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Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, Dec. 24th, 1917.

A Happy Christmas!

Once again our readers will exchange the old familiar wish, and once again we give it to them. Let us be sincere and confess that there is little around us of the associations that used to belong to the words, little enough, at first sight, to inspire the happiness that did in truth belong to the season. This is the fourth war Christmas. The end of war seems to many as far off as it did a year ago, to many others, even further. The count of sacrifice and of suffering has grown higher since then and will grow higher yet. Almost at our door lies stricken Halifax, scarce recovered yet from the first shock of the cruel blow that lately smote her. There the Christmas morn will dawn on a scene of ruin and sorrow, which to imagine to banish all thought of careless mirth and festivity from our minds. Yet even so we may, without violence to our better feelings, still keep Christmas as a day apart and with much of the old gladness. The things that the war has killed and the things least worth. If they contained much that was bright and joyous, they held also much selfishness and thoughtlessness, in place of which new sympathy and a new charity have been born the world over. These Christian virtues are present now as never before in our celebration of the great Christian feast. The poor, the sick, the little children, the sufferers of the war, these the first objects of our generosity, these and the brave lads who defend us on sea and land. Certainly any man who has made them his need suffer no self-reproach, if he find his Christmas a happy one, need check himself no whit in the enjoyment of it. And the Christmas message and promise are still there. Peace is not so far distant that we cannot see it. When it comes at length, it will be the true peace "among men of good will." To-morrow, when in church and chapel men hear again the greatest story of all the ages, it will have a meaning for them which it has not had in two centuries. Lowly Bethlehem and the Holy City are now not alone the goal of Christian hopes but the seat of Christian rule. In the deliverance of the holy land we see foreshadowed the deliverance of Europe and of the world. To that greater goal let us steadfastly set our eyes. When it is won the world will see at last the Christmas message fulfilled. There is no better, no more hopeful thought for us to keep in mind this Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
F. G. REID, Lay Chairman.
E. EPSARY, Secretary.
H. S. FORD, Treasurer.
St. John's, Nfld., 23rd Dec. 1917.

Ten per Cent Increase for Miners.

Both mining companies operating at Bell Island have notified their employees that commencing with the New Year an all round ten per cent. increase on the present rate of wages will be given. Within the past year wages at the Iron Island have advanced about thirty per cent. The Companies have closed down for the Christmas holidays but intend opening up on a larger scale at the beginning of the year.

T.A. and B.S. Meeting.

At a special meeting of the T. A. and B. Society held yesterday afternoon to nominate guardians of the junior branch. At a subsequent meeting of the guardians the following officers were elected for 1918:—
Chairman—T. J. Duna.
Vice-Chairman—J. O'Toole.
Treasurer—T. A. Walsh.
Secretary—M. A. Walsh.
Auditors—G. Wills, W. Billingsby.
Sick Visiting Committee—J. Fleming, F. Brennan.
Band Committee—D. Clancy, S. Ansel.

Reuters Message.

PARIS, Dec. 22. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) In connection with the appeal which is being made in favor of the British Army and Navy League Club of Paris, Hon. Philippe Roy, Canadian High Commissioner in Paris, has received from the Duke of Devonshire, Governor General of Canada the following telegram: "I heartily endorse your appeal for the British Army and Navy League Club and wish it success."

LONDON, Dec. 22. Reuter's correspondent with the British army in Palestine reporting on operations around Jerusalem says: The Mount of Olives makes the most wonderful observation post in the world, the clear atmosphere causing 6,000 yards off to look like a pistol shot away. The River Jordan's wind-contrast is clearly visible and motor boats skimming the Dead Sea. The Mount of Olives, 2,641 feet above sea level, lies 1,000 yards east of Jerusalem across the valley of Jehoshaphat. Fifteen miles farther east is the shore of the Dead Sea which is 1,292 feet below the level of the Mediterranean.

LONDON, Dec. 23. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) Seven thousand decorations have been conferred to date on members of the Canadian Expeditionary forces for valor in the field and for outstanding war services. Seven officers and twelve men have gained the coveted Victoria Cross, 206 officers have received the Distinguished Service Order, six have gained the bar to the Distinguished Service Order, and 105 Canadian nurses have received the Royal Red Cross. There have been one K.C.B., 16 C.B.'s and three K.C.M.G.'s bestowed on Canadians, one thousand and ten officers and 26 of other ranks have been decorated with the Military Cross, one hundred and eighty-eight foreign medals have been awarded to Canadians—64 to officers and 124 to men. Men in the ranks have been rewarded with 676 Distinguished Conduct Medals and six received bars to the D.C.M., four thousand and three hundred and twenty-four have received the Military Medal, 125 received bars to the Military Medal, and three received the second bar. Sixty-three have earned the Meritorious Service Medal.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 23. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) Returns now complete of the voting in the referendum on conscription show that 938,000 ballots were cast against and 764,000 for—a majority against conscription of 174,000.

LONDON, Dec. 22. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) An Australian correspondent writing in the Times says it is important that the issue of the referendum should not be misunderstood. It is, he says, a clash of opinion regarding procedure. He says that the referendum is a voluntary enlistment will provide sufficient reinforcements and they fear that conscription would interfere with agriculture and mining. He says that the referendum is essential to the prosecution of the war. All recognized political parties in Australia agree that the war must be continued until victory is achieved.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 23. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) The latest returns in the voting in the referendum place the result as follows: For conscription, 722,000; against, 967,990; majority against, 175,990. This does not include the soldiers' vote now being counted in London.

HONG KONG, Dec. 22. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) The Legislative Council has sent £10,000 to Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, as Hong Kong's contribution to the Halifax Relief Fund.

LONDON, Dec. 22. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) A despatch from Melbourne declares that Premier Hughes in an address at a recent meeting in favor of conscription, stated that if the measure were defeated at the polls, Parliament he believed, would make the men of Australia do their duty.

10.00 A.M.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE SITS. AMSTERDAM, To-day. A despatch received here from Brest-Litovsk, Russia, dated Dec. 22, says that the peace negotiations were begun in solemn sitting. The meeting was attended by the following delegates: From Austria-Hungary, Count Czernin, Foreign Minister; Herr Von Rosenberg, Baron von Hoch, General Hoffman and Major Brinckman; From Austria-Hungary, Count Czernin, Foreign Minister; Herr Von Moroy Freil, Herr Von Wissner, Count Colerda, Count Esaky, Field Marshal Von Csiscevas, Lieut. Polarny and Major Von Gluz; from Bulgaria, Minister Popoff, Former Secretary Hozoff, Postmaster, General Stepanovich, Col. Gantiff and Dr. Anastasoff.

TROTSKY SAYS RUSSIA WILL FIGHT IF TERMS INSTABLE. PETROGRAD, To-day. Detailed reports from the special session of the Central Executive Committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, Petrograd delegates, and Peasants' Congress, called to consider the peace negotiations, show that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, suggesting a plan by which military opposition might be offered if there were an attempt by the Central Powers to force objectionable peace terms upon Russia. "We have called you here to ask your support," Trotsky said, "You must use in our efforts to make peace with the nations and not with German militarism. If our delegates will meet eye to eye the representatives of the German Emperor without the people, then peace will be impossible. If dead silence should continue in Europe, if the German Emperor should be enabled to offer offensive terms of peace, we would fight against it."

FOOD FOR GERMANY FROM RUSSIA. AMSTERDAM, To-day. A Vienna despatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says that Field Marshal Von Hoer, the Austrian Minister of Public Subsistence, has announced that the Austrian food supply would shortly be improved by the arrival of supplies from Russia. According to Von Hoer the Governments of Berlin, Vienna and Budapest are already rushing transport facilities. The Danubius will soon be frozen all over but wholesale supplies from this source may be expected by March.

SIDEGLIGHT ON GERMAN FOOD SITUATION.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The Berlin Socialist paper Vorwaerts has been obliged by the Government to suspend publication for three days. The Vorwaerts in a front article attacked the system of the German Food Controller, Von Waldow, declaring that great masses of the German people were not only hungry but were literally starving. It also accused the profiteers and milliners of hoarding great supplies of food.

A few packages Cleaned Currants at WHELAN'S.—dec24,11

Reservist Lost.

H.M.S. Briton, St. John's, N.F., 23rd December, 1917. Sir, I regret to inform you that the Admiralty has reported that Walter Strickland, Seaman of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve, 789.X, lost his life when the armed Merchant ship "Waraw" in which he was serving, was sunk by the enemy, on the 20th December, 1917. His next of kin is his wife, Mrs. Casey Strickland of Frenchman's Cove, Newfoundland. Yours truly,
A. MacDERMOTT, Commander.

Military Funeral.

The remains of the late Pte. Thorne, of Grand Bank, who died at the General Hospital, were conveyed from the undertaking parlour of Mr. J. C. Oke to the s.s. Glencoe this morning, accompanied by a guard of honor from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment under command of Capt. Geo. Carthy. The remains were embalmed in a white coffin. At the undertaking parlors the prayers for the dead were read by Rev. H. Royle, Chaplain of the Regiment and the Rev. W. Atkinson, visiting clergyman for the General Hospital, who officiated at the service during his illness. Shortly after enlisting about one year ago, the young soldier was taken ill of measles, from which he caught cold and finally developed meningitis. Recovering from the first shock he was able to be around again but not for long, as the disease, which had been held on his system, again attacked him and despite the best efforts of the doctors and the sympathetic attendance of the nurses he died on December 19th, 1917. He was a son of Mr. William Thorne, Grand Bank, and the late Mrs. Thorne, who died this year, as the result of a cold contracted while visiting her son in hospital. To the sorrowing relatives the Telegram offers deep sympathy.

Here and There.

When you want Minceed Collops, try ELLIS'.
Wishing one and all a Happy Xmas. J. J. WHELAN.—11
When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.
We cannot advertise all we keep in stock but it will pay you to give us a call. WHELAN'S.

ONLY ONE RECRUIT.—Only one recruit, Reuben H. Patten, St. Anthony, offered for enlistment at recruiting Headquarters on Saturday last.

DR. H. A. SMITH, Eye and Ear Specialist, will be out of town until January 10, '18.—11

VOLUNTEERS RETURN.—Twenty odd volunteers, who had been to their homes along the south west coast on brief furlough, returned by the S. S. Portia Saturday night.

Nuts, Dates, Citron, Lemon Peel, P. S. Icings, Shirriff's Jellies and Essences for the Xmas trade at WHELAN'S.—dec24,11

DIAMOND JUBILEE.—The Telegram extends its heartiest congratulations to Capt. Levi and Mrs. Diamond, who to-day celebrate the diamond jubilee of their marriage and wishes them a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Dance will be held at Quidi Vidi Schoolroom St. Stephen's Night, December 26th, at 8.30. Tickets: Lady's, 40c.; Gent's, 60c.—dec24,11

We are just opening up some very pretty Silverware consisting of Jewel Cases, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets and other articles most suitable for Xmas Gifts. R. H. TRAPNELL.—dec12,17

Don't forget the Kilbride Xmas Tree on St. Stephen's Night, and Grand Concert and Dance the following night, in the Kilbride Hall, in aid of Church Fund, commencing at 8 p.m.—dec24,11

HINER'S LINIMENT CURES DANDELION.

TO OUR PATRONS

Greetings

AND

Best Wishes

FOR A VERY

Happy Christmas.



American Ship in Distress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Serbia's military mission was received here to-day with much ceremony. Escorts of cavalry and a party of American officials headed by Secretary Lansing, met the commissioners. Later the mission was received by President Wilson, who was presented with an autograph letter from King Peter. To-night the President will entertain the mission at a State dinner.

"Chill Chasers."

We have received another shipment of these popular portable heating stoves in three sizes which are selling at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.00. We also call attention to our special "Humphrey" Gas Iron, in nickel finish, complete with flexible tube connection. We are selling this Iron at \$5.00, and recommend it as a useful Xmas Gift. Phone 97, or call at our Showroom, Oke Building. ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT CO. dec22,17

Military Brushes in Cases to be had at BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Department. dec24,6od,1f

Sometimes the veil reaches only to the upper lip, at other times it covers the face and is tightly drawn under the chin.

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The easy stride
A youthful, springy, buoyant step will carry you far with comfort and pleasure.
Get rid of the jar and shock of pounding along on hard pavements—wear

These Soles and Heels preserve the cushion tread, impart buoyancy, ease the nerves, are noiseless, and are made of real, new, live rubber. Standard in Quality. Directions for attaching these Soles & Heels with every pair.

WOMEN'S HEELS— Sizes A, B, 0000 to 5; Black and Tan; to fit Cuban, Louis and Spool heels. Whole Heels, 1, 2 and 3.
MEN'S HEELS—Black and Tan, sizes 4 to 10.
MEN'S WHOLE HEELS—Black, sizes 4 to 10.
WOMEN'S SAFETY CUSHION SOLES— All sizes.
MEN'S SAFETY CUSHION SOLES—Black and Tan; all sizes.
MEN'S SAFETY CUSHION YACHTING SOLES— All sizes.
SELLING AT OUR USUAL LOW PRICES.

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The great... again to the... Christmas, the... merry with... shall salute... millar work... again we shall... and hear the... and hear the... Immanuel... The Wonder...

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