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Evening Telegram

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Rules of Humanity Prevail Not.

Judging from articles that appear in the outside press on what is called "open" towns, an idea seems to be prevalent that the parties to the Hague Conference signed a Convention that only fortified towns were to be liable to bombardment. Unfortunately this is not so. At the Hague Conference in 1864, prohibitions bearing on this matter were passed as regards fighting on land. They are as follows:—

Art. 26.—The commander of an attacking force, before commencing a bombardment, except in the case of an assault, should do all he can to warn the authorities.

Art. 27.—In sieges and bombardments all unnecessary steps should be taken to spare as far as possible edifices devoted to religion, art, science, and charity, hospitals and places where the sick and wounded are collected, provided they are not used at the same time for military purposes. The besieged should indicate those buildings or places by some particular and visible signs, which should be notified to the assailants.

Art. 28.—The pillage of a town or place, even when taken by assault, is prohibited.

These rules as to hostilities adopted in 1864 for land warfare were extended to naval warfare at the Convention of 1907.

It will be seen from a perusal of these quotations that not only fortified towns and ports are liable to bombardment, but also all towns which are defended. The digging of trenches, the putting up of wire entanglements, the presence of armed forces, all go to make a town a defended place, and liable to bombardment.

If, however, the idea prevails that certain international rules, laws of humanity or the dictates of public conscience would direct German soldiers or sailors to limit their fire to fortifications or even combatants, a perusal of this paragraph from the German War Code will dispel it.

"A war conducted with energy cannot be confined to attacking the combatants of the enemy or its fortifications. It must at the same time be directed to the destruction of the whole of its intellectual material resources."

Sir Thomas Barclay in the Nineteenth Century says he had recently a conversation with a high personage in Berlin, who had the means of making his views prevail, and he said: "Any war between the great Western Powers at the present day can now only be a life and death struggle. No considerations of humanity, of justice, of treaty obligations, will interfere with its one great object, which will be to annihilate the enemy's powers of resistance. All methods are fair

Headquarters for Cake

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where war is no longer a mere duel, but a death grapple in which, just as teeth and nails are used between individuals, what is equivalent to them is used between nations.

With such notions prevailing there can be no hope that the dictates of humanity would prevail upon the Kaiser to interpret a defended port or defended town as a fortified one, and limit his warship fire to fortifications or to combatants outside or inside fortifications.

Christmas Dinner For the Poor.

On Thursday afternoon the Salvation Army supplied Christmas dinners to upwards of three hundred poor families in the city, irrespective of creed. The parcels contained fresh meat, bread, sugar, tea, fruit and candies, sufficient being given each family, according to the number of persons. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson were present at the distribution.

Cable News.

JAP DIET DISSOLVED.

TOKIO, To-day. Owing to the rejection of the measure for an increase in the army, the Emperor to-day dissolved the Imperial Diet, thus upholding the programme of the Ministry for military development.

ROME, To-day. Rains caused a landslide at Valmontone, thirty miles south east of Rome. Part of the city was covered by the landslide and many buildings collapsed. Forty persons were buried beneath the ruins.

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IS IT TRUE?

COPENHAGEN, To-day. A German squadron of considerable size is reported to have sailed out into the Northern Sea early to-day, proceeding towards the coast of England to give battle to the British fleet.

FRENCH LOSE SUBMARINE.

PARIS, To-day. According to advices to the Matin, a French submarine, belonging to the fleet of Vice-Admiral Papriere, has been sunk while attempting to torpedo an Austrian battleship in the Austrian naval base of Pola. The crew were rescued and taken prisoners.

WITH THE ADVENTISTS.—The subject at the Cookstown Road Church Sunday evening will be: "The Night is Far Spent, the Day is at Hand." Elder Wm. C. Young will occupy the pulpit. All seats free.

LATEST

From the Front.

10.00 A.M.

AIR FIGHT AT SHEERNESS.

LONDON, To-day. Christmas brought no rest to the armies at battle. It found the Russians still fighting desperately in snowy Poland against the fierce attacks of Germans and Austrians. The French are making a spasmodic thrust against the long German line of trenches in Northern and Eastern France. The British and Belgians are almost at hand to have warfare against the Germans. In Flanders yesterday things were generally quiet, says the German bulletin. The French report intermittent artillery firing. The French claim several successes along the centre of the eastern line, while the Germans declare they have taken British trenches in Belgium. Both sides assert they have repulsed attacks at various points, which indicates that a feeling process is under way all along the lines. So close are the trenches of the Allies and Germans at many points that almost the only weapons used are hand grenades, since it is impossible for men to expose themselves even to so small a degree as would be necessary to use their rifles. There have been informal truces between the British and German forces for burial of the dead between the lines, according to a British eye-witness, for many weeks along the battle lines the dead have lain as they fell there. Grievous accounts are given of bodies held erect by barbed wire and scouts crawling over them at night. A violent revolution has broken out in Albania against Essad Pasha, whom Turkey established as ruler there when the Ottoman Government broke into the European war. Essad Pasha's palace at Tirana has been pillaged and burned and massacres are reported. The Italian Government landed sailors from the warships of the fleet at Avlona, the principal Albanian port, to restore order and protect Europeans and peaceful inhabitants. Italian intervention may embroil Italy with her recent foe, Turkey. It holds possibilities of far-reaching results. German aviators made another attempt with bombs on a British port to-day. Like the attempt made on Dover, that of to-day, which was directed against Sheerness, was unsuccessful. An aeroplane crossed the Channel, according to an official report, and sailing high, it flew over Sheerness. A British aircraft went in pursuit, says one despatch, and engaged the enemy for a quarter of an hour before thousands of spectators. The invaders finally disappeared in the mist, having been hit several times.

11.00 A.M.

SUNK BY MINE.

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DIED.

This morning, Esther, wife of Patrick Foshan and daughter of J. J. Williams, Bay Bulls; funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 7 Prince's Street.

At Brigade, on the 28th inst., Frederick Allen, beloved wife of Henry J. Leamon and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. English.

This Date in History.

DECEMBER 26.
Full Moon, Jan. 1.
Days Past—359. To Come—5.
St. Stephen.
THOMAS GRAY born 1716. His Elegy written in a country churchyard is one of the most beautiful in the language, and in itself gives him a claim on immortality.

DECEMBER 27.
1st Sunday after Christmas.
Days Past—360. To Come—4.
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
CHARLES LAMB died 1834, aged 59. One of the most delightful of our essayists. His "Essays of Elia" are characterized by great felicity of expression, much genial humor and an ardent love both of rural life and London life.

DUKE OF NORFOLK born 1847. The Premier, Duke and Earl and Hereditary Earl Marshall of England. He has filled many public positions both in and out of Parliament, and served in the South African campaign as Captain in the Imperial Yeomanry.

JOHN WILKES died 1797, aged 70. A forcible, daring and original politician, who championed the cause of the people with great vigor and was for a time exceedingly popular.

THE CHRISTMAS REFRAIN TO SORROW.

(Charlotte Fiske Bates.)
How mirth and greetings jar an empty heart!
Would that, remembering mourners, they spoke low!
It is enough to set the tears astart,
To hear them shouting "Merry Christmas!" so.
If heart and home, poor brother, are forlorn,
Chide not the joy that breaks with Christmas morn!
Oh, how these carols smite a lonely ear!
What is all music since my own is still?
Where God has left whole, happy circles here,
They well may sing of "peace and His good will."
If heart and home, poor brother, are forlorn,
Rejoice! To-day Death's Conqueror was born.
Ah! what are Christmas gifts to my sick sight,
Since God has taken gifts I loved the best?
Could I but bring my precious dead to light,
The merry world were welcome to the rest.
If heart and home, poor brother, are forlorn,
Welcome the day, the Gift of gifts was born.
Though thy voice falter—greet some soul as sad;
Though thy heart ache—help other hearts to heal;
Give what thou canst, to make the children glad;
And use thy woe to work the needy's weal.
If heart and home, poor brother, are forlorn,
The Prince of Peace can fill them Christmas morn.
—Christian Intelligencer.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle left Marystwn at 2.30 p.m. Thursday going west.
The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.45 a.m. to-day.
The Clyde arrived at Lewisports at 5.20 p.m. yesterday.
The Dundee left Port Blandford at 1.30 a.m. to-day.
The Ethel left Clarendville at 9.30 a.m. yesterday.
The Glencoe left St. Jacques at 5 a.m. Thursday going west.
The Home arrived at Lewisports at 11.50 a.m. Thursday.
The Lintrose leaves North Sydney to-night.

WEATHER.—A light north-west wind prevails along the line of railway to-day with the temperature ranging from 9 below to 10 above, the lowest being at Bishop's Falls.