



Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, Dec. 28th, 1918.

The Merchant Service

At the request of the Management Committee of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, through the Honorary Secretary, Mr. F. W. Moore, F.R.G.S., Lieutenant R. N. W., we give publicity to-day to a series of questions put to the candidates in the British General Elections, recently held. Though the political battle has been now fought and won, and at the moment we are unable to say whether or not any of all candidates answered these questions in the affirmative, nevertheless we deem them of sufficient importance to fit only for the sole purpose of supplying information to our readers, to give them space in this column. The Management Committee of the I. M. S. G. represents over fifteen thousand British Certified Officers of the Merchant Service, who in their turn represent hundreds of thousands of British sailors in the British Mercantile Marine. The Guild has solicitors at most of the leading seaports at home and abroad, with over four hundred agents ashore, afloat and at the principal ports throughout the world, whose sole business it is to look after and advise every seaman who applies to them.

Prior to the war, seafaring men other than British, were in the majority of crews of the Merchant Service. The opening of hostilities changed this and none but British sailors were permitted to sail on British ships, unless a substantial proof was shown that any neutral allowed were in sympathy with the enemy. In order to continue the manning of British ships with British seamen, the I. M. S. G. have taken the matter up with their politicians, and have demanded from them straightforward answers to questions which they cannot hedge. It is well known also that the Consular Service of Britain abroad was in the hands of foreigners, who were usually natives of the countries in which they served Britain as Consuls and Vice Consuls. The Merchant Guild demand that all British Consuls and Consular Officers be of British birth. Many other improvements over the old system are asked, and with the weight and influence of the Seamen's Union behind the Officers Guild, there is every prospect of the just requests of the British sailor being accorded to. If for no other cause, changes must be brought about in honor and in perpetual memory of the fifteen thousand men of the Mercantile Marine, who met their deaths during the four years of war. These men were doing their bit for the Empire, and with the other thousands of heroes, who fortunately escaped their fate, carried the "red duster" to the uttermost parts of the sea, defying alike the perils of the deep and the perils of the enemy, in the shape of submarine, raider and mine. All honor to the Merchant sailors of the Empire, who so nobly maintained the best traditions of the service. May they gain all that they have asked, and may the future of the British seaman be brighter because of the sacrifices he has made in upholding the honour of the flag.

THE QUESTIONS.

1.—Are you in favour of the complete abolition of the present system whereby the Merchant Service is, in different ways, under the control of three Government Departments, and of the substitution of a Ministry of Marine or Shipping which shall be placed in complete control of the Merchant Service under a Minister who shall hold the same status as the Ministers of the other Government Departments. This Minister of Marine or Shipping to regulate and systematize the use of the Merchant Service in time of peace and to make, so far as may be possible, proper provision in case our Maritime Supremacy is ever again assailed, instead of again initiating the chaotic condition which existed at the outbreak of the war. Further, that it will be ensured that the Officers and men of the Merchant Service shall be fully and adequately represented in connection with the administration of such a Ministry?

2.—Are you in favour of wholly detaching in future all aliens—more especially our alien enemies—from serving in British ships, and are you prepared to make to exact full reparation from the enemy for the havoc, the distress and suffering which he has created amongst those who have served in Merchant ships during the war, and

Official Notice.

PTÉ. RICKETTS, V.C., D.C.M.,
CROIX DE GUERRE.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—His Excellency directs me to forward you the enclosed copy of a telegram received from the officer commanding the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and to congratulate the Regiment and Newfoundland most heartily on the first Victoria Cross that has been awarded to a man of the Regiment. He also takes this opportunity of publicly congratulating Private R. T. Ricketts and his family.

Yours faithfully,
H. KNOX-NIVEN,
Lieut.-Col., Private Sec'y.

Telegram.

To Governor,
St. John's, Nfld.
3102 Private R. T. Ricketts
awarded Victoria Cross, D.C.M.,
and Croix De Guerre.

OFFICER COMMANDING
NFLD. REGIMENT.

amongst their wives children, and other dependents?
4.—Are you prepared to support anything which may be proposed in the way of improving the pay and conditions of the Officers and men of the Merchant Service commensurate with their national importance and their services to the State and will you strongly oppose any steps which may be taken in the way of undermining those improvements—financial and otherwise—which have been brought about in the course of the war?
5.—Are you prepared to accept the principle—which has already been adopted in different important respects—that where any particular favours or concessions are granted to Officers and men of the Merchant Service in consideration of their services during the war, such favours and concessions shall also be granted to the Officers and men of the Merchant Service?
6.—Will you strongly support the steps which have already been taken by the Navy League, by the Guild, and by the other representative bodies of Merchant Seafarers with a view to establishing a National Pension Fund for the Merchant Service—the necessary money to be raised by means of contributions by the Government, Shipowners, Officers and men and by the other representative bodies of which such a Fund has a just and rightful claim?
7.—Are you in favour of an entire reorganization of the British Consular System and the total abolition of alien holding positions as British Consuls and Vice-Consuls, and would you consider the suitability for such appointments of experienced Captains of Merchant Ships whose world-wide knowledge and experience would be a valuable asset in such posts?
8.—In short, will you, if elected, support any measure or proposition which is brought forward in the House of Commons for the benefit of the Officers and men of the Merchant Service with the object of placing them on that status which should be a fit and just reward for their chivalry, indomitable courage, and skill on the high seas?

Military Resignations.

A rumour having gained currency this morning that Majors Montgomerie, Macpherson and Paterson had resigned their commissions, by request we interviewed the Minister of Militia and Major Montgomerie, neither of whom however would make any statement in confirmation or denial. From this we deduce that there is something in the rumour and the public need not be astonished at some new developments later.

Memorial Statue.

The people of Placentia met last Sunday to discuss the erection of some suitable memorial for those men of both services who had gone out from them and failed to return. Magistrate O'Reilly was convenor of the meeting and Rt. Rev. Mons. Reardon and President Collins, of the Star of the Sea Association were present. They decided to erect a monument, and have engraved on it the names of all their heroes. At the end of the meeting \$500 were subscribed, and the total estimated cost of \$3,000 is in sight; the monument will be erected early in the summer of 1919.

Damaged Ship Reaches Port.

The S. S. Trevanian which was reported a couple of days ago as having collided with the S. S. Roanoke off Cape Race, arrived in port last night.

She reports that the cause of the collision was the dense fog prevailing at the time. The Trevanian was 13 days out from New York with a cargo of oats. As a result of the collision she was forced to come in here for repairs, as her bows were stove in, and although the cargo has not been damaged, her forepeak is full of water.

It is probable that the work of repairing will occupy quite a time. The Trevanian is a steel ship of 4,287 tons gross, 2,727 tons net, and built in 1912 at St. Ives. She is 369.7 feet long, 51.1 ft. beam and 26.1 ft. depth. She is a sister ship of the Treillian, which was 64 days on dock here early in the year, having collided with an iceberg and also struck the rocks near Petty Harbor.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

HOLY INNOCENTS DAY.

DECEMBER 28TH.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold their came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

When Herod the King had heard these things he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes together he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea.

And Herod when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently and sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go search for the young child and when ye have found him

bring word to me that I may come and worship him also.

But being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country by another way.

Then Herod when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the Coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time when he had enquired of the Wise Men.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, Rachael weeping for her children and would not be comforted, because they are not.

St. Matthew II.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 28th, 1918.

Following Repatriated Prisoners of War Arrived at Ripon Camp, England, From Germany.

215—Corpl. Walter Leslie Thistle, Long's Hill.

8—Lt.-Corpl. Finlay McN. C. Richards, 25 Balsam Street.

2724—Lt.-Corpl. Hedley Rowsell, P. O. Box 248, Grand Falls.

138—Pte. John Thompson, 9 Prospect Street.

1131—Pte. Arthur Fred. Omond, Tizzard's Hr. Twillingate.

973—Pte. John Edgar Vaters, Victoria, Carbonear.

3797—Pte. William T. Masters, Hr. Buffett, P.B.

1919—Pte. William D. Oake, Change Islands, Fogo.

903—Sergt. Levi Bellows, Cuxing. Previously reported.

At 42nd Stationary Hospital, Charnes, France, Dec. 18th, Not Yet Diagnosed, Repatriated Prisoner of War From Germany.

2780—Pte. William J. Callahan, 90 LeMarchant Road.

At Fulham Military Hospital, London, Repatriated Prisoner of War from Germany.

867—Pte. Arthur Manuel, Botwood.

At Lewisham Military Hospital, Dec. 24th.

3016—Pte. William L. Percey, 17 Bonclody Street, Inverness.

At Southwark Military Hospital, Dec. 24th.

4213—Pte. Lemuel Goodyear, Fredrickton, Fogo.

J. R. BENNETT,
Minister of Militia.

Exon Christmas Tree.

The annual Christmas Tree to the children of the Church of England Orphanage was given yesterday afternoon at Exon, the Governor, His Lordship Bishop White, and Rev. Canon and Mrs. Bolt being present. The Governor was conducted through the building, which was gallily decorated for the occasion, expressing himself pleased with the manner in which the institution is conducted, congratulating the Matron, Mrs. White, on the bright and healthy appearance of her charges. The Governor was later entertained to tea by the Lady Managers.

Shipping News.

The S. S. Neptune is loading coal at Job Bros. for Sydney.

The Little Stephano sailed yesterday from A. E. Hickman Co. Ltd., with 3,750 qts. of fish for Oporto.

The S. S. Cape Breton sailed yesterday in ballast for Sydney.

The Thomas S. Gorton is loading salt bulk herring at Bonney Bay for the Gorton Pew Co. Gloucester.

Messrs. T. H. Carter and Co. received word yesterday that schrs. Max Horton and Jean McKay had arrived at Change Islands; the former is from Grand Bank and the latter is bound north with a coal cargo.

Poor Asylum Mission.

The annual Christmas Festival at the Poor Asylum takes place Monday next, Dec. 30th. Fruit, cake, and candles are solicited, and may be sent to the residence of Mrs. V. P. Burke, Alandale Road, to 14 Catherine Street, or direct to the Asylum on Monday.

The Epidemic.

For the first time in several days, Spanish Influenza was reported in the city yesterday, when two residents of a house in Mullock Street and a case on Bond Street were brought to the notice of the doctors. The cases are very mild, however, and are being treated at home.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind West light, weather fine, the tern schr. Miriam H. passed in yesterday afternoon, a sealing steamer passed in at 11, and the S.S. Ingham is in sight with the Spanish vessel Andreas Roca in tow about two miles west at 11.20 a.m. Bar. 29.75; ther. 32.

Reids Boats.

Argyle left Placentia at 3 a.m. yesterday.

Clyde arrived at Port Union at 3.20 p.m. yesterday.

Dundee was to have left Port Union yesterday.

Ethie not reported.

Glencoe is due at Port aux Basques this a.m.

Home is at Lewisporte.

Kyle left Port aux Basques at 1 a.m. to-day.

Melgie left North Sydney last night.

Sagana left St. John's this a.m.

Fogata left Pushthrough at 5 p.m. yesterday, going to Port aux Basques.

Petrol left Port Union yesterday.

McMurdo's Store News.

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The D.D.D. treatment for Eczema, psoriasis, scurf, etc., consists of D.D.D. Lotion, and D.D.D. Soap. Though it is not considered absolutely essential to use these two remedies in combination, such a course is recommended for all who suffer from the above and like skin troubles.

Certainly the D.D.D. course has made some wonderful cures of chronic skin trouble; and to those who have used ordinary eczema remedies in vain, D.D.D. is recommended. Price (D.D.D.) \$1.30 a bottle; (Soap), 35c. a cake.

For constipation, occasional or habitual, our Aromatic Cascara Compound will be found very useful. The dose is small, the effect sure but moderate and pleasant, and it is an easy remedy to take. Price 30c. a bottle.

The Ave Maria arrived in port last night, after a run of 41 days from Valencia. She brought no cargo.

The Laberge has cleared from A. H. Murray & Co. Ltd., with a load of codfish for Oporto.

The schrs. Regina, and Saladin have cleared from Wood's Island with cargoes of herring, the former for Bucksport and the latter for Gloucester.

The schr. Marion, which passed Cape Race at 3 o'clock last evening with a general cargo from St. John, N.B., has not yet reached port.

ZYLEX for Inflamed Corns, 50c., at McMurdo's—11

EARL OF DEVON SAILS.—The s.s. Earl of Devon sailed at 10.50 a.m. yesterday, taking a full freight but no passengers.

R.N.R. Churchill

Among the reservists who came in last night was R.N.R. Churchill, of Portugal Cove. Reservist Churchill has been in the navy for quite a number of years, and was formerly a member of the police force. During his term in the navy he has had some exciting experiences, and for one of his exploits received a higher rating and some other recognition from the Canadian Government. His daring at the time may be told as follows: He was patrolling the Canadian coast on this occasion in a small motor boat. The sea was mountainous, and in some way or other the hatches became loosened and there was great danger of the boat swamping. After futile attempts had been made by three volunteers, who lost their lives thereby, Reservist Churchill tied a rope around himself and managed to secure the hatches. A brave deed, and illustrative of what our navy boys can and did do. Reservist Churchill can now take his discharge, knowing that his duty has been fully performed.

"How do you make that out?"

"Stipence for the wire and a shilling for delivery outside the radius."

"That be hanged!" retorted the Irishman. "You send the telegram and I'll write and ask him to call for it."

Truly Irish.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

A North of Ireland man wanted to send a telegram to a friend in a remote part of the island. The clerk told him the charge would be one shilling and sixpence.

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BORN.

Last night, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Parsons, 150 Pleasant Street.

DIED.

Julianne Coleman, aged 75 years, funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 170 Duckworth St.

Passed peacefully away, after a long and painful illness, Marion, third daughter of George and Elizabeth Hardy; funeral on Monday at 2.30 p.m. from 62 Monroe Street.

Kilbride Concert

The concert held last night at Kilbride, as a winding up of the Xmas

Trove, was largely attended, many coming from the Goulds, Topsail Road and surrounding country. A most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental selections, with recitations was rendered, those taking part being: Misses Power, Jackman, Wadden, Taylor and Murphy; and Messrs. Crotty, Walsh, Wheeler, McDonald, Doyle, Heffern, and Master C. Duff.

The final piece between Mr. Wheeler and his boy "Tommy" proved very enjoyable. The chorus "Over There" and the National Anthem brought this part of the programme to a finish.

Teas were then served and a most enjoyable dance held until an early hour this morning.

Spanish Brig. Abandoned.

Word was received yesterday morning that the Spanish brigantine, Andreas Roca, owned by a newly established firm here, had been abandoned at Long Beach, near Cape Race. She left here a few days ago for Spain, taking a cargo of fish, but contrary winds springing up, she was driven on the shore. Fearing she would strike, the captain anchored in shallow water, it being too dangerous to stand by her. The D. P. Ingraham, which was about to sail for Exploits to tow the schooner Bella Scott here, was sent to assist the brigantine, and will arrive here about 7 to-night.

PROSPERO.—The S.S. Prospero left Catalina at 3.40 a.m. to-day bound north.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Personal.

Mr. Lewis Dawe of Bay Roberts is in town on a short visit.

Mr. G. E. Stevenson of Hr. Grace, is in town and registered at the Crosbie.

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MINK MARMOT COLLARS, \$18.50 and \$23.00; MUFF TO MATCH, \$25.00.

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MAGNIFICENT SPLENDOR.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

No more regal sitting ever has been arranged in Buckingham Palace, than that which greeted President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, when they were escorted into the banquet hall to-night for the precedent-breaking State dinner. Every Royal formality, which has attended epochal occasions at the Palace for two or three hundred years, was carried out before and during the banquet.

President Wilson, led the procession into the dining hall, preceded by officials of the Palace, splendidly equipped, bearing wands and walking backwards, and making obeisance to the guests. Immediately behind the President and the Queen came King George and Mrs. Wilson. They were followed by members of the Royal family. At the head of the table sat the President and Mrs. Wilson.

At the middle of the table, Mr. Wilson sat at the King's right, and Mr. Wilson on his left. To the right of the President was Queen Mary, and then the French Ambassador, Prince Christian, the Spanish Ambassador, and Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught. At Mrs. Wilson's left sat Princess Mary, the Italian Ambassador, Princess Beatrice and the Japanese Ambassador, in the order named. The American Ambassador, Mr. John W. Davis, had the first place at a side rectangular table, on President Wilson's right. Prior to the dinner, President and Mrs. Wilson were escorted from their apartment to the great white drawing room, where the Royal family had gathered with their other guests. These guests were presented to President and Mrs. Wilson, and the dinner party immediately preceded to the dining hall. The scene as the guests proceeded to the hall was one of magnificent splendor. The dining saloon was a great collection of solid gold plate and huge ornaments, valued at fifteen millions. These had been brought from the vaults for the occasion. One of three buffets contained pieces of plate so large, or otherwise too cumbersome for use. These included one piece of great size taken from the wreck of the Spanish Armada. In the

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WINDING UP 1918 W. SMALL LOTS FOR MONDAY.

Among the items of anteed that they will small that they will pr

MAIL ORDER

TAMS.

Here's a line of Tams that are sure to please. These are fitted with elastic, so as to fit to the head in two tone effects: viz: Black and Red, Black and Green, Black and Fawn, and Black and Pink. Regular \$1.35 each. Sale Price, each \$1.35.

WOMEN'S HOUSE DRESSES.

Just a few dozen of these to clear