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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Who Is To Blame?

THE citizens are indignant over information gleaned from undoubted sources in reference to the treatment accorded the Volunteer Regiment prior to leaving port and in view of the facts they are fully justified in being indignant. As far as we can learn the boys were lined up at the camp at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday and were held there two and a half hours by what we cannot but term pure bullying. Many of them had not been sworn in until then. The delay and weary waiting must have been exasperating to the boys and when they started they were not in very good humor.

Another bungle was the want of proper arrangements at the embarkation, as the citizens rushed inside of the line and intermingled with the regiment and confusion became worse confounded. They reached the ship at 7 p.m. only to find things worse than anything else in their experience. When the ship was examined it was found that the cooking facilities were equal to about one-third of the requirements and the ship had to lay at anchor 24 hours in order to supply utensils and other facilities for cooking. More galleys had to be installed, cooking houses had to be erected, and the ship's crew and men from the shore were busy all Sunday in making preparations to keep our brave boys from collapsing en route to England.

No arrangements had been made by the officers for feeding the men, as is general on such occasions—every man had to look out for himself—and while the strongest and roughest secured some food on Sunday, many on the ship did not secure an ounce of food during the whole of Sunday, except what was given them by friends ashore. Several citizens as soon as they learned of what was transpiring on the ship sent large supplies of cooked food. There seemed to be no head or tail, and everything was slatter to slout.

The Lieut.-Col. should have seen that everything had been arranged. He is the supreme head of the movement, and apparently has pushed all others aside in order to wear the brass buttons which he conferred upon himself, and there is not the slightest doubt but he has well performed his duties in view of the tangle on the day the boys embarked and the treatment accorded them on Sunday on board the Florizel.

Where was the transportation committee? How comes it that they did not see that the ship was properly fitted before the boys went on board? The ship was some 10 days in port and had ample time to provide every accommodation. The whole thing on Sunday looked very much like the Florizel was sailing on a sealing voyage and it seemed as if those responsible for the arrangements thought they were handling a sealing crew who in the past were regarded as so many animal machines.

The Hon. E. Bowring is the head of the Transportation Committee and also the principal owner of the ship, and she was fitted at Bowring's premises. Someone has blundered and blundered badly, and an investigation should at once be held to locate those



Our boys were en route for what they believed to be a life and death struggle and they were prepared to die on the fields of Europe in order to sustain the honor of Terra Nova and prove the Colony's devotion to the flag, and every comfort possible should have been theirs.

The Governor as head of the regiment should not have allowed them to embark until he personally knew every arrangement was complete. He also should have seen that no hitch should occur at the camp grounds, and all sensible men will admit that the men should have been sworn in days before Saturday.

Another matter is now receiving the people's attention. We refer to the report that the boys are to be mixed up with other troops and the regiment dispersed. We consider such a step to be nothing short of a trick, as the boys all believed they would fight as a Newfoundland regiment and a solid unit, and if this proposal is carried out many will be disgruntled and the Colony greatly displeased.

It may be wise to connect our lads with the Canadian troops, but they should remain distinctly a Newfoundland unit and given an opportunity to show their make up and courage. We have every faith in their qualifications and believe they will give a good account of themselves if they have to face the foe. If they are dispersed they will not feel at home amongst strange troops in a strange land. The fire and vim in them will not shine at its brightest under such conditions and we endorse the position taken by The Herald in this matter and trust the Governor and Premier will see that the Royal Newfoundland Regiment will remain intact and face the foe as a unit.

We make no apology for exposing the Florizel bungle. It should not have occurred. There was no reason why it should have happened except want of thought and closer attention to details.

Sorely Smitten

GERMANY is being sorely smitten by the present great European war. She has lost the lives of hundreds of thousands of her best and most industrious citizens, and the deprivation of their valuable produce in the workshop, or laboratory or field of agriculture is a blow, the severity of which will not be fully appreciated until the cessation of hostilities. The American continent has left the adverse influence of the war on its industrial life and Great Britain and her allies of the continent, as well as the neutral nations of Europe, have also been badly hit, but none so much as Germany, for the industrial life of the Fatherland has been absolutely paralysed.

The war has also entirely destroyed Germany's foreign trade of which Four Hundred Million Dollars' worth was done annually with the British Empire. And there is this difference between Germany's position and that of her opponents—she has little or no hope of regaining this trade for many years, if at all, while, with the cessation of hostilities they can at once begin to resume business "as usual." For, for long years after the European war has ceased, there will exist a deep, persistent resentment against the country whose war lords plunged the whole continent into all the horrors of a general conflict and directly caused the shedding of whole seas of blood.

That the feeling in Germany itself regarding the trade and industrial outlook is very much inclined to pessimism is proven by the editorial comment of the Berlin paper "Vorwaertz," which says "the greatest danger is not that Germany may be defeated, but that the war will take a long time."

"Germany's economic danger is that the British fleet will prevent the importation of cotton, silk, copper, oil, lead, leather, rubber and other raw materials which are necessary to the continuance of Germany's life and that, therefore, she will be compelled to close her factories."

"Already the number of unemployed is immense. If it is not possible to help this army of starving people it will become a greater danger than that of the military army's defeat."

It is because the operations of Great Britain's fleet have killed Germany's great foreign trade and, thus, have led to the closing of most of her factories, with consequent almost general unemployment, that feeling against the British runs so high throughout the Fatherland.

The sentiments of the German people in this regard are, doubtless, correctly voiced by the declaration of a German merchant, as recently published by the American newspapers. "Our trade is ruined for a quarter of a century," he said.

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"But time and money cannot rebuild the colossal amount of trade that has been, and is being, taken from us. That we shall never forget, because, probably, we shall never recover it."

His Own Estimate

AMONG the most improbable stories related in connection with the present war is one which purports to prove that the outbreak of hostilities was not due to the Kaiser but rather to circumstances over which he had no control.

The story, as the Kaiser's apologists relate it, avers that, while the German Emperor was away holidaying, the militarists of the Empire, headed by the irrepresible Crown Prince, so involved Germany that to hold back from a declaration of war on his return would have been to hopelessly compromise the dignity of the whole Germanic Empire.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie believes this story to be substantially correct, and, hence, avows himself a champion of the Kaiser. But Wilhelm, of Germany, is not the sort of man to lightly condone any interference with his imperial prerogatives, and has been so emphatic in his pronouncements that he was absolutely paramount in the Fatherland, that there was small chance of the members of the General Staff or of any other body, military or civil, butting in on any of his preserves while he was abroad or at home.

Few people fully understand the loftiness of the niche which Wilhelm, Emperor of Germany, carved out for himself in halls of contemporary history, and a few quotations, showing his own estimate of himself, might with advantage be made from his various speeches.

Here are a few samples of the assertions made by the imperial egotist of Germany:

"Remember the maxim of an old Emperor, who said:—'The Emperor's word must not be twisted or explained away.'"

"Name on the man who abandons his King."

"You wear the Emperor's uniform; you have thereby received a preference over other men."

"I am the possessor of an inflexible determination to proceed fearlessly in the path that has once been recognized as the right one, and this is spite of all opposition."

"As I look upon myself as an instrument of the Lord, I am indifferent to the point of view of the present day."

"The soldier must not have a will of his own—they must all have only one will, and that will is mine."

"A ruler may be very disagreeable

and I will be disagreeable if I think it necessary."

"There is only one law—my law; the law which I myself lay down."

"The King molds his power by the grace of God, to whom alone he is responsible. He chooses his own path, and only decides his actions from this point of view."

"There is only one master in this country. I am he, and I will not tolerate another."

"The best word is a blow."

Accepting, therefore, the Kaiser at his own estimate, who would for one moment believe that any party in Germany would be permitted an opportunity of precipitating a national crisis or possessing it would dare, in the Kaiser's presence or absence to attempt "to take occasion by the hand?"

Unprepared

THE past few weeks have evolved a new topic, which is discussed daily in the press and the street—pit props.

Amidst the babel, and unaffected by the incoherent run of talk, stands out plainly this one truth, that this country despite the boastings of the Government party as to the progress we have made and the renovation of public departments, is unprepared to take advantage of whatever opportunities pit prop business has to offer.

The Departments of Agriculture and Mines are unable to furnish in an official way, any data relating to our timber resources.

In a general way enquiries may be met with the assertion that we have abundance of timber, but beyond that broad statement no other information is vouches.

No effort has been made by the Government to make investigation. No surveys of our forest areas have been made, with a view to furnishing the world with information, beyond the mere unsatisfactory statement that there is plenty of timber. No effort has been made to reduce the quantity of timber to classification and to reliable figures.

Mr. T. J. Freeman, in his Review of the World's Timber Supply, refers to the "booms" that have failed to materialize and Sir Edward Morris boasted of the enhanced revenues derived from the Crown Lands Department.

The increased revenues from that office were the result of the "booms" spoken of by Mr. Freeman, and the "booms" themselves have done this country immeasurable injury.

Unscrupulous speculators have "boomed" barren and worthless wastes as timber areas, and some of the dishonest ones made money by the scheme, till the wealthy lumber men got wise to the fraud, and the bottom dropped out of the "boom."

Honest men with valuable areas have suffered because of the collapse of the timber business, and the country has been given a black eye.

Even all this dishonesty, with its attendant punishment and loss to the country, was made possible through the unbusinesslike methods of the Government. Had there been forestry surveys made and bulletins published people would know if an area represented as a timber area contain

ed valuable timber or not. Fraud would be impossible and the country would be the gainer.

At present a commission is visiting the country to inquire into the sources of suitable timber for the coal mines of Great Britain. There is no information of an official nature to offer them. The Commission has, therefore, to take whatever is offered outside. A few know-it-alls have got hold of the members of that commission, and whether it is to the interest of the country, that they should, remains an open question.

One thing, however, is certain, and that is that it is to our discredit, that we are unable to supply those men from official sources with all data.

The people of the country are ignorant as to value of those pit props, and are therefore an easy mark for the dishonest manipulator, all because of the lazy indifference and stupid neglect of the Government and the Crown Lands Office.

Fish Markets

LABRADOR slopp sold the past week as high as \$4.60; to-day the price is \$4.20 to \$4.30. Shore fish is holding up at \$8, talqual. The demand today is firm and the indications of lower prices which prevailed the last few days are somewhat dispelled today owing to small offerings.

It is generally considered now that very little shore fish is available for sale and the very small quantity of Labrador dry to arrive will cut off about 100,000 qts. from the ordinary Brazilian supplies, therefore indications point to firm prices for shore and lower for Labrador.

The worse aspect of the situation now confronting the fishermen is the disposing of Labrador slopp at fair prices. We recommend all the floaters who can to make their Labrador heavy salted better than slopp as there will be considerable sale for well made Labrador ordinary.

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NOTICE

Attention is called to that part of the DEER ACT which provides that **NO MORE THAN THREE CARIBOU MAY BE KILLED OR TAKEN IN ONE SEASON BY ANY ONE RESIDENT.**

GOWER RABBITS, Secretary, Game & Inland Fisheries Board.

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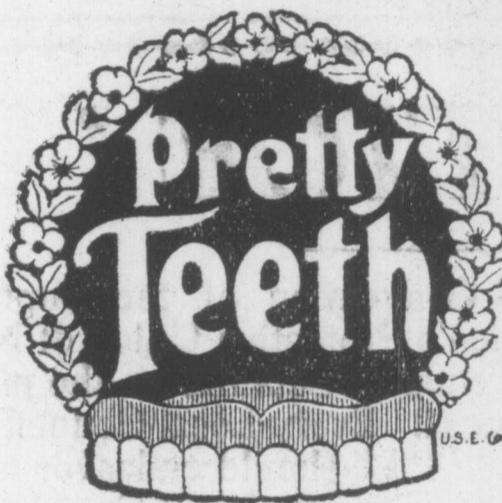
Recruits are required for the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve. Suitable young men from 18 to 25 years of age wishing to enrol should apply to the nearest Magistrate or Customs Official for a free pass to join H. M. S. "Calypso." Only Seamen and Fishermen are eligible for entry.

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