

THE EVENING TELEGRAM

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WHICH IS WHICH?

That very expressive and flamboyant article, doubtless written by the hand of no less a personage than William Ford Coaker himself, upon which some comment was made in this column yesterday, is one not to be lightly dismissed from mind. Rather should it be kept for future reference, in order that in years to come people may be able to read the jaundiced outbursts of the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union, when in a state bordering upon fear of his prestige and power being taken from him. Such a literary production as that under review should be preserved in the archives of the country's history. It is not to be thrown lightly aside after a first perusal, for the oftener it is read and analyzed the more obvious does it appear that Mr. Coaker has thrown down the gauntlet, and is challenging Sir Richard Squires for the leadership of the Liberal-Reform-F.P.U. party. Every word, every sentence of that precious article breathes Coaker. His name is literally and actually bestrewn through every paragraph. It is Coaker did this, and Coaker did that, but not a solitary word as to what the Prime Minister has accomplished. But perhaps Mr. Coaker felt that Sir Richard has not accomplished anything, and therefore thought it the best measure of wisdom to leave him out altogether. And he did so.

In asking the question which is given as the title above, we were constrained to do so for various reasons. That we shall receive an answer in due course there can be no doubt. There can be no difference of opinion amongst those who read Mr. Coaker's appeal, that therein he is making a strong bid for the leadership. His very language is expressive of his ambition. Not only does he appeal to the fishermen and seafarers, but as well to the lumbermen and laborers. The latter certainly have great cause to be thankful to Mr. Coaker, especially those of the peninsula of Avalon. But that matters not to the Jesurun of the North. Having waxed fat, he now kicks. But his kick is without its former force and weight. When driven to bay Mr. Coaker is great on the weapon with which Samson did so much damage among the Philistines, but he cannot use it with such telling effect. From his fastnesses at Port Union he now sends out his appeals. Only the other day his solicitude for the sealers was so great that he wired the Advocate a special message to them, advising that they thoroughly investigate their quarters on the ships, examine the stores, and if everything was not to their liking, to inform one of the officials of the Union who holds a departmental office. In other years Mr. Coaker was not wont to be far from St. John's when the sealers were coming to man the ships. He was right on the spot then. But times have changed. No sealers' meetings now. The benediction is given from Port Union, where the sealers cannot come. And those men have noticed it and resented it. Their own meeting, at which they protested the holding of an election before May 8th is a proof, and Mr. Coaker sees it and fears it. Hence his flaming appeal, delivered with much of his old-time fire and energy. It falls, however, on deaf ears.

Mr. Coaker has recently resigned his seat as a member of the Executive Government, but he did not resign his seat in the House of Assembly. Why? There's a reason. Sir M. G. Winter succeeded Mr. Coaker in the Cabinet, as Minister without portfolio. Sir Marmaduke is a member of the commercial body, and does one of the largest businesses in Newfoundland. Moreover he is President of a number of manufacturing concerns, the output of which is all, more or less, used in the fisheries of the Colony. Therefore by all the processes of analysis, Sir Marmaduke Winter is a merchant, and one of the biggest in the land. Not so many years have passed away since other merchants on Water Street were friends of Mr. Coaker, or at least he was friendly disposed toward them, when something happened, and to-day the names of those men are anathema. Yet the greatest among them is placed in the Executive, and Mr. Coaker goes back to the rank of a private member, until such time as the election is over, when, as he hopes, if the returns are favorable, he will quickly proceed to have himself reinstated as a member of the Cabinet. It would be altogether foreign to Mr. Coaker's ideas to be only an ordinary member of the House, with the party he supported in power, and his present disassociation with his former colleagues of the Executive, is, to use that much abused word, political camouflage. Mr. Coaker is the power behind the throne, if not also in front of it, and he means to retain that power just as long as he can. And that is the reason of his challenge to the Prime Minister. Once more we ask, Which is which?

THE FIGHTING TRIO.

Congratulations to Sir Michael Cashin, Mr. William Linegar and Mr. Charles E. Hunt on their acclamatory acceptance as candidates of the Opposition Party by the voters of St. John's West. The result of last night's meeting at the Star Hall plainly showed the prevailing sentiment of the district, and there was not a dissentient voice as the Chairman put the motion for nomination. The vast audience rose as one man, thus pledging itself to the support of the three candidates accepted by a complete representation of the district voters. That this support will be freely and sincerely undertaken was fully demonstrated. There was no hesitation, no holding back, no questioning. Moved by one impulse the voters rose to their feet, and for some moments the wildest enthusiasm prevailed. It was one of the greatest meetings ever held in St. John's, not from point of numbers, but in spontaneous expression of pent up sentiment. Nothing like it has been witnessed, and it may be therefore taken as the prelude to the determination of the electorate of St. John's West to elect with greater majorities the Fighting Trio, Cashin, Linegar, Hunt, whose nomination was so warmly endorsed. The candidates themselves are of the people. Well known, respected, esteemed, admired by all whose privilege it is to possess their acquaintance. In congratulating the candidates we also congratulate St. John's West. No better men could be selected to carry the gospel of clean, honest government to the electors. That their best efforts will be devoted to serving the interests of their constituents goes without saying, for it is as certain that as night follows day so will follow the return of Cashin, Linegar and Hunt at the head of the poll in St. John's West on election day.

Squires Meeting a Frost.

A third attempt to hold a meeting of the committee and supporters of Sir Richard Squires, Hon. Dr. Campbell and Mr. Fitzgibbon was made last night when all who could be rounded up met in a factory in the vicinity of the West End Fire Hall and some party forlorn white hopes were present. It was long after 9 o'clock before the meeting opened, and then it was decided to have another meeting early next week when invitations will be addressed to all possible supporters. Owing to the extremely small audience, no further business was done, and the gathering dispersed at 10.15 p.m. What a contrast with the enthusiastic meeting in the Star Hall.

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

Ruin of West Coast.

The Government organs announce a sure victory for Foote and Cheeseman in Burn District, the return of Warren in Fortune Bay, and Small in Burgeo. If the election could be run off in the Daily Mail office, no doubt this would be the result. The fate of those gentlemen is in the hands of the electors, whom they have so basely betrayed by allowing Coaker to ruin the fishery in which they were engaged. So unpopular were these fish regulations that neither Foote, Warren or Small dared to visit their districts during their operation, as they knew their persons would not be safe among the outraged people whose industry they had destroyed. Now that the damage is done; now that the West Coast is in ruins, we are told that the worthies who accomplished this ruin will be again returned to power by their unfortunate victims. Ridiculous! Only a fool could give expression to any such opinion. Foote, Cheeseman, Warren and Small will be snowed under. Bennett and sane government is the cry of the West!

BENNETT & GOOD TIMES.

"Pilate's Daughter."

FOURTH SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE.

The thrilling drama "Pilate's Daughter" continues to draw full houses at the Casino Theatre. Last night an appreciative audience followed with deep interest the all absorbing episodes surrounding the establishment of the Christian Religion. The play is one of deep pathos and the performers interpreted their different roles in a manner which called forth much applause at the end of each scene. The play will be repeated to-night, and also to-morrow afternoon, when a special matinee will be given. Those who have not yet seen this remarkable production would do well to avail of this, the last opportunity, as it is probable that nothing like it will be seen in St. John's for some time to come.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, March 9, '23.
We have just got in a stock of Nyal's Croup Ointment, which is recommended as being a specially good remedy for croup, croupy conditions, impression on the chest, hard coughs, etc., and of remarkable value in such cases. It is well worth trying in the nursery. Price 40c. a tube.
Moir's Candies at special prices to-day. Get your week-end supply at these low prices.

Magistrates Court.

The 21 year old domestic of Cud-dith Street, who went to her home yesterday by the police, appeared in Court again this morning on a similar charge and was sent down for thirty days.

The postponed case of the seaman implicated in the robbery of some stolen goods from on board S.S. Belvernon during the past few days came up for hearing. The accused upon being arraigned, admitted that he was responsible for part of the stolen property, which he sold and received \$7.50. The police who investigated closely in the matter, recovered 19 pairs of the stolen rubbers, which were identified in court as the property of the owners of the Belvernon. The Court decided to hold the seaman in custody until the sailing of the ship, when he will be passed over to the captain to be tried in Boston.

A case arising out of the swapping of horses by two teams of the East End, occupied the attention of the Court all morning, and did not conclude up to 1 p.m.

Weather and Ice Conditions.

Calais—Wind N.W., fair breeze; no ice to be seen.
Bonaville—Wind N. N. W., light breeze; black rich outside.
Greenwood—Wind N. W., fair breeze. Five steamers in sight about five miles off.
Wesleyville—N. winds, clear and fine. One steamer in sight, steaming in the Bay.
Port aux Basques—Wind N.W. light breeze, clear day. Ice close on land.

Sixty Millions in Forty Months.

The Squandermania Party--A Carnival of Corruption and Extravagance.

At the last session of the House of Assembly, Sir Michael Cashin showed how the Squires-Coaker Government had spent thirty-nine million dollars in thirty-one months. About nine months have elapsed since then, and including the monies then unspent, the loan raised at the last session and the expenditure now being made, and which will be a deficit at the end of June next, an expenditure is piled up of sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) in forty months. That is to say, that in less than three and one-half years this Government has spent sixty million dollars, and is forcing half of this money there is nothing whatever to show. It has cost to run the country and pay for the legitimate public services, only about thirty million dollars of this sum. The balance has been wasted and squandered and dissipated in all sorts of crazy schemes promoted by Squires, Coaker and Company for their own political advantage. Millions have been given to Reid, millions have been wasted on unproductive ventures in every quarter, and hundreds of thousands have been spent on the Coaker Navy, salt scandals, supplying scandals, and the long and cruel list of wrongs perpetrated on the country. The result of all this is that the taxpayers have been bled white, a crushing burden has been imposed upon the country and ruin and bankruptcy stare us in the face.

SQUIRES' ERA OF PROGRESS.

Now, on the eve of the election we are told that an era of progress is about to dawn and that everything will be all right with the Humber deal. The Humber Deal is very well in its way and will be welcomed as an auxiliary for the future, but the mainstay of this country is its fishing industry, and what is the prospect for the fisheries the coming spring? All the people in the country cannot expect to be employed on the Humber Deal; and what is to become of the rest. Supplies are going to be difficult to get.

TEEN AND NOW.

An outcry is now being made in the Squires-Coaker papers about Tory merchants and their attempt to regain control. The Squires-Coaker party was very glad three years ago to secure the support of Tory merchants. Hon. Frank Steer and Hon.

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

Doc. Mosdell is now a commissioner of Pensions, salary a mere couple of thousands yearly.

Some One Stole Intankamen's Purse.

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A small image of the king himself. That, at least, is the opinion of Lord Carnarvon. The "Ushabti" or "Answerer," showing the defunct monarch in the guise of Osiris, was customarily placed in royal tombs with an inscription stating that the image was prepared to do any work imposed upon it. Then the tomb was sealed so tightly nobody could get to the "Ushabti," and request it to do something. Back in what Tutankhamen may, in his language, have referred to as his good old days of yore, he was accompanied by a slave, sacrificed during the royal funeral ceremonies. In more "modern" times the slave was allowed to live, and the "Ushabti" was substituted for him. This was done in the case of Tutankhamen. King Tutankhamen took some of his money with him when he died, but it was gone and his purse, also, when the outer chamber was opened by Howard Carter. The archaeologists were quite sad about this, for they believe there is only one example of such a purse in existence.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind W.N.W., weather dull, shore clear from here inward; ice in sight west and south. A steamer passed south at midnight; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.85; Ther. 33.

Sealing News.

TERRA NOVA REPORTS WHITE COATS.

Judging by the messages received from the sealing fleet last night, it looks as though the ships are having very little difficulty in getting well down north. Capt Kean in his message stated he had passed five whitecoats during the day, and was 10 miles N.E. of Funks at 4 p.m. There were no further messages received by the owners of the respective ships up to 1 p.m. The reports received last night were as follows:

BOWRING BROS.

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JOB, BROS. LTD.

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BAINE JOHNSTON & CO.

Seal--Passed Cabot Island 6 p.m., making good progress. Neptune and Terra Nova in company.

Who is playing the part of Cruikshanks at St. Joseph's?

Don't fail to see. mar9.31,6m.1u

Personal.

Mr. John Ellis of the Southside, who has been seriously ill is now fully recovered and is able to be about again.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S--On Irish Night a Sketch, Concert and Dance. Reserve seats 50 and 40c. Back rows and Gallery 20c. Tickets and plan of Hall at Mrs. W. P. Cotter's, W. E. Brophy, T. J. Kent and Royal Stationery. Dance tickets 50c. mar9.31,6m.1u

SNAP SHOTS.

By ZIP.

Bennett and Better Times.

Every day

In very way

Victory

For the Opposition

Is more

Certain and certain.

Last night's meeting, oh my what a dose for the Squires-Coaker trio.

It's all over but the shouting, is the verdict of all present.

Cashin, Linegar and Hunt will have a majority that will do credit to them and St. John's West.

The straight ticket is the slogan in the West End. No splits.

The Mail and Advocate are making an awful mess of things by abusing the name of Monroe.

Monroe, Ayre, Hunt, Moore, Outerbridge, Long and Harris.

All thorns in the sides of the Coaker-Squires squanderers.

Jack Caldwell has reason to be proud after last night's demonstration.

Well done Caldwell, Whittle, Cochran, Carlson and Whitten.

A progressive committee that will make things hum.

All workmen who, like their fellow tradesmen, are not content with rock breaking.

The Advocate says Sir R.A. Squires is the country's commercial traveller.

Right friend, for a while we thought he was lost.

Yesterday's Advocate says the Premier's "Personal organ".

The Mail embraces the Herald, which paper was purchased from Sir P. T. McGrath by the same R. A. Squires.

Just so Mr. (H.) Advocate.

Now tell the fishermen that not only did R. A. Squires and W. F. Coaker buy the Herald from Sir P. T. but they also must pay Sir Patrick at the rate of \$10,000 per year as a Labrador Boundary Commissioner.

Some price believe me--and said.

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A splendid tribute to the war heroes.

Where was the new commissioner when the best blood of Newfoundland suffered and died in France and Flanders in defence of the Empire?

Surely the G.W.V.A. will have something to say on this matter.

A landslide is the verdict.

Everywhere you can hear 'em say

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Glasgow Coins a New Word.

Glasgow.--The high cost of whisky in these hard reconstruction times, caused partly by the heavy demand for their national beverage in the Bahamas and points west, is forcing Scotch drinkers into the anomalous necessity of resorting to a cheap substitute made of methylated spirits, known to the local trade as "finish." A police report just issued says several persons have been reduced to human wrecks in a very short time by indulgence in this dope. Scores of even mild drinkers have been found completely incapacitated from the effects of it. Hardened drinkers have found a most satisfying "wellopp" in the new concoction, but for the ordinary temperate drinker its effects have proved far too deadly to recommend it as a agreeable tipple. However, in order to preserve a moderate "kick" in their beverage at a minimum cost, Scotchmen have begun to form the habit of mixing "finish" with red Spanish wine, but even this mixture, if used too freely, is likely to have paralyzing results.

Eat Mrs. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.---get it.

Italy Out to Suppress Gambling.

ROME.--Gambling has found no friends in the government of Premier Mussolini which, by a recent decision, has authorized the repression of the practice on the grounds that it does not promote a healthy morality in the nation and that Italian cities must find better means than "parasitism and vice" for their prosperity. The Minister of the Interior, the portfolio of which is held by Premier Mussolini, has been given power to adopt severe measures to run down the gamblers and to abolish the traffic in any quarter where it may be found. The regular government lottery, which takes place weekly and has been a feature of Italian life for many decades, will continue to function. Other lotteries for philanthropic and charitable purposes will be held from time to time when government regulations pertaining to them have been fulfilled.

Rim Lac rests the eyes, ask us about it. R. H. TRAPNELL, LTD.---mar9.31

Vigilant Committee of Boys Enforce Law.

BUFFALO.--This city has a full-fledged vigilant committee with a membership of several hundred. The members do not wear masks nor do night-riding, but form a very earnest organization that believes it has a mission for better citizenship and law-abidance. The committee was formed by students of Lafayette high school after a number of boys of the institution had been arrested and convicted of stealing automobiles for joyriding. One case resulted in the slaying of a police officer who tried to arrest a trio of boys in a stolen car. Repeated offences by Lafayette boys, the student body and faculty decided, were giving the school a "black eye," and plans were discussed at assembly to break up the wave of lawlessness. The outcome was the vigilant committee, an oath-bound organization for law enforcement and the protection of the school name. Offenders are brought before the Vigilants for trial, but sentences imposed, if any, are carried out by the faculty.

Rim Lac prevents lenses from chipping when applied to the edge. R. H. TRAPNELL, LTD. mar9.31

Finger Games.

Little children who are just beginning to talk, and even bigger children who are obliged to stay in bed owing to an accident or illness, are amused by finger games.

One of the best of these is "Mrs. Forry." It is played in two ways.

The first method is for the child to hold his hand curled up, first finger and thumb touching, so that there is just room for a grown-up person to put the forefinger inside.

The grown-up darts her forefinger, asking quickly: "Is Mrs. Forry at home?" The child must try to close the hand on the finger before it is withdrawn. The first question is followed by others, in rapid succession: "Is she in the dining-room?" "The drawing-room?" "The kitchen?" "On the stairs?" and so on, till the finger is caught. It is then the child's turn to ask.

An Alternative Method.

The other method of playing the game is for the grown-up to put her finger inside, and let it rest there loosely while she asks: "Is Mrs. Forry at home?" The child replies as he chooses, and a conversation then goes on, such as: "No, Oh, I'm so sorry. I wanted to ask her to lend me a book. When do you think she will be in?" and so on. The object is to say "Goodbye" and withdraw the finger without the child holding it. He must not seize it till the word is actually spoken.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGE

TURKISH REPLY ON WAY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 8. A special courier left Ankara yesterday afternoon, bearing the Turkish reply to Allied peace proposals, expected to reach Constantinople Friday night or Saturday morning.

MERE WATCHMEN.

ESSEN, March 8. Disarmament and espionage security police at Dortmund yesterday, completes the disarmament dissolution of all police forces throughout Ruhr. Only certain towns now have police, who are mere watchmen.

OCCUPATION PROCEEDING.

BERLIN, March 8. A despatch from Mannheim reports that French have occupied Basle Harbor on the Rhine in Lower Alsace and are marching on the suburbs of Mannheim. French have also occupied the Railway Station at Dornach, Elberfeld.

"A SCISSORS CLUB."

BOCHUM, March 8. A bonus of two hundred thaler marks is offered by the National Party to each member of "Scissors Club" who cuts the hair of a German caught associating with Frenchmen. One German, who claimed reward, was caught by the French placed in jail for six days.

AN AGED CRIMINAL.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Manitoba, March 8. Found guilty of attempting to murder her husband, Mrs. Marian Campbell, seventy years old, was sentenced to four years in Stony Mountain prison.

RISKY BUSINESS.

MOSCOW, March 8. General Semenov, former Commander-in-Chief of the All-Russian army and later anti-Bolshevik leader, is trying to stage a military revolution in the Far East against the government reaching here by Vladivostok.

NEFARIOUS WORK.

CORK, March 8. Commandant Scott of the Free Irish troops, knocked last evening, at the door of the Cork residence of Miss Powell, sister of Michael Collins, who he had called to visit. The door opened by a man, who seeing Scott in uniform, at once opened fire, seriously wounding him. It developed that the house had been entered by a gang of incendiaries, who were bent on burning the house to destroy it. One was killed, but the others escaped.

SCHOONER SAFE.

NORFOLK, March 8. The five masted schooner, City of Portland, passed in by Cape Breton to-day in tow of the coastguard tug Manning, which went to the vessel's assistance, in answer to distress call after Wednesday's storm.

Here and There.

TRAIN NOTES.

Tuesday's train left Camp 4 at 4 a.m. The local Carboniferous train due in the city at 5 p.m. A train from Bishop Falls, coming east last night before to-morrow morning.

CROSS & CO., the Duckworth St. Grand Coliseum for Show.

Great display in West Wing of Ladies' White Crochet \$1.25 pair; Ladies' Silk Hose Black, White and Brown, 5 pair (2 pairs for \$1.10); Ladies' Underclothing from 65c. Window--Men's Tweed Pants Men's Underclothing, Brackets and Dress Shirts. For convenience of the buying public our store will be open until 10 o'clock Friday and Saturday nights. CROSS & CO.---

FLORAL TRIBUTES to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in the hour of sorrow. We can supply vases and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest request. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERY LTD.,

Treasurer Brothers.

BORN.

On March 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Skinner, Hanley's Lane, a daughter.

At Grand Falls, on Wednesday March 7th, a son, to Dr. and Mrs. C. Smith.

Household.