



Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, December 12, 1918.

Compensation.

In a leading article on Saturday last we made the suggestion that now was the time to prepare a statement of claims against the German Government for the marine and other losses Newfoundland had sustained during the present war, by enemy submarines, mines and raiders. This was backed up by the Daily News in its issue of the following Monday, with some additional advice to claimants.

To-day we are pleased to announce that the Department of Shipping has received cabled instructions, stating the advisability of taking the course which we suggested, and in accordance with these instructions, the department is giving timely notice to owners of vessels, who have suffered loss or damage through the work of enemy submarines or otherwise, to place with the Minister full particulars of the loss of each vessel together with the amount of actual sums involved in such loss, buttressed by proofs of the same. In other words that each statement of claim shall be accompanied by affidavit, containing all the details of ship, cargo, value, insurance, and whatever other items may be deemed essential, in order to satisfy the authorities that there is a just and legitimate claim for loss incurred. This notice will run for six days, consecutively, that owners in outports may be advised and so prepare and forward any claims they may have for damage done their vessels by the enemy.

Belligerents have the right to destroy commerce in war time, providing that safety is guaranteed the crews of such vessels as may be sunk, but the object of the Germans was not only to destroy shipping but the lives of the men employed in navigating and sailing the ships of the Allied merchant marine. Crews were set adrift in frail boats, hundreds of miles from land, during the most desperate weather, to make land or perish as Providence deemed. We need go no farther for evidence of this than last summer when men belonging to fishing vessels, sunk by U-boats operating in Western Atlantic waters, were obliged to take to their dories many leagues from the coast, and with, in some cases, broken oars pull the distance between them and safety. The "sink without trace" order was carried out in many cases, and craft which had failed to reach their destinations were posted as missing, their disappearance being accepted as having been caused by the elements, whereas their loss may have been directly traceable to the enemy. But of this there is no evidence. The sea may have claimed

them as victims, but in many instances there is no doubt that they were destroyed by the German wolves. For these no bill of claim can be presented. They rank among the mysteries of the sea, and their companies have gone down into its swirling depths, no less heroes than they who fell in the glorious hour of victory. They dared all that our needs might be ordered to, and had it not been for their heroic spirit shown by our merchant sailors, Newfoundland to-day might not have been enjoying the prosperity and good fortune which has held all through the four and one-quarter years of war. We owe it to those who died no less than to those who have suffered because of the inhumanity of our enemies, that the very last cent be demanded, the fullest reparation made.

Our Sympathy.

The fire which wrecked the offices and machines of our contemporary the Evening Herald caused more damage than was at first anticipated, and it will be some time ere a working condition will be brought about. Occurring in the most busy period of the year the financial and moral loss will be proportionately greater, and the strain of non-employment will bear heavily on the employees who, for a short period only we trust, have lost their occupation. The shock of the disaster will come with stunning force to the Managing Editor, Sir P. T. McGrath, who went out by yesterday's express, en route to New York, on business connected with the Food Control Board. He will abandon the trip for the present, and is returning by express, due to-night. We offer our sincere sympathies to the Management, pressmen, reporters and all others who are connected with the Herald, and hope that it will not be long ere they will have things ship shape again.

Abandoned.

According to a message received by her owners, A. H. Murray & Co., yesterday, the schr. Eva C., Capt. Lodge, has been abandoned in mid-ocean in a leaky condition, and the crew picked up by the s.s. War-Cobra, a sister ship of the War-Mohawk now in port. The Eva C., which was bound here from Cadiz with a cargo of salt, was about 300 tons net, could carry 3,500 qts. of codfish, and was practically a new ship having been constructed but five years ago.

Casualty List.

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Seriously Ill, Dec. 10th—Previously Reported:
Lieut. Alexander A. Band, Portugal Cove Road.
At Endell Street Military Hospital, London—Previously Reported:
1937—C.Q.M.S.—Ernest Cheesman, M.M. Port au Prince.
Following Repatriated Prisoners of War Arrived in England in Good Health:
2754—L.-Cpl. James Michael Whelan, 80 New Gower Street.
2230—L.-Cpl. William J. Frampton, Powers Court, Signal Hill Road.
1787—L.-Cpl. Peter G. Smith, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.
2703—Pte. Jack Snow, Manuels, C.B.
1429—Pte. Moses Mulise, St. George's.
J. R. BENNETT,
Minister of Militia.

Shipping Notes.

The steamers Lake Goram and Lake Agomak are frozen in at Botwood. The S.S. Immelm, bound from New York to Rotterdam, with a load of wheat, put in port this morning in order to undergo some repairs.

BIG BLAZE THIS MORNING.

"Evening Herald" Building Partially Destroyed—Estimated Loss \$40,000—Firemen's Good Work.

This morning at 6.45 a fire alarm was sounded and the East and Central fire companies were summoned to Prescott Street. Upon arrival they found the offices of the Evening Herald in flames. The hoses were immediately turned on, but the fire was not extinguished before 8.45. The fire was first observed in the back part of the building in the second storey. As the furnace is underneath the front end of the building, it is impossible to conceive how the fire originated. The porter or freeman reported everything all right last night when he visited and banked the furnace. The cause of the conflagration is thus so far shrouded in mystery. The press room on the ground floor was untouched by the fire except at one end where the fire came through an air shaft but did no damage. On the second storey, the editor's and manager's offices were untouched, but the stenographers' and reporters' rooms were burnt as was also the composing room. All the machinery on the second storey was partially charred and in some instances wholly demolished. Of the five linotypes in this room the keyboards, etc. of all were burnt, and it is exceedingly questionable if any of them will ever be serviceable again. The third storey is totally destroyed, the roof having fallen in. On the first floor, although the fire did not reach it yet all the windows are smashed and all the presses are dripping with water. The stock of paper, etc. stored there was totally destroyed by the deluge of water poured in to drown the

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir C. Alexander Harris, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O.)

F. A. McKENZIE,

FAMOUS WAR CORRESPONDENT.

will lecture in the

Casino Theatre, on
Wednesday and Thursday

December 18th and 19th.

on the War, and particularly the part played in it by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

His lectures will be illustrated by the most wonderful War Films seen on this side of the Atlantic.

The net proceeds of those two nights will be donated to the Women's Patriotic Association.

Reserve Seat Tickets will be for sale at F. V. Chesman's, Water Street, on Saturday, the 14th inst. 11

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chicken

FOR XMAS ARE SHIPPED.

Remember the uncertainties of shipping and unforeseen causes may mean a shortage as at last Christmas.

Secure this necessary and important part of your Xmas fare by placing your poultry order with us now.

BOOK TO-DAY:
Fresh Salmon, Fresh Caplin, Fresh Cod Tongues.

DUCKWORTH STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD.

C. P. Eagan

Duckworth Street and Queen's Road.

Reids Boats.

Argyle left Placentia this morning. Dundee left Seildon yesterday at noon. Ethie left Humbermouth. Pogota left Placentia at 9 a.m. yesterday. Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.50 this morning. Home left Little Bay Islands early yesterday morning. Kyle left Port aux Basques at 7 o'clock to-day. Petrel left Britannia Cove at 12.40 p.m. yesterday. Saxona left Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. yesterday, for North Sydney.

BOWING BOATS.

Portia left Curling at daylight this morning for Bonaville Bay. Prospero left Fortuna Hr. at 1 p.m. yesterday, going north.

CROSBIE'S.

S.S. Earl of Devon left LaSalle at 9.20 p.m. yesterday, going north.

Legal Enquiries.

The enquiry in the case of the man Duggan who was arrested some time ago on the charge of fraud, will begin this evening before Judge Morris. It will be remembered that the accused was charged with having taken orders for the enlargement of photos, and pocketing the coin without any desire to fulfil the contracts. Mr. Summers, K.C., will conduct the prosecution for the Crown.

The Beverly enquiry which was set down for last evening was postponed, as several of the witnesses are delayed in their journey to the city by snow storms. The enquiry will be resumed to-day week before Mr. Summers, K.C.

Xmas Freight.

In reply to a letter sent the Reid Nbd. Co., the following communication was received by Mr. Payne, the Secretary of the Board of Trade, yesterday afternoon:—

Dear Sir,—Your letter of December 10th, to hand, and note that I have telegraphed our North Sydney Agent in reference to the freight as follows:—"If possible try and give S.S. Meigle full load mixed freight, particularly Christmas goods, on return." Yours truly,
E. W. TAYLOR
T. M. & G. F. A.

Police Court.

The young clerk of the Parcel Post Dept. of the G.P.O., was arraigned again this morning. I. G. Hutchings opened the prosecution by calling Detective-Head-Constable Byrne, who deposed to searching accused's residence, where he found certain property of the Post Office. A sum of money was also found. A clerk of the same department of the G.P.O. was called and gave evidence. The case was then postponed until to-morrow morning. A man, taken for safe keeping, was discharged.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, Dec. 12, 1918. Among the novelties we have to offer this Christmas is a little silk sachet, decorated with the flags of the Allies—British, American, French, etc. These are very neat and handsome, filled with a lasting perfume, and are sold at the very reasonable price of 50 cents.

Sometimes the most suitable Christmas gift for an elderly friend will be a Rubber Hot Water Bottle. In these cases your gift, you may be quite sure, will be appreciated. We have, this year, a pretty full line of Hot Water Bottles, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$3.50, from which you will be able to select the right one.

MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.

MINARD'S LINIMENT LUMBERMAN'S FRIEND.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

WAR LOSSES.

Notice is hereby given that all owners of vessels who have suffered loss or damage through the work of Enemy Submarines or otherwise, should deliver to this Department as quickly as possible full particulars of their loss with proofs of same.

By order of the Minister of Shipping.

St. John's, December 11th, 1918. T. A. HALL, Secretary. dec12,6i

DULEY'S Xmas Gift Suggestions.

A Wrist Watch IS "THE GIFT OF THE MOMENT."

It is no secret that the popular style of watch to-day is the Wristlet.

Easy to get at.
Don't have to dig it out.
Don't have to put it back.
Reliable as a Pocket Watch.

Therefore, if you know of someone without one, and it is your intention to send that person a "Gift", select

"A Wrist Watch"

Our Guarantee with every movement.

T. J. DULEY & CO.,
The Reliable Jewellers,
ST. JOHN'S, N.F.

Here and There.

DECEASED.—On Nov. 11th, of broncho pneumonia, Mary Margaret, darling child of Frederick and Mary Kavanagh aged 3½ years.

Passed peacefully away last evening, Anne Maddock, relict of the late M. Clare, leaving three brothers, one son and three grandsons to mourn their loss. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 34 Codrers Lane.—R.I.P.

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BORN.

At 241 Water Street West, Dec. 4th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mad- dox of Bay Bulls.

NEYLE'S HARDWARE

Sleigh Chimes, for carriage and sleigh pad, \$2.00, \$2.75 and \$4.00 set. NICKEL PLATED SHAFT CHIMES \$2.75, \$3.25 and \$4.50 a pair. 3 OPEN BELLS ON STRAP, \$1.40 a doz. straps.

Flash Lights, 2-Cell Round Flash Lights, good quality nickel, \$2.00 each.

Wood Pipes, A good assortment, \$3.50 doz. Briar Wood Pipes, \$4.40 & \$5.50 a doz.

Woodstock Skates, for Lumbermen, \$4.50 a doz.

Larrigans, for Lumbermen. Laced, 7 and 10 in. high; long leg, 15 inches high.

Rubber Cement, Goodrich Rubber Cement, Bottles \$1.50 doz.; cans, \$2.50 doz.

Curry Combs, \$1.50, \$2.10, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 doz.

Dessert Knives, 50 doz. English White Handle Knives, \$6.00 a doz.

Pocket Knives, Metal Handle, \$2.40 a doz. 1 Blade Pocket Knives, \$4.50, \$5.40, \$6.00 and \$8.00 doz. We have 100 doz. in stock.

Grinding Stones, In stock, 200 best quality Grinding Stones, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 inch.

Gimlets, 20 doz. assorted Gimlets, \$1.00 doz.

Horse Hames, Heavy Iron Hames for woods work, \$8.50 a pair. Red Wood Hames, with brass tips, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.70 a pair.

Lanterns, Cold Blast, \$1.50 doz. Railway Lanterns, \$1.00 doz. Dashboard Lanterns, \$1.25 doz.

Overalls, Black-Blue stripe; Blue Denim; Overall Jackets, Blue Stripes and Blue Denim.

Oil Taps, For steel kero and gasoline engines.

Razors, Just opened, 20 doz. English Razors and 20 doz. English.

Bengall Razors, We have a nice selection Bengall Razors.

Lather Brushes, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50 doz.

Snare Wire, New stock, best quality.

Rabbit and Fox Snare Wire, 90c. per lb.

Saws, Hand Saws, good quality, \$1.50, \$2.00 each; also 3 feet X Cut. Saw and Rip Saws.

Sweat Pads, We have an extra good Sweat Pad for woods work, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

Wringers, \$4.50 and \$6.00 each.

Wood Pegs, ½, ¾, 1 inch. Iron Shoe Rivets, ½ inch.

Whips, Just received a shipment English Cart and Carriage Whips.

NEYLE'S HARDWARE, WILLIAM SOPER, Manager.



Is manifest in the festive appearance of

The Splendid Values For Gifts for a B

INFANTS' CORDUROY BATH ROBES, possibly be more sensible for a child's use. These, the sailor collar, turned over pocket are trimmed with band of silk ribbon, and dink cord girdle closures. Regular \$2.50 each. Friday and Saturday \$1.50 each.

A BLOUSE is always that your mother, sister, sweetheart or friend would like to have. So, in, and upstairs to our splendid



WOMEN'S FLANNELETTE DRESS GOWNS, In beautiful shaded materials with Rose and Leaf designs; most attractive styles, with V neck, and wide sailor collar edged with fringed satin ribbon. Colors: Blue, Rose and Grey. Regular \$4.50 each. Friday and Saturday \$3.50 each.

PEARL NECKLETS, Rich looking, blue beads of medium size, strong gilt clasps. Regular 20c. each. Friday and Saturday 15c. each.

WOMEN'S CREPE DE CHENE AND SUELLARS, A superb range, including fur-trimmed, tucked, hemstitched and host of others. Regular \$1.65 each. Friday and Saturday \$1.25 each.

XMAS RIBBONS, Plain Taffeta 3½ inch wide in all the needed shades. Regular 25c. yard. Friday and Saturday 20c. yard.

STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR, The most comfortable, durable and non-irritating quality. Garments that fit the figure exactly; guaranteed—unshrinkable. Regular \$3.25 each. Friday and Saturday \$2.50 each.

"QUEENSWAY" HAIR NETS, With special handmeshed edge; extra strong natural colors. Regular 20c. each. Friday and Saturday 15c. each.

WOMEN'S STEEL AND WOOD ROD UMBRELLAS, A beautiful variety of fancy and plain handles so numerous and pretty that you will find it difficult to choose. Regular \$1.50. Friday and Saturday \$1.25.

WOMEN'S HIGH-GRADE UMBRELLAS, A quality covering of silk and cotton, always hold its color. The edge is specially woven selvedge. Regular \$1.50. Friday and Saturday \$1.25.

WOMEN'S STEEL AND WOOD ROD UMBRELLAS, with good wearing fast black covering, neatly curved in polished and plain frame. Regular \$2.75 each. Friday and Saturday \$2.25 each.

WOMEN'S SILK ROSE, In White, Champagne, Navy, Pale Blue, Rose, Taupe, Green and Black. Regular \$1.50 pair. Friday and Saturday \$1.25 pair.

WOMEN'S WORSTED HOSE, Regular \$1.00 pair. Friday and Saturday \$0.75 pair.

WOMEN'S PLAIN AND RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, Regular \$1.50 pair. Friday and Saturday \$1.25 pair.

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