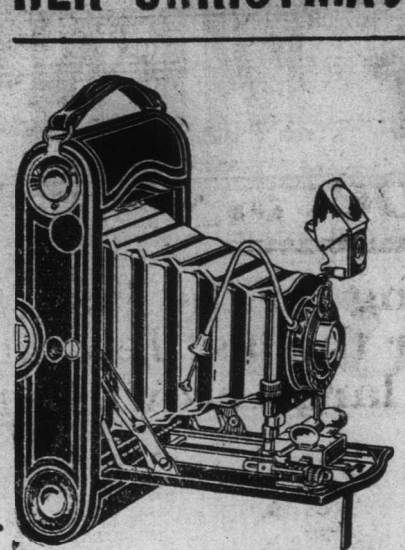


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Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, Dec. 18th, 1917.

The Great Victory.

It is fine news that comes from Canada. Let us take heart, the cause of freedom is not dead. Never before has a colonial election been watched with such interest by a whole world, never before has the issue been charged with consequences reaching so far outside. The reason is simple. The greatest of Britain's Colonies was asked to decide whether or not she would continue to put her whole strength into the great task of the war. She has given the answer that all true patriots hoped and looked for. She has given it in a ringing and unmistakable voice. When her bravest sons are heard next month they will echo it mightily. The Union Government is assured of a majority of forty or more seats in the Dominion Parliament. It is a mistake to call the result a Borden victory or a Laurier defeat, still more to use the words Conservative and Liberal instead. The great decision to be made far transcended the bounds of personal and party considerations and comparison. However great the faults of Borden and his old Government, however fine the personal qualities of Laurier—and they are fine to the point of grandeur—however much politics may have been used in the campaign (and we know they were used as much as ever before), the alternatives were too clear to be mistaken or misunderstood. Thus it is that thousands who would have supported Laurier and Liberalism in an ordinary election have voted against their old leader and for, not Conservatism, but Canada's true part in the war. As we have said, there is no need to look at anything but the great result. It will be pointed out in time how Quebec stands ranged against the rest of Canada, saving only part of the Maritime Provinces, and how the West has come out with such surprising and gratifying solidity for the Government. These do not matter. What does matter is that the honour of Canada is vindicated, her challenge flung once more into the face of Germany.

The Wrong Remedy.

Pervid oratory, which is logical and in the right cause, both moves and convinces and is a strong weapon; wanting those attributes it is apt to recoil on the orator as anti-climax. We are sorry to confess we see something of the latter sort in the address which Mr. Warwick Smith has made to the N. I. W. A. on the subject of the expression who recently went on strike, and which we publish to-day at his request. He says much that is true about the principle of the freedom of speech. He waxes fearfully, almost gruesomely, eloquent upon it. But he fails altogether to show how it applies in the slightest degree to the case in point. Any lawyer or historian knows that there is now, and has been for a hundred years, absolutely no restraint in ordinary cases on that freedom, either of the written or spoken word, except such as the salutary and necessary laws of libel and slander provide. As for the other principle he speaks of, that the "spokesman" must be protected, we have no clear conception of its meaning. If Mr. Smith is looking for principles, we commend to him the homely maxim that two wrongs do not make a right. If the spokesman in this case was unlawfully dismissed, he has a simple, immediate and effective remedy. The others did not "protect" him by matching that wrong with another and breaking their contract with their employers. That action is altogether indefensible, and is the more reprehensible by reason of the fact that these men were in a large measure servants of the public as well as of their employers, and have put the public to much inconvenience. Mr. Smith contends that the question of their "mis-erable wages" is a subordinate one; it seems to us to be the gist of the whole trouble. If any man is dissatisfied with his wages he has the right and the opportunity to complain.

To-Day's Messages.
11.00 A.M.

DENIES JAPS LANDED IN SIBERIA.
WASHINGTON, To-day.
A further denial that Jap troops had been landed at Vladivostok is contained in a despatch to the State Department from the American Embassy at Tokio.

A GREAT UNIONIST VICTORY.

OTTAWA, To-day.
The Union Government has won a decisive victory at the polls. At an early hour this morning practically complete returns from the eastern provinces and results not quite so complete from west of the great lakes indicate that apart from the soldiers' vote to be counted in January, the Government will have a majority in excess of 40. The provinces east of Ottawa River more than verified the predictions of those who believed that the Unionists and Liberals would break even. Ontario and the west proved a surprise. The Opposition on at least 20 seats from Ontario got only half that number. The Liberals thought they could count not less than 15 seats in the west, but up to one o'clock Mulloy of Provencher, Manitoba, is the only supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elected. Two or three seats in northern Alberta may still be in doubt, but there is little to indicate the possibility of more than 3 or 4 of the Opposition being elected in Western Canada. In Ontario 72 of the 82 constituencies have been won by Unionist forces. Ministers have been elected by large majorities. The Opposition was successful only in north Waterloo, Russell, South Renfrew, Prescott, South Perth, West Middlesex, Kent, South Essex, North Essex and South Bruce. Sir Wilfrid and his running mate, Hal McGivern, were defeated by close to one thousand in the capital, but the Liberal leader was returned in Quebec east by a six thousand majority. Quebec did worse for the Unionists than was expected, sixty-two out of 65 seats going into the Liberal column.

2.00 A.M.

ONLY SKIRMISHES TO REPORT.

LONDON, To-day.
The War Office last evening issued the following communication: This morning raiding parties attacked one of our posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Commin. In one case an attacking party was repulsed; in the other the enemy succeeded in entering our post and captured a few of our men. The latter were recaptured by a counter attack in which our troops regained the post and killed or took prisoners a number of the enemy. On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report beyond the usual artillery activity by both sides. Snow fell heavily last night and continued to fall to-day.

ENEMY DRIVEN BACK IN DISORDER.

ROME, To-day.
The Austro-German forces which attacked the Italian lines on the northern front from the direction of San Marino were driven back in disorder. The War Office announced to-day in the Col-Capelle region the Italians attacked and were counter-attacked. Finally the enemy had to withdraw to the positions from which he started.

DESTROYER SUNK IN AN ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, To-day.
Mr. McNamara's information was given in reply to a question by Robert Houston, member for Liverpool, who asked regarding an attack by a flotilla of German destroyers. Mr. McNamara added that another trawler had been damaged and that eight men had been killed on the two trawlers. Referring to a question why there had not been an Admiralty communication on the subject, McNamara said he imagined the Admiralty did not have all the information on the subject at its disposal. Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of whom are women, and ten British were rescued by four British destroyers detached from a cruiser squadron, which was hastened to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats. The merchant vessels were being conveyed by the destroyers Partridge and Pelew. The Partridge was sunk and the Pelew was damaged. Sir Eric Geddes said that the circumstances of the attack so far as available were that the Partridge sighted four enemy destroyers shortly before noon (not finished).

Storm Sweeps West Coast.

Considerable damage was done to shipping and fishing gear by the gales of wind on Saturday and Sunday. The gale on Saturday was first from the North-east, shifting to the North-west. Seas were mountainous accompanied by blinding snow squalls. On Sunday night it blew a gale from the South. Capt. Hall of the Georgina, anchored at Woods Island, said it was the heaviest breeze he has experienced for a long time. Basha's schooner, the Acadia, anchored at Wood's Island lost an anchor and chains; all the scows and boats at Wood's Island were driven ashore, but escaped serious damage. Much fishing gear was destroyed at North Arm. Thorne's schooner Manila drove ashore at Falls Cove, in Middle arm. Shipping all along the coast was held up. But so far as we can learn there was no loss of life.—Western Star.

FINE DONATION OF CLOTHING.

The Ladies' St. Vincent de Paul Society on Saturday sent a package of clothing to the Halifax sufferers. It included blankets, quilts, men's and women's underwear and a quantity of flannel. The Reid Nid. Co. generously carried it free of charge.

McMurdo's Store News

TUESDAY, Dec. 18th, 1917.
We have a few nice Celluloid Puff Boxes, very suitable for presents for a baby. They are light weight, dainty looking, and sanitary in use. With or without puffs.
Bromley's English Cologne is fully equal to the continental in strength and has a freshness which is much to be desired in those later essences. For an elderly friend a bottle of Cologne is a delightful gift, and will be greatly appreciated by her. Prices \$1.70 and \$3 a bottle (wicker covered).

Casualty List.

RECEIVED DEC. 18TH, 1917

Killed in Action.

November 20.

2058—Private Walter Andrews, 38 Power Street.

December 1.

1961—Pte. Corbett Pitcher, New Hr. T. B.

3581—Pte. Hugh Williams, Springdale, N. D. B.

December 2.

1141—L. Corp. Thomas Cook, Trinity East.

3542—Pte. Frederick J. White, Princeton, B.B.

2737—Pte. George Elliott, Happy Adventure, B.B.

1917—Pte. Edgar Wade, Elliston, T. B.

3523—Pte. Cecil Rose, Great Harbor, E.B.

3155—Pte. William M. Ivany, English Harbor, T.B.

3014—Pte. Arthur J. Chaffey, Jeffreys, B. St. George.

3696—Pte. Essau Baker, Bishop's Falls.

1894—L. Corp. Edward A. Morris, 96 Freshwater Road.

Died of Wounds at 21st Casualty Clearing Station, France, Dec. 4.

Nature of Wounds Not Yet Reported.

1496—Pte. John L. Hibbs, Topsail.

MISSING NOVEMBER 20th.

3299—Private Mack Keeping, Fortuna.

3531—Private Benjamin Benoit, Conne River, F.B.

2711—Private James B. Croucher, Point Verde, P.B.

3246—Private Ronald Linfield, Loon Bay, N.D.B.

1560—Private Victor Carew, Cape Broyle.

At 10th General Hospital, Rouen, December 15—Seriously ill Gunshot Wound Back, Penetrating.

2699—Private Clarence Stone, Smith Sound.

AT WANDSWORTH.

3106—Private Charles Wills, Dawson's Cove, F.B. Nature of injuries not yet reported.

2885—Private Frederick Abbott, Bonavista, Gunshot Wound, Right Leg.

825—Private Leo Moore, 88 Lime Street, Dysentery.

3296—Private Ernest Heath, 37 John Street, Impetigo.

At Wandsworth—Nature of Wounds Previously Reported.

1582—Sergeant Dudley Johnson, St. Anthony.

2597—Corpl. Wm. J. Gladney, Port Townsend.

242—Private Stanley S. Kirby, Silverdale, Three Arms, N.D.B.

3370—Private Stephen M. Reid, 2 Spencer Street.

2971—Private Claude Forsey, Grand Bank.

Gunshot Wound—Amputation Left Arm.

3336—Private Wm. H. Frampton, Bay Bulls.

Gunshot Wound—Amputation Right Leg.

3507—Private Gilbert G. Baker, Gooseberry Cove, B.B.

3690—Private Job Little, Bonavista.

Gunshot Wound—Fracture Left Elbow.

3597—Private Ford Part—Exploits.

Gunshot Wound Left Leg, Amputation Left Arm.

2147—Private Samuel G. Tilley, Sandy Point, Bay St. George.

R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary.

Hail to the Victor.

PREMIER BORDEN.

The battle is over, the people has spoken.

The land of the Maple rejoices just now.

Laurier's defeated, the spell has been broken.

And Borden wears victory's wreath on his brow.

Oh, land of the Maple whom freedom has chosen.

Your sons once again have arose to the fore.

The love that you bear for your country, try's not perished.

You've shown the same pluck as your fathers of yore.

Fling out your flag to be kissed by the breezes.

Sing loud the song, that in childhood you knew.

May union be with you until the world closes.

And the Maple Leaf twine round the Red, White and Blue.

You scornfully frowned on the folks who would sever.

The love that you hold for the Motherland dear.

We know that you'll love her forever and ever.

And long may your Leader the laurel wreath wear.

JAMES MURPHY.

Dec. 18th, 1917.

Scarf-draped collars on soft cloth coats are extremely attractive.

NOTICE!

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Having sold out my interest in the business at Brigus and removed to the City, I am now open to act as your St. John's Agent. Goods bought at the lowest rate, and everything you have to sell sold at the highest price obtainable. My long experience in the general business of the country is now at your disposal.

Correspondence solicited.

Office: No. 290 Duckworth Street, nov17,3m,4,th.

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| DUCKS. | BLUE GRAPES. | TURKISH. |
| GEES. | GREEN GRAPES. | COMMANDER. |
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| and 2 lb. slabs and | PINEAPPLE. | |
| 14 lb. tins. | GRAPE FRUIT. | Cigars. |
| OYSTERS in Shell. | TANGERINES. | NARIMA. |
| COCOANUTS. | LEMONS. | AVEC VOUS. |
| CHESTNUTS. | ASSTD. NUTS and | BOCK. |
| | TABLE RAISINS. | LA BALLEZA. |
| | | LONG PANATELLAS. |
| | | LA CHANADA. |

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A. & S. RODGER.

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INFANTS' WOOL LEGGINGS, BIBS and FEEDERS.
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MAIDS' WHITE LAWN APRONS.
WOMEN'S BLACK RIB and PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE.
WOMEN'S SILK BLOUSES.
MEN'S WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS . . . 80c, 90c, \$1.00 each
MEN'S WIDE END STRING TIES . . . 45c. each
MEN'S BLACK SILK and BLACK and WHITE MUFFLERS.
A FEW COSEY COVERS and BOXES OF XMAS CARDS.

A. & S. RODGER'S.

Slides, Sleds and Baby Sleighs.

Our stock of the above goods are just opened. We would advise intending purchasers to come early and make their selection.

We would also wish to draw your attention to our stock of **FLYERS,** which we are selling at VERY LOW PRICES.

MARTIN ROYAL STORES HARDWARE CO., Ltd.
(Successors to Martin Hardware Co. & Royal Stores Hardware)

Personal.

Mrs. Fred Ayre left by to-day's express for Montreal.
Hon. S. K. and Mrs. Bell left by express to-day enroute for Prince Edward Island.
Mr. Silver, of the Bank of Montreal staff here, who has received a transfer to a branch in Canada, also left by to-day's express.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle not reported.
The Clyde arrived at Lewisport at 8.20 a.m. to-day.
The Dundee left Seldom early yesterday morning.
The Glencoe left Burgeo at 3.30 p.m. on the 16th.
The Home left Lewisport at 10.15 p.m. yesterday.
The Wren not reported.

Train Notes.

Sunday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques at 5.10 p.m. yesterday.
The incoming mail and freight left Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. to-day.

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HUNDREDS of days before Christmas make this

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