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Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, Dec. 28, 1916.

THE EVENING TELEGRAM will be issued at NOON on Saturday. We will be glad if our friends will bear that fact in mind and let us have their favors NOT LATER THAN 6 O'CLOCK Friday evening.

The War Meantime.

Berlin and Vienna have been disappointed of their Christmas box: the Allies have not yet sent a reply to their gentle suggestion of a peace conference. Until they do there is little profit in discussing peace possibilities; after they have done so it will be the height of absurdity. It is interesting to note who are the neutrals that have followed Mr. Wilson's inopportune lead. Switzerland is sharply divided in the sympathies of her people, but her burden has been a hard one, though generously borne, and we can believe she earnestly desires peace. Sweden is notoriously pro-German. Americans are shrewd enough to notice these things.

Meantime the war situation, which has been allowed to retire into the background, presents features of much interest. Rebuffed in the diplomatic arena, Germany continues her successes in her one field of victory. Dobruja is now almost entirely in her hands. Mackensen's forces advance steadily along the Danube. It is doubtful if Braila or even Galatz will hold out, unless their defenders have been greatly reinforced. But this will almost certainly mark the limit of the enemy's achievements. He may cross the Serech, though it is not likely, but beyond the Pruth, which is the border line of Russia and Roumania, he will not go. Reinforcements from the north will pour in, are even now pouring, and Russia should be able to stand firm. There is no object, in any case, that the enemy could seek in the attempt to go further save Odessa, and that is too ambitious a project altogether. Thus near its end the almost complete conquest of Roumania, the campaign, whatever we may pretend about it, the most brilliant in the war. It will have been doubly advantageous to Germany if the Allies do not see clearly in it a measure of the tremendous strength that must yet be overcome before victory can be achieved.

What will the position be when the usual deadlock is reached here? Germany will have won much but she will have so much more to defend. Great numbers of her troops may possibly be turned south against our Macedonian armies, but the capture of Monastir and the disarming of Greece, now proceeding satisfactorily, make the possibility more remote and less dangerous. Yet it would be foolish to conclude that the venture will not be undertaken. In any case, we shall attack if Germany does not, and she has never allowed this where she could prevent it. There will be stirring

times in the East in the spring or even earlier. The recrudescence of fighting in Mesopotamia is not to be ignored. The British are out for Kut-el-Amara, where something has to be wiped off the slate, and Baghdad lies beyond. They have had a lesson here, and it is not likely the adventure, whatever it may be, has been lightly entered upon or with insufficient forces this time. Russia holds a commanding position in the north, and it will be remembered that it was almost exactly a year ago that the Grand Duke made his brilliant dash over the Caucasus that carried him to Erzingan and Trebizond. Constantinople remains the great objective of the Allies, and it is not only from the West that it can be approached. We may have cause to unroll our maps of Mesopotamia and Turkey in Asia once again.

On the West nothing of importance happens, but that is not to say that nothing of importance is preparing. Hindenburg has let Verdun go and it is not only from the West that it can be approached. We may have cause to unroll our maps of Mesopotamia and Turkey in Asia once again.

Disorderly Volunteers.

Three volunteers were before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., in the Magistrate's Court to-day, charged with assault. Conductor Matthews of the street car service. The volunteers boarded a car on Saturday evening last and began to act disorderly. When brought to order by the conductor they refused to discontinue their conduct and struck their adviser. Each of the volunteers had to give his own bonds in \$100 to-day as a guarantee that they would be of good behaviour for the next year, or as an alternative go to jail for two months. They chose the former course.

Ordination of Rev. Fr. Liddy.

Father Thomas Liddy, son of Mr. William Liddy, Torbay, will be ordained to the Priesthood at the R.C. Cathedral in a day or two. The ceremony of ordination will be performed by His Grace Archbishop Roche. On New Year's Day Fr. Liddy will celebrate his first mass in the Chapel at Torbay, his native home.

McMurdo's Store News

THURSDAY, Dec. 28, 1916. Sani-Flush is compounded and recommended to be used for one purpose only—but that purpose it accomplishes perfectly, and in a way no other thing can do. It cleans closet bowls and traps and keeps them sanitary. And this it does without in any way injuring the connections. Sani-Flush is easily used and puts everything in a fully sanitary and clean condition, and its regular use will keep it so. Twenty-four ounce tin, 35 cts.

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Reids' Boats.

Argyle left Placentia at 2 a.m. Clyde. No report since leaving Lewisporte on the 26th. Dundee. No report since leaving Port Blandford on the 25th. Ethie. Left Humbermouth at 8 p.m. yesterday. Glenice. Left Pushthrough at 1 p.m. yesterday, going west. Home. Arrived at Lewisporte at 6.30 p.m. yesterday. Sagona reached Port aux Basques this morning. Kyle. Left Port aux at 9 p.m. yesterday. Wren. Due at Clarendville to-day. Moigle. Arrived at St. John's at 6.45 a.m.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind west, fresh, weather dull. Two schooners passed in at daylight and two more were also bound in. Bar. 29.32; ther. 30.

SWEDEN'S NOTE.

PARIS, Dec. 28. The Tageblatt announces that Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss Government.

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1st Nfld. REGIMENT.**Casualty List.**

Received December 27, 1916. Following Reported at Wandsworth. 45—Lance Corporal Herbert. Dewling. Golf Avenue. Trench fever. 623—Private Robert H. Martin. 83 Flower Hill. Debility. 2081—Private John Cahill. Bell Island. Debility. 1388—Private Matthew Brazil. Spaniard's Bay. Scalded Hand. 1759—Sergt. Harry Williamson. England. Myalgia. 2590—Private Levi Blake. Fogo. Trenchfoot. 73—Private Michael F. Sears. 62 New Gower Street. Inflammation connective tissue. 2559—Private Edward Starks. King's Point. N. D. B. Wounded right hand. 1703—Private George Ricketts. Middle Arm. St. Barbe. Gunshot wound, face. (Previously reported gunshot wound, face, severe, 6th General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 13th.) 2645—Private James H. Skinner. Richard's Harbour. Gunshot wound, right foot. (Previously reported gunshot wound, right foot, slight 10th General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 9th.) 2569—Private Herbert N. Ebsary. 89 South Side. New Zealand Stationary Hospital, Amiens, dangerously ill, pneumonia, Dec. 25. J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

In Memoriam**OF JAMES QUIGLEY.**

There's a calm, and he who finds it. In a tranquil slumber rests. There's a surge that cannot trouble. Nor harass that peaceful breast. Flesh, so young, so fair, so tender. Full of love and trust, O heart. Life of innocence, tho' blighted. Soul of purity thou art.

Long you've thrived, suffered, waited For the perfect day of peace. And the cup you drank, dear brother, Ere we knew your pains had ceased.

As a flower would close its petals At the setting of the sun. In the evening, so he rested. Calmly whispered: "It is done."

Sweet may dawn the Christmas morning. Sweeter still the peace it brings. While God's Herald waits you homeward On their strong uplifting wings.

Rest, dear Jimmy, tho' we miss you. Need we call you back again; Nay: for in that Heavenly Kingdom Enters not disease and pain. By BESSIE M. TAYLOR. Hospital, Signal Hill.

Train Notes.

The incoming express is due at 7 p.m. to-night. The Trepassey train reached the city 11.45 a.m. to-day. Tuesday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 6.55 p.m. yesterday.

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THE SUSU.—The s.s. Susu harbored at Fogo yesterday morning and remained there all last night.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light N.W. wind and dull, temperature 30 to 35 above.

CALENDAR.—We thank Messrs. A. Harvey & Co., Ltd., for a handsome wall calendar.

Dog's forget Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine for New Year. Price 15c. a btl.—dec16,17

WAS VISITING RELATIVES.—Mr. R. J. Joy, of the Evening Herald, who was visiting relatives at South Sydney, is a passenger on the incoming express.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Methodist Orphanage begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of cheque for Twenty Dollars from the P. G. Lodge of St. John's, L.O.A., per Jordan Milley, Esq., Grand Secretary.

FAMILY QUARREL.—A woman of the West End of the city had her husband summoned to court to-day for assaulting and beating her. Her husband promised his better half that with the approach of Prohibition he would make good resolutions and love and cherish her henceforth. After careful consideration, she accepted his assurance and withdrew the charge.

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TEMPORARY REPAIRS.—Temporary repairs to the railway along the South Shore of Conception Bay have been completed, and the outgoing express will leave at 5 p.m. to-day, and the local to Carbonear at 6 o'clock. The damage caused by the heavy seas although considerably large was not so great as expected. The express with the Kyle's passengers left Clarendville at noon to-day and should reach the city about 7 o'clock to-night.

Meanest Man in the World.

(From the Atlanta Constitution.)

The meanest man in the world has become a stock phrase in newspaper offices to be used in connection with some story of a deed so little and mean that it stands alone. But this term is misapplied unless it is used in connection with the skeptic who bobs up at Christmas time to tell the little children "There is no Santa Claus." This man is our nominee for the "meanest man in the world." He would rob the kiddies of their happy childhood. He would tell them that St. Nicholas is a hoax; that the reindeer do not exist; that the old fellow doesn't come down the chimney—and all that. Such a man must have never been a child. Such a man must have never known the love of a mother. Such a man must not know the love of little ones in his own home. There should be no skepticism about the sweetest saint that ever visited this planet expressly to make children happy. Though written more than a generation ago, the testimony offered by the editor of the New York Sun has come to be regarded as a classic.

It was written in response to a query from a little girl:

Dear Editor,—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun,' it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

Millions of copies, hundreds of millions of copies, of the editor's reply to that childish letter have been printed each year since the great heart of him framed an answer. It runs thus:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus; it would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a wall covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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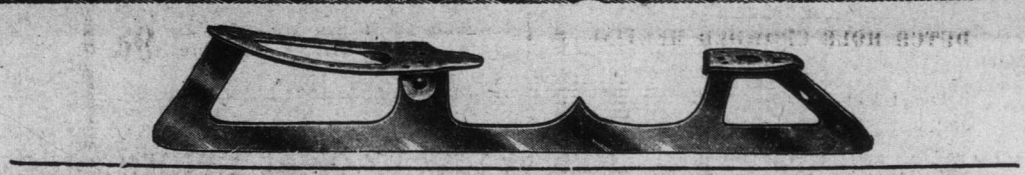
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ARMENIANS

NEW YORK. Fifty thousand Armenians are starving in the Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, of the recent temporary of relief applications, cable from the American donor.

NEVER BETTER

NEW YORK

A News Agency despatch here to-day follows: British army been so fight. Why should we You can safely give the ish army's answer to talk," declared a staff in response to the question and his men thought Wilson's note. The news commented upon by a feeling that strong succeeded in inducing believe that this was time to act, and that was regarded as smooth road and enabling herment at the front is against peace. Now points to a much worse German than the worst. On the other are daily getting better wage a successful British, who are little monstrativeness, are their expression of comparatively early Central Powers under the Allies' gathering

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WASHINGTON

The British Government has contracted for the entire supply of New Zealand's at least three months after the European war, as ports reaching the department from its Higher prices will be the Dominion exports commandeered last year.

DUTCH HOLD CROWN

THE HAGUE

The Dutch section of union of churches has meeting to-night in church in the city. The dored President Wilson in sending his note to and exhorted their parent countries to the sphere in which the might be developed.

PROPOSAL DIS

LONDON. Communications between the capitals of Allied nations regarding the Central Powers and the answer has been Paris and it now the question between the ters. It is unlikely taken by Great Britain countries of the Entente to President Wilson's Swiss counterpart the Allies deal with the als. It is understood does not give specific fers generally to the Allies. Those partic discussion speak of expressing the general concrete form so that be definitely responsible same time convey countries an adequate aims and purposes for tent Allies are a reason for not stating terms is said to be the Allies largely de extent of the military they confidently expect statement of terms on the existing military situation while Imperial Chancellor, Hollweg claimed victory. It is he is in a position to whereas the Entente come definite when have been achieved.

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LITTLE ROCK, Twelve persons were injured in the torn over Central Arkansas

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LONDON

Letters from France of general officer British air force, chivalry that Lieut Western University ball star of this city