

EARLY MESSAGES

ITALY'S NEW POLICY TO INCREASE FIGHTING FORCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. Italy has adopted a drastic new policy to increase her fighting force. Physical requirements have been modified and all men between the ages of 18 and 44 years, previously exempted for defects, are ordered to present themselves for further examination. Those accepted will be mustered in the army on January 15th. It is estimated that the decree will bring more than six hundred thousand men to the Italians.

A DESERTER'S STORY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. A despatch to the Greek Legation here says that a German aviator, a graduate of a Berlin University, who had deserted and arrived in Greece, told of starvation in Germany, and the official treatment of the Greek population in Macedonia and Thrace, occupied by Bulgarians. The aviator said that daily a great number of deaths occur in Germany due to starvation. He added that the morale of the German army is low because of insufficient nourishment, due to the prolongation of war. Mutinies and threats to officers occur daily. This aviator, before deserting, visited the towns of Xanthi, Drama, Pravi and Cana, and said that the most appalling tragedy that mankind had ever experienced is taking place in Macedonia and Thrace occupied by the Bulgarians. Greeks from the age of 17 to 40 by tens of thousands have been taken by force into the Bulgarian army, the Bulgarian Government having decided to exterminate the Greek population by starvation does not bother to feed them. A pound of bread is sold at two dollars and a half. The aviator himself gave \$25 to buy at Drama five pounds of sugar.

WANTS REICHSTAG SUMMONED.

LONDON, Jan. 7. Maximilian Harden in Die Zukunft urges that the Reichstag which is Germany's only popular organization should be assembled immediately or otherwise chances of peace with Russia will be lost. The Reichstag, he says, must shoulder its responsibility and tell world what Germany wants now and what this general and that minister wants. Not otherwise can the world be convinced that Germany's peace aims are sincere. If the Reichstag misses this supreme chance the war must continue and no mortal being can foresee for how long or what the end would be.

POLITICAL PERTURBATION IN BERLIN.

LONDON, Jan. 7. A belated despatch from the correspondent of the Associated Press, Berlin, which is dated Friday, shows that there was great political perturbation following the meeting of the Reichstag committee of the Reichstag that day. The meeting lasted barely five minutes, the motion for adjournment being supported by all factions except the Independent Socialists. Immediately on adjournment all parties went into caucus sessions which continued throughout the day and until late at night. The indications pointed, the correspondent says, to an endorsement of the Government's attitude by the right, centre and progressive parties, including pacifists, the democratic wing of the National Liberals and Clericals and the Scheidemann wing of the Socialists, but the attitude in general of the Socialists was problematical. The Liberal Tagesblatt reflects the general attitude of the press in declaring the negotiations at Stockholm would be impossible. The newspaper says that British, French and American diplomats and their numerous agents are buzzing about Stockholm and would promptly weave a net of intrigue around the conference and that espionage would flourish, making successful negotiations impossible. The Vorwaerts, Berlin Socialist organ, refers to the declaration by the Chancellor on the endangering of the peace negotiations as having fallen on a spirit of the nation like a black cloud. The newspaper says the situation is extraordinarily serious.

TIME OF PEACE PASSED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 7. The Entente Allies, having failed to take advantage of the period of ten days' grace, have by their silence rejected the programme of peace without annexation and indemnity, the question of Vienna declares the Central Powers no longer are bound to the principles they set up for a general peace. The Entente Powers, it says, now must bear the responsibility for the continuance of the war. The French Government has recognized in right as in fact the independence of the Republic of Finland.

NOT A QUESTION OF TERMS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. Peace can come only after every nation is convinced that all military conspiracies against the peace of the world are foredoomed to failure, former President Taft declared in an address on the "Great War," in Brooklyn, to-day. "Peace is not a question of terms," he added; "Mr. Lloyd George says Germany must cede Alsace and Lorraine before the war ends; there is much to support what he says, because the forty years' rule of the provinces by Germany has failed to serve the people."

DROPPING BOMBS.

LONDON, Jan. 7. British aviators have dropped large quantities of bombs on the Ramegnichin airbase in Belgium, and in the vicinity of Metz, Lorraine, bombs were dropped on the railroad station at Conflans, on the sidings northwest of Metz, and on the Courcelles station south southeast of Metz. According to the official statement on aviation activities issued last night, many hits were secured. An explosion and a fire were caused at Conflans.

BRITISH WAR AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, Jan. 7. Earl Reading will go to the United States as a direct representative of the British War Cabinet. According to the Daily Express, while Earl Reading will have the title of Ambassador, purely diplomatic matters will be in the hands of a Charge d'Affaires, the Earl controlling activities. The appointment of Earl Reading as Ambassador is primarily a military matter. It is said, and probably means that Viscount Northcliffe will not return to the United States as head of the permanent British mission. Lord Northcliffe will continue the active direction in England of the American Mission offices.

THANKS THE ROMAN ARISTOCRACY.

ROME, Jan. 8. Thanking the Roman aristocracy today for their Christmas and New Year greetings the Pope expressed his appreciation that the nobility had endorsed our words with which we recently invited the peoples of the earth to return to God with the view of hastening the end of the frightful journey which has afflicted the world for more than three years. We must return to Christ, says he, in order to enjoy the benefits of civilization. The Pope raised his voice against the form of warfare which is against undefended cities without bringing results, and which causes victims among non-combatants besides damaging churches and art treasures, thus increasing national hatred.

RECOGNIZES REPUBLIC.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 7. Germany has recognized the Finnish Republic.

POTATOES ON FREE LIST.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8. It is understood the Government is giving consideration to put potatoes on the free list.

A WISE MOVE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8. To conserve finances for the war zone, B. Carvell will practically close down all federal public works. In

addition to saving the money required for these works the labor employed will be diverted to essential industries.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 8. There was occasional hostile artillery activity southwest of Messines (Flanders) says to-day's official report.

JAPAN'S REPLY.

TOKYO, Jan. 7. Count Ziki Terauchi, Premier of Japan, in replying to the New Year's message of David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister, said: "The inspiring message issued on behalf of your War Cabinet and sent through me to this Government and people is welcomed with heartfelt thanks as the embodiment of the feelings and aim of all the Allied nations. Our fixed resolve is that the jewel of civilization shall not be lost to the world."

Our Volunteers.

The following recruits offered for the Regiment at Headquarters yesterday:

- A. Billard, Rose Blanche.
- J. Dollament, Rose Blanche.
- W. Billard, Rose Blanche.
- J. E. LeMoine, Rose Blanche.
- W. Fortune, Crabbe's, St. George's.
- Jas. Ryan, Pilley's Island.
- S. A. Whyratt, Pilley's Island.
- L. Jones, Moreton's Hr.
- D. Dearn, Moreton's Hr.
- P. Rideout, Luke's Arm, Green Bay.
- S. Jones, Moreton's Hr.
- S. Milley, Exploits.
- T. Power, Little Bay, N.D.B.

Enlisted the Second Time. James Brown, Paquet, St. Barbe.

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Distribution of Prizes

TO THE CONVENT PUPILS AT PLACENTIA.

This afternoon a very pleasing event took place at the Star of the Sea Hall when the pupils of this well-known educational centre were awarded the prizes won during the past year for success in their various studies, as also in the C.H.E. exams. Our Pastor, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Boardman, presided on the occasion and distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. Besides several of the members of the C. H. E. Examination Committee, many of the parents and friends of the school children were present. The raising of the drop-screen revealed a very beautiful tableau. A group of little ones, from the "tots" upwards, beautifully attired, rendered charmingly the opening chorus. Then followed solos, recitations, drills and dances, which were much enjoyed by those present. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was a burlesque cleverly and gracefully danced by two of the ex-pupils, the Misses Carmel O'Reilly and Irene Collins, both new pupils at Littledeale. It will be remembered that the latter young lady was the successful candidate in winning the Jubilee Outpost Scholarship in the Preliminary Grade, as well as a special money prize for highest marks in drawing, offered by the C. H. E. the past year.

A comic operetta, "The Duchess of Mansfeldt," concluded the musical and recitative part of the entertainment. Then took place the distribution of prizes, followed by a congratulatory address from the Rev. Monsignor, and the singing by the full chorus of children of the National Anthem. During the entertainment several pianoforte selections were beautifully rendered by the Misses Kelley, Delaney and Wilcox.—Com. Placentia, Jan. 4th, 1918.

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Try this! Hair gets thick, glossy, wavy and beautiful at once. Immediate!—Yes! Certain!—that's the joy of it. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a Danderine hair cleanse. Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or is scraggy, faded, dry, brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff, cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair, and lots of it, surely get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter for a few cents.

Our Exports.

The following is a list of the products of the sea exported from Newfoundland for the month of December 1917:

FROM OUTPORTS.	
Dry Fish.	
To Oporto	52,846 qtls.
To Gibraltar	33,688 qtls.
To W. Indies	1,240 qtls.
To United States	2,594 qtls.
To Canada	1,837 qtls.
92,105 qtls.	

FROM ST. JOHN'S.	
Dry Fish.	
To Brazil	49,997 1/2 qtls.
To Europe	44,403 qtls.
To W. Indies	6,123 1/2 qtls.
To United States	790 qtls.
101,314 qtls.	

Pickled Fish.	
To United States	3,715 qtls.

Also:	
243 tons cod oil.	
116 1/2 tons seal oil.	
6 tons cod liver oil grease.	
11283 gals. cod liver oil.	
176 gals. whale oil.	
259 gals. dogfish oil.	
6950 lbs. stearine.	
21 1/2 qtls. gray fish.	
334 bris. turbot.	
6173 bris. herring.	
24 bris. trout.	
3 bris. dry squid.	
32 bris. salmon.	
20 tierces salmon.	
20 boxes dry squid.	
7 cases salmon.	
253 cases lobsters.	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FISH EXPORTS.

Dry Fish.	
1917	193,419 qtls.
1916	182,560 qtls.
Increase	10,859 qtls.

Pickled Fish.	
1917	3,715 qtls.
1916	30,856 qtls.
Decrease	27,141 qtls.

Graft the Greatest History Maker

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir.—The public has been somewhat startled and mystified by the letters published by Hon. J. C. Croble yesterday, showing that the Government or Tonnage Committee have been speculating in shipping. Who gave the Tonnage Committee the power to buy vessels for the Government, and how come it that the Government is in debt to Hon. J. C. Croble or any other person on account of such speculating? It appears we can find money to speculate in buying vessels but cannot find money to pay our Royal Naval Reserve men any more than forty cents per day. We live in very stirring times. Graft seems to be the greatest maker of history we know of. If it is the intention of the Government to speculate in the purchasing of vessels, why not start in supplying men for the fisheries? It is all a risk. It is to be hoped His Excellency the Governor will take the matter up at once and see that the people get a chance to pronounce on matters of this kind at the polls without delay. Yours truly, WATCHMAN. St. John's, Jan. 8th, 1917.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS.

Military Funeral.

The band of the C. C. Corps will attend the funeral obsequies of Sergeant John J. Sheehan, who is being buried with military honours this afternoon. The remains of deceased are enclosed in a handsome casket, and wreaths have been sent from the "Blue Puttees" and Volunteers and Foresters at present in training.

Sacred Concert.

To-night at St. Patrick's Church a sacred concert will be held in aid of the church funds. The choir will be assisted by some of our best vocal talent and the C. C. C. band, which will render the Gloria from Mozart's Twelfth Mass and the Hallelujah Chorus.

Edition of the Halifax Mail.

By this morning's mail we received the New Year edition of the Evening Mail and Halifax Herald, covering 53 pages of interesting reading and highly attractive advertisements. The edition contains a full review of the chief industries of Nova Scotia with a highly descriptive account of the Lunenburg Shipbuilding concerns, which turned out thirty-eight vessels during the year. Many illustrations, depicting pathetic scenes, with an interesting account of the terrible explosion which destroyed Halifax, are also given. The official number of dead whose names are given is 1,196.

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Black Furs, \$2.60 & \$3.00

THIS WEEK.

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Intercession Sunday

At the Congregational Church. The services at Queen's Road Congregational Church on Sunday last, morning and evening, were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. W. H. Thomas, in accordance with the Proclamation of His Majesty the King, for prayer and intercession on this, the first Sunday in 1918.

At the morning service the preacher, taking as the basis of his remarks Psalm 90th, 12th verse, "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom," delivered a most impressive sermon. After reviewing the past year and its many changes, the Rev. gentleman summed up by saying that solemnity characterizes the passing of the old and the entering of the new year. Surveying the past I see one great word, written as with the pigments of the rosy dawn, the word "mercy." Looking forward I behold the great word "Opportunity." Looking within, I discern, written as with the pigments of the starless night and the emblazonment of lightning streaks the great word "Sin." Best and last, I look up and see, written in letters of orison and gold, the heartening and gracious word "Grace." Let us pray that during the coming year, our life, both national and personal, may be "bound up in the bundle of life with the Lord our God."

A pleasing feature of the morning service was the presentation of Congregational Hymn Books to each of nine children who had made full attendances at the Sunday morning services during the last quarter. Their names are: Eric and Jean Harvey, Harold Vatcher, May, Victor and Jessie Calver, Dorothy, Hazel and Reggie Yabeley.

At the evening service the King's Proclamation was read by the Pastor, who also preached an eloquent, forcible sermon from 1st Samuel, 17th, verse 56: "There was no sword in the hand of David." These words, said the preacher, set forth the utter disparity between David's equipment and that of Goliath, which was given in so much detail to heighten the contrast. They also serve to direct attention away from earthly weapons towards David's faith in God, the true explanation of his victory over the Giant. The story has peculiar force and meaning for us to-day. We must cherish and safeguard a true Christian idealism. "We are in this war from motives of purest chivalry to defend the weak." (Lloyd George). A Christian democracy must replace every kind of despotism throughout the world. We must not allow the pure passion of our righteous indignation to become a rancorous hate against our enemies, otherwise our prayers to God will not avail. Said glorious Edith Cavell, "Patriotism is not enough; I must have no bitterness or hatred against anyone." The Lord our God is our supreme and ultimate

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