Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, May 29th, 1915.

Free Postage.

In his report dealing with the excess of expenditure over revenue, the Postmaster General takes exception to the franking of letters by Government Departments and certain non-Government Associations. He considers that an allowance for postage should be given to each department and the franking limited to the heads of departments. With regard to the former it is a mere matter of book-keeping, but with regard to the latter it is a privilege granted to certain bodies like Marine Disaster Committee and the Patriotic Association on public grounds.

Though such a device would enable the Post Office to make a better financial showing, the country would be no better off and the adverse account would show in other departments of the Government. There could be no great objection however for a statement to be published annually showing the value, reckoned at the usual rates, of the services rendered by the Post Office to other free services.

The Postmaster General also takes exception to the carriage of local and foreign newspapers by the Post Office without stamps. The object of this free carriage is to assist education and to aid in the propagation of information and the formation of enlightened public opinion. No one can successfully contend that we have arrived at such a high educational stage that these state aids can be dispensed with. It would be as rational to argue that we could dispense with State aid to our schools and colleges and run them solely on a commercial basis. It cannot be claimed that there is a super-abundance of newspapers and magazine reading in our outports. Visitors are rather struck with the shortage of such matter and the diligence with which newspapers are passed from house to house bears out this contention. Even the small rate of postage spoken of by the Postmaster General would double the cost of the newspapers to outport readers and would not be calculated to aid outport readers in obtaining them. The remedy is to be sought elsewhere. Let the value of the services which the Post Office is rendering the State, education and philantrophy be put in dollars and cents in plain figures and the adverse balance which disturbs the Postmaster General will not loom as indefensible.

As the Postmaster General is seeking a precedent we remind him that Canada allows Canadian newspapers and periodicals to be sent free from publisher to subscriber or newsdealer for delivery in Canada, United Kingdom, Newfoundland and certain other places.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 4.40 p.m. yesterday on the Merasheen route.

The Bruce left Port aux Basques at 2.55 a.m. to-day.

The Ethie left Heart's Content at 4.40 p.m. yesterday, outward.

The Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

The Kyle arrived at North Sydney at 1 p.m. to-day.

The Meigle left Port aux Basques at 3.30 a.m. yesterday.

The Sagona is due at Port aux Basques.

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, May 29, 1915.

On Monday next the Ice Cream Soda Season opens with us, and we hope as usual to see many of our friends who indulge in this delivious luxury. We shall have Ice Cream Sodas—about a dozen different flavors all good—Ice Cream Sundaes, and College Ices, Walnuts in Maple Syrup, and the following fruits, Strawberries, Raspberries, Peaches, Pineapple and Crushed and Maraschino Cherries. Our Ice Cream is made from a first class material of pure materials under our personal supervision, is just sweet enough and is pleasantly flavored. Price 10 and 15c.

Anti-Dyspep is recommended in cases of flatutena, acute indigestion, loss of appetite and constipation. In the slighter and less chronic forms of dyspeptic trouble it does good work, and has made frequent cures. Price 25 cents a bottle.

Thief Caught

By last night's train Constable Humber arrived from Manuels in charge of a domestic, aged 18 years, who was arrested on a charge of theft. It appears that the accused, who belongs to Kelligrews, was operating in that section for some time. When Constable Humber was given the matter to investigate he caught the woman red-handed, making away with an apron, a blouse and three curtains, valued at about $3.00. She was convicted to-day and on account of it being her first offence was let off with a fine of $5.00 or 14 days.

Week End Bargains!

LADIES' HOSE—
Week-End Price, 15, 20, 25 to 65c. pair.

GIRLS' HOSE—
Week-End Price, 12, 15, 20 to 50c. pair.

BOYS' HOSE—
15, 20, 25, 30c. pair.

MEN'S SOCKS—
15, 20, 25 to 60c. pair.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR VALUES.

The West End Bazaar,
may28,2i 51 Water St. West.

298th Day of the War.

LATEST From the Front

REACHED PORT.

LIVERPOOL, To-day.

The Argyllshire reached port safely. The harbor into which she put is not announced.

AMERICA MAY INTERVENE IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

President Wilson has decided to serve notice on the warring factions of Mexico that the conditions of the country have become intolerable and that unless they themselves compose the situation soon, some other measures may have to be employed to accomplish the result.

11.30 A.M.

WANT MINISTERIAL PRESS AGENT

LONDON, To-Day.

The appointment of a person of ministerial rank to supervise the dissemination of authentic war news to neutral countries is urged editorially by the Times.

MILAN EXCITED.

MILAN, To-Day.

Milan is in a virtual state of siege. The entire garrison is being kept in readiness and troops posted in various points in the town to prevent excesses against Germans and Austrians.

EUGENE APPOINTED COMMANDER.

COPENHAGEN, To-Day.

A despatch from Berlin states that Archduke Eugene of Austria has been appointed as Commander-in-Chief of Austrian forces operating against Italy. He has been chief of staff of the army engaged against Serbia.

AIRMAN BUELOW KILLED.

PARIS, To-Day.

Aviator Lieut. von Buelow, a relative of Prince von Buelow, was killed near Fismes in an air duel with a French aeroplane belonging to a newly formed squadron.

1.15 P. M.

THE GERMAN REPLY.

BERLIN, To-Day.

On the eve of the delivery to the United States Ambassador of the German reply to the American note on the destruction of the Lusitania, the exact form and phraseology the document would take seemed unsettled, and few changes in details were still under consideration. The answer in substance, however, will embody a proposal to the United States to defer definite consideration of Germany's submarine policy and President Wilson's demands until the two Governments have had an opportunity to establish just what sort of vessel was sunk. To determine whether the Lusitania was a peaceful merchantman, as assumed in the American note, or an auxiliary cruiser on the British navy list, mounting concealed cannon and carrying Canadian soldiers bound for the front, as well as a cargo of ammunition and supplies as indicated by the information the German Government claims to have. It will be in effect an invitation to define the terms to be used in the argument before proceeding with the discussion.

IN GOOD FETTLE?

Replying to a question at the sitting of the Budget committee of the Reichstag, to-day as to whether army administration had taken measures to ensure a supply of raw material and textiles in the event of long duration of the war, the Deputy War Minister made this precise statement: Even a new winter campaign would find us prepared in every way; all the raw materials are at hand in sufficient quantities for it. It must be declared out of the question, therefore, that the efficiency of our army could be impeded owing to some deficiency.

BULGARIA EXPECTED TO JOIN THE ALLIES.

PARIS, To-day.

Important changes in the Bulgarian diplomatic service, just announced is considered here to be highly significant. The 'Matin' sees in them an indication that Bulgaria will be second neutral power to join the Allies. Drizow, Minister to Italy, a firm supporter of the Triple Alliance, has been replaced at Rome by M. Stanciloff, diplomatic agent in Paris, who in turn is succeeded by M. Grecow, the confidential secretary of King Ferdinand.

'CHAMPAGNE' BROKE IN TWO.

LONDON, To-day.

A report was received by Lloyds stating that the steamer Champagne has broken in two.

WAS TORPEDOED.

LIVERPOOL, To-day.

It is learned from authoritative sources that the report on the Nebraskan incident to be sent to Washington, signed by Consul General Lee, Washington Naval Instructor McBride and Lieut. Powers, will state uniquevocally that the ship was torpedoed.

2 P. M.

BIG CAPTURE BY RUSSIANS.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

Twenty-six guns, numerous other arms of various classes, enormous stores of ammunition and provisions, and all of the Government Treasury for the Vilayet of Van were captured by the Russian army, which has occupied Van, in Armenia, according to an official announcement to-day. The Turks suffering heavy losses in Armenia are falling back before the continued advance of the Russians. The Russian force has occupied Vaskn Woskn on the southern shores of Lake Van. The Turks have been defeated on Seerosyrtyk Biza, Sufaverskuja road and the Russians have occupied Buriga.

2,000 CANADIAN TROOPS LAND IN ENGLAND.

MONTREAL, To-day.

The cable announces the safe arrival at Plymouth of the steamer Carpathia with more than 2,000 Canadian soldiers from Quebec.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

LIVERPOOL, To-day.

The Elder Dempster line steamer Ethiope, has been torpedoed and sunk. The chief officer and 16 men have been picked up. The rest of the crew are supposed to be in boats.

2.15 P.M.

ITALIAN INVASION CONTINUES SUCCESSFULLY.

ROME, To-Day.

All efforts of the Austrians to check the Italian invasion of Trent and Istria have failed and the advance continues successfully at every point. It is unofficially reported that the Austrian authorities have left Trieste and that the city has been abandoned to the mercy of the turbulent mobs. The Italian forces which occupied Gradisca have crossed the Isonzo River and are pushing southwards towards Monfalcone. The severe artillery duel along the heights of the Isonzo demonstrated the superiority of the Italian guns. The Italian army of invasion in Trent has occupied Storo and have stormed the Austrian defences upon Mount Tremalzo. Storo is seven miles inside the Austrian frontier and lies northeast of Lake Idro, Mount Tremalzo is east of Storo and lies north of Lake Garda.

Russia Has One Million New Men

READY TO TAKE FIELD.

London, May 18.— An American business man who has returned from Petrograd says that Russia's 1915 army is now coming into the field a million strong. Russia, he declares, has absolute confidence in beating Germany and Austria.

"I've seen thousands of Russia's new army," he said. "It is composed of the finest soldiers I have ever set eyes upon. Russia is talking little, but preparing to fight long. There is hardly any war news in the Russian papers but the people have confidence in the army.

"There is a growing feeling of friendliness toward the United States despite the fact of no treaty between the two countries. Conditions in Petrograd are entirely normal with every one keyed up about the entry of the new army into the war.

NEUTRALS INSPECT VICTIMS OF POISONOUS GASES.

Paris, May 17.—Four United States correspondents and two from other neutral countries, Holland and Switzerland, have just completed, at the invitation of the French Government, an inspection of the hospital where the victims of German asphyxiating gas lie. The inquiry has proved to the impartial satisfaction of all six men, that the gasses used were absolute poison, and that from inhaling a sufficient quantity of them men died as surely as if they had drank water from poisoned wells.

London, May 17.—Lieut.-Colonel J. J. Creelman, of the 2nd Field Artillery, Montreal, has arrived in England on sick leave, after spending ten days at a base hospital at Rouen. He informed your correspondent that he was a mile and a half from a spot at which the Germans were throwing gas bombs, the Canadian artillery replying to the German fire at the time, but even at that distance he felt the effects of the deadly gas, his eyes first affected, and then he was attacked by a violent nausea, followed by fever. He has now gone to North Wales to recuperate.

TRIED TO CUT PACIFIC CABLE.

Vancouver, B.C., May 20.—What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt to cripple the Pacific cable, connecting England and Canada with Australia, was frustrated when a sentry at the Bamfield cable station on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, was fired upon at midnight by members of a party of raiders who were attempting to land from a launch, presumably from the United States. The shot summoned the military guard, whose appearance caused the raiders to make a hasty retreat.

Information was obtained that the launch had been in the vicinity for several days, and was seen signalling to persons on shore.

The intention of the raiders was evidently to cut the cable. The destruction of the shore end of the cable at this time would be a notable feat for the Germans.

POLICE COURT.—A printer, charged with drunk and disorderly conduct in his mother's house, was fined $2 or 7 days, and ordered to give bonds to keep the peace. A man for loose and disorderly conduct was fined $2 or 7 days. A laborer of Battery Road, drunk for the third time, was fined $2 or 7 days.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, Etc.

Here and There.

ON MONDAY.—"The Thoughts of Theobald" will appear on Monday.

LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local from Carbonear via Brigus arrived in the city at noon to-day.

For a Cough or Cold try Stafford's Phoratone. Price 25c.; postage 5c. extra.—may18,tf

EXPRESS DUE.—A freight special from Port aux Basques with foreign imal is due in the city at 4 p.m. today.

WEATHER.—It is calm and dull along the line of railway to-day with the temperature ranging from 40 to 45 above.

BRUCE EXPRESS.—The Bruce express with passengers and foreign mail is due in the city at 4 p.m. to-to-night.

NOTICE.—The C. C. C. Reserves will meet in the Armoury to-morrow after last Mass. By order J. T. WALSH.—m29,1i

HAD TO RETREAT.—The S.S. Prospero, which was unable to proceed north, owing to ice conditions, is now on her way back and should arrive here at 6 o'clock this evening.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING—John Martin, 29 James Street, is prepared to undertake the work of chimney sweeping, and respectfully requests a share of the public patronage.—advt.

Stafford's Liniment cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all Aches and Pains. may18,tf

AT WESLEY CHURCH.—At Wesley Church to-morrow night the pastor, Rev. H. Royle, will preach on "The Church and Church Membership." The congregation are requested to be in their places early; visitors will receive a cordial welcome.

OUTPORT FRIENDS and Customers will please note our new address, No. 282, Duckworth Street. We have vacated our old premises 140 Water Street. CHESLEY WOODS.—may3,tf

SEALING CASE DISMISSED. — Judgment was handed down to-day in the Central District Court in one of the sealing cases preferred against Capt. Bob Bartlett, of the s.s. Bonaventure, by Wm. Hibbs and others. The alleged charge was failure to supply fresh meat on board the ship during the sealing voyage. The case was dismissed. Morine, K.C., for plaintiffs, and Mr. McNeily acted for Capt. Bartlett.

CABOT STRAIT SERVICE.—The S.S. Kyle which arrived at North Sydney this afternoon resumes her regular route on the Cabot Strait, leaving North Sydney for Port aux Basques to-night. The Bruce which is now at North Sydney will come here direct to be overhauled and painted, which work at the most will only occupy a couple of days after which she will resume the service. The Sagona which is plying on the route in the meantime will then come on here to be put in readiness for the Labrador route.

Lusitania Edition Daily Mirror—Photos, Stories, War Pictures, 75 to 90 pages. Over 100 pictures. As good as any dollar book published on Lusitania Disaster. On sale to-morrow, 12c. Boys wanted. J. M. RYAN SUPPLY CO.—may26,eod,tf

ALL NIGHT IN OPEN BOAT.—On Thursday afternoon last a lad named Peter Cluney of Kelligrews, and a couple of others were out in a small boat jigging. The thole pins of the boat broke and suddenly the wind freshened. The boat and occupants were in an awkward predicament and began to drift towards Kelly's Island, near Bell Island. They were seen from the land at Kelligrews and set out for by search parties but were not rescued until early yesterday morning when they were well used up. The lads won't forget their unenviable experience for some time.

BRUCE PASSENGERS—The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 3 p.m. yesterday with the following passengers in saloon:—E. H. Hopkins, H. H. Curran, J. A. Wilkinson, J. A. Cramm, H. Angel, James L. Hansen, Mrs. J. Parsons, T. V. Gillingham, Miss L. Rendell, J. Drake, Miss L. Brooks, Miss F. Sevior, Miss Blackmore, George J. Cumming, Mrs. J. Inkpen, Miss S. Darby, G. M. and Mrs. Gillis, Baxter Kean, Miss M. Harris, Miss A. Snow, E. Duff, R. B. Murcell, S. Balstone, J. A. Grant, H. Larkin, W. A. Winsor, A. S. Winsor, M. Hollett, C. D. Stanford, H. H. Kilburn, Mrs. A. Kilburn, Wm. Hiscock, J. W. Keating, and J. Smith.

"A Prize of $5."

What does the following mean?

V Dr X Doctor VI

The first person forwarding us the correct meaning of the above will receive $5 in gold.

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The competition will close on June 30th, 1915. The winner's name will be published on July 1st, 1915.

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Fashion Plates.

The Home Dressmaker should keep a Catalogue Scrap Book of our Pattern Cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.

1319.—A MOST ATTRACTIVE DRESS FOR HOUSE OR PORCH WEAR.

Ladies' House Dress with or without Yoke, and With Sleeve in Either of Two Lengths.

Checked gingham in gray and white is here portrayed, with white linene for trimming. For a cool and becoming morning dress, rose or light green linen with self or white trimming would be nice. The sleeve is good in wrist or elbow length. The style is also suitable for grenadine, serge, taffeta, percale, batiste, embroidered or plain voiles and crepes. The Pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires 5¾ yards of 44 inch material for a 36 inch size.

A Pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. in silver or stamps.

1320-1317.—A TRIM AND COMFORTABLE COMBINATION.

This comprises a smart shirt waist made from Pattern 1320, and a stylish skirt developed from Pattern 1317. The waist may be finished with wrist or elbow length sleeve, and with convertible collar. The skirt has convenient pockets at the sides, which, however, may be omitted. Its lines are new and attractive. For the waist, which is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure, crepe, taffeta, wash silk, batiste, linen, lawn or madras could be used. The skirt in covert cloth, shepherd check, in wool or cotton material, linen, gingham, ratine, serge or voile would be very serviceable and suitable. The Pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches waist measure. It requires 4 yards of 54 inch material for a 24 inch size. The waist requires 2⅝ yards of 44 inch material for a 36 inch size.

This illustration calls for TWO separate patterns which will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. FOR EACH pattern in silver or stamps.

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N.B.—Be sure to cut out the illustration and send with the coupon, carefully filled out. The pattern can not reach you in less than 15 days. Price 10c. each, in cash, postal note, or stamps. Address: Telegram Pattern Department.

British Naval Guns

Help to Repulse German Attack.—Advance on Lille Imminent.

It is just a week since the battle of the North was resumed and flamed out with greater intensity than ever along the whole line from Arras to the sea. The situation remains good for us, writes the 'Times' correspondent, so good indeed that the armies of the Allies are inspired with increased confidence and cheerfulness.

Taking first the line of the Yser from the sea to Dixmude, we find the Belgian Army again in a position to take the offensive on a large scale. On Friday, the enemy massed a force with the obvious intention of attacking across the dunes between Nieuport and the sea, but their intention was frustrated by heavy shell fire from our fleet lying off the Belgian coast. The enemy was unable to advance, and his efforts to silence the fire of our ships was harmless and unavailing.

Further south the French have crossed the Yser Canal. Fierce fighting is now in progress in Steenstraete.

At Ypres the British forces have sustained the full weight of a most tremendous and concentrated effort of the enemy has yet attempted. Our lines were rudely shaken. We are waiting the opportunity to advance on Lille. The French hold the heights over looking the plains towards Lens, Lille, and Donaim, and the evacuation of Lens is hourly expected.

5,000 Germans in Peril.

With the opening of the counter-offensive on Saturday and the advance of the French on our left a new phase, we hope, is opened in the third Battle of Ypres, writes Mr. Beech Thomas, the 'Daily Mail' special correspondent at Pas de Calais, under yesterday's date.

While the French advanced at Het Sas the Belgians pushed patrols forward along the sea shore, and, under cover of British guns from the sea, developed simultaneously a successful sortie from what may be called the sand castles on the dunes. The change of phase has been a great relief to the troops on the right of this advance. It has compelled the German infantry to face the music.

The third Battle of Ypres cannot be understood until it is realised how small a part the enemy's soldiers play. For many days the Germans in front of Ypres have hammered our trenches and the approaches to our trenches with shell and shrapnel without attempting an infantry attack.

Writing later Mr. Beech Thomas says:—The French have further developed their advance in the direction of Lens, where they hold all the ridges but one. British artillery has co-operated on the left of the French and by joint efforts a force of nearly 5,000 Germans are in a serious predicament.

Bravery of the Black Watch.

The 'Daily Express' Paris correspondent, writing yesterday, says:—I hear from a trustworthy source that the Black Watch had the honor of leading the attack which led to the taking of several enemy trenches north of LaBassee yesterday. The German positions were bombarded for three hours by our artillery.

Our men came in contact with the barbed wire defences which were not broken down by our shell fire. They had to cut the wire under a terrible enfilading fire from German machine guns which had been taken to the rear, when the bombardment began and replaced at the moment of the infantry attack. Nevertheless the Black Watch hung on until support arrived and managed to cut through the first line of trenches. At the second line a severe hand-to-hand struggle with bayonets took place and the third line gave way after a comparatively feeble resistance. The enemy cannot plead surprise nor minimise the importance of our success.

Had ship's anchor fall on my knee and leg, and knee swelled up and for six days I could not move it or get help. I then started to use MINARD'S LINIMENT and two bottles cured me.

PROSPER FERGUSON.

British Prisoners in Germany.

From time immemorial prisoners of war have evoked pity and sympathy. The agony and humiliation of the British Prisoners must be indescribably acute and galing. But from that state of suffering there can be no redress, it being part of the fortunes of war, but the lack of comforts and food stands in a different category. This want will grow in volume and intensity as the days go by.

As a result of an official organization having been created recently to carry parcels to the British Prisoners in Germany, insuring proper transmission through a neutral carrier, the "Khaki" Magazine of Imperial House, Kingsway, London, has started a Fund to supply food and comforts for those who have no relatives or friends to look after them, as it is known that these poor fellows are not getting a proper supply of food.

An appeal is made to you for Two Dollars only, as there are so many demands made upon you in other directions. This money will go for the direct benefit of the Prisoners, as there is no cost of transmission and no waste of any description, information having been established showing the kind of food and clothing, etc., which can be sent without confiscation by the German Government.

This appeal should get a large response as there is no other Fund which deals with this particular condition.

The "KHAKI" Magazine and Cabled News Sheet was created primarily as a gift for the Overseas Soldiers, bringing them late news from their homes. It is now supplying, free of charge, in addition to the soldiers at the front and in training, the various Hospitals in England and France, as well as the Grand Old Fleet. It is a purely patriotic endeavour and in no way commercial.

When the "Khaki" Magazine was founded, amongst the many who gave their support and expressions of good will for the work it had undertaken, were:—

The Duke of Wellington, K. G.
The Duke of Manchester.
The First Lord of the Admiralty.
The Countess of Zetland.
Lady Leven.
Mrs Leopold de Rothschild.
Lieut. General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, K. C. V. O.
The Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, P. C., M. P.
Lord Desborough.
The Earl of Essex.
Viscount Bryce.
Lord Willoughby de Broke.
The Earl of Ronaldshay.
Viscount Milner.
Earl of Kintore.
Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P.
Sir William Bull, M. P.
Mr. Evelyn Cecil, M. P.
The Right Hon. Sir Charles Johnston, Lord Mayor of London.
The Right Hon. J. E. Rayner, Lord Mayor of Liverpool.
The Right Hon. W. H. Bowater, Lord Mayor of Birmingham.
The Right Hon. James Taggart, Lord Provost of Aberdeen.
The Right Hon. Crawford McCullagh, Lord Mayor of Belfast.

All subscriptions will be published in this paper, and you are requested to send yours to any office of the ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, and mark it "KHAKI PRISONERS' FUND." The subscriptions will also be duly acknowledged in the Magazine and various newspapers in England from time to time.

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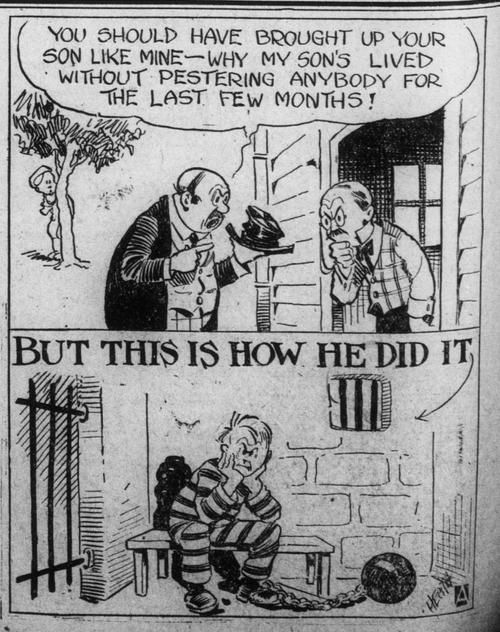


Princess Mary's Gift

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.,
May 27th, 1915.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

Despatch No. 232 from Secretary of State dated 6th May, on the subject of Princess Mary's Gift to our soldiers and sailors who were with the Colours on Xmas Day 1914.

I annex also copy of the Secretary of State's Telegram (No. 284) of 29 January, and of my reply (Telegram No. 71 of 29 January.)

I have not yet received any advice from the Crown Agents of the despatch of the Gifts.

I suggest publication through the Press.

(Sgd.) W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

Code Telegram from Secretary of State.

(Received 22 Jan. 1915.)

Confidential. Her Royal Highness Princess Mary desires to send a gift to every person who was serving with the Colours in any part of the World on Christmas Day. For this information required as to total number of Newfoundland Forces including local defence forces serving on that day. Expeditionary forces in Europe and any drafts which may have been started before Christmas Day should not be included.

HARCOURT.

No. 71.

Code Telegram to Secretary of State.
(Sent 29 January 1915.)

Your telegram 22nd January. Princess Mary's Gift Total land forces in Newfoundland on Christmas Day numbered 200. Draft starting next week to join Contingent will include all but twenty. I can distribute the gifts from here or, if preferred, those of those going forward can be packed for distribution at Fort George. Naval Force not included because they are dealt with by Admiralty direct.

DAVIDSON.

Newfoundland
No. 232.

Downing Street,
May 6, 1915.

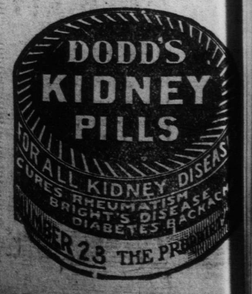
Sir,—

With reference to your telegram of the 29th of January, I have the honour to state, for the information of your Ministers, that it has for various reasons been found impossible to give effect at an early date as was originally contemplated to the wishes of Her Royal Highness Princess Mary with regard to her gifts to the troops serving with the colours on Christmas Day.

Arrangements for the despatch of the gifts are now, however, well in hand, and it is hoped that they will reach Newfoundland, and be available for distribution at an early date.

It is contemplated that the whole of the gifts destined for the Newfoundland troops should be sent to Newfoundland whether the men are now actually serving there or abroad, as that in the case of those who have left the island the gifts may be claimed by the men on their return, or if they have fallen, by their next of kin.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to apprise me of the date of the despatch of the gifts and of the name of the steamer by which they are being forwarded.

I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) L. HARCOURT.
Governor

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