

Evening Telegram

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Special!

On Saturday next THE EVENING TELEGRAM will be issued at 12 NOON. Our patrons will please take notice and let us have their favors NOT LATER THAN 6 O'CLOCK Friday evening.

The American Dove.

This peace business is getting a little out of hand. Germany having set the ball rolling and President Wilson (we can hardly say the United States) having given it another push just when it seemed to be heading uphill, it may cause the Allies some little trouble and annoyance to bring it firmly to rest again. It is not surprising, however, that the President, who has shown such aversion to war, should now display such an interest in peace, though his entirely individual and autocratic action is an illuminating commentary on the "democratic" nature of the American constitution. But he might have spared his countrymen the irony of the statement that "their interest in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker people of the world from peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government." We presume he had Belgium in his mind when he wrote this, and the proud memory of America's quick and ardent action in that instance.

The whole note (or such part of it as our admirable telegraphic system has concocted to disclose) shows more than anything else the artificial character of diplomatic correspondence. It is based on the assumption that the undisputed fact that neither side has yet clearly stated, or more than vaguely indicated, its actual aims in the war, and the suggestion that both do so state them seems a sensible one enough. Yet the President, as a man, in common with every intelligent statesman in the world, knows quite well, or with quite sufficient accuracy, what those respective aims are, how greatly difficult it is to enunciate them, and how useless it would be in any case to do so.

Take Germany first, since she has made the first overture. What more can she say than what she has said? She will not admit her original crime, and until vanquished cannot be expected to do so. She therefore looks to her present position only, and says, with perfect truth, that she fights in self-defence, together with her allies. She asks for them all free and independent development, and though that means a great pan-German hegemony it does not alter the theory of

the matter nor Germany's view of it. She may give up Belgium and northern France and possibly offer an inadequate indemnity to the former; more than that we know she will not at present consider.

The terms of the Allies are known to be more definite, yet of those also the most important can only be generally expressed. Their paramount purpose is to prevent another war of Germany's making. There is only one sure way of doing this, to remove the Prussian domination. This in turn means the discarding of the present form of government not merely in Germany but in all the enemy countries. Can these very governments be asked to commit suicide? For that is what it amounts to.

If we suppose that both sides do in fact listen to President Wilson and, laying aside explanations and excuses, state what they wish to accomplish by further fighting, then, whether they state their aims generally or define them in actual detail in terms of indemnities, territorial alignments and so forth, they will be found to be alike irreconcilable, the deadlock as complete as ever. But for the reason that Germany so much more desires peace than the Allies, we may be sure that the American note will be there hailed with delight and enthusiasm and in London, Paris and Petrograd with cold indifference. It is rather a pity that the deduction was in so many places made that Lloyd George's speech left the door open to discussion of peace. It did nothing of the sort, unless to a discussion which is doomed to failure. The President's action seems to us to savour of pragmatism. For let him descend from his airy altars of neutrality, diplomacy and statecraft and look at the situation as a man among a world of men, and he will see that he is only playing Germany's game and endangering the cause of the peace which he professes to seek to bring about.

Casualty List.

Received December 21, 1916.

Following at University War Hospital,

Southampton.

1498—Private Samuel J. Learning,

22 Pilot's Hill. Dysentery slight.

2479—Private Ernest Humphries,

Newton, B.B. Dysentery, slight.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Bell Island W.P.A.

Forwarded to St. John's From Bell

Island Branch, W. P. A.

Goods forwarded Sept. 1914 to Aug.

1915—55 shirts, 3 suits, 156 prs.

socks, 7 prs. mitts.

Goods forwarded Sept. 1915 to Aug.

1916—241 shirts, 559 prs. socks, 69

pr. mitts, 11 gun covers.

Goods forwarded Aug. 1916 to Xmas

1916—189 prs. socks, 84 shirts, 24 prs.

mitts.

Besides these numbers we have also

sent 50 Xmas parcels, each containing

1 pr. socks, 6 pkts. cigarettes, 6

pkts. chocolates, 2 pkts. chewing

gum, one to every Bell Island boy

now on active service.

This brings our grand total up to—

432 shirts, 3 suits, 156 prs. socks,

190 prs. mitts, 15 gun covers,

31 pillow cases, 11 gun covers.

C. H. LINDSAY,
Hon. Sec.

Captain Berleau.



Mr. F. C. Berleau, Auditor General, has received word from his son Gerald, in Toronto, that he is proceeding direct to the front with the 219th Bat., with the rank of Capt. and Adjutant. Captain Berleau had been for many years prior to the war a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. He has seen long service at the front and not long ago received his commission. His many friends here will learn with pleasure of his deserved promotion to this responsible rank, which his mature experience promises to be but a step towards still higher honours.

Train Notes.

Tuesday's outgoing express reached

Port aux Basques at 10.40 p.m. yesterday.

The incoming express is due at 7

p.m. to-day.

The Trepassey train reached the

city at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Sound Island at

12.25 a.m. yesterday.

The Clyde has not been reported

since leaving Lewisporte on the 19th.

The Dundee has not been reported

since leaving Port Blandford yesterday

morning.

The Edie left Daniel's Harbor at

1.10 p.m. yesterday, going out.

The Glencoe left LaPelle at 4.20 p.m.

yesterday, coming east.

The Home left Fortune Harbor early

yesterday morning, outward.

The Sagona reached Port aux Basques

this morning.

Kyle left Port aux Basques at 11.30

p.m. yesterday.

The Wren has not been reported

since leaving Trinity on the 19th.

The Melgie is at North Sydney.

Here and There.

One 15c. bottle of Stafford's

Essence of Ginger Wine makes

3 quarts.—dec16,tf

ON FURLOUGH.—About fifty soldiers

who were given leave to visit

their homes in the outports for the

Christmas season left by to-day's express.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Members of Cochrane Street

Church Choir are reminded of

the practice this evening at

9.45.—dec21,11

Captain John Seavey, of Lewiston,

one of Maine's best known fishermen,

was after the mackerel for only six

months this year, but in that time

earned \$41,000 with his boat, which is

the best he has ever done. The share

of each of the crew amounted to \$1-

12.19.

The Perfume Ball, the season's

daintiest novelty, something really

new, something that every lady

covets at sight, not only a novelty but

something really useful. Just opened

at DULY'S.—dec20,21,22,23

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Supt.

of the C. E. Orphanage begs to acknowledge,

with many thanks, the following

donations towards the Xmas Tree:

Mr. McGuire, \$2.00;

Mr. R. J. Joy, \$1.50; A Friend, 50c.;

A Friend, 50c.; Mr. E. Nottall, \$1.00;

Mr. W. J. Nichol, \$2.00; Mr. W. J.

Clouston, \$2.00; Miss Pennock, \$5.00.

Don't forget the Xmas Sale

of China at the SCHURIG Studio.

Small, dainty and inexpensive

articles suitable for presents. Studio: 1 DEVON ROW.

dec21,11

An Irish member of Parliament,

speaking of the German peace proposals,

said: "Germany is like a poker player who, at two o'clock in

the morning, finds his luck turning,

and looking at the mountains of chips

in front of him, says that he must quit

now because the doctor has forbidden him

to keep late hours."

AN IDEAL XMAS GIFT.—

No more welcome Xmas Gift

could be given than a Prince of

Wales' Rink Season Ticket.

Gent's, \$5.00; Lady's, \$4.00;

Child's, \$2.00.—dec19,31

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—Eight young

men, all of St. John's, presented

themselves for enlistment at Recruiting

Headquarters within the past few

days. Their names are: Pierce Pel-

ley, Wm. Alcock, Harold Evans, Jno.

Windsor, Jas. Oliver, H. Pennell, T.

P. Walters and J. Cooper.

C. C. C. DANCE (in aid of

New Hall)—On Tuesday next,

St. Stephen's Night, December

26th, C. C. C. New Hall. Tickets—

Double, \$1.00; Lady's, 50c.

Music by Full C. C. C. Band.

Programme to suit all.—dec21,11

While on her way from Sydney

N.S.W., the barkentine Griffith caught

fire following an explosion in the

donkey house. With no way to fight

the blaze, it seemed as if the ship

would be lost. Then a giant wave,

lashed by the heavy wind, swept over

the vessel; the blazing donkey house

went overboard and the fire was out.

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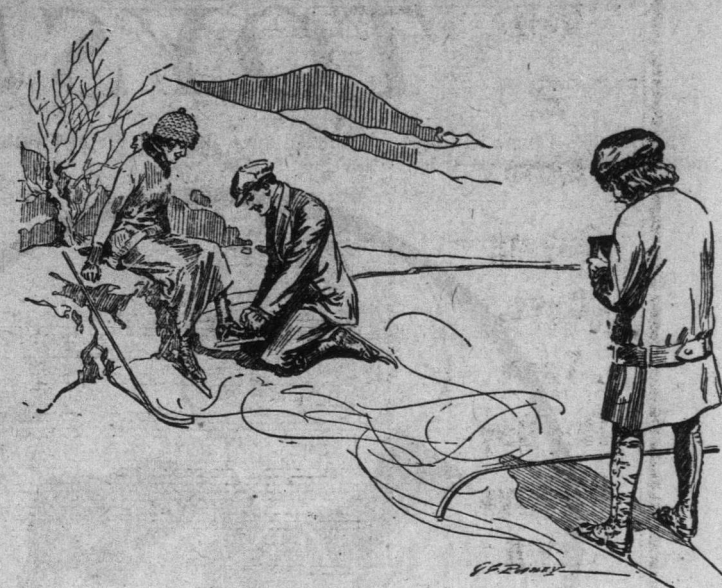
AFTER THE TURKEY
KODAK!

The friends and relatives who will gather around your fire-side on Christmas Day—and you yourselves—will want something more tangible than mere memories of all that the day has in store. Let Kodak tell the story.

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Remember our Christmas and New Year Photo Mounts
Calendar. Come in and see them.

Germany at the
Bar of Civilization.

(From the New York World.)

Many words in Germany's elaborate defense of the deportation of Belgians and their practical enslavement are sufficiently answered by the concluding sentence of the Imperial apology:

Inasmuch as hundreds of thousands are being ruined in Belgium, while aged men, women and even children are wearing themselves out with work in Germany, the transportation of Belgians is not only a right but a social duty of the German Government.

This is at once a confession and a plea in justification. Hundreds of thousands would not be facing ruin, moral, physical and financial, in Belgium if Germany had not, in violation of treaty obligations, invaded and devastated that country. All the hardships that have come upon Belgium, with the consequences of which its conqueror is now attempting by tyrannical measures to deal, are the direct result of German perfidy and aggression. Belgium was not an enemy of Germany or a social or political problem in Germany until a desperate militarism decreed its extinction. The ruin which impends was deliberately proclaimed in Berlin. It is due in part to ruthless warfare, but in some measure it is the desperate choice of a noble people determined to be free who in their very souls reject the proposition that to be German is to attain the heights of human felicity. So also aged men, women and even children are wearing themselves out with work in Germany if the independence of its neighbor had been respected. The violation of Belgium brought Great Britain into the war, and that enemy, long despised, wields the power at sea which is carrying economic distress to every part of the central empire. A Germany that enslaves Belgium may well ask if it is not itself enslaved.

A Notable Convert.

The conversion of Lord Northcliffe to the cause of woman suffrage is being heralded as a great victory for the suffrage cause in England. As the power of the most potent men in the Conservative party, owner of the Times, the Mail, and many other publications, Lord Northcliffe had been the uncompromising foe of the enfranchisement of women. Then came the war, and the marvellous transformations which have been brought about under its grim tutelage. In the reorganization of English life, in the most urgent and critical service, British women of all ranks from the highest to the humblest have taken a most conspicuous effective part. This co-operation was not merely a help, but a necessity, and it has grown wider in its scope as the war has gone on.

Now Lord Northcliffe, through the Daily Mail, has gone so far as to say that "at the round table conference," which was to discuss the special register bill, the enfranchisement problem should be included and at least three prominent women should have seats at the round table. He suggested Lady Frances Butler, Lady Selbourne, and Mrs. Pankhurst.

"The old argument," says the Mail, "against giving women the franchise was that they were useless in war. But we could not carry on the war without them. They are ruining many of our industries and their services may justly be compared with those of the soldier."

Great Britain's presentation of five submarines, built at Quincy, Mass., since the war began, to Chile as partial compensation for the seizure of the outbreak of the war of two battleships building in British yards, as the Chilean Consul General at New York, will meet with no objection from the United States, in the opinion of officials at Washington. The submarines could not be delivered by the American builders to Great Britain without violating neutrality, but their delivery to Chile would be no violation, it is felt.

MARRIED.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Dec. 16th, 1916, by the Rev. Mr. Guy, Mary Jessie Porter to Solomon Porter, both of this city.

MINARD'S LUMBER
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Cal. Oranges, Grape Fruit, Pears, Apples, Bananas, Grapes, Lemons.
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Cherries in Marasquin, Figs in Marasquin, Cherries in Creme de Menthe.
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McVitt & Price's Biscuits, Carr's, Huntley & Palmer's, Jacobs'.
Christmas Bon-Bons and Stockings in great variety.
Lovell & Covell's Chocolates and Caramels, 1/2, 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's and 5 lb boxes.

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THE INVERTEBRATE.

The invertebrate is a person whose spinal column lacks reinforcing material.

The spinal column was given to man so that nobody would take him for an anglerworm. It is a long, bony article which sometimes contains a backbone and at other times appears to be perfectly empty. It is very disappointing to make the acquaintance of a tall, bristling citizen who looks as though he could whip his weight in wild cats, and then discover that when he was born they forgot to put in a backbone. Beauty is a good thing, and a few brains scattered here and there will not hurt anything, but nothing can take the place of a rigid, non-wabbling backbone when it is necessary to go the entire route.

The invertebrate is called by this name because his vertebrae have melted down and run together. A good set of vertebrae which will not cave in just when they are needed most is worth more to a man than a horse pistol filled with bird shot. Many a man has driven a burglar out of the house without using any other weapon than his vertebrae, while others have crawled under the bed and allowed their wives to capture the intruder single-handed.

For some reason or other, there are very few invertebrate women. Woman is supposed to be a weak, frail creature, but she is endowed by Nature with one of the most aggressive and perpendicular backbones in the history of the iron age. This will be attested to by every husband who has tried to subdue the aforesaid backbone and retired from the ring to consult a graduate bonesetter. A husband can make no greater mistake than to try to impose upon a fragile, 80-pound wife whose spinal column constitutes 90 per cent. of her net weight. This accounts for the large number of husbands who drag themselves into court every day, looking as if they had been pushed through a corn shredder.

Flat silk braid is very effective used on navy serge.

Entire sleeves of mole fur are seen in rich wraps.

Hand-made ornaments are used on hats and frocks.
Sailor collars are made of crepe with cuffs to match.

An immense amount of the cheaper furs is being used.

There are still many belts tied carelessly in the front.

Dress trimmings are having a great vogue this season.

Only
2
More
Buying
Days,
Then
The Day
Of Days
Will
be
Here.



Useful Christmas

LADIES' DRESSING GOWNS—Elderdown, in low neck style, finished at collars and cuffs with piping in fancy contrasting colors. Others are piped at the edges with piping materials and finished with large buttons in front to match. Colors: Navy, Saxo, V. Rose, Regular \$5.50 each. Special Sale Price \$4.50 each.

SILK AND POPLIN WAISTERS—Tasteful styles in silks and poplins; Raglan and set-in sleeves, finished with plain round collars with lace; others in neat silk do not hesitate to express your preference. The colors are: Sky, Pink, Cream, Grey in Silk; Roseda, Saxo, Lt. Grey, Tan in Poplin. Regular \$2.25 each. Special Sale Price \$1.75 each.

INFANTS' CAPS AND BOOTS—White Bear in turned up style, ornament of silk cord at sides, bands of silk and elastic. The socks made from Cream Swansdown, with rosette of wool and silk. Regular \$1.45 each. Special Sale Price \$1.10 each.

PEARL AND FLOWER BEAD NECKLACES—Single rows of Pearls in also about 14 inches long. The Necklaces are made from the best flowers and retain their natural color. They are manufactured and sold by hand. Special Sale Price \$1.10 each.

Gift Suggestions

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Thermos Bottles. Reg. \$2.00 for 1.
G. P. Mirrors. Reg. \$1.20 for 1.
G. P. Photo Frames. Reg. \$1.50 for 1.
Crumb Tray and Brush. Reg. \$1.00 for 1.
Ink Stands. Reg. 50c. for 1.
Table Bells. Reg. 60c. for 1.
3 piece set of Carvers. Reg. \$2.25 for 1.
Gant's Snow Shoes. Reg. \$1.00 for 1.
Oak Waiters. Reg. \$2.00 for 1.
Oak Waiters. Reg. \$2.45 for 1.
Hair Brushes. Reg. \$1.00 for 1.
Hearth Brushes. Reg. 60c. for 1.
Knife and Fork Holders. Reg. 60c. for 1.
Carving Sets. Reg. \$4.20 for 1.
Bannister Brushes. Reg. 10c. for 1.
Brass Bird Cages. Reg. \$2.60 for 1.
Nut Crackers and Picks. Reg. 20c. for 1.
Tooth Picks. Reg. 8c. for 1.
Electro Plated Egg Stands. Reg. 25c. for 1.
Electro Plated Toast Racks. Reg. 25c. for 1.
E. P. Honey Spoons. Reg. 25c. for 1.
E. P. Pickle Dishes. Reg. \$1.50 for 1.
E. P. Butter Dishes. Reg. \$1.75 for 1.
E. P. Sugar Dishes. Reg. \$1.95 for 1.
E. P. Breakfast Cruets. Reg. \$3.35 for 1.
Fancy Mantel Clocks. Reg. \$2.85 for 1.
E. P. Shaving Mug & Brush. Reg. 25c. for 1.
N. P. Waiters. Reg. \$1.20 for 1.
Washing Machines. Reg. \$2.80 for 1.
Table Knives. Reg. \$4.00 for 1.
Table Forks. Reg. \$3.20 for 1.
Dessert Spoons. Reg. \$1.50 for 1.
Tea Spoons. Reg. \$1.35 for 1.

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Seeded Raisins.
Seedless Raisins.
Cleaned Currants.
Citron, Lemon and
Orange Peels.
Flavourings.
Spices.
Shelled Walnuts and
Almonds.
Icing Sugar, Figs.
Crystallized & Glace
Cherries.

FLOUR!

Buffalo, 14 lb. sax.

Graham.