

WAR NEWS

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, Dec. 21. Heavy bombardment in Lorraine and a strong German attack against French trenches north of Boissons, was repulsed, according to the war office announcement to-night.

ENEMY SUBS. SUNK.

ATHENS, Dec. 21. French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

BALFOUR'S DEFENCE OF GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 20. In his reply to Arthur Ponsonby regarding the aims of Britain and her Allies, Foreign Secretary Balfour said he didn't think there had been in the whole history of the war more powerful documents than that issued by the President of the United States. When Mr. Ponsonby sneeringly charged that the Allies were sheltering themselves behind the President's reply to the Pope, continued Mr. Balfour, he presumed the member meant no more than that when the statement of policy was admirably made by the head of the great American Republic it might not be necessary and very often unnecessary, that it should be at once repeated on this side of the Atlantic. The British Government, he continued, had not refused a conference on war aims, but the problems presented enormous difficulties and it was his belief that friendly conversations were better than formal conferences for discussion of these delicate matters. In any event all the Allies, including Russia, were strongly of the opinion that this was an opportune moment for such a discussion. What was desirable was a discussion of war methods rather than of war aims. Balfour defended at length the Government's procedure with regard to the agreements between the Allies concerning Constantinople, Persia, etc. He declared that Italy properly deserved some re-arrangement of territory in her favor. Great Britain never desired or encouraged the idea that a bit of Germany should be severed from the parent state and erected into a sort of independent republic or buffer state on the left bank of the Rhine. The Government, he declared, had never been aware that such a proposal was seriously entertained by any French statesman, and he protested against the British Government being charged with lack of faith or honesty on such flimsy foundation.

FRANCE'S FOOD SUPPLY.

PARIS, Dec. 21. (Delayed.)—The food needs and resources of France for the coming nine months were dealt with before the Senate in a statement by Victor Bor-

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et, Minister of Provisions, in which he pointed out that there was a deficit of 33 million hundred weight of wheat. The United States and Britain will only give us tonnage to supply this deficit if we ration strictly, said the Minister. For the civilian population I have a stock of 607,000 hundredweight or a day's consumption. Oats are no better and rations of animals must be reduced. Saccharine will replace in part the sugar ration next month. There will be no more sugar for candy makers or cake makers. France's new bread ration still remains larger than many enemy, neutral and allied countries. The situation in Italy is so critical that I had on one occasion to supply wheat to the Italian Government and was glad to do so. I am considering new regulations for potatoes regarding which I shall say nothing as yet lest speculators might profit. Borel concluded by expressing his determination to secure an intensification of production as well as enforced restrictions.

FAVORS GENERAL PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21. A despatch from Vienna says the Unterhaus adopted by a small majority a resolution introduced by Czechs and South Slavs in favor of general peace on the basis of no annexations or indemnities and for using Russia's good office to convey such proposal to the Entente governments.

NO JAPS IN VLADIVOSTOCK.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21. Bolshevik Foreign Minister Leon Trotsky denied to-day that the Japanese have occupied Vladivostock. He added that the Bolshevik Government would request the withdrawal of foreign troops from Harbin, Manchuria.

Herring Competition.

Competition amongst American and Canadian agents who are buying up herring in Green Bay is critically keen and we learn that in some instances phenomenally high prices were paid during the past few weeks for herring. Those engaged catching the fish expect to land a record voyage.

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N. I. W. A. on Expressmen's Strike.

R. N. CO. AGREES TO DEMANDS.

At the regular weekly meeting of the N. I. W. A. held last night, correspondence in connection with the Express Drivers' strike was read and the following report submitted by the delegation appointed by the Association to interview the President of the Company.

"The correspondence which has been read to you will show that your executive have been alive to your interests. When the change was made in the Presidency of the Reid N.I. Co., the Secretary immediately got into communication with the newly elected President, Mr. H. D. Reid. The latter, owing to press of business consequent upon his election to that position, desired to know if we would take up the matter with Mr. J. P. Powell, General Supt. The delegation did so, and we now present our report.

We were handicapped at the start by the fact that the strike had been ordered by the teamsters without the knowledge and consent of the Association. Only for the fact that a great principle was involved, we question if the Association would have taken it up or could have settled the matter at all. The deputation strongly recommended that in future the Association should not countenance any strikes, the causes of which have not first been thoroughly investigated by its members. Because of the hasty manner in which the strike was called, we are unable to report victory in every detail. (See articles 7 and 9 of our constitution).

We are, however, able to report that we have won our great point, the principle for which we stood shoulder to shoulder. The Company willingly agreed to the points which we shall presently explain. They would not, however, agree to the dismissal of the teamster who proved disloyal to his comrades. He signed the letter asking for increased pay, agreed to stand by the others and then, when he himself received the increase, went back to work and left the others in the lurch. Such conduct is unworthy of a member of this Association. However, as he was not officially ordered out by the Association, we could not press the point. Here again we were handicapped.

For similar reasons we were unable to insist that the expenses of the strike should be borne by the employers. We think, everything considered, that the Company were generous when they agreed to meet us half way and pay the teamsters debt of honor.

On the following point the Company could not agree in every case; but we reached this agreement, namely, that no employee should be dismissed without notice except for certain offences. These include crime, flat refusal to perform duty, breach of the rule book for the railway hands, and those offences, maybe slight in themselves, which are likely to cause loss of life or serious damage to property. In all such cases, however, the Company will receive a deputation from the N. I. W. A. and give every facility to allow the Association's representatives to satisfy themselves as to the justice of the dismissal.

On the following points your deputation and the Company are in agreement: No person shall be discriminated against because he is a member of the Association. No employee shall be dismissed or otherwise punished because he acts as the representative of others in presenting or drafting a petition on any subject or for asking for any favor, right or privilege, provided he behaves himself otherwise.

As regards the teamsters, the Company agrees to take them all back, and to pay half of their lost time. If there is no work for them in the Express Dept. they will be placed in other positions.

We brought up the question of keeping these teamsters at work who are dropped every winter. The Company will find work for them the winter somewhere and as long as they give satisfaction, will guarantee them at least as much as they would receive as teamsters.

Gifts for Her!

Did you ever stop to think of the many things which we carry in stock which your wife, sister or sweetheart has long wanted. Continually coming in contact with hundreds of women, we know what they admire most. Allow us to offer a few suggestions.

PERFUME—In various size btl. **FACE POWDER.** **TOILET WATER.** **STATIONERY.** **TOOTH BRUSH & HOLDER.** **BOX OF GOOD SOAP.** **HAIR BRUSHES.** And other items too numerous to mention.

Peter O'Mara,

The Druggist, 46-48 WATER ST. WEST. dec19,12m

The teamsters asked for an increase of five dollars each per month. The Company, however, concluded to pay them seven dollars and fifty cents increase on their present wage.

This, fellow workers, is our report. It is the best we could do for you. The duty of our members, if the Association accepts our report, is to see that no opportunity is given any person to say that any member of the Association acts in any way calculated to bring the association into contempt.

One thing we must all remember, that we won out by sticking together and by trying to be fair in our demands.

In conclusion we wish to place on record our appreciation of the manner in which we were received by the representative of the Company, Mr. J. P. Powell.

EDWARD WHITTY, Vice-President. WARWICK SMITH, SAMUEL MERILS.

Buddy's Friend.

Carbonear, December 16th, 1917. Messrs. Cleveland Rubber Co., St. John's.

Gentlemen—I notice in to-day's paper that I am one of the Prize Winners in the Buddy Boot competition, and I assure you I am more than proud of winning one of the Ten Dollar Gold Pieces (\$10.00), and also I am just as proud of Buddy Boots. I may say, sir, instead of sending me the ten dollars (\$10.00) you can send me a pair of the famous Buddy Boots, size (9) nine, and the balance in cash, and I assure you, sir, I won't forget to advertise them.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, and wishing you and the Buddy Boot every success and a Happy Christmas.

I remain, as before, MARK PARSONS.

Since we published list of prize winners in this paper we have had many letters of appreciation and we know that we have given much happiness in many homes; naturally we are greatly pleased at this.

We are getting ready a great list of prizes for next year.

Men, Boys, Youths and Women keep right on buying Buddy Boots and Bear Brand Rubbers. We not only guarantee the quality of every pair, but you have a chance to be one of the Prize Winners for Christmas 1918.

We are the only exclusive Jobbers of Rubbers in Newfoundland. No goods sold at retail.

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To Sir Robert Bond.

The writer asks of Sir Robert Bond consideration of the following verses, adapted in a humble way from the poem written for OLD HOME WEEK, 1904, by the late Sir Cavendish Boyle. The writer, as well, has opportunities of knowing that the sentiments expressed in these verses are the sentiments of the country at large to demand the man; and the man is Sir Robert Bond.

Avalon is calling you, from nether shore to plain; ROBERT BOND of Whitbourne! shall she call in vain? Leader of her former hopes, heed you now her call.

Lead her forth from bondage; lead her forth from thrall. All her folk will rally to your standard true; All her towns will welcome you, massed in grand review; All her voters ready, shouting this refrain.

ROBERT BOND, of Whitbourne! lead us once again. Food Controls and Tonnage Coms work at make believe In mistaken efforts the old land to relieve. But Newfoundland is calling, from farthest shore to plain, ROBERT BOND, of Whitbourne, must she call in vain?

Quirpon's Northern foreland, Fortune's Southern Bay, Hamber's winding river where the leaping salmon play; Western-shore built hamlet, forest, lake and plain Join the swelling chorus, lead us once again!

Terra Nova's heart lies open, will you say her nay? When she bids you come to her, will you stay away? Newfoundland is calling you from highest hill to plain, ROBERT BOND, of Whitbourne! can she call in vain?

CHIEFTIAN! canst thou leave her in her present plight? Come! direct her councils, changing wrong to right. All her voices echo, echo one refrain, Newfoundland is calling you, Welcome back again.

THE PEOPLE. December 18th, 1917.

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT.

HALIFAX. ANDREW KING.

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LT.-COL. C. CREWE READ, Sussex.

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Markham, Ont. C. S.-BILLING, Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

POULTRY ARRIVE. — A large shipment of poultry reached here yesterday from Prince Edward Island. Another big consignment is due here to-morrow night.

EXTRAORDINARY XMAS SALES



MEN'S TIES.

A big quantity of Wide End Ties in a choice variety of good designs. The color combinations are perfect. As a Xmas Gift they are excellent. Xmas Sale Price, each 49c

MEN'S WOOL MUFFLERS.

Here is an ideal Xmas Gift for him. We have a magnificent variety of assorted colors in Wool Mufflers. These are marked much below the market price of to-day. Price 90c. to \$2.50 each.

CHARMING SWEATERS.

Wonderful variety to be found at our Sweater Counter; brushed wool, all wool and silk. Splendid for skating and all outdoor sports. Priced from \$4.50 to \$8.00 each.

WOMEN'S HOUSE SLIPPERS.

These are the warm Jullets. Some are fur trimmed, that are worn a great deal around the house in winter time; so they are especially appropriate for Christmas gift-giving. Xmas Sale Price, per pair \$1.77

INFANTS' BOOTEES.

These would make an ideal Christmas Gift for baby. To be had in White, Pink and Pale Blue; made of pure wool. Only a limited quantity. Xmas Sale Price, pair 22c

Ribbons

Firm finish Silk Ribbons, 3 1/4 inches wide; assorted colours; splendid quality. Price per yard 22c

Also an assortment of Merve Ribbons, 2 1/4 inches wide, in Plain Blue, Pink and White. Most suitable for Hair Ribbons. Price, per yard 19c

VOILE BLOUSES.

Ladies' White Voile Blouses, with the latest collar effect. Very beautifully embroidered in floral designs. These are exceptionally attractive; a practical Christmas Gift in every sense of the word. Xmas Sale Price, ea. \$2.19

HAND BAGS.

Silk Hand Bags in the newest and most original ideas, with metal or self-covered frames; also of Morocco and Leather covered. You can easily use one of these Bags for a Christmas Gift. Priced from 40c. to 95c. each.

WHITE WOOL JACKETS.

For infants; something serviceable; made of pure wool with Pink or Blue edging. Real comfort coats for the baby. Xmas Sale Price, each 80c

WHITE WOOL OVERALLS.

Something you need when taking the little ones out winter time; a warm Wool Overall that extends from waist to toe, and fastens around the waist with a tasseled cord. Xmas Sale Price, each 80c

UMBRELLAS.

Have you thought of giving an Umbrella as a Christmas Gift? Here are great varieties of handles, fine covers; popular waist loops for women. Priced from \$1.70 to \$2.70 each.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! At Xmas Sale Prices.



When Toys can be had at these prices, it will be almost a crime not to get the kiddies a good many to be stored away on top of the wardrobe until Santa comes along and puts them into the little black stockings pinned up in the fireplace "so's Santa kin get at it easy."

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Let us prove again that your Christmas shopping can be done most satisfactorily and economically at this store. Visit us often and take advantage of such buying opportunities that come but once a year and that are being offered now in the various sections of the store.



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