Evening Telegram

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Smoke-Screens in Naval War.

The question of the relative value of different classes of war-vessels is at present much in the public mind. It seems quite timeous, therefore, to discuss the possibilities of this new auxiliary—the smoke barrage. Its dramatic entry into the late war and the marvellous success which it achieved formed one of the great surprises of the time. Lately, however it has not been much in evidence. We are still in the dark as to who originated it. Nobody has made claim for it—not even in the Awards Court. This is strange, considering that for all the other new things a multiple parentage is almost the rule. The smoke barrage seems to have no near relative. One might think that its course had been run; that it was only a nine days' wonder, and that it would continue to live only in a few paragraphs of the history of the Great War. Some people think differently about it—that it is, even now, in its infantile stage; that, when the science and art of smoke-screen production have been developed, it will turn out one of the biggest things of the war; that in future it will have its status and function in all wars, and in all theatres of war, on land, on water, and in the air—wherever, indeed, the guns of war are in action.

The forte of the smoke barrage is that it offers an effective challenge to modern guns and gunnery. For six hundred years the gun has had it all its own way. The evolution of the gun is the evolution of war—larger guns and higher explosives; still larger guns and higher explosives; and even to-day our naval architects seem to think that this must go on **ad infinitum.**

The smoke barrage does not, of course, challenge the gun in its strength. It does so in its weakest link, **the aim of the man at the gun.** If the gunner is unable to see his target or objective, if he cannot lay his gun, if he cannot take aim, his gun becomes useless; or at any rate its effective fire must be enormously lessened. Smoke-screens can be made to cover, instantaneously, all targets or objectives of enemy gunfire, whatever these may be—a ship or ships; troops and movement of troops; concentration of forces, of men, tanks, horse; advance operations such as bridge-building and landings; aeroplanes in transit or in attack or flight.

Further, smoke-screens can be pushed out, like a telescope, into enemy lines, till they envelop the gun and the gunner, still further ensuring that aim and effective gunfire are impossible. The whole fighting area, even to the full range of the biggest naval guns, can be quickly enveloped in a smoke-cloud.

Smoke-screens, too, can be kept up as long as desired, or raised in a few minutes. To the uninitiated it may seem a difficult problem to get as much smoke as all this. To those who are acquainted with smoke protection by bombs, who have seen how much smoke can be got from a pound of powder, there is no difficulty or doubt. London itself could, in a few minutes, be put under a smoke-cloud rivalling in density her choicest fogs. Warships would be just as likely to run short of ammunition as to run short of smoke-screen outfit.

Such a cheap and effective insurance against enemy fire will, in wartime, be in the possession of every ship which sails the sea—from the super-Dreadnought down to the humble herring-boat. It is well known that in the late war a great many large vessels, with their human loads and valuable cargoes of munitions and foodstuffs, owed their escape from successful submarine attack to smoke-screens. So important was this protection deemed to be that American insurance companies would not insure unless the vessel had efficient smoke-screen outfit.

Smoke protection is possible against all guns, from the hundred-ton gun down to the Holt pistol. In the case of torpedoes, so much depending on nicety of aim, it is likely to play an important countering part. The new auxiliary has the excellent quality that its production cannot be inhibited by enemy action, nor can the enemy spoil it or blow it away. Searchlight in a smoke-cloud, in presence of enemy craft, is, of course, out of the question. Moreover, it costs little or nothing compared with other war material.—Chamber's Journal.

Bishop Mowll's Mission.

ALL SHOULD BE LOYAL TO THE GREAT TRUTHS PREACHED.

Bishop Mowll has left us after five days of most strenuous activity. We cannot begin at this early moment to estimate the value of the Mission. The moving spectacle of our old church crowded night after night, the intensity of all who heard the sermons, the reality of the spiritual awakening; all these things combined to make the Mission memorable.

What shall we say of the Bishop? He came a stranger to the city, and in five days thousands of people recognized him as a friend indeed. His deep spirituality, his earnest simplicity, his living faith, his unaffected piety and his authoritative utterances were evident to all. Once again we realized that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto Salvation. Many a one has fervently said during the past few days, "Thank God for sending Bishop Mowll to St. John's."

The best tribute we can pay to the Bishop is to be loyal to the great truths he so faithfully preached. God be praised for all His mercies!

A Busy Week.—In five days Bishop Mowll gave more than twenty sermons and addresses. In addition to the Mission Sermons he addressed the Rotary Club, the W.H.M.S., the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Students of Queen's College and those of Spencer College, the Clergy and Ministers of the city. In addition to all this his Lordship visited several of our Societies and Institutions.

W.H.M.S.—A record meeting was held on Thursday last when the Bishop addressed the Society on "The Church in China." Several hundred women were packed into Canon Wood Hall and many were unable to gain admission. A vote of thanks to his Lordship was proposed by Mrs. Earp and seconded by Mrs. J. C. Oke. At the Rector's suggestion the Society generously donated $100.00 to the work in West China. This epoch-making will be long remembered by all present.—Notes From the Parish of St. Thomas's.

Supreme Court.

Martin W. Sampson vs. Reid Newfoundland Co., Ltd.

This is a motion on behalf of the defendant for an order that the finding of the jury hereinafter set forth, and the judgment entered therein in this action be set aside, and a new trial had between the parties on the grounds that each and every of the said findings were (1) against the weight of evidence and (2) contrary to the evidence, and that in the meantime further proceedings be stayed.

Howley, K.C., for defendants is heard in support of the motion.

W. J. Browne, B.Sc., for plaintiff is heard against the motion.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Feb. 5, '23.

We have just got in a consignment of Tooth Brushes from Messrs. Rigby, Battcock & Co. of London. These brushes are of high-class English manufacture, and we have had them nicely assorted as to shape, quality and price. The shipment includes some of the famous Sanident Tooth Brushes, which may reasonably claim to be the finest tooth brush imported. Altogether, a very fine line of tooth brushes.

For coughs and colds, and especially bronchial coughs and colds, which are so prevalent at this time of year, Buckley's Bronchitis Mixture is an outstanding remedy. Large bottle, 75c.

Coastal Boats.

REIDS'

Argyle arrived at Argentia at 8.15 a.m. yesterday, sailing to-day on Red Island route.

Glencoe left Hermitage Cove at 8.20 p.m. Saturday, coming East.

GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Senef arrived at Trinity yesterday afternoon and left early this morning for Catalina. The ship was reported from the latter place to-day having anchored by edge of ice.

Formation of B.I.S.

There was held in the London Tavern St. John's on February 5th, 1806, a preliminary meeting of those desirous of forming the Benevolent Irish Society. And how well the desires of those who were the organizers were brought to fruition may be witnessed to-day.

Weather Report.

Fogo.—Wind N.W., strong breeze with occasional drift. Very frosty, with close packed ice everywhere.

Nipper's Hr.—Strong N.W. winds, fair: 29 below zero.

MINARD'S LINIMENT, LUMBERMAN'S FRIEND.

U. F. Movement.

MEETING AT PORT BLANDFORD.

The following letter was received by Captain Jesse Winsor and handed in for publication.

Captain Jesse Winsor,
St. John's.

Dear Sir.—Messrs. W. D. Sainsbury and A. Stanford of the United Fishermen, held a meeting in the C. of E. schoolroom here last night, which was largely attended. Resolution unanimously adopted and committee of seven elected, namely: J. R. Courage, Chairman, I. G. Hoskins, Secretary; Messrs. A. M. Stares, Captain George Blackmore, John T. Stead, Ambrose Stone, H. J. Blandford.

The meeting was very enthusiastic. Ninety-eight per cent in favor of the movement and all determined to stand by the United Fishermen in their great effort. Owing to a few of our men being away, it is ordered to carry the resolution to their homes for endorsation.

Sainsbury, Stanford and other speakers were cheered, which shows that unity prevails. They left this morning for Bunyan's Cove, with the intention of holding a meeting there tonight, and we feel confident that they will attain the approbation of those whom they come in contact with, and we wish them every success as they travel along their journey.

Yours truly,
J. R. COURAGE,
Chairman of Committee.

Port Blandford, Jan. 31st, 1923.

Bankers of West Coast Prepare for Voyage.

MAKE EARLY TRIP NEXT MONTH —FLEET WILL BE SMALLER THAN THAT OF LAST LEAR.

The bankers of Grand Bank, Marystown, Fortune, Belleoram and Burin are now getting ready for the fishery. Next month they will make the early trip to the Rose Blanche grounds with iced herring and squid bait. Returning in March, they will then make a trip to St. Peters Bank in April and the larger vessels of the fleet will, after baiting with herring, proceed to the Grand Banks the latter part of April.

Last year the number of bankers out was 53, with a total of 3,758 tons and carrying 934 men. The total catch was 132,698 quintals. This was considerably over the voyage of the previous year but there was no money made, generally speaking, owing to the poor price of fish.

The average catch per vessel in 1922 was 2,503 quintals and the average catch per man 142 quintals. Grand Bank led with the number of vessels out, viz., 20. Marystown came second with 11, Burin had 6, and the total of all the other settlements was under five.

Less Than Last Year.

This season's list of the fleet is not yet available, but it is believed to be somewhat less than that of last year, owing to the fact that some three hundred young men from the banking section of the coast have in the past three months emigrated to Canada and the United States. Many of the men have gone to the New England fishing ports to engage in the fisheries there.

The Rose Blanche fishery opened well at New Year, but has been hampered by stormy weather whenever the boats and dories got out they did well. There are 64 dories and skiffs fishing between Burgeo and Rose Blanche and 61 between Francois and Cul-de-Sac. In favorable weather they get from two to five quintals per boat daily on frozen herring.

Much Gear Was Lost.

One week in the early part of January, there was only one whole day's fishing owing to the stormy weather. A good deal of fishing gear was lost by storm and tide and one boat lost eight tubs of trawls, others two to three.

Another serious drawback is the scarcity of salt, and unless a supply comes soon there will be a great loss to the fishermen and suppliers. Besides this, trawl hooks are scarce, and not to be had for money. A supply, however, is now on the way to Rose Blanche and has probably reached there by this time.

No bankers had arrived at the Rose Blanche Bank up to last week, but they are expected to be there early in this month provided the weather is not too stormy and frosty.—Trade Review.

Matinee Wednesday.

"FACING THE MUSIC."

At the request of many of his friends, Mr. Karl Trapnell has decided to give a matinee on Wednesday afternoon of his rip-roaring farce comedy "Facing the Music." Not only will the youngsters have an opportunity of enjoying the show but it will certainly have the tendency of making the night performance go with that smoothness and precision so desirable and necessary in a play of this nature. The afternoon prices will be 30, 20 and 10 cents, and reservations may be made at Hutton's.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR BURNS & SCALDS.

Ore Shipments to Germany.

WHAT THEY SAY IN CANADA.

In connection with the press reports of the cancellation of contract for Newfoundland ore by the German steel works and the consequent closing down of the iron ore mines of the British Empire Steel Corporation at Bell Island, Newfoundland, Mr. Roy Wolvin, President of the Corporation, stated to-day that between May 1st, 1922 and Jan. 15th, 1923, his company has shipped approximately 800,000 tons from the ore mines to Rotterdam and various German ports for furtherance by river and canal to the steel plants in the Ruhr district, and that this ore had been sold to and used by practically every steel plant in that locality. Our German contracts, continued Mr. Wolvin, have all been completely filled, with the exception of a comparatively small balance, which is now being discharged from vessel into Rhine lighters at Rotterdam. We have received no advices here of cancellation of any of this small balance, nor any action on the part of the Germans not to take ore from our mines in 1923, but naturally the occupation of the Ruhr has of necessity caused serious complications, and until the situation is classified it is impossible with any degree of safety to mine ore for the purpose of shipments that might be interfered with through future developments in that district.—Montreal Daily Star, Jan. 27th.

Horsemen's Association.

RACES SET FOR WEDNESDAY.

Horsemen are looking forward with interest to the local derby, which is set to take place on Wednesday afternoon. Good sleighing has given the contestants many opportunities to put their animals in trim, but it is doubtful if the pond will be in condition for the day set, owing to snow and water making the surface uneven. The Association meets tomorrow night, and it may be possible that the event will be postponed until Wednesday week. Howard Mann, winner of the cup in the "free for all trot" of last year, will not likely be on the pond this year. This, however, does not mean that Bert Axworthy, the Government horse, will have the race to himself, as this year he has to face many newcomers. Amongst these are Stephenson's Harry Mo Ho, Joseph Judge's two standard breds, and Mr. Parkins' Mansur, a non-starter last year owing to a regrettable mishap. Then Dr. Lynch of Bell Island has a pacer which may be in the race. In the native bred event, last year's entrants will again be seen, but keen judges say the finish will see a change in honors. Larry Ward with Job's colt, and Frank Walsh with Carters, have their animals in splendid form and each is confident of taking the blue ribbon. In Class B. trot, the entrants are not known, but it is likely that Kelly's Finnister will compete in this event. It is stated that Mr. Harold McPherson, owner of Howard Mann is importing another animal, which will eclipse anything previously seen here for speed. As the course this year is over a measured half mile and official time will be taken, the Derby should prove of exceptional interest. Horsemen are reminded that owners of animals competing must be members of the Association.

N. I. W. A.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Quite a large number of members and co-members attended the special meeting held on Friday evening last, and great enthusiasm was in evidence over the statement made by the President that the Association had determined to go strong on the matter of "importing articles into this country that should be made here," and thereby giving employment to our own people instead of these having to emigrate as at present. The Committee who were appointed to interview the Government on the matter of importing Railway Engines, Flat Cars, and other articles connected with the Railway, and of having the same made here in this country, reported that they had met the Government, but as further interviews on the matter were necessary they would give a final report at a later date, but so far as they have gone they were of the opinion that the result of the inetrview would be quite satisfactory. An interesting discussion took place on the subject of "Local Industries." Messrs. Tucker, Cadwell, Willar, White, Smith and Earle took part, and each of the speakers were strongly of the opinion that millions of dollars are being sent out of this country for foreign made articles that should be made here. Very interesting matter was produced showing some of the reasons why goods are imported into this country instead of being manufactured at home; and it was also shown that before the Association is through with this question some valuable information will be produced. The meeting closed at 11 p.m.

See "Facing the Music" at the Casino Theatre on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th. Melancholia murdered at each performance.—feb5,1i

Our Great Sale of FIRE AND SMOKE GOODS

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Prices Have Been Clipped to the Vanishing Point!

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Prince's Rink Patrons Please Note.

The management of the Prince's Rink is desirous of informing its patrons upon the following points:

1. At the request of the contesting teams the Hockey match between the Feildians and St. Bon's scheduled for Wednesday night will be played Tuesday night. The Adult's Carnival advertised for Tuesday night is postponed till Thursday night.

2. Holders of book tickets, gallery tickets and season passes will be admitted to the Rink on Hockey match nights by the side door on the Curling Club side of the Rink. Positively no money for admittance will be accepted at this door.

3 Children of fourteen years of age and under are not permitted on the ice at night. When children of this age are admitted to the Rink at night to see the Hockey matches they must leave the Rink at the close of the game. Dogs are not to be brought in the Rink.

4. The management regret that for this week (only) it will be able to provide only four bands general skating after the Hockey matches. This is due to the necessity of fitting in practices after the general skating in the evening for Ice Sports' contestants, the Mercantile League and the city team which will play Bigus. The full eight bands will be played Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

5. The management is pleased to announce that Miss Mary Ryan and Mr. Wm. Wallace both so well and favourably known in amateur dramatic circles have kindly consented to act at Judges at Thursday night's carnival.—feb5,1i

Laid to Rest.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED.

The funeral of the late Ena B. Vincombe, which took place from her parent's residence, Duckworth Street, yesterday afternoon, was attended by a very large concourse of sympathizers. The coffin and hearse were bedecked with wreaths, sent by numerous friends of the family of the deceased. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Mr. A. Carneil. After prayers for the dead had been recited at the R.C. Cathedral, interment took place at Belvedere.

There will be a Tea and Concert in Canon Wood Hall on Wednesday the 7th inst. Tea will be served at 6.30. Concert begins at 8.30. Admission Tea and Concert 50c. Concert only 20c. Proceeds will go to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Chapel Fund. A good time is assured.—feb5,3i

C.C.C. Band Holds Successful Meeting.

The many friends of the Cadets will be glad to learn that of their splendid band has taken on a new lease of life, the majority signing the roll under the new rules. They will be given new quarters in the Armoury and be more closely connected with the Corps and free from the heavy expenses as formerly. The band will be increased considerably, and senior musicians who would like to join up, are assured of a hearty welcome. They will be supplied with new uniforms, music and instruments free. A number of bandsmen have signified their intention of teaching recruits, and about twenty bright young men will be started immediately. It is hoped to have at least forty bandsmen turn out for the first spring Church Parade. Preparations are now being made for the "At Home" and it is hoped to have this year's function eclipse all former ones.

Police Court.

A 30 year old laborer, who is employed at the East End rock shed was fined $2 or 10 days for battering the face of an old man named Moores, also employed on relief works. The fracas occurred on Saturday evening and was the outcome of skylarking by some of the younger men. Moores, it appears, went to defend another old man, who had been struck with a brin bag. In the melee he was knocked down and badly bruised. The Judge commented strongly on blackguardism at the rock works, and stated that he would protect those in need of employment, but who were interfered with by rowdies.

Kyle Making Long Trip.

S.S. Kyle, which left St. John's Saturday night for North Sydney, via Port aux Basques reported to the Reid Newfoundland Co. at 4 o'clock yesterday morning as passing Cape Race. During the afternoon another message was received from Capt. Stevenson, stating the wind was northwest with thick snow, very high seas and the ship was making very little progress. Up to 2 p.m. to-day the Reid Co. had received no further report.

WASTAGE OF WATER.—As will be seen in our advertising columns today the Municipal Council is drawing attention to the greatly reduced pressure through the wrongful waste of water. This is a serious matter for the whole city and all householders are notified that they are liable to a fine of $20 for being guilty of such waste.

To-Night's Game.

The Terras and Guards are the contesting teams in to-night's game. The Terras, who are on high at their victory over the Fieldians are a strong team and with the ice in perfect condition to-night's game ought to be a thriller. The Guards will be minus Billie Clouston for to-night's game and it is not likely that "Robbie" will be in the game as he is suffering from a cold. Mr. Bert Tait will be the referee.

PLANES COMING.—Within the next day or two Major Cotton and two air pilots—are expected to leave Botwood flying two planes to the city. It is not known yet if he 'plane mail for Labrador, which closes on Saturday next, will be sent to Botwood by train or despatched direct from here by air.

CANTATA.

"QUEEN OF THE YEAR."

By the Members of Cochrane St. Kitchengarten, in aid of the Women's Association,

Tuesday, February 6th,

at 8.15 p.m., in Lecture Room. Candy for Sale. Admission 25c.

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Progressive Farmers

should send in their names at once to secure the following interest annuals for 1923 editions limited.

The Farmers Red Book and Agricultural Annual, 208 pages, 1923 55c.

Farmers and stock breeders Year Book, 376 pages $1.25.

Belcher's (Canadian) Farmers Almanac 65c.

American Agricultural Year Book 75c.

Livestock Journal, 208 pages $1.00.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR FALLING OUT OF HAIR.

Here and There

15c. CUP AND SAUCER.—A small shipment of these Cup and Saucers have just been received at STEELE'S. Teaplates to match, each.

See "Facing the Music" at Casino Theatre, Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th, at 8.30 p.m. If it doesn't you to laugh don't come.—

GENERAL REDUCTION.—We have reduced prices in all lines of Crockeryware at STEELE'S. Advise you to make your purchases them early, as the cheaper lines being rapidly picked up.

See "Facing the Music" at Casino Theatre, on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th, at 8.30 p.m. A laugh from start to finish.

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COLD SNAP.—On this date the thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero. This was 6 degrees colder than the reading showed at Nurseries last night.

WAGNER APPLES—Clearing out the balance of our Wagner Apples at $4.00 per barrel, strictly cash. Snap. Snap. quickly. EDWIN MURRAY.

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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 endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

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BORN.

On Feb. 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, 99 Hamilton Street, a son.

DIED.

On Sunday 4th inst., Joyce Mary Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. R. and Margaret Parsons, 7 Rennie's Avenue. Funeral at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Tuesday.)

Passed peacefully away at St. Clare's Hospital, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, at 9 a.m., fortified by the Rites of Catholic Church, Ida M. Power (nee Doody), beloved wife of Michael Power, Marystown. R.I.P. Funeral from J. T. Martin's, Rooms will be given later.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. W. G. Pippy wish to express their sincere thanks to friends who sent wreaths, for acts of sympathy, or in any way during the occasion of the death of their mother.—advt.