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THURSDAY, Dec. 20th, 1917.

The War.

There has been for some days a perceptible lull on all the main battlefronts except the Italian, where the enemy attacks seem to come on in successive waves only to beat themselves to pieces against the rock of the Italian resistance. We should not need the increasing evidence of signs behind the French and Flanders fronts in great massings of troops to know that we are being warned of a stupendous struggle there in preparation, for whether or not the Allies may deem it good policy to attack there, it is as clear as day that Germany is under dire necessity to do so, to effect some great decision in the one essential theatre of war before the opportunity is gone forever and the tide has set overwhelmingly against her. The opportunity, or the semblance of it, has been provided by the joint collapse of Russia and the defeat of Italy on the Isonzo, and it is by repeatedly drawing attention to those great setbacks that the pessimists on our side are able to make the impression they clearly are making. With the Allies for the next three or four months it is a question of "nerves" more than anything else.

For what are these two apparent victories really worth to the enemy? To look at Italy first, what has Germany gained there? A great number of prisoners, guns and supplies—these must be conceded and they make a serious total. But there is little to add to it. To have freed Austria of the danger that threatened her was something, but the very fact of the Italian retirement shows that the danger could not have been as great as is immediately as was generally believed. The moving back of the Italian front to the Piave is absolutely no gain at all militarily, and it may be the reverse, as we have so often claimed. Germany is now committed to a continuous and costly offensive there, on a front which, in comparison, was before inactive. Germany's greatest gain in Italy has been a moral one, in the effect of events there upon the minds of thousands of people who persist in looking at non-essentials and judging the war by the map and lines of longitude and latitude.

That Germany has gained enormously from the Russian chaos it would be absurd to deny. But it is another matter to say how much, and it is also pertinent to ask when. For one expert at least, the Scientific American, holds the view that Germany extracted the greatest advantage from Russia's helplessness long ago, and dates the beginning of the process back beyond the revolution. Since then the Russian front has been merely a huge sanatorium for wounded German and Austrian soldiers, who, for practical purposes, might as well have been in the centres of those countries themselves. "How thin," it says, "the Russian line was held and with what inferior quality of troops, is suggested by the fact that, even after the Russian debacle had taken place, Brusiloff was able to launch an offensive that easily brushed

aside the enemy lines and resulted in a huge bag of prisoners." The writer goes on to argue that "We are inclined, therefore, to believe that such German forces as were sent into Austria must have come not from the Russian but from the French front. Everything that was of sufficient quality to face the supreme trial of British and French attack in the West had doubtless been dispatched from Russia long before the great offensive was launched on the Isonzo. This being the case, it is safe to assume that the tide of German invasion is now at its full height."

If this view is correct, and it is certainly plausible, its meaning is clear. It means that any troops which Germany can now hurl against the Allies in France and Flanders must be drawn from what are essentially her reserves. And what the attempt means to Germany is thus strikingly expressed by the same paper. "These doubters (and thanks to enemy propaganda their name is legion) should remember that the line which they draw with pen and ink upon the map is reproduced upon the fields of France and Flanders in a fierce white flame—a seven-times heated furnace—in which the very flower of the German army is being constantly shrivelled up like a scroll. Not in any one of the historic wars of which there is reliable record have the regiments and divisions of a great army been decimated and redeclimated on such a tragic scale as that which is now witnessed in France and Flanders."

This description receives confirmation, if it needed any, from a remarkable letter recently published in the London Times from a Dutch correspondent. He wrote that if the British public had an inkling of the true state of the military mind of Germany towards Flanders, it would not number a single pessimist among its ranks, unless he were a pro-German. To a German soldier, he said, an order to the despatch of men to it, the British army, he says, is a growing nightmare to Germany, and there is no escape from it.

What, then, are the broad relative conditions on the Western front, the real theatre of war, on which it is fast concentrating? A message this morning states that Germany has now 154 divisions there, equivalent to her maximum of last summer, but that even so the Allies greatly outnumber them. Germany will attack, we are sure of that; she will throw her living masses into this cauldron of death. How do the reserves compare with the losses which must be made good? Germany can draw a certain number more of men from the East, though they must be of inferior calibre. She cannot get another man

from another source. If she does so from Italy, a terrible vengeance is ready to shatter her weakened lines. From Russia, then, she must get her reserves. The Allies have large British and Colonial and French sources yet untouched, and a steady unending stream of fresh warriors from America, a land of a hundred millions. It is not correct to balance America against Russia as almost everyone does. We should balance her against the German army on the Russian front, a very different thing. Who, taking this broad survey of the position, can harbour a doubt of the great issue?

Caught in the Storm.

The schr. Fog Free Zone arrived at Shambler's Cove yesterday, after a trying experience. She left here about a week ago with a load of provisions for Exploits and had to contend with very heavy weather, having her canvas blown away. While the storm was on she was in company with the schr. Duke, being then about 300 miles S.E. of Baccalieu. Both vessels were running under bare poles and before the gale was over the Duke was lost sight of. The latter vessel was owned by Capt. Wm. Winsor and left here with supplies for Wesleyville. The S.S. Susa has gone in search of her.

Halifax Sends Further Thanks.

Copy of Telegram Received From Halifax by Major Gosling, Dec. 19, 1917.

Again please accept the sincere thanks of our Relief Committee acting for the citizens generally for your further generous contribution of ten thousand dollars, as advised in yours of the 19th inst. No telegram or letter could adequately express our appreciation of the exceptional generosity received from our neighbors in Newfoundland.

R. T. McLEITH,
Chairman of Relief Committee.**McMurdo's Store News**

THURSDAY, Dec. 20th, 1917.
Among latest arrivals we find that well known cough and cold remedy known as "108 Nox a Cold." This mixture is designed not merely to relieve the cough, but to cure the cold which causes the cough. Price 30c. a bottle.

We have just received a full shipment of Orchard White, and expect to have it open this evening. This toilet lotion—the most sought after of this class of goods we have handled in recent years—appears to fulfill the highest expectations of its users.

A Wonderful Man.

We read a lengthy letter in last evening's Telegram. It was Warwick Smith who wrote it, and we tell you he's no sham; of the many, many items that this gentleman did do, in this rhyming for a reason we will tell them unto you. But one thing he didn't mention, and 'tis this, to-day he'll go, for a pair of Hi-press rubbers to the genial "Natty" Snow. For he handled tons of iron and he shovelled tons of coal; he was on the steamers "firin" and in many a queer old hole, threaded pipe and tended cattle, broke up pig iron, used a saw, heard the soldiers' cannon's rattle, and slept on a bed of straw. But one thing he didn't mention, and 'tis this to-day he'll go, for a pair of Hi-press rubbers to the genial "Natty" Snow.—ad.

Wedding Bells.

A very pleasing event took place last evening at Cochrane St. Centennial Church, when the marriage of Miss Irene C. Bowden, daughter of W. H. Bowden & Co., to Sergt. Harold C. James, of the Nfld. Regiment took place. The church was filled to its utmost with friends and well-wishers. The bride looked beautiful in white silk. The bridesmaids were Miss Winnie Bowden, sister of the bride, and Miss Agnes Soper, daughter of Mr. Albert Soper, merchant. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dr. Bond. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's father where refreshments and toasts were the order. The array of beautiful gifts, fully 100, testified to the popularity of the newly-wedded couple.

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Uniform or Morning Dress.
Those attending will please bring a Visiting Card to hand to the Private Secretary before presentation.

By command,
H. KNOX-NIVEN,
Lt.-Col.,
Private Secretary.
Government House,
20 Dec., 1917. dec20,31

B. F. C Speech Day.

His Excellency the Governor Presents Prizes.

The annual closing exercises, or Speech Day, for Bishop Field College took place last night at the Casino Theatre. It was under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, who attended and was accompanied by Lt.-Col. H. Knox-Niven, Private Secretary, and Hon. R. Watson, Assistant Private Secretary. On arrival at the theatre His Excellency was received by the Rev. Canon Bell. Included in the large number present were Rev. Canon White, Bishop-elect, Revs. Dr. Jones, J. Brinton, Pike and Moulton, Hon. M. G. Winter, Hon. T. Cook and others of the Board of Directors. The first item on the programme was an exhibition of drill by the College Company of the C.L.B. under Lieut. Sheppard, and by the Kindergarten Class, under Miss Steed. The Headmaster, Mr. R. R. Wood, then read his report, which from an educational point of view showed an excellent record. The 280 Old Fellows have answered the call of Empire and are serving with "Ours" or regiments abroad, many of whom have made the supreme sacrifice. The college is now being conducted on military lines, the pupils being members of the C.L.B. He paid a well merited tribute to the Rev. Canon White, an Old Fieldian, on the high position he had been elected to and in conclusion thanked the parents for the co-operation of the year.

The operetta "Jigamare," which was produced by a number of pupils of the college, was greatly enjoyed by all. The leading characters were taken by E. S. Eady, Johnson, W. Sanford, Mercer, Gardner, A. Perlin and G. LeMessurier. Mr. H. W. Stirling, who trained the boys, acted as director. Rev. Canon Bell, on behalf of all extended a hearty welcome to His Excellency on this his first public appearance, which was appropriate as he is the son of a former master of the old C. of E. Academy, the original college. He regretted the absence of His Lordship the Bishop, who after some forty years had laid down the burden of office. Owing to the death of his son in action, Dr. Blackall was not able to be present, but his report was read by the Headmaster.

His Excellency the Governor in addressing the gathering stated that he still had in his possession a prize won at the Old Academy, and in his father's study for many years had hung a photo of Bishop Field. He congratulated the pupils on their excellent performance, and also their teachers for the able manner in which they had trained the lads. Referring to the Nfld. Regiment, he stated that "Ours" had created a sensation in England, where no one thought the colony could produce such a fine type of men. His Excellency then presented the prizes to the fortunate winners.

Rev. Canon White, in proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency for his kindness in distributing the prizes dwelt on the great need for better educational facilities at the college. Mr. W. R. Warren, in seconding the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, briefly reviewed the history of the college, and the boyhood days of His Excellency up to the present. Cheers were then called for His Excellency, the soldiers, masters and the biggest one of all for the holidays.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle arrived at Piacentia at 7.15 p.m. yesterday.
The Clyde left Campbellton at 1 p.m. yesterday.
The Dundee left Port Blandford at 11.25 p.m. yesterday.
The Ethie left Port aux Choix at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, inward.
The Glencoe arrived at Fortune at 6.30 p.m. on the 18th.
The Home was not reported since leaving Point Leamington.
The Wren arrived at Clarendville at 2.45 p.m. yesterday.

Here and There.

When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS'; they're the best.

BOWING'S SHIPS.—The Portia left Grand Bank at 9 a.m. to-day; due Saturday. The Prospero sails for the northward to-morrow.

See the Fine Picture at the Nickel to-night showing how Welch's Grape Juice is made.—li

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Tuesday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Choix at 8.40 p.m. yesterday; the incoming express is due at 8.30 p.m. to-day.

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

OFF FOR FRANCE.—Mr. Thomas Penny has received a message from his son, Lieut. Michael J. Penny, informing him that he was leaving for France on his way to the front.

CHOICE LOCAL MUTTON.—G. KNOWLING, LTD., have just received a few Carcasses, from the West Coast, which they are selling cheap.—dec20,li

Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov29,tf

BIG SALT SHIPMENT.—A shipment of over five thousand tons of salt is now here from Cadiz and the work of discharging it begins this afternoon. Messrs. Bowring Bros. are the owners of the cargo.

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On the 19th inst., after a short illness, Edward Murphy, aged 9 years, son of Denis Murphy, leaving a mother, three sisters and one brother to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, No. 167 Pleasant Street; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only, intimation.

On the 19th inst., after a short illness, John Joseph Murphy, aged 7 years, son of the late James Murphy, leaving a mother, one brother and two sisters to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, No. 170 Pleasant St.; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only, intimation.

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