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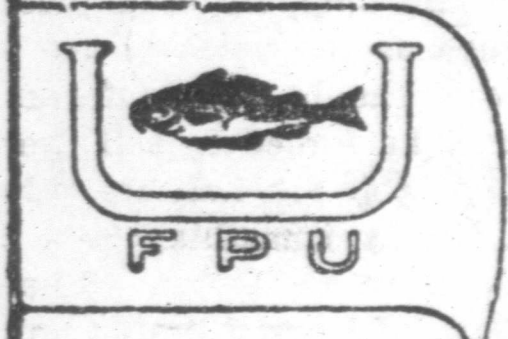
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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**PRICES OF PROVISIONS.**

Prices for flour, sugar, beef and pork have further advanced and it looks as if the Government intends to permit a few wealthy get-rich-quick provision dealers to reap a rich harvest from the miseries of war.

We asked the Government to take action immediately after the war opened to prevent dealers from asking exorbitant prices for what provisions they had stocked before the prices advanced abroad, but no action was taken and consequently \$250,000 has been taken from the people in their misery and handed over to men already rich.

One rich firm, whose head holds a seat in the Legislative Council held large stocks of flour and sugar when the war came, and they have refused to sell their stock up to the present. They held back in order to fleece the people of \$50,000 extra profits. They are waiting for the high-water mark in prices.

Poor Terra Nova; her condition calls aloud for action. Her so-called rulers have taken no action whatever, except to consult with those who are selling provisions at big profits, and fish buyers who want to make four dollars profits on a quintal of fish.

Away with such a political fraud as Sir E. P. Morris and his henchman Governor Davidson! They care not who suffers as long as there is any hope of bolstering up their dispicable conduct.

The peoples interests can go to hades for what they care. Every hour the feeling is growing stronger against them, and today the citizens of St. John's are furious over the methods of trickery adopted at Wednesday night's meeting.

From all sections of the people come indignant exclamations of condemnation of the Governor's conduct of presiding over a Morris political meeting on Wednesday night.

Already \$250,000 have been robbed from the poor on provisions because Morris asked provision dealers whether it would be wise to do as Coaker suggested and pass laws to fix the price of provisions, and of

course they advised the mummy statesman, now premier of the Colony, not to take any such action.

Today several firms are laying off hands as they cannot continue to pay men when there is nothing for them to do. One large lumber concern also reduced the number of hands employed.

It is said the construction crew of the Fortune Bay Branch railway will be paid off today and work discontinued.

It don't look as though Morris was doing what he could to see the people through, if Reid is putting off his men by the hundreds.

It is said the Colony owes Reid a million dollars for construction. This million is in addition to the million raised in London in June.

**THE CRISIS.**

The Premier made the blunder of his life when he planned that receptive political meeting of last Wednesday night for the public are furious over the manner in which they were fooled by the Governor, as no one would imagine that any Governor knew his duties so badly as to allow himself to be made a cat's paw of by any political trickster even if he was a Premier for the time being.

The action of the Governor in appointing members of the opposition party to serve on Morris' political committee, mis-named the Citizen's Regiment Committee, has about exasperated the people and from all quarters come expressions of the bitterest indignation. No man representing the opposition could decently accept an appointment on that Committee.

The Opposition do not intend to be cats paws either at the hands of Morris or Governor Davidson and that they will both find later on.

Why did not the Governor insist on having all political parties consulted before the meeting was called, and have the resolutions drafted after such consultation. To expect that opposition leaders would be parties to a plot invented by Morris to use the present position caused by war in order to bolster up the rottenest, most dishonest, false and contemptible Government that ever ruled Newfoundland, would be to consider them pure fools and lacking in intelligence.

Morris is a blunderer, and don't know-how-to-do-anything right except to protect Reid's interests.

The action of his whole public career proves that assertion. He has gone on with impunity, but his remaining days to injure are few for he has closed in with men who will have the straight thing or know the reason why.

Governor Davidson is about the worst Governor the Colony ever had for every month shows him to be what he is. He got his \$4,000 increase and his knighthood, but Newfoundland has had its constitution trampled upon by seeing two Departmental positions that were always held by members of the Assembly robbed from the country and given over to two men that were kicked out of public life by their constituents—one by a majority of 1800, who had carried his seat by a majority of 2600 four years previously and the other by 1000 majority in a district where all he thought he had to do to be returned was to say he was the Orange Grand Master.

Never will Newfoundland forgive Governor Davidson for this crime committed against the Commonwealth. Never will the people forgive the arch traitor Morris for robbing the people of their liberties and their rights, secured at such a cost by their fathers 60 years ago.

Today Newfoundland have no confidence in the Government in power and have nothing but feelings of contempt for the Governor.

The people have had another proof of what ability Morris possesses when the thing to be done is to benefit the people at large, for, while the Legislature should now be sitting and passing laws to protect the Commonwealth, nothing has been done except to call in a few party heelers who gave the great Premier advice to let things go on simply because it suited their interests best to have no changes.

Prices of eatables are gone up in some cases one hundred per cent., and a tremendous grab has been made by a few men while the poor has had to find the grab.

Men holding seats in the "Dumping Chamber" have held back large stocks of flour and sugar absolutely refusing to sell, awaiting the top prices.

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and they refused to sell at even \$25.

The Herald stated in June that the price would go to \$30, and that was the first intimation of prices made publicly this season. Some lobsters changed hands in St. John's in July at \$28 per case and the lobsters were not held because \$25 could not be obtained for the whole country knew the Trading Co. was paying that figure and so was Mr. Hickman of Smith & Co.

That base, black lie of that scoundrel who edits that despicable sheet that is fleecing the fishermen of some seven or eight thousand dollars a year for printing is now disposed off and but for the present condition of public matters the Trading Co. would have issued a libel against that sheet today for \$20,000 as it is the integrity of the Trading Co. that he has assailed.

The libel action would be found useless now to vindicate the company, but the columns of this paper will do what would otherwise have been done by a jury that is to prove the writer a liar of the dirtiest quality.

Anything that creatures like Divine can do to have a slap at Coaker or the Trading Co., they will not omit doing, but the public which know Divine at his true value will give little heed to his ravings.

**JAPAN IN IT**

IT IS OFFICIALLY announced from Tokio that Japan has sent an ultimatum to Germany, giving her until August 23rd to agree to withdraw her warships from the Far East and to evacuate the Chinese port of Kiau Chau.

Of course, Germany will refuse. Even if all German sentiment were not against the relinquishing of the Chinese territory so hardly won, it is plain that at this stage of the game the Kaiser cannot afford to make any show of backing down except as he may be forced in armed conflict with his rivals.

It is plain, therefore, that in another week—except the utterly unexpected happens—Japan will be active in the conflict against Germany; Japanese warships will engage her ships on the high seas and harry her commerce and Japanese troops will attack her treaty holdings on Chinese soil.

The Japanese are allies whose practical assistance is of the utmost value in such a general conflict as is now raging. The soldiers of Japan gained a well-merited renown in the Russo-Japanese War and the decisive victories gained by her fleets reflect glory on the British Navy after which it is modelled in detail.

THE ACTION of the Island Empire of the East in coming to the assistance of Great Britain, her ally, shows that chivalry is not dead even in these matter-of-fact modern days. Japan could easily have remained neutral but out of loyalty to the powerful friend that helped her so signally when she waged her titanic struggle with Russia, she notifies Germany that she must evacuate the East or fight the Japanese for any of her holdings there.

Somewhat of a kind with this national attitude of the Japanese, is the stand taken by Portugal, which has declared that inasmuch as her ancient ally, Great Britain, has been unjustly provoked to war, she also will help fight the Germans.

It is most inspiring to learn from these examples—Far East and European—that all national honor is not dead and that there are many nations of the world that would scorn to follow the base example set by Germany.

IT WAS IN 1902 that Japan and Great Britain concluded an informal agreement. Each of the parties specifically disavowed all intention of aggressive action either in China or in Korea. The independ-

ence of both these countries was freely recognised. At the same time either party was to have liberty to safeguard its interests, and in case such action resulted in war for either Great Britain or Japan the other party not specifically involved would remain neutral and seek to discourage other countries from joining with the enemy. The entente was preliminary to an offensive and defensive alliance concluded in 1905.

THIS AGREEMENT provided that if the territorial rights of either nation in Eastern Asia or in India were assailed by a foreign power, the high contracting parties would give each other armed assistance. As long as the enemies of Great Britain make no attack on India, Hong Kong or Singapore, Japan had no need to stir. But the blockade of a single Asiatic port in which Great Britain had vested interests was to bring a Japanese squadron to the scene of action prepared to co-operate with the nearest British admiral, or if necessary to act alone.

German activities in the Far East, then, have been extremely ill advised. It had been far better for the Kaiser to have sent his warships across the Pacific to the Coasts of British Columbia, where they could have harried British shipping without any fear of provoking the Japanese to war.

But the die has now been cast and another few days will see still another nation lined up with Great Britain and her allies to fight the forces of the tricky and aggressive Kaiser.

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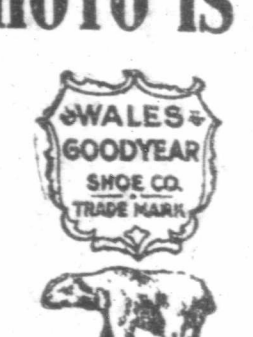
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**THE TRADE REVIEW.**

Saturday's Trade Review contained an editorial note in reference to the price of lobsters, and asserted that people had refrained from selling at \$22.50 because they were advised to hold on for \$25.00 by people who had no knowledge of the business who aimed at getting a little popularity at the expense of the fishermen.

The statement is a black falsehood written by a base liar who edits that paper in order to injure, if possible, the F. P. U.

The facts are a combine met early in July and fixed the price at \$22.50, which was one dollar less than the price paid the previous fall, when the catch was 100 per cent. larger than the catch this season.

We announced the fact and intimated that the Trading Co. would pay \$25.00 per case or \$2.50 more than the combine price and all the lobsters set to us up to the day war was declared were paid for at \$25 per case.

The war closed the German market which takes 80 per cent. of the whole Newfoundland catch. Consequently that market being cut off none wished to buy until they knew where a market could be found.

A further fact is that the packers believed the prices would go to \$30 before the end of the season

**BELGIAN STRONGHOLDS**

JUDGING FROM the various messages received from the theatre of operations in Belgium the fortresses that encircle the City of Liege are still making good their resistance to the German forces. The courage and determination with which this stronghold has been defended must have proved most surprising and most unexpected to the Kaiser's officers.

The struggle around the Liege forts has been sustained by the Belgian troops alone and right manfully have they defended their country and their independence.

It is evident, however, that the allied French and British Armies have judged it inexpedient to relieve Liege, why these military strategists know best. Had they taken the contrary view, British or French troops could have been in Liege some days ago.

It is, then, evidently but a matter of time before Liege must fall to the invader, but small profit will he derive from it. He has lost tens of thousands of his best fighting men before this fortress, which—and this is the most momentous consideration of all—has so delayed the progress of the German troops that all chance of a swift and surprising descent on France has vanished long ago.

WHEN THE BELGIANS abandon Liege they will, doubtless, fall back on Namur, thirty miles to the South West.

This city is much smaller than Liege, having a population of 32,000. It, however, occupies a position of considerable strength, at the junction of the Sambre and Meuse rivers. Nine fortifications, from three to five miles apart, ring the city.

It is here, or in this neighborhood, that the allied British and French Armies are supposed to be established and here, also, the advancing German Army will, doubtless, have to fight a pitched battle if they wish to march into French territory.

As Brussels is but thirty-five miles to the Northwest there is every indication that the Belgian capital will, even as on the day of Waterloo, hear the thunder of the big guns as vast armies clash.

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