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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Storm

THE GALE of Tuesday last has again demonstrated the need of telephone communication on the Northern coast of our Island. Year after year much uneasiness and financial loss is occasioned at this time of the year by the lack of proper communication on this important section of the country.

Too much protection cannot be given the men who reap from the bosom of the Atlantic the wealth that awaits them there.

During the months of October and November number of Northern craft are either coming or going from St. John's and it is an essential need that there should be every facility placed in their hands to guide them along the treacherous coast line between here and Green Bay. Say what you will there is no denying the fact that the fishermen is the best asset that this country possesses to-day and without him the country would become a thing of the past.

If the record, and such a record too, of the Morris Government can be a token of what the Toilers of Terra Nova can expect from a St. John's Government, then we say hasten the day when a Fishermen's Party controls the destinies of our Island Home. Morris has paid no heed to the crying needs of our Toilers and is not likely to, seeing that the country is as one in wishing him and his party to Hong Kong. No effort has been made by Morris during the six years he has been in power to improve or lighten in any way the burdens borne by the Fishermen.

All the benefits they have received have come from themselves and the F.P.U., and if later led by Coaker can accomplish all that has been accomplished in spite of the numerous obstacles placed in his path it is safe to say that with a Government made up of direct representatives of the Fishermen themselves the many desirable improvements necessary in the interests of the Fishermen of this Colony—North, South East and West—will be accomplished when the day of the Fishermen's Government comes, and come it must. The handwriting is already on the wall and the sign of the times is that Morris is finished.

Unhappily for the people Morris was not finished in 1913. To-day he leaves a record behind him; the blackest in the history of the Colony. A record that will almost stagger any future Government in their attempts to right the Ship of State in the true course of progress and prosperity.

It will indeed be the irony of fate that the fishermen of Newfoundland who have in the past given support to Governments made up of St. John's lawyers and other self-seeking patriots will in

The F.P.U. Convention

NEXT Tuesday afternoon, meetings of the F.P.U. Convention will open at the C.C.C. Hall. All delegates connected with the railway system should arrive if possible midday Tuesday. One first-class fare will bring delegates to and from their homes.

Arrangements have been made with the Manager of the Grenfell Institute to provide accommodation for a large number of delegates.

The C.C.C. Hall was formerly the Mechanics' Hall, where the F.P.U. Convention met in 1913.

It is hoped the Convention will close on Friday, the 26th.

Matters of the highest national importance as well as other matters of importance to the fisheries will be considered, and every Council should be represented in order to keep members fully informed of the proceedings.

The Journal of Proceedings, which in the past were published soon after the session closed, will be published this year in the Xmas Number of *The Mail and Advocate*; even the President's opening speech will not be disclosed to the public until it appears in the Xmas Number of *The Mail and Advocate*.

Delegates arriving should go to the Institute and ask for Mr. Jones, who will do all in his power to care for delegates he will be able to accommodate.

Green Bay

ONCE more we appeal to the Government to get to work to relieve the huge congestion of freight at Lewisporte. It is said three loads of the Clyde now await shipment. In one month navigation is likely to be closed; last year navigation closed about Christmas.

Why can't the Newfoundland be chartered for a month, she would be able to call at the largest ports and would remove the congestion in two trips? We understand this steamer is open to charter and for the want of a better steamer would be acceptable. Anything better than have necessary freight loaded up at Lewisporte until next May.

There can be no reasonable excuse for the congestion at Lewisporte, for the S.S. Home should not have been taken off the route, and when she was the Company should have immediately arranged for a substitute.

Change Island Cable

FOR ten days the cable connecting Change Island and Fogo Island with the main land at Farewell has been out of order and communication cut off except by wireless with Fogo. The distance between Change Island and Farewell is about one mile and the cable would be overhauled at least in two days.

The Department is taking matters relating to the Northern Districts very easy, absolute indifference exist about Union Districts. We defy the Department to deny that any ordinary repairer could overhaul the cable in question in two days—yet ten days has lapsed without any serious attempt being made to make the necessary repairs.

Is it any wonder the House of Assembly last spring felt that a new alive man was required to operate the system and that the present manager had outlived his usefulness?

The Department has been under investigation since last July, yet not a single word of change as yet been heard of the outrageous condition known to exist in connection with the Telegraph department.

Someone is asleep! Who will wake them up? Is it possible that Mr. Bennett is not sturdy enough to put life into that dead Department. Must this matter be again fought over in the Assembly. What is the use of public men endeavouring to do their duty to country and people and scrutinizing the conduct of Public Departments that cost nearly \$400,000 per year to operate, when the very men paid by the people to attend to such matters won't wake up and zealously permit outrages to exist from month to month with apparent indifference!

917 place in power a Government of Unionists—men of their own ranks to fight the battles of the Toilers and secure for them a square deal.

The doom of a St. John's Government is sealed. The day of equal rights and justice for the Toilers is at hand. God hasten the day!

What Say You Men of the West?

THE Fishermen of Newfoundland are as a rule deep thinkers and we feel sure the great work accomplished by Coaker and the F.P.U. on behalf of the Northern Toilers must awaken in the minds of their brother Fishermen on the West and South West coasts the question: "Where do we come in?"

The growing Councils of this great organization in Conception, Burin, Fortune, and Burgeo Districts will be apparent to the most casual observer.

In the late election the Union was not an established factor in either of these districts. To-day the reverse is to be seen; and the number of Councils are slowly but surely spreading. The birth of these Councils have been occasioned by no other means than that the Fishermen themselves seeing the benefits the Northern men have derived from the Union, are getting into line and will at the next election join hands with the Northern Toiler in placing in power a true Government "of the People, for the People, by the People."

The day of representative Government made up of lawyers and Government heeled is about done. Newer ideas and conditions are now the order of the day, and the Fishermen, Farmer and Mechanic are seeing things politically in a new light, and are beginning to truly see just where and how they stand.

The war is going to make many changes, and as far as Terra Nova is concerned the first change in the old order of things will be the awakening of the people from the old rut of political jobbery and corruption to a higher order of representative administration.

There is a great future ahead of Newfoundland, provided the general management of our country and the spending of our finances are done in such a manner as will ensure the greatest good to the greatest number. If our Toilers look over the record of the F.P.U. for the past five years they will not require spectacles to see on whose shoulders must fall the burden of the necessary reform.

SIR JOHN FRENCH

IT may not be altogether an accident that it should be the Liberal Daily News and Chronicle that speak of the reorganization of the war staff and a possible union of leadership with the French. Such an arrangement might be taken as a reflection upon the British commander-in-chief, Sir John French, but not upon Kitchener.

It is pretty well understood that Kitchener has concerned himself with strategy than with home organization—enlistment, training, supply. Northcliffe's famous campaign against was conducted on the issue of munitions. Sir John French could not win battles because Kitchener had failed as an organizer.

Now comes something of a counter-offensive by the Liberal newspapers to The Daily Mail's drive against Kitchener. The deficiency in munitions has been rectified, and it is for Sir John French as actual leader in the field to show cause why his operations should not be put under the supreme direction of the more highly trained staffs and leaders of the French army.—The Nation.

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Temporizing in Greece

KING CONSTANTINE has succeeded in getting one of his adherents to form a new Cabinet, this Cabinet being simply the old one. Whether it will last many days will depend altogether on the will of M. Venizelos. With his majority in the Chamber of Deputies, he can upset it at any time while that body is in session. There are reasons why he may tolerate it, as the least of several evils.

In about ten days the Chamber must be prorogued, the Skouloudis Ministry must continue in power unless there is a dissolution, and to a dissolution there are two grave objections, one being that the army must be demobilized, and the other that in view of the pro-German propaganda which all the while is being insidiously continued, and there is no certainty that a new election would result in favor of the Venizelos policy. Venizelos himself is statesman enough to see all this, and patriot enough to keep himself in the background if that is in the real interest of the country.

So for the present the King is triumphant. But the situation is not as bad as it might be. What the allies want from Greece, short of actual intervention, they are getting and are likely to get. First, they want absolute security that the Greek army will not turn against them, and try to entrap the Anglo-French forces now going into Serbia and Bulgaria. This is about as certain as anything can be. In view of the maritime supremacy of the western allies and the peculiar position of Greece, with its great seafront in relation to its area, no Greek, whether King or statesman, would dream of incurring their hostility.

Whether Constantine is sincere or not in his attitude of benevolent neutrality, he is not in a position to depart from it. And secondly, they want the amplest use of Salonica and Kavala for the landing and forwarding of troops into enemy territory. They could take this without asking for permission if they wished; but they have been gracious enough to ask for permission, which has been promptly conceded. Additional docks, tracks, warehouses, etc., are to be built, so that the number of troops it is possible to handle from day to day may be greatly augmented.

In a word, Greece is British territory for the time being. The national army will not be kept idle, as there is much police duty for them, especially on the Bulgarian frontier. But in all that pertains to the work of a large invading army, the allies will simply help themselves.—Hamilton Spectator.

Serbia and Bulgaria

CZAR FERDINAND is boasting like Nebuchadnezzar of what he has done in the capture of Nish. It has always been his ambition to dominate the Balkans as Prussia dominates the German Empire. Now he sees before him a greater Bulgaria, reaching through Serbia and Albania to the Adriatic Sea, thus giving him a front on three seas—the Black Sea, the Aegean and the Adriatic. Counting chickens before they are hatched!

It is true that Bulgaria has accomplished more than the Teuton empires in the invasion of Serbia. The Bulgars alone pressed the Serbs back and took Nish. The Germans have made comparatively little headway in their invasion from Belgrade southward. They have indeed secured control of the Danube at the western border of Roumania, and are beginning to make use of it; but that use must be very limited, hence the anxiety to occupy Nish and get the use of the Oriental railway.

The question naturally arises, how could the Bulgars attain such success when the Serbs were more than a match for them in the second Balkan war? The answer is that this time the Serbs had the German invasion from the north to deal with, as well as the Bulgarian incursion from the east. Had the Allies reached them in time, they could have held out against all comers; but for the present they have been obliged to retreat. Just now the northern Serbian armies are retreating in a south-west direction from Krusevac, west of Nish, and toward Mitrovic. Here they will come in contact with the allied forces moving northward by way of Uskub. When the junction is effected, there will be a very different story to tell.

Meanwhile the Germans are trying to make the most of their temporary possession of a clear course along the Oriental railway from Belgrade to Constantinople. Well may they do so, for it will not be long in their hands. By way of Salonica the allies can reach the Oriental railway at Sofia, and by way of Kavala at Philippopolis, with, of course, endless opportunities between and around these cities. In a very little while, say two or three weeks, Bulgaria will be pressed hard on all sides, and then what will Alexander's boast amount to? The Germans cannot help him more than they are doing, for they have not the men. General Mackensen's cry for reinforcements being unheeded. Indeed, they are inclined to speak of their work in that quarter as finished, and as if Bulgaria most now bear the bulk of the burden.

How can Bulgaria stand against British and French in the south and Russians in the north, besides the reinvigorated Serbs in the west?—Hamilton Spectator.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the F.P.U. of Newfoundland will be held at ST. JOHN'S on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th of NOVEMBER next. All Councils, District and Local are expected to send Delegates.

By order of the President,

W. W. HALFYARD,
Secretary F.P.U.

St. John's, Oct. 25, 1915.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH Annual Meeting of the Fishermen's Union Trading Co., Ltd., will be held at ST. JOHN'S on THURSDAY, the 25th of NOVEMBER next at 7.30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that at the said meeting Resolutions will be submitted to increase the authorized capital of the said Company from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

W. W. HALFYARD,
Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 25, 1915.

NOTICE.

THE First Annual Meeting of the Union Export Co., Ltd., will be held at ST. JOHN'S on the afternoon of the 25th Day of NOVEMBER next.

W. W. HALFYARD,
Acting Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 25, 1915.

NOTICE.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of the Union Publishing Co., Ltd., will be held at ST. JOHN'S in the forenoon of the 25th Day of NOVEMBER next.

W. W. HALFYARD,
Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 25, 1915.

NOTICE.

FOGO DISTRICT COUNCIL of the F.P.U. will hold its Sixth Annual Meeting at ST. JOHN'S during Convention week. All Local Councils will please arrange to send a Delegate.

W. W. HALFYARD,
Chairman.

NOTICE.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT COUNCIL of the F.P.U. will hold its Fifth Annual Meeting at ST. JOHN'S during Convention week. All Local Councils will please arrange to send a Delegate.

R. G. WINSOR,
Chairman.

NOTICE.

TWILLINGATE District Council of the F.P.U. will hold its Sixth Annual Meeting at ST. JOHN'S during Convention week. All Local Councils will please arrange to send a Delegate.

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