



## Evening Telegram

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### The French Attitude.

The stand taken by the French delegation to the Washington Armament Conference, at Wednesday's session is very much to be deplored. The submarine, rightly known as "the wolf of the sea" had created a feeling of nausea and disgust during the late war, and all were filled with hope that as a weapon of offense it would be abolished by all the Powers, and no minor nation allowed to construct any for themselves. The Washington Conference very clearly had this one object in view. The abolition of the submarine would have been a grand stroke of peace work, but the rift within the international lute was made by France which refused to abide by any agreement on this question, and claimed the right of freedom in the future building of nearly one hundred thousand tons of submarine craft, and in addition to construct over three hundred thousand tons of cruisers, destroyers and auxiliary ships. Even the Japanese were surprised at this declaration on the part of the French delegation, and at the remarkable change which had so swiftly taken place in the originally outlined naval policy, when it appeared that they had agreed to the limitations as laid down on the five Power basis. American and Italian representatives deprecated the attitude taken by the French and expressed regret that it had occurred.

The Right Honorable Arthur J. Balfour, speaking for Britain, elaborating on the broadly expressed charge of the British delegates that such a building programme on the part of France must be regarded as a menace to British coasts, said that he doubted not that if such an occasion arose—that is a French invasion of Britain—that Britain would be equal to it, but only by reserving to herself complete freedom of action in the building of all types of auxiliary vessels capable of combating the submarine. Thus it narrows down to the point that if France builds more naval craft than are at present necessary, Great Britain must follow on a greater ratio, and the other naval powers in proportion. And so the struggle will go on. People will continue to be weighed down and oppressed with taxation in the mad race for naval supremacy. It is a great pity that this has taken place. Just when the world was beginning to recover from the staggering costs and losses of the great conflict, and was thinking seriously of settling down in peaceful industry, and hoping earnestly that something would be done at the Washington Conference, it has awakened on this morning so near the end of the year, in the season of Christmas, the time when "peace on earth good will to men" is being preached from every Christian pulpit, to find that pre-war conditions in constructing naval additions have again been brought in play. We did not really expect that a great deal would be

done, but at least all hoped that a mutual agreement would be reached by the delegates of the five great powers on naval disarmament. But it is seemingly not to be. France has upset all calculations by her demand for a free hand, and all the discussions up to the present have been rendered of no account.

### Get To-Morrow's Telegram.

With to-morrow's issue the Telegram closes another year of existence, and as in former years, on this date, departs somewhat from defined lines in the selection of reading matter. The contents will be: "General Chronology of the year 1921"; "Newfoundland during 1921," comprising reviews of the Legislature, Fisheries, Industries, Marine losses and the most important events of the year. A story combining fact and fiction by Canon Lockyer will be a feature. The Cub-Editor's disquisition on New Year Resolutions is something not to be overlooked. Peppy's diary is not the least amongst other literary efforts in to-morrow's issue. We have also been given the privilege of publishing the Valedictory of Mayor Morris, an address to the people of St. John's which is as sincere as it is convincing. Mayor Morris' tenure of office expires on the last day of the year. In addition, of course, the usual current matter, both local and foreign will be made up in that form of easy reading style for which the Telegram is noted. The paper will be off the press about noon, and in the hands of the newsboys almost at once. We recommend that our readers do not miss their regular copy.

### To Correspondents.

DANCEMAD.—Yes, it's quite true that the famous song "Say Won't You Come to the Ball" is one of the numbers in the "Quaker Girl" Opera. When you hear Sandy Lawrence sing it you'll go right home for your dancing slippers.

### Methodist

#### Orphanage Treat.

Misses Elsie and Jean Herder, assisted by a number of other young ladies, gave the Methodist Orphanage children a treat yesterday afternoon. A short concert was held and presents were distributed to each child from a Xmas Tree. The management committee and several of the clergy were present. There are now 47 children at the orphanage, the largest number since its institution. During the past year the building has been entirely renovated. A new plumbing system has been installed and playrooms have been added. Needless to say the little ones were delighted with the "goodies" so liberally provided by those who undertook the entertainment.

### Storm at Grand Falls.

#### THREE MEN MISSING.

Passengers who arrived by express to-day report that during Tuesday and Wednesday the weather at Grand Falls was very stormy. About two feet of snow fell, and over the Gulf Topsails the snow fall was very heavy and the express was delayed for some hours. It was reported at Grand Falls that three men belonging to Green Bay, had been drowned in the Exploits River. The men left the town to cross the river about two miles above the dam, on the way to work, and were not afterwards heard of. Search parties were out looking for them when the express left. The snow storm with ice and slush plugged the Exploits River at the 4-mile post, and ice and slob backed up to a height of nearly 40 feet. The storm cleared away at 3.30 yesterday morning.

### Celebrations at Bell Island.

A concert under the direction of Mr. E. W. Shepherd was held recently at Bell Island. The affair was under the auspices of the Beach School and took place in the C.L.B. Armoury. The C.L.B. Band provided the music for an enjoyable dance which followed the concert. On Wednesday night a barn dance was held under the auspices of the S.U.F. It was very well attended and all present had a most pleasant evening.

### Ready for Flight.

All day yesterday was spent by Major Cotton and Capt. Bennett in tuning up their machine in preparation for their flight to Halifax. There is about two feet of snow at Botwood, but this is not sufficient to impede the plane in any way. It is fully expected that the aviators will take-off to-day for Halifax and news will be eagerly awaited.

MASONS, ATTENTION!—Masonic Aprons for Tasker, St. Andrew's and English Lodges, Past Masters' Aprons, Royal Arch Companions, Gold and Silver Tassels for same. G. G. KNOWLING, LTD.—dec30,31,tu,th

### Where Knights-hoods Bloom.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND HAS 8 "SIRS."

We take the following extract from a recent Toronto newspaper, and reprint it without any comment, excepting to merely remark that our "Queen City" contemporary must have had an attack of Knighthoodphobia, or was jealous of Newfoundland's ability to produce the goods. We just wonder who inspired the would-be humorous write-up, which is captioned "If you wish Knighthood, go to Newfoundland." We, however, have taken the liberty of giving it a different one.

"While Canada has said 'farewell' to titles—pretty nearly—there is one British Dominion on this side of the Atlantic that produces more Knights to the square mile than any other. Codfish was always supposed to be the prominent product of Newfoundland, but the crop of Knights runs it a good second, and bids fair to yet out-distance even the codfishing. In fact in the slang of the Island the Knighthood business is a 'cod' in itself. In the Newfoundland Assembly—Lower Chamber of Parliament—the Premier, Sir Richard Anderson Squires, K.C.M.G., is faced by the leader of the Opposition, Sir Michael Patrick Cashin, K.B.E., and Sir John C. Crofts, K.B.E. (Sir Michael's second in command, who will likely lead the Opposition in the near future).

As Registrar of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, Sir William F. Lloyd, K.C.M.G., P.C., dignifies official title, while as a recluse at a little inland settlement, Sir Robert Bond, K.C.M.G., P.C., lives as a gentleman farmer. Both Sir William Lloyd and Sir Robert Bond were at some time Premiers of the Island Colony, and acquiring their knighthoods and P.C.'s during visits to Great Britain in their capacity as First Commomers. Still another Knight, Sir Patrick McGrath, K.B.E., possibly the foremost of Newfoundland's newspaper men, and who last year toured the Dominion with the Imperial Press Delegates, occupies a foremost place in the Opposition benches of the to the Nfld. Legislative Council or Senate.

The Chief Justice of Newfoundland is Sir William Horwood, one of the most worthy of Newfoundland's very many Knights; while the Governor is Sir Charles A. Harris—naturally.

#### Going Some.

There may be others, but eight Knights in a population of a quarter of "Toronto's" is "going some." Moreover, as these are practically all located in the capital town of St. John's, it looks as though the knighthood business has been handed out a little unfairly, and with proper representation of K. B. E.'s and K. C. M. G.'s, Newfoundland is in a position to produce as many knights as codfish.

Premier Sir Richard A. Squires, who addressed Torontonians at the Exhibition here recently, carried a dark cloud over his head. Since the election of Sir Richard's party to power by a large majority in November, 1919, it was one of those little flies in the ice cream, or kernels in the peach to spoil the Premier's happy home that as Mr. Squires he faced Sir Michael and Sir John in opposition, but his joy was as complete as his opponents' discomfiture when in June the Birthday Honours bore the name of Sir Richard Anderson Squires—Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George. Well might Sir Michael and Sir John gnash their teeth—they were only K. B. E.'s—had eggs as the slang of the day went. It was a source of much gratification to Sir Richard and his friends, was this real, honest-to-goodness knighthood." (In Sir William Crofts to be the ninth?—Editor Telegram.)

### Dairy Experiment.

#### MOUNT CASHEL ERECTS SILO.

It may not be generally known that Mount Cashel has had a 50-ton silo erected last summer. The result of this valuable dairy experiment is awaited with interest. The silo, which is 30 ft. high, was designed and erected under the supervision of Mr. Fred Bradshaw. The boys of the orphanage doing the construction work. Cutting and automatic filling machinery was imported by the Brothers during the summer. It was the intention to fill the silo with sunflower plants and a plot was set, but the growth was not so satisfactory as was anticipated. Other green feeds, however, were cut and the silo was filled. It will be opened shortly, and the stock fed from it. This is probably the first attempt at modern dairy methods in this country with a complete equipment.

### Coastal Boats.

#### GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Portia left Puntthrough yesterday morning, going West.  
S.S. Prospero left Change Islands at 3.30 a.m.

#### REIDS.

Argyle left Burin yesterday.  
Clyde arrived Lewisporte yesterday.  
Glencoe left Burin yesterday.  
Home left Moreton's Hr. yesterday.  
Kyle at Port aux Basques.  
Saguna left Bonne Bay yesterday.  
Malakoff at Port Union yesterday.

### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

#### THE WORLD'S MENACE.

MOSCOW, Dec. 29. The Soviet Army and Navy, now totalling 1,532,000 men must not be retrained, but on the contrary must increase training, and be prepared for war next spring. In the event of outside foes carrying out their plans to attack Russia, declared War Minister Trotsky in a fiery speech before the ninth Russian Congress to-day.

#### FISHERMEN REFUSE TO SAIL.

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 29. The Haddock fleet is partly tied up, Union crews refusing to go to sea, pending an adjustment of differences with shipowners, over the division of catches. A change in the division of receipts had been announced by shipowners, who seek one fourth of the proceeds of each voyage, and the share of one man for the use of vessel's engine. At present owners shares vary, most of them settling about one fifth.

#### SMUGGLER SEIZED.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 29. The schooner Golden West, of 82 tons, built and registered at Lunenburg, N.B., but reported to have been purchased recently by a former Boston bar-tender, was seized by the Coast Guard Cutter Acushnet, while at anchor outside this port, with a cargo of alcohol and case liquor on board. To-day she was towed here.

#### N.F. SCHOONER WRECKED.

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 30. Schooner Defender, 100 tons. Captain Theodore Keeping, bound from Halifax for Port aux Basques, Newfoundland, with general cargo went ashore on Petries Ledges near the entrance to Sydney Harbor last night, and will be a total loss. The vessel met heavy weather after leaving Halifax and her seams opened taking in water freely. She was making North Sydney for repairs but in the darkness and amid snow squalls she struck. The captain and crew landed safely. The Defender was bought by Captain Keeping two years ago for \$12,000 and was insured for \$7,000.

### Freak Prize-Winner.

#### AT NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW.

Perhaps the most interesting exhibit at the National Utility Poultry Society's annual show at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, was a bird belonging to Mr. J. A. Chaplin, of Eynaford, Kent. It was hatched in the spring of last year from a buff Orpington egg, and displayed all the habits of a cockerel. It had male plumage and spurs. Some months later it moulted, and then it began to lay eggs and cackle. At the show it was described as a hen, and secured a second prize. One of the judges, who had his attention called to the "cock-hen" declared that it was not a hen, and never had been. "I will bet £500 that it has never laid an egg, and never will," he remarked. Later, however, after a closer examination, he was inclined to modify his opinion, and suggested that the bird should be cut open to decide the problem.

### Rendered Unconscious.

Miss Gerrie Nicholl of Pleasant Street fell near her home last night, and striking her head on the ground, became unconscious. She was picked up by passers by and taken to her home where she received medical attention. It was over an hour before she recovered consciousness.

BISHOP'S Showrooms are now opening a new shipment of Women's Elastic Girdle Corsets.

SOCIETIES, ATTENTION!—Gold and Silver Fringe and Braid, Gold and Silver Tassels, Silver Buckles for Aprons, Silver and Gold Stars, Belting, Red and Royal Ribbons, White Mole-skin, White Kid Gloves and Bows. G. KNOWLING, LTD. dec30,31,tu,th

BRINGS LARGE MAIL.—The express which arrived from Port aux Basques this morning brought 175 bags of mail matter. It was nearly 40 hours crossing the country. The express was preceded along the Topsails by the rotary but was not greatly delayed by snow.

The Prince of Wales' Rink will not be open to-night owing to weather conditions, but will be open to-morrow afternoon.

### Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

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