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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Fish Situation

SHORE fish prices are firm today as very little is offering. The Trading Co's fish has been sold and as arrangements have been made by the Trading Co. to store its fish—holding for higher prices or for export direct—the probabilities are that no lower prices will prevail for this season. The Trading Co. has arranged to export fish with one of the most successful fish exporters in the Colony.

The F.P.U. is also arranging for the formation of a large company to export fishery produce, handling all the Union's fish, oil, lobsters, herring, berries, etc.

The new company will probably embrace two or three business firms and the capital will be \$500,000, the Union owning the largest bulk of the shares. All the Trading Co's branches will be purchasing agencies for the export company and the business will be managed by one of the best exporters in the Colony.

These proposals are the direct outcome of the savage attacks made by certain people the past two months to injure the Trading Co. and kill the F.P.U. The fishermen were willing to permit the exporting to be done through the usual channels but the exporters were not satisfied to deal fairly by the Trading Co. and the result will be an exporting company surpassing anything in the Colony and ensuring in future no interference with the Union.

The whole matter will be carefully considered by the F.P.U. Convention next month and immediately afterward the new company will be formed. The fishermen are delighted with the proposal and the largest slice of sharps will go to them.

Stopp Labrador is still being purchased from dealers at \$4 per qtl. by their suppliers, but it is hard to sell for cash at a figure exceeding \$3.80 talqual. Shore fish with a very light cull is firm at \$5.75 and those who wish to sell at \$6 for Merchantable can easily secure that figure.

Outport business men should hold for \$6 talqual, for there is little doubt now about that figure being the ruling price within a few days. Many firms which held back the last week or ten days for cheaper prices purchased some yesterday and today and as no Union fish will be offered at less than today's prices, it is safe to say the crisis in Shore fish is about passed.

Newfoundland Mourns

By the inexorable law of nature, which claims alike the high and the low, the gentle and the simple, the man of genius and the clown, our country has been leaved upon, and this time, death has claimed one of the grandest characters that ever graced our soil.

Who, that has ever known the late Archbishop Howley, but has marked the beauty and sublimity of character with which nature had endowed this gifted son of our soil?

In him were blended all the graces with which nature impresses her hall mark of nobility on the soul and

the dead prelate was the blending in his mind of a bland and childlike simplicity, with a majesty of power, rare indeed among the sons of men.

Who that was ever known him, but must have been struck with those graces which seemed to hang about the person of "Bishop Howley" as he continued to be called by thousands who loved him dearly?

His was a mind rich with the stores of knowledge, of which he was ever prodigal. By voice and pen he laid open to us the treasures of his great mind. And in harmony with the simplicity of his character, his words were plain and unaffected, but often flashed with gems of rare humor, or of the fire of determination.

Of his contributions to literature the most learned have spoken with high praise, and they are too well remembered and hung upon to need any praise from us. Of his many writings perhaps his greatest contribution to literature was his Ecclesiastical History of Newfoundland. His series of writings on "Name Lore" will form a very valuable addition to local literature.

But we prefer to leave all reference to his literary work to the biographer. We wish to speak of the traits which made the lamented Archbishop in very truth a father and a friend to all who knew him.

He was first and above all a true Soggarth Aaron, and as such his memory will ever be enshrined in the hearts of the many who mourn him as a dear friend and will continue to do so long after he will have been forgotten, for his scholastic ability.

In the hearts of the humble and lowly, Archbishop Howley is for ever enshrined. Such a monument is more lasting than fame or granite.

The little children will miss him, for he had ever a smile and sweet word for them. To them all the sweetness of his heart went out and the little ones loved him as a father is loved.

The English Way

A couple of months ago, the English Government appointed a Commission to inquire into the sugar supply of the British Isles, giving this body full powers to deal with the situation.

Recently, the Commission handed in its report.

It seems that they practically cornered the available sugar supply, thus preventing any speculation designed to cause a rise in price. The raw sugar was sold to the refiners at a fixed price, on condition that the finished product should be sold to dealers at a moderate price, which also was agreed upon.

The quantity of sugar handled by the Commissioners is reported to have totalled Nine Hundred Tons. The Government has lost nothing through their transactions, while the general public of the British Isles, by getting their sugar at moderate prices, has gained a great deal.

This is the practical way in which the Mother Country handles affairs that affect the public interest. It is high time that those who at present rule the destinies of her "Eldiest Daughter" should copy her example in many respects.

London Gains

THE clean sweep of German shipping from the seas by the far-fung fleet of Great Britain has immensely benefited the Port of London. The bulk of the shipping that hitherto went to the great German ports has been diverted to the British metropolis, and up to the 12th of September fifty-six vessels, which in time of peace, would have gone to German ports, had discharged two hundred and sixteen thousand tons of cargo in the Thames waterway.

It is to be feared that a large number of our people have not kept tab on the great amount of shipping done by Germany prior to the war. The shipping of the port of Hamburg, for instance, was much greater than that of the port of London, for whereas that of Hamburg last year was 28,625,000 tons, that of London in the same period was only slightly in excess of 24,000,000 tons.

Here is one of the respects in which the navy of Great Britain has proved its value. It has protected British shipping on the high seas and has kept all British ports wide open to domestic shipping and to that of neutral nations. This has not only assured ample supplies of all the necessities of life to the country, it has also actually increased the prosperity of British ports.

The shipping of Hamburg and other German ports, on the other hand, has been almost completely wiped out, and, meanwhile, the German fleet is skulking behind the guns of Heligoland.

This, too, the British fleet has accomplished.

More, they cannot do until the German fleet gathers spirit enough to come out into the open and make some attempt to justify the braggardic indulgence in by its officers from the chief War Lord down, in "pipin-

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WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

ONE OF THE DESPISED TREATIES.

New York Evening Post:—"General Bernhardt will welcome the support of the crime of those who make treaties looking to peace is greater than that of those who violate them. But we think that the German might call upon the American to give up the Nobel prize which was awarded him for helping negotiate the Peace of Portsmouth. That, too, was one of his despised treaties."

A CRUSADE.

London Daily Mail:—"And therein is a burlesque—with the truth in it of all burlesque—of the spirit of the people. War was thrust upon them, insidiously and brutally; they entered upon it heavily and sadly, but it has now become a crusade. Hence the patience and restraint. The new brotherhood of all classes, the vast organizations that are springing up for the relief of the wounded, the bereft, and the impoverished, the long sacrifices that even the poorest are ready to make. All our dross metal of humanity goes into this fiery retort of trial, and lo! it comes out as refined gold."

MIGHT MAKE TROUBLE.

London Express:—"The possibility, suggested by the American cables, that the United States Government may purchase the German ships, interned by fear of our navy in American harbours may have serious consequences. These ships flying the American flag, might be used to carry food stuffs to Germany, and in that event it would be essential that the British Navy should establish an effective blockade of all the German ports. Food, too, can be carried into Germany from Rotterdam, and difficulties may arise. But whatever these difficulties may be, Great Britain will continue to respect the rights of neutral shipping, and will, to this end, conduct war on a humanitarian and long sighted policy."

ABSOLUTISM DID IT.

Chicago Tribune:—"The explosion took place because the combustibles of national ambitions and race antagonisms were brought into collision in a special atmosphere. The men who had control were men saturated in the spirit of autocracy, dynastic pride and militarism. To point out, as do ardent Germanists, like Professor Munsterberg, the loyalty of the German people and their willingness to fight does not in the least detract from the view that constitutional statesmen from civil life, with responsibility to a body like the House of Commons would have acted with greater deliberation and taken chances on the side of peace rather than upon that of war."

OF COURSE THE KAISER KNOWS.

Providence Journal:—"Is the Kaiser aware of the perils to which his armies, his country, and his dynasty are exposed? There is a theory that monarchs are forced by a superficially advantageous but intrinsically disadvantageous fortune to live in a constant atmosphere of flattery and deference; and no doubt the German Emperor has had his full share of this sort of thing from his circle of courtiers. But he has eyes in his head and nobody has ever accused him of being a fool; so it is safe to say he appreciates the magnitude of the calamity that is pressing upon him. The German plan of campaign called for a rush to Paris. By no amount of self-deceit or the cajolery of others can William II. be

THE TSAR AND THE POLES

London Times:—"The Tsar has invited German and Austrian Poles to face more than those common risks of war to which his own subjects are exposed. Many who may be ready to share with his soldiers the ordinary dangers of the field are not unlikely to hesitate about incurring the additional perils of insurrection. Hesitation of the kind will be best removed by a formal and explicit promise that, come what come may, Russia will protect with her whole strength all who rally to her flag. We have not the slightest doubt that is what she fully purposes to do. All of us in Europe who fight beside her in this war will construe her appeal as involving this obligation and containing this pledge to her Allies, as well as to the Poles within her frontiers and without. All across the Atlantic who share our English views and traditions will place, we are confident, a like interpretation upon it. If that condition be fulfilled, the summons to the divided Poles may prove to be a master-stroke of policy."

A "WAR OF DEFENCE."

London Times:—"A war of defence means something different in Germany from what it means in any other country. It does not mean a war in which you are an attacker, either diplomatically or with arms; but a war in which you both pick the quarrel and strike the first blow, because you fear that at some future time some other power might attack you. The most peace-loving German believes that his country is on the defensive, always and whatever she may do. "She has two frontiers to defend. He is convinced that beyond both of these frontiers are irreconcilable enemies always waiting to attack his country; and therefore he is content that she should attack them whenever the hour has come to strike the blow; and also that her armies should violate all the laws of war because of her desperate necessity to defend herself. So the German militarists can always lead the German pacifists by the nose."

BRUGES TAKEN BY THE GERMANS

London, Oct. 15.—A despatch from Amsterdam confirms the report that the Germans have occupied Bruges.

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PILL UNT TET

The hypocritical references of the Kaiser to the aid of the Divine in his tug-of-war has called forth many humorous and sarcastic references, and this couplet with recent articles comparing the Kaiser and ex-President Roosevelt has prompted an anonymous poet to write the following:

Der Kaiser of this Fatherland Und Roosevelt all dings command— Ve two and Gott, you understand, Myself und Tet.

It used to be yust Gott und me, But Tet he come to make it free, Und Gott don't count much latterly— Yust me—und Tet.

Yust me und Tet mit power divine To keep the rest of dem in line— In bease und var to give der sign— Und sometimes—Gott.

Myself und Tet der same as peas— Der same mit Gott, if you shall please— Der same in var, der same in bease— Myself mit Tet.

Der eastern hemisphere for me, For Tet der one across der sea— For Gott der sky, we will agree— Myself und Tet.

A health to me—a health to Tet— Und one for Gott already yet— Von Holy Trinity, you bet— Ve two—und Gott.

BELFORT AND BRUGES

Belfort, to which, according to yesterday's despatches, the Germans are preparing to lay siege, is the capital of the French remnant of the Department of Haut—Rhine. It is 117 miles E.N.E., of Dijon by rail.

From 1870, this remnant (235 sq. miles) has been called the Territoire de Belfort, and consists of those portions of Haut—Rhine, which, seized by the Germans during the Franco—German war, were restored to France in 1871.

The strategical importance of Belfort was recognized by France on its cessation by Austria in 1648, and it was fortified by Vauban.

A fortress of the first rank, it maintained from the third of December, 1870, till the sixteen of February, 1871, a gallant defence against the Germans. It then capitulated, the defenders marching out with all the honors of war.

The fortifications have been enormously strengthened since 1874. It has a population of about 92,000.

Bruges. Bruges, is a city of Belgium, eight miles from the sea, with which it is connected by the three canals from Ghent, Sluis and Ostend. These canals are much inferior to the direct ship-canal from Heyst, twenty-six feet wide, opened in 1907.

By rail Bruges is fourteen miles east of Ostend, and sixty-two W.N.W. of Brussels.

The city has manufactures of lace, woollens, linen, cotton, leather, soap, starch and tobacco. It also has distilleries, sugar and salt refineries and ship-building yards.

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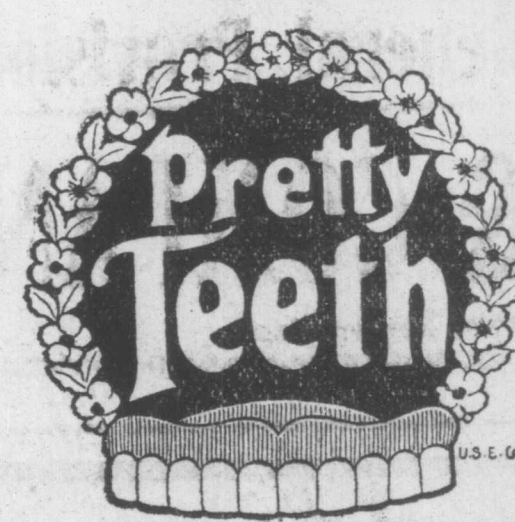
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