



"IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE."

Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, April 23rd, 1919.

The Incomparable Infantry.

The famous Victoria despatch of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, dated December 21st, 1918 and addressed to the British Secretary of State for War has been published in the full text, and is one of the most absorbing documents of the war, describing the complete operations on the Western front from the end of April 1918 to the signing of the armistice on November 11th, and being a record of continuous victory. The Field Marshal touches on every detail of the great offensive and pays just tribute to every department of the services engaged, but particularly does he lay emphasis on the most striking kind on the gallant deeds of the incomparable infantry, whose rifles and bayonets won the war. The infantry battalions, to quote a famous General "are the backbone of the British army," but in the recent war they were, as well, the whole body, because it was upon the foot regiments that the brunt of the fighting fell. In the early days, before the British artillery had been brought up to the requirements of the struggle, it was the rifle and bayonet that stemmed the crush of the German torrent and stayed its course, and though utterly outnumbered by the enemy the men of the line were never outfought or outgeneraled. Yet notwithstanding the peril of being overwhelmed by the superior numbers of the foe, it was not until two and a half years of conflict had passed that the high water mark of the fighting strength of the British infantry had been reached, and this fact itself more than demonstrates that any demonstration were needed—the indubitable superiority of the British army in morale and fighting power, to quote General Haig's despatch:—

"Despite the enormous development of mechanical invention in every phase of warfare, the place which the infantryman has always held as the main substance and foundation of an army, is as secure to-day as in any period of history. The infantryman remains the backbone of defence and the spearhead of the attack. At no time has the reputation of the British infantryman been higher or his achievements more worthy of his renown. During the past three months the same infantry divisions have advanced to the attack day after day and week after week with an untiring, irresistible ardour which refused to be denied. No praise can be too high for the valour they have shown, no gratitude too deep for the work they have accomplished."

In this eulogy of the infantry, Newfoundlanders will be deeply interested. Our regiment shares in the praise so lavishly and sincerely bestowed by the Field Marshal Commanding the British forces. The men from Terra Nova formed part of the line which was bent but never broken, and through all the turmoil of the mighty struggle, the Caribou with upreared head and branching antlers was ever in the forefront; the men

wearing the noble stag as their badge being part of the backbone of a defence which held and broke the advancing waves of German divisions. Every branch of the army in the field receives its tribute from the gallant Field Marshal: Artillery, Cavalry, Air Forces, Tanks, Labor Corps, Medical Corps, Forestry, Machine Gunners, Engineers, Gas, Signal, Transportation and Supply services, Chaplains and Administrative Departments, not one is omitted, but, as is only natural, the successors to "the men that fought at Minden" come in for the lion's share of the praise, as they bore the lion's share of the engagements, which ended in the breaking down of the spirit of the enemy, and his utter discomfiture. "The strain of the closing years of the war" says the despatch, "was never ceasing, the demands they made upon the best of the Empire's manhood are now known. Yet throughout all these years . . . the confidence of our troops in final victory never wavered. Their courage and endurance rose superior to every test, their cheerfulness never falling, however terrible the conditions in which they lived and fought. By the long road they trod with so much faith and with such devoted and self-sacrificing bravery, we have arrived at victory, and to-day they have their reward." Eloquent testimony indeed to the unequalled spirit and devotion of the soldiers of the British Empire.

The Public Debt.

From the recent figures presented to the House of Assembly by the Minister of Finance, it is calculated that, including the new loan to be raised next month, the public debt of the Dominion has now reached the enormous sum of approximately \$46,250,000. (Forty-six million and a quarter dollars), the interest charge on which is Two Million and Ninety Thousand Dollars. (\$2,990,000). To go against the gross debt there is about \$1,500,000, due the Colony by the Municipal Council, and some scrip of the Harbor Grace Water Company amounting to \$13,700. The net debt, therefore, approximates Forty-four Million, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$44,800,000), an increase of some twenty-two million dollars since 1909, when the Morris Government assumed control. Verily the money has flown in the past ten years.

Why the Rake-Off?

Returns tabled by the Minister of Finance at the House yesterday show that the subscriptions to the Victory Loan taken in Canada, last year, were underwritten at 95. In other words the Canadian purchaser bought the Bonds at a discount of 5 per cent, which gives him an additional interest and a profit over and above that enjoyed by the Newfoundland investor, whose lowest rate of purchase was 98, when taken in blocks of \$50,000. The small subscriber received no such discount, having taken his shares at par, a discrimination, which, as was pointed out at the time was both unjust and unfair. But what can be said of the exceedingly favorable terms allowed the Canadian investor, who not only received the five per cent discount, thus buying stock at 95 for 100, but gets on that account an extra 1/2 per cent on his investment. Whereas the local subscriber receives 6 1/2 p.c. per annum the more fortunate and privileged outsider is drawing interest at the rate of 7 per cent. Was there a rake-off? Subsequent events will tell.

Annual Vital Statistics.

The Registrar General has our thanks for a copy of his Annual Report on the Vital Statistics of the Dominion for the year ended December 31st, 1918. During that year the registration of births were 7,465, deaths 5,182. Natural increase, 2,283. The death rate for the period covered by the report was unfortunately the highest for some years, the epidemic of Spanish influenza being responsible for the increased mortality, the total rate reaching the proportion of 19.98 per thousand. It is interesting, as well as hopeful

to notice the decrease in the Infant Mortality rates, 1918 showing the least percentage—135.30 per thousand—for eight years, for the St. John's districts, but the death toll of infants is yet too high, and more care and attention will have to be given both mothers and children, if the infant mortality is to be brought to a normal stage. For the Dominion, the rate is also the smallest for eight years, the proportion of deaths to births being 114.82 per thousand. For St. John's City, the infant deaths per thousand, though much less than those of the previous year (1917) still reach the appalling ratio of 152.05. Much remains to be done regarding the welfare of the child in order to reduce these figures in future.

The comparative table of twelve principal causes of death is headed by the "White Plague," which is responsible for 746 victims. Next comes Influenza with 743; Old Age, 438; Congenital Debility, 398; Pneumonia, 338; Infantile, 311; Paralysis, 143; Cancer, 134; Bronchitis, 116; Measles, 108; Whooping Cough, 94; Diphtheria and Croup, 40.

In estimating the population of the Dominion and its dependency, Labrador, the Registrar General uses the following table:—  
Population, Dec. 31, 1917 . . . 257,215  
Natural Growth, 1918 . . . 2,282

Less loss by Emigration,  
1918 . . . 159

Population Nfld. and Labrador,  
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The Week's Calendar.

- APRIL (4th month, 30 days.)
- 21.—MONDAY.—Order of the Garter instituted, 1344. Ypres II, 1915.
  - 22.—TUESDAY.—St. George's Day. General Sir E. Allenby born, 1861. Cameroons Coast blockaded, 1915.
  - 23.—WEDNESDAY.—Justin McCarthy died, 1912.
  - 24.—THURSDAY.—Anzac Day. Viscount Grey of Faldens, K.G. born 1852. H.R.H. Princess Mary born 1897. "Gladiator" rammed by "St. Paul" 1908. Allied Army landed in Gallipoli, 1915. German cruisers bombard Lowestoft and Yarmouth, 1916.
  - 25.—FRIDAY.—Full Moon, 8 hrs. 5 mins. a.m.
  - 26.—SATURDAY.—Dunbar, 1296. R. W. Emerson, 1882. Turkish gunboat sunk by British submarine, 1915. Battleship "Russell" sunk by mine, 1916. German submarine sunk, 1916.
  - 27.—SUNDAY.—First Sunday after Easter. Paris bandit Bonnot captured, 1918.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Geo. W. LeMessurier, of the G. P. O., is still confined to his home with a heavy attack of bronchitis. Mr. Geo. Neal has been ill for the past few weeks and is still unable to get out.  
Mr. Charles Bulley, accompanied by his wife, leaves to-day on a health trip to Canada and the United States.  
Mr. L. Wakeley, of Hr. Buffett, is at present in the city.  
Messrs. O. Leach and H. Archibald, of Harbor Grace, are registered at the Crosbie.  
Mr. J. Kelloway, for so many years purser on the South Coast steamship route to the Reid Newfoundland Co's boats, has been appointed station agent of the Company at Bonavista, and left by train to-day, with his family, to take up his new duties. Mr. Kelloway takes with him the best wishes of all who travelled with him on the Glenoce, Fogota, and other ships in which he served.  
L.-Cpl. James Peyton arrived in town on Friday night last, after an absence of seven years, four of which he served for his King and Country, two years and three months being a prisoner of war in Germany. He is looking fine after his long absence, and feels nothing the worse for his experience with the Hun. He is now spending an enjoyable time with his parents and many friends who are glad to see him back again, and will shortly be leaving again for the Old Country where he will make his future home. Cpl. Peyton was a member of the 17th Battalion, C.F.

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Read what the English "AUTO-MOTOR JOURNAL," Feb. 27th, 1919, says about the

# STUDEBAKER:

A Car like the STUDEBAKER is not likely to be matched here at anything like STUDEBAKER price, in the next year or two, nor is likely to be matched at its price plus one-third.

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Awful Accident.

WOMAN AND CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.  
Constance from Hearts Content, reported by the Inspector-General of Constabulary, states that a house owned by the Smith family was burned to the ground and in the conflagration Mrs. Smith and her little child lost their lives. No other particulars have been received, but it is thought that the victims were caught during sleep and upon waking found their way to safety blocked by the destructive element, perishing in the flames of their homestead.

Reservists Returning.

The following Naval Reservists have arrived at Halifax by the Olympic on their way home: P. O. Cyril Batten, 1992X; L. S. Buseless Lambert, 1015X; Peter Hammond, 730X; Asarrah Fagan, 1540X; Gordon Ivary, 909X; Alfred Foote, 1061X; Rowland Hiscock, 860X; Robert Brown, 824X; Samuel Pettin, 816X; Seaman-Mechanics Rater H. Tackett, 274X; Chas. 1519X; Edward J. Green, 393X; Geo. Atkine, 2062X; Mark Norman, 1746; Mm. J. Brake, 1634; Selby Pircey, 1124; James Good, 2252; Christopher Cobb 819; Joseph Snow, 1758; Charles W. Lewis, 1890; Walter King 912; Joseph H. Peley, 2220; Henry Newman, 1491; Nelson Adams, 995; Charles V. Penney, 610; Thos. Best, 253; George Snow, 665; John Luther, 1154; Thomas Peck, 2252; Edward Morris, 2109; Wm. R. Mercer, 844; Thomas Osborne, 1730; John Osborne, 2378; Chas. Carior, 2425; Ed. Peddle, 2531; Henry J. Peddle, 2073; Joseph H. Bursey, 2373; Albert Hutchings, 2207; David Warren, 1195; Thomas L. Harvey, 1409; Caleb H. Cutler, 2008; William Patey, 1095; Joseph Roberts, 2385; Hy. Talk, 2218; Solomon Churchill, 1005; Joseph Bradbury, 749X; Chas. J. Edmond, 2053X; Alfred White, 534X; Emmanuel House 2487X; Jacob Hill, 1662X; Morris Fitzgerald, 1999X; Fred P. Bleed, 211X; Alf. Peley, 2890X; Wm. J. Tiley, 1985X; Ariel Green, 1414X; William Jones, 2796X; Heseckial Wiseman, 1111X; Wm. Hiscock, 1923X; Thos. Thomas, 6022; Kenneth Peddle, 1082X; Gilbert Ash, 1508X; John H. Freake, 2212X; Jas. Northover, 1373X; Wm. C. Dave, 332X; Bishop, 392X; Fred C. Pope, 2687X; John W. Wilcox, 2747X; Moses Smith, 2437; Edward Lane, 1459X; Nelson Gibbons, 2451X; Abner Culet, 2452X; Peter Keating, 1810X; Matthew Hearn, Tim. Murphy, 3012X; Geo. Mercer, 2377X; Matthias Jacobs, 2347X; Mark Green, 333X; Chas. Miner, 2244X; Geo. Warford, 2457X; Wm. E. Squires, 461X; Abraham White, 2527; Ed. Whelan, 3508X; Abraham Fagan, 535X; Joseph, 2728X; Norman King, 2472X; Fred W. Patey, 2524X; John Bradbury, 2468; Sam. Tucker, 2478.

Wedding Bells.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Patrick's Church on Easter Monday night, when Pte. David Hipditch, of "Our's," son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Hipditch led to the altar Miss Victoria Marie, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marie of Salmonier. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Fr. Benoit, P.P. The bride, who was very prettily attired in a costume of sage blue silk with hat to match, was attended by her sister, Miss Jessie Marie, while the groom was supported by the bride's cousin, Pte. A. Whelan. Many numerous and handsome presents were received testifying to the popularity of the couple. After the wedding a reception was held at the groom's residence and was attended by many friends.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away after a lingering illness, April 23rd, at 1.30 p.m., David McCrindle, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, aged 65 years, leaving to mourn him a wife, 2 sons, and 2 daughters; funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, No. 10 Duckworth St.; friends will please accept this, the only intimation.  
Suddenly, last evening, at the age of ninety-one, Anna, relict of the late Thomas Rice. Funeral on Friday, from the residence of her son Arthur, Freshwater Road. Boston papers please copy.  
Last evening, Marion Isabel, darling child of W. R. and the late Marion Isabel Hammond, aged 2 years.  
Passed peacefully away at the General Hospital, April 23rd, Nellie Starks, aged 25 years, daughter of Sheba Starks, of Pool's Island, leaving mother, two sisters, one brother, and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from 56 Lime Street. Sleep on, beloved sleep, and take thy rest.  
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best.  
Good night, good night, good night.  
At the General Hospital, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., Mary Julia, widow of James G. Hunt, aged 57. Funeral will take place from her late residence 88 Barnes Road, to-morrow, Friday, at 2.30 p.m.

The Majestic.

To-night's presentation at the Majestic will be a "Select" film, portraying Constance Talmage in "Up the Road with Sallie." This picture is a complete departure from those formerly presented at the popular theatre, being bright, vivacious, breezy, humorous and pathetic by turns. There will also be screened a Drow Comedy, a laugh-maker from start to finish and one which it will be a delight to witness.  
The management are considering the reproduction of last night's presentation of "War Brides," having been requested to do so by hundreds of people who, owing to other engagements during the opening evenings of Easter week were unable to witness this production. The Majestic has the popular pictures and will continue its policy of giving nothing but the best.

Oporto Stocks.

This Wk. Last Wk.  
Stocks (Nfld.) . . . 3,577 15,275  
Consumption . . . 5,698 5,110

Shipping Notes.

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The S.S. Dignity leaves Liverpool on Saturday the 26th inst. direct for here. The new vessel recently built by M. Palfrey at Placentia, for Campbell, McKay & Co., is due here shortly.

The Harkins Co.

Despite the rain storm last night, the Harkins Company had no cause to be disappointed in the size of the audience when the curtain rose on the first setting of "Johnny Get Your Gun," a comedy in a Prologue and three acts, the former dealing with the movie picture taken out West, and the latter with scenes occurring in an aristocratic country home at Long Island, New York, where the usual matchmaking in money and titles was exemplified.  
The whole play evoked a continuous roar of laughter, the characters being well sustained both in acting, expression and elocution, every word being distinctly audible throughout the Hall. Janet Burnham, the heroine, was portrayed by Miss Maureen Lyons; the society aunt by Miss Bern. and the match-making society sponsor Mrs. Tupper, by Miss Boniface. Miss Marjorie Dalton, as Jordan the maid, played a difficult part with great vim and dash. The title role "Johnny" was taken by Mr. Keith Ross, and was typically Western. The pseudo-duke of No Man's who is after the cash, was presented by Mr. Cody, who was really funny. Pollett, the duke's English valet, bore a remarkable resemblance to a distinguished individual at present in our midst, and if the make up was accidental it was none the less striking. The other characters in the comedy were Johnny the Butler (Mr. Mann), Cotto, the family lawyer (Mr. Jellie), John Milton, a friend (?) of the Burnham family (Mr. Hubert) and Bert Whitney, who eventually marries the heiress, (Mr. Harvey). The play, which will be repeated to-night, is excellently staged, and is well worth seeing, (if only to note the "valet") and another crowded ed house will undoubtedly witness the presentation this evening.

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