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Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, October 24, 1916.

The New Postmaster General.

Following the vacation of the important position of Postmaster General, occupied for so long by the late Hon. H. J. B. Woods, popular opinion has indicated his most likely and most suitable successor. We learn that the choice has fallen upon the Hon. J. A. Robinson, thus confirming that opinion and ensuring popular approval. We hasten to express our own, though our pleasure is tinged with regret that the ranks of journalism in this country have lost their most experienced and ablest leader. It is no exaggeration to say that the popularity and esteem enjoyed by our morning contemporary, its elevated and healthy tone and its high literary quality are due almost entirely to its editor, who now lays down his pen after wielding it for many years in a manner that has at once delighted and instructed his wide public. We do not deprecate him who takes it up in saying that general regret will be felt over a real loss, and something hard to replace will be missed from the columns of the "Daily News".

From informing public opinion, Mr. Robinson goes to a sphere of labour no less valuable to the public interest. Few departments are of greater importance than the Post Office and few, in our opinion, are in greater need of the abilities possessed by the new Postmaster General. There is much that is faulty in its system and its operation and much that is lacking, though much also that is admirable. We confidently look to see the faults remedied and the deficiencies supplied. We look to see the Post Office made a more independent and more efficient branch of the public service, its activities increased and extended, its benefits enlarged and more sensibly felt. It is because we feel that these expectations will not be disappointed but surpassed that in offering our congratulations to Mr. Robinson we are able to extend them to the country as well.

The West Front.

The summary of the three and a half months fighting on the Somme makes interesting reading. It deals most specifically with the work of the British troops. It is no small boast that they have not lost a single gun in all that time and the fact supplies some measure of their success. Perhaps the chief importance attaches to the estimate of the relative losses of both sides in men, and there is in this cause for the greatest satisfaction. The progressive movement of that relation in our

favour is to be noted. In July the British losses were inevitably heavier than the enemy's, in August they seem to have been about even, while in September there is undoubtedly a good margin to our credit. That our losses should be no greater than theirs is a relative gain, which would itself lead to ultimate victory; that they are less assures that victory with a certainty that cannot be denied. And if they are less now, what will they be when important pivotal positions such as Peronne and Bapaume fall into our hands and the defeated Germans are compelled to retire? This must inevitably happen sooner or later, and the thought cannot but inspire our brave troops and fill them with the hope that when the enemy is compelled to retire he will not be able to cry a halt until he reaches his own borders, and then in such decimated numbers that they will afford him little protection.

Every day of fighting, every fresh advance, teaches its own lessons. The British and French have not been slow to learn them. By innate resource and practical experience they have combined, maximum effectiveness with minimum loss. Their superiority in artillery and in men increases daily. The knowledge of this and the encouragement of repeated victories has produced a superiority also that unmeasurable but paramount thing called morale. This is the mental quality possessed by any body of men working for a common object; it is in this case the translation of the stubborn heroism of Mons and Verdun into the triumphant sense of victory which surmounts all obstacles in the path that leads to it. With all these factors on our side it is impossible to doubt the end. Though here and there, in Roumania and elsewhere, things may not be going so well, they are all we could wish on the West front, and it is now from the West front that both succour to the East and final and complete victory will come.

HIGH COST OF PAPER.
A general meeting of the newspaper publishers of the Maritime Provinces will be held at Truro next Thursday, of which representatives from the Canadian Press Association will be present. Trade conditions have very seriously affected the publishing business during the past year and the indications are that so far as the price of paper is concerned the worst is yet to come unless a united protest be made against what well-informed men claim would be unjustifiable increases, now foreshadowed.

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Casualty List.

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The following have been admitted at Wandsworth suffering from gunshot wounds:—
2058—Private Walter Andrews, 48 Pleasant Street. Left leg.
741—L. Corp. Daniel J. Moore, Avondale. Left leg, severe.
809—L. Corp. John Cox, Harbor Breton. Right arm, severe.
1856—Private Stephen Lawrence, Bay L'Argent, F. B. Right arm, severe.
1796—Private Richard Jerrett, Cavendish, T. B. Left arm, severe.
1823—Private Dwight Lyman Langdon, Northern Arm, Botwood. Right thigh, severe.
1600—Private Frederick N. Pike, 111 Duckworth Street. Both buttocks.
2029—L. Corp. Ethelbert Moss, Sallora Island, Salvage Bay, B. B. Testicle.

2063—Private Alexander Thistle, Pouch Cove. At Wandsworth, tubercle left hip.
1271—Private Mark Guy, Bonavista. Malar Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, gunshot wound right shoulder.
1792—Private Michael Walsh, Bellevue, T. B. Richmond Hospital, Dublin, gunshot wound chest, shoulder, arm, severe.
1314—Private James J. Saunders, St. John's. Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, gunshot wound right arm, slight.
469—Corporal William P. Carew, 33 Patrick Street. Doctor Stevens Hospital, Dublin, gunshot wound left arm.

Following at 4th London General Hospital.

1915—Private Job Lane, Jack Lane's Bay, Labrador. Shell wound head, slight.
1799—Private George Hollett, Burin North. Shell wound right arm, slight.
1416—Private James J. Quan, Plymouth Road. Shell wound left shoulder, slight.
1149—Private John A. V. Frost, 429 Water Street. Shell wound left side, slight.
1453—Private Alfred Styles, 41 Power Street. Shell wound neck, severe.
618—Private Henry Stewart, Paisley, Scotland. Shell wound right thigh and back, severe.
1438—L. Corp. Thomas J. Dunphy, 112 Gower Street. Shell wound left knee, slight.
1847—Private Joseph Babstock, Salvage, B.B. Gunshot wound left arm, slight.
1718—Private Frank Hynes, Bay L'Argent. Gunshot wound hip.
1173—Private James Squires, 11 Lime Street. Gunshot wound right thigh, slight.
1572—Private Leo F. DeLacey, 178 LeMarchant Road. Gunshot wound right arm, slight. (Previously reported at Rouen.)
2112—Private Joseph Killin, Kent, England. Shell shock, contused ribs and back, slight.
2020—Private Ronald Neville, Clarke's Beach, Shock, slight.

Received October 24th.
The Following Suffering from Gunshot Wounds are Reported at the Various Hospitals, viz:—

At the 5th General Hospital, Rouen, October 14th:
168—Private Jacob Abbott, Westville. Upper extremity, right.
1719—Private James A. Short, Hermitage Cove, F.B. Do.
1152—Private Eric Burt, Battery Road, West.
1344—Private Nathaniel Reed, Dog Bay, N.D.B. Back and knee.
1988—Private George R. Same, York Harbor. Bay of Islands. Back.
1769—Private Silas Bird, Cartwright, Labrador. Chest.

2159—Private William G. Piercey, Fortuna. Upper extremity—left.
At the 6th General Hospital, Rouen, October 14th:
1411—L. Corp. Solomon Gosse, Spaniard's Bay. Left arm and back.
1696—Private William F. Reid, 2 Spencer Street. Face.
1396—Private William LeDrew, Botwood. Arms.

At the 8th General Hospital, Rouen, October 14th:
377—Private Edwin Cornick, 61 Power Street. Head (good).
2056—Private Harold Cranford, 213 Southside. Back (good).
1297—Private Frederick J. Jacobs, 17 College Square. Head and left arm (good).
423—Private Thomas A. Perry, Catalina. Right leg (good).
At the 8th Red Cross Hospital, Le Touquet, October 14th:
2064—Private James Vater, Pouch Cove. Upper extremity; left, severe.
1946—Private Arthur House, Fort Saunders. Lower extremity; right, severe.

2057—Private Albert Davies, Greenspond. Lower extremity; right, severe.
1042—Corporal Arthur T. Peet, 37 Long's Hill. Left leg; fractured fibula, severe.
At the 1st Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, October 14th:
969—Private James J. Brice, 28 Leslie Street. Shell wound left hand.
1684—Private Reginald Grady, Bay L'Argent, F.B. Shell wound, face.
At St. John Hospital, Etaples, October 14th:
637—Private Joseph Michellin, Hamilton Inlet, Labrador. Left thigh; severe.
2007—Private Clarence Foley, Whitbourne. Both thighs; severe.
1649—Private Gilbert S. Warren, Bishop's Falls. Knee; severe.
1992—Private Henry Hayter, Trinity. Ankle; severe.

At the 9th General Hospital, Rouen, October 14th:
300—Private Benjamin Miller, 27 Young Street. Right arm.
474—Private John J. Dooley, 294 Basse Street. Left arm.

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Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—Your correspondent "One who pays his taxes" in Saturday's issue of your paper, commenting on the articles of Mr. I. C. Morris on civic affairs, very forcibly points out the mistake made by that gentleman in advocating that the sum of \$80,000 due the Council be wiped off the books because, as he contends, it is uncollectable. What proof, I would like to ask, has Councillor Morris that such a large sum of money cannot be collected? Has there been a business like effort to collect it? If that amount was due Councillor Morris would he be as ready to suggest wiping it off? Is not the property owned by these individuals who owe the money liable to seizure if necessary in order that the taxes due the city be paid? I am surprised that a man like Councillor Morris in his official capacity as a Councillor should offer such a suggestion, for by doing so he offers an inducement to others to become backward in paying their taxes. He, in my opinion, has written without giving sufficient thought to the seriousness of his suggestion. Some people become popular by being easy when it costs them nothing, but such popularity does not stand any length of time, and the man who acts fearlessly in public life commands the respect of honest people in the end. I am one who also pays his taxes and like many others find it a little hard to do so at times, but why should others go free and I pay? I have no hesitation in saying that a great deal of the larger sum of money owed the city can be collected, and would instruct to Councillor Morris that the honest taxpayers expect him and the other gentlemen of the Council to get after the delinquents and make them pay up. Mr. Morris in a later article says we must have money if the city is to have the necessary improvements. Let me ask him, is it by wiping off debts we are going to raise the money or rather is it by insisting on the payment of arrears? Mr. Morris must have been aware of the financial condition of the city funds when he offered himself for election; he must have known that difficulties had to be surmounted, and



Don't Neglect Your Cough.

A little cold may not seem a dangerous thing—you may feel inclined to let it go on hoping that to-morrow it will be better—but can you afford to take chances? Just as the little insignificant acorn grows if left alone, to the mighty giant oak, that cough if not stopped may grow to a very serious illness. When a Cough starts there's no telling where it will end. You know no doubt, of cases right among people you have known, where serious complications and fatal illness have had their start from a neglected cough or cold. "Don't neglect your cough." Stafford's Phorotone Cough and Cold Cure is what you should take. For sale at Stafford's Drug Store, Theatre Hill, and Stafford's Pharmacy, Duckworth Street. Price 25c., postage 5c. extra. No trouble to take this cough remedy. Prepared only by DR. F. STAFFORD & SON, St. John's, Nfld.

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now that he has secured a seat at the Board we look to him to show his ability in this respect, for by coming forward he gave us to understand that he would make improvement on the way things were carried out in the past and it is now up to him to make good. We look to him to be firm without being unnecessarily severe, but a firmness is absolutely desirable, for

we all realize that it is no mere child's play to run our city as it should be run.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, in advance for space, and trusting that Councillor Morris will change his views as to wiping off arrears, I am, yours sincerely,
ANOTHER WHO PAYS HIS TAXES.
City, Oct. 21, 1916.

Here and There.

Fresh Irish Hams and Bacon at ELLIS.

OLINDA BACK.—The bright Olinda arrived here yesterday afternoon, after a good run from a Brazilian port. She came in ballast.

MORE RECRUITS ARRIVE.—By last night's train five strapping young men came in from the interior to enlist in the Nfld. Regiment.

Dr. Chas. Howlett's Office will be closed for a few weeks during his absence from the city.
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CODFISH CARGOES ARRIVE.—During yesterday and this morning about forty sail of crates arrived from different outports with cargoes of dry codfish.

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THE STRIKE.—A special meeting of the Union stokers is slated for to-night when all matters incidental to the strike will be brought up for discussion. It is anticipated that the blockade will be raised.

GRACIANA FROM LIVERPOOL.—The Furness Liner Graciana entered port this morning. The passage from Liverpool occupied eleven and a half days, progress being delayed by strong head westerly and northwesterly winds. The ship brought an unusually large mail and 700 tons of cargo, principally dry goods for the autumn and winter seasons.

TO-DAY'S Messages

11.00 A.M.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, To-day. A bulletin issued last night by the war office reads: Isolated operations to-day enabled us to progress appreciably northeast of Morval. The prisoners captured yesterday north of Sully Salles were elderly men, South of the Somme there were very few, especially brisk in the region of Chaumes Wood. Everywhere else the day was quiet. Aviators of German aeroplanes dropped bombs this morning on Tency; there were casualties and only slight damage.

FURTHER BRITISH GAINS.

LONDON, Official, To-day. In the course of operations by the right wing of our front south of Ancre, we advanced our lines east of Guedecourt and Les Boeufs and secured over a thousand yards of enemy trenches. During the day the front in the neighborhood of Les Boeufs was heavily shelled. South of Guedecourt this afternoon the enemy made an attempt to attack, but was stopped by our artillery. Sixty-six further prisoners are reported in the recent fighting. Schwaben redoubt and Lesars in addition to the total given yesterday. Last night two German raids were attempted against our trenches at Guecourt; one was stopped by our own artillery and the enemy suffered heavy loss. The second penetrated our outposts but was promptly driven back by our counter attack. Yesterday aeroplanes bombarded two railway stations behind the enemy's lines, killing a train in motion and did much damage to buildings and rolling stock. Seven enemy machines were brought down and many others were forced land in damaged condition. Eight ours have not returned.

MORE NEUTRALS SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. The Greek steamer Andros and the Norwegian steamer Drin, are sunk. Lloyds announce. The Greek steamer is 1,794 gross tons and the Drin 774 gross tons.

A DEPLORABLE INCIDENT IN THE NETHERLANDS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The Dutch newspapers are indignant over the report by the German press that on Sunday a Zeppelin dropped a bomb near Goerum (Groningen) 22 miles southeast of Rotterdam. The Nieuw Vandaag says the German aircraft commanders displayed a supreme contempt for the protests of the Dutch Government. This deplorable incident, which by accident lacked serious results, would not have occurred.

TAKE A THOUSAND YARDS.

LONDON, To-day. More than a thousand yards of enemy trenches, in the region of Guedecourt and Les Boeufs were taken by the British north of the Somme in France yesterday afternoon, according to an official issued last night. The region of Grandcourt the British artillery stopped a German plan to attack.

HOW MANY ARE LEFT?

GENEVA, To-day. Prince Von Buelow, former German Imperial Chancellor, recently informed a neutral newspaper man that at the beginning of the war Germany had constructed 225 submarines, a despatch from Constantine. The val authorities, the Prince is reported to have added, are paying more attention to submarines than to battleships. Austria-Hungary is doing likewise.

STILL MORE PIRACY.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyds announces the Norwegian steamer Ut, 1,136 tons, and the fish steamer Helga, 1,182 tons, sunk; the crew of the latter were rescued. I am, yours sincerely, the Norwegian steamer Ratta, 689 tons, was sunk, says the Red Kristiania correspondent; the crew landed.

TEUTONS TAKE CONSTANZA.

PARIS, To-day. The capture of Constanza by Teutonic Allies, although not expected, nevertheless puts a damp on the enthusiasm aroused by the progress of the Entente on the front in Picardy. The commentators do not unduly exaggerate the importance of the achievement of Von Mackensen, whose action in the present time is considered as a defensive one in shortening his so far as to hold it better, if with men. They point out that the way he could do this is to advance since if he fell back his front would be the contrary be lengthened in as he succeeded. The observation also that if he manages to tie the Russo-Romanian forces in Dobruja by holding a narrow front south of the railroad, he will slow to employ his troops, thus ceased to act in a direct relation.

