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Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, December 19, 1917.

The North Sea Mishap.

It is refreshing, in the midst of the shower of armchair criticism of the British Navy and Admiralty evoked by the recent disaster to the convoy in the North Sea (of which, by the way, the muddled messages have given us no clear idea), to have a writer of Mr. Hard's knowledge and prestige come out courageously in defence and appreciation of those attacked. Even if in one case these have been altogether to blame (a question still to be decided), it is bare justice to acknowledge the ninety and nine cases in which they have done their dangerous duty with courage and complete success. But no! This does not satisfy the critics. The British navy here all stand under one flag! This is not only omnipotent, omniscient, infallible. The real marvel is the near approach it makes to that perfection. This skirmish occurred in the North Sea. It is probably correct to say that, in addition to its considerable work elsewhere, the British navy bears practically unaided the burden of patrolling and controlling that huge area—nearly half a million square miles; that is all, past and not so far from mine-infested and hostile waters, much like a military escort compelled to travel near a beleaguered but very powerful fortified city. This occurs daily, and the Germans have only to choose their own opportunity, time and mode of attack to make a sortie in force. What preponderance of power would be necessary to condemn such sorties to failure in every instance? Mistakes may have been made in this case, they probably were. Those responsible should be brought to book, and we know that they will be, but the public, while it criticises one fault, should

give credit for the enormously larger number of cases where faults might easily be committed but are not. For our own part, we hope that the enemy's success will encourage him to repeat the history of three years ago, when the series of unpunished raids on the English coast ended finally in the Dogger Bank engagement with the sinking of the Blücher and the serious disabling of two battle-cruisers.

Labourers and Others.

We are not convinced by Mr. Warwick Smith's reply to our criticism of yesterday, and we do not think many readers will be misled by it. The personal narrative which he gives does him every credit, but it is hardly logical to make it, and a comparison of it with our experience, a basis on which to decide our arguments. If we had had twice the experience which Mr. Smith confesses, the very sympathy which they would have engendered in us with the lot of those whom he so vigorously champions would have taught us that we did them a poor service by attempting to justify them in conduct that cannot be justified. His own attempt fails utterly. Only one paragraph of his letter bears on the real point. He admits we were right in our law, but says he wants justice. We know how patriots love to dwell on the nice distinction, but they would have a poor theme here. The only thing which we insisted on, the respect by both parties to the common contract of employment of the mutual obligation of giving reasonable notice of their intention to terminate it, is not red tape or a mere formality. It is a rational rule founded on expediency and commonsense, as well as fair dealing. Without it society would be in a perishing condition. What law would Mr. Smith substitute for it? One, apparently, in which all the obligations are on the side of the employer. His remarks on the position of labor in general have not very much point to-day. The spectacle of the pathetic bread queue is not a very familiar one nowadays. We do not think, speaking broadly, that labor has much to complain of in times and a state of society in which it is possible for a man who cannot write his name, and has

no inclination to learn, how to do it, can go to any wharf and earn two and three times as much as the average schoolmaster. Many have cause to complain to-day, but they are not all, nor the majority of them, in the class known as the laboring class. There is one section of the people, at least, the salaried one, which, if it were articulated, as it unfortunately is not, could tell a far worse tale and present far more genuine grievances than those whom Mr. Smith and the N.I.W.A. represent.

Our Volunteers.

List of men who offered for enlistment at Headquarters on Tuesday, December 18th, 1917:
J. P. Budgell, Exploits.
Nat. Noel, Harbor Grace.
Sam Cole, Bell Island.
E. Ash, St. John's.
E. Whelan, LaSalle.
P. J. Mitchell, Tilt Cove.
H. Blackmore, Tilt Cove.
B. Stride, Moreton's Harbor.
J. R. Lyons, Kitchener, Port de Grave.
R. C. Jackman, Tilt Cove.
Wm. Jackman, Tilt Cove.
S. P. Young, Curling, Bay of Islands.

Casualty List.

(Received December 19, 1917.)
Died of Wounds at 48th Casualty Clearing Station, France.
863—L. Corp. John J. Collins, Placentia.

At Wandsworth—Gunshot Wounds.
2385—Private Neil A. Gillis, Highlands, District St. George. Back, left eye and leg.
3650—Private Edward Gidge, Twillingate. Right arm and leg.

Improving (Previously Reported Gunshot Wound Right Leg, Fractured; Etretat, Nov. 25.
2953—Private Sydney Locke, Burnt Arm, N.D.B.

R. A. SQUIRRES, Colonial Secretary.

Food Saving Campaign

ENDORSED BY ADMINISTRATOR OF C. E. DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Food Control Board, in response to a letter requesting the co-operation of the churches in the movement and the setting apart of Sunday, Dec. 30, for the preaching of food economy sermons, received yesterday the following reply from Rev. St. John's, to the publication of which he has kindly consented:
44 Angel Place, City.

17th Dec. 1917.
The Hon. P. T. McGrath, Chairman Food Control Board.
Dear Sir,—Thank you for the letter, pamphlets, and cards you sent me, and which I received on the 15th inst. I shall be glad to render all the help I can to the Food Control Board in the difficult and most necessary work that they have to perform.

I have written directions to over 70 clergy of the Diocese to call the attention of their parishioners in the sermons they shall preach on Dec. 30, to the urgent need that now exists for the practice of the strictest economy in the use and consumption of food by every one in Newfoundland. Copies of this direction are now being typewritten preparatory to their being sent to the clergy.
The time before action is to be taken is so short that I fear that some of the clergy in distant places in the Diocese may not receive the notice in time to act upon it on Dec. 30.
It is well for us all to bear in mind that there are quite a number of places in this land where, during this year, owing to the presence of disease in the tuber, the potato crop has been to a large extent a failure. Hence the still greater need why we must all exercise the strictest economy in the use and consumption of every kind of food.

Faithfully yours,
WALTER R. SMITH,
Administrator of the Diocese of Newfoundland.

"The Christmas Emerald."

This handsome paper is among the most attractive of this year's numerous Christmas publications. The articles include a stirring appeal for men for the Regiment by the Acting Premier, Dr. Lloyd; a masterly and touching picture of a tragedy of the war, from the pen of Rev. William P. H. Kitchin, Ph. D.; an estimate of the causes that will end the war, by H. A. Winter; and a spirited account of a fight with a salmon, by "Walton, Jr." The illustrations, which are mostly scenes of the war, are out of the ordinary and beautifully reproduced. The cover is particularly striking. The number will be on sale to-morrow.

Incorrigible Youths

IMPRISONED FOR DARING THEFT.
Three boys, each aged 14 years, belonging to the East End, were rounded up last night for bringing into Job Bros. Stores a few nights ago, entering through a front window and getting away with 15 packages of cigarettes, 24 chocolate bars and about \$25 in cash. They confessed their guilt after being taken into custody. This morning they were arraigned before Judge Morris. Two were sentenced to six months and the third to three months imprisonment, without the option of fines. The three lads are old offenders, as they were each convicted some time ago of robbing cigarettes from the same place. At that time they were bailed at the Penitentiary, but it appears that this cure failed to have the desired effect.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind E.N.E. blowing strong, was ther. cloudy; no vessels sighted. Bar. 30.20; ther. 32.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DANDRUFF.

Closing Exercises at Litledale.

The closing exercises for the pupils of Litledale College took place last evening and was largely attended. His Grace Archbishop Roche very graciously distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. Miss Kitty McCarthy, besides winning the C. H. E. Scholarship (\$25.00) in the Associate Grade, also took first place in Mathematics and Shorthand, thus winning the two prizes \$8 and \$4, respectively offered by the C. H. E. Five pupils in the Associate Grade secured Honours, while out of sixteen pupils who entered for the Intermediate Grade, eleven won honours and the remaining five a pass.

The operetta presented by the pupils under the direction of Mr. Hutton, who also took part, was of an exceptionally high order and was declared to be the best ever produced.

Toward the close of his remarks His Grace the Archbishop, in his usual eloquent manner, lavished high and well-merited praise upon teachers and pupils alike. His Grace also made reference to the fine new building which was being erected and which, when completed, would give better facilities all round.

During the evening Miss Kitty McCarthy read a splendidly worded address on behalf of the pupils to His Grace. Accompanying His Grace the Archbishop was the Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, V.G. The following priests were also present: Rev. Fathers Kenouf, Pippy, Sheehan, Conway, McCarthy (P.P. Tor's Cove), O'Callaghan (P.P. Flatrock and Poteh Cove), Coady (P.P. Kilbride) and Rev. Drs. Greene, Carter, and McGrath. The Christian Brothers were represented by Rev. Mr. Ryan (Superior Mt. St. Francis), Rev. Mr. Ryan (Principal St. Bonaventure College), and Rev. Mr. Ennis (Mt. Cashel), Lady Horwood, as on many former occasions, very kindly visited Litledale on this occasion also.

Dismasted Vessel Towed to Port.

The two-masted Danish schooner Rise was towed into port at noon today in a badly battered helpless condition. She left Carbonear eight days ago with a cargo of fish for Alicante. On Friday last, December 14th, a hurricane was encountered and the vessel had her foremast and mainmast carried away, whilst everything movable about the decks was more or less damaged by the heavy seas that continually swept over her. The schooner was then about four hundred miles off St. John's, and even after the storm subsided was powerless to make a passage. She was obliged to anchor, therefore hoisted. They were noticed by a British warship, which, to the relief of all on board the smitten craft, took her in tow and brought her to the Narrows, where she was handed over to the tug D. P. Ingham and towed into the harbor. The Danish damages are rather serious, and she will likely have to discharge her cargo and be dry docked for repairs.

Prospero Back From the North.

A STORMY TRIP.
The S. S. Prospero, Capt. A. Keen, arrived back from the northward today, after a very stormy trip, bringing a full freight and the following saloon passengers:
L. Biles, A. Mercer, L. Burt, E. W. Brown, J. Milne, B. B. Norris, A. Fudge, A. Lush, J. Sweeney, S. Jones, H. Patey, H. Morey, W. Reid, F. Patey, E. Burton, H. Morey, A. Morey, A. Simms, J. E. Omond, P. Parsons, J. Jenkins, G. Smart, G. Fudge, J. Kearley, N. Bishop, P. Hann, Capt. Winsor, C. Hann, N. Keen, A. Penny, Mifflin, T. Bailey, D. A. Ryan, Misses Day, Foley, Hynes, Emberley, Mesdames Sweeney, Shirran, Jenkins, Pond, Gullage and 35 steerage.

"Come on Caribou."

Captain Bartlett's Last Words.
The Hon. J. C. E. Gosline this morning received the following cable from Sir Edward Morris, telling of Captain Bartlett's heroic death:
"Captain Bartlett died instantly, sniper's bullet through head. Gallant death. Last words, 'Come on, Caribou!'"
MORRIS.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Flat Island at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, inward.
The Clyde is at Lewisporte.
The Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 1.40 a.m. to-day.
The Ethie is north of Flower's Cove. The Glencoe left St. Jacques at 5 a.m. yesterday, inward.
The Home left Point Leamington at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.
The Wren is not reported.

Personal.

Mr. Edward Bennett, merchant of Bell Island, who came to town yesterday, to accompany back his daughter and niece, who are attending Bishop Spencer College, returned to the Island to-day.
Mr. R. J. Randall, of Catalina, is at present in the city on his usual fall's business. He is staying at the Crosbie.
Hon. J. R. Bennett, Minister of Militia, and Major Montgomerie are passengers on the incoming express.

OFF FOR FRANCE. — A message was received from Lieut. Bert Dicks of "Ours" yesterday, stating that he was proceeding to France. It was only a few weeks ago that word was received from him saying he was returning home on furlough. Much to the disappointment of his relations and numerous friends the trip home had to be cancelled. Mr. John Newman, of the G.P.O. received a similar message from his son Lieut. Stan Newman.

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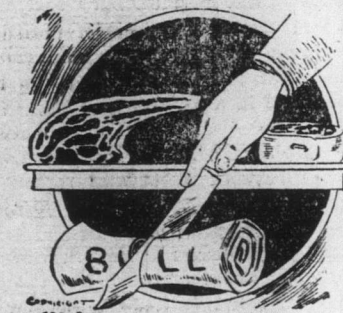
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Just arrived: a large and varied stock of Dr. Daniel's famous Veterinary Remedies, Woodbury's Tooth Paste, and a few exceptionally good ladies' and men's Hair Brushes. These last are of the finest English manufacture, and are some of the best hair brushes we have ever seen.

MARRIED.

On December 18th, 1917, at the Wesley Parsonage, by Rev. Mr. Royce Herbert Maxwell, LeGrow to Pearl Carrie Antle.

The "Blue"

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