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**Evening Telegram**

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SATURDAY, December 8th, 1917.

**The War.**

It is probable that telegraphic communication will not be re-established with Halifax for several days, and until it is we must depend upon other sources than the regular service for such war news as we may be able to get. Wanting details, it is hard to form a certain idea of what is happening on each front, but there have evidently been no noteworthy developments anywhere since the interruption began. Yet if our minds were not wholly occupied with the fate of Halifax and its citizens and with the task of despatching the greatest possible aid in the quickest time, we would find the war situation just at present one of most critical interest.

For the moment it looks as if the violent German attack against the British line in the Cambrai sector has not been resumed. We cannot count from this upon its having been abandoned, for every indication points to the very opposite. If we look merely at this part of the front we can see two obvious reasons behind the great counter-drive. The British gains overlook Cambrai, rob it of most of its former value to the Germans and threaten its capture; at some future date; at the same time they are in the form of a salient, none too wide, which it would be of tremendous value to the enemy to squeeze out. This was the plain purpose of the German attack, undertaken with enormously large forces and having, as captured evidence shows, a most ambitious scope. Its complete failure to achieve more than the beginning of the objects aimed at and the terrible cost of it are the proper facts on which to form a judgment of what has happened, not the loss by the British of the positions at Bourlon Wood and below Marconing. It must be remembered that either side on the Western front can, at any moment it likes and if it is willing to pay the necessary price, take almost any particular position in the opposing line—for a time. That is what the Germans have done. They have merely bent back the British line at two places without undermining the salient at all. They have captured a number of guns as well and a more or less large

number of prisoners, against which we must get a very great casualty list of dead and wounded in their own ranks. The net gain of the whole Cambrai operations is still, of course, enormously in our favor. We believe the salient will hold against all attacks and become, like Flanders, another graveyard of German soldiers.

But this is only part of the front; we may have to turn our eyes to others before long. It is a general opinion in English military circles that the war has reached its most critical stage. Germany can never have so favourable a moment for a last effort than the present. Russia, whatever happens to her, can hardly assist her plans more fully than she is doing now, and America's strength in the field is growing daily. It is believed, therefore, that while the one is thus inactive and the other not yet too formidable, Germany will make a supreme military effort on the Western and Italian fronts some time between this and April. The belief seems to us a most probable one. In the West mere defence would dictate to Germany's strategy, for much more encroachment by the British will put her whole line in grave jeopardy from which no effort could extricate her. It has always been to her interest in Italy, where also her position is rapidly becoming perilous. If the Italians have not received the due amount of blame for their defeat which belongs to them, we think they have hardly received from the popular judgment the praise they deserve for their magnificent recovery. A matchless heroism and endurance on the Pieve against greatly superior forces have saved what was once a very serious situation; now the tables are being turned. The Italian line is strong enough to bear the shock of any onslaught the enemy can bring against it. The Allies are ready to defend the whole front from the North Sea to the Adriatic against the full weight of Germany and Austria. We hope that these will be the respective roles of the combatants until the spring, that Germany will attack with all her forces and dash them to pieces against this wall of steel and fire. The end will come the sooner for it. Our own theory, for which we claim no copyright, has always been that the war is but a question of arithmetic involving no more abstruse principles than those of ratio and simple subtraction. German lights the fires of hell from Niueport to Venice. She takes this or that position, this or that number of prisoners, so many guns. Well and good; we will allow all that. We will not set against such claims,

which she has yet to make good, the inevitable and terrible price she must pay for them. We will simply give for answer what we know already. Germany is preparing to call up boys of sixteen and seventeen. There is no need to say more.

**A Tribute to "Ours"**

The Minister of Militia, Hon. J. R. Bennett, is in receipt of a message from the "Pay and Record" Office, London, containing the following extract from the London Press, of December 4th:—

"On more than one occasion we have spoken of the splendid material of which the Newfoundland Regiment is formed and there has been no engagement in which they have been concerned, and they have had some of the toughest jobs of the war, when they have not borne themselves most gallantly."

The article is from the pen of Perry Robinson, the war correspondent who on previous occasions has referred in glowing terms to the valor of our fighters.

Make your Xmas Greeting a personal one. Your Photograph will add individuality to your message of thoughtfulness and good-will. J. C. PARSONS, Bank of Montreal Building.—nov17,1f

**Relief for Halifax Sufferers.**

Board of Trade Wires \$10,000 to-day. At a special meeting of the City Council held yesterday afternoon to consider the matter of relief for the afflicted Halifaxians, it was pointed out by every member of the Board that we should bear in mind that the citizens of Halifax were the first to come to our aid when this town was wiped out by fire a quarter of a century ago. It was decided with unanimity that the Mayor send the appended message to the Mayor of Halifax, as well as authorize the opening of a subscription list:—

"It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we have learned of the terrible disaster which has befallen the city of Halifax. On behalf of the citizens of St. John's I beg to tender you our deepest sympathy and to offer you any assistance which it is in our power to furnish."

The Executive of the Board of Trade met yesterday and passed the following message of sympathy, which was sent to the Board of Trade in the Nova Scotia Capital:—

Secretary of Board of Trade, Halifax, N.S. The Council of the Newfoundland Board of Trade learns with deep regret of the sad disaster which has overtaken a large portion of your city and desires to convey to your Board their heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved and sufferers. Any assistance which we are in a position to render is at your service.

ERNEST A. PAYN, Secretary.

At 10 o'clock this morning a special meeting of members of the Board of Trade was held at their rooms to consider and outline the most feasible method of sending assistance to the homeless and distressed people. It was decided that a Committee be appointed and work in co-operation with a Committee from the City Council, making collections and soliciting public subscriptions; also it was decided to telegraph to-day ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), for the purpose of rendering immediate relief. This has been done.

**ECHOES OF THE DISASTER.**

A message from Mr. Charles Vaughan, formerly of the Anglo-American Cable Office here, to his brother, Mr. Albert Vaughan, Leslie Street, stated that his wife was in hospital seriously injured and that his eleven year old girl, Helen, was numbered among the missing. Capt. Mirley, of the S. S. Sable I, at present here, has a wife and family, and his mind is very uneasy about their condition, as he had no word from them up to noon to-day, owing to telegraph dislocation. Messrs. W. E. Kennedy (Druggist), H. C. Low, W. A. Jameson, J. D. Metcalfe, H. E. Muir, of Halifax, who are in the city, learned that their parents and families in Halifax escaped uninjured, but that their residences suffered damage. People generally in the city who had relatives and friends in the stricken city are anxiously looking forward to the arrival of the next incoming mail for particulars. Also many people here are leaving by tomorrow's express for their native home.

**TO SEND NURSES.** Yesterday afternoon Hon. J. R. Bennett, Minister of Militia, instructed Dr. Macpherson to cable the authorities at Halifax offering to send, if required, a number of nurses and V. A. D's. We understand it is probable that the idea will be acted upon and that several nurses will leave for Halifax on Monday.

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**Halifax Relief Fund.**

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**N. I. W. A.**

Insane Asylum Attendants Make Just Complaint. At last night's meeting of the N.I.W.A., the Secretary read a communication signed by the attendants of the Insane Asylum in reference to the general increase in their salaries that was granted by the government. They claim that the increases given were not based on the salary they were then receiving but on the amount paid them for the previous year. This means a difference of about \$40 per year for each official. These employees being members of the Association, the matter will be dealt with. A house to house canvass to obtain signatures to a petition relative to Labor Legislation, will be made, and at next Friday's meeting petition forms will be distributed to the members and instructions given the canvassers.

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**DIED.**

Killed in action, 20th November, 1917, Sergt. James H. Carter, First Contingent Nfd. Regiment, son of the late Wm. T. S. Carter, Ferryland.

On the 7th inst., Matilda, relict of the late William Snow, aged 87 years, Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m., from her son's residence, No. 71 South Side, Boston and Canadian papers please copy.

Passed peacefully away, after a short illness, Margaret Brennan, daughter of the late Walter and Mary Brennan. Funeral on Monday at 2.30 p.m., from her nephew's residence, Mr. Wm. Abbott, 15 York St.; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only, intimation.

**IN MEMORIAM.** In memory of Samuel Sparkes, R. N. R., drowned somewhere in the North Sea, Dec. 8th, 1916.

In the North Sea he is sleeping Far away from the land of his birth, And his loved ones at home are weeping. For no more they shall see him on earth.

In loving memory of our dear son, Corpl. Herbert Wills, Nfd. Regt. (son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wills, Grand Falls) who was killed in Action, 8th Dec., 1916, "Somewhere in France."—dec8,17

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