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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

LABOUR LEADER ON THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

LONDON, To-day. Discussing the German peace proposals at a dinner of the Steel Industry Association to-night, Arthur Henderson, member of the British Council without portfolio, said that the Government knew nothing concerning the text of the proposals. "The Germans' motives must remain a matter of speculation for the moment. From the past and from recent events," said Henderson, "we may anticipate with confidence which Germany may put forward will not rest on the side of magnanimity. They must be explained with the greatest possible care. We of all people must not forget Germany's proposal for peace with this country late in August, 1914, but on what conditions? That we were prepared to betray France and acquiesce in the violation of the neutrality of Belgium, which Germany like ourselves had on oath sworn to maintain. The people of this country are prepared to accept peace to-day as in August, 1914, provided the peace is both just and permanent. In demerit for the past is not enough unless we have guarantees for the future, guarantees for the reparation for all that Belgium, France, Serbia and Poland have suffered. The peace into which we enter must contain guarantees for its own duration. Germany can have such peace if she can furnish us with proofs of her good intention, but if her present overtures are only a pretense, if it is shown that she is merely arranging an armistice to obtain a breathing space that will furnish her the opportunity to lay fresh plans of aggression, then I say that whatever may be the temptation to the people of these islands, we must set our faces like the steel you work upon against her proposals."

WILHELM RHETORICUS.

LONDON, To-day. "Confident that we are complete victors we yesterday made a proposal to

the enemy to discuss the question of further war or peace," said the German Emperor, addressing the troops in Alsace, recently, according to a despatch published in the Cologne Gazette, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. "What will come of it I do not yet know," the Emperor is reported to have continued. "It is a matter for the enemy now to decide. If fighting is still to go on, if the enemy still thinks he has not had enough, then I know you will—here the Emperor, says the correspondent, made a wistful gesture which produced a fierce smile on the face of his men. "The steadfastness of our troops in the west," he said, the despatch continues, "made it possible to deal effectively blows in the East." He spoke, the correspondent relates, words of the most wrathful contempt of the people in the East, "who had been bought to stick a dagger in the back of our Allies." The judgment of God had fallen on them, the Emperor declared. "The old god of battles directed; we were his instruments and proud of it." Afterwards the correspondent states, the Emperor talked to the officers for half an hour of the Roumanian campaign, which, it is said, he had described as the iron of fate which had permitted the conquest of the English to fall into German hands. "The English," the correspondent quotes the Emperor as saying, "paid for it. We eat it; and has been called war starvation."

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day. The French troops have again made an effective thrust in the Verdun region, striking at the German positions between the Meuse and the Woivre Rivers. North of Douaumont and N. E. of the fortress along a front of about 6 miles the French forced back the soldiers of the German Crown Prince for a distance of almost two miles. More than 7,000 prisoners and numerous guns were taken from the Germans. Paris announces in its latest communication. "The German War Office admitted that 'advantages' had been obtained in this region by the attackers. Buzen, an important railway centre N. E. of Ducharest and an excellent base from which to begin operations in Moldavia, has been captured by the Austro-Germans. The retreating Russians and Roumanians are reported as burning villages behind them. Four thousand additional prisoners have been taken by Field Marshal Mackensen's army. Simultaneously with the taking of Buzen by the Austro-Germans, the Bulgarians began an offensive in Dobruja. The

Russians and Roumanians, Berlin states, evacuated the positions under the pressure exerted by the advance in great Wallachia. The Greek Government has accepted the demands of the Entente Allies contained in the ultimatum presented to the Athens Government on Thursday. It is reported, officially, Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly and only a certain number are to be stationed in Peloponnese. It is said.

Successful Concert for New Building Fund.

The initial concert and tea promoted by the ladies of the Presentation Convent Association, in aid of the new building fund, took place in the new C. C. C. Hall last night, and was as successful as it was enjoyable. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental selections and recitations and was faultlessly carried out. Those who contributed numbers were: Misses Strang, Mare, Howley and Ryan; Mesdames Cleary and Cahill; and Messrs. Hutton, O'Neill, Bulley, Williams, Fox and Sullivan. Most of the performers were encored. The C. C. C. Band were present and discoursed lively airs during the evening. After the concert, teas were served by the ladies of the Association. The proceeds reached a substantial sum.

Deserters Rounded Up

The barq. John, fish laden by Baine Johnstone & Co., was ready for sea yesterday, but was prevented from sailing, owing to one of her crew absconding himself. The deserter was captured by the police last night and put on board the vessel this morning. Another seaman of the city, who deserted the sloop, George Ewart, was rounded up to-day by Constable Stimp and is now at the lockup.

Here and There.

GOING NORTH.—The S.S. Prospero left LaSalle at 8 a.m. to-day, going north.

STORM BREWING.—No. 3 storm signal has been ordered up denoting the probability of a heavy gale from an easterly direction.

HAD STORMY PASSAGE.—The sloop, Winnifred, 40 days from Oporto, reached this port this morning, after a stormy passage.

INTERESTING CASE.—The Meany-Foran case will be resumed in the Central District Court on Monday next.

GOOD PRICE FOR HERRING.—As high as \$5 a barrel from the nets was paid at Bay of Islands for herring during this week.

WOUNDED WITH CANADIANS.—By-lanes, West Canadian casualty list, received the name of Gunner H. W. Taylor, Trinity Bay, appears among the wounded. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Taylor, Green's Harbor, T. B. Some years ago Gunner Taylor taught school at Grand Falls and leaving there he proceeded to Kingston, Ontario where he enlisted shortly after the commencing of the war.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Ebbs and family desire to express their sincere thanks to H. E. the Governor and Lady Davidson, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Mr. P. C. O'Driscoll, Mr. J. P. Grace, Mrs. (Dr.) W. Roberts, Mrs. (Dr.) Keegan, Miss Keegan, Mrs. (Dr.) Peterson, Mrs. Keegan, Mrs. (Dr.) Peterson, Miss Ethel Lamb, Mrs. J. Scott, Miss Scott, Mrs. J. Kane, Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. J. Donnelly, Mrs. W. Dineen and Mrs. H. Taylor, and to the many other kind friends for expressions of sympathy on the death of her dear son, Jack, who was killed in action, Nov. 21, 1916.

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MAKING GOOD RUN.—The Portia left Curling early yesterday afternoon and is due here Tuesday next.

LAST OF FLEET LEAVE.—The last of the outport craft, which were here for supplies, are now ready to leave for the home ports.

POULTRY SHIPMENT.—The Sable L. is due here again from Charlotte-town early next week with a load of poultry.

PASSED THE NARROWS.—The sloop, Mary Duff passed the Narrows yesterday. She was on her way from Oporto to Carbonear in ballast.

FROM OUR SOLDIERS.—The English mail that reached the city last night contained a vast amount of letters, etc., from our soldiers in France, Ayr and London.

JUST RECEIVED.—Holly and our Celebrated English Cakes, feed and unfeed. Phone 679. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD. (Grocery Dept.)—dec14,tf

FISH CARRIER SOLD.—The S.S. Honoreva is said to be now offered for sale. The ship left here a few weeks ago for the Mediterranean via Gibraltar with a fish cargo and on arrival at the latter port was detained to be sold.

SENSIBLE GIFT FOR YOUR HOME would be a nice Rattan Chair or Rocker. We have a beautiful selection, bought before the advance and selling at the Genuine Old Prices. CALLAHAN, GLASS & CO., LTD. dec13,tf

CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT.

A considerable amount of civil business is now waiting to be heard at the Central District Court. Judge Morris intimated yesterday that civil matters not already pending would not be heard until after the Christmas season.

"I WANT TO KISS DADDY GOOD-NIGHT"

The sweetest patriotic child song ever written by G. V. Thompson, author of "When Your Boy Comes Back to You" and "When Jack Comes Back," each 25c for their stamps accepted, BENTON'S Leading Bookstore, 177-9 Water St., St. John's. nov4,tf

WORKMEN GO HOME.—Over four hundred men who were working at Bell Island and received their pay yesterday left for their homes at points in Conception Bay. The majority of them intend remaining home till after Christmas. It is expected that the greater part of the works will be shut down during that period.

POLICE COURT.—(Before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., J.P.) A 35 year old cabman was charged with assaulting and beating his wife for the 4th time. He was remanded. A laborer of St. John, N.B., for vagrancy, was sent down for 30 days. An ordinary drunk was released on payment of conveyance. Two accused for desertion were put on board their vessels.

REMEMBER Callahan, Glass & Co., Ltd., when starting out to buy Linoleum. They have the largest stock in the city and every piece and quality at the old Genuine Prices. No advance in our prices at CALLAHAN, GLASS & CO., Ltd.—dec13,tf

MAN SEVERELY CUT HIMSELF.—A man named Samuel Murphy, of Open Hall, was at an accident at that place yesterday while chopping. The axe which he was using came in contact with his wrist, and almost severed that member. The injured man is coming on by to-night's train for the General Hospital and Mr. E.H. Whiteway has received word to meet him at the railway station.

CAKE AND PUDDING SALE AND CONCERT.—The ladies of the Kirk's Guild are holding a Cake and Pudding Sale in the Presbyterian Hall on Tuesday next. The sale will commence in the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock and will be followed by a Scotch concert at night. The object of the sale is to provide funds for our disabled soldiers, and will appeal to all, and that the good ladies will meet with the utmost success we feel certain.

CHRISTMAS TREE & TOY FAIR, Botwood Hall, Hutchings' Street, Tuesday, Dec. 19th, afternoon and evening. A Real Live Santa Claus. Toys for all at shop prices. Teas served. Candy for sale. Admission: Adults, 10c.; Children, 5c. Come and bring the children. dec13,tf

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Answers the "Daily Star."

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Star' of yesterday appeared an article of a most objectionable character. I refer to the leading article. The editor has been before the public long enough to be able one to say that the article was truly characteristic of the man—if it is not a misuse of the word man to apply it to one who at this trying hour would discourage recruiting in the home regiment and exhort the sons of Newfoundland to leave the land of their birth to enlist in the regiments of Canada.

The editor sits on the horns of a dilemma. Either he does not know of what he writes or, in his desire to get at the Government and Legislature, he hides behind a couple of innocent and hard-working committees of laymen and thence hurls his poisoned darts. What has the Recruiting Committee or the Patriotic Fund Committee to do with establishing pensions? If the editor wants to slay the Government or vilify the Legislature—and these are the only bodies that can inaugurate the pensions referred to—why does he not come out in the open and attack? Why does he, by implication and insinuation, attempt to injure the work of the Recruiting Committee and belittle the honest and humane efforts of the Patriotic Fund Committee?

It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that instead of trying to make the works of our volunteer committees more difficult than they are, all persons—and particularly editors of papers—should endeavor to help them. The editor is probably acquainted, as I am, with some of the members of these Committees and he should gladly and generously acclaim that they are doing their best and are moved by a desire to do all they possibly can for the happiness and comfort of our soldiers and sailors. The article to which I refer is mischievous in every particular and unworthy of a son of Newfoundland. Let us say he desires it remedied; and let him on his part go about to secure a remedy in an honorable and manly way.

It is easy to sit in an editor's chair and criticize. I think we have a right to ask the editor of the 'Star' to do the work of the Patriotic Association has he attended? On how many occasions at such meetings has he been present on behalf of our returned heroes? Is he himself of military age and health, and if so, why has he not dropped his ungenerous pen and gone to the war? Is it because he is not yet assured by Statute of a Pension? The editor is a fully qualified medical practitioner, he avows, and he should be regarded by his fellow-countrymen as a philanthropist; why, then, has he not followed in the steps of Sir John-Maxwell Henderson?

The soldier's friend should do something better for them than write vicious articles in newspapers. Writing and criticism are cheap. Let him get out and make a sacrifice, and when he wants to attack a Government or Legislature, let him get out in the open and do it, instead of cloaking himself behind Committees and individuals that are innocent of the offence.

Yours truly,
JUSTICE.
St. John's, Dec. 16th, 1916.

"The Topsail Geisha."

Would Like to See Old Favorites Revived.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—As our theatrical season is now started I hope I am not trespassing too much on good nature to ask Mrs. Baxter and Mr. O'Neill to stage that local opera, the topsail Geisha, that made such a hit years ago, as the younger generation never had the pleasure of seeing it, and the older ones like myself would hail with delight the appearance of Solomon Tucker and the Chinaman and the other talented performers in the cast. I remain, dear sir,
Yours, etc.,
OLD PLAY GOER.
St. John, Dec. 15th, 1916.

What Are You Doing for that Eczema?

"Nothing. I've about given up trying to cure it."

"That is not wise. Do as I did and you will probably be cured in a short time. I used Zylex and Zylex Soap with it and my Eczema began to improve at once. A couple of boxes cured. You can get Zylex at your druggist."

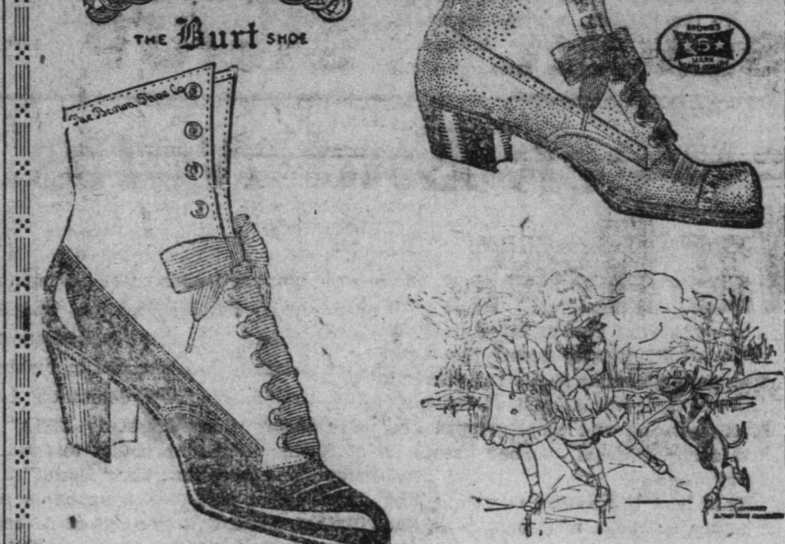
Zylex, 50c. a box; Zylex Soap, 25c. a cake. Zylex, London. ecd.1f

PRESENTATION.—Mr. A. W. Mewa, who severed his connection with the Standard Manufacturing Co. yesterday in order to take the position of Editor of the Mail and Advocate, was presented by Mr. C. R. Deiter, Manager, on behalf of the employees, with a beautiful electric reading lamp. Mr. Mewa thanked his fellow workers for the useful gift, which he prized very highly. The happy event terminated by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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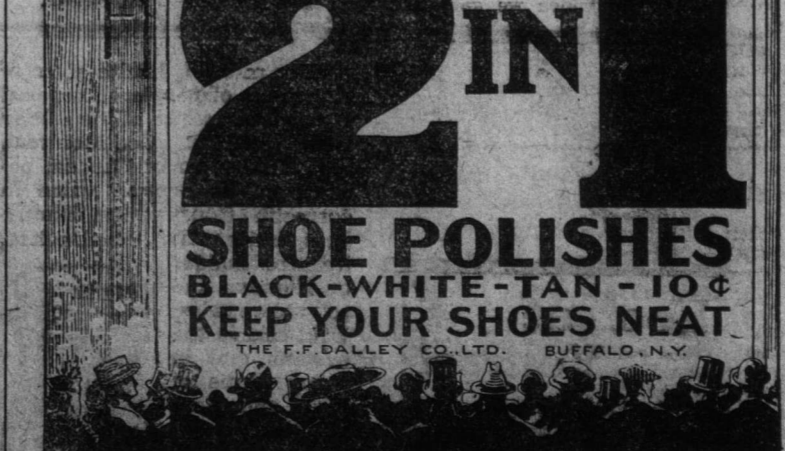
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War News

Messages Received Previous to

FRENCH GAIN

PARIS, Dec. 15

After several days of preparation we attacked northward, between the Meuse and the Moselle, a front of more than 100 kilometres. The attack started at 6 o'clock and the enemy was driven down everywhere to a depth of three kilometres. Between the Vacheriaulle and Louvain, Chambres and the fort of Hardaumont and Bezan, we have taken a great number of prisoners, whose exact number has been determined. Seven hundred officers, have already been taken through the commandant have taken or destroyed pieces of heavy field artillery. Notwithstanding the weather conditions our advance was brilliant and the success was complete, and have given vent to great joy. Our losses were slight.

BELGIUM ADMITS FRENCH

BERLIN

The French attacks developed day on the east bank of the Verdun region resulting in ground for them towards Hardaumont, the W announced to-night. A supplementary statement said the news was not concluded.

PEACE PROPOSAL DISCUSS

LONDON

Public opinion as represented by the British press is largely to-day discussing the briefs made yesterday by Andrew Law, the Government leader in Commons, that the British

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