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Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, Dec. 5th, 1916.

East vs. West.

We ventured the suggestion yesterday that the cause of the serious port to drift into one camp or the other: the war will be won in the west, the war will be won in the east. There never was a question so colossal, never a question so difficult. How difficult it is may be gathered when one expert opinion, not lightly formed but the result of two years of experience and observation, is able to call the other expert opinion sheer lunacy.

This is the time we are told the "westerners" apply to the view of the "easterners," but it looks very much as if England, taught and persuaded largely by France, may soon commit herself to the lunatic course. The decision must rest upon innumerable factors, great and small, but the large features of the debate are fairly plain. England has swung her to the opinion, and acted upon it, that the end must come in the west; but she has too much lost sight of the fact that even if this is so the way may be made to be prepared for it in the east. Why this is so is fairly apparent from a large survey of the situation and a comparison of the advantages to be won by success in the respective theatres. Granting through the ascendancy of our arms in the west has been, there is yet no evidence of the breaking through that is necessary or even of our ability to effect it. Assuming, as we must for the sake of argument assume, that Germany is allowed to retain her hold on the east and to keep open her avenue all the way to Turkey and Asia, what will be the effect even of a great victory for us on the west front? Clearly, Germany will retire her troops, probably in order and with the execution of a high price, abandoning foreign soil which she knows she cannot hold and falling back finally upon a defensive line of stupendous strength elaborately fortified during many preparatory months. This would be to us a most costly business, and while it was in process Germany would drain to the defence all the resources of her allies, which she is already exploiting so thoroughly, that could be spared from the task of keeping the walls erect against Russia and Italy. Thus we would be in a sense conducting a frontal offensive against the whole Germanic alliance, though we do not undertake the effect of the flanking pressure of our allies: we should not be able to cut into it anywhere.

It is far different in the east, where this last advantage so obviously offers itself. The Germans could easily

be held in the west, probably with little more than half the forces we have there. The very large reserves would then be free for despatch to Salonika. What would be the consequences of the success which so tremendous a force ought without much difficulty to achieve? They would be enormous. Turkey would be cut off, which has been made so invaluable an assistant and reservoir to Germany. Bulgaria would inevitably share the same fate, though she would then be comparatively unimportant. And most valuable of all, the way to Russia would be opened; her grain would pour out and our ammunition flow in; her mighty armies would be equipped and armed, and the steel ring around the enemy drawn so close and tight that strangulation would be a matter of time. There would seem to be no comparison between the two courses if the assumption of victory could be readily accepted. This is the difficulty. Victory, of the sort we have indicated, appears already on the western horizon, and when it comes the very stubbornness and inelasticity of the German lines may prove Germany's undoing; her retreat may be made a rout, her armies pierced and decimated. On the other hand, to shift the weight of the attack all the way to Salonika would be a huge diversion at a late hour, an apparent stopping short in an endeavour that has cost so much effort, so much thought, so many precious lives. Most difficult of all and most vital is the question of transport over so long a distance and amid so many perils. But these objections can be met. The French offensive would not be abandoned but postponed to the other that it might later strike with the more terrible and overwhelming force; and the transport trouble would probably be found to involve mostly a loss of time, which should not trouble us. Added to all this is the fact that a great effort has already been made at Salonika, and if it were worth making it is worth making thoroughly. However it may be, things seem to be turning that way, and 1917 bids fair at least to open with the east as the scene of the fiercest and most desperate fighting.

Drowning Accident.

Huntsman Went Through Ice.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., received the following message this morning from Curling:

"A drowning accident occurred at Humbermouth. Two men, John Gillett and John Moshler, left their homes on a hunting trip Monday morning. During the day they separated, looking for caribou. As Moshler failed to arrive at the appointed place, Gillett went in search, found his tracks and traced them to a pond and discovered that Moshler had attempted to pass over it. Gillette found the hole in the ice through which Moshler disappeared. A search party has gone to the scene of the tragedy to try and secure the body."

Concerning the tragic happening Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings has received this message from Magistrate March:

"Jno. A. Moshler, of Humbermouth, was drowned in a pond about three miles from his home."

McMurdo's Store News

TUESDAY, Dec. 5, 1916.

We have just opened a very fine and quite extensive line of Rubber Goods consisting of Hot Water Bottles, Fountain Syringes, and combinations. These are all made of good rubber and are perfect in all their parts, so as to be entirely reliable for the purposes for which they are to be used. If you need anything of this kind we shall be glad to show you our stock and help you to choose a good one. Prices vary from one to three dollars.

We shall be in a position to display our Christmas perfumes in a couple of days. Watch our windows.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle leaving Placentia to-day on bay route.

The Clyde left Lewisporte at 9.45 p.m. yesterday.

The Dundee left Port Blandford at 2.35 p.m. yesterday.

The Ethie left Curling at 9.30 a.m. today.

The Glenoe left Placentia at 10 p.m. yesterday.

The Home left Lewisporte at 4 p.m. yesterday.

The Neptune left North Sydney at 6 p.m. yesterday for St. John's.

The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 9.30 p.m. yesterday.

The Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.50 a.m.

The Meigle to leave North Sydney to-day.

The Wren left Britannia at 12.40 p.m. yesterday, outward.

TAKES XMAS GIFTS.—The S. S. Tabasco sails this evening for Liverpool, taking a large quantity of freight and a big mail, including letters and Xmas gifts for our soldiers at Arr and in France.

Supreme Court.

(Present: Mr. Justice Kent.)

In the case of the owners of the s.s. Hump vs. the owners of the S.S. Argyle.

Messrs. J. B. Patton and John Pittman were examined by Mr. Morris, K.C., and Mr. Howley, K.C., and cross-examined by Mr. Conroy, K.C. This closed the case for the plaintiff.

Capt. O'Reilly, witness for defendant, was examined by Mr. Higgins and cross-examined by Mr. Howley.

Arrested on a Serious Charge.

Last night the police arrested under warrant a volunteer named James Lannon, charging him with having committed a serious assault on a little boy at the Seamen's Institute. The accused was arraigned before Mr. Hutchings this morning to answer to the charge. He pleaded "not guilty."

Supt. Grimes intimated to the court that the Crown was not ready to proceed. It was therefore ordered that the accused be remanded in custody till to-morrow when he will stand his trial.

Obituary.

We regret to note the passing of an estimable lady in the person of Annie Gibson, wife of Peter Cowan, Esq., of Topsail Road, which sad event occurred yesterday evening.

She was in her 46th year and is survived by a husband, sister, three sons and a nephew, besides a large circle of relatives and friends, to all of whom the Telegram offers its sympathy.

Thief Caught.

An 18 year old Naval Reservist named Alex. Morgan, who was dishonourably discharged from that service a few days ago for committing a theft on board H.M.S. Briton, was arrested last night charged with the larceny of two suits of clothing belonging to Louis Burton, and a quantity of fish, the property of J. Delgado. He was caught red-handed taking the fish from the F. P. U. wharf by Constable Tobin. In Naval uniform he appeared before Judge Hutchings to-day, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months imprisonment, without the option of a fine.

Denies False Rumor.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir—In connection with the smuggling case that came before our Court recently, I would like to say that there is a rumor being circulated around St. John's to the effect that I was instrumental in encouraging the informant to give his information to the authorities. How this report emanated or who it emanated from I am at a loss to know. "Friends just once more," I presume. I am not referring now to the Imperial Tobacco Co. either, as I have every reason for thinking it was not from them. However it is "absolutely false," and as far as I am concerned utterly groundless. I would have allowed the report to go unnoticed and to have shared the same fate as others, were it not for the fact that it was being used against me with a certain class of people in St. John's that I do business with and would probably extend if allowed to go unchecked to the outports amongst the same people, the majority of whom are particular friends of mine. To show the justification of the rumour I may add that the first intimation I had of such a case was in reading the St. John's papers while in Conception Bay at the time.

M. A. DUFFY.
St. John's, Dec. 5th, 1916.

GREAT FEATURE PICTURE AT ROSSLEYS.

"The Moth and the Star," in two parts, shown at the Rossley Theatre, is one of the finest social dramas seen in a long while. In fact every picture is first class. On the second show the store people took advantage of seeing the full show after closing time. On Friday night the usual contest will take place; names may be entered now. In preparation, Mrs. Rossley's 6th annual Christmas production; dainty songs, dances, costumes and wonderful electrical effects.

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THE SUSA!—The s.s. Susa left Gander Bay at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

ANNA MARIA ARRIVES.—The schr. Anna Maria arrived at Saville yesterday.

FISH CARGO.—The schr. F. M. Torro left Burlington for Oporto to-day with 3,416 qtls. of codfish.

DURANGO ACROSS.—The Durango arrived at Liverpool on Saturday and is leaving on the 12th inst.

WITNESSES ARRIVE.—A number of witnesses in the Hump-Argyle collision case reached the city yesterday.

A SAD CASE.—An unfortunate man, a resident of Holywood, C.B., came in on the local train Wednesday and was escorted to the Insane Asylum.

There will be NO PRACTICE for Cochrane Street Church to-night. The members will please meet on Thursday night at 9 o'clock.—dec5,11

TO LOAD HERRING.—The schrs. Gossip and Rex arrived at Bonne Bay this morning from Gloucester to load herring.

MORE DIPHTHERIA.—A case of diphtheria was reported to the Health authorities this morning from Hoyles-town. The patient, a boy, was removed to hospital.

QUICK AND EASY.—The Giant Junior Safety Razor, 225,000 sold to the soldiers on the Western front; 50c. with 7 blades; extra blades, 40 cents per dozen, or 2 for 10 cents. CHESEBROUGH WOODS, 282 Duckworth St., head McBride's Hill, Sole Distributor. Wholesale only. For sale at advertised stores.—oct5,11

FOR HOSPITAL.—Three women, two from Clarke's Beach and one from Spaniard's Bay, arrived by the local train to-day to enter the General Hospital for medical treatment.

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EASY MONEY.—A number of young men in the West End, who have been trying their luck on the New York Stock Exchange, made some big money within the past few days. The stock which they were holding jumped five points between Friday and Monday and some of the local holders cleared as high as \$1,200 on their investments.

BORN.

On Dec. 1st, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ridgley.

DIED.

Killed in action, Somewhere in France, July 1st, Private Joseph Hollahan, South Side, one of Samuel and Julia Hollahan. Left here with Company E., was a Gallipoli veteran. Leaves to mourn a wife and one son, also father and mother, four brothers (one in the R. N. R.) and two sisters in Montreal. Private Hollahan was a brother-in-law of the late 2nd Lieut. S. J. Ebsary and Private F. C. Ebsary, who died in Cairo, Sept. 23rd, 1915.

At Healthfield Farm, Topsail Road, on Dec. 4th, Annie Gibson, beloved wife of Peter Cowan, aged 46 years; leaving a husband, sister, three sons and a nephew to mourn their loss; funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence; friends please accept this, the only intimation. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

This morning, after a short illness, Elizabeth Robbins, widow of the late Caleb Robbins, aged 85 years; funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from the residence of Capt. L. Diamond, 201 Gower Street; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

This morning, after a tedious illness, John Hearn, aged 77 years; funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 124 Duckworth Street; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.—R.I.P.

This morning, after a short illness, Elizabeth Rendell, aged 50 years, leaving three sister and one brother to mourn their loss. Funeral to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2 p.m., from her late residence, Patrick Coughlan's, Mount Pearl Road; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

LEFT LIVERPOOL.—The Graciana left Liverpool yesterday direct for here.

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From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind west, light, weather dull. The S. S. Fortia and an unknown steamer passed in yesterday; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.85; ther. 34.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light S.W. wind and dull; temperature 19 to 36 above.


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