

## Evening Telegram

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## The Regiment.

We cannot pretend to understand the Herald's psychology. It draws attention, quite rightly, to the all-important matter of the Regiment, the imperative and immediate necessity of taking steps to keep it at strength. We endorse its stand, demand the only action possible, some form of selective conscription, by the only agent possible, the Government. We also attack, for the failure and inaction of the past and present, the only persons responsible for it, who are again the Government. What can the Herald object to in that? Is it not perfectly correct and justifiable? Can anyone except the Government do anything that will be of any effect? Did not the Government give its word to do something immediately with the advent of the New Year? Has it not done absolutely nothing, though seventeen days have already passed since then? Does it show any sign of intention to do something? Is it not right and proper to attack it for neglecting its first duty and breaking its pledged word? Should we not be false to our duty, false to the trust the public has in us, if we did not so attack it? What would have happened in England if the Daily Mail and a few others, possessing the courage which all the rest lacked, had not attacked and hammered out of existence the Asquith government for this very "wait and see" policy? An extra year or two of war, that is all.

Not only is the Government to be immune from criticism in the matter, but particular members of it, who have deliberately invited criticism, are to be accorded the same privilege. The Herald objects to the Star "falsifying" Mr. Coaker, because it will impair the "harmony" that should exist over so important a national a question. If it is to be a choice between harmony and discord with Mr. Coaker, we tell the Herald plainly that it can count us in with the Star. Mr. Coaker has chosen to place himself apart, upon a pedestal of contempt and dishonour which none will wish to share with him. A few days back, when no reference had been made to the Regiment or conscription, the Advocate appeared with a prominent article as dependable as anything that paper has ever produced, and that is saying a great deal. It misrepresented the demand for some form of conscription as coming from "Water Street" and was framed more obviously for the purpose of catching votes. If Mr. Coaker will get any by it he is welcome to them. His opponents will ask for votes from men, not women in trousers; from loyal subjects, not pro-Germans. We were not surprised by this demonstration from Mr. Coaker. We know his views upon the war and we have a vivid recollection of the tone and substance of the Advocate during its first stages. If the Government ever does enunciate any scheme to secure more recruits, in which Mr. Coaker has any part to our knowledge, we will not support it. We will not oppose it or place the smallest obstacle in the Government's way, but we shall refuse to associate ourselves with it and put ourselves in such company. It is an empty hypothesis, however. We know that the only thing the Government can suggest that is practicable is some form of conscription, and that Mr. Coaker will have nothing to do with anything of the sort. Not because he has said so openly—that counts for nothing—but because, if he did have a hand in it, the fact might get out and he would lose a few of the votes from his friends the Bolshewiks.

The Herald, finally, after rebuking the papers all round, is forced to the conclusion we have emphasised from the start. It hints that the Minister of Militia has a scheme prepared. Then why does he not publish it at once? Is it because he shares the Herald's timidity of the reception the papers will accord it? Has any of the papers, save the Advocate, even suggested that it would oppose the effort made, or do anything but offer advice as to its better direction or form? Does the Herald suppose that we, for one, will offer any objection to the very thing we have been demanding for months? All these vague and general observations, this cautious approaching of the subject as if it were a dangerous and difficult one, have a detrimental effect. There is nothing dangerous in the matter and little difficult. The country is waiting for action and expecting it; many parts of it have asked for it. The Government has had four months and more in which to formulate a plan. We could sketch out in half-an-hour the outlines at least of a scheme which would secure a large number of recruits in a very short time and provide the means for adding to the number gradually and in sufficient time, which would have the approbation of the whole country and which would work no harm or injustice anywhere or to anyone. A few hours more

would suffice for the filling in of the details. It could be put in instant operation once it was made law, and the rectification of any defects which showed themselves in practice. This pretence that the problem is a tremendous and difficult one is all nonsense. We have had three years, at any rate, in which to think of a solution. If the Government has not already prepared one it should get to work without an hour's delay, or make way for another more competent and more patriotic.

## Splendid Subscription

To Halifax Disaster Fund. The scholars of Wesley Sunday School have responded nobly to the call for help to aid the sufferers in the Halifax Disaster. They unanimously gave the full value of prizes which they were to receive at the anniversary service held Dec. 30-31. We have received today per J. Weeks, Associate Supt. the amount of \$50.00 donated by the scholars of the above school.

## The Salvation Army.

## OPENING OF NEW CITADEL.

Owing to the severity of the weather on both sides of the Straits Colonel McMillan, the Chief Secretary, and Brigadier Sandall, the Editor of the Canadian War Cry, who is accompanying him, have found it impossible to reach St. John's in time for the opening ceremony announced for this Thursday evening.

His Excellency has, however, been good enough in these untoward circumstances to promise to conduct the official opening of the New Citadel on Monday evening next, the 21st inst. Hon. Dr. Lloyd, Mr. A. Mews, C.M.G., Hon. R. A. Squires, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Hon. W. W. Halford, Colonial Secretary, and other gentlemen have also renewed their promise to be present, so that while there may be a little natural disappointment at the one hand, yet the function will not lose any of its importance by the delayed opening.

Services will be held in the new Citadel on Sunday next, at 11 a.m. and 8 and 7 p.m., conducted by Colonel McMillan, assisted by Colonel and Mrs. Otway and the Provincial Headquarters Staff. The morning meeting will be in the form of a dedication and United Business Meeting. The evening meeting that of an Evangelistic and Revival Character, and everyone has a hearty welcome.

It will be quite understood that the tickets bought for to-night's ceremony will be available for Monday.

Our friends are kindly requested to note that the meeting will begin at 7.45 p.m., and all should be in their seats not later than 7.35 the latest, as there will be a big crowd.

## Woman Acts Strangely

About ten o'clock this forenoon, Mrs. Roberts, a respectable resident of Pilot's Hill, who had been sick for a considerable time past, took a sudden turn of mind and leaving home proceeded to Quidi Vidi Lake where she threw herself in the water, which fortunately, was not deep. Nobody was in the immediate vicinity to witness the occurrence. After walking ashore, chilled as a result of her icy cold immersion, Mrs. Roberts immediately went to the residence of Mrs. Albert Ross nearby, where she was hospitably received, and reported what she had done. The information was in turn communicated by telephone to the Police Station. Fortified with Constable Kelly went and accompanied the woman to her home in a sleigh. It is feared that she has contracted a heavy cold.

## McMurdo's Store News

THURSDAY, Jan. 17, 1918. Freestone has proven an efficient remedy for corns, callouses and warts and removes them, if used according to directions with the minimum of pain and discomfort. We have heard of cases where but one application has enabled the owner of the corn to pick the whole thing out with the fingers. If you have an obstinate corn or a callous—no matter how hard and scaly it may be, we would suggest a trial of Freestone for it. Price 40c. a bottle.

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## Storms in the South

## Kill Fifteen People.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—With the entire south in the grip of the worst snow and sleet storm of the winter to-day early reports showed that tornadoes which swept through eastern Alabama and Central Georgia had taken a toll of 15 lives and injured more than 100 persons. Wire communication over a great area was paralyzed, scores of small towns in the interior being isolated, while Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and other cities along the South Atlantic coast were cut off from outside world communication.

## The Menace to the Country.

Editor Evening Telegram. Sir—Your exposure of the Coaker political alliance with the Reid Railway Company, your publication of the facts bearing on the subject furnished by no less an authority than Sir William Reid, late President of that Company, should be sufficient to convince the duplicitous intellect of the gross deception practised by Mr. Coaker towards the Fishermen's Union, and of the deep laid plot to which he and his political associates have been parties in order to bring this Colony into Confederation with Canada. I say that your statement should be sufficient for that purpose; but will it be so? I fear very much that the audience to which Mr. Coaker appeals, and upon whose support he relies, will hardly be awakened to a sense of danger impending by anything less powerful than the Archangel's trumpet. Lack of intelligence on the part of so many of the constituents of the danger that confronts the country at this crisis in its history, for it is this unfortunate defect that renders them the sport of the mountebank, and the easy tools of the unscrupulous politician. When we find Mr. Coaker, in his newspaper the Advocate, appealing for the sympathy and support of the Fishermen's Union on the plea that he is "a poor man's son," that the public criticism of his public conduct is only intended to injure him as the champion of "23,000 toilers," and "to destroy the E. P. U.," it is a pretty clear index to the audience Mr. Coaker hopes to fool. He is sufficiently intelligent to know that such "comedy" will not pass with people who appreciate that "a poor man's son" or "a poor man's son" may be a consummate scoundrel, or a noble, patriotic citizen, and that a rich man's or a rich man's son may possess similar traits of character. That neither poverty nor riches can make an individual more or less than a man, with contempt by intelligent people, for they appreciate that "a poor man's son" or "a poor man's son" may be a consummate scoundrel, or a noble, patriotic citizen, and that a rich man's or a rich man's son may possess similar traits of character.

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## The Cost of Electric Light.

## AN EASY QUESTION TO ANSWER.

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir—Can any of your readers explain why it is that electricity for lighting purposes is so very expensive in St. John's? In Canadian cities it is supplied for less than half of the amount we pay here.

## The Book of Knowledge.

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Letters are being sent from all parts of Newfoundland addressed to the Canadian offices of the Publishers at Toronto, asking for particulars about this wonderful BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, so as to save time and delay in getting the desired information. Kindly write to Mr. M. D. Dawson, Balaam Place, St. John's, who is here at present representing The Grolier Society of London and The London Educational Co.

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## An Incident of the War

They had returned to the trenches. An English officer was missing. Someone had seen him fall. Learning of the spot, his brother, also a member of the company, begged the privilege to attempt to find and bring him in. The permission was granted. The brother crept out into No Man's Land as best he could. He found him lying at the bottom of a shell hole. He managed to lift him out, and finally bore him back within the lines. But when he laid him down the life had fled. "Are you not sorry now," said the commanding officer, "that you ventured all this?" "No," was the reply, "because when I looked down into that shell hole he looked up into my face and smiled, and said, 'I knew you would come.' Shall not all our sons and brothers in France know that by every means in our power we too will come to meet their need?"

## Some Fireside Reflections.

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Yes, Christmas is a bit of a struggle this year. The train service is bad, the presents are expensive, the food is stogy, and the decorations are hard to get. But how would you like to spend Christmas Day—

## Here and There.

NO BUSINESS IN COURT.—There was no business transacted at the Magistrate's Court to-day.

WHEN YOU WANT SAUSAGES, why get ELLIS'; they're the best.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS.—The regular weekly session of the City Council will be held to-night.

WEATHER.—The weather across country is light N.E. wind and snowing; temperature 15 to 30 above.

SUPREME COURT.—Job Bros. & Co. vs. J. K. Roahange. This case is set down for trial on Saturday before a petty jury.

WHEN YOU WANT ROAST BEEF, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

REACHES PORT.—Capt. William Doyle and crew reached port safely this morning after a stormy passage from a foreign port.

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BOWING'S SHIPS.—The Prospero left Nipper's Harbor at 6 a.m. to-day, going north. No report was received from the Prospero to-day.

M. C. L. L.—To-night at 7.45. RESOLVED.—That an Undenominational Normal School for training of teachers is a present necessity and is feasible. Leaders: Rev. Dr. Curtis and Mr. S. P. Whiteway.—Jan.17,11

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Tuesday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques at 9.35 p.m. yesterday. The incoming express is due at 10.30 p.m. to-day.

REID'S BOATS.—The Argyle left Baine Hy. at 1.30 p.m. yesterday; the Glencoe left St. Mary's at 1.10 a.m. yesterday; the Home left Springdale at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3

LEWELLYN MYSTERIES.—The Lewellyn Mysteries meet at Canon Wood Hall this evening at 9 when arrangements will be made for their coming concert. It is the intention to enlarge the troupe this winter and any anxious to join are requested to attend this evening.

The postponed Concert which was to be held at Victoria Hall on Friday last, under the auspices of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, will take place to-morrow, Friday, at 8 o'clock. Admission 20c. Proceeds in aid of the Halifax Disaster Fund.—Jan.17,11

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## The British Navy

## Still Rules the Waves,

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