Evening Telegram

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FRIDAY, Dec. 28th, 1917.

The Impossible Peace.

If Germany had only the Bolshevists and their emissaries to reckon with in the game of wits of which the first stage has ended at Brest Litvosk, we might have some cause for concern. We should feel like a spectator of a game of cards, looking over a player's shoulder and seeing him throw away trick after trick. Fortunately, this is not the case. Quite apart from the other Allies, whose guns would blow to fragments any fantastic edifice of peace which Kuehlmann and Czernin might succeed in erecting in Russia, there are those in Russia itself who will see to it that it is never built. So far the enemy has played his strictly limited game well. By agreeing to the "principle" of no annexations or indemnities—mere airy nonsense too insubstantial to be transformed into anything concrete—they have escaped the specific rejection of even the Bolshevist's real terms and so gained the invaluable time which is their only object. But even so that time matters little. Lenine and Trotzky have fairly reached the end of their tether. It is significant that every little clash that is reported between their rabble followers and the forces united against them ends in the defeat and discomfiture of the former. Even the Chinese have routed them in Manchuria. Although Washington has officially denied the report of Japanese armed control of Vladivostock and the landing of more troops there, it is plain that something of the sort must obtain at that most vital point or is greatly to be desired if it does not. Huge stores of supplies and ammunition are stored there, most of it from the States, which it would be suicidal for the Allies to permit to fall into the Maximalists' hands. In Russia proper the very deliberation of Kaledines' movements is reassuring and hopeful: he will not repeat Korniloff's mistake. He appears to have got the southern provinces united solidly behind him and Siberia distinctly favourable and sympathetic. At Petrograd and throughout the northwest signs are not lacking of the sapping of the Bolshevists' power through its inherent weakness. When the right time comes we may look for a few sharp and forcible blows under which the monstrous usurpation that has disgraced and humiliated the country will collapse utterly. Then hope will be renewed for Russia. Let Germany do what she can while she has time. The sand is running out.

City Council Meets.

At last night's weekly meeting of the City Council, Monroe and Company complained of delay in watering their vessels and asked that matters be remedied; also stating that they proposed buying $300 worth of hose if Council would reduce rates. The Board of Trade will be written and asked to appoint a committee of shipowners to discuss the matter with the Council.

After the reading of the Engineer's and Health Officers reports and disposing of some other routine business the session closed.

POOR ASYLUM ANNUAL—The annual treat for the inmates of the Poor Asylum was held yesterday afternoon and was greatly enjoyed by all. The ladies of the Poor Asylum are grateful to the kind friends who gave so liberally in cash and kind.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARGET IN COWS.

Governor Thanks Sir Douglas Haig

Dec. 28, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I beg to forward herewith for publication copy of message from His Excellency the Governor to Sir Douglas Haig in response to the greetings received from that gallant officer.

Yours truly,
R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dec. 28, 1917.

Sir Douglas Haig, France,—

Your telegram F2102 of 23rd instant has been received by Colony of Newfoundland with highest gratification.

The Colony wishes you and your gallant armies that complete success which is essential to the well being of the civilized word.

HARRIS.

Portia Off.

The S.S. Portia, Capt. A. Kean, sailed at 10 a.m. to-day for Western ports with the largest load of freight that she has taken for the season. These saloon passengers went:—H. Haskell, P. Slaney, J. Rodgers, W. Brown, W. Rose, A. Giovannini, W. Studley, J. Howell, J. White, W. Crewe, J. Slaney, B. Lynch, W. Halfyard, G. Winter, W. Poole, W. Sinnott, H. Coady; Misses Casick, Howell, Taylor, Bonia, Rowe, Cluett; Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Rowe; 20 in steerage.

Woman Breaks Leg.

Mr. W. J. Walsh, M.H. A., received a message last night from Petit Forte intimating that Mrs. Newman, a widow, had broken her leg the previous evening while returning home from prayers. Mr. Walsh immediately communicated with Dr. McDonald, of Marystown, and arranged to have him come on the S.S. Argyle and attend the injured woman.

Note of Thanks.

We, the undersigned, wish to publicly thank Messrs. John and Henry McNeill, of Trepassey, for coming to our assistance on the 6th day of September last whilst doing duty on the wreck of the S. S. "Kristianfjord," a heavy sea was on at the time covering the ill-fated ship beneath the waves, and by their brave and heroic act helped in a great measure in saving our lives.

CONST. A. FAHEY, Bay Bulls,
CONST. THOS. LYNCH, Renews.
Bay Bulls, Dec. 26th, 1917.

Here and There.

There will be no practice for Gower Street Choir to-night.

FOGOTA DUE TO-NIGHT.—The s.s. Fogota left Wesleyville this morning coming south and is due here to-night.

Ladies' Dressing Cases, Brush, Comb and Mirror, BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Dept.
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. — The engagement is announced of Miss Nan Boyd Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baird, to Hender Trevenen Pearse, of Cornwall, England.

Military Brushes in Cases to be had at BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Department.
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THE RINKS.—There is much activity at the Prince's, Parade and Curling Rinks to-day, "making" ice and otherwise getting them in readiness. They will be opened on New Year's Day if the present cold spurt continues.

Games, Fry's Tool Sets, Playing Cards, Dominoes, Draught Boards, etc., BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Department.
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BIG SHIPS COMING.—The big ship now undergoing repairs at the dock wharf will be ready for sea about the end of next week. We understand a number of ships of the same type are coming here for repairs. This means that mechanics and dock hands will be kept busy day and night for at least six months.

Stafford's Prescription "A"—Cure for diseases of the Stomach: Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia.—nov6.tf

NOTE OF THANKS.—The ladies of the Cowan Mission beg to express their very sincere thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who so kindly took part in the concert at the General Hospital yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Christian, Miss Vera Windgeler, Mr. Wheeler and the orchestra of H.M.S. "Briton."—advt.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.

Praises Hon. J. R. Bennett.

Newfoundlander in Halifax Tells of His Work There.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Just one week ago to-night I "shook the hand of an honest man"—the Hon. John R. Bennett, your present Minister of Militia.

Years ago, but it seems only like yesterday, "Jack" Bennett, his noble-hearted and universally loved brother Ned (now with the vast majority), and the writer, were schoolmates at the old Colonial and Continental Church Society School, better known perhaps as the Central School. Since that time men, times and conditions generally have wonderfully changed. Who of us then among the Herder boys, the Davey boys, the Udle or the Cross boys and the hundred or more lusty chaps who were marshalled and drilled physically as well as mentally under that agile man with the elastic step, the late J. W. Marriott who as head master was succeeded by Messrs. Goodwin and Currie, I say who amongst us of that old school entertained the remotest idea that our classmate, John R. Bennett, was destined some day to fill the honourable and responsible position of Colonial Secretary and later that of Minister of Militia, and moreover to discharge the duties appertaining to these posts with credit both to himself and his native country? Inscrutable are the ways and deviations of the tide in human affairs.

Pardon me, kind sir, for digressing. I will resume by picking up the thread of my discourse. Upon the evening in question as I entered the Emergency Shelter Rooms at the City Club building and approached his desk, your Minister of Militia arose to his feet, stood erect, and "at ease," I being uniformed he did not salute, but with his right hand fully outstretched and with his open countenance beaming with a glad recognition, he exclaimed: "How are you, Charlie, old boy, glad to see that you are not among the missing or the injured." When I had bid him welcome at such an opportune time and assured him that I was personally all right, coming safely through the terrible calamity which on Thursday, the 6th of this month, devastated the north end of this city, Mr. Bennett in a voice which betrayed emotion requested me to inform any Newfoundlanders rendered homeless or in need and to tell them of his presence in Halifax, of his business, his errand of mercy, and to direct such people where they would find him. The room where the Minister received his fellow-countrymen and women was lined up three deep by many who had lost considerable and who had for many years been residents of Halifax. They were hard-working, industrious people, some of whom previous to this fearful catastrophe, owned the house in which they lived and other properties; now they are homeless and ruined. Some have lost members of their families, others injured or among the missing.

The capacious hallway leading to the Emergency Shelter Room was literally packed with natives from Our Island Home waiting a turn to see Mr. Bennett. It occupied some time to make notes of names, addresses, conditions and requirements of the applicants, consequently many had to go away that night without having a chance to get next or nigh the Minister. But for several succeeding days the office was wide open, applications were made and due attention paid to them, so that none will be overlooked nor neglected.

I need hardly say, Mr. Editor, that the action of the Newfoundland Government in deputing Mr. Bennett to look into matters affecting Newfoundlanders living here and to offer assistance is so highly appreciated both by our own countrymen and by Haligonians generally. The generosity of the Newfoundland Government in voting the magnificent sum of $50,000 for the relief of Halifax, augmented by the contribution of $10,000 from the citizens of St. John's is direct evidence that Newfoundland has not forgotten the kindness and quick action on the part of Halifax when in 1892 our own City of St. John's was devastated and almost totally destroyed by that terrible 8th of July fire.

Mr. Bennett went over the devastated area of Halifax, he also visited the hospitals, and many public institutions where numbers of Newfoundlanders attend school and college; at the School for the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Convent of the Sacred Heart and Mount St. Vincent, also the Halifax Ladies' College, the Minister of Militia was extremely gratified to find the pupils from the Ancient Colony had escaped injury and were being well looked after.

The generous offer from St. John's to send a hundred men here including mechanics, artizans and laborers was received by Mr. Bennett and referred to the Executive Committee. Arrangement has been made for the free transportation of the women and children of destitute families who wish to return to Newfoundland. Mr. Major, of the Transport Company, has taken charge of this work, who will investigate cases coming under this heading. Owing to the limited time of Mr. Bennett's visit many distressed persons were unable to gain an audience with him, but their cases will be attended to by Mr. W. S. Davidson. After attending the funeral of unidentified persons which took place on Monday evening, 17th inst., Mr. Bennett accompanied by Major Montgomerie left for Newfoundland.

Neither you, Mr. Editor, nor your readers can form any idea, and words are inadequate to form a pen picture that would enable outsiders to understand the magnitude of the calamity. Our people are only now beginning to realise what the catastrophe means. The property and financial losses to the homeless can be repaired, but the losses we have sustained in precious lives can never be restored. The orphaned children, the maimed for life, the thousands rendered blind can be, must be, generously and tenderly cared for. The amount of money to accomplish this will require a much greater sum than we at present have any conception of. It is reported that, according to the original committee's minimum estimate of loss, $20,000,000 more than has been received is still needed for the relief of Halifax.

The cause is a most deserving one, and let us remember that he who gives quickly gives twice. With many thanks for space, Mr. Editor, I am

Very truly yours,
H. C. MORRIS.

4 Hollis St., Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20th, 1917.

WAR NEWS

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M

ITALIANS WIN AIR FIGHT.

ROME, Dec. 27. (Official.)

Along the whole front there were only artillery actions which were more intense on the Asiago plateau where our batteries made effective concentrations of fire and kept under their barrage several sections of enemy lines. A big aerial battle in which British and Italian chasing squadrons and anti-aircraft artillery participated was fought yesterday over Treviso. In the morning 25 enemy machines under cover of a haze arrived over our aviation camp to the west of the city and began to bomb it. The hostile aircraft were received with violent anti-aircraft fire, and attacked impetuously by planes which ascended from the camp, forced to retire before carrying out their operations. Eight of the enemy machines were brought down. Later another hostile squadron of eight machines attempted again, but was faced over Monte Belluno, and had to retire losing three machines. Of the eleven enemy airplanes brought down eight fell inside our lines, and three within the enemy lines. All our machines returned to their base. The damage caused by the bombardment was insignificant.

ONLY ARTILLERY FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Official.)

With the exception of artillery activity north of St. Quentin, in the neighborhood of Arras and Messines, east of Ypres, there is nothing interesting to report.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

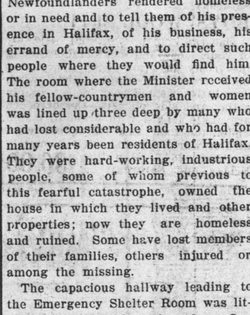
Wind N., fresh, weather fine. No vessels sighted to-day. Bar. 29.90; Ther. 20.

Here and There.

PRESENTATION. — The members of the C. L. B. Band presented Bandmaster Morris with a handsome chair on Christmas Eve night as an appreciation of his services. Mr. Morris has done good work since taking charge of the band.

Forget the Eight Ounces, it's only throwing your money away. But don't forget to have your suit or overcoat Cleaned and Pressed for the holiday season, as it is going to be very DRY weather, and you need good clothes. Phone 574 or send to SPURRELL the Tailor, 365 Water St.—dec19,eod,tf

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.



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Christmas Gifts.

On the eve of Christmas Day, from the youngest to the oldest employee of Anderson's received from the firm a handsome sum of money accompanied by the following note:—

May your Christmas season be a happy one, and the New Year hold for you and yours peace, health and happiness.

ANDERSON'S.

Such gifts as these coming at this season are indeed very acceptable, and each employee is more than thankful for their recognition and such kind, sympathetic thoughts as contained in the above note.

(Sgd.) ANDERSON'S EMPLOYEE.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head.

There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c. fri.

Hospital Report.

Progressing Favourably—1859 Dinney, 3336 Frampton, 3101 Elliott, 3383 Skinner, 2095 Whelan, 3106 Wills, 1200 Power, 1516 Small, 3312 Williams.

Improving—2885 Abbott, 2597 Gladney, 242 Kirby, 3664 Pike, 2971 Forsey, 1583 Johnson, 825 Moore, 1562 Walsh.

DROWNING INQUIRY. —Yesterday afternoon a magisterial inquiry into the drowning tragedy in which four boys, Murphy (3) and Locke, lost their lives in Mundy's Pond, commenced before Judge Morris. Messrs. J. Duff and T. Healey, who were first on the scene of the accident, were examined.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Mr. Anderson, on the eve of his wedding, had an agreeable surprise when he was presented by his employees with two handsome gifts and the following note:—

Dear Mr. Anderson,—On the eve of your wedding day we, your employees, congratulate you.

As a mark of the high opinion that we have of you as an employer, we ask you to accept the accompanying gifts as a wedding present from us.

With such a well furnished home as you possess we found it very difficult to make a selection that would not duplicate what you already have, and we believe that we have been successful by selecting a silver epergne table centre piece and a silver table centre piece, with silver bon bon trays, which should appeal to your artistic taste.

We ask you to take them and use them, wishing both you and your future wife a long, happy and useful life.

EMPLOYEES ANDERSON'S.

Mr. Anderson's written reply to the empployees is as follows:—

Employees of Anderson's,—I thank you most sincerely for the very handsome gifts that you have presented me with on the occasion of my marriage. I shall prize them very much. I hope the good feeling that exists between the firm and our able staff will long continue. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
JOHN ANDERSON.

"Santa Claus in Japan."

"Santa Claus in Japan" was the title under which a successful Cantata was run off by the St. Andrew's Sunday School children in the Presbyterian Hall before a crowded audience last night. The scene presents two little Americans in Japan, who tell their Jap friends of their home Christmas and Santa Claus. The first scene was laid in the Sunshine School, the performance opening with a chorus of welcome to Santa. The leading parts were taken by Marjorie Johnson and Ralph Jardine. The singing was led by Emily Jardine and the other taking part were Anna Wilson, Gertrude McNeil, Masters D. Johnston, F. Munn and Clinton Duder.

"O Beautiful Star" was nicely rendered by Emily Jardine. The Brownies took their part well and were the following:—Catherine Ayre, Elsa King, Arthur Jardine, Alan Johnston and Dorothy Jardine.

The Screen and Fan Song, in which the Screens were Misses Clouston, Baird, Frew and J. Rendell, and the Fans, Cynthia Marshall, Mary Rogerson, Jean Badie and Margaret Dickie was particularly good. Miss J. Rendell and little Cynthia Marshall followed with a dance which was performed in a very graceful manner.

Miss Glendenning took the solo in the Lantern Bearers' drill and song. In the "Land of Flowers" chorus the performers were:—Chrysanthemums: Helen Rogerson, Minnie McLean, R. Calver and D. Lash; Cherry Blossoms: Olga Hatton, Flora Jamieson, Mildred McFarlane and Jessie Dick.

Ralph Jardine rendered "The Sailor and His Parrot" in a very pleasing manner.

Santa Claus' workshop was shown at intervals with the following dolls ready to leave for a sleigh ride:—Lady, Dorothy Baird; Rag, Jessie Baird; Scotch, Jean McIntosh; John Bull, Eric Campbell; Sailor, Ruth Hickman; Fancy, Misses Stott (2); Mammy, Olive Rennie; Dutch, Helen Glennie; France, Dorothy Duff; Sailor, Stan Lumsden; Baby, Sheliah King; and Fancy, Rita Lash.

The orchestra, consisting of Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Boyd Baird, Messrs. F. Bradshaw and P. Ledingham, rendered excellent music. The entertainment will be repeated to-night and the proceeds are in aid of the Girls' Guild.

Under the direction of Mrs. Geo. Knowling an entertainment will be given in aid of a patriotic object.

The Organist and Choir of Cochrane Street Centennial Church, assisted by Mrs. F. J. King, Solo Soprano, and Mr. F. J. King, Solo Organ, will give a Vocal and Instrumental Recital in the Church on Wednesday evening, 2nd January, at 8 o'clock. His Excellency the Governor and Miss Harris have graciously signified their intention of being present.—dec26,28,31

Mr. Kinsella Right.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—This question of the New Rules at the General Hospital has been well dealt with by Mr. P. J. Kinsella in to-day's "Daily News," and I quite agree with him that the whole business is contrary to right and feeling.

Since this new Regulation came into force I had occasion to visit the Hospital twice and I saw hundreds of people who had come to see relatives turned away.

This is not good enough, and the present clause will have to be changed.

Yours truly,
M. J. B.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Thoughts Upon the Times.

(By PATRIOT.)

The movement to introduce the food pledge throughout the country is a very laudable one and should receive the greatest possible assistance from every patriotic citizen in Newfoundland. It should embrace not only the pledge to husband food of all kinds, but to abstain from all unnecessary use of sugar in the form of candy, chocolates and syrups. The fashion for costly fur coats and fur sets should also be curtailed. At the time when people are being asked to adopt one wheatless and one meatless day per week, and to abandon altogether the use of butter for other than cooking purposes, and lower their daily rations in other ways, the wardrobes of the well-to-do are being increased in proportion to the decreasing table. It is no use to expect the common people to still further reduce their daily rations, or to show any sympathy with the movement, if their richer neighbors continue to spend money lavishly on costly furs and the most expensive varieties of dress. Banquets and public teas should also be cut out if the food pledge is to be accepted by the public with sincerity. Those who know best are advising us to prepare for a long war and the possible privations which that prospect demands from the whole of the population. Extravagance is one of the sins of the age we live in. The more some people have the more they seem to want, and the possession of money and the luxury which money brings seems to be their ideal of life.

Before the war the chief ambition of civilized men was to have money and to have it usually for selfish purposes. The world was, unconsciously perhaps, bowing down before the golden calf. Men were willing to stand over the wrecked business of their fellow man and plead in excuse that "Business is Business." But the war is changing all this. The two great lessons which the war is teaching us to-day are Co-operation and the "Brotherhood of Man." The world must realize this. It will play a large part in the future of settling conflicts between Labor and Capital. It will play a larger part in the final peace terms.

The President of the United States has announced that he will take over every railroad in that country at noon to-day. The railroad companies in the United States have failed to do their part in their war efforts. They applied to the Government for a billion dollar loan or guarantee of railroad credit. A writer in Wednesday's Advocate calls the attention of the Government to the disgraceful state of affairs existing on the Reid-Newfoundland Co's. railway. His remarks could have been more severe. The company does not provide sufficient cars to accommodate the number of passengers travelling over the line to Port aux Basques, as was the case on the 18th inst. There seems to be no person the public can look to to have conditions remedied.

Fishermen on the West Coast are driving a good business in catching smelts and exporting them to America. It is claimed they get from 45 to 60 cents per lb. for fresh smelts. They are put up in ice in boxes. We should eat more fresh fish. It is a good healthy food. People in Toronto and New York are paying fifteen cents per pound for fresh cod steak.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT & DANCE.

The Kilbride Xmas Tree closed last night with a concert and dance and the affair proved most successful in every way. A very enjoyable programme was rendered by Misses Brown, Murphy (2), Neville and Brophy, Messrs. P. F. Moore, J. McDonald, M. Healey and J. Doyle. Rev. Fr. Coady who was present thanked the performers also those who by their attendance and otherwise helped to make the entertainment such a success. A very enjoyable dance followed which was kept up till an early hour this morning. The amount realized from both events were quite up to expectations and will be devoted to the new Church Building Fund.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED December 28th, 1917.
Died of Pneumonia at Halifax, N.S., December 27th.

35—Sergt. John J. Sheehan (Transferred to Forestry Companies), 5 Howe Place.

R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

Here and There.

COLDEST YET—Last night was the coldest for the season. The temperature at the Quarry dropped to 7 below zero. Some old fishermen we know predict a severe winter, and if this is so "the worst is yet to come."

The following first class passengers are on the incoming express which left Port aux Basques this morning:—

R. A. Balfour, Rev. T. Bride, Mrs. L. Livingstone, K. Bowden, J. Flynn, Rev. R. J. Barrett, Capt. J. A. Gilley, Wm. Peters, A. Goddard, E. J. Gillis, John Scott, J. McDougall, E. Pike, W. R. Thompson, T. Croucher, Mrs. A. Goddard.

LOST ALL BELONGINGS. — The Captain and crew of a local fish carrier, which was dismasted and abandoned off the Canadian coast recently while on her way to a South West Coast port from Lisbon with a load of salt, reached home a few days ago. After being five days at the pumps keeping their vessel afloat, the crew were rescued and only in the nick of time, by a passing Liner. They lost all their belongings.

BORN.

At Cambridge, Mass., on Dec. 20th, a daughter to R. J. and Mrs. Malone.