"IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE."

Evening Telegram

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Monday, January 10, 1921.

Britain's Naval Strength.

A call for the reduction of naval armaments is now becoming insistent, and Great Britain, Japan and United States are being asked to curtail expenditure in the building of war vessels. The latter country has planned and is carrying out an exceedingly ambitious naval programme, the same causing considerable anxiety and perturbation in other countries, particularly Britain, where it is felt that if the United States builds a big Navy, Great Britain must not lag behind in the race for maritime supremacy in battleships and other fighting craft necessary to retain command of the seas. London newspapers urge the holding of a conference by the three nations mentioned and thereat discussing the desirability of restricting naval armaments. In other words that the countries most interested in big navies take a "building holiday," and let up on the construction of huge fleets. Britain, it is said, is quite willing to acquiesce to this suggestion, but is not at all agreeable to any cessation of naval construction, which will permit of the United States or any other nation having a navy superior to hers. The only concession that she can agree to is to limit her own naval programme to a point where the British Navy will be precisely equal in power to that of the United States. Thus the two power standard heretofore maintained is abandoned. But the United States obviously intends to carry on, a belief having been fostered that a secret agreement exists between Britain and Japan that in the event of war between the latter and the United States, Britain will come to Japan's assistance. Such an agreement or treaty the London Times says is "grotesquely false."

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But with America and Japan both engaged in extensive naval construction, it is obvious that Britain must keep pace, and the taxpayers must contribute, overburdened as they already are, toward the building, equipment and maintenance of a fleet, ample for the protection and defence of a far-flung Empire, as well as for home service. Archibald Hurd, the English authority and critic on naval affairs, discusses in the December Fortnightly Review how the traditional British supremacy of the seas is to be maintained under the challenge of naval construction now being undertaken by the United States and Japan. He contends that there now remain only three navies of the first class, British, American and Japanese, and gives the following comparison of the relative strength of these,—including ships under construction,—in 1924:

Great Britain — Battleships and battle cruisers of the first and second class, 36, with a tonnage displacement of 883,290: United States, 35, with a tonnage displacement of 1,150,650: Japan, 17, with a tonnage displacement of 497,950. These figures are startling and shows that within three years, the British fleet "will have ceased to occupy pride of place on the seas, which it has held for over three hundred years." The United States will have taken the lead in superior tonnage, and Japan will have a fleet of first class battleships and cruisers, "scarcely inferior in number and distinctly superior in equipment to our own." Mr. Hurd declares that we must abandon the hope that the acceptance of the League of Nations Covenant would lead to a limitation of naval armaments, since it is apparent that neither the United States nor Japan is prepared to accept any such policy, both these countries pressing forward programmes of naval construction which will change radically the balance of power on the sea. From the foregoing it will be seen that unless Britain wishes to surrender her naval supremacy, she has no alternative but to keep in the building race. Under present economic conditions the two power standard is impossible. The best that can be done is to build ship for ship with America, not with any thought of hostilities ever occurring between the two countries, but to hold that position of supremacy which, according to a recent speech by Admiral, Lord Beatty "once yielded can never be regained."

Star of the Sea Association.

PARADE POSTPONED.

Despite the disagreeable weather of yesterday morning, the members of the Star of the Sea Society assembled at the Armory of the T. A. Hall. The meeting was opened at 9.30 o'clock, President J. T. Martin presiding. Twenty-one applicants were admitted. The President announced that owing to the inclement weather, and by arrangement with His Grace the Archbishop, the parade was postponed to next Sunday, when the programme as outlined would be carried out. The Society will attend High Mass at St. Patrick's Church.

Castle Point Sailed.

The repairs to the S.S. Castle Point were completed on Saturday and the ship berthed at A. J. Harvey's premises where she took on board 225 tons of bunker coal. The steamer's steering gear which gave trouble on two previous occasions forcing her to return to this port, has now been put in first class condition by the dock employees. Yesterday afternoon the steamer had a three hours trial trip outside the narrows and everything was found satisfactory and the steamer resumed her voyage to Rotterdam at 8 o'clock this morning.

Delco Due To-Morrow.

S.S. Delco towed by the Norwegian steamer Storborg is due to arrive in port early to-morrow morning. Messages were received by the Furness Withy Co. on Saturday from the disabled ship giving her position as 400 miles East of St. John's and making good progress. The Storborg is a ship of 4379 tons gross, 2767 nett and is owned by the Storborg S.S. Co., of Christiania.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Jan. 10, '21.

Some men, as well as ladies, like Toilet Water, finding it agree with the skin better than many of the creams and liquids ordinarily used as After Shaves. For the benefit of these we would say that we have a very extensive line of good toilet waters and other preparations of the kind and will be pleased to show them our stock at any time, and help them to choose what is most suitable.

A Case for Charity.

The attention of the charitably disposed people of the city is called to 14 Finn Street, where there is a man confined to his bed, lacking fire and food, and without any support whatever, his wife being a cripple. As this case is serious, it would be worth while making enquiries.

Coastal Boats.

CROSBIE & CO.

S.S. Susu at Fogo yesterday.

GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Prospero sails north Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

S.S. Portia left Hr. Breton at 10.55 a.m. to-day, and is due here Wednesday.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Argyle at Placentia, leaving to-morrow for west.

Clyde left Port Union at 7.30 a.m. Saturday.

Seneff left Seldom at 9 a.m. Saturday, outward.

Glencoe left Placentia at 5.25 p.m. Saturday.

Home left Lewisporte at 6.10 a.m.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 10.10 a.m. yesterday.

Meigle at St. John's.

Petrel arrived at St. John's at 6.45 a.m. Saturday.

Sagona at Port aux Basques.

Stafford's Phoratone is by far the very best Cough and Cold mixture known.—jan5,tf

Police Court.

In For Safekeeping.—A native of Salmonier, who has been working in town during the past few months applied at the Police Station on Saturday night, for shelter. He was told to go home.

A woman made her sixth appearance before the Magistrate this morning on a charge of loose and disorderly conduct. She also came in for safekeeping. The superintendent of police said that she got a position as a maid but before the first day was over her mistress gave her five dollars to get clear of her. Here, the defendant created a scene, reviling Superintendent Grimes in very strong language. The Judge ordered her to be removed from the Court and sentenced her to three months for vagrancy.

Drunks Discharged.—A drunk was discharged after paying cab hire. Two other drunks were given another chance.

Assault Case.—The Newfoundland wife of a Chinaman summoned another Chinaman's wife for assault. Mr. Barron appeared for the defendant and Mr. G. W. B. Ayre for the plaintiff. On motion of Mr. Barron, the case was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Traffic Breach Tangle.—The case of Constable Walsh vs. a cabman for a breach of the Traffic Regulations was next heard. Constable Walsh and the defendant gave contradictory evidence. The defendant explained very volubly that he was in the right and said he could bring a witness to prove it so the Judge decided to postpone the case until 3 p.m. so that this witness may be heard.

Shipping Notes.

Schooner General Gough has cleared from Change Islands for Gibraltar with 3442 qtls. Labrador and 2242 qtls. Shore codfish, shipped by Elliott & Co.

S.S. Canadian Sapper will leave Halifax to-morrow for this port.

Schooner La Berge has arrived at Trapani Sicily. She will load salt for this port.

Schooner Little Princess, which arrived at Malaga yesterday, made the passage in 25 days.

Messrs. T. H. Carter & Co. received a cable yesterday saying that the Danish schooner Rosenjhem which left here in November for Herring Neck, had reached the Azores.

S.S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax at 7 a.m. and will leave there Tuesday night for here.

S.S. Sable I. arrived at North Sydney at 1 o'clock this morning making the passage in 43 hours.

One of the small local schooners moored in the Harbor dragged her anchors this morning and began drifting out the narrows. The tug John Green later brought the schooner to safe anchorage.

Good Indications.

So far as can be learned there has been no fish sales made lately to Italy but messages received would indicate that some business is to be expected from there in a short while. During the Xmas holidays there is usually very small purchases made.

KNOWLING'S
China & Glass Dept.

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Half Dozen TEA CUPS, White; Job Lot.

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$1.00 for
Half Dozen CUPS and SAUCERS, White with odd Saucer; Job Lot.

$1.35 for
Quarter Dozen Best English China CUPS and SAUCERS, Pink Band with Gold Lines, or 45c. each.

33 cents for
Large Size DINNER PLATES, Dark Blue Pattern.

12 cents for
Glass SUGAR BOWLS, Job Lot.

25 cents for
SOUP PLATES, large size; best Earthen.

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Hockey Notes.

There are now 8½ inches of ice on the rink and the sheet is in a better condition than it has ever been. The first hockey practices will be held tonight, St. Bon's going on at 6 p.m. and the Saints at 10.30.

We hear that the Saints have followed the footsteps of the Terras and have obtained a recruit from Quidi Vidi. This place might well be called the hockeyists' nursery this year.

St. Bon's have already got in some practice on the College Campus, on which a splendid ice sheet has been made by the boys of the College.

Manager Jeffrey of the Old Feildians is also coaching the Bishop Feild College team this year.

Ron. Chafe and Albert Martin are going to try out with the Old Feildians this year, and Jim Gibbs and Jack Phelan are practising with St. Bon's.

Along the Line.

Express Held at Port aux Basques. An express with 302 sacks of mail matter is held at Port aux Basques, as a result of the heavy storms of the past few days. A special snowfighting train is on the way to Port aux Basques, clearing the line for the stalled express, which will probably get away early this afternoon.

The express which left here yesterday at 6 p.m., is held up by the Storm at Piecentia junction.

The Bonavista line continues open and the express reached there yesterday morning.

The Bay de Verde line is operating poorly. The train going down the line was held at Old Perlican last night and will remain there until the storm abates.

A polugh special bound to Port aux Basques was held at St. George's last night, the weather being too stormy to proceed further.

The Trepassey train arrived Saturday night several hours late. On parts of the line the trainmen report snow drifts from 8 to 10 feet deep.

North West gales are blowing and it is stil stormy and drifting. The thermometer last night registered 10 degrees.

The Price of Milk.

So far there seems to be little inclination on the part of milkmen to reduce the price of milk, which on February last was raised to 24 cents per quart. Shortly after that time the matter was taken up by the Food Control Board and an investigation as to the cost of production was held. The opinion of the Board at that time was that, considering the high cost of Feeds, the milkmen were justified in their charging 24 cents per quart. Since then, however, there has been a reduction of about one dollar per 100 lbs. in feed, and as 12 to 15 lbs. of meal was submitted as the ration for a cow giving 1½ gallons of milk per diem, it would seem that a reduction of 2 cents or more per quart is now in order.

Personal.

Mrs. (Dr.) Jones, Avondale, left by the express yesterday for Los Angeles, California, where she will spend the winter and spring.

Mr. W. J. Walsh, M.H.A., who had been receiving treatment in the General Hospital, came out of that institution on Saturday, and is feeling perfectly well again.

Rev. Douglas B. Hemmeon, B.A., of St. John's, Nfld., has accepted the invitation to Wolfville, N.S., for next Conference. He will receive a cordial "Welcome Home."—The Wesleyan.

Premises Destroyed by Fire.

A message received by Inspector General Hutchings on Saturday night stated that the big fishing business and plant at Bay Bulls, owned by Mr. Ambrose Hearn had been destroyed by fire. No further particulars were given. We hear that the insurance carried amounted to $6,000.

Here and There.

ENGAGEMENT.—The engagement of Miss Winnie Smith of the Postal Telegraphs, to Mr. Jack Hunt of Bonavista is announced.—advt.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The Ladies' Cowan Mission beg to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, $35.35 from the Thursday Wanderers.—advt.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Christian Brothers, Mt. Cashel, beg very gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of one hundred dollars from the parish of Torbay, per Very Rev. J. Ashley, P.P.

DANCING!
MISS BREMNER'S Classes—Adults, Mondays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Children, Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Particulars apply 99 Military Road. jan10,1i

LITTLE INSURANCE CARRIED.—We learn that the total amount of insurance carried by Mr. M. Connors on his stock and fixtures is only $22,000. The building is owned by the Government Savings Bank and was insured for $12,000.

NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the Star of the Sea Building Committee in the T. A. Armoury on to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, Jan. 11th, at 8.30 o'clock. THOMAS KELLY, Sec.
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MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DIPHTHERIA.

Drug Store Badly Gutted.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGES CAUSED BY FIRE.

The drugstore of Mr. M. Connors, situated on the corner of Water and Queen's Streets, was badly gutted as the result of a fire which broke out in the office in the rear of the building early yesterday morning. At 5 a.m. Constable Green of the night police, noticed the reflection of the flames, which had burst out through the office window, and he immediately rang in the alarm. The Western Motor Truck quickly responded, followed shortly afterwards by the Central firemen with their hose sleighs. After ringing in the alarm Constable Green went back to the scene of the fire and aroused the McNeilly family, who live in a flat over the drugstore, and the Garcia family, who live over the store of Mr. T. J. Barron. In the meantime the crackling of burning wood awakened Mr. J. A. W. McNeily, who immediately got his family out of the house in their night attire. For the time, they took shelter in the house of Mrs. P. Byrne. Mr. Garcia and his family, also clad in night attire, took shelter in the Post Office, where Watchman Clare saw to their comfort. When the firemen arrived on the scene, the fire was well under way in the office and storehouse on the Queen St. side of the building. Several streams of water were applied and after half an hour the fire was gotten under control, although the firemen could not leave for another half hour. Shortly after 6 a.m. the all-out signal was rung in. A considerable amount of damage was done to the large amount of stock stored in that part of the building in which the fire broke out, although the Water Street part was practically immune. The damage is estimated to be in the vicinity of $30,000, which is partly covered by insurance. The firemen were again called to the scene at 7 a.m., the ceiling having been found ablaze, but this was soon extinguished. The homes of Messrs. McNeily and Garcia were much damaged by smoke, and had not the families been promptly called by Const. Green in all probability some of the members would have suffocated. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been caused by "live" electric wires. The building is heated by hot water pipes, through a furnace situated in the basement. There was, however, no fire in the furnace on Saturday night.

Avalon Telephone Co.

Raise Rates on United Towns.

The chief news of local interest this week was the action of the Avalon Telephone Co. (which has recently taken over the telephone system of the United Towns' Electrical Co., Ltd., here), in giving twenty-four hours' notice, in some cases, and forty-eight hours in more, of the change of management, and that the local rate of the telephone service would be increased, on and after the 1st of January, from $12 to $20, with a toll of five cents for all calls outside a radius of one mile from the exchange. The response of most of the subscribers was as prompt as the notice was tardy, and before the 1st of January came in, over half the local telephone customers had given notice to the company for the removal of their 'phones, and it is reported most of the Carbonear subscribers have followed suit. The result is that the system is now discontinued by the majority, and rendered less useful to those who have kept the tlephone on their premises.

The Avalon Telephone Co. has a perfect right to raise its rates, and the public has also a perfect right to discontinue the use of the service; but there seems to be some little difference as against the company. If the subscribers gave one or two days' notice to give up the system, the company would have a reasonable right to object to such notice. The copmany, by its lack of consideration towards its patrons, has placed itself in an unenviable position as a caterer to the public, and is not to be complimented upon its hurried demand.

As to the notice: not only was it a very inconsiderate act, but its legality can be questioned on the grounds that the notice was not dated, neither was it signed. Possibly in the hurry to get it before the customers the signing was overlooked, or perhaps it was not considered necessary.

Had the company undertaken a revision of the whole system and put it in good order to the satisfaction of its suctomers, and then increased its price, there would have been no room for objection on the part of subscribers, and they would be ready to pay more for increased benefits and greater satisfaction; but to raise the charge with the present unsatisfactory service, with its restricted hours and lack of private communication, shows poor business tact.

The Avalon Company has a monopoly of all telephones on the Peninsula of Avalon for a period of fifteen years, at the end of which time the Government has the right to buy out the company. To grant such a franchise of a public utility is a reflection upon wise government. A wise government would never have given such a franchise; a wide-awake government would have the telephone system incorporated with the Postal Telegraph Department—for the use, profit, and convenience of the people.—Hr. Grace Standard.

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LOST VALUABLE HORSE. — A valuable horse owned by Mr. Charles Lester got stuck in a snow drift on Pierce Avenue off Mundy Pond Road on Saturday afternoon and despite the efforts of the driver to extricate the animal, it perished.

Office Requisites!

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MINUTE BOOKS and RECORD BOOKS — 55, 70, 75, 85, 90c., $1.10, $1.25, $1.90 and $3.15 each.
MANIFOLD DUPLICATE ORDER BOOKS—30, 33, 37, 40, 65, 80, 90c. to $1.70 each.
PATENT PENCIL SHARPENERS—$2.70 & $3.20 each.

LONG ORDER BOOKS— 15, 30, 35, 42, 45 & $1.40 each.
COUNTER BOOKS — 40, 55 and 60c. each.
RENT RECEIPTS—15c ea.
CARMEN RECEIPTS— 65c. each
CASH RECEIPTS—9, 18, 20, 55c. each.
BILL HEADS—18 and 45c. each.
INDEXES—50 and 65c. ea.
MEMOS BOOKS— 35c. and $1.10 doz.
MEMOS BOOKS—9, 13, 20, 25, 30, and 38c. each.
LOOSE LEAF PRICES & MEMOS BOOKS—50, 65, 75c., $1.05, $1.10, $1.40, $1.70, $3.75, $4.40.
PEN NIBS—70, 90c., $1.20, $1.50 to $3.00 per box of 1 gross; plain and ball pointed.

LETTER BOOKS— $3.95 to $6.00 each
RUBBER BANDS— 90c. per box; assorted
FILING CASES — 55, 60, 80c., $1.50 up to $2.80 ea.
CARBON PAPER for Pencils, Ink and Typewriting, $1.60, $2.00, $3.80 and $4.20 per box.
BLUE BLACK INKS— 9c. and 20c. per bottle And 50, 80c., $1.40 per jar.
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LABOR CONDITIONS DISCUSSED—The Employers Association held a meeting in the Board of Trade Rooms this forenoon when matters in connection with labor generally were discussed.

MARRIED.

At Annapolis Royal, N.S., on December 28th, 1920, by the Rev. Fr. Grace, Beatrix M. Walkins of St. John's, Nfld., to Harold Leverman of Halifax, N.S.

DIED.

At Bay Roberts, on the 8th inst., Theresa, relict of the late Dr. William Fraser, aged 82 years.

On January 10th Margaret, widow of the late Patrick Kennedy. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 195 Gower Street.

Passed away at Petty Harbor, January 9th, after a painful illness, Sarah A., daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Whitten, beloved wife of Thomas H. Whitten, leaving husband, four sons, two daughters, one brother and one sister to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., at Petty Harbor.

Lebanon and Its Association

Lebanon is a mountain or rather range of mountains in Syria, which is situated in Asia Minor along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. This range of mountains extends from beyond the city of Sidon to the of Tyre and formed the northern boundary of Palestine. The mountains of Lebanon are celebrated for the cedars which they produce, many of which are from fifty to eighty feet in height, and cover with their branches a space of ground the diameter of which is still greater. When in the forests was situated the ancient city of Sido and twenty miles distant was the city of Tyre.

Hiram, the King of Tyre who was the ruling monarch of Phenicia which includes the city of Sidon and whose dominions Lebanon was situated, furnished these trees for the building of the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem. From the quality of the timber and the location of the forests, Lebanon, alone, could supply the timber for the Temple.

Owing to their situation in the forests and timber being in such demand, the Sidonians had acquired great and acknowledged skill in the art of felling trees and in the transportation of timber. Hence it was of such great importance when King Hiram consented to employ large bodies of men in Lebanon to hew timber as well as others to perform the service of bringing it down to the sea; whence it could be transported along the coast in floats by sea to Joppa. From this latter place it could easily be taken across country to Jerusalem, a distance of about forty miles in an easterly direction.

It is worthy of note, that the languages spoken by the Hebrews and the Phenicians were very similar, a circumstance which rendered intercourse so much easier, and no doubt served as another reason for the bond between the two countries and their monarchs.—The Masonic Sun.

The Gift for Health from the East, "LES FRUITS." ELLIS
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