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### Religion their Tragedy

Ulster's Resistance

"Phantom Figure of Pope a Black Shadow that Hangs over the Province."

New York, Feb. 5.—A London cable to The Times, says it is no figure of speech to say that Home Rule for Ireland now turns on the question whether Ulster is in earnest or only bluffing. The preponderance of opinion, it is said, is in favor of the latter view, and certainly the majority of Liberals consider that Ulstermen will show themselves as law-abiding citizens and accept the inevitable decision of the present Imperial Parliament. On the other hand it is said that there is no exaggeration in the reports of the bellicose, intransigent spirit manifested by the descendants of the victors of the battle of the Boyne water. One who knows Ulster, must begin a new study and dives his mind of all he knows about the British.

### RELIGION THEIR TRAGEDY.

"Ulster," he says, "is a study in elementary passions of hate, fear and passion that no constructed authority will ever subdue. Religion is a tragedy in Ulster, and the phantom figure of the Pope is a black shadow that hangs over the province. The men who will fight are determined men, who first saw the phantom of the Pope at their mother's knee. To those men Home Rule not politics, is an apparition of the Pope looming over them."

### WILL NEVER CONSENT.

These men, according to some good judges, will undoubtedly fight if necessary, and Protestant England, it is argued, will never consent to their submission being obtained by force.

### An Admiral's Reply to a Tyrant

A brave reply was once given by a British Admiral to the Dey of Algiers, Algiers at that time was a very powerful country and the Dey a very cruel tyrant. The Admiral, a clean-shaven man, went ashore, attended only by his captain and a large crew, to demand the release of Christian prisoners. The Dey saw him, and at once demanded why his Britannic Majesty King George had so insulted him by sending a beardless boy. The Admiral, was of course nettled at this, and at once replied, "Had his Britannic Majesty opposed that wisdom could be assured by the length of a beard he would have sent your Majesty a he-goat." The Dey, of course, at this was mad with rage, at the coolness of the Englishman and the sight of the fleet anchored off the town secured the release of the prisoners without further trouble.

Mr. Wm. Sparks has been laid aside for some time suffering from stomach trouble.

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The chairman reported that Judge Oke came from St. John's Saturday morning to revise the names on the petition for the prohibition of keeping dogs, and things looked favorable for its ultimate success. Before, however, the thing can be considered a success it is necessary that we obtain the cooperation of all the other Societies in this section.

If our people are really in earnest about sheep-raising, the dog ought to go. The woolen factory in St. John's is now in running order, the manager beginning by manufacturing men's underwear and sweaters. All the wool used up to the present is imported as there is none to be got here. The minimum price is 25 cents per lb. The next meeting will be held when occasion demands and at the call of the chairman, when due notice will be given to members.

### News by Telegraph

March 5.—In Council yesterday second reading of Hon. Jno. Harvey's Bill against promiscuous spitting was debated, and in Assembly the Finance Minister tabled estimates showing an increase of \$168,000 in proposed expenditure for fiscal year 1912-13.

### Supreme Court

Jane Bradbury vs. William Snow—This is an appeal from the judgment of Johnson J. given on circuit. The claim of the plaintiff, who is the daughter of John Snow, is to recover the sum of \$185.00 from the defendant, who is the son of said John Snow, on the ground that this sum was given to her during her father's lifetime. The hearing came on before Johnson J. who gave judgment for the defendant. The plaintiff thereupon appealed from the said judgment.

### New Stamp Issue

The P. M. G. will shortly send out a new issue of stamps which will be rather original in their design and will, no doubt, be eagerly sought after by stamp collectors. We are informed that the stamps will bear the pictures of the leading men of the country in Church, State, and Commerce and also views of the principal public buildings. This is an excellent and cheap way to advertise the country.

### Death of Miss Gordon

Miss (Selina) Gordon of Gordon Lodge who has been in a very feeble state of health for many years suffering from heart disease, was taken very much worse a few days ago, and passed away yesterday morning at 1.30 o'clock. Miss Gordon, largely owing no doubt to her ill health, was of a very retiring disposition. She was warm-hearted and devoted to her friends who feel her decease.

Miss Gordon was the youngest daughter of the late Capt. Samuel Gordon, and sister of the late Mrs. Thomas Henderson, and of Mrs. Fraser of Bay Roberts, widow of the late Dr. Fraser. One brother, Archibald, died many years before her.—Standard, Mar. 1.

Mr. Ralph Mercer, who was training for the Naval Reserve at St. John's, arrived home on Tuesday.

Mr. Kenneth Mercer arrived from Boston on Tuesday, coming to St. John's by the Bruce, Avondale by train, and from Avondale to Bay Roberts by horse and slide.

### Child in Well

A four-year old son of Mr. Mel Bebbin, of Conroy Road, St. John's, was playing in the yard on Friday afternoon last, when he slipped into a well, when he slipped all in. An alarm was immediately given, and the child's father was let down into the well, which is 8 or 10 ft. in depth, and rescued the little fellow. He almost gone when brought up, but measures were immediately taken to save his life. Dr. McLeod immediately attended to the child, and he is now recovering.

### Club Licenses and Drinking

Quite a discussion has been going on for some time in the St. John's newspapers concerning "Club Licenses." Some temperance workers contend there should be no club licenses issued, or if issued that they should come under the same regulations as the ordinary saloon. A new suggestion was advanced recently by a medical gentleman in the United States, and it is certainly worth considering. Some outport people think we are no longer interested in the liquor traffic, but we are, nevertheless. We have to bear the proportionate cost of the upkeep of the Penitentiary at St. John's which, no doubt, is being inhabited largely by individuals who were brought there through strong drink.

Declaring his belief that most of the drunkenness in America originates in clubs, Dr. Harvey Wiley, pure food expert for the United States Government, recently advanced as a solution that all drinking men and men who "treat" be forced to take out individual licenses.

"I have stopped drinking in my club," explained Dr. Wiley. "Not because I am stingy. Things have come to the state that where six or seven meet and one offers to buy a drink they keep right on treating until every man present has bought something. Pretty soon they are all drunk."

"If I had my way we would stop making saloonkeepers pay huge license fees. Why not charge them a nominal fee and regulate them? Then put the real tax on the drinkers. Make every person who wants a drink take out a license and pay \$1 a year for it. If any person is seen to be drinking too much, or his family needs the money, or he has a weak constitution, then refuse to give him a license."

make him present his license number and pay 1 cent internal revenue tax for every drink. Make him write his name on a slip for every drink. If it is seen that a saloonkeeper is giving too many drinks to any one man, then stop the saloon man's license. Do these things and you stop drunkenness."

### The Census

The complete census returns for the Colony show the total population to be 242,200, an increase of 10 per cent. during the past 10 years. The principal denominations are as follows: Roman Catholic, 78,000; Protestant, 81,000; Church of England, 73,000; Methodist, 73,000; Salvation Army, 6,600.

### Brief News

The harbor is frozen over solid as far as Fergus Island. People can now travel over the ice from Gareened and Port de Grave to Bay Roberts.

Some of our local horse fanciers have a speedway strolled on the harbor ice from the Guardian office west, and a race is talked of.

A number of men have left here during the week for Avondale to take the train for St. John's. They comprise the crews for a number of the sealing steamers.

According to the Nfld. Savings Bank report there are 391 depositors in the Bay Roberts branch, averaging \$200 each, or a total of \$80,411 on deposit. Not bad at all for Bay Roberts and vicinity.

With our people paying to their credit the sum of \$86,411 on deposit in the Government Savings Bank here, there should be no trouble in starting an industry or two in this town.

### Born.

On February 25th, the wife of John Mercer, watchmaker, of a daughter.

On Feb. 10th, at Gateshead, England, to the Rev. Geo. A. and Mrs. Steel, of Flat Islands, Placentia Bay, a son.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

March 10th, 1912. Methodist. BAY ROBERTS CENTRAL CHURCH.—8 p.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 7 p.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh. Services in the past school Wednesday night, and in Central Church Friday night. Bible Class to follow. COLEY'S POINT.—11 a.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh. SHEARSTON.—1.30 p.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh. SPANLARD'S BAY.—11 a.m., Mr. Edgar Mercer.

Church of England. 3rd Sunday in Lent. CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW'S.—At Academy, Evensong 7 p.m.; at Mercer's Cove, Evensong at 7 p.m. ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLEY'S PT.—Matins at 11 a.m. ST. MARK, SHEARSTON.—Evensong at 3 p.m.

Lenten Services. Wednesday, Evensong at Academy and at Mercer's Cove. Friday, Evensong at Coley's Pt. Tuesday, Evensong at Shearston. Salvation Army. SALVATION ARMY CHAPEL.—7 a.m., Prayer Meeting; 11 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Free and Easy Meeting; 7 p.m., Salvation Meeting.

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