

## Evening Telegram

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## The Offer and the Refusal.

Perhaps nothing better could have come to the Allied nations at a time of so great depression than the opportunity to give Germany a direct, almost humiliating, rebuff. Their flat refusal to discuss peace proposals but any proposals whatever of peace discovery to themselves united confidence which will act as a much needed tonic. The effect of its reception in Germany will be awaited with much more interest, for it will be even more important: indeed it is the only thing of real importance in the whole situation. We can afford to disregard the imperial blasphemy and hypocrisy and avoid the temptation to wax sarcastic upon the Chancellor's humanity theme. These things do not matter. What does matter is the interpretation, after some days of reflection, which the enemy people will put upon the attitude of the Allies. For it is certain to have a great moral effect, and where whole nations are at war moral effects cannot be ignored.

In the first place, with both sides ostensibly confident of victory, Germany has been the first to offer peace. This is not the part of a victor, save as a gracious mark of clemency to a foe utterly crushed and overwhelmed, and the London and Paris press have made it plain even to Germany that they see in her proposal a pre-emption of defeat. It will not be pleasant to Germany to see that she has been correctly judged. In the second place, to pass from the Prussian junkers to the real German nation, the Allies' absolute trust in victory which looks out through their instantaneous rejection and ridicule of Germany's overture will probably cause them not a little mystification and lead them to think more deeply than they have done. In a sense this is the first occasion in which we have been able to get in touch with the German people, though the medium is so roundabout and the process an infernal one. We shall have made them ask themselves questions. They have been told they are continuously victorious; of what use are victories if they bring no peace? Why do not their enemies admit the inevitable and make peace? Are they really victorious? Finally, since the Allies are in such had case to-day, can it be that their confidence is based on to-morrow?

These questions seem natural enough to us, but it is probable that they have occurred to comparatively few German subjects, who have waited blindly and obediently until their leaders should offer peace and a conquered foe gratefully accept it. The gratitude and alacrity of acceptance of the conquered foe will come rather a shock to them. Their goal of peace will be further than ever away, and what is more, it is probable that they will never get to it. Germany cannot well do more. There is one way in which they can approach it, but it has never occurred to them. Possibly the idea may dawn upon them in the rigours and privation of another winter. Some day the German people may realize that their military despots, who first broke the peace, are the real enemies of it now. However that may be, this winter will be a hard and stormy one in Germany, leading up to the greater storm from without and within which will bring peace at last.

## The Greek Trouble.

News that promises to be more important than abortive discussions of peace comes from Greece, a message telling of serious fighting between the Greek regulars and French forces near Salonika. This, following the removal of Admiral Du Poutet and other recent events, clearly shows that the situation is past saving by peaceful means. Perhaps the only burst, on the surface so disquieting, may prove a blessing in disguise. If the Allies must fight Greece, they will be compelled to send troops in great force to Salonika. This has always been the wish and policy of France; England now has a leader who is known to favour firmer measures in the East. If the trouble had to come it is as well it has come now and not later, when Germany, having crushed Roumania into temporary impotence, would be at leisure to turn south with much effect. Now, as Berlin seems to recognize, co-operation between Greece and Germany may not be possible in time to save the former. Let us devoutly hope so. Both Greece and Constantinople need a lesson and the trouble for which they have been asking. The terrible peril to Greece will soon be apparent to most of the Greeks themselves, so that we may expect a considerable flocking to Venizelos' standard. It is just possible that at the twelfth hour the rising storm may die down, but the possibility is very small. It would be a pity, in any case, if those who have provoked it are permitted to go unpunished.

## From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind S.W.; light, weather dull; heavy sea on coast. A Black Diamond liner passed in at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.95; Ther. 40.

REMEMBER Callahan, Glass & Co., Ltd., when starting out to buy Linoleum. They have the largest stock in the city and every piece and quality at the old Genuine Prices. No advance in our prices at CALLAHAN, GLASS & Co., Ltd.—dec13,tf

## Two Little Boys on Prescott Street.

Two little urchins chanced to meet. The rain was falling fast. 'Twas at the foot of Prescott Street, Their lot that night was cast. They swept the muddy thoroughfare, Their dress and brooms were crude. On Prescott Street, one time quite near Where Crossman's smithy stood.

"'Tis sad," said one who by them passed, "That youths like them should toil At night time in the biting blast, 'To sweep our muddy soil.'"

"Gimmie a cent, please, mister, do," One youth unto him said; He quicker walked and frowned too And turned away his head.

"'Tis not the clothes that makes the man, By words the pot don't boil, The grandest dress some love to scan And scorn the dress of toil. Another man came on the scene, Spoke kindly to these youths, And on his feet he wore, I ween, A pair of Buddy Boots.

"What do you here, my little boys, The rain is falling fast; 'I've stood and watched the rich and wise 'All spurn you as they passed; 'Here's twenty cents for each of you, 'Though I have many needs. 'I only wish the rich would do 'For youths like you, more deeds."

The man went on, the boys are glad, They sweep the crossing now, Their faces are not looking sad No sorrow shows the brow; Oh! if the rich would only do Kind deeds for tender youths, Their hearts would then be kind and true.

As the man with the Buddy Boots, St. John's, Dec. 13, 1916.

## Police Court.

(Before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., P.P.)  
A 15 year old lad, arrested last night, was charged with stealing a quantity of goods from a ship, belonging to a man named Morgan, who had been convicted and sentenced suspended.

A 24 year old laborer, arrested under warrant at an instance of a young woman, was tried in camera on a serious charge. He decided to take the complainant for better or for worse.

'The Nfld. Quarterly'

CHRISTMAS NUMBER.  
Established 1901—63rd edition. The only general magazine published in the island, will be issued Saturday, December 16, and will be for sale at all the Bookstores and Agents in the Outports at 15c. per copy. Subscription, 50c. per year for Nfld. and Canada; foreign (except Canada), 70c.

CONTENTS:—Front cover, "Newfoundlanders at Caribou Hill, Gallipoli"—photo; "Newfoundland Regiment," with five photos of Gallipoli campaign; "Anglo-Saxon and Celtic," by Rev. M. J. Ryan, D.D., Ph.D.; "Our Heroic Dead: In Memoriam," "Brigadier General Cayley's Letter to His Excellency Sir Walter Davidson, K.C.M.G., on the Newfoundland Regiment, Oct. 12," with photos of the late Captains A. C. Brien and J. J. Donnelly, M.C.; Lieutenants C. B. Chitt, S. Norris, S. Ebsary and Lance Corporal H. H. Goodridge; "Failure of German Strategy," by Arthur Selwyn-Brown; "Presentation of Caribou Head to Burgh of Ayr, Scotland, by Newfoundland's Premier"—photo; "Under Shell Fire," by Lieut. Leo Murphy; "Honours won in the British Service," with photos of Lieut. Col. W. H. Franklin, D.S.O., Major A. E. Bernard, M.C., Capt. Bertram Butler, M.C., 2nd Lieut. Harold Barrett, M.M., and Pte. Stewart Dewling, M.M.; "Newfoundlanders in the Aynge Edens, Lieut. Ed. Jeffrey, 2nd Lieut. Frank Bennett and Pte. Phil. Jensen; "New Lieuts. in Nfld. Regiment," with photos of Lieut. Samuel Smith, Bertram Dicks, William Clare, Ralph Harrier, Leonard Stick, Gerald Wynne, Edward Barnes, Stanley Green, William Grace and Frank Burke; "Wandsworth Hospital" with photo, by Lieut. Leo Murphy; "Christmas Day at the Blue Sisters' Hospital, Malta"—photo; "The Late Capt. Augustus O'Brien," by Anon.; "Newfoundland Sea Birds," illustrated by Dr. Arthur Selwyn Brown; "A Tribute to Lieut. Stephen Norris," with photo; "The Boys of Yesterday"—poem by P. Florence Miller, Topsisal; "Our Graves in France"—poem by Robert Gear MacDonald; "Hon. Chas. H. Emerson, Registrar, Supreme Court," with photo; "Hon. J. Alex. Robinson, Postmaster-General," with photo; "Skipper Bill's Submarine Adventure," by P. J. Hearne; "I Used to Wear a Gown of Green"—poem by Catherine Hale; "The Dying Year," poem by Lurana Sheldon; "The War Madness of the Germans," by Prof. Ernesto Lugardo; "The Figure Head," a salt sea yarn—poem.

Boys wanted Saturday at 10 o'clock.  
JOHN J. EVANS,  
Printer, Publisher and Proprietor,  
24 Prescott Street, St. John's,  
dec14,11

## Train Notes.

Tuesday's express has not been reported since leaving the Quay yesterday on account of line trouble. The incoming express with Kyle's passengers has not been reported owing to line trouble. The Trepassey train reached the city at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

"ARE WE DOWNHEARTED—NO." The British Army's new marching song, words and music by Robert Harkness, 40c. post paid. All the latest and popular Army and Navy Patriotic Songs at GARLAND'S BOOKSTORE, 17-5 Water Street, St. John's—nov14,tf

## 'The Liars.'

DRAWS ANOTHER CROWDED HOUSE.

Even better success rewarded the second production of "The Liars" than on the opening night. Some of the few rough corners of the acting were rounded off and the audience was in a most appreciative mood. The hall was filled almost to the utmost and rippled with continuous laughter. Specially marked out for favor among the performers were Messrs. W. R. Warren and Angus Reid, who blushing received over the footlights each a fine cabbage adorned with patriotic colours. The play will be repeated for the last time to-night, when all who have not yet enjoyed it should seize what opportunity remains of doing so.

## 'The Christmas Post.'

Among the best of the Christmas numbers we have seen is "The Christmas Post," attractive to the light or serious-minded reader alike. In "School-days in St. John's over half a century ago," the Rev. Dr. Bond reviews in a skilful and entertaining manner old memories that will appeal to many. A plea for the child is made by the Rev. Dr. Jones in "Wastage of Child Life," an article that in a short space looks very deeply into a large social problem. In "Our Dead and Living Heroes" Mr. Wm. Campbell speaks pertinently of the agricultural possibilities of the island, particularly in relation to the returned soldier, who may be induced to settle on the land. The Rev. Canon Smith tells an exciting story of "A Slide for Life" at Bett's Cove in 1877, and Mr. H. A. Winter has an opening note on Christmas. Mr. R. G. Macdonald contributes some most graceful lines of verse. An artistic cover and well selected vignettes of Newfoundland scenery, with the above articles, make up a number of a very high standard. The Christmas Post will be on sale from Saturday next, price ten cents.

## Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Flat Island at 1.25 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
The Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at 12.10 a.m. to-day.  
The Dundee is at Port Blandford.  
The Ethie is north of Flower's Cove.  
The Glenace left Placentia at 4 a.m. to-day.  
The Home left Little Bay at 8.50 a.m. yesterday going out.  
The Sagona is due at Port aux Basques this morning.  
The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 4.20 p.m. yesterday.  
The Wren left Hillview at 9.45 a.m. yesterday, inward.  
The Meigle is at St. John's.

## Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light S.E. wind and fine, temperature 20 to 40 above.

BOWING'S SHIPS.—The Portia harbored at Dublin Cove all last night out of a heavy storm. The Prospero left Moreton's Harbor at 7.30 a.m. to-day, going north.

BACK TO BOTWOOD.—The steamers Eagle and Terra Nova arrived at Botwood this morning from Heart's Content where they landed cargoes of pulp and paper.

NEGRO DESERTERS.—Two negroes, who were arrested several days ago for deserting a Danish ship and have since been in police custody, were put on board another foreign going vessel to-day.

CONVENT CONCERT.—Under the auspices of the Presentation Convent Association, a tea and concert will be held to-morrow night at the C. C. C. Hall. Some of our best musical talent are contributing.

QUICK AND EASY.—The Giant Junior Safety Razor, 225,000 sold to date. Sorts of Razors: 50c. with 7 blades; extra blades, 40 cents per dozen, or 3 for 40 cents. CHESELEY WOODS, 282 Duckworth St., head of McBride's Hill, Sole Distributor. Wholesale only. For sale at advertised stores.—oct5,tf

FLORIZEL REPORTED.—Messrs. Harvey & Co., Ltd., have received word that the Red Cross liner Florizel got away from New York at 10 a.m. yesterday and should reach Halifax to-morrow afternoon some time, leaving there on Saturday night next, via Toronto. For this port, the ship is bringing a full general cargo, mostly goods for the Xmas season. She is due here Monday evening next.

SENSIBLE GIFT for your Home would be a nice Rattan Chair or Rocker. We have a beautiful selection, bought before the advance and selling at the Genuine Old Prices. CALLAHAN, GLASS & CO., LTD. dec13,tf

VESSEL LOST.—Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., received a message to-day intimating that the schr. Effie M. Morrissey was lost at Petrie's Ledge off Sydney last night and that the crew were saved. The ill-fated vessel was a well known trader, and a fish carrier and only recently left Carbon-ear for Sydney for a load of coal. She must have got the full force of the Cape Breton coast the night before last.

KEEP DOWN HIGH PRICES.—We are endeavouring to keep the price of our First-Class Tailor-made Garments within the reach of everyone, and when we say that you can get a first-class Suit or Overcoat from \$25 to \$30, it is not necessary for you to pay more. You can't get any better, no matter what you pay. SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water Street.—dec13,tf

## 1st Nfld. REGIMENT. Casualty List.

Received 8.50 p.m., Dec. 13.

2nd Lieut. Cyril C. Daley, 51 Renno's Mill Road, Wounded December 8th. (No particulars.)

The Following Reported at Wands-worth.  
2447—Private John Gosse, White-bourne, dysentery.  
1705—Private Paul F. Moore, Old Perlican; debility.  
2251—Private Cyril Hutchings, 5 George Street; trenchfoot.  
1954—Private Walter Cahnes, Port Saunders; bronchitis.  
2646—Private Aaron King, New Bonaventure, T.B.; diarrhoea.  
2552—Private Michael Kennedy, Colliers, C. B.; gunshot wound, upper extremity.

The Following Reported at 5th General Hospital, Rouen, December 13.  
1765—L.-Corp. Herbert J. Belbin, St. Philips; gunshot wound, upper extremity, slight.  
2437—Private John Rodgers, French Beach, T. B.; gunshot wound, lower extremity, severe.  
420—Corp. Isaac Fifield, Bonavista; gunshot wound, knee, severe.  
J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

DURANGO LEFT.—The S.S. Durango sailed from Liverpool, this morning for this port.

CITY FATHERS MEET.—The weekly session of the City Council will be held to-night.

Fresh Irish Hams and Bacon at ELLIS'.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—Owing to the indisposition of the minister, there will be no prayer meeting in the Presbyterian Hall to-night.

JUST RECEIVED—Holly and our Celebrated English Cakes, iced and uniced. Phone 679. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD. (Grocery Dept.)—dec14,tf

MEETS THIS EVENING.—St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class meets this evening in Canon Wood Hall. The Rector will give the address. Subject: "Things that Men Live For." A hearty welcome is extended to all men who care to attend.

REMAINS ARRIVE—FUNERAL TO-DAY.—The remains of the late Mrs. A. J. Saunders arrived in the city from Whitbourne yesterday and were taken to the home of her mother, 15 York Street, whence the funeral will take place this afternoon.

PIANOS.—We are exhibiting for two or three days before sending home two handsome Kohler Pianos ordered by citizens as Xmas gifts and immediately by us. Any order given us for a Piano at once could be placed in your home by the New Year. Save many dollars and get a first class Piano spanning new from the Factory. CHESLEY WOODS, Sole Agent for Kohler and Tonk Pianos, 282 Duckworth Street.—nov30,tf

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett wish to thank all kind friends who helped or sympathized with them in their sad bereavement in the death of their dear child Hannah; also Mrs. A. Radford and Miss Margaret Batcock for wreaths and crosses. Dr. Mitchell who tried so hard to save her life, Rev. Fr. Pippy who came so often to see her, the Christian Brothers of Holy Cross School and Sisters of Mercy, where she was a pupil; also Mrs. A. Samuelson who came and stayed with her until she breathed her last.

THE LAST CONTEST OF THE SEASON.

The last contest of the season will take place at Rossie's British Theatre on Friday night. It will be a big affair, vaudeville contest and some of the finest pictures seen in the city for some time. The reason why Friday night is the best for this contest is because of the preparation for the Christmas production, one of the most original entertainments ever provided, and will show to perfection the talent of those little girls who have already made a big name for themselves through the Maritime Provinces, while on tour. Mrs. Rossie feels confident the public of St. John's will appreciate what she is preparing for them, as it's a real fun show and a new one.

## BORN.

On the 8th inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Liddy, Torbay.

## DIED.

Passed peacefully away last night, Dec. 13th, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Esther Abbott, widow of the late William Abbott, aged 80 years. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 48 Bannerman Street.—R. I. P.

## Eggs and Butter!

To arrive ex "Sable Island,"  
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Children's Teddy Bear, \$3.90.

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Xmas Cards, 25c. and 45c. box.

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## Rainy Weather Specials!

## LADIES'

## Black Enameled Rain Coats,

With Belt, \$7.50 each.

## Ladies OIL HATS

Large Shape, Regular Price 75 cents,  
For 60 cents.

## Little Girls Mackintosh Capes

With Hood, Navy Blue and Hood Lined with  
Plaid Silk—\$2.70.

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## Fancy

DAMASK T. Of fine soft hemmed ends in 58 x 58 inch each. Friday

CUSHION. A fine soft saten in Green Olive and Old Red Reg. \$1.10 each.

TEA CLOTH. Bleached Linen hemstitched and insertion trimmed with splendid openwork in very pretty Reg. 50c. each.

DUCHESSE. A big variety of knosce from linen work, finished with looped edges. Reg. \$1.25 each. Friday

LINEN TR. Pure linen openwork center also a quantity of embroidered; sizes 16 x 17 inch. Reg. 50c. each. Saturday

TABLE NA. Made from some floral and kins are splendid size 16 x 17 inch. Reg. 14c. Saturday

PEARL. Various pearls, and some of them. Special for the

HANDKE. Well made, pretty shades. Shod in head. \$1.29 each. Friday and Saturday

XMAS. In large Xmas presents finished Nov. to match. urday

CHILD. Nothing of these. Fawn Imitation head clasped. Mural. Reg. urday

TALCU. Neatly finished Soap and They come in boxes. Reg. day

LADIES. Beautifully etching and embroidered. Reg. 11c. day

PATRIC. Highly finished edged Russian. Reg. accept. and Saturday

LADIES. Heavy plain Black and heels are worth Saturday