

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
Britain is posting up the ledger of 1917 with a somewhat wry face. There is a balance on the right side, but the year's gains are far below expectations. The Russian Revolution accounts, of course, for much of the loss, while the new capital so happily added to the common head of democracy has as yet hardly begun to appear in day by day accounts of working profits. Before the books of this world war can be closed it is believed there will be great strain and stress of which the brunt will fall on this country. A supreme trial, the severest crisis, according to Lord Curzon, lies before us, not behind, and the next few months we may be confronted with perils greater than any we have overcome. These views, of course, do not omit considerations of assistance other than military which the United States will render and is rendering now, but if the leaders among the European Allies proclaim that only the military victory can secure the necessary decision, the war will not be won until American man power can be employed to win it. The war is entering on the 4th New Year, writes J. L. Garvin in the Observer, and is very likely to see the 5th unless the whole financial picture have paid into the treasury and treasure to end in a fool's bargain for ourselves and market of dupes for the world.

SECRETARY BAKER'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.
What the beginning of the New Year finds at the battle front is outlined by Secretary Baker in his weekly review of the military operations, issued to-night by the War Department. In the west, he says, the British dominate the Flanders Plain with a great wedge into the principal German line of defence at Cambrai, while the French with their own lines unbroken hold the key to the Laon area through the capture of Chemin des Dames. Italy, supported by the Allies, is holding firm, while the enemy after battering in vain for six weeks against the defenders, is busy preparing a renewed offensive. In Russia, the review merely says, the Germans are endeavouring to persuade that country that they are eager to assist in restoring normal conditions and that the German Embassy building at Petrograd is being made ready for occupancy. While the operations of American troops at the front have been confined to narrow limits, the Secretary says their presence has heartened the Allies and increased faith in final victory.

That \$2,000 Gift.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Sir,—I fear that in my note to you on Dec. 27th, covering copy of Cablegram from Sir Edward Morris relating to the \$2,000 sent from New York to provide comforts for our wounded soldiers, I misinterpreted the message, as it appeared to me that the contribution came entirely from Mr. Job and a few of his immediate friends.

I understand there was a meeting of some thirty Newfoundlanders held in New York for the purpose of considering the raising of this fund and that at this meeting Mr. H. P. Winter was appointed Chairman, Mr. C. Bowring Vice-Chairman, Mr. Job, Treasurer, and Mr. J. Phelan, Secretary. The amount of money telegraphed by Mr. Job was on behalf of this Committee and was the outcome of their efforts. While I feel sure that Mr. Job was an active worker and a large contributor to this fund still, in justice to the other gentlemen who were no doubt equally as zealous, and who are equally entitled to a share of our thanks and appreciation, I think the facts as above should be known. I would be glad if you will publish the foregoing in to-day's issue. I am, Yours truly,
J. R. BENNETT,
Minister of Militia.

To-Night's Recital.

To the music-loving public of St. John's the Organ Recital which is to be held this evening in Cochrane St. Centennial Church will afford an opportunity of hearing a select program of instrumental music played by one of our foremost musicians, Mr. F. J. King. The pipe organ is the most potent monarch of musical instruments, and the splendid and costly instrument which has been installed in the new church will be heard to advantage under the skilful manipulation of Mr. King, who is recognized as a master of his profession.

Whilst the recital is essentially instrumental, the selections will be interspersed with vocal music by the choir and a soprano solo, "Hear ye, Israel," from "King David," the most potent monarch of musical instruments, and the splendid and costly instrument which has been installed in the new church will be heard to advantage under the skilful manipulation of Mr. King, who is recognized as a master of his profession.

The choir accompaniments will be played by Mr. Arthur Mews. His Excellency the Governor and Miss Harris will be present and it is hoped a large audience will grace the concert. Whilst the admission is free to everybody, there will be a collection to defray current music expenses of the choir.

McDonald's Store News

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 2nd, 1918.
Appearance of our year 1918, we take the opportunity of wishing all our patrons, old and new, and our staff in all their relations, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

IN AID OF PRESENTATION CONVENT ASSOCIATION—The concert in aid of the Presentation Convent Association to be held in Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College, to-morrow, Thursday, evening promises to be a treat for those who will attend. The concert is under the distinguished patronage of His Grace the Archbishop, and it is hoped a large audience will be present.

Masons and Carpenters Wanted.

The following telegram has been received by Mr. Slatery at the City Hall, from R. S. Low, Colonel, Mgr. Reconstruction, Halifax:
We have been referred to you by J. R. Bennett. Please wire how many carpenters and bricklayers you can send here. Wages forty cents per hour for carpenters and fifty cents per hour for bricklayers. Board will cost them four dollars per week. Rush reply.

(Sgd.) R. S. LOW,
Colonel Mgr. Reconstruction.
In addition to the above, Mr. Bennett has received word that if such workmen can remain until the spring, all necessary arrangements will be made for their free transportation.

Lady Davidson Sends Greetings to W. P. A.

The following telegram has been received from Lady Davidson by the Women's Patriotic Association:
New York, Dec. 31, 1917.
Affectionate greetings to the Executive Committee and Committees and members of the Women's Patriotic Association. My heart is with you in your work this coming year.
MARGARET DAVIDSON.

Police Court.

(Before Judge Morris.)

A kerosene oil vendor was charged with a violation of the inflammable substances act, having oil stored in two places, which the Inspector General and Chief of Fire Department considered were dangerous to the safety of the community. After the hearing of the evidence, judgment was reserved. His Honour intimating that he would visit the places complained of himself.
A city grocer was summoned for a breach of the same law. He had three cases of oil on his premises, but the circumstances under which they were there were such that a minimum fine of fifty cents was imposed.
An assault case, in which two neighbours King's Road figured, was dismissed.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle is at Placentia.
The Clyde arrived at Seldom at 1 p.m. yesterday; held there on account of fog.
The Dundee arrived at Seldom at 3.30 p.m. yesterday; held there on account of fog.
The Etliche not reported since Lark Harbour on December 28th.
The Ginecove arrived at Port aux Basques at 12.40 p.m. yesterday.
The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 4.20 p.m. yesterday.

Draft Arrived Safely.

The Minister of Militia has received the following cable:
"Draft arrived. All well."
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LATEST

COMPERS EXHORTS AMERICAN LABOUR.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.
In the New Year Greetings to all organized labor, Samuel Compers, President of the American Federation of Labor, calls upon representatives and organizers to make plain to their fellows the issue involved in the war and the obligation that devolves upon all citizens. He also emphasizes the importance of seeing to it that the spirit and methods of democracy are maintained at home while the country is fighting to establish them in international relations. "The war means victory for our cause or danger to the very existence of our nation," says the address. "With our nation at stake individuals can not interpose opposition to the war. War is declared by the will of the nation's representatives. Under the exigencies of war, opposition to the war declared by constituted authority becomes treason. While this is true, there is even more than ordinary need for the maintenance of the rights of men and women and for the careful scrutiny and the fullest discussion of the policies and methods before their adoption. The time for labor to interpose its needs and demands while policies are in the making there shall be no occasion for interruption in production. The chief responsible agents of Government have shown a desire to be fair and understanding of the human elements involved in this problem. The organized labor movement has also shown an equally broad understanding and grasp of the situation." Compers quotes at length from the declaration adopted by labor representatives at their meeting here on March 12, and from the resolution of the Buffalo Convention of the American Federation of Labor outlining the attitude of organized labor toward war work.

CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, To-Day.
The battle between "Kaledines" Cossacks and the Bolshevik troops has been resumed at Kursk, midway between Moscow and Rostov on the Don. It is reported that the heavy casualties in the three days' fighting. The Bolsheviks are reported to have occupied Poltava, the scene of the historic battle between Peter the Great and Charles of Sweden. There is a famine in the Government of Moscow.

SNOW HAMPS THE AUSTRO-GERMANS.

GENEVA, To-Day.
Snow has fallen to such an extent on the Swiss, Italian and Austrian frontiers and in the Tyrol that a telegram from Chiasso, which is confirmed by Swiss soldiers on duty on the Italian frontier heights, states that the Austro-German troops are held up on the Tyrol frontier. Many Red Cross detachments and convoys are stalled in the mountain passes and regiments of the Central Empire have been isolated without food supplies for several days. Military trains from Trente, which are depended upon to provision the Austro-German front, are blocked. A large army under General Conrad is trying to clear the railway, but unless it succeeds serious difficulties will hamper the operations against the Italians.

Forget the Eight Ounces, it's only throwing your money away. But don't forget to have your suit or overcoat cleaned and pressed for the holiday season, as it is going to be very DRY weather, and you need good clothes. Phone 574 or send to SPURRELL the Tailor, 365 Water St.—dec19, eod, tf

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The Passing of Mr. James P. Howley, F.G.S.

We record with profound regret the passing of Mr. James P. Howley, who entered into his rest yesterday morning after a short illness. He was in apparent good health the day previous. At 11 p.m. he prepared to retire and while saying his prayers was suddenly stricken and became unconscious. Medical and spiritual aid were summoned, but a few hours later his soul fled to the Great Beyond. Thus a most useful life in the Colony has closed. Deceased was born in St. John's on July 7th, 1847, and was with the public service for over fifty years. He entered the Colonial Secretary's office when a mere boy and at the age of twenty was appointed Assistant Geological Surveyor. In 1887, following the death of Alexander Murray, C.M.G., Mr. Howley was appointed Chief of the Geological Department and Director of Government surveys, which responsible post he occupied with honor and credit up to the time of his death. He devoted the major portion of his official life to the topographical and trigonometrical survey of Newfoundland and deep study of its geological features. A regrettable circumstance is that he was engaged at the time of his passing in the revision of a most useful and exhaustive report of his work. He possessed a vast amount of information concerning the resources of the Colony and was very optimistic as to its possibilities, especially with reference to the coal fields. In 1887 Mr. Howley compiled and published a short geography of Newfoundland, which was used by our schools for many years. He was also a geographer; he also published many reports, pamphlets and letters containing valuable information. He was a member of the Newfoundland Club at the Crystal Palace, London, in 1911. He was, to quote the words of the late Governor Doyle, "a man of unfailing zeal in the public service." He was one of nature's gentlemen, characteristically kind and courteous. He is survived by a widow and one sister, Miss A. Howley, three sons, Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., Capt. James Howley, Royal Newfoundland Regiment and Lieut.-Commander Richard Howley, R.N., at Halifax; also three daughters, Mrs. J. McCarthy, at Bonaville, and Misses Lizzie and Kitty Howley in this city. To the bereaved ones the Telegram joins in the deep sympathy expressed.

Mr. Arthur Mews Made C.M.G.

Deputy Colonial Secretary Receives Sole New Year Honour.

General approval and pleasure were expressed yesterday when it was announced that Mr. Arthur Mews, Deputy Colonial Secretary, had been named a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George by His Majesty, in recognition of his long and meritorious services in that position. The honour was conferred on Mr. Mews at Government House yesterday by the Governor, who congratulated him.
This is the only New Year honour bestowed in Newfoundland this year. We believe that if it had been given on a popular vote it would have fallen in the same place. Mr. Mews has been Deputy Colonial Secretary since 1898, having been an official before that time of the Government. Telegraphs and the Financial Secretary's office. It is hard to imagine the Colonial Secretary's office without Mr. Mews, for it is well known that the major and most responsible part of its work has rested on his shoulders. Since the war broke out both the extent and responsibility of his work have increased greatly, and the country has been fortunate in having an official who could perform it so successfully and capably as Mr. Mews has done. The Telegram joins in the congratulations which he will receive from every side.

Royal Sympathy.

Government House, St. John's, 31st Dec., 1917.
Mr. T. J. Edens have received the following message of sympathy from the Governor:
"I am commanded by the King and the Queen to convey to you the following message from their Majesties:—
"The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you and the Army have sustained by the death in action on the 20th of November of your son Lieut. John F. Edens of the service of his country. Their Majesties truly sympathize with you in your sorrow."
C. ALEXANDER HARRIS, Governor.

Successful Concert.

A most successful concert and dance was held in St. James Hall at the Goulds on Dec. 26th and 27th, in aid of our soldiers and sailors, under the management of Miss Maguire and Fanny Howlett, and they wish to thank all the young ladies and gents who took part in the entertainment, viz: Misses Clara and Gerrie Ryan, Mary Raymond, Nora Howlett, Annie Hefferman, Stella Raymond, Angela Brennan, Masters Luke Ryan, Vincent Barton, Misses Howlett also wish to thank Rev. J. Hewitt for the use of the organ and also Mrs. Harry Chase who conducted the music so nicely. Many thanks to the people of Bay Bulls Road who so kindly assisted them in donation towards the funds. We had spent an enjoyable time; dancing was kept up till the wee small hours of the morning. The amount received was \$55.17 which will go to the W. P. A.

Note of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Murphy, Pleasant Street, desire to express their sincere thanks to the following for their expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement: His Excellency the Governor, who sent a note of sympathy, Rev. Fr. Pippy, Rev. Fr. Renault, Rev. Bros. Ryan, Cooney, Eagan, and Murphy, Mr. John D. Munday, Pond Road, and Mr. Healey, who at great risk of their own lives saved their other child, Mrs. McDonald for her untiring attention to their rescued child. Miss E. Marshall, Mr. David Marshall (Carbonar) Mrs. Badock, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. George Reid, Mrs. Dowden, Mr. R. Egan, Mr. Capt. Jolliffe, and all kind friends who tendered sympathy in their affliction.—adv.

"Last, But Not Least."

KEARNEY, at SMYTH'S, "Your Hatter," wishes one and all a Bright and Prosperous New Year, and begs permission to state that if he's in the "rear" with his New Year Greetings, he leads the "van" in Fashions for Men all the year round.

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THIS WEEK.

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New Year's Night Events.

ST. JOSEPH'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Under the patronage of His Grace Archbishop Roche and in aid of St. Joseph's new Church, the entertainment at the Casino Theatre last night was attended by a crowded audience. His Grace the Archbishop was present, accompanied by Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott. At the opening an overture was rendered by the orchestra consisting of Messrs. Hutton, P. Bradshaw, A. Stafford and A. Bulley. Solos were rendered by Mrs. (Capt.) Martin, Misses Brown, Brophy, Kavanaugh and Murphy, Messrs. Moore, Bulley, Bradshaw and Sullivan and were well received. The production of the comic sketch "The Rough Diamond" evoked prolonged laughter and applause. The performers were Misses Viguers, Browne and Brophy; Messrs. Moore, Grace, Lumsden, Channing and Green.

C.L.R. CONCERT.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at the Methodist College Hall last night including His Excellency the Governor and suite when the C.L.R. Band, by permission of Lt.-Col. Rendell gave an excellent feast of music. The programme contained many of the latest waltzes, success which speaks highly for the musical talent of the members, who, with their instructor, Lt. A. Morris, are to be congratulated on their efforts.

"A SUDDEN ARRIVAL."

The comedy entitled "A Sudden Arrival" presented by certain mem-

bers of the Lively Club at Canon Wood Hall last night attracted a large audience. The affair opened with a concert, those taking part being Miss Gibb, Miss Thomas, Rev. G. A. Moulton, Messrs. T. P. Halley, Bulley, Rowe and Chown. Following the concert the comedy which was considered the funniest yet produced by the club was run off. The leading parts were taken by F. M. Stirling, R. W. Jeans, W. E. Stirling, R. Dowden, R. Clarke, P. B. Rendell, G. C. Oke.

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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, Proprietor
H. A. WINTER, B.A., Editor

WEDNESDAY, January 2nd, 1918.

A Good Beginning.

Great pressure on our space to-day compels us to make our editorial remarks briefer than we could have wished in view of the extraordinary nature and importance of the present political situation. We will content ourselves with emphasizing the chief feature that distinguishes it at the present moment. It is a most hopeful one. We spoke on Saturday of the political housecleaning which is an imperative necessity to this country. If we are correctly informed, the first effective steps towards it are being taken by His Excellency the Governor, to whom the country's thanks are due and will most certainly be shown. We understand that he has insisted on the observance of a principle which goes to the very foundation of the British system of representative government and which is absolutely forbidden such a combination of capacities. The same principle exactly will apply to the cases of Mr. Coaker and Mr. Halfyard. Similarly, we understand that Mr. Higgins, who was to have been a member of the Government or to sit in the Executive of one while he fills that position. The close relation of the Company with the government in the past and the closer relations it would have with the new Government in such case absolutely forbid such a combination of capacities. The same principle exactly will apply to the cases of Mr. Coaker and Mr. Halfyard. Similarly, we understand that Mr. Higgins, who was to have been a member of the Government or to sit in the Executive of one while he fills that position. The close relation of the Company with the government in the past and the closer relations it would have with the new Government in such case absolutely forbid such a combination of capacities. The same principle exactly will apply to the cases of Mr. Coaker and Mr. Halfyard. 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