



Evening Telegram

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Is It Graft?

Nothing that the Telegram, Herald or News may say can have the slightest effect, according to the Advocate, in influencing the Government not to lend public monies to Fish Exporters to buy Labrador Fish. If that be so the fault of making such an advance will be Coaker's only, just as the credit will be Coaker's only, if the advance be made. It is well to have the saddle placed on the right horse. The Advocate tells us that "the loan would mean the salvation of the fishing interests of the country," and "help the country," and "if the fishermen and trade require assistance, why should such aid not be forthcoming?" It is peculiarly noticeable that the Coaker organ refers to certain exporters as "Tory Commerce Raiders," and to certain other exporters as "having invested their every penny in purchasing fish," and "as requiring assistance." Apparently, then, the Tory merchants are solvent and do not want public money, while Coaker's crowd are in need of it. The loan, therefore, of public money or the guarantee of public credit is to be made to help Coaker and his associates alone.

Now what is to be loaned? Public money or public credit? The proposition is, that either certain cash in the Treasury of the Colony shall be loaned to the Coaker clique with which to buy fish—or that their notes of hand—as it were—shall be endorsed by the colony and paid by the public when due, unless paid for by the proceeds of the fish sold. The public money has been or will be collected in the form of customs duties on goods consumed by all the people. The public credit is based upon the power to tax the whole people. Therefore whether cash or guarantee be given, it is the people at large who must pay, or the public property, which is the security. And the exporter friends of Mr. Coaker are to be the speculators with this money! They are to be helped to buy fish at the present low price, and sell it at a higher price later on, and pocket all the profit! But if loss should ensue the public is to foot the bill. "Heads I win, tails you lose," is the proposal that Mr. Coaker's friends are supposed to get away with, according to the notion of the Advocate.

The argument is that when Banks will advance no more, when the Coaker coterie have no more money, it is a wise and prudent thing to lend public money or public credit to the latter, to enable them to buy and hold fish till their own fish have been sold, and then launch the guaranteed purchases on a glutted market. But why not? The loss will fall on the public and the clique will rake in a fat profit while the game is going on. And how is this fish, purchased with public money or public credit, to be cared for, shipped and marketed? If it is to be looked after by the ex-

porters, what expenses are they to be allowed to charge to the venture! What freight in their own vessels may they charge to it, and who shall censor their sale of it abroad? What commissions are Hawes & Co., and the big three to collect for handling and selling? The venture may be so loaded down with graft, that not one dollar of public money invested in it may ever be recovered. And how is this Government Fish, when taken into the exporters' store, to be kept separate from the other fish already there? Will there be safeguards to prevent it from being robbed of all that is good in it, and its place taken by refuse? The Government's Fish would soon, we think, be "rotten fish" for the whole project is rotten to the core, and smells to high heaven as a clumsy job of grafting.

Notes and Comments.

What about that plot to make Warren Premier? Who is engineering it?

What the people of St. John's desire mostly is not a demonstration of the up-to-dateness of the two Coal hauling trucks, recently imported, but a real demonstration of local coal coming into the city.

Fish and Sugar both under Government Control. For the latter the consumer is compelled to pay top-notch prices, while the producer is unable to dispose of his holdings of the former at anything like reasonable rates.

The Star has rediscovered Mr. Coaker, and is now as lavish in flattering that gentleman as it one time was in expressing its strongest detestation of the present Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Wonder if Hon. W. F. C. is on!

What about the "raid on the Treasury last fall," spoken of by the Advocate, meaning the half million dollars voted in May, 1919, for public works? The vote was proposed by Coaker, insisted upon in caucus by the Coakerites, who expected to have the spending of it, and have been as mad as the d—l ever since, because it escaped them.

Western Star. In view that the high priced sugar was purchased by the F.C.B. last spring and pooled with the low priced article then in the country in order to even up prices, would it not be well to purchase some of the low priced sugar now on the market and pool it with our present stock to help even down prices.

The Advocate seeks to propagate the idea that attacks upon Coaker's fish regulations are attacks upon the local price of fish. Quite the contrary! They are attacks upon the things which chiefly cause the low local price of fish. Coaker's regulations have lost our markets, and hence the decreasing prices. Much of the fish now unsold could have been sold long ago but for these infamous regulations.

Coaker's organ talks about "the Tory Millionaires who came out of the Tory Government," meaning, we suppose, Cashin and Crosbie. But they made their money chiefly when Coaker and they were colleagues in the coalition government—1916-1919. If it is meant that they booded into wealth, that they grafted while in office, Coaker is the responsible man, for he was there, and they used some of their money at least to help him out of financial trouble in the summer of 1918. Does the Advocate want particulars?

The following story is told of General Sir William Birdwood, who is taking over the Northern Command of the Indian Army.

In Gallipoli he was proceeding along a trench when, all unwilling, he came to a "dead man's corner."

"Duck your head, Birdie!" roared an Australian voice. The General told this story to a high War Office official, who gasped and said:

"Good heavens! Did you have him court-martialed?"

"No," answered "Birdie"; "I ducked!"

The German super submarine Deutschland, which made the famous voyage to New York in June, 1916, under the command of Captain Paul Koenig, is in the Great Fleet, Birkenhead. Recently she was towed round to the Mersey from the Isle of Man, where she has been on exhibition in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, and was berthed near the "Big crane."

Artificial Prosperity.

The oracle has spoken! There is no depression in business circles in this country—labor is in great demand, in fact, to use a colloquialism, "everything in the garden is lovely." At least, the Star says so, and everybody knows that the Star loves the truth. Now on what does this truth-loving journal base its statements? Why, because there are, as forecasted a few days ago in the Telegram, capacity audiences at the Casino and the movies! Yes, O Star, there are capacity audiences at these places of entertainment, and the greater part of these audiences are stunting themselves for the purpose of amusement. It might surprise the Star to learn how many deprive themselves of home necessities to enjoy themselves outside.

Again, a full page advertisement for labor at Millertown and Badger appears in the Star as a sign that labor is in great demand.

How many men, however badly off, does the Star think wish to go to the backwoods for months, suffering untold hardships, due to the severe cold, and leaving their wives and families alone for the winter? Apart from this, surely the Star is not ignorant of the fact that several large factories in St. John's and elsewhere have discharged many of their employees, that day after day the offices of the firms which usually employed many laborers are besieged by men looking for work, which cannot be found for them! Has the Star ever taken the trouble to interview the Water Street merchants? We do not mean the fish exporters only, but the ordinary general merchant. Evidently not, for otherwise the statements made in the editorial column of that paper could not have been made truthfully, and we all know how well the Star loves the truth! Well, then, if the Star has not interviewed these merchants, let them do so, let them publish the results of these interviews.

We can safely say that there is not a merchant on Water Street to-day who will say there is no financial depression. Ask them if there is plenty of money coming in. How many, think you; will say that money is plentiful? Not one! Ask them how many unpaid notes they have, ask them how many unpaid drafts have been returned to them. The answers will surprise the Star. One wonders why the Star should devote any of its space to statements which are either deliberately untrue, and made to deceive, or are made through ignorance of the true state of affairs. Let us hope that the former conjecture is not correct. If the latter is, then the Star would be wise to make itself better informed as regards the economic conditions of this country, if it expects to have its readers believe its statements in the future.

Schooner Fitted With Wireless.

What is probably the first tern schooner to arrive at the port of North Sydney equipped with wireless apparatus and in every way fitted like an ocean liner, is the three-sticker Cote Nord, which is discharging a cargo of lobsters and seal and cod oil at Vooght's wharf. The Cote Nord arrived here from the Labrador coast, and as soon as the cargo is discharged she will load coal for a Newfoundland port. She was built in Lunenburg quite recently, and is in command of Capt. Paul Young, one of the many successful young Terra Novans sailing out of these waters.—North Sydney Herald.

G. W. V. A. Reunion.

At a largely attended meeting of the Blue Puttees held in the G.W.V. A. Club Rooms last night, the report of the committee appointed at last week's meeting was read, and it was unanimously decided that the Blue Puttees' re-union would take place at Smithville on Armistice night, Nov. 11th. This is the first re-union of the Blue Puttee boys, and at last night's meeting the different committees to look after the arrangements were appointed and the success of the affair is now assured.

We have in stock a large assortment of Electrical Goods, consisting of Table Lamps, Brass and Oxidized Fittings, Shades, Globes, Electric Bulbs, Switches, Lamp Cord, Rubber Covered and Weatherproof Wire, Toasters, Grills, Percolators, Warming Pads, etc., etc.

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This Afternoon's Game.

The Fiddians and St. Bona are the opposing teams in the intercollegiate game to be played at 3.45 this afternoon on St. George's Field. A great deal depends on this game and it ought to be prove an exciting contest.

Get your Domino Mask for the next Masked Ball at BISHOP'S. New stock specially imported for this event.

Consecration of Bishop-Elect of St. George's.

We understand that the consecration of the Very Rev. H. T. Renouf, Bishop-elect of St. George's, will take place at the Cathedral on the 8th December next, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The ceremony will be performed by His Grace Archbishop Roche. Bishop March of H. Grace will also be present, and one or more prelates, probably from the Canadian Provinces.

Official.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

His Excellency the Governor has received a further telegram from the Secretary of State informing him that the strike has been settled, subject to ballot of men on terms now agreed between the Government, owners and miners executive, executive recommending men to accept terms. Government House, Oct. 28, 1920.

COURT MOURNING.

His Majesty the King has ordained fourteen days court mourning for his late Majesty the King of the Hellenes from October 26th, and half mourning from November 1st to November 8th. Government House, Oct. 28, 1920.

Mining News.

SLATE.

Prospects are bright for the early resumption of the development of our slate deposits. Several requests have been made for samples, and we understand that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a property in this vicinity.

COPPER AND IRON.

We learn that two very promising mineral discoveries have recently been made in Bay of Islands, one is a deposit of copper of a high percentage, and the other a very promising deposit of chrome iron. We hope to have full particulars for our readers very shortly. It is the intention of the owners, so we understand, to start development operations at an early date.

COAL.

The road from South Branch station to the Reid coal areas is about completed, and the motor trucks for the conveyance of the coal from the mine to the railway track are expected there this week and will be put into immediate operation. Some forty men are employed at the mine and some coal has already been hoisted. The course of the new road was somewhat changed from the original survey, so that now the motor trucks are enabled to go right to the mouth of the pit.—Western Star.

Leeming L. O. L.

Many members attended the regular meeting of Leeming Loyal Orange Lodge in Victoria Hall last night, and an animated discussion on matters in general took place. Arising out of this there will shortly be a meeting of members of city and outport Orange Lodges, for the purpose of reaffirming the principles of the Association in connection with Imperial affairs. Due notice of this meeting will be given through the columns of the press.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Roy Bruce, home port Burin, Capt. R. F. Hollett, has been chartered by Messrs. J. & F. Moore to load fish for Europe at St. Anthony. T. H. Carter & Co. are the agents of the ship.

The steamer Herbert Green, commanded by Capt. Vatcher, has completed taking on a cargo of flour at the terminus wharf North Sydney and sailed for Alexander Bay. The Herbert Green, which is one of the Moulton's Ltd. fleet, has carried a considerable quantity of flour and general freight to Newfoundland from North Sydney during the past season.

Schooner Minnie D. has arrived at Wood's Island with a cargo of salt and will load herring for Halifax.

Schooner Review, Symonds, master, has entered at Bonne Bay to load codfish at West St. Modeste for Halifax.

S.S. Digby arrived at Liverpool on the 26th from this port.

Cathedral Parish Bazaar a Big Success.

All yesterday evening and up to closing time last night, the Cathedral Parish Bazaar in the C.L.B. Armoury was well patronized. The Charlie Chaplin Comedy Co. continued the performances of the opening day and were greeted each time with a full house. The C.L.B. Band was present during the evening and the selections added greatly to the enjoyment. At the close of the Bazaar Mr. Reg. Dowden auctioned off whatever odds and ends that were left, and as usual he obtained good prices. The bazaar, which has been the first of its kind attempted by the united efforts of the Cathedral Parish Association, has been a big success, and those in charge are to be congratulated on the outcome. It is expected that the total receipts will be in the neighbourhood of \$4000.

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To Float Schooner.

With any sort of decent weather and favorable tide during the next few days, Captain Francis expects to float the Catherine B., which went ashore on McMullins beach, near the Scotia slag pits, on Friday night 15th inst., in a furious north easter that

carried the vessel into the sand banks on the shore, causing only slight damage to the keel of the schooner. Messrs. White, Brown and Holmes of North Sydney, have contracted to remove the Catherine B. from her comfortable position, and believe they will have little trouble accomplishing the task. The schooner is owned by George Harris, of Grand Bank, Newfoundland, and was built only two years ago.

Capt. Francis was en route to the port of North Sydney for a load of coal, when overtaken by the storm, and was deceived in his course by the swollen slag heaps below the Scotia blast furnace. Happily for the crew of five men, the Catherine B. escaped the ledges on both sides of the beach and grounded a few yards from the shore on a sandy bottom.—North Sydney Herald.