

Evening Telegram

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The Public Messages

These are stirring times, and when every day may bring fresh news of world importance, we are anxious that our readers should be enabled to keep as closely as possible in touch with all that is happening. We are persistently hankering in this wish by the deficiencies of the public news service, which, never of the best, has of late become about as unsatisfactory as it well could be. This criticism applies not merely to the matter and arrangement of the messages we receive but to the hours at which we receive them, and in both respects we know that our dissatisfaction is shared by a large public. During the past week, despite the importance of the events that have daily been transpiring, we have scarcely solved a single message in its entirety before noon, while the majority have reached us after 1 p.m. As a result, it is quite impossible to comment upon the news that is being sent in and in many cases it is impossible even to give it to our readers, who have to be content to wait until the following morning for it.

If there is any good reason for this sort of thing, we should be glad to know what it is. We could say much, too, upon the subject of the selection of the news that is sent to us, if it were not quite unnecessary. A perusal of the Canadian and American papers always leaves us in admiration of the ingenuity which contrives to send so much that is worthless and withhold so much that is of value. To take a notorious instance, the text of the note of the Central Powers had to be borrowed by us days late from the Halifax papers. We are almost tempted to say that if the daily review of the news were sent us and the rest that we receive omitted, we should be little the poorer.

How far the Government can remedy this state of things and improve the service we do not know, though if it can be improved it is time it were done; but what the Government can do is to give us a better method of diffusing this news when it is received. The system adopted by the Postal Telegraphs Department strikes us as the most crude and unsatisfactory that could be imagined. In this age of rapid copying processes can nothing better be devised than these typewritten, carbon-copied and often undecipherable sheets of paper? We do not know how many copies of each message must be made daily, but it must be considerable. It is not a good copying machine would dispose of them all in minimum time and with minimum labour. Of the copies that are distributed, the worst are kept for some reason, reserved for the newspapers. We have had occasion to speak of this before, but there is a limit to patience. The papers are to pay for this news; they do not pay for an illegible jumble which, allowing for the defects of the telegraph system, is marked from beginning to end by less intelligence than can be found in the average kindergarten. Not merely are the messages, as we have said, frequently illegible, but they are misspelled in every line and their sense distorted out of all recognition. Places whose names have occurred every day for months continue to be wrongly spelt, capitals are distributed with charming impartiality and even the messages themselves are permitted to overrun and entangle one another. Only one who compares, as we have done, this botch with the original, as it appears in the foreign newspapers, can have any idea of the number and nature of the errors which we have every day to correct. After thirty months of war it is time for an improvement. What is needed at this department is at least one official with a knowledge of spelling, English grammar and so much geography as will inform him that Moldavia is not in Germany nor the Danube in France. The messages might then be translated from the wires with some degree of accuracy.

Give Them a Welcome

On Monday no less than 105 of our brave Reservists will return to St. John's on the express. It is hoped that all will unite in the effort to give these gallant men the welcome they deserve. They will be met by the Reception Committee and addressed by the Prime Minister, while the whole available force of the Regiment and the city bands will be in attendance. We understand that the route that will be taken to Government House will be by way of Water Street, Cochrane and Gower Streets and King's Bridge Road. Let everyone, therefore, that can turn out to cheer them, and let all who can be profited with their bunting. It is desired before all things to make the welcome a spontaneous one from all citizens and we feel that none of our citizens will fail to respond.



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TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.30 A.M.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day.
The Rumanian province of Dobruja is now in the hands of the Central Powers, whose armies continue to advance through great Wallachia to Moldavia. Braila, an important commercial city of great Wallachia on the west bank of the Danube below Galatz has been captured by the German and Bulgarian troops. Several villages on the outskirts of Braila have also been occupied. Field Marshal Von Mackensen's troops have taken 1400 prisoners in their latest success. Virtually all the river Danube from its source to its mouth is now in the hands of the Teutonic Allies, who control all the Eastern Bank and all but a few miles of the Western. Galatz, 12 miles North of Braila, is the only important Rumanian town on the Danube yet in Rumanian hands. The clearing of Dobruja by the combined Bulgarian, Rumanian and German forces, it is reported semi-officially from Berlin, has opened a larger part of these forces ready for other employment and closes the Dobruja pathway to Constantinople and both Paris and London report considerable aerial activity on the front in France.

VILLA RADLY DEFEATED.
CHIHUAHUA CITY, To-day.
Villa was defeated at Jimenez yesterday by General Francisco Murguilla with the loss of 1500 rebels dead and wounded. The rebel leader, Martin Lopez, was captured, and another Villa General is among the slain.

GERMANS SEIZE NEUTRAL SHIP.
LONDON, To-day.
The Politiken, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, states that the Danish steamer Alexandria from Sundsvall to Boston with pulp and iron was captured by German warships and her cargo seized. This is the first time, the despatch adds, that a steamer with such a cargo between neutral countries has been captured.

ESCAPE FOR A NORWEGIAN.
VIGO, Spain, To-day.
The Norwegian steamer Thyra, 2742 tons gross, was found drifting by fishermen. Bombs had been placed on board but failed to explode and the vessel was abandoned. The Thyra was reported on December 30 to have been captured at Corunna, with a German prize crew of five men and seven members of the crew of a torpedoed British steamship, as well as her own crew on board. It is stated the Germans announced they were going to torpedo the Thyra.

BRAILA CAPTURED.
LONDON, To-day.
The Rumanian commercial town of Braila is reported captured by the Germans and Bulgarians. The enemy claims 1400 prisoners. In the vicinity of there the Germans also state that they have made considerable progress in Transylvania. In the region of Zarth two villages were stormed and Rimnikhart. The province of Dobru-

ja is now entirely in the hands of the Teutons. After ferocious fighting, death of Braila, in which the enemy suffered great losses, the Russians admit that towards evening they were compelled to commence to withdraw to the other bank of the Danube. On all other fronts in this theatre the enemy was repulsed.

GREEK ROYALISTS MEDITATING DESPERATE ACTION.

ATHENS, To-day.
A despatch to the London Morning Post says that the local press, which is exclusively pro-government and under existing conditions entirely under the orders of the King and authorities, declares in language of all degrees of passion that the situation is becoming intolerable and that Greece is now (not?) disposed to allow herself to be forced by hunger into an acceptance of the Allies' arbitrary wishes. As Greece cannot by her feet break the blockade, this can only mean that she will declare war by land against the Allies. In fact this is more than hinted at by the press, which demands a general mobilization. The Government plainly indicated the main thing in its protest of yesterday to the Allied powers by saying it must refer the matter to the Greek people, meaning thereby a convocation of the defunct chamber and the holding of public meetings throughout the country to support the Government's line of action. That the Athens Government is meditating some desperate stroke seems evident from all the indications, and especially from the fact that reservists are being secretly enrolled and notified to hold themselves in readiness to join this or that Regiment on a hour's notice. It is also informed also that military measures with regard to the artillery stores and munitions are being extensively taken.

2.00 P.M.

THE REPLY OF THE ENTENTE.

LONDON, To-day.
The entente reply to the peace offer of the Central Powers was presented to the German Foreign Office by the American Ambassador on Friday afternoon, according to despatches by way of Amsterdam.

IMPERIAL BLSPHEMY.

LONDON, To-day.
The German Emperor, according to the copy of an order to the German army and navy recently issued, charged the Allies with rejecting his offer of peace because they desire the destruction of Germany. He declares all responsibility for further sacrifices falls on his enemies and that with God's help the German arms will enforce the understanding they have rejected.

JAPAN JOINS IN REPLY.

TOKIO, To-day.
It is officially stated here that the Allies' reply to Wilson's note to be shortly delivered to the German Foreign Office represents the views of Japan, as well as those of the other Entente Powers. According to the statement of the officials, the reply will contain specific peace terms, which are regarded as premature at this time.

BRITAIN AND NORWAY.

LONDON, To-day.
Great Britain has received Norway's reply in regard to the coal embargo and the situation is much improved. According to a German despatch, quoting the Christiania Lidenstegn, the consensus of opinion in the Norwegian press is that the difference between the two countries will soon be settled.

SITUATION SERIOUS IN ROMANIA.

LONDON, To-day.
The capture of Braila by Von Mackensen is discussed by the morning papers in reference to its probable effect on the Russian defence of the Sereth. Braila formed the main defence toward the eastern end of this line. Some of the commentators fear that the fall of the town may seriously shake the whole Russian position on the Sereth line and may mean the abandonment of that front and a withdrawal to the Russian frontier or perhaps beyond it into Bessarabia. In the meantime Germany's effort to turn the line from the west is being pressed with an apparent prospect of success.

THE KEY TO THE GREEK SITUATION.

LONDON, To-day.
A despatch to the Times from Piraeus, dated Dec. 31, says that the real key to the situation in Greece is the military position in Macedonia. According to this story King Constantine has received discouraging news from beyond Monastir to the effect that Von Mackensen has considered it impossible to move on Monastir for another two months at the earliest. The Greek Government realizes, therefore, says the despatch, that if it broke with the Entente it would have to support the struggle alone.

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, Jan. 6, 17.
Dr. Danjel's Veterinary Remedies, now on the Newfoundland market, comprises none but preparations which have been thoroughly tried out for the purpose for which they have been designed, having been in use among farmers, stablemen and veterinarians in the United States and Canada, and can be trusted to do what they are advertised for. The different preparations number some twenty, each a specific for some particular disease or condition, and covering practically the whole ground of domestic veterinary medicine. Price 25, 50c, and \$1.25 a pkg.

We have just opened a full stock of Ferronon and Ferronon 2111, which with Nerville makes up the principal remedies prepared by N. C. Polson & Co.

BOWINGS' SHIPS.—There was no word received from the coastal steamers Prospero and Portia to-day owing to telegraph interruption.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

New Coatings!

We have just opened some late arrivals in

Heavy Wool Coatings

BLANKET CLOTHS--In Plain, Brown, Grey, Khaki, Navy and Black, Green Plaid and Brown Plaid, \$2.75 per yard.

Heavy DIAGONAL COATING--In Brown, Mole, Navy and Black. \$2.80 per yard.

CURL CLOTH--In Khaki, Navy and black, \$2.75 per yard.

NAVY NAP--\$1.80 and \$2.60 per yard.

Cream Imitation Bearskin--\$2.50 per yard. Eiderdown, Cream, Royal, Scarlet and Pink \$1.70 per yard.

STEER BROTHERS.

American BLOUSES

CHARMING STYLES.
CONVINCING VALUES.
LOW PRICES.

A Big Lot of Travellers' Samples

for 1917, which we were fortunate to secure.
BLOUSES among the lot up to \$2.50 each.
Your choice for

\$1.20 each.

See Window.

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Wedding Bells.

At the Manege on January 3rd a very quiet wedding took place when Miss Jennie Caldwell, youngest daughter of the late Edward and Louise Caldwell, of the Royal Stores wholesale department, and Mr. G. T. Hudson, dry goods merchant, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Gordon Dickie, it being the first wedding in the Manege by the reverend gentleman. The bride was attractively gowned in lacy blue silk with hat to match, and was attended by her sister, Miss Helen G. Caldwell, while Mr. A. McCoubrey, sr., acted as father-giver. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Philip H. Hudson. After the ceremony Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon Dickie pealed forth the wedding

Reids' Boats.

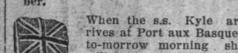
The Argyle left Sound Island at 10.20 a.m. yesterday.
The Ebbie left Humbermouth at 10.15 a.m. yesterday coming to St. John's. The Home is leaving Lewisporte to-day.
The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 3.15 a.m. to-day.
The Meigs arrived at Port aux Basques at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, leaving to-day.
The Sagona reached Port aux Basques this morning.
The Clyde, Dundee and Glencoe are at St. John's.

INDISPOSED.

—Dr. Chisholm, of Manuels, is at present confined to his room suffering from a heavy cold.

Naval Heroes Return.

Reservist Martin Pottle, D.S.M., and Reservist George Boucher, mentioned in Despatches With the Number.



When the s.s. Kyle arrives at Port aux Basques to-morrow morning she will have on board 108 men of the Royal Naval Reserve, the greater number of whom will be given a month's furlough, commencing on Tuesday of next week. Eleven are time-expired men and will no doubt rejoin the Navy after spending a brief holiday with their relatives. All the men have seen active service on minesweepers, patrol boats and battle cruisers in the North Sea and eastern waters and have proven themselves worthy sons of Newfoundland. The conduct of the men as a whole cannot be surpassed in any navy in the world, which is evident by the fact that all are classed as able seamen, whilst Reservist Martin Pottle of English B., T.B., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for special bravery, and Reservist Geo. Boucher, of Spencer's Cove, P.B., has been mentioned in despatches. Below we give the names of 72, the list containing the names of the remainder have not yet been received on board H.M.S. Briton.

On Leave--Martin Pottle, Albert Irany, Arthur Simms, Mark Goldsworthy, Henry Head, Bernard Reid, Frank Hart, Eli Johnson, George Boucher, Joseph Bradbury, John Poole, A. Parsons, Abraham J. Hobbs, Francis Head, Walter King, J. Chayner, Herbert Dave, Nelson Adams, John Miller, James Goss, Ernest G. Guy, Robert Balsom, Wm. C. Dawe, David Whelan, Peter Hammond, Paul Whelan, Israel Ralph, George Matthews, Peter Neary, James Cron, Michael Youngs, Edward Russell, Robert A. Clarke, Patrick J. Knox, George Drower, Herbert Drower, Albert Droides, Wallace Beck, William Bunay Wm. Butt, Albert Bartlett, Charles Brett, Frank Green, Samuel Petten, Gerrard Perry, Edward Parsons, Douglas Parsons, Walter Russell, William J. Peeldie, Edward Ralph, Arthur W. Russell, Albert Rice, Augustus Rockwood, Henry Saunders, S. Smith, Leander Smith, Eli Tibbett, Edward Tronchard, Abraham Barry, Robert C. Hewitt, L. P. Pashar.

Time Expired--Kenneth White, Peter Benoit, Edgar Pelley, Ted Quigley, Thos. Mercer, Enos Verge, Samuel M. Hooper, H. J. Gillis, B. Noseworthy, W. Young, J. Shaws.

Newfoundland Scotch Cured Herring.

The sale of some seventeen barrels of fall-packed Newfoundland herring in the New York market during the past week at \$14 per barrel practically establishes the market for this pack in this market. Lot shipments are expected to arrive in this city on the steamer Florizel, due to arrive next Thursday. It is probable that there will be several hundred packages, and factors who have been selling to arrive appear to be firm in their ideas as to price. Some lots are expected to bring up to \$16 and even \$18, if the quality is as described. The market is practically cleared of spring herring and the stock remaining being largely of the carry-over pack, which is held in strong hands. This goods is bringing up to \$15 in this market at present, while the average price of Newfoundland Scotch-cured herring varies between \$10 and \$12. There is a fair demand in evidence at this time, but it is not expected to be large this year, according to those who have recently returned from Newfoundland, for the fishery has been disappointing. Stocks are held in few hands at producing centers and will come to few operators in this city. Higher prices are being according to well-informed operators, who are to handle supplies of the fall and winter catch.—Fishing Gazette.

Here and There.

OLD TIME SMOKER.—On Monday night past the annual old time smoker will be held at the B.S. rooms.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS.—To-morrow afternoon at 2.45 o'clock, Rev. H. Royle will address the members of Wesley Bible Class taking as his subject "The Impregnable Rock." Every member is asked to make a special effort to attend and visitors will receive a hearty welcome.

Don't forget the old-time Smoker, B. I. S., on Monday, Jan. 8th, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets 20c. On sale at J. D. Ryan's, G. F. Kearney's, T. J. Aylward's and from members of the Committee.—Jan. 6, 17.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Annie Mores and family, of Topsail, wishes to thank His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, Sir E. P. Morris, Hon. J. R. Bennett, the officers and members of the Kimberley L.O.L. of Topsail of whose members she was member, also the W.P.A. and the W.P.A. of Topsail and all other kind friends for the messages of sympathy in the death of their dear son, Allan, believed to be killed in action, July 2, 1916.

WANT SWIMMING SQUAD.—A number of volunteers who visit the Seaman's Institute for the purpose of taking a dip in the swimming pool, would like to know if the military authorities could not arrange with the manager of the Institute to accommodate regular swimming squads from the Regiment now in training. A big percentage of the men are not acquainted with the essential art of swimming and we feel sure should the opportunity be given them they would quickly catch on to the game.