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Door Left Open for "Peace on Earth" Britain's Note to be given before Christmas

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There is a strong probability that Great Britain's note in reply to the German peace proposal will be made before Christmas.

GERMANS SINK FRENCH BATTLESHIP

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—A German submarine torpedoed and sank the French battleship "Suffren," according to an official statement given to-night.

MILLION MEN WANTED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Commons today passed a resolution presented by the Government that an additional number of land forces not exceeding one million shall be maintained at home and abroad.

Germans Repulsed

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Petrograd reports that attacks by invaders, near Parfita, on the left bank of the Danube, were repulsed, and also that operations successful to the Russians and Rumanians are being carried out by scouting parties in the direction of Rimnik and Buzeu.

On the front in France, the British, near Gommecourt and Arras, have carried on successful raids against German trenches and bombarded other hostile positions at Gommecourt and near Loos and Hulloch.

Berlin reports the repulse of attacks against the positions of the Teutonic Allies on the Cerna River Bend region on Macedonia, in Galicia, southwest of Brody.

Petrograd reports breaking through barbed wire entanglements by the Stritsa River sector by the Russians, compelling the Teutonic Allies there to flee.

ROUMANIANS RESISTING

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In Dobruja the Russians and Rumanians have faced about and are giving battle to the Germans.

COURT HOUSE AT CATALINA BURNED

The Court House at Catalina was burnt down on Monday morning at 2.30 a.m. The origin of the fire is unknown.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C. presided in Court to-day and discharged three drunks. The defendant in an assault case, which occurred between two residents of Kelligrews, was fined \$2 or 7 days.

The S.S. Florizel sails for Halifax and New York to-morrow night. She takes almost a full freight and several passengers.

A case of scarlet fever, a girl of Forest Road, was sent to Hospital yesterday.

KEEP IN MIND

- 1. That bigness is not greatness. 2. That piety is not priggishness. 3. That it requires pluck to be patient. 4. That street corners are a poor college. 5. That the only whole man is the holy man. 6. That it takes more than muscle to make a man. 7. That to follow the crowd is a confession of weakness. 8. That selfishness is the most unmanly thing in the world. 9. That to be afraid of one's noblest self is greatest cowardice. 10. That one real friend is worth a score of mere acquaintances. 11. That what is put into the brain to-day will be taken out of it ten years hence. 12. That the only manliness worth possessing is shown in the life of the Son of Man. 13. That it is never too soon to begin the business of making a man out of one's self. 14. That consideration for mother and sister does more to mark a gentleman than the kind of necktie he wears.—Selected.

"My boy, remember a wife is a good deal like a motor-car." "How so, dad?" "Because getting one isn't difficult, but the cost of maintenance is something unexpected!"

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Following at University War Hospital, Southampton.

- 1498 Private Samuel J. Learning, 22 Pilot's Hill; dysentery, slight. 2479 Private Ernest Humphries, Newtown, B.B.; dysentery, slight. JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary

Meth. College Closing Exercises

At the Methodist College Hall last night the prize giving to the pupils took place, and the closing exercises were conducted in the presence of a large number of people, including the parents and friends of the pupils.

In the senior boys' class there was a marked falling off of pupils, due to their joining the regiment or taking the places of those who had gone.

Congratulatory speeches were then made by the Premier Sir E. P. Morris, and Dr. Curtis, after which a vote of thanks proposed by Mr R. F. Horwood, seconded by C. H. Hutchings, K.C., was accorded by acclamation.

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Wishing you and all your readers, as well as fellow correspondents, a Merry Xmas, also trusting they will only profit by the kindly criticism herein written.

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Bethmann-Hollweg Has Full Power

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A despatch from Zurich says information has been received there from Berlin that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, in a secret conference with party leaders proceeding his announcement of Germany's peace offer in the Reichstag, was given full power to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation even with party leaders.

The Man on the Street Writes

Dear Sir,—I feel it is not only a pleasure, but a duty for me to offer you very hearty congratulations upon your new stand in public or newspaper life, and I trust your editorials may be both as profitable, readable, and instructive as when you favored us with your "Thoughts of Theobald."

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Bishop Spencer College Closing Exercises

At the Casino Theatre last night the closing exercises of Bishop Spencer College and the annual distribution of premiums to the pupils took place. The auditorium was filled with the parents and friends of the pupils and Rev. Canon Bolt presided.

The programme opened with the cantata entitled "The Hours," in which the rising curtain discloses Old Time with Dawn partly visible and Night in the act of departing.

After the playlet Mr. Blackall addressed the gathering, congratulating the girls on their excellent presentation of the Cantata, the college class in the Domestic Science School and paid a tribute to the work of Miss Smeeton, of the teaching staff, who leaves here shortly and congratulated pupils and teachers on their work.

The report of Secretary Dunfield was then presented, in which he stated that the results in the C. H. E. exams were highly satisfactory, and that Miss Vera Hayward, who passed the senior A.A. grade, had been added to the teaching staff, which Miss Rose Carmichael is also now a member of.

Following the presentation, Rev. Canon Bolt stated that the exhibition of needlework which is usually given on prize day will be held later in the Synod Hall, and took occasion to point out that the schools, which he feared some had the impression were unhealthy; were in fact the very opposite. The rooms, however, are inconveniently laid out and he hoped to shortly see an effort made to improve them.

Rev. Dr. Jones briefly complimented the teachers and pupils and said that one thing the College should have, whatever else is lacking, is the unqualified support of the C. of E. people. The teaching carried on there is excellent and of great importance as an adjunct to church work, and every effort should be made to support the institution. He then moved a vote of thanks to Lady Davidson for her kindness in distributing the prizes, which was seconded by Mr. G. W. B. Ayre, who in his remarks stated the work Her Excellency had done in connection with the W. P. A. would endear her name to Newfoundland for ever. The vote was accorded by acclamation.

Lady Davidson in reply said it was a great pleasure to her to be present and distribute the awards, and also that she would treasure the memory Mr. W. N. Gray, Mr. H. W. Stirling.

I remain, yours, THE MAN ON THE STREET

[We thank our contributor and perhaps he will allow us to point out that there are many viewpoints and what may not be covered by one writer may be covered by another. We shall welcome "The Man on the Street's" contributions.—Ed.]

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STILL ANOTHER FAILURE.

We learn to-day that another failure has occurred in the City within the past few days. This is the business of a well-known commission man, which is now in the hands of a receiver. The liabilities are considerable.

of the co-operation given the W. P. A. by the women in all parts of the Island. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem. To Mr. H. W. Stirling, who presided at the piano, much of the success attending the cantata is due. The following is the list of prizes:

INDUSTRY PRIZES, Preparatory Dept.

Form 11—Glady's Rendell, Jean MacIntosh, Florence Gardiner, Marjorie McGregor, Lila Pike. Form 1—Jessie Mathieson, Helen Bayly, Daisy Watt, Evelyn MacGregor, Nancy Hood.

Hand and Eye Work—Dorothy Sellers, Blakie Ayre, Nancy Hood, Dorothy Snow. Form VI—Leonore Lillie, Cecile Hayward.

Form V—Marjorie Stirling, Edith House. Form IV (a)—Leah Rendell, Isabel Feaver.

IV (b)—Nora Wood, Grace Watson Stella Perlin. III—Glady's Grant, Trixie Noseworthy, Edith Willis, Florence Penny.

Special Prizes. Divinity—VI, Cecile Hayward, May Holden; V, Edith House; IV (a), Leah Rendell; IV (b), Jean Cowan; III, Gladys Grant.

English Composition and Literature—VI, May Holden; V, Edith Joyce; IV (a), Jean Campbell; IV (b), Grace Watson.

History. (Prizes presented by Mr. G. W. B. Ayre)—VI, Leonore Lillie; V, Edith House; IV (a) Edith Scandrett; IV (b), Ethel Johnson.

French—VI, Leonore Lillie; V, Edith House; IV (a) Victoria Gardner, IV (b) Olive Rennie. Theory of Music (Prizes presented by Mr. H. W. Stirling)—IV, Nora Wood; III, Gladys Grant.

General Information (Prizes presented by Miss Smeeton)—IV, Nora Wood, Isabel Feaver. Drawing—Susie Crane.

Needlework, plain—May D'wnton, Leah Rendell, Constance Crane, Bessie Thomas, Rita LeMessurier, Reynette Mews. Fancy—Victoria Gardner, Isabel Feaver, Gertrude Bolt.

Attendance—May D'wnton. In a recent competition in junior classes prizes were won by—Isabel Thomas, Phyllis Rennie, Greta Blandford, Joan Ayre, Kathleen White.

C.H.E. Honours Division. Senior Associate—Vera Hayward. Intermediate—Cecile Hayward, Leonore Lillie, May Holden, Olive Mews, Preliminary—Edith House, Marjorie Stirling, Marguerite Findlater, Edith Bugden, Minnie Maclean, Bessie Thomas, Alison Rennie, Lilla Cook, Jean Mathieson.

C.H.E. Certificates—Pass List. Intermediate—Alice Wellman, Meta Martin, Susie Crane, Stella Pieroway, Jean Crawford, Mary Oke, Violet Davey, Mildred Lane, Vera Furneaux. Preliminary—Marjorie Smith, Edith Alderice, Phyllis Herder, May D'wnton, Lizzie Snow, Bessie Roberts, Helen Rogerson, Isabella Stevenson.

C.H.E. Money Prizes. C. H. E. Money Prizes—Preliminary Grade. Scholarship \$20.00—Edith House. Scholarship \$20.00—Marjorie Stirling.

Geography \$4.00—Marjorie Stirling. Drawing \$4.00—Marguerite Findlater.

The following donated prizes:—Lady Outerbridge, Mrs. L. H. Miller, Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Mrs. Gosling, Mrs. J. S. Munn, Mrs. John Browning, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. S. W. Cornick, Miss Stott, Miss Browning, Miss Kelly, Miss Smeeton, Miss Collins; Rev. Canon White, Mr. George Ayre, Mr. W. N. Gray, Mr. H. W. Stirling.