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Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 1917.

Lloyd George Sums Up

A speech from Mr. Lloyd George is always welcome. Eyes that run casually down a column of war news lacking particular interest are arrested by the sight of his name, and if he is reported as saying anything there are few minds that do not turn to him. He gave the Allies a most acceptable Christmas box yesterday. With the triumph of his Paris speech and his greater justification of the peace which it still fresh upon him, he now lays the peace ghost in most effective fashion with a speech in which he dealt with the peace terms. The least interesting. Russia asks that the Allies declare their peace terms, the pacifists ask it, many others, not pacifists but genuinely doubtful and puzzled, ask it. He answers them and plainly enough. The Allies demand two things, restoration and compensation, and they will fight until they get them. This settles the whole matter for the present. No possible terms that could be debated now approach this general summary. He adds the only commentary necessary when he shows how the German army completely blocks the way to any peace that will contain anything like reparation of the damage wrought by the war and a safeguard against its repetition. Victory for the Allies is the one thing essential, the one thing indispensable—among a hundred other reasons because it is the only way in which the German people can be approached. Some day everyone among the Allied peoples except the unquestionably disloyal elements will get this simple fact firmly fixed in his head.

The rest of the partial report of his speech in this morning's message is striking. Lloyd George has one great gift which is especially valuable in critical times like the present. He is the last man to fall to see the wood for trees. The British public have been wandering in a thick maze of them. The Russian debacle, the invasion of Italy, the reverse at Cambrai after a fine victory and the threat in the West from the concentration of enemy troops have all filled up the horizon and shut out their view of the position as a whole. Lloyd George picks them out of it and sets them down on an open and high place. Some of the general facts he discloses are as heartening as they are illuminating and, we may say, unfamiliar. He gives us a view of the enemy camp. The efficiency of the German workman has declined by one third since the beginning of the war. That is a fact worth pondering. We know now better than we did at the start what the value of the workman is in this struggle. France and Italy have sustained great losses; they are not to be compared with those of Austria. The permanent losses of the British army are not more than one fourth or one fifth of those of the Germans. What could be more encouraging than such a comparison? The reserve man-power of the Allies is more than twice as great as that of the Central Powers. Can the respite which Germany has gained from Russia offset those odds? We know it cannot.

With such talk current about annexations, how many of us have been struck with the truth succinctly expressed in the sentence: "We have conquered no country where the population belonged to the governing race." How many of the busy mischief-makers in Russia realize that? They are busy negotiating a peace

with Germany, who is certain to insist on retaining huge territories right at their front door of which Lloyd George's words can certainly not be said, not to talk of Belgium, northern France, Serbia and Roumania. Even the German colonies, to which the statement equally applies, he makes the important announcement that their fate will be decided at the peace Congress. If it were really needed, this is a complete answer to those who have impugned Britain's motives, and those of her Allies, in entering the war. When it ends in the Allies' victory one thing that is certain is that it will leave no population subject to a minority rule imposed upon them. The only thing we could have wished to be otherwise in the Prime Minister's speech is his reference to Russia. Whether or not it can be justly said that "Russia" has entered into peace negotiations, it seems fairly certain that what is transpiring there—now will effectually make those negotiations abortive, or at least put a short term to any peace in which they may end for the present.

The Highest Honor.

The Colonial Secretary sends us two messages which the Newfoundland public will read with pleasure and pride. They are from the British Colonial Secretary, through His Excellency the Governor. The first states that His Majesty the King, in recognition of the fine services done by the Newfoundland Regiment, has been pleased to bestow upon it the title of "Royal". This mark of kindly favour is the greatest honour that has yet fallen upon the Regiment as a whole, and we may be sure that the deeds that have won it were no ordinary ones. The other message contains a telegram from Sir Douglas Haig congratulating the Regiment upon its splendid work before Cambrai and expressing his personal hope that it will be kept always up to strength. These two high and rare tributes thrill the Island with pride. At this critical time they should do more. They should remind the country that the greater that pride is, the greater will be the disgrace if it is allowed to fall through failure of its cause. If we must continue to have cause for pride in our Regiment we must continue to fill up the gaps in its ranks. Shall it be said that the Royal Newfoundland Regiment failed at the eleventh hour? It is for Newfoundland itself, not the Regiment, to give the answer.

Notice to Advertisers.

Monday next being Xmas Eve, the "Evening Telegram" will be issued at 12 o'clock noon. This office will be open till 10 o'clock to-night for the convenience of our advertisers. Send along your ads. as early as possible.

The Administrator's Letter on Food.

Economy. We are permitted by the Rev. Canon Smith to publish the following circular letter, a copy of which has been forwarded to all the Anglican Clergymen in the Diocese:—"I direct that on the last Sunday in this Diocese, December 30th, the Clergy of this Diocese will try, in the sermons they shall preach on that day, to impress upon their hearers the urgent need that now exists for the practice of the strictest economy in the use and consumption of food throughout the whole of Newfoundland."

WALTER R. SMITH,
Administrator of the Diocese.
St. John's, December 17th, 1917.

GEORGE STREET A. B. C.—The Class will participate in the Christmas Gift Service to-morrow and every member is expected to be present. The members will occupy the Choir Gallery and will render a chorus entitled "Newfoundland, my Newfoundland," composed by Mr. Harry Lee, a prominent social worker of New York. A practice will be held in the classroom at 2.30 sharp. Service starts in the church at 3.15.

MINAR'S LINDEN CURES GARTEN IN COWS.

"The Royal Newfoundland Regiment."

High and Honored Title Conferred by the King.
Dept. of the Col. Secretary,
St. John's, Nfld.,
December 22, 1917.

Sir,
I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of correspondence respecting the conferring of the title of "Royal" on the Newfoundland Regiment. I am sure that the public will be pleased to know of this and I shall be glad if you will kindly publish the same in your paper to-day.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

Government House,
St. John's, N.F.,
December 21, 1917.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.
I have the honour to forward copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State under date 19th inst., respecting the conferring of the title of "Royal" on the Newfoundland Regiment.

I shall be glad if you will communicate it to the Regimental authorities. I know that it is a matter which Sir W. Davidson had much at heart, and I am also very pleased.

(Sgd.) C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.

(No. 1611.)
Code Telegram from Secretary of State (Received 19 Dec. 1917).
December 19th. Your despatch 3rd September confidential. Please inform your Ministers His Majesty is pleased to approve grant of title of Royal to Newfoundland Regiment.

Praised by Sir.
Douglas Haig.

Commander-in-Chief Hopes Regiment Will be Kept up to Strength.

Dept. of the Col. Secretary,
St. John's, Nfld.,
December 22, 1917.

Sir,
I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of correspondence, with telegram from Sir Douglas Haig, on the splendid work performed by the men of the Newfoundland Regiment. We are all proud of our boys, and I am sure that the publication of this message in your issue of to-day's paper will give pleasure to all our people.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

Government House,
December 21, 1917.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.
I have the honour to forward copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State on the 19th inst., embodying a message from Sir Douglas Haig on the subject of the splendid work performed by the men of the Newfoundland Regiment in the recent operations around Cambrai.

I suggest that the telegram should appear in the Press for general information.

(Sgd.) C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.

Code Telegram from Secretary of State, Dec. 19th.

Following from Sir Douglas Haig: Newfoundland Regiment has again

done fine service in the operations near Cambrai. I hope Colony will keep this splendid Regiment up to full establishment and speedily send men required to replace those who have given their lives and those temporarily disabled by wounds in the service of their King and Country. Honorary Colonel Newfoundland Regiment, when in France, desired to associate himself with me in the hope that vacancies in Regiment will be filled up at once by men as good as those now serving in it.

LATEST

SHIPS THE FIRST NEED.

LONDON, To-day.
Former Premier Asquith, following Lloyd George in the Commons yesterday, said the primary need at this moment was ships, for which the new construction must be supplied by Britain and the United States. Everything turned on transports as the most pressing need, and to-day they were more formidable than a year ago. "We ought to make it increasingly clear by every possible means," he said, "that the only ends we are fighting for are liberty and justice for the world as a whole, through the free confederation of great and small states, which should stand on level footing and possess equal rights. A league of nations is the idea for which we are fighting and we shall continue fighting for it with a clear conscience and clean hands and an unwavering heart."

LORD RHONDDA'S TIGHT BELT.

No Bread, Meat, Tea, or Sugar Three Days a Week.

Speaking to a representative of The Daily Mail last night (Dec. 4), Lord Rhondda, who has just returned from an international conference on food supplies in Paris, said he had made a point of avoiding, as far as possible, the consumption of essential foods of which there is or is likely to be a shortage.

On the first three days of last week he ate no bread, meat, bacon, sugar, or tea, substituting such articles as fish, oatmeal, potatoes, coffee, and an egg—mainly things not regarded as being in short supply. This week he had adopted the same course. As to his health, he certainly felt as well as he did before. (Lord Rhondda stated on November 16 that in the last six months he had lost a stone and a half and felt much better for it.)

He deprecated the public display of expensive meals in restaurants, not merely as setting a bad example to our own people but because American and other visitors formed from it wrong conclusions as to the real measure of Britain's war sacrifices.

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