

Evening Telegram

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WEDNESDAY, March 26, 1919.

Lloyd George and the Soldiers.

The care and re-establishment in civil life of the returned soldier is the first duty of every dominion, belonging to the Empire, which sent men to the battlefields of Europe when the greatest struggle of history began. These men, in the exuberance of their patriotism and zeal cheerfully left lucrative positions, professions and vocations, the fishing boat being abandoned no less than the office, the courts no less than the church, the masses and classes equally gave of their best that freedom might still reign on the earth. Their lives were pledged to that endeavor and their bodies were ever a living shield between civilization and barbarism, and because of their heroism and endurance civilization conquered. The work of these men must not be forgotten, nor may the picture of their wonderful sacrifices must be indelibly printed on the memory of the people, so that there will not be any danger of its lapsing into forgetfulness. The men from Newfoundland went through it all "over there" and they know what it meant to live in hell. Rarely do they speak of their personal experiences, not only because of the failure to portray them, but the nightmare of all that they endured unconsciously is yet too horrible to return to. In dealing with their return to civil and their re-establishment in vocational life, many things have to be considered. Those who were through which they went must be remembered by all who have to do with the soldiers re-settling. "If they are not as tractable to control and teach, or slow in getting back to normal, allowance must be made."

David Lloyd George, a recent interview painted a picture of the experience of the men at the front, a picture which we will all do well to keep constantly before our eyes, until all that we can do has been accomplished for the future welfare of those who endured to the end that freedom might be preserved.

"At this hour," he said, "I cannot think of the heroism of our soldiers without wonder—without awe. It is the history of mankind such a courage as this. Never! Think what it was. The least of us, capable of a flash of valor in a sudden emergency the meanest of us might be brave. Once or twice in his life a man might do noble things. But to think that these men did it was not for an hour, nor a day, nor for a week, nor for a month, nor for a year that they did fine things."

"Year after year their life was a fine thing. It was not valor they displayed; it was not even heroism; it was something so new and terrible, so undreamed of, that man has created no word for it. I try to find some word to define it, but I can't find it. The nearest word I can get is Endurance. They were in hell every day of their lives; and they endured. They were in peril of death, and worse than death, day after day, night after night; and they endured. They were exposed to all the nerve-shattering rage of modern artillery, which rived the soil like an earthquake, which hurled the bodies of the dead into the air, and flung the bodies of the living into a deeper sepulchre; and they endured. They went out into the darkness to storm the trenches of the enemy, to destroy machine-gun nests, to break a line of fire, the very thunder of which deafened the men; and they endured. But something more. That is what haunts me. They endured for all these years a manner of life utterly unnatural—utterly unnatural, and horrible beyond the expression of words."

"Our people are the cleanest in Europe; to keep their bodies clean is one of their joys, a part almost of their religion; and think how they lived! They lived in mud, and worse than mud; they lived in unutterable filth, breathing an air that choked the lungs with disgust, their young bodies attacked by vermin, their hands sinking into squalor, their hands touching at every turn things which one dare not speak about. And our people are the most domesticated in Europe; our climate has forced us into making indoor life the very heart of existence; and these young men were exiled from their homes, were forced to live almost entirely in the open, were obliged to herd together in great companies in a foreign country, and to endure a country, but a torn and blasted country, from which the sulphurous fumes of Satanism had scorched the leaf of the meadow weed."

"There they lived, always in the presence of death, always in the midst of horror, always on a rack of torture, a rack which stretched and tortured not the muscles of the body, but every nerve, and the whole mind, and the entire soul, and they endured. Yet they endured, endured inexpressible agony with patience, even with humor, and at the end flinging themselves upon the enemy they drove him headlong, they drove him out of the trenches, sent him flying, beat

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Methodist College

Programme of the New Residence and College Extension Inaugural Banquet, Methodist College Hall, March 26, 1919.

CHAIRMAN, MR. A. MACPHERSON.
1. Address by H. E. Sir C. Alexander Harris, C. B., K.C.M.G., C. V. C.—Education.
2. Address by Principal, Mr. S. T. Harrington, M.A.

3. Address by Rev. D. B. Hemmison, M.A.—Economic Necessity of Education.
4. Address by Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A., LL.D.—Growth and Development of Education in Newfoundland.

5. Address by Mr. R. F. Horwood—Necessity of the New Residence and College Extension.
6. Resolution, moved by Rev. L. Curtis, M.A., D.D., M.B.E., seconded by Hon. R. A. Squires, LL.B., K.C., and supported by Mr. C. R. Duder and Hon. W. W. Halford.

7. Vote of thanks to H. E. the Governor—Moved by Mr. Albert Soper, seconded by Mr. Jos. Peters.
8. Vote of thanks to ladies—Moved by Mr. Fred. Moore, seconded by Mr. W. Dwyer.

As the banquet is to deal with the financial aspect of the movement, guests will appear in business attire. N.B.—Time of commencement is changed from 8 o'clock to 6.45 p.m. sharp. Tickets may be obtained after the stores are closed at the College Home, Long's Hill.

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Newfoundland Nurse at Harvard.

A recent American paper, just to hand, contains a long article on what is known as the "Harvard Unit." This unit is composed of 100 nurses, trained at Harvard, who have returned to service in France. The article is doubly interesting to Newfoundlanders on account of there being one girl—only one—from this country a member of the unit. This young lady is Miss G. E. English, daughter of Mr. Wm. English, the Water Street Jeweller.

"Flu" Ravages Labrador

Mr. John McRae, of Messrs. R. D. McRae and Sons has received the following telegram showing the terrible ravages influenza has made on the Labrador coast amongst the Esquimaux population.

Battle Hr., via Fogo, March 21, 1919.
Mr. Jack McRae—Many hundreds of Esquimaux dead Labrador, Spanish Bue, Okak nearly dead. Ninety over hundred. Number bodies eaten by dogs, and over hundred bodies buried in one hole.

Colonial Secretary Halford has received information indirectly, and wired for further information by courier as to illness amongst white men who are resident on the coast.

A further message has been received, it is understood, by the agent of the Moravian missionaries, confirming the foregoing reports.

Until the return of the mail courier full particulars will not be obtainable.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 1919.
McMurdo's Kidney Plasters will give great support in lame and weak back, and will help to relieve the pain of lumbago. These plasters are of specially large size and are spread on a more substantial back than most plasters, and so give exceptional support to weak, strained and painful muscles. Price 30c. each.

Gault's Tonic Hypophosphites is the best food for the system. It improves the appetite, strengthens the nerves, and induces refreshing sleep. One hundred average doses for one dollar.

Series of Lectures.

A series of lectures will be given in the Star of the Sea Association Hall, the first of which will be delivered by Capt. Leo Murphy, on Friday evening, March 27th. His subject will be "Across the Rhine with the Newfoundlanders, or The New Germany."

Amongst other speakers are Rev. Dr. Greene and Hon. M. P. Gibbs, and a good series is predicted.

Just received large shipment Nyal's Throat Pastilles. Price, 30c. per box. Stafford's Drug Store.—mar11,1f

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By J. R. Bennett, Esq., M.A. of M.H.L.

The following to be Lieutenants with effect from 25th March, 1919.
2nd Lieut. (Act. Capt.) H. Williams, M.C., 2nd Lieut. R. Fraser, 2nd Lieut. B. Forsey, 2nd Lieut. W. McHenry.

2. Retirement.—Captain W. J. Pippy is retired with effect from 25th March, 1919 and is placed on the Reserve List of Officers.
Lieut. A. M. Clouston is retired with effect from 19th March, 1919 and is placed on the Reserve List of Officers.

Lieut. M. J. Gillis (Newfoundland Forestry Corps) is retired with effect from 20th March, and is placed on the Reserve List of Officers.
W. F. McNEIL, Lieut.-Col. Chief Staff Officer.

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Capt. Michael Murphy.

Lectures at St. Joseph's on "Gas Warfare."

From the very beginning of the war until its close, Captain Michael Murphy served on the corps, whose duty it was to study noxious gases and their neutralizers. When, then, he lectured on "Gas Warfare," it was a trained technician expounding with enthusiasm and gusto his own special subject. The audience assembled at St. Joseph's Hall last night to hear him was overflowing and sympathetic, and their attention was breathless to the very end. The first remedies devised by describing the surprise caused by the first gas clouds in April, 1915, and the heavy casualties that resulted therefrom. The first remedies devised—pads of saturated cotton wasted over the mouth and nostrils—were mere makeshifts, whose utility was almost nil. The true solution of the problem was suggested by our own Dr. Macpherson, whose gas helmet proved invaluable and saved countless lives. Improvements were added to the original idea as time went on. Finally the helmet developed into a gas mask, which, with chemicals and fitted with a mouth-piece, through which the soldier breathed the purified air. The nose was held with a tape strip, and the mask covered with goggles, and the combatant thus accounted looked like some troglodyte monster from prehistoric times, who had survived the fight with saurians and mastodons, and now made a terrific and belated appearance among the sons of Adam. Captain Murphy donned this fearsome headpiece, spoke while wearing it, and showed plainly how terrible the strain must have been to wear such an apparatus for several hours, and to work and fight in it. He also showed German, French and Italian helmets, compared them with the English model, and explained the merits and defects of each. The lecturer was perfectly vivid and actual for his hearers. Rev. Dr. Kitchin, in thanking Captain Murphy for his able discourse, stressed the fact that in science as well as in war Newfoundlanders had made their mark in the world contest. He likewise expressed the hope that a suitable monument should soon be erected to our dead heroes.

Concert and Social, under the auspices of Wesley Bible Class, in the Basement of Wesley Church this evening, March 26th, 1919, at 8 o'clock. The following ladies and gentlemen have kindly consented to take part: Misses Pike, Joffe, Kendall (2), Mrs. H. Small, Capt. Campbell; Messrs. Bulley, Rogers, Trappell, Wheeler, and King. Home—Candy for sale. Admission 30c.—11

The Unlucky 13.

Dear Sir—What is the meaning of Responsible Government? Does it mean that 13 men did at one time represent some of the people. But at the time they voted to extend the life of Parliament, there was no constitutional difficulty as to a door nail for several months before. So dead that no power on earth could or would resurrect it, other than the voice of the people. I remember when Governor Murray declined to sanction the "Morine-Reid Deal" until he could procure the opinion of the Imperial Government on the matter, and they advised him to comply with the advice of his Ministers. Now at that time Governor Murray was dealing with a properly constituted House and the advice from the Home Authorities was perfectly in accord with responsible and constitutional form of Government.

This is how I understand present conditions. About one year ago 13 men, representing themselves only, gathered together in the People's House and extended the life of a "dead" parliament. As every one knows the said 13 were much uninterested in the extension. At a crisis of the kind, I would respectfully procure the opinion of our beloved King to investigate, for instance, at his Council Board; and ask Messrs. Lloyd and Co. how long ago it is since they were elected by the people to serve him in the House of Assembly? And also at what time did they become members of this, my council and are they all in accordance with the constitutional and customary practice of the House of Commons? And not, and Messrs. Lloyd and Co.'s position cannot be supported by a single precedent in the history of the British Empire. The nearest thing to the Magna Charter and the Bill of Rights. Another viewpoint of the matter, 13 men voted to extend Parliament are to be extended for ever. The correspondents of the 13 are 25, and 240,000 people now demand British play.

ONE OF THE OLD BOYS.
Placentia, March 23rd, 1919.

THE CITY DEPARTMENT STORE at Grace Building is to be entirely renovated after the show and sale—now in progress. We will continue to specialize in LADIES' HATS, SUITS, DRESSES and COATS, during the present season.—mar25,31

Another Protest.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir—I entirely agree with the remarks of "Mayo" in your issue of yesterday. He hits the nail square on the head; but he might have gone one better and driven it home. If the American Tobacco Trust spent less money in Premium gifts they could afford to reduce their price on tobacco.

Your correspondent purchased eight sticks of tobacco on Monday evening, and the proprietor of the store where we bought the weed strongly condemned the action of the Tobacco Factory for their advance. He would not put on the increase.

I might state that all the premiums offered won't induce me to buy any more, when I can buy the cheaper imported brands, and I think I will have a great many thanks.

Yours truly,
B. C. & V. C.
St. John's, March 26th, 1919.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.
Druggists refund 1 day if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Stops Irritation, Swelling and Heals. You can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Sealing Messages.

(March 25).
To Bowring Bros, Ltd.
S.S. Ranger—3,400 hours on deck to-day.

S.S. Terra Nova—Too stormy to see far to-day; took a few whitecoats prospects fair.

S.S. Eagle—Took a few whitecoats to-day.

To Job Bros, Ltd.
S.S. Neptune—Have 9,000 on board; looking for another batch.

S.S. Thetis—Have about 8,000 on board.

No messages received this forenoon by Messrs. Job's and Baird's.

The total catch to date is computed at 48,000.

To-Day's Messages.

9.00 A. M.

THE RIGHT OF BLOCKADE.