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Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, June 18th, 1917.

THE MATTER OF SALARIES.

One result of the collision of the present session of Parliament, which has now reached the important stage of supply, with various inquiries into the cost of living and other indications of a sort of climax in economic conditions generally, has been to bring into a strong light the question of public salaries. We had occasion last week to criticise the Government in the strongest terms for the absurd and inequitable manner in which it proposed to deal with the civil service in this respect. We publish to-day a letter, which bears out our general objections by the emphasis of a few among thousands of particular instances. "Centurion's" letter speaks for itself; there is not a word of it that will not have the agreement of any sensible reader. It is time that the work of the country were better done, though we have always marvelled that it is done so well; it is therefore time that those who do it were decently treated.

From this particular point of view the report of the Postmaster General reaches us most opportunely. We did not receive it until this morning and have therefore had no time for more than a cursory glimpse into it. But even that has afforded us an agreeable surprise, or rather, since the expected is never surprising, an agreeable contrast with former exhibitions of affairs. Mr. Robinson's report is not a perfunctory document, presenting dry statistics alone as if they alone mattered. We knew that the Post Office needed a thorough housecleaning, and when Mr. Robinson's appointment was announced we expressed the opinion that it would be done. We have here refreshing proof that our confidence was not misplaced. The Postmaster General has the courage to point out clearly the evil that infects the whole service—mistreatment of the servants—and his determination to see it removed will have the support of the whole country, whatever obstacles, the incompetence and laziness of those at the head of affairs may oppose.

For those who are clearly the causes that have brought about the condition of affairs, to quote the report, "of so extraordinary a character, that a complete revolution in method is essential, it is out of the chaos order is to be evolved." The Government have had neither the ability nor the inclination to begin to understand the true state of things in this most important branch of the public service, with the result that it is now "chaos." Mr. Robinson goes at once to the heart of the matter. The Postmaster General has not enough authority. In the Post Office Act "it will be found that almost all the powers vested in him by the various sections of the Act are taken from him in another section." A delightful characteristic criticism to apply to most of our Acts! The plain effect of thus tying the hands of the one person competent to direct the service is to leave the direction in the

hands of the Legislature. To confine ourselves to the present subject, all salaries are voted by it. Result, political patronage and graft versus experience and efficiency. The most abhorred inequalities and inconsistencies exist, of which the report specifies a few typical instances. They are made possible by the almost complete absence of any system and standards. The report is really a comprehensive and detailed recommendation of a scheme to supply these, and even a hurried examination shows that much care and thought has been given to it. The important point, however, is that the recommendations come from the Postmaster General, the proper source. The whole matter of the civil service is getting a healthy airing, a process which may in time, if continued long enough, kill off most of the political microbes with which it is diseased. Our politicians are a doubtful benefit, at best, but our civil servants are indispensable, and no effort will be wasted which will help to free the one from the mischievous influence of the other.

The Hospital Again Overcrowded.

A woman named Bessie Arnold of Alexander Bay reached the city at 5 a.m. to-day and was removed to the Hospital from the train in the ambulance. She was operated on immediately for appendicitis. Mrs. Snow, Water St. East, was also taken to the institution for surgical treatment.

We again draw the attention of the authorities to the lack of accommodation at the General Hospital. At present thirteen patients are compelled to sleep on the floors and verandah for whom no cots can be obtained; while upwards of twenty patients from the outpatients are at present in the city awaiting admission to the institution. The Superintendent and staff are at their wits' end to know what to do, and deeply regret having to refuse admission to so many needy applicants, but under the circumstances do the best they can. Last week 34 patients were admitted and 32 discharged from the Hospital. There seem to be at no time any spare cots available and the only way out of the difficulty is to build a new wing to the Hospital.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle arrived at Placentia at noon yesterday.
The Clyde left Lewisport at 6.35 a.m.
The Dundee left Port Blandford at 9.15 a.m. to-day.
The Ethel is North of Flower's Cove. The Glenora left Pushthrough at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, going west.
The Home left Lewisport at 6.25 a.m.
The Wren arrived at Clarendville at 5.20 a.m. yesterday.
The Sagana is north of Twillingate.

Train Notes.

Yesterday's outgoing express left Millertown Junction at 9.10 a.m. to-day.
The incoming express is due about 4.30 p.m. to-day.

CAPLIN ABOVE LONG BRIDGE.—Yesterday morning, quite a few caplin were seen at the basin above the Long Bridge. A few strings were secured by boys who caught them in their hands.

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A. M.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ZEPPELIN.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from an east coast town says that thousands of persons witnessed the destruction of the Zeppelin. The attack by anti-aircraft guns on the dirigible lasted fully half an hour and people issued from their houses half dressed to watch the fight. When the black object drifting across the sky from southeast to northeast was seen to burst into flames the spectators cheered tumultuously. Pedestrians and cyclists dashed off in the direction of the fallen airship, but owing to the unexpectedly long distance only a few succeeded in locating the Zeppelin, which fell a few miles from the coast. It had been first winged by a land gun and was then finished by an airplane, which the Zeppelin fought to the last with her guns. The dirigible dropped in a field of corn far from any habitation and was completely destroyed. All the crew were killed and the bodies badly charred. Some men appeared to have jumped from the doomed airship. Doctors hurried to the spot but their services were needless. The British airman who attacked the Zeppelin descended nearly unhurt. According to the story of the inspector who witnessed the affair, searchlight enabled him to follow the movements of the Zeppelin and the attacking airman. The Zeppelin twisted and turned in an attempt to escape or beat the airplane off, but the machine gun fire of the dirigible was heard distinctly. Presently another airman came upon the scene and the Zeppelin continued to zig-zag in an endeavour to head out to sea, but the first airman held to his quarry and within a few minutes the end came.

THEIR OWN MEDICINE.

LONDON, To-day. The German steamer Thuringen, which has been playing regularly between Hamburg and Rotterdam, was torpedoed Thursday off Terschoelling and sunk, says an Exchange Telegram despatch from Ymuiden to-day.

JAP. DESTROYER DAMAGED.

TOKIO, To-day. While Japanese destroyers were attacking a submarine in the Mediterranean on June 11, the destroyer Gakaki was torpedoed and damaged, says an official announcement of the Japanese Admiralty to-day. The damaged craft was towed to port. It is believed that many of the crew were killed or wounded.

CONSTANTINE IN SICILY.

ROME, To-day. A despatch to the Giornale d'Italia says that former King Constantine of Greece arrived at Messina, Sicily, on Sunday morning, and is expected to leave immediately for Switzerland.

TORONTO EDITOR RETIRES.

TORONTO, To-day. Sir John Willison, one of the best known journalists of Canada, editor and chief publisher in the Toronto Daily News, on Saturday severed his connection with that publication. He will devote more of his attention to the London Times, of which he is the Canadian correspondent.

STEAMER ASHORE ON CAPE BRETON.

HALIFAX, To-day. The steamer Clematis, 3500 tons, probably of the Stag Line, is ashore near Fambouche, Cape Breton. If the present calm continues it is thought possible to get the Clematis off. An S. O. S. call was received at Halifax on Sunday from the Swedish steamer Volrath Pham stating she had struck probably on the Sambro. The tug went out to find her and evidently finding no damage done she proceeded.

12.00 P. M.

DENIES GERMAN CLAIM.

LONDON, To-day. The British Admiralty this evening denied a claim in a German wireless despatch that a German submarine sank a British torpedo boat destroyer of the L class on June 11th in the Mediterranean. The L class of British torpedo boat destroyers displace 955 tons and were provided for in the naval estimates of 1912-13. They carry a complement of 100 men.

STRANGELY KIND.

BUKENOS AIRES, To-day. The Argentine Minister at Berlin has informed his Government that Germany has adopted a measure providing that neutral ships in British

verse without danger the prohibited zone except in the English Channel on July 1st.

CONSCRIPTING BRITISH SUBJECTS IN U. S. A.

NEW YORK, To-day. "All male British subjects between the age of 18 and 45 years now in the United States are to be compelled to join the British colors, it was made known here on Saturday. British Consuls and recruiting agents throughout the country are compiling lists of these men. Brigadier General W. A. White in charge of recruiting has gone to Washington to confer on methods to carry the plan through.

RIOTS IN GERMAN TOWNS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Rumors have reached Winterswijk, near the German frontier of Holland, that grave riots broke out on Friday in several German towns, says the newspaper Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant to-day.

STRIKE OF LUXEMBURG MINERS.

PARIS, To-day. Reports are published in the newspapers to-day that the miners of the Duchy of Luxembourg have gone on strike because the Germans have refused to increase their pay. The Luxembourg Government has intervened, but in vain. German troops are now on guard and Luxembourg newspapers are not allowed to discuss the situation.

RUSSIAN APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, To-day. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that Russian newspapers report that Admiral Madimoff, Commander of the Baltic fleet, has been appointed chief of the Naval General Staff and that General Lumhosky has been appointed Chief of the General Staff to the Commander-in-Chief.

FIRE ON TRESPASSING ZEPPELIN.

COPENHAGEN, To-day. A Zeppelin was observed on Saturday afternoon outside the Harbor of Cimblishamn, Sweden. A violent cannonade was directed against the dirigible, which withdrew in a damaged condition.

2.15 P. M.

GERMAN STEAMER TORPEDOED.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. According to the Telegraaf the German steamship Turin, which was reported to have struck a mine off the Dutch coast while bound for Amsterdam from Sweden in reality was torpedoed by submarines. She remained afloat.

NEW DICTATOR OF CHINA.

PEKING, To-day. General Chang Huan is now dictator, President Li Yuan Hung, being little more than a figure head. The insurgents are calling a convention at Tian Tsing for the purpose of forming a Provisional Government headed by the Dictator, who is expected to act as President and Premier. General Chang Huan's motives are obscure, but it is believed he is attempting to overthrow the former leaders of the revolution and set up a new government.

BRITISH FALL BACK.

LONDON, To-day. The British have fallen back from some of their advanced positions in Belgium, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The main new positions are still held.

Casualty List.

Received June 16, 1917.
Prisoner of War. Wahn, Germany, April 20th, Gunshot wound Right Leg, Stomach and Back.
2298—Private Albert Horwood, Harbor Grace. Missing April 14.
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Here and There.

The "Elijah" practices will be discontinued for the summer months. There will be NO PRACTICE to-night.—June 18, 11

PEDLARS' PARADE.—Cafe Chantant. Under the auspices of the Khaki Guild, C.C.C. Hall, Thursday, June 21st, at 8 p.m. Special programme of new and startling features.—June 18, 11

PROHIBITION CASE.—The legal arguments in the locally famous "Beef, Iron and Wine" case, were heard to-day before Judge Morris. Mr. Dunfield arguing for the prosecution and Mr. Gibbs for the defence. Judgment in the case will be given within a few days.

See the Yama, Yama Man, Butterfly and Pedlars' Dance by popular young ladies. Bright songs by leading soloists. Electric illuminations. C.C.C. Hall, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. June 18, 11

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind S.W., light, with dense fog; a steamer was heard passing at 9 a.m. Bar. 29.70; Ther. 58.

ASK FOR MINARD'S LINIMENT AND TAKE NO OTHER.

S. S. Anniversary at Cochrane Street.

The delightful weather of yesterday helped in a large measure to make the Sunday School Anniversary services held in Cochrane Street Centennial Church the success they undoubtedly were. The hymns and order of service, "Doing One's Bit," were neatly printed and handed the members of the congregation on entering the church. At the morning service the Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, occupied the pulpit and addressed the school, taking as the basis of his remarks, the "Cross." During the course of his address the preacher illustrated by the use of a number of cards the different crosses or emblems, drawing helpful lessons, chief of which being that Jesus Christ died on the Cross thus "Doing One's Bit" for the whole world, and all were urged to live noble lives and be faithful followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

The afternoon meeting which was presided over by the Rev. Dr. Bond who always makes a model chairman, was very much enjoyed and was a real treat, everything going with a swing. The recitations of the Little tots as well as those by Misses Curtis and Jean Parsons, and the solos by Miss O. Taylor, and Mr. Amberman, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and several motion songs by the Junior girls were all well received. The address "On Doing One's Bit" was ably given by the Rev. Dr. B. Hemmison, B.A., who riveted the attention of the scholars from start to finish of his fifteen minutes intensely interesting talk.

The report of the year's work was presented by the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Miller, which showed that the School was in a most flourishing condition. The Superintendent of the School, Mr. Peters, on behalf of the officers, teachers and scholars, presented a beautiful enlarged framed portrait of the late Hon. H. J. B. Woods who for a period of over thirty years was Superintendent of this school. The chairman unveiled the gift which is to adorn the walls of the Sunday School so as to keep the memory of their beloved Superintendent green.

During this service an old and valued Superintendent of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Alex. Robertson, was noticed amongst the congregation and was immediately invited to a seat on the platform. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Bond who gave a very interesting talk as he held up a little garment as mentioned in the Scriptures which is worn by every male Jew, which he purchased in Damascus some thirty years ago. This garment represented the Unity of God and the Holiness of God. The Phylacteries for the arm and head were also shown and explained, which represented the binding of God's word to the heart and head. Dr. Bond made an able and strong plea as to the responsibility of Christian parents and urged the young people to enlist in God's Army while in their youth and become members of the Church.

The singing all through the day was very fine and reflected much credit on those who trained the scholars. The pulpit and communion rail were neatly decorated by the Women's Association with choice plants and flowers.

Here and There.

SERIOUSLY ILL.—Mrs. J. G. Galway received a message from Trinity this morning stating that her brother, Mr. John B. Lockyer, was seriously ill with little hope of recovery. Mrs. Galway left to-day's express to be present at the sick bed. The many friends of Mr. Lockyer in St. John's will be sorry to hear of his delicate state of health.

Don't Miss "PEG O' MY HEART" to-morrow night.

SLIGHT FIRE.—At 11.45 a.m. to-day the Central and West End Fire Brigades responded to a call from box 362 to extinguish a fire that broke out in a house owned by Mrs. Tucker on McKay Street, west of Leslie St. On reaching the scene the firemen found that their services were not required as the fire, which was only slight, had in the meantime been quenched by the application of a few pails of water.

CHILDREN'S BAZAAR.—A children's bazaar was given on Saturday afternoon at 139 LeMarchant Road by Misses Rita, Muriel and Maxine Butler, and Miss Marguerite Coffin, and realized the sum of \$24.81 which Lady Davidson very graciously acknowledged in aid of the Red Cross Fund for wounded soldiers, and the girls desire to thank all who so kindly patronized them, or all who helped in any way toward their effort of industry for our brave soldiers. Such work by children deserves encouragement and is appreciated by everyone. Well done, girls!

Obituary.

At Bay Roberts, Saturday, June 16th, at 6 a.m., there passed away, after a long illness, Thomas Samuel Calpin, aged 84 years. Mr. Calpin was the second son of the late Charles Calpin, of Gillingham, Dorsetshire, England, and Louisa Calpin. Deceased leaves one son, Charles, of Buffalo, N.Y., three daughters, Mrs. R. S. Mercer, Coley's Point, Mrs. R. W. Myers, Bay Roberts, and Miss Ida Calpin, of St. John's; two brothers, Josiah and Charles, of Bay Roberts, and one sister, Mrs. Louisa Caldwell, of St. John's. Mr. Calpin was a very skillful mechanic, the original inventor of the Calpin stockless anchor. Funeral took place Sunday afternoon, from the residence of his son-in-law, R. W. Myers, to the Coley's Point Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his wife, the late Caroline Calpin, who predeceased him five months. Rev. A. B. S. Sterling, of Bay Roberts, officiating.

McMurdo's Store News

MONDAY, June 18th, 1917. Something to keep the feet cool and prevent them from getting sore or becoming painful, and to correct fetid or two profuse perspiration becomes a practical necessity in prolonged spells of hot weather. For all the above purposes we can recommend with confidence McMurdo's Walk-Easy Tablets. One or two of these tablets dissolved in a small size foot-bath of tepid water may be used to bathe the feet. These tablets soothe the feet when sore or burning, and refresh them they are tired. More than that they tend to harden the skin, and check perspiration, and so help to keep the feet in good condition in addition to relieving present distress. Price 25c a box.

Houses Burglarized.

The epidemic of burglary which was so prevalent in the city during the spring months and ceased when the "game" was called on two youthful outlaws, who are now in prison, is apparently being revived, as during the past few nights two large dwelling houses on Circular Road were forcibly entered and ransacked. These residences were unoccupied at the time, as the owners at present are at country seats. It is not yet known what amount of stuff has been stolen, but no doubt it will be by the time the culprits are rounded up.

Have you seen the latest feature of a "Cafe Chantant"? Patriotic Tableau! Songs, Dances, Electrical Effects. Grand Spectacular Display on behalf of the Khaki Guild, C.C.C. Hall, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. C.C.C. Band. Admission 20c.—11

A War Against War.

New York Commercial: If Germany wins this war, or even gains an inconclusive peace that leaves her free to maintain her military establishment, the whole world will remain an armed camp until in the end a more conclusive war either makes a German Emperor master of the world as were the Roman Caesars for two hundred years, or establishing worldwide democracy such as we are now striving to set up on the ruins of Prussianism. This is a war against war to secure a lasting peace and no American citizen can refrain from doing his bit to win it without deserving the brand of traitor upon his brow.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Canon Noel, Mr. Grace, arrived in the city this morning by the local train and is returning again to-day.

DIED.

On Sunday morning, after a long illness, William Goss aged 70 years, leaving a wife, 3 children, 1 brother, 2 sisters and many friends to mourn their loss. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 21 Stephen Street; friends will please attend without further notice.—R.I.P.

"This morning, after a tedious illness, Catherine, widow of the late William Bentley, aged 72 years; funeral from her late residence, No. 12 Nunehy Hill, on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m.; friends will please attend without further notice.
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70-NIGHTS LECTURE.—At the Methodist College Hall to-night, Captain (Rev.) Clayton, C.F., who recently returned from the scene of battle in France will lecture on his experiences. Capt. Clayton has been with "Ours" as Chaplain while attached to the 9th Division, and has a story to tell that should interest every loyal Newfoundlanders. The proceeds will be in aid of the Red Cross Fund, and the admission is but 20 and 25 cents.

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