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To Our Advertisers.

Following our usual custom THE EVENING TELEGRAM will issue at NOON on Monday (New Year's Eve). All copy for Monday's advertisements should be in our hands not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday.

Who Watches Over the Interests of the Public?

In the investigation which is about to take place, the late Premier and the late Minister of Agriculture and Mines will, it is said, be represented by Counsel. The Government have engaged as Counsel the Hon. H. A. Winter, B.A., the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and Mr. C. E. Hunt, a prominent member of the Opposition.

One of our contemporaries has stated that these gentlemen will look after the interests of the general public. Under ordinary circumstances that statement would be indisputable, since they are obviously the appointees of the Government and of the Opposition party. The question is, however, are the interests of the public and the parties in this case one and the same? In view of what has taken place, do the people's representatives still retain their confidence?

The fact which must not be lost sight of is that the Government was entrusted with the public funds, which, it is alleged, were irregularly paid over to private individuals, or were expended in a careless and irresponsible manner. In other words, the trustees of the public are accused of being derelict in their duties. It may be that specific charges will be laid against individual departmental heads, or the investigation may reveal irregularities committed by subordinate officials in one or other of those departments, but that will not relieve the Government as a whole of the sacred responsibility which they accepted when they took the oaths of office. Until they have been exonerated of all blame by the Commission they cannot claim to represent the public or to possess their confidence.

Had the contretemps occurred through action instigated by the Opposition, or had the Commission of Enquiry been appointed as a result of demands made by them, the position to-day would be that the Government would be defendants in the case and the Opposition, the prosecution; but the disintegration was due to dissension within the party. Certain members laid charges against their colleagues, and however laudable their sincerity of purpose may have been in refusing any longer to be associated with the accused, the responsibility of the party as a whole remains.

For these reasons, if for no other, the desire of the public for an unbiased, disinterested representative at the enquiry, and appointed by none of the

parties who may be directly affected by the findings of the Commission seems justifiable, eminently desirable, and imperative.

First Storm of the Season

Yesterday's storm raged over the whole eastern section of the country and the wind which was accompanied by snow practically brought business to a standstill. From early morning and through the night snow fell, and the streets of the city were for the first time covered with a white mantle to the depth of a foot or more. During the evening the electric light service was interrupted due to a break in one of the transmission lines near St. Mary's Church, Southside. Due to prompt repairs made by the Company's employees, the city was in darkness only a few minutes. The street car service was also interrupted and the trams were only operated on Water Street. The sweepers were kept going all night, in an endeavor to keep the belt line clear.

Annual Christmas Tree

FOR METHODIST ORPHANAGE TO-DAY.

The Christmas Tree for the Methodist Orphanage which was scheduled to take place in the Methodist College Hall yesterday, was postponed until this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The little children were somewhat disappointed yesterday owing to their being debarred from attending by the storm, but it will be made up to them to-day. A large number of officers have signified their intention of attending to help make fun for the children. An impromptu programme has been prepared and a jolly good time is being looked forward to.

"Prince of Pilsen"

Rehearsals for the Prince of Pilsen are progressing favorably and the show promises to be a huge success. The costumes, which have been imported from New York, are now here, and a full dress rehearsal will shortly be held. A large number of people who were prevented from seeing this show when first produced here, will welcome the opportunity to attend the finest musical comedy ever presented on the local stage.

The music is particularly catchy and the scenic effects are very spectacular.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Johnson)

Tudor Evans as master and Walter Rube, Walter Langdon and R. H. Coyd as crew, vs. the vessel Splinter, John G. Higgins is heard for plaintiff.

The further hearing is adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Rosalind Outward

The following first class passengers have booked by S. S. Rosalind sailing this evening for Halifax and New York:—Jas. Stewart, J. A. and Mrs. McKenzie, Miss F. Samson, Miss E. Samson, W. Slade and 17 in second cabin.

Personal

Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., who has been confined to his home with a severe illness, is now steadily improving. Although he spent a very restless night, was much improved this morning.

McMurdo's Store News.

HOT WATER BOTTLE ACCIDENTS.

Don't take the risk—use the Ever-Hot Bag. It requires no hot water. You simply pour in two or three teaspoonsful of COLD water and inside a minute this wonderful hot bag radiates genial heat. Each Ever-Hot Bag of stout red rubber is supplied with an inner canvas bag which generates one hundred hours of heat—for half an hour or twenty-four hours at a time—just as you wish. When travelling by train or car—in the nursery and in the bedroom—in case of sudden sickness the Ever-Hot Bag is a wonderful boon. It is ever ready to repel cold. The price is \$3.75 complete. Additional refills cost only 40c. each, and each one lasts a week.

On Friday and Saturday we have our usual fresh supply of delicious chocolates and Candies at special prices.

Dipped Strawberries (the real thing).

Chocolate Cherries, Pineapple and Peach.

Dipped Raisins, Choc. Brazil and Almonds.

Opera, XXX Assorted.

Scotch and Klondike Nuggets.

O. K. Chocolate Creams and Italian Mixtures.

"Lighthouse Nan," St. Mary's Hall, January 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. Reserve Seats 50c. General Admission 30c.—dec28,11

Christmas Tree

AT C. OF E. ORPHANAGE.

The annual Christmas Tree took place yesterday at the Church of England Orphanage, when the children of that institution participated in a really delightful festival. The room was gaily decorated for the occasion, and the Tree, with its electric illumination, was the centre of attraction. About seventy orphans took part in the enjoyment, and each received a suitable gift. Skates, hockey sticks, toys and candy, were distributed, and then followed a sumptuous repast to which justice was amply done. The behavior of the young people was excellent, which spoke well of their training and careful education, and great praise is due their painstaking guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Hodder, of the Boys' Department, and Mrs. White in charge of the girls. Unfortunately the Governor and Suite were unable to attend. His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland addressed the children and presented C. H. E. Diplomas and prizes to those who passed in the examinations last June. There prizes were the kind donation of Mrs. Allan Fraser. Mrs. Job also graciously participated in the prize giving. Amongst those who braved the elements to attend the affair were: His Lordship the Bishop, Canon Bolt, and Mr. and Mrs. Job. Refreshments were served to the guests at the termination of the programme, and the evening's entertainment was voted a huge success.

Attempted Suicide

Yesterday at about 3.30 p.m., a 42 year old agent named James Stirling attempted suicide by jumping over Marshall Brothers wharf. Two men named Smith and Stephenson who were in a boat nearby managed to haul Stirling from the water. As soon as the latter jumped overboard he made an outcry for help which attracted the rescuers. Stirling was fully dressed and wore an overcoat. Upon investigation two bricks tied with ordinary shop twine were found tied around his neck. They had been carefully tied and placed inside the overcoat. When brought to the lockup, the unfortunate man was in a bad state and Dr. Anderson was called in attendance. The police officers had him undressed and placed in a comfortable bed for the night. This morning Dr. Anderson was again in attendance and pronounced the man insane, following which he was taken to the Asylum. Stirling is married and has a grown up family. He has been employed for some time as selling agent for a commission firm with offices in the former Daily Star Office, Adelaide Street. At the lockup this morning he stoutly maintained that he was sane and that his troubles were brought about by family disagreement.

GOWER ST. CHOIR.—Members are reminded of the Special Practice for night at 9 o'clock, for the Recital on Sunday. Full attendance requested.—dec28,11

A Popular Postal Office

HONORED BY CO-WORKERS.

On Christmas Eve night, Mr. Otto Skeffington, the popular clerk in charge of the Postman's Dept., G.P.O., was the recipient of a Christmas present and address from the Postmen of his Department: as a slight token of their appreciation and the high esteem in which he is held by them and the many acts of kindness that they had received from him from time and again during the year. Mr. J. L. Jackson, postman of the staff, made the presentation on behalf of the Department, who in choice language paid a well deserved compliment to Mr. Skeffington's sterling character as an official and gentleman, and concluded by tendering to him and his family the compliments of the season. Mr. Skeffington, taken by surprise, heartily thanked his co-workers for their thoughtfulness in remembering him during this Christmas tide and tendered to all present best wishes for the New Year.

Ladies' Black Hockey Boots \$6.00 at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec24,11

Dragged Her Anchors

The scho. Cape Race while anchored off Goodridge's wharf drifted from her moorings in the height of the storm yesterday, and after proceeding a considerable distance up the harbour collided with a schooner near Steer Bros. wharf. The tug Hugh D. took her in tow and placed her at safe anchorage.

Ladies' Warm Tuff Footwear, in button and buckle styles, at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec24,11

POSTPONED.

The annual treat for the inmates of the Poor Asylum was postponed yesterday, owing to the inclement weather. All preparations for the event had been arranged, and the inmates will have the pleasure of looking forward to a good time to-day.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

HOPE REVIVES; DIXMUDE REPORTED.

PARIS, Dec. 28. The Ministry of Marine received confirmation of a message from Tunis reporting that the lost French dirigible Dixmude had been sighted yesterday over Ain Salah in the Sahara Desert. This news has aroused fresh hopes that her crew of fifty will be saved. All effort by both airplane and camel trains are being made to succor the helpless airmen.

GREAT CAPTURE BY REVOLUTIONARIES.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 28. General Lazaro Garmen with his entire staff and three hundred cavalry have been taken prisoners by the revolutionary forces, according to advices given out by general revolutionary headquarters here.

CAPITAL TO OBTAIN AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS IN RUSSIA.

BERLIN, Dec. 28. A German-Russian Agrarian corporation has been organized here with capital of one million dollars. It will seek agricultural concessions from the Soviet government, and otherwise will facilitate an exchange of Russian grain and other farm products for German industrial commodities.

ASSAULT ON PRINCE REGENT IDENTIFIED.

TOKIO, Dec. 28. The assailant of Prince Regent Hirohito who was shot at in the capital to-day has been identified as the son of a politician of minor note. He was formerly a student in the university but had been driven to labor by force of circumstances. In this occupation he had become interested in communism. He declared he had no accomplices and that murder had been attempted with the hope that it lead to a social revolution.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PASS 1924 BUDGET.

PARIS, Dec. 28. France's general budget for 1924 was adopted by both Senate and Chamber to-day. The budget of 1923, it will be recalled, was not voted until July. This early action of passing the budget before the New Year effects considerable saving in provision of credits which have been a great expense in other years.

MEXICAN INDIANS ATTACK PERUANS.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28. Three thousand Indians from the mountains of Oaxaca are attacking the city of Oaxaca controlled by rebellious forces of General Mayette, chief of military operations, and General Vigil, the Governor, according to information given out at the offices of General Gomez, commander of Mexico City garrison and military operations in the valley of Mexico.

PUEBLA WAS ABANDONED.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 28. It became known here last night that Federal troops abandoned the city of Puebla following a defeat at Chignahuapan, in the State of Puebla.

BODY OF COMMANDER OF DIXMUDE FOUND.

PARIS, Dec. 28. The body of Lieutenant Grenadan, Commandant of the missing dirigible Dixmude has been found in Sicilian waters, it was officially announced this morning.

ITALIAN VILLAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

TRENT, Italy, Dec. 28. The village of Sallier, near here, was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday. Hundreds of persons were made homeless.

AGITATORS ACTIVE IN INDIA.

COCONADA, B.I., Dec. 28. "If Mahatma Gandhi is not released from prison within a year to receive the Charter of Swaraj, or the Home Rule Party, the natives of India should without hesitation unfurl the flag of the Indian Republic," said Non-Co-operationist leader Mohomet Ali in opening the thirty-eighth Indian National Congress here on Thursday. The speaker denounced what he termed the autocratic and paralyzing policy of the British Government in India, which, he said, was crushing progress.

U.S. VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

RAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 28. Lassen Peak, the only active volcano in the United States, has broken out in eruption, according to a dispatch from Redding and it is estimated the eruption is largest in many years.

Outward Passengers by Sackem

S. S. Sackem sailing to-morrow at daylight for Halifax and Boston takes the following passengers:—Harold and Marjorie Baker, Miss A. Smith, Miss M. Coen, Miss J. Drover, Miss E. Coet, Miss Jessie Tuff, Mrs. C. Bragg, and child; Mrs. W. Noseworthy and child, Mrs. Jas. Wilson.

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

A Double Bereavement

Much sympathy will be felt for Constable Dan Daley in the bereavement which has fallen to his lot within the past week. Sunday last he lost a bright little boy of 3 years old after about two days' illness with Pneumonia. Yesterday he received a message from St. Mary's announcing the unexpected death of his father. The deceased who was in his 68th year received a shock to his heart about 9 years ago, when he witnessed the drowning of his son in the harbor opposite their home. The deceased leaves a widow and three sons to mourn their loss. The funeral takes place at St. Mary's to-day.

See hen-pecked Ichabod Buzzer, you'll be sorry for him. "Lighthouse Nan."—dec28,11

Coastal Boat Connections

Sunday's express will connect at Lewisporte with the S.S. Clyde for ports of call on Notre Dame Bay route, and outside run. This is the last trip for the season. Passengers leaving on Saturday morning's train will connect at Argenta with the S.S. Argyle for ports of call, Argenta to Lamaline.

Railway Line Open

ONLY LIGHT SNOW FALL REPORTED.

The heavy snow storm which was felt in the city yesterday did not affect the operations along the railway. The storm seemed as far as Bishop's Falls, snow in places fell to a depth of two feet. On the Western section of the line a very light snow fall was reported. The engines operating along the Eastern section of the line used their pilot plows for the first time, yesterday. The weather is fine and clear all over to-day.

Buy Stafford's Ginger Wine—The best made—15c. per bottle. nov20,11

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle due Argenta to-day. Clyde left Herring Neck 10.50 a.m. yesterday, outward.

Glencoe in port. Port left Port aux Basques 7.30 p.m. yesterday for North Sydney, and is not due back before this afternoon.

Meigle left Argenta 6.30 a.m. Malakoff left Port Union 7.10 a.m. Sagana left Port aux Choix 8.15 a.m. yesterday, going north.

Prosper left Moreton's Hr. 9.30 this morning.

Portia left Curling last midnight for Halifax.

Susu sails on the Pogo Mail Service route 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Lines Interrupted

Owing to the Postal Telegraph lines being interrupted to-day, there is no word as to whether any damage resulted from yesterday's storm.

DIED.

Last night, at 11 o'clock, after a long and tedious illness, Ellen, beloved daughter of Thomas and Ellen Kearney, aged 27 years. Left to mourn, her father, mother, 6 sisters and 4 brothers. Funeral on Sunday at 1 o'clock from her late residence, Windsor Lake. Boston papers please copy.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. M. LeDrew wish to thank all kind friends who sent notes of sympathy to them in their bereavement in the loss of their dear mother; also to the kind friends who paid their last respects to her in attending the funeral.—adv.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. James Wilson wishes to sincerely thank those who in any way helped during the illness and death of her darling boy, Arthur, particularly the Matron and Nurses of the Fever Hospital, who were untiring in their efforts on his behalf; also Revs. Dr. Carter, Fr. E. Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brophy, Mr. Wm. Costello, Toronto, Mr. George Parrett, St. Bernard's, Fr. Bro. O'Hare; also all kind friends who sent wreaths and flowers to adorn his casket; all who sent telegrams and letters of sympathy, and all those who in various other ways helped during her sad bereavement.—adv.

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New Year Specials

Extra Choice Juicy PORTO RICO ORANGES
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Raisin, Port, Sherry, Orange & Ginger
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GRAPE FRUIT CAL. ORANGES. FLORIDA ORANGES CALIFORNIA PEARS GRAPES LEMONS O.K. APPLES

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In Screw Top Bottles 65c. to 90c. per Bottle.

SMYRNA LAYER FIGS
Finest Quality. TUNIS DATES in Cartons.

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Chairman Cigarettes 10's, 20's and 50's. **Tournament Cigarettes** 25's and 50's.

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Prince of Pilsen!

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fri. Nights.

Also, Matinee Tuesday Afternoon.

Night Prices:— Reserved Seats: \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c. and 50c. **Gallery: 30c. Pit: 20c.**

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League Would Provide

FOR ORGANIZED RELIEF.

GENEVA, Dec. 15 (A.P.)—One outcome of the recent Japanese earthquake is found in the efforts being made by the League of Nations to secure quick information from all governments concerning the creation of an international organization for the speedy relief of populations stricken by calamities. A proposal to found such an association was made at the last assembly by Senator Ciraolo, president of the Italian Red Cross.

The underlying idea of the project is inter-governmental co-operation on insurance principles. Governments would undertake to contribute to a fund to be utilized internationally through the various Red Cross societies, to afford organized and adequate relief immediately upon the occurrence of any great disaster within the territory of one of the participating states. The plan is to place the organization under the supervision of the council of the League of Nations, which would act chiefly in an advisory capacity.

Shipping

Schr. Ophelia, Capt. Peterson, has cleared from Larn for Oporto taking 2,200 qts. dry codfish.

Schr. Jean McKay has cleared for Oporto from English Harbor, taking 5,335 qts. dry codfish.

DISCHARGED.

Two ordinary drunks were granted their freedom in the Magistrate's Court this morning.

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Special to Evening Telegram

CAPE RACE, To-day

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Gorgonzola Cheese.
New Naples Walnuts.
New Soft Shell Almonds.
New Barcelona Nuts.
Fresh Tunis Dates 10 lb. Boxes.
Fresh Tunis Dates ½ lb. Cartons.
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Fresh Jordan Almonds.
Fresh Valencia Almonds.

JUNKS

AND

Kindling Wood

Birch junk, finest quality for sale cheap; also dry kindling wood delivered daily to any part of city.

There Are Bars

LONDON, Dec. 28. American visitors to the city at some time have admired divisions, divisions, but few know of the "bars" which are prevalent in the city. The biggest of these is the "Bar" where all legal authorities, including the courts, have been seated since the late war. The "Bar" is a large hall, where the courts are held, and the judges sit on a raised platform. The "Bar" is a very important part of the city, and it is a pity that so few people know of it.

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Phone 1186

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Sultana Raisins, lb. . . . 20c

Sunmaid Raisins, lb. . . . 22c

Cleaned Currants, lb. . . . 15c

Pure Gold Assorted Jellies 17c

Pure Gold Iceing 17c

Custard Powder, package 15c

Dates, package 18c

Large Oranges, dozen . . . 50c

Table Apples, dozen . . . 50c

Lemons, dozen 40c

Raspberry and Strawberry Jam, glass . . . 35c

Prepared Mustard, bot. . 18c

EXTRA FRESH EGGS.

J. J. ST. JOHN.

Duckworth St. & LeMarchant Road.

Personal

Miss Florence Crane, is leaving for the S. S. Sackem for Boston in short time where she will in future reside.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram

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