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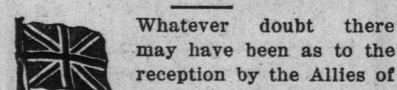
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**Evening Telegram**

**W. J. HERDER, - - - Proprietor**  
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TUESDAY, December 26th, 1916.

**The Answer to Mr. Wilson.**



Whatever doubt there may have been as to the reception by the Allies of President Wilson's note—and the very extraordinary nature of it under such circumstances would have caused anyone to hesitate in forming an opinion—it has now been completely dispelled. Perhaps it would be an understatement to say that they consider it a piece of unwarranted interference. This is a first impression, but no one who has the interests of the Allies at heart will be able to let his opinion rest there. The more the matter is pondered the more unpleasant does it appear. Mr. Wilson would scarcely have penned such a document if he had been convinced that it would prove futile. Where, then, did he expect it to be of effect? Among the Allies? We know, and he should have known, that it could not possibly have any effect among them, except one the very opposite of what it sought. Among the Teutonic powers? Assuredly; and he has not been disappointed. They have hailed it with enthusiasm, almost with delight. What does it mean? Perhaps not very much, but it will need much explanation to remove the impression that the President enjoys a closer understanding with Germany than with her enemies.

We are inclined to think that Mr. Wilson has made the worst blunder of his presidential career. If any action at all had been necessary, he might be excused, but the very surprise he has occasioned shows that it was not so considered anywhere. If he thought it to the interest of the world in general, or even of America in particular, that peace should come now, it did more credit to his feelings than to his judgment. He must surely know what would follow very soon upon the heels of any peace. Can we believe him ignorant of what might, and probably would, follow to America? Can he really be blind to the fact that the Allies stand between

his country and Germany; that Germany, left possessed of her present power by a peace council and seeking some outlet of expansion, would find it barred everywhere save in South America; that she would have strength enough to seek it by arms; and that the Allies might not concern themselves in the inevitable quarrel that would be forced upon the United States? This is not fancy; it is commonsense. And this is only one aspect of the question and that the most remote. We refuse to believe that he was prompted by the coincidence of events and the season to pose as a Christmas peacemaker; he has made mistakes before, but he has never been childish. From whatever viewpoint we regard it his action appears strange and puzzling. We may be enlightened by the American press but what we expect rather from it is a storm of censure more severe than the cold criticism of the Allied nations. But at any rate he has received his answer from these latter and may be pondering it in his heart.

## His Majesty the King

**Sends Christmas Message to Sailors and Soldiers.**

On Sunday the Governor received the following message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying a message from the King to his Sailors and Soldiers and to the sick and wounded. Copies were telegraphed to all telegraph offices in the Island and sent to Clergymen, Magistrates and other authorities, and also posted at Regimental Headquarters and on H. M. S. Briton for Christmas Day.

**Secretary of State to Governor:**  
The King has been pleased to send the following message to the Sailors and Soldiers now serving their country:

To Sailors and Soldiers:  
I send you, my Sailors and Soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are with you for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheerfulness. Another Christmas has come and we are still at war, but the Empire confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you.  
(Sgd.) GEORGE R. I.

To Sick and Wounded:  
At the Christmastide the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my Sailors and Soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmastide, and many happy years to come.  
(Sgd.) GEORGE R. I.

## A Pleasing Event.

At the conclusion of the Carol Service on Sunday night, Mr. F. J. King, the choirmaster of the Kirk, was presented with a beautiful music cabinet and Mrs. King received a nice box of chocolates as a small appreciation of their services rendered to the choir. Dr. T. P. Smith read the address eulogising the sterling worth of these talented persons not only in choir work but in any musical event in connection with the Kirk. Mr. King replied on behalf of himself as well as Mrs. King, thanking the choir members for their gifts and trusting that the same good fellowship and work would continue to make St. Andrews choir what it should be.

## Comforts for the Regiment

**Liberality of the Home Folk Appreciated.**

26th December, 1916.

Sir,  
I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter dated 23rd November, received by His Excellency the Governor from Mr. Arthur Steel Maitland, Chairman of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, with enclosure from Lieutenant-Colonel Hadow, respecting comforts for the men of the First Newfoundland Regiment.

Will you kindly publish this correspondence for the information of all interested.  
I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

The Editor  
Evening Telegram,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
23rd November, 1916.

Dear Sir Walter,  
Please forgive a very brief note, but I thought you would like to see the enclosed copy of a letter from Colonel Hadow with regard to the comforts made in Newfoundland which we are now remitting to the Regiment. In particular, you will like to notice from the last paragraph that it is fully realized that the gifts come from Newfoundland, and that the people there are given full credit for them.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.)  
ARTHUR STEEL MAITLAND.  
His Excellency  
Sir Walter E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.,  
Governor of Newfoundland.  
13/11/16.

Dear Mr. Reeve,  
I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26th which only reached me a day or two ago.

I think your suggestion an excellent one that as the men prefer "home made" clothing, they should draw this in preference to War Office supplies. I should be glad therefore if you would send us 800 pairs of socks. These will come in very useful when we next come out of the trenches. As regards mittens—these are not required just at present, as there has just been a Government issue of them but they may be required later when the weather is colder.

Shirts are also not required just at present as the men get a change whenever they get a bath, but I should be glad if a consignment of 800 shirts could be got ready so that I could send for them as soon as required.

It is most generous of the Newfoundland people to be so liberal in their gifts, and I should be glad if you would convey to your Committee my sincere thanks on behalf of the Regiment for their generosity and kindness.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) A. L. HADOW, Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 1st Nfd. Regiment.

**DR. H. A. SMITH, Specialist.**  
Surgery will be closed until Jan. 9th, 1917.—dec23,21

## Newfoundlander Shot Carrying White Flag.

A lady in the city received a letter from No. 129476 Sergt. H. C. Hine, "C" Co., 72nd Battalion Canadian Infantry, B.E.F., France, dated December 7th, 1916, from which we publish the following extract in relation to the death of Private Cyril LeMessurier of the above Regiment.

"While alive Cyril asked me to open his mail if anything should happen and advise his friends, so I am sorry to have to write and inform you that he was wounded by a sniper while returning to the trenches along a road, from stretcher bearing. He was carrying a white flag and the bullet struck his right thumb and went into the thigh. His wound was dressed and he was sent to Ambulance; where he died in No. 49 Casualty Clearing Station at Contay, and I believe he will be buried in the Military Cemetery at Contay, a little place about 20 miles behind the front line in the Somme. He was wounded on November 20th and died the following day.

I have been unable to see his grave as we have been on the march for five days, so are in a different district, and to-day we only just received news of his death.

I have lost a thoroughly good chum and his loss is felt very much by all his platoon, especially as he is the first chap in their ranks.

Sincerely yours,  
HOWARD HINES.  
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## Fire Vehicle Capsized

**THREE MEN'S LIVES IN JEOPARDY—DRIVER BADLY INJURED.**

In answering an alarm from box 16 yesterday, denoting a fire at the residence of Mr. P. Warren, Victualler, Gower Street, an accident occurred which came near costing Fireman William Chapman, Philip Cook and James Boggan, of the Central Fire Department, who occupied the hose wagon, their lives. As it is they will be laid off for several days. Chapman, the driver of the team, sustained the worst injuries and had to be conveyed home in the ambulance.

About 2 p.m. a boy named Warren ran out of breath to the Eastern Station and reported that his parents needed the services of a fireman, believing that there was fire somewhere in the home, as they smelled wood-work burning and saw smoke issuing from the roof. Fireman P. McGee, who went to investigate, rang in the alarm and brought out the men and apparatus of both the Central and Eastern Stations. While turning into Cochrane Street from Bond Street the hose vehicle, which took a different course from the others, capsized and the occupants were thrown violently to the ground. Chapman was picked up in a semi-conscious state and taken into the residence of Mr. P. Kavanagh, where restoratives were given him. He was injured about the hip and shoulder, the latter being fractured. Boggan had his nose injured and Cook was slightly hurt about the legs. The contents of the wagon were strewn along the street. The horses brought up themselves. Had they bolted the result would surely have been disastrous, as there were hundreds of people in the immediate vicinity at the time. In the excitement a prominent journalist had a narrow escape from being run over and was missed by a very small margin. The cause of the accident, turning over was too sharp a turn, coupled with the slippery streets and the increased rate of speed the horses were going at.

The fire at Warren's house was caused by sparks from the chimney falling on the roof and igniting it. The chemical put out the blaze in about fifteen minutes. Fireman Chapman was leaving for the General Hospital to visit his wife there when the alarm came in and he hastened back to the station, being the driver of the hose wagon. In addition, we understand, it was Chapman's regular day off and it is practical evidence of how the underpaid members of the Fire Department have to be at their post and risk their lives, holidays as well as holy days, day in and day out.

## More Petty Theft

**THREE LADS CONVICTED.**

Shortly after midnight Saturday and while the proprietor was sleeping, the store of John Joseph, a Syrian, was burglarized and a quantity of cigarettes, oranges, apples and other dainties fascinating to the culprits was stolen. This morning at 10 o'clock three lads were arrested by Detective Byrne, charged with the theft, which they admitted when arraigned before Judge Morris to-day. One, an old offender, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, without the option of a fine; another was fined \$5 or 14 days, and the third was let go on suspended sentence. Many of the stolen articles were found on the accused when arrested.

## Horse Collided With Street Car

**AND HAS TO BE KILLED.**

A fine horse valued at \$325 and owned by Jas. Stamp, cabman, was killed, and a Victoria wagon smashed to pieces yesterday afternoon, when the animal bolted from Dammerill's Lane down Haw's Hill and Adelaide Street to Water Street, where it collided with a west bound street car. The poor beast was struck on the flank, cutting the flesh and breaking the bone, while the carriage is broken beyond repair. The animal was so badly hit that to save its life would have been of no value to its owner, for it would never be fit for use again, and to relieve it from pain the S. P. A. Inspector was called out to shoot it.

## Policemen Given a Bonus.

As the result of an interview with the Minister of Justice by some members of the police force, it was arranged on Saturday last that in view of the high cost of living a bonus be given the men, from five dollars upwards, according to the grade and length of service. No body of men in the whole civil service, with the exception of the Fire Brigade, are more deserving of recognition, and it is a pity that the latter did not receive a like amount.

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**STEER BROTHERS.**

## The Kind of Reparation Britain Expects

London, Dec. 20.—The exact scope of Premier Lloyd George's claim for reparation was the subject of eager discussion in the lobby of the House of Commons. Reparation should include, in the opinion of Baron Sheffield:

"The complete evacuation of Belgium, with ample financial compensation to that country for outrages committed. The restoration of destroyed buildings and for industrial equipment; repayment in full with interest, on the levies, both in money and materials, taken from it; compensation to those forcibly torn from their homes and sent to servile labor under German taskmasters, often in connection with military work, and compensation for those put to death by the invaders.

"The same should apply to Serbia, France and Poland.

Injuries to life and property in air raids upon civilians in open towns and villages; compensation for merchant ships sunk by cruisers, submarines and mines; compensation for lives sacrificed, in all such cases; punishment, if necessary, capital punishment, of those in authority who have ordered savage acts of repression and cruelty.

"When the Germans understand that this indicates the kind of reparation we expect for the past," continued Baron Sheffield, "we will indicate the securities we demand for the future.

"As treaty obligations are treated by Germany as scraps of paper, we should demand, antecedent to negotiations, the withdrawal of Germany's forces and those of her Allies from all territory outside the limits of their former dominions.

"When the Germans assent and comply with these terms we can begin to discuss any further agreement leading to peace, but not till then."

the Presentation Convent was won by Miss Winnifred Kent. The medal is a beautifully designed cross with wreath. Miss Kent passed the C. H. E. Intermediate with honours, taking the prize (\$4.00) in Shorthand and gaining distinctions in French, Geometry, Algebra, Grammar and Domestic Science.

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