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Evening Telegram

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FRIDAY, January 26th, 1917.

Unadulterated Theorism.

One of the leading German newspapers calls President Wilson an "unadulterated theorist." It is unkind, but for once we are able to agree with our enemy. The most superficial examination of the speech that called forth the epithet reveals how thoroughly it is deserved. If the President really wishes to effect anything, he must get down from his lofty perch of idealism. The usage and language of diplomacy demand often that the realities of a case be winked out of view, but even diplomacy does not demand it in a situation like this. If Mr. Wilson imagines that this war is going to be ended upon any other basis, or through the operation of any other agency, than the hard cold facts of it, he makes a great mistake. Those facts he has so persistently and so completely ignored that we begin to wonder if he knows what they are, or has ever known.

was contemptuously silent as to her objects in August, 1914. Let her acts speak for her. What did they say? What the writings of Bernhardi, and Treitschke, and her other military gospels? What her confessed violation of Belgium's neutrality? What the enormous avalanche of troops upon Paris, upon a plan clearly preconceived and into positions almost actually prepared for them? What these and a hundred other facts, if not that her object was utterly to crush France, to leave her after a few weeks no more national existence, we cannot say life, than the magnanimity of her victor might permit her? And, turning then to the east, if not utterly to crush, at least utterly to paralyze Russia? And, these accomplished, to gather together her forces for the final effort that was utterly to crush Great Britain? There is no need to answer these questions: they have been answered already in Germany itself.

On these premises, which we consider utterly false, the President's whole syllogism is erected. He deduces from this supposed unanimity of purpose of all the belligerents an out-and-out draw as the only fitting result of the war, and indicates, indeed, that he expects it. He goes on to speak of an equality of nations, meaning thereby an equality of rights and not of power. This is not a new idealism, but it is idealism. Much Belgium's equality of right with Germany availed to compensate her inequality of power! What is wanted is not an equality of rights—that is understood and inherent—but an equality of regard for them. That we shall never have as long as Prussia retains anything approaching an equality of power with other nations, either actual or potential, in her influence over other nations such as she now exercises. This may be bad theory, but it is good sense, founded on actual indubitable facts. Mr. Wilson's idealism is in many ways admirable, but his inability is surprising to see the great stumbling-block in the way of its realization and its removal the one paramount object of the Allies.

More Revenue For City Council.

Acting on the recommendation of their Sanitary Supervisor, the Municipal Council Board have adopted a new rule, which, it is expected, will benefit the city revenue from two to three thousand dollars annually. In his annual report the Sanitary Supervisor stated that actually 270 individuals and public and private concerns had ashes and refuse removed from their back yards, cellars and furnace rooms by sanitary men, but that the city received no returns whatever for the performances of this sort of work. A resolution, which takes effect February 1st next, has been passed stating that if anyone wants sweepings, etc. done by city employees they must apply to the Secretary-treasurer, whose rates are \$15 per year for factories and public buildings, and \$9 a year or 75 cents a month for dwelling houses. Of course if refuse is put out in the regular way it will be taken as usual, without charge, but no sanitary employees are allowed to enter backyards, etc. after January 31st and have been so instructed.

Newfoundland Seaman

Executed for Acting German Spy. Information has just reached this city to the effect that a well known young mariner, who sailed out of St. John's for several years, though he claimed Catalina as his birth place, had been executed quite recently in the Old Country for acting as a spy for the Germans. The exact character of the offence was that he was caught selling charts to the enemy. He was court-martialed and sentenced to be shot. The execution took place in a building in London. In connection with the foregoing it is noteworthy that the seaman in question was on a vessel which was submerged and sunk by the Huns last fall.

The funeral of the late Joseph McNamara, whose remains arrived by the S. S. Florizel from New York, will take place from the residence of Mrs. Thomas O'Neill, 168 Water St., at 2.30 p.m. on to-morrow, Saturday. Jan 26, 11

Newfoundland Auxiliary Bible Society

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Newfoundland Bible Society was held last night at the Methodist College Hall, being not very well attended. His Excellency the Governor occupied the chair and was accompanied on the platform by Lady Davidson and Captain Riley, M.C. Following a reading of Scripture and prayer by the Rev. Gordon Dickie, Canon Bolt read a letter from the Bishop regretting his inability to be present, and spoke sympathetically of his Lordship's illness. He referred in eulogistic and affectionate terms to the late President of the Society, Hon. H. J. B. Woods, whose passing was a severe loss to the Society. He moved a resolution of sympathy and regret, which was seconded by Mr. John Leamon.

His Excellency, being moved to the chair, also spoke warmly of the late President, in whom he had found the highest qualities of a man and a Newfoundlander. His regular devotion to, and attendance at, the Sunday-school for forty years, which denied him his weekly rest from his arduous duties, of itself stamped him as the man he was. The Governor then read an address to the Society treating of the present war situation and the question of peace, comparing it happily to the days of the great Pitt and the Napoleonic struggle, when the first statesman of Britain rejected the false peace until the truth should be won.

The election of officers was proposed on a happy speech by Superintendent Macpherson, seconded by Mr. C. Henderson and adopted. The officers and committee for the ensuing year are as follows:— President—His Excellency the Governor. Patron—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland. President—Rev. Canon Bolt, M.A. Vice-Presidents—J. E. P. Peters, Esq., Wm. Frey, Esq., R. W. Neale, Esq., John Leamon, Esq., Rev. Dr. Curtis, Lt. Col. Otway, S. A. Treasurer—R. A. Templeton, Esq. Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Gordon Dickie, M. A. Recording Secretary—W. R. Stirling, Esq. Distributing Secretary—John Leamon, Esq.

At Rest.

The mortal remains of the late John Dwyer, J. R., were laid to rest yesterday at Belvidere. The funeral took place from his late residence, "The Oaks." Amongst the large concourse of mourners present, including a guard of honor from the B. I. S., members of both branches of the Legionnaires, His Excellency the Governor was represented by Capt. Riley, M.C., A.D.C., and Hon. R. Watson. Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott officiated at the Cathedral.

Train Notes.

Wednesday's mail and freight reached Port aux Basques at 5.05 a.m. to-day. The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 9.15 a.m. to-day. The Trepassey train reached the city on to-day. DR. H. A. SMITH, Specialist, will resume practice Monday, January 29th, 1917.—Jan 26, 21

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At The City Hall. At the opening of last evening's meeting of the Municipal Board, Mayor Gosling referred to the recent death of Mr. J. P. Grace, City Collector. He had held that responsible post for 27 years, and a tribute to his faithful services was paid by the Mayor. A resolution of sympathy was passed and a copy of it will be sent to the family of the deceased. The Imperial Oil Company reported that they had completed their plant for the storage of kerosene and gasoline on the Southside and asked for Council's approval. The City Engineer approved of the plant, according to the specification given. It was ordered by the Board that a copy of the Company's letter and the Engineer's report be sent the Inspector General before formal approval is granted.

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