

## Evening Telegram

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## The War—A Crucial Phase.

All eyes, all anxious thoughts are turned to-day towards Italy. Her supreme hour has struck, or is at hand; her hardest test is about to be undergone. It may prove the supreme hour, the hardest test of the whole Alliance.

The approaching battle may not be the last great battle of the war, as some in Italy think, but it may well be the greatest. For it is probably the last great offensive effort of the enemy, who have made it with a power commensurate with its importance to them.

The outlines of the situation are beginning to emerge and to define themselves clearly. There are not many on our side who will share the blind and senseless optimism that discovers itself in certain late messages, as though it were enough to say that all will be well to make it so; but we are justified in taking a more hopeful view than anything suggested a few days ago. The outstanding feature of the situation is the fact that General Cadorna has brought back his armies intact—that seems to be beyond doubt, and it is the thing that matters beyond all others. They seem to have attained the western bank of the Tagliamento river safely, so that the Italian line now runs due north and south, making something like a right angle at the northern end in the Carnic Alps. Whether this will be the position chosen by Cadorna for a final stand cannot yet be said, but if it is not, the barrier imposed by the river will be an invaluable aid for the delay it will impose upon the enemy. For not only are all the Italian units rallying and recovering, but France and Britain are rushing rapidly to their assistance.

The position is charged with so many possibilities that we are not afraid to number among them the chance that it may turn out a blessing in disguise. It is only a chance, but the reasons for it are very simple. In the first place, the Allies are now forced to do what we believe they should have chosen to do long ago—concentrate upon this front, force and an effort which its importance demands, an importance which has been overlooked hitherto. In the second place, the Italian army will be able to utilize its full strength, the object it has all along had in view, with the difference that it meant to use it on the Austrian plains and not on its own. In the third place, the fighting will be over a wide area and of a more open nature than has yet been seen anywhere; already we hear of large cavalry operations, which means, in other words, a chance for the Allies to bring their large numbers into play. The enemy has no advantage in this respect. It is as easy for the three Allies to feed this front as for the Central Powers, and in some respects easier. In a word, if Cadorna can hold fast until his line is firm, if then a terrific battle is joined, as seems now certain, and if the necessarily heavy losses are shared equally by both sides, the net gain will belong to the Allies. For unless Germany's move is pushed home to a favourable decision, it will have failed; and great losses of men, even if they are no greater than the Allies', will be playing the Allies' game. For through the exhaustion of the enemy's man-power alone can final victory come.

This hope is encouraged by hints from the Russian front. The Germans are continuing to retire in the Riga region, but Petrograd says that the retirement will not enable them to dispatch troops to other fronts. This may be taken to mean that the Russians are pressing the attack, and are perhaps gradually assuming an offensive. It is devoutly to be wished. Any such action by the Russians at this moment would be as welcome as surprising. If Germany is committed to her Italian drive and the struggle engaged there with furious intensity, Russia were able to make any effective diversion in the result might be far-reaching. But it is not well to send too great hopes in that direction.

The full statement made by the First Lord of the Admiralty in the Commons is worth reading carefully. Guarded as it necessarily is, it yet

## There's Superior Flavor To POSTUM

as a table beverage.

A package from the grocer is well worth a trial, in place of tea—especially

When Tea Disagrees!

gives certain figures, and still more many general hints, on the submarine war that are more than satisfactory. Though it is of more after-war importance, it is worth while to reflect upon his assertion that the British have lost fourteen per cent, net, of their mercantile tonnage against a corresponding loss by the Germans of fifty per cent. The statement is also striking that during the past three months more German submarines have been sunk than during the whole of 1916.

Good news comes from Palestine. General Allenby, from whom nothing had lately been heard to indicate that he was on the move again, has captured historic Beersheba, some twenty miles southwest of Jerusalem, and a number of prisoners. Whether this heralds an ambitious project having Jerusalem itself as an object remains to be seen, though an extension of the British arms up the sea-coast would be of greater military, though far less moral and political, value. Certain it is, however, that these two forces between them will keep Turkey busily occupied during the winter.

## In Five Minutes! No Indigestion, Gas Or Sour, Acid Stomach

The moment "Pape's Diapiesin" reaches the stomach all distress goes.

"Really does" put bad stomach in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness in five minutes—that just makes Pape's Diapiesin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestible waste, remember the moment "Pape's Diapiesin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous, and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin will give you a hundred dollars worth of satisfaction or your druggist hands you your money back. It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach regulator in the world.

## Acknowledgment.

The Committee of the Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital gratefully acknowledge the following gifts received during the month of October: Mr. Jas. Stott, turnips, potatoes and cabbage; Mrs. Richard White, large mangle for laundry; Mrs. Southcott, candy; Mrs. Mackay, magazines; Mrs. Cheaman, cake; Master Claud Fraser, Evening Herald; Mr. G. Dickinson, magazines; Friend, 2 barrels apples; Sir Edgar Bowring, 6 packs cards; Friend, potatoes, fresh eggs; Imperial Tobacco Co., 500 cigarettes; Mrs. N. S. Fraser's work Party, Halloween party and supper.

## McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Nov. 2, '17. We have just received a consignment each of two popular medicinal toilet soaps, Resinol and Woodbury's Scented Soap—two of the best sought after soaps in the market. We have a sufficient stock to last us for some considerable time now.

Our new Brand Phosphate Compound, commonly known as "Limestone Phosphate," a pleasant and efficient "morning medicine," and one recommended in rheumatism, gout, liver trouble, sick headache, constipation, etc. Price 60c. a tin.

## Hr. Grace Notes.

Another of our old citizens died yesterday morning after a long illness. Mr. Arch H. Nichols—at the age of 79 years. His son, Pte. Levi Nichols, was killed in action in France a short while ago. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family. The deceased was a member of the Masonic body and the members will attend the funeral this afternoon.

A small steamer arrived this forenoon to the Harbor Grace Shipbuilding Co., or the Newfoundland Shipbuilding Co., I should say.

The King Edward Brigade intend holding their annual Jubilee Sale about the 8th inst. Their friends are coming nobly to their assistance with donations and it is expected this year's sale will eclipse all former efforts. The Brigade of the Brigade is tendered to the Nfld. Shipbuilding Co. and also to Harvey & Co. for substantial donations. The amounts with others will be acknowledged in due time.

Strapp's Pharmacy is open again on the old stand, but in a new and up-to-date building beautifully fitted in every particular. The show cases, the work of Mr. Ron. Walsh, carpenter, are equal to any that could be imported, and shows there is no need to send out of the country for this class of work. Dr. Strapp is deserving of congratulation on the neat appearance of the store. A visit will reward you.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hr. Grace, Nov. 1, '17.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets, try ELLIS'.

## W.M.S. Convention

### WESLEY CHURCH.

The 3rd session of the Convention opened yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Barnes in the chair. Mrs. Spracklin, the delegate from Brigus, conducted the devotional exercises, reading a part of the 14th chapter of John, and giving a short address. Several led in prayer, after which the acting Secretary, Mrs. W. Carrie, read the minutes of the previous sessions which were adopted. The Convention hymn was then sung.

Three well prepared and interesting papers on different phases of the work were read. "Business Side of Auxiliary Work," by Mrs. J. Peters, in which she briefly outlined the object of Board, Branch and Auxiliary. The "Social and Educational" aspect of the work was presented by Mrs. R. Joyce. She thought the best way to create a deeper interest in the cause of missions was by the distribution and reading of papers and periodicals dealing with this important question, and gave the names of several who had become missionaries through the reading of pamphlets.

Miss Taylor was to have given the third paper on the "Spiritual Side of the Work," but owing to illness she was unable to be present. Mrs. Fenwick read the paper she had prepared, and the one thought she wished to impress upon the members was that of faithfulness.

A solo by Mrs. Andrew Gobbie was then sung: "All Tears Shall be Wiped Away."

In the reports of yesterday the name of Miss Marjorie Jolliffe was omitted. This young lady, sang on Wednesday afternoon a solo which was much appreciated. "In the Secret of His Presence."

Mrs. Lindsay was then called on to give a few minutes' talk from Board. These were principally statistics, and showed that there had been an increase both in membership and funds, throughout the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. The figures showed an increase in members of 4,298. Received from all sources, \$22,553, an increase of \$17,004 for the year. Mrs. Dr. Carman introduced a new department this year. This was a fund to provide loans to Missionary Candidates free of interest. Several other interesting items were given relating to the work of the Board.

A Question Bureau was conducted by Mrs. Parkins. Important subjects were discussed, such as: "What Has The Woman's Missionary Society Meant to Me?" "How Can We Influence the Young People to Become Leaders?" "What can we do to influence the Young People during the Year?" and others.

A remarkable incident took place at the closing. Hymn No. 46 was announced, and as if to emphasize the meaning of the words, "Work For the Night is Coming," all the lights went out, due to some mishap at the electric power house, just as the first lines were being sung. They were only off a few minutes though, and a social hour was then enjoyed.

At 7.45 the closing session, opened with the Branch President in the chair. Mrs. Storey read the 35th chapter of Isaiah, and Mrs. Fenwick led in prayer. After the singing of hymn No. 741, Mrs. Hunter made a few remarks and called upon Mrs. Barrard for her report. There are six Auxiliaries in the District, and the 346 members last year raised \$2,596, an increase of \$471. There are also six Circles and six Bands. The year has been a most successful one and the Organizer's report was very encouraging.

Miss Eleanor Mews then sang a solo, "Two Men Went Up Into the Temple to Pray."

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Lindsay. At the Board meeting there were 57 delegates, 8 recently returned missionaries, and 8 others who were home on furlough. Dr. Chown, who had just returned from France, addressed the gathering and brought messages of comfort to the Canadian mothers from the boys at the front.

Mrs. Ross, the President, in the very excellent address which she gave to the Board, contrasted the work with that of 20 years ago, and said that although so much disturbance had occurred in centres where our missionaries were at work, particularly in China, yet a triumphant song may be sung, for a year of progress had just closed. Messages were given from the missionaries who had been labouring in Japan, China, British Columbia and Alberta. In thought we were taken to visit the various branches of work which extends from Toronto, and right through to British Columbia, where 1200 Indians enlisted last year; to Korea, Japan and China. This showed the greatness of the work and that all nationalities and colors are included. The Woman's Missionary Society must go ahead, the doors of opportunity must not close.

She closed her address with a prayer which was read on the Board programme. "Lord give us vision that we may rise to the opportunity of our task."

While the offering was being taken, "Faith of our Fathers, Living Still" was sung by the congregation. A reading selection by Miss Flora Curtis was well rendered, entitled "His Mother's Sermon."

Rev. H. Royle spoke a few words of encouragement and thanks, and the 18th Convention was brought to a close by the singing of "God Bless Our Native Land," followed by the National Anthem, and the Benediction by Rev. T. W. Atkinson.

G. P.

## Here and There.

When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS'; they're the best.

Some new dresses are so long that they do not show the curve of the instep.

FOR SALE—Two Colts, one rising 3 years and one 1½ years; apply R. COLE, King's Bridge, Nov. 2, 11.

## Patriotic Concert.

A patriotic entertainment has been arranged by the Department of Militia for Tuesday night next, in the British Hall. In addition to patriotic songs and addresses, an attraction which should ensure a full house will be the exhibition of recent moving pictures of the Regiment and Forestry Companies. Admission will be free.

## Casualty List.

RECEIVED 2nd November, 1917. Previously Reported Dangerously Ill Gunshot Wound Hip, Boulogne, October 18th. Now Reported Seriously Ill. 1917—Private George H. Samms, York Harbor, Bay of Islands. R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary.

## Wounded With the Canadians.

Captain Sydney Herbert, C.E.F., was severely wounded in Flanders on October 2nd and is now in hospital at Etaples, France. Sydney was well known here, and was Newfoundland's first Rhodes Scholar. He joined the Artists' Corps in London, on April 15, 1915. After serving a year in France he received the Commission of 2nd Lieutenant in the Northumberland Fusiliers and not long since was promoted to Captain. He was a brother in the 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles. It is hoped that his recovery will be speedy.

## Mother! Your Child is Cross, Feverish, From Constipation

If tongue is coated, breath bad, stomach sour, clean liver and bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful to-day often saves a sick child to-morrow.

If your little one is out-of-sorts, half-sick, not resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When

cross, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad, stomach aches, diarrhoea, sore throat, fall of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

## Meeting of the Civic Board.

The regular weekly session of the Municipal Council Board last night, in reply to Council's letter relative to the reservation of a piece of land on the South Side Hill for a park, if formal application and a survey were made, the Government would consider the matter. The land has already been granted, so far as the Crown Lands Office is concerned, meanwhile the City Council will make the application suggested.

Mrs. M. Higgins, Military Road, asked the Council not to store steam rollers in the war department at the rear of her house the coming winter. In past seasons she had suffered inconvenience and loss from soot and smoke.

Referred to Engineer. Solicitor McGrath asked if it was the Council's intention to purchase the client's (Keating's) property, not to grant permission to fence it. The matter was referred to the Engineer.

A deal of other routine business was disposed of, after which the meeting adjourned.

### DIED.

Killed in action, Somewhere in France, October 9th, Eric Burt, aged 20 years, son of Mrs. and Mr. John Burt, St. John's.

He is gone but not forgotten. His dear face will live as no more. But we will meet him in the morning Over on the golden shore. This morning, of convulsions, Florence Marie, the darling child of Jas. and Annie Sullivan, aged 4½ months.

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late William Austin will take place from his late residence, Summer Street (off Mervin Street) on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please attend without further notice.

FOR SALE—Several Schooners suitable for ocean transport and coastwise; also Tugboats, Barges and Steamers. Address DAVID W. GILMAN, Ship Broker, 142 State St., Boston, MA 1424.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.

## The New Fall Dress Fabrics are Creating Unusual Interest.

This was only to be expected, for what woman can resist the attractiveness of such beautiful fabrics as may be seen daily at our counters.

And while stocks are complete, hosts of customers prefer to make selections now, so that they can have their dresses and other garments fashioned of the choicest, newest and most original designs of the season.

### COATINGS.

Of extraordinary merit is this offering of Ladies' Coatings. We can give you Navy and Green, also a Grey Plaid. These are an extra heavy make material and when made presents a beautiful warm coat for the fall and winter season; 56 inches wide. Special Price, per yard . . . . . \$3.60

### NAVY POPLIN.

A fine quality Poplin, with a mercedised finish; it will give splendid service; it is full 40 inches wide. Early selection for your convenience. They are in force only while the quantity on hand lasts. Price, per yard . . . . . 90c

BLACK & WHITE PLAIDS. Undoubtedly the prettiest material for a skirt; will also make up stunning frocks for the

### GREY SUITINGS.

One of the most popular costume fabrics in vogue at present; is 50 inches wide, to be had in Light and Dark Grey shades. It is an English fabric woven from all wool yarns, and a good quality material that we can confidently recommend. When you call ask to see these goods. Special Price, per yard . . . . . \$1.80

### NAVY SERGE.

The much wanted Navy Blue Serge at \$1.70 per yard. As you know, there is no fabric in the market to-day that has had as great a demand as Serge, particularly Navy Blue. This is an all wool fine twill weave, and absolutely fast blue. Special Price, per yd. \$1.70

young miss. They are 36 and 42 inches wide; should give unusually fine service. Price 42c and 60c. per yard respectively.

## Blouse Specials

White Voile and Fancy Silk Blouses.

Excellent values in up-to-date Blouses of very soft, fine Voiles, White and Striped Linens; Check, Striped and Coloured Silks. Here you will find a most elaborate display of the choicest styles; some are made with sailor collars, and more with beautiful colored collars and embroidered fronts. A variety of other styles too numerous to mention. These are worth in the regular way \$1.40 to \$2.50 each.

Sale Price, \$1.29.

### COTTON BLANKET ENDS.

Plain White and Fawn Cotton Blankets in assorted sizes. These come by the pound, but we have weighed them up by the end for your convenience. They are a good quality fleece and are good value considering the present price of Blankets. 79c to \$1.40 each.

### WHITE TABLE LINEN.

Pure White Table Linen, 54 inches wide, woven in a pretty check design. This is a regular beauty for the price. Here is an opportunity that you should take advantage of. Worth in the regular way 50c. per yard. Sale Price, per yard . . . . . 47c

## ALEX. SCOTT, 18 New Gower St.

## City's Finances.

The comparative revenue and expenditure for last week are:—

COLLECTIONS.  
1916.  
Arrears, etc. . . . . \$1,554.75  
Sundry Revenue . . . . . 722.02  
Customs' Coal Duties . . . . . 644.00  
Customs' Water Rates . . . . . 54.15  
\$3,974.92

1917.  
Arrears . . . . . \$31.84  
Sundry Returns . . . . . 398.97  
Water and Sewerage Rates . . . . . 2,941.63  
Customs' Coal Duties . . . . . 1,104.25  
Customs' Water Rates . . . . . 57.00  
\$4,832.69

EXPENDITURES.  
1916.  
Pay Rolls . . . . . \$1,520.89  
Bills . . . . . 693.28  
\$2,214.17  
1917.  
Pay Rolls . . . . . \$1,599.16  
Bills . . . . . 683.53  
\$2,282.69

## A Faithful Servant.

READY TO WORK NIGHT OR DAY. Gas is your ever ready helper right in your home—no begging for delivery, no delays in getting it. One gets so used to it that one is apt to forget how helpful it is. Take a little trouble. Study its uses; get to understand how to obtain every particle of help you can from it.

Remember that for Light, Heat or Cooking it has no equal. If you have any little difficulties with it, bring them to the Gas Office. Our advice and help will be most readily given.

St. John's Gas Light Co. sept.17

Raisin color is one of the new shades seen in jersey cloth.

## Here and There.

When you want Minceed Collops, try ELLIS'.

OUR SEALING STEAMERS.—For another month or so sealing steamers will be engaged in the local trade, after which they will get ready for the sealfishery. The fleet of 1913 will be the smallest on record.

Just Arrived—Nyal's Face Cream at Stafford's Drug Stores, Duckworth St. and Theatre Hill.

HERE FROM BOSTON.—There arrived last night from Boston a young man named Taylor, a former resident of this city, accompanied by two American police officers. He entered the Lunatic Asylum on arrival.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooker Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.—There are now at the Fever Hospital, 18 diphtheria patients, 3 scarlet fever, 4 typhoid and 1 of infantile paralysis while 2 cases of scarlet are being nursed at home. Within the past week one case of diphtheria was reported.

### THE SPANISH CABINET.

MADRID, Nov. 1. King Alfonso has asked Antonio Maura, former Premier, to form a Cabinet.

### From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N, light, weather dull, preceded by fog and rain last night. Nothing in sight. Bar. 29.78; Ther. 50.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DYPHTHERIA.

## "Fine Feathers."

"Fine Feathers" which had its New York premier at the Astor Theatre, New York City, is a big play, but with facts of life. The play is powerful, gripping and interesting, enjoying the same bitter logic with which Eugene O'Neill, the author, drove Laura to see "The End of the Road" and with that same power for sketching the sordid details of a life by the chains of narrow circumstances so marked in the first act of "Paid in Full."

This virile young dramatist has once more reached the heights of real achievement. Mr. Walter has made a great play and has had the courage to drive home with a straight arm blow the simple theme that "The wages of sin are death." From the wretched little tale of a miserable material little Staten Island wife, paid for with \$22.00 that young woman's \$25.00 a week husband had given her for the butcher's bill, down to the suicide upon a suddenly darkened stage of the husband, who has condoned his wife's act, is the abyss of human failure that is bridged in "Fine Feathers." The incident of the hat may be laughable in the beginning and indeed it is laughed at, but with the relentless advance of a destiny Mr. Walter has given an object lesson in reality. Mrs. Reynolds is depicted as a lovable woman, yet so wanting in a sense of common honesty as to be unable to see anything wrong in the cement deal. That lack of common honesty and a natural desire for "Fine Feathers" work together to be the ruin of her husband who loves her too well to say no to her. It is a fine study in feminine psychology. A masterly, stirring drama, tense, grim, powerful.

CONSUMPTIVE PATIENT.—A Miss Hulan, of Bay St. George, arrived here last evening to enter the consumptive hospital.

WEED CHAINS.—Keep your car from skidding by using the famous Weed Chains. All sizes in stock. BOWRING BROTHERS, LTD., Hardware Department.—oct18,ed,tf

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

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