorities take the position that it is not within their province to engage or contract for relief work. They have no power under their Charter to do so. Their main duties are to conserve the best interests of the ratepayers of the Municipality, by cutting down expenditure, excepting in so far as disbursements on improvements are absolutely necessary. They further claim that the impending problem is a distinctly district matter, involving both St. John's East and West, and that the Government should come to the rescue. In the meantime the Council would not withhold such assistance as could be given by the use of their Civic staff and machinery, but the Mayor definitely announced that he would not assume any responsibility.

The Citizens Committee, appointed at Government House some time ago, for the purpose of investigating labor conditions and making recommendations as to the best means of arriving at some definite arrangements for the inauguration of relief work, to tide over temporary embarrassment, discussed the widening of the South Side Road, which would give employment to some two hundred and fifty men, but similarly to the Council they did not wish to accept the responsibility of superintending or supervising the work. However, last night, matters having reached a critical stage, it was considered best at a meeting of the Unemployment Committee to undertake charge of the South Side Road extension, work to start to-morrow. Thus an extra two hundred and fifty men have been provided for, and the crisis will be somewhat relieved. We congratulate the Committee on this decision, and hope that they will be able to make provision for the large number yet unemployed, which is said to be some seven hundred. The Government take the stand that it is the peculiar work of the City Council to conduct all road building and repairing, and that all monies allocated by the Executive should be handled under the Councils supervision. Thus there are three parties engaged in an effort to arrive at a solution of the unemployment equation.

neither of which appear to be in agreement with the other. Meanwhile Nature has provided temporary employment at least, for those who are not among the fortunate five hundred. The snow banks and drifts blocking all the important thoroughfares, and impeding vehicular traffic should be removed at once. The approaches to all the cemeteries are also filled up, and these above every other should be instantly cleared. This, while not giving any lasting labor would at least tide over the men so employed for a period, and however brief would help in a measure to alleviate some of the distress prevailing. We commend the suggestion to those in authority. The Prime Minister is due to arrive in St. John's shortly. One of his very first actions will have to be the consideration of the subject so vital to the laborers of both the East and West districts, and to quickly arrive at some conclusion which will have solid results.

Twenty Years Ago To-Day.

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The British Society held its annual meeting. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed \$1,000 in bank to the credit of the Society. A cold wave swept over the country. At Clarendville the thermometer fell to 16 below zero. In the city the glass stood at 10 below zero. Newfoundland Nall Factory declared a dividend of 7½%.

Seven American vessels reported in Placentia loading frozen herring. S.S. Regulus arrived in port with a load of coal for the sealing steamers Diana and Leopard.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, a noted temperance leader, whilst flourishing a new hatchet at Topeka, Kansas, slipped and severed the big toe of her right foot.

Lord Kitchener confirmed the death sentence on the Boer Commandant Scheepers.

Chilpancingo, the capital of Guerrero, Mexico, is reported in ruins as the result of an earthquake.

St. Mary's Hall.

SCENE OF VERY ENJOYABLE EVENT.

On Wednesday night a most enjoyable Social was held under the auspices of the St. Mary's Helpers' Entertainment Committee. There were about 170 persons present and the unanimous decision was that the affair proved successful beyond the highest expectations. At 8.30 there was a programme of music, etc., which brought before the audience some of St. John's well known performers. The various items were:

Selection—C.L.B. Orchestra.

Song—Miss Mary Eagan.

Song—Mrs. C. F. Garland.

Recitation—Mrs. H. Outerbridge.

Selection—C.L.B. Orchestra.

Song—Miss Olive Major.

Song—Mr. J. Canning.

Encores were generously responded to and all were sorry when this part of the evening's programme had ended. Next in order came dancing to the splendid music supplied by the C. L. B. Orchestra. The young folks "tripped the light fantastic" until about 11 p.m., when supper was served, after which dancing was resumed until after midnight. When the company left for home the elements were in furious mood, but did not daunt the merry-hearted lads and lassies who trudged through the snow drifts, and meanwhile realized the truth of the poet's words, "There is joy in remembrance" for the little inconvenience was worth while in view of what had been so thoroughly enjoyed previously. The St. Mary's Helpers (whose object is to raise funds for the relief of persons in need) are very grateful to the many friends who assisted in this undertaking, and hope to solicit a repetition of their valued help at a later date. Thanks are especially due the members of the C.L.B. Orchestra, who gave their services free of charge. Come again all.

St. Andrew's Society.

The celebration in connection with Burns' Anniversary takes place on Wednesday next at the C. C. C. Hall. The C. C. C. Full Band has been engaged for the occasion and everything is being done to make this the event of the season. Tickets: Double, \$3.00; Gent's, \$2.00; Ladies, \$1.50, which includes supper, ice cream and refreshments, can be had from members of the Committee and at all the stores. Dress optional. Jan 20, 11 p.m.

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS.—The following additional passengers are leaving on S.S. Fortia for the Westward at 3 p.m. to-day:—Mr. Pettie, J. Allison, D. Hicks, Const. Chas. Jos. Inkpen, S. Bari, Miss Grant.

The Political Situation.

HOUSE MAY OPEN SHORTLY.

The Premier will arrive home on S.S. Sachem, due here to-day from Halifax. He will probably open the House next week, so that the Humber project may be discussed. Public sentiment is divided on this question, but it is impossible to express any definite opinion until the agreement with the Government is made known. It is reported that the project will not be introduced as a party measure, and a hot debate is expected when it comes before the House.

The Tariff Revision Committee has not yet been appointed, but this matter will receive the early attention of the Premier. It is generally believed that the House will adjourn after the Humber project has been discussed. An Executive Council told the Telegram to-day that this would be necessary, as there is no other business ready to bring before the Assembly.

Many wild rumours are in circulation concerning the Humber project. It is said that both the Opposition and Government parties are divided on the question, but nothing definite can be gleaned from members of either party.

War Memorial.

BANK OF COMMERCE ERECTS PLAQUE.

A bronze memorial plaque has recently been erected in the Bank of Commerce. The tablet, which has been placed on the wall, over the door leading to the Manager's office, bears the inscription "In memory of 1701 members of the Canadian Bank of Commerce who served in the Great War 1914-18." The names of those members of the St. John's branch who served are also inscribed on the plaque are:—Lt. L. J. Duley, Capt. G. M. Emerson, O.B.E., Lt. B. Godden, Sergt. E. J. King, Lt. P. A. Knight, Pte. H. E. Oakley, Lt.-Col. L. Tucker and Corp. A. M. Wilson. Of these, a Lieut. Duley, Lt.-Col. Tucker and Corp. Wilson were killed in action. With the exception of Lt. Godden, Sgt. King, Pte. Oakley and Corp. Wilson, who served with the Canadians, all those whose names appear on the plaque were in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Plaques similar to this have been erected in every branch of the Bank.

Snow Clearing.

The matter of snow clearing where the street railway runs has not yet been decided upon. The Reid Co. have several horses and a number of men along Water Street this morning removing some of the snow piled up by the sweeper. The Council also have their horses and men engaged removing the snow at the junctions of Cross streets and also from the entrance to the Empress. The Employment Bureau also sent a few men who were in urgent need of work to remove the snow from the South side of Water Street. The Bureau is hoping to make arrangements with the Reid Co. to employ a number of men clearing the street railway track, and it is expected that some men will be sent to work this evening. The street car service along Water Street is at present only using the track on the North side.

Money for Relief.

To meet the demands of urgent cases of destitution in the city, the sum of \$2,000 has been allocated by the Government, and has been placed at the disposal of the Dorcas and St. Vincent de Paul Societies, each getting \$1,000. The names of those in urgent need are now being taken so that relief may be given immediately.

Interred at Belvidere.

The funeral of the late James J. Tobin took place from his late home, corner Duckworth and Holdsworth Street this afternoon. A large number of prominent citizens attended, as well as a guard of honour of the officers of the R.I.B., of which Society the deceased was one of the oldest members. Mr. Andrew Carnell had charge of the funeral arrangements. Prayers for the dead were recited at the R.C. Cathedral, after which interment took place at Belvidere.

Board of Trade Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade takes place on Tuesday evening next, when the reports for the year will be received and the election of officers held. None of the officers to be filled will be contested, so that those nominated a short while ago will form the official staff.

Traffic Blocked.

All over the city traffic is practically suspended because of the snow drifts. Especially is this so at the junction of Long's Hill and Harvey Road, where horses are compelled to take to the side walk. Apparently no effort has been made to have this snow cleared away yet.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S HOME Made Bread. - - - - -

Our Local Pepys.

HIS DIARY.

January 19th.—A fierce blizzard such as we have not had these many months. The streets covered with snow to the neck almost, and no electric or steam coaches to move. I to the office, wearing my new breeches, and get there only with the greatest difficulty. Few to be seen on the streets. News comes of the unemployed, they asking for work, and the Government want the City Council to supervise it, which they will not do, and rightly so. In the afternoon, to the pictures, which I have not done this long time, and greatly wearied by them, being the most foolish things. Home and to do a little work. So to bed.

The Unemployment Situation.

SOME WORK BEING FOUND.

The Carbonar train which left this morning took out two hundred and fifty men, which were engaged a couple of days ago to work on the railway line near Seal Cove. Arrangements have been made to start work on the Southside Road to-morrow morning, and the Employment Bureau have issued tickets to 100 men. The Citizens' Committee met last night and discussed the arrangements in connection with this work. It is understood that for the present two Government inspectors and two from the Municipal Council will look after the work, with Mr. J. Davey as general superintendent, acting until another appointment is made.

Clearing the Line.

CARBONAR LOCAL MOVING.

Work of clearing the snow from the railway line began to-day. The regular Carbonar local left town this morning and was preceded by a plow special. Fair progress was made during the run. It has become very mild in places along the line and rain is falling.

An express left Port aux Basques to-day with the Kyle's mails and passengers. The Meigle leaves St. John's this afternoon with the mails and passengers that would have gone on Thursday's express.

The Rotary plows will work along the line to-day.

Interviewed Sealing Owners.

The sealing owners were recently interviewed by Major Cotton in connection with the location of seals from the air during the coming season. No definite arrangements have been made as the sealing owners are unwilling to incur any expense in the matter owing to unsettled market conditions. The Government may be approached on the subject.

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Skaters will find at BISHOP'S the best procurable in ankle supports for Girls, Boys, Men and Women.

B. I. S. Dance and Cards in Club Rooms on Monday night, Jan. 23rd.—Jan 20, 21

Finish up the holiday by taking in the Irish Dance in the Club Rooms on Monday night, Jan. 23rd. Tickets 50c. Refreshments for sale.—Jan 20, 21

Parade Rink open to-night. Empire Band in attendance.

A new innovation at St. Andrew's Dance on Jan. 25th. No cessation of festivity, indulge your proclivity for dancing. Enjoy the dainty refreshments provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary.—Jan 21, 22, w.f.s

SUN STORM BOUND.—S. S. Sulu, which was storm bound at Bay Roberts since Wednesday night, is expected to leave that port for here to-day, and will probably arrive this afternoon.

The only Eyesight Specialist named Trappist doing business in Newfoundland to-day is KARL S. TRAPNELL, 307 Water Street (upstairs, next door to Kodak Store).—Jan 16, 22

NO HOCKEY BEFORE WEDNESDAY.—Owing to ice conditions at the rink and the fact that the requisite number of practices have not yet been obtained by the league teams, the first hockey match will not be played before next Wednesday.

The Holy Cross Dramatic Troupe will present that famous Comedy Drama "Hickory Farm" in the Holy Cross Schools next week. A short concert consisting of Vocal Selections, Irish Jigs and Reels, etc., will precede the performance. The dates are: 25th, 26th and 27th.—Jan 20, 21

At a meeting held last night, the following were nominated for office in the City Club:

President—J. S. Ayre. Vice President—Dr. Burden. 2nd Vice Pres.—W. Campbell. Secretary—Fred L. Bradshaw. Committee—J. P. Blackwood, Dr. V. P. Burke, Hon. R. Watson, Dr. Roberts, Lt. Col. Sullivan.

The election will take place at a further meeting, which will be held shortly.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

POPE BENEDICT SAID TO BE DYING.

Last Sacrament Administered.

ROME, Jan. 20.

At 12.30 o'clock to-day, it was stated that Pope Benedict was in a dying condition. The last Sacrament has been administered. It was definitely stated this morning that the Pope was suffering from pneumonia. His condition, which yesterday was described as not giving cause for alarm, took a sudden turn for the worse through the night. An official bulletin this morning, read, "His Holiness passed a sleepless, agitated night. Inflammation reached the right lung last night. Respiration is difficult." The Eucharist was solemnly carried to Pope Benedict at 11.30 o'clock, and in the presence of eighteen cardinals, the Holy Sacrament was placed in the Palatine Chapel.

CANADIAN CHAMPION.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 20. John Moore, New York, is the Canadian outdoor skating champion for 1922, accumulating a total of 70 points for two days skating. The best time for the 440 yards event was 39½ seconds. Most events for the closing day were run in a blizzard, and no records were broken.

INJUNCTION DISALLOWED.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 20. The Nova Scotia Supreme Court has disallowed an injunction restraining Coal Companies from reducing wages, pending the outcome of conciliation proceedings. The court had previously suspended the injunction, and the Companies put the wage reduction of 25 to 30 per cent into effect.

ACCLAIMED EVERYWHERE.

BANGALORE, INDIA, Jan. 20. The Prince of Wales reached here Wednesday from Madras. The town was profusely decorated, and great crowds everywhere attended the numerous ceremonies. The Prince left in the evening for Mysore.

AFRAID OF COMPETITION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, will call a meeting of the Presidents of International Unions of United States to plan action to check what is termed "the alarming growth" of rival labor organizations, it was announced last night.

AUSTRALIA DON'T WANT THEM.

LONDON, Jan. 20. Victorian State members are dissatisfied at the refusal of the Federal Government to permit the landing of six German engineering experts to supervise the erection of coal briquetting machinery at Morwell, says a Reuter despatch from Melbourne. The machinery, it is added, was recently purchased in Germany.

IMPENDING COAL STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. Warning of an impending general strike in the country's coal industry was given yesterday by Secretary Hoover, who declared that the public should know what to expect, when national agreements, covering wages and working conditions of miners expired April 1. "The strike appears to be set for strike in the Bituminous coal regions, about the last of March."

SEDITIONISTS ARRESTED.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 20. Fifty persons were arrested by police forces, which dispersed three meetings held in the prohibition area here.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20.

Street car motormen and conductors of Mexico City have declared a partial strike in sympathy with the bakers, whose absence from their ovens since Tuesday has put the Capital on short bread rations.

FURTHER THAN MADEIRA.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Jan. 20. Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and his wife Zita will be deported to an island, much more remote from Europe than Madeira, to which they are now exiled, if there is any further attempt at the restoration of their throne in the States formerly the former empire. Zita who is now here at the bedside of her son Robert, has been so informed by the Swiss Govt., which transmitted to her a statement made by the British, French and Italian Ambassadors.

City Club Nominates Officers.

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Store Open Every Night.

SUMMERS
The Store that Gives Big Values

"The Store of Greater Service."

BLACK WOOL--4 and 5 Ply Black Fingering Wool, 14c. slip.

MEN'S WHITE OVERALLS.
A good weight White Overall. A well made, long wearing, comfortable Overall. Jackets to match,
\$1.60.

HEAVY BLACK HOSE.
A good heavyweight all Wool Hose for women and boys. Will hold their color,
79c. pair.

HEAVY WOOL WORK SHIRT.
In Blue and Grey made on roomy lines give comfort as well as service; has attached collar and pocket,
\$1.90.

LADIES' FLEECE LINED UNDERWEAR.
White Ribbed Vest, has long sleeves, fancy edging on buttoned front; good quality fleece,
80c. gar.

POUND MISPRINTS, 55c. pound.
POUND SHIRTING, 80c. pound.

MEN'S FLEECE LINED UNDERWEAR.
Men's winter weight fleece lined; lined with nice soft fleece; also knit cuffs and ankles,
95c. gar.

Outport Orders Receive Prompt Attention

M. J. SUMMERS, 330 Water Street

WHEN YOUR Milkman is Late these stormy mornings you should worry if on the pantry-shelf you have your tin of

The Brothers Wade.

NOT SHIPPED ON VICCOLA.

The relatives, at Logy Bay, of two brothers, John and William Wade, supposed to be living in Sydney have been for some time past making enquiries as to their whereabouts. It being supposed that one or both had shipped by the schooner Viccola which was lost about a month ago whilst on the passage from Sydney to this port with a coal cargo. The Minister of Shipping who has been making enquiries has received the following message from Mr. M. J. Ross, Shipping Master at North Sydney:—"I have word from the Shipping Master at Sydney informing me that he has no record of John or William Wade being shipped at that port. Neither have I any record on my books of the said names being shipped from North Sydney."

Weather and Ice.

Little Bay.—Wind E.S.E. with snow, Bay full of slob.
Gander Bay.—Wind W. clear and cold.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERIES.

Box 564, St. John's, Tessler Brothers.

BORN!

On Jan. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kennedy, a son (premature).

MARRIED.

At the C. of E. Church, Portugal Cove, by the Rev. Andrew Tuik, Miss Elizabeth (Lizzie) Moores to Mr. Edmund Tuik, both of this city.

At the Oratory of the Presentation Convent, Cathedral Square, on January 17th, by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. McDermott, V.G., Maud Lambert to Andrew R. Hennessey, both of this city.

Bar Iron!

Immediate Forward Delivery.

BEST MARKET PRICES.

WM. HEAP & CO., Ltd.

Wholesale to the Trade.

Fish for Boston.

Shipment By N.F. Atlantic Fisheries. 700 boxes of bladders for the Boston market, will form part of the cargo which S.S. Dibley will take to that port from here. This is a shipment from the Cold Storage Company. Mr. W. L. McIntosh, manager of the Cold Storage Plant, is leaving by the Digby for Boston and New York, where he will make arrangements for supplying these markets for the Lenten season. A considerable quantity of herring has been recently landed at the plant and codfish are now coming in from the West Coast.

Shipping Notes.

S. S. Sachem had not left the Furness Withy Co. at 9 o'clock hour. The ship was likely to be delayed on account of the storm of the past few days, but is expected to go to-night or early to-morrow. S.S. Mapledawn left Halifax p.m. Thursday for St. John's. The ship is due here to-day. S. S. Rosalind leaves New tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. She is due here on the 23rd. S. S. Sabie I. leaves Halifax tomorrow evening for here via St. John's. The ship is due on Wednesday.