



Evening Telegram

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Neat Work.

Probably not many of our cousins in the south will boast of the St. Mihiel victory that it is "the American way of doing things," but outsiders will confess that there is a characteristic snap about it. We can adopt a simile from the ring. Hitherto only the American lightweights had given an account of themselves, though that a very creditable one. Now for the first time their heavyweight enters the ropes, and before the formal preliminaries are scarce finished sends his opponent sprawling to the floor from a terrific right cut to the jaw. It is not the count-out yet, but the other man is badly shaken.

When we recall how this sharply projecting salient has been for four years an ugly threat against the rear of Verdun, and the scene of more than one costly French failure, we can see reflected in the clean, quick sweeps of the American victory the complete transference of the initiative and striking power to the hands of the Allies. It is true that the salient was useful to the enemy for offensive purposes only, and could be turned—as the event has now proved—into a danger to an army defending itself from attack, but that does not lessen either the credit or the effect of Pershing's achievement. The former will be admitted ungrudgingly by an admiring world, not least by the enemy, who now knows the strength of the new foe he so lately derided; as to the latter there will be much speculation and many theories.

What was Foch's object in ordering this coup, so brilliantly and swiftly executed? The blotting out of the salient and the capture of so many prisoners, guns and stores, gratifying as these are, were probably not the whole or the chief part of it. This morning's message indicates a more likely design, where it points out that Pershing's forces now command the stretches of Meuse and Moselle in this region. The gain is therefore, mostly tactical for the present, but there is also fine strategy in this idea of out-flanking and undermining the enemy's line of defence before it has begun to move towards it.

Military critics will watch this part of the line with keen interest in the next few days, when Foch's plans will reveal themselves. It is hardly likely that the attack will continue, with Metz as its object, tempting though such a project would be. But it is possible, and if the Allied commander has the necessary forces at his disposal and is confident of his chances of success, we may be seeing merely the initiation of a strategy so broad and daring as to make the observer catch his breath. It is generally accepted that if the Hindenburg line is breached the Germans will retire to prepared defences along the Meuse; but what if Foch is ready to turn those defences when they are reached, or has already done so? Such tactics would be exactly consistent with Foch's methods, which aim, not at using up forces in an attempt to break through, but at separate and distant blows which keep the enemy's line held and mobile until in the end they disintegrate it completely.

A further and most valuable result can be anticipated from this new move. There has been increasing evidence of late that the Germans, seeing their fine reserves being rapidly exhausted, have been reinforcing the larger points with forces drawn laterally from other parts of the line, that is, from the eastern end. That manoeuvre has received a rude check: there is hardly a single part of the line from Switzerland to the sea which is not now threatened and cannot be weakened except at a great risk. That is exactly what Foch is aiming at, and when the process has been carried far enough the end will be in sight.

LADY-UNION DANCE.—At Thursday evening's meeting of the Ladies' branch, M.I.W.A., arrangements for a dance, to be held Monday night at the British Hall, were made. The T. A. band will furnish music, and Messrs. E. J. Whitty, P. Woods, J. Cahill, Macdonald, Bennett and Healey will act as hon. managers. Tickets are going rapidly, and a large attendance is expected.

How Capt. Rendell Won the M. C.

The following extract from "Honours and Awards" will explain how Capt. Herbert Rendell gained his medal: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a strong point which was very heavily bombarded. When his trench was entirely blown in, he withdrew his survivors to a neighbouring trench. When the shelling ceased, he led a bombing party, drove out the enemy, and re-established the position. By his initiative and determination he saved a vital position."

Capt. C. Harris

AWARDED MILITARY CROSS.

Word has just been received that Capt. Chester Harris, son of S. Harris, Esq., of Grand Bank, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service in France. Capt. Harris who is serving with the R.A.M.C., has been in France for over two years past, but recently was transferred to Salonika, where at present he is in charge of several wards in a base hospital. Previous to entering the army this officer was a medical student at Edinburgh University, having graduated there in 1915.

Three Times Won M.M.

We take the following from the Montreal Star of Sept. 9th:—Lieut. Edward Slattery, killed in action, winner of the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and three times recipient of the Military Medal, all of which have been awarded for the utmost gallantry under fire. He is a native of Newfoundland, who joined the service in Montreal as a private, and has made a distinguished record. One of his brothers has been killed on duty, whilst a second has been invalided home.—Montreal Star, Sept. 9.

Killed With the Canadians.

From a Canadian Casualty List published in the Montreal Star of Sept. 9th we take the following:

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. E. Slattery, 488-Magdalen St., Montreal (said to be a native of Newfoundland).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

W. K. Whiteway, St. John's, Nfld. C. Crowley, Western Bay, Nfld. S. Bell, New Melbourne, Nfld. F. Field, Port Texton, Nfld. E. A. Ford, St. John's, Nfld. A. B. Nolan, St. John's, Nfld.

City Defeats Grand Falls.

Grand Falls, Sept. 13.—Hall successfully twirled the City to victory to-day against Stoum, by a score of nineteen runs to fifteen. The weather was ideal. In the first half of the 15th innings, with St. John's leading by twelve to five, Grand Falls started a batting feat, making seven runs and tying the score, but costly errors in the 7th allowed the City big leads. The feature of the game was Brant's taking one three-bagger and two two-baggers.

Mr. J. A. Hawvermale, President of the local League, received the following message from Manager Montgomery of the City team: "Exciting and fast game. St. John's, 19; Grand Falls, 15. Score a tie in 7th innings."—Daily News.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 1918. The following English goods have lately arrived: Calvert's Carbolic Tooth Powder, 26c.; Woodard's Grip Water, 60c.; Owbright's Lung Tonic, 75c.; Chlorodyne; Collins, Brown's, Medium, 41.50; Buddin's Balsam of Horehound and Coltsfoot, 50c.; Smedley's Chilli Paste, 60c.; Antipon (two sizes), 11.50 and 22.50. Until you have tried Acme Corn Silk for your corns, you have certainly not exhausted the resources of science. Acme Corn Silk, the simplest of remedies, is also for corns and callouses one of the most effective. It can be applied to any kind of corn, and takes up no room in the boot. Price 10c. a pkg.

Personal Mention

Miss J. Rogers, late Community Nurse, left for New York by to-day's express.

His Honor Mayor Goelling leaves by to-morrow's express for Canada on a visit to his son, Lieut. A. Goelling, of the Canadian Transport Army Service. Rev. Harry Royle, of Freshwater, who was at Toronto attending the Social Service Board meeting of the Methodist Church, is a passenger on the incoming express, which is expected to arrive about 7 o'clock.

NEARLY DROWNED.—Early this morning, the watchman at Job Bros., reported to the police station that one of three men, who were drunk on the wharf, had fallen overboard, and had been barely saved in time by his companions in stimulation. Head Constable Peet and two officers went to the scene to find the rescued man comfortably stowed away in the captain's bunk of a nearby vessel. He was very drunk, and could not explain where his chums had gone.

Along the Waterfront.

The schr. Hilda Blanche, Old Perlican, A. March, master, arrived here yesterday from Bay de Verde with a cargo of salt bulk fish, which she is now unloading at the Purmess Withy wharf, the agents for a French firm having purchased it.

The schr. Agnes Jane, Bay de Verde, Moses Blondin, master, arrived here yesterday morning from that place with a cargo of salt bulk fish, and is now unloading at the Purmess Withy wharf. When discharged, she will take a general cargo to Bay de Verde and will bring back dry fish.

The Beale S., Newtown, B.B., Wm. Collins, master, got in port Tuesday afternoon with a cargo of refined cod oil for Job Bros., from Fogo, and she took a general cargo to Fogo this afternoon.

The schr. Cactus, Bay de Verde, Daniel Butler, master, got in here last night from Catalina, with a cargo of lumber. She will go to Labrador to load fish.

The schr. Lapwing, Bay Roberts, Arch Hayes, master, arrived here Monday with a cargo of salt bulk fish from Bay Bulls. She will take a general cargo to Bay Roberts.

The schr. Intrepid, Catalina, Geo. Sutton, master, got in Thursday night from that place for a general cargo, and she is now loading at Bowring's.

The Rudolph C. Carbonar, Henry Galton, master, got in yesterday morning from Bridgeport, Green Bay, with a cargo of herring for A. E. Hickman & Co., which she is discharging at F. J. Shea's new wharf. She will go to Battle Hr. to load salt bulk fish.

The Nobe, Lower Island Cove, Joseph Norris, master, got in port Tuesday afternoon with a load of fish from Bay de Verde, and she left port this afternoon with a general cargo.

The Mary E., Lower Island Cove, John Champlin, master, arrived in port yesterday morning, with a cargo of fish for A. E. Hickman & Co.

Here and There.

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Stafford's Drug Store, Theatre Hill, will be open every night till 9.30.—sep7,tf

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—The west-bound express arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.25 a.m. to-day. The incoming express is due at 7 p.m. to-day.

Everybody appreciates good clean goods. You should see our Men's Fancy Shirts at \$1.50. W. R. GOOBIE, is just opp. Post Office. aug19,tf

THE SUBJECT AT ASSOCIATED BIBLE STUDENTS' HALL, 201 Duckworth Street, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, will be "The Path to Glory," and will be illustrated by wall chart. All are welcome.—sep12,14

MISS FLORA PIKE will resume lessons in Piano and Harp on Monday, September 16th. Music Studio: Le-Marchant Road.—sep14,3i

SLIGHT FIRE.—The Central and East End Companies responded to a call at Hayward Avenue last evening at 7.45 to quench a slight blaze in the chimney of Mr. J. Williams' house. The application of a few buckets of water was sufficient to extinguish the fire.

Our store is full of opportunities if you are looking to increase your savings account. Ladies' Fall and Winter Coats, \$17.50 to \$35.00. W. R. GOOBIE is just opp. Post Office. aug19,tf

A SALVAGE VENTURE.—We understand a Nova Scotia wrecking firm are completing arrangements for the salvaging of the most important parts of the ill-fated Florio at Cappahayden. Much valuable iron, brass and copper fittings are still in good condition and it is generally thought that the venture will be remunerative.

The Ladies' N. I. W. A. will hold a dance in the British Hall Monday night, Sept. 16th. Music by T. A. Band. Double tickets \$1.00; Ladies' and Gent's single tickets, 50c.—s12,21,th,s

GASSED.—Mrs. A. Taylor, of McParlane Street, has received word that her son, Geo. Stanley Taylor, driver with the British Royal Field Artillery, 175th Brigade, who has been in France for over two years, has been gassed, and is now in Bath War Hospital.

BAND CONCERT.—The C. L. B. will give a Band Concert in Bannerman Park next Tuesday evening, Sept. 17, from 8.15 to 10 o'clock. Proceeds for W. P. A. and C. L. B. funds. Citizens wishing to contribute can do so on the gate.—sep14,11

N.I.W.A.—Last evening's meeting of the N.I.W.A., Pres. Bennett in the chair, was well attended, and a large amount of co-operative stock was offered and taken up. The chairman gave a verbal report of the recent strike at Port aux Basques, where the men have gone back to work. Other business of a private nature, was transacted, after which the meeting adjourned.

Commercial.

As Canada will shortly put the biggest potato crop in her record on the market, it stands to reason that the prices here, as well as elsewhere, will take a downward tendency. Manitoba alone has 500,000 barrels more this year than last, and Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia will have 50 per cent. more than last year. Those potatoes will be for sale in October, and we can expect our local prices to drop down to two or three dollars.

Our importation of flour in St. John's to date for 1918 is short 31,818 barrels. The figures are 103,327 and 135,145.

Our total coal imports to date since the new year is 63,256 tons, as compared with 72,293 for this date last year, showing a shortage of 9,037 tons.

Since August 1st, St. John's exporters have sent out to foreign markets 43,380 qills of new fish, as compared with 57,000 for the same date last year.

Beef importation for this town is short 6,586 barrels. The figures are 19,606 for 1918, and 25,992 for 1917.

The New Menace.

A new menace around town seems to be the allowing of young girls to drive motor cars, especially if they have not gained certificates of competency. Because the owner of a car possesses a certificate is no reason for his daughter or his son to drive said car. And the speed of some of those girls is surely above the 10 mile limit. It is becoming plainly evident that what we need is a motor cycle police. This, no doubt, would make the lives of pedestrians safe.



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REID'S BOATS.

The Argyle left Placentia at 7.30 p.m. yesterday on the Red Island route.

The Clyde arrived at Port Union yesterday.

The Ethie left Flower's Cove at 1.30 p.m. yesterday and is due at Humbermouth to-morrow morning.

The Home arrived at Lewisport yesterday.

The Sagons left King's Cove at 5.45 p.m. yesterday.

The Fogota left Grand Bank at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, going west.

MARRIED.
On Tuesday evening, Sept. 10th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mabel Rows to Sergt. Frederick W. Smallwood, of the Royal Nfld. Regiment, both of this city.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

THE WOOL CROP.
LONDON, Sept. 13. (Canadian Press Despatch from Reuters, Ltd.)—Reuters's correspondent cables: The German Government has petitioned the British Government to re-open negotiations with the Imperial Government, in an endeavour to have the latter repeat last year's offer for much portion of this season's wool crop as may be registered at a given date.

FOCH'S DRIVE UPSET RUN SCHEME.

AT BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Sept. 13 (via Reuters's Ottawa Agency).—Reuters's correspondent cables: The German army has been steadily driven from all ground where rearwards might prolong resistance in old defensive works. The First Guards reserve divisions, much depleted, has been identified in the Meuse sector, and Austrian artillery has been in action astride the Havencourt Uffcourt Road. The Germans admit disaffection and indicate line are growing at an alarming rate in the German army and desertions are frequent. Captured maps show that an attack against our First Army front was being organized when Foch's stroke upset the enemy's scheme. It is dated the 10th of July. On the Cambrai front we are maintaining all gains. Further north we captured Fosse 8, which figured in the early fighting around La Bassée. We are pushing through Auchy on La Bassée near which we took the railway line three days ago.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

LONDON, Sept. 13. The Board of Trade returns for the month of August are as follows: Imports £110,235,000, an increase of £2,678,000 over the previous month. The principal difference in imports was the increase in grain amounting to £2,489,000 and an increase in other foodstuffs of £13,126,000. Exports amounted to £43,522,000, a decrease of £6,251,000; this was principally in manufactured articles.

CANADIAN EXPLORER RETURNING.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer, bound back to the outside world after spending more than five years in the far north, is now en route from an Alaskan port to a Canadian Pacific port, according to a cablegram received from him to-day by the Associated Press. He is expected to arrive Sunday.

METZ AND COURCELLES BOMBED.

LONDON, Sept. 13. While the American First Army was pressing forward through the St. Mihiel salient, Allied aviators were intensely bombing the German railway around Metz and Courcelles; according to a communication issued by the Air Ministry to-day, the aviators attacked the Metz station and transports with good results, one hostile machine was destroyed; two of the British machines are missing.

BOTH GERMANS AND RUSSIANS DISSATISFIED WITH COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 12. German newspapers received in Sweden speak of the commercial agreement between Germany and Soviet Russia in the same general terms as these employed by the Bolshevik press. These despatches maintain the same degree of secrecy concerning the details as that which M. Joffe, the Bolshevik Ambassador, preserved when he made his flying trip from Berlin to Moscow to complete the agreement. The masses in Russia were displeased by the arrangement because they knew it contemplated the sale of goods so badly needed by the Russians, and especially the transfer to Germany of the fabrics which the Soviet Government had confiscated. In great quantities, in Moscow and Petrograd, the Germans are apparently dissatisfied with the agreement because their efforts to ship goods have been so severely restricted, and they believe Germany will have the same trouble in its case that she encountered in the Ukraine; in other words they seem

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