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Retrospect and Prospect.

The Year 1923 has passed, and the one great problem which has engaged the attention of the statesmen of the civilized world for so long still remains unsolved. For five years the Allies have been trying to discover an effective method of compelling Germany to carry out the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, but they have failed collectively and individually. The final attempt by France to obtain by force the reparations which it seemed were impossible to secure by negotiation has resulted in the utter collapse of Germany financially, and in a complete disorganization of her political and industrial affairs.

In almost every country where industrial recovery has been slow, the cause can be traced to the unsettled state of Europe. Britain has a large army of unemployed on her hands; France and Britain have almost at times come to the parting of the ways over the question, and the necessity for maintaining large forces under arms in order to remain in the occupied territories has been a great strain on the finances of the former. In Newfoundland our one and only important mine has been closed down because Germany, our chief customer, can no longer purchase our ore.

Another long outstanding source of international trouble was the Turkish question, but on July 14th a treaty was signed at Lausanne, and the Turk is once more established on the Bosphorus. Time alone will decide the wisdom or otherwise of allowing him to return to Europe.

The greatest event of Empire importance was the Imperial Conference which met in London. The right to discuss all matters which concerned the Empire was fully recognized by the Mother Country, and questions of trade, communication, Empire defence, Foreign relationships and many others were dealt with and many important decisions were made. A measure of preference within the Empire was agreed upon, but the result of the British Election, which was held immediately after the Conference concluded, and in which protection was the issue at stake, made the carrying out of the promises impossible. The Conservatives who advocated Protection were returned to power, but with too small a majority to enable them to carry out any policy opposed by the combined forces of the other parties.

In the United States of America there has been great industrial activity during the year, and consequently the rush of immigration had to be strictly regulated. The chief difficulty with which the Republic has been faced was in the enforcement of the Prohibition law. With the intention of checking smuggling she succeeded in arranging with Great Britain an agreement whereby she may search within twelve miles of her coast any British vessels suspected of attempting to land cargoes of liquor.

The nation sustained a great loss when on August 2nd her President, Warren Harding, passed away suddenly while on a tour of the Western States, which included also a visit to Vancouver.

The Dominion of Canada has had a very successful year. Her crops of wheat constituted a record, she has increased her manufactures enormously, and her exports have increased to such an extent that she is placed fourth among the exporting nations of the world. Immigration has been considerable; the flow of people across the border into America has ceased, and already shows signs of a flood in the opposite direction.

Of the calamities by which the earth has been visited during the year, the Earthquake in Japan was the most serious. It laid waste Tokio, Yokohama and several other cities with appalling loss of life. The eruption of Mount Etna also claimed a heavy toll in human lives, and the bursting of a dam in Northern Italy accounted for the deaths of about five hundred people and the devastation of a large tract of country.

In Newfoundland we have much to be grateful for. A complete return of the former prosperous times has not yet come, but the forecast for 1924 is promising. Our fisheries proved by no means the failure that was anticipated. The greater part of the unemployed have been provided for by the new industries that have developed and by the increased activities of the great and reliable enterprise established at Grand Falls. Our summer was most unseasonable but the agricultural returns were by no means unsatisfactory. With the reopening of the mines at Bell Island, the opening up of other promised sources of employment, and the thorough cleaning up of the political mess, we have every reason to look forward to the coming year with hope, and to expect the sun of prosperity and happiness to burst through the clouds that have hung over our horizon ever since the dark days of 1914.

"And as the morning steals upon the night
Melting the darkness, so their rising senses
Begin to chase the ignorant fumes that mantle
Their clearer reason."

With implicit faith in the Divine Providence that watches over us, with confidence in our own strength to bring us safely through times of stress, and with determination to work together for the common good, let us Ring out the Old and wish each other a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

"Prince of Pilsen"

TO-MORROW'S MATINEE.

The Prince of Pilsen opens to-morrow afternoon at the Casino for a short run and seats are going very rapidly.

All the performers are well known to local audiences and may be trusted to give an excellent account of themselves.

The children will have the first opportunity of seeing the production as a special New Year's matinee will be given.

The Prince is a show that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and no better entertainment for the children's enjoyment of New Year's Day could be desired.

If any matinee tickets are left after to-day, the plan will be placed in the Hall to-morrow afternoon.

Received Particulars of Father's Death

Mr. Herbert Walsh, Barber, on Saturday received particulars concerning the death of his father—the late George Walsh—at Boston, Mass. The deceased fell and fractured his hip in the Shamut Bank on December 12th. He was taken to hospital and an operation was performed, from which he never rallied; complications setting in, and he passed away on December 15th. Burial took place at Sommerville, Mass., on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

Ankle Supports only 70c. a pair at SMALLWOOD'S.
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At the R. C. Cathedral

At the R.C. Cathedral, last night, Pontificial Vespers were recited and the Te Deum sung in thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year. Rev. Fr. O'Kelly, of Australia, occupied the pulpit and preached a powerful sermon appropriate to the day. Rev. Father O'Kelly arrived here by last Tuesday's express on a visit to his sister, Sister Catherine of the Presentation Convent, Riverhead. He is a native of Ireland and in company with three other priests had been on a holiday trip to his home land. Returning by way of New York, Father Kelly decided to visit his sister here. He returns to his labors in Australia, leaving here by next Silvia.

Pedestrian Injured by Runaway Horse

Shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday evening, a man named Charles Tucker, resident of Blackhead Road, was knocked down and badly cut about the mouth, by a runaway horse, owned by J. D. Ryan. The animal which was driven by Patrick Whelan, bolted from the top of Patrick St., whilst the driver was delivering a parcel. Tucker was attended by Dr. J. S. Tait, and although he received a bad shaking up, no bones were broken.

The M. C. L. I. Debate

The Methodist College Literary Institute have drawn up an elaborate programme for the session which begins on January 3rd. The subjectts chosen cover a wide field and many of them will deal with pressing local problems of a social, moral, political, or commercial nature. At the opening debate, on Thursday, it will be moved that all indirect financing of our Church by Socials, Concerts, etc., is contrary to the spirit of the Christian Religion.

Pedestrian Knocked Down

Whilst an aged woman was crossing Duckworth Street, near Prescott Street, on Saturday afternoon last, a horse driven by a man named Diamond, going in a westerly direction, knocked the woman to the ground. Upon being picked up she was brought into Penman & Co.'s store, where it was found that her injuries were only slight. After a brief rest the woman was driven to her home.

Unsuccessful Test

The new aerial ladder truck was given a testing out in the snow on Saturday afternoon last. The apparatus, however, soon became blocked in the snow, and owing to some engine trouble, two teams of horses had to be obtained to get it back to the hall. The job proved a very difficult one and it is unlikely these trucks will be used on the snow covered roads.

Shoe Buckles!—Rhinestone Shoe Buckles at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec24,tf

Hyacinths Bloom in Snow

During the past month many people have reported picking blossoms in their gardens, but perhaps the most unusual event of this kind occured on Thursday last, December 27th, when a resident of Waterford Bridge Road gathered a bunch of White Hyacinths, whose graceful spikes he discovered bursting through the snow, which lightly covered the ground. The bulbs were planted during October month.

Buy Stafford's Ginger Wine—The best made—15c. per bottle.
nov20,tf

Arrived Per S.S. Sachem.

We are advised that a large shipment of Earthenware has just arrived on the "Sachem" from England for S. Rich'd Steele. Among the lines received is a full range of Fire Proof Cooking Ware, useful and ornamental Fern, Flower and Bulb Bowls, some very nice plain and cut Table Glassware, the newest styles in Teapots, as well as a large assortment of the Pure White Queen's Ware in 12c. Cups and Saucers; 7c. and up Plates, etc. Without doubt this is the best value ware of its kind on the market, for besides being low in price, it is A1 in quality, and handled in St. John's by this firm only. A visit to this Store—The Shop with the Cup and Saucer Sign, just opposite the Court House, will save you dollars in your Crockery and Glassware purchases the coming year. Owing to an increase in business, large storage room has been taken over for the Wholesale Trade, so that now they will be in a better position than ever, to meet all requirements.

CUPS & SAUCERS—Best quality Queen's ware, for 12c., at S. RICH'D. STEELE'S, opp. Court House; also a full range of Teapots, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, etc., all selling at remarkably low prices.

"A Warning"

The feast was set in heaven
In dazzling gold and white,
With comet-tails festooned about
The stars for candle-light.

The feast was set in heaven
With silver moons for cake,
And crystal clouds in ices
And creams that angels make;

With rainbows curled in ribbons
Around the Christmas tree,
High-hung with fluffy azure
And bits of frozen sea.

The feast was set in heaven,
And all the cherubim
Were blowing suns in bubbles
Above the table's rim.

And all of heaven's nursery
With puffy cheeks quite red,
Were carolling and carolling
Enough to wake the dead.

The feast was set in heaven—
But one of the young things
Stood far apart and hid his head
Beneath his folded wings.

Though all the cherubim were gay,
He stood in dark disgrace,
And though he showed his golden curls
He dared not show his face.

And then a great Archangel
Came swooping down the sky
With gorgeousness sufficient
To blind a mortal eye.

And shrugging his fine pinions
With his best high-heaven air,
He said: "Why keep that youngster
So sadly standing there?"

From his top seat at the table,
St. Nicholas arose,
And blew a cloud of silver dust
From off his morning clothes;

His long white beard stood right out straight.
His cheeks grew doubly red,
And to the great Archangel
He very sternly said:

"No sympathy for him, sir,
He must suffer his remorse,
For he told his little sister
That there was no Santa Claus!"

—MYLES E. CONNOLLY.

"K." Boots, Brogues and Pumps at SMALLWOOD'S.
dec24,tf

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Sagona was last reported at Flower's Cove, early on the 28th. She is bound north but no word has been received of her arrival at Battle Harbor.

S.S. Meigle arrived at Hr. Breton at 2.30 p.m. Saturday. She will proceed to Port aux Basques for orders.

S.S. Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at noon Saturday.

S.S. Home left Pilley's Island at 12.15 p.m. Saturday, for Lewisporte, where she takes freight for this port.

S.S. Argyle left Argentia at 4 a.m. yesterday, going west.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 4 p.m. yesterday.

S.S. Malakoff arrived in port at 6.30 last evening.

Here and There.

Stafford's Ginger Wine for sale everywhere. 15c. per bottle.

SUSU SAILS.—S.S. Susu, Captain Roberts, sailed on the Fogo mail service route early yesterday morning.

Men's, Boys' and Youth's Garters at SMALLWOOD'S.
dec24,tf

See Sir Arthur and Nan bapsousing the hen at St. Mary's 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.—dec31,1i

HARBORED AT TREPASSEY.—Messrs. Jas. Baird, Ltd., received word this morning that the schooner Inspiration had arrived safely at Trepassey; all well.

Injun Jim breaks the news to Miss Hortense in the 2nd act at St. Mary's 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.
dec31,1i

Where are you going on New Year's Night? Why to St. Joseph's Hall where we can get a variety of amusement for 30c.
dec31,1i

FIRE ON SCHR. GEN. JACOBS.—Messrs. T. H. Carter & Co. received a message on Saturday, stating that on the previous day a serious fire had occurred on the schooner General Jacobs at Burin. The schr. it is understood, will be a total loss.

XMAS 1923—NEW YEAR 1924.

The Prince's Orchestra extends to its patrons the Season's Greetings and their sincere thanks for your patronage during the past year. They hope for a continuance of your support and to be able to serve you better during the coming season. W. J. DARCY, Manager.—dec31,1i

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardyce will be "At Home" at Government House on New Year's Day, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.

A. G. Stewart Goodfellow,
Captain.
Private Secretary.

Government House 29th Dec., 1923. dec29,2i

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

STORM PARALYZES TRANSMISSION SERVICE.

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 31.

North Cape Breton had to-day partially recovered from the damaging effect of the blizzard which swept over this district Saturday and cut off practically the whole island from telegraphic and telephonic communication with the mainland. Some 60 telephone poles were blown down as were some of the high tension power transmission lines controlling the electric lights, and electrical service in all branches was generally damaged, and in some instances put entirely out of commission. It will be a week before all repairs will have been effected. No marine disasters were reported.

U.S.A. TO SUPPLY FEDERALS WITH WAR EQUIPMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.

The United States Government has decided to sell a quantity of war equipment to the Obregon Government of Mexico, now at grips with the Huerta Revolutionists. This procedure is announced by the Cabinet which stated that it was adopted in the interests of peace in the neighboring Republic and in accordance with relations between the two governments formally recognized last September.

FLOODS THREATENED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 31.

The rivers of France are at flooding, causing great suffering to the people and damage to property following months of almost continued rain. The flood has come earlier than usual and threatens to assume the aspects of a disaster. Already the quays in Paris and the suburbs are under water and householders along the Seine are taking hasty departure.

STORM DESTROYS MINES IN THE BLACK SEA.

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.

Dispatches received from Odessa to-day say that a storm on the Black Sea, which has been raging since December 24th, is still in progress. Captains of vessels report that large numbers of mines are floating about, making navigation dangerous. Advices say that the United States steamer Conejos struck a floating mine thus explaining her loss previously reported with all on board. Bodies are being washed ashore indicate other disasters. All work in Odessa is at standstill.

UNPRECEDENTED AVALANCHES AND SNOWFALL IN CENTRAL TUROPE.

BERNE, Dec. 31.

Blizzards are raging throughout this country and rail communication with Germany, Italy, and Austria has been cut off by avalanches which swept away chalets and other buildings. Several people are reported to have lost their lives, including nine ski runners. The snowfall is the heaviest in a decade and in Vienna there are drifts seventy-five feet high.

VENIZELOS SAILS FOR GREECE.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 31.

The Greek steamer Andros flying the British flag set sail to-day for Greece with M. Venizelos aboard in spite of bad weather prevailing. Venizelos, who is returning to try and settle the troubled political state of his country, refused to make any statement.

Obituary.

MR. W. A. MEWS.

Universal sorrow will be expressed by the many friends of Mr. W. Ashton Mews, who passed away at his residence, Mundy Pond Road, at 11.30 last night. The sad death comes as the result of a shooting accident which occurred near Bay Bulls on Nov. 12th, last. Mr. Mews, while undergoing treatment at the hospital, was hovering between life and death for several days, and by careful attention, on the part of the doctors and nurses, he soon recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home. But Providence ruled otherwise, and last night he was stricken with a hemorrhage and the end came quickly. Mr. Mews was a grocer by trade, a partner with Mr. Carnell, with a store on Freshwater Road. He was a son of the late W. J. and Louise Mews. Left to mourn are one sister, Mrs. William Noseworthy, and two brothers, Harold, of East Setautte, Long Island, and Leonard C., of the firm of Ayre & Sons, besides his wife, two sons and one daughter, to whom the sympathy of many will go out in their hour of sorrow.

Japanese Relief Fund

The Honorary Treasurer of the Japanese Relief Fund begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions:

Church of England, Griquet	$ 3.50
Govt. of Newfoundland	1,000.00
Flower's Cove, St. of Belle Isle	14.07

Dec. 29, 1923.

See the gentle antelope—Ichabod Buzzer's wife of his bosom in "Lighthouse Nan."—dec31,1i

The old year ends with conditions much more favourable than they were last year and general developments throughout our Island warrant the hope that 1924 will establish new records of progress for you and us.

So we greet you warmly with the old, old wish--

The Happiest of New Years.

The Royal Stores, Ltd.,
The House for Value

Yankton in Port

SHIP DELAYED AS RESULT OF STORM.

S.S. Yankton, Capt. Braithwaite, arrived in port on Saturday night last, from Boston via Halifax, bringing a full general cargo to A. E. Hickman and Company. The trip from Halifax occupied three days. Nearing this port the ship met with the full force of the storm which swept over the east coast. The seas were mountainous, threatening to swamp the boat, and on two occasions swept over her, carrying away a portion of the starboard bulwarks. The Captain kept the ship headed in the storm from 2 a.m. Saturday morning until noon, and an uneasy time was spent by all on board. The ship picked up her bearing 35 miles N.E. of Cape St. Francis, and from that time the ship had no difficulty in reaching port, docking at 5 p.m. She brought the following passengers:—Edward George, Fred Pretty, D. Dowden, J. Shea, Edward Hibbs, F. Rodgers, A. Lush, L. Lush, M. Armstrong, M. Ryan, and Mr. Fred Scarle, stevedore of the Docks at New York. While in port the Yankton will undergo a boiler inspection and have repairs effected.

Kyle Delayed

MEETS ROUGH WEATHER CROSSING GULF.

S.S. Kyle, on the last trip from Port aux Basques to North Sydney, met with the full force of the Northeast winds and snow storm, which was experienced all over the country saturday morning last. The ship received a bad buffeting about and was compelled to lie to for several hours, and consequently she was delayed in her arrival. On the return trip heavy seas were encountered but she came through without suffering any damage.

DIED.

At Calgary, Alberta, on Dec. 18th, Florence Jane, widow of Austin Francis and youngest daughter of the late Charles Duder of this city.

Passed peacefully away on Saturday, 29th, after a long illness, Louise, beloved wife of Walter T. Udle. Funeral to-day (Monday), 31st inst., at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 6 Stuart Avenue. "Grant her Eternal Rest, O Lord."

Last night, at 11.30, W. Ashton Mews, aged 40 years, leaving a wife, one daughter, two sons, one sister, Mrs. Wm. Noseworthy, two brothers, Harold and Leonard C., to mourn their sad loss. Funeral to-morrow, New Year's Day, at 3 p.m. from his late residence, Mundy's Pond Road.

This morning at 8 o'clock, after a long illness, Allan English, aged 49 years, leaving a wife and daughter, 1 sister and 2 brothers to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 182 Hamilton Avenue. U. S. and Canadian papers please copy.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

Christmas Greetings

We wish to extend to all our Customers in the city and outports, and the public in general our very best wishes for a very

Happy New Year

TOOTON'S, THE KODAK STORE

Here and There.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS. — The following passengers are on the incoming express, due in the city to-morrow afternoon:—J. Kennedy, L. E. Gilmore, G. C. Laycock, H. Wood, Miss J. Cranford, Miss C. Crawford.

THE TRAINS.—Saturday's West bound express arrived Bishop's Falls 4.55 a.m. The incoming express left Stephenville 6 a.m. Due To-morrow afternoon.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Josie Bryan, who died December 31st, 1919, aged 22 years.

"Softly at night the stars are shining
On a lonely, silent grave;
Where thou liest my loving daughter
Whom I loved and could not save."

R.I.P.—Inserted by her mother.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Garrett Kavanagh and family desire to express their sincere thanks to Drs. Anderson, Keegan, Gaynor and Fox; also the Sisters and Nurses of the General Hospital, and also Dr. Cron and Mr. E. Simmons, M.H.A., and Mrs. Foley and family, of Harbor Grace, and especially the firm of Job Bros. & Co., for their untiring attention to my husband while laid up with appendicitis; also the many kind friends who visited him or helped in any way to alleviate his sufferings.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

NOTICE.

Four weeks after the date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council for a grant of Letters Patent for Improved Treatment of Protein Matter of Animal or Vegetable Origin for Industrial Purposes, to be made to Armand Krempf of 49 rue Geoffroy St. Hilaire, Paris, France, Engineer.

St. John's, Dec. 14, 1923.

KNIGHT & KNIGHT,
Solicitors.

Address:
158 Water St., St. John's.
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NOTICE.

One month after the day of the date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council by The Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Limited, for a grant of the water rights situate at or near Colinet, Rocky River, St. Mary's Bay, to be made under and subject to the provisions contained in section 8 of the schedule to the Act 12 George V., Cap. X., entitled "An Act for the confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and The Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Limited, and The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited."

St. John's, December 4th, A.D., 1923.

KNIGHT & KNIGHT,
Solicitors for Applicant,
dec4,5i,tu 158 Water St., St. John's.

Raisin bread and butter sandwiches, jellied fruit, sponge cake and milk make an excellent light supper.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR COUGHS

KODAK SAFETY FILM