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**"FOLLOWING THE CUSTOM"**

THE Country has received the Goodison whitewash with indignation and the electorate will show Premier Morris what it thinks of his whitewashing activities when an opportunity presents itself. There is no doubt about what has been transpiring during the past seven years, judging from what Goodison did in Carbonear District, and the confession of the Premier, Cashin, Emerson and Higgins who admitted that this custom of Goodison's was general in their districts.

It was bad enough to allocate moneys in the proper way on the eve of an election, but to give it out through the telephone and give advances in truck that were never worked out, and then take the amount out of a special grant for roads, is a crime that only a hoodler could justify. Mr. Goodison was Speaker of the House and as such was the leading Commoner in the Land and his actions should have been carefully considered. We find him however on the eve of an election giving out notes for truck to voters, and receiving nothing in return but their votes, which votes gave him the seat he illegally occupies.

The trick was discovered by the F.P.U. Council at Carbonear and exposed by the very men that were paid for their political support. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the good Book, and vengeance sought its victim in no less a person than the Speaker of the House of Commons in Newfoundland.

Speaker Goodison, by his own illegal and corrupt act has made his political grave and dug his political grave, and every supporter of the House who consented to whitewash him were his chief mourners. Respect for him is now a thing of the past. Never will the electorate again trust him; confidence in him has disappeared. Not only has he slain his own political reputation but he has greatly aided in slaying his party. Particularly has his conduct reflected upon Premier Morris, for Goodison's confession involves the whole Government Party.

Speaker Goodison broke the law; he sought to buy political support; he secured that support and won his corrupt return to the Assembly by about 60 votes—only 30 votes changed would turn his majority into a minority. He knew he was not honestly returned the member for Carbonear; he knew he had been corruptly returned. He knew he dare not face an honest election trial; he knew the facts if revealed would drive him out of public life, but he dared all; he ventured, to defy RIGHT; he succeeded for the moment, but the skeleton now stands bare and the whole Country is astounded.

I think of it! says the people; Mr. Goodison guilty of illegal conduct! Why he was the last man we would expect or suspect; if we can't trust him, who can we trust? Such remarks are being daily heard from scores of lips. Then comes the contemptible part of it all. He refused to express regret for what he stated under oath he knew was illegal. He defied the Country when he defied the Opposition. He knew his party would whitewash him; the Premier knew all about what was done months before it was exposed in the House.

The plot to whitewash had been long prepared; the plea of "following the custom" was invented by other tongues than Mr. Goodison. The lie was placed in his mouth by his abettors in the House. They had to invent some catchy words that might find some sympathy from the people; that plea meant their own political destruction. They little thought it would stick to Toryism and Graballism for ever; they little thought it would be a battle-cry of the 1917 election. They outwitted themselves; hung themselves politically on their own scaffold.

Well done F.P.U.! is the general acclaim of the people, but for you Coaker those bloodsuckers would cover up their outrageous actions and escape the just punishment of their crimes. They had succeeded in buying or bribing all but one or two papers in the whole Country. Their gold bought slaves to demoralization, had readily bowed to the God of gold, and the hypocrites and time-servers who edited the Government fed papers, trampled on their conscience and cry aloud: "Morris, oh! HE is the man! Let him finish his work! He is our great deliverer!"

Seven years has revealed the whole conspiracy and laid bare some of the wounds inflicted upon the morals of the people and the outrages against the Rights and Privileges of Responsible Government. Never before in the History of Terra Nova was such a clique formed into a Government. Never before has Terra Nova endured such wrong doing at the hands of her time-servers. Never before has Terra Nova been so humbled and disgraced before the Anglo-Saxon world. Never before in the Empire was a Minister of the Crown compelled to invent a lie to save himself from dismissal from office as in the case of "Forgetting the Law" by the Minister of Justice, or "Following the Custom" by a Speaker of the House when the "Lornina" outrage was exposed by Mr. Coaker. That it was no concern of his, it was a matter that belonged to the Fishery Department.

"Curses like chickens come to roost." The day of retribution is drawing nearer and nearer. The vengeance that belong to the Lord of Righteousness has been delayed, but it will fall upon the offenders against moral integrity and wrong doers, just as surely as the sun shines. God moves in mysterious ways; and the time is near when those who have treated Terra Nova so cruelly will have to take their punishment at the hands of an outraged people.

**THE METHODIST SCHOOL REPORT**

WE have received the Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Methodist Board for the year ended Dec. 31, 1915. Dr. Curtis, his assistant—Mr. Lodge—and the Methodist body generally are to be congratulated on the splendid standing which they have maintained throughout the year.

The number of schools in operation has been increased by 10, the number of teachers by 26, and the total attendances made by all pupils has been increased by 154,055.

In the C.H.E. examinations the pupils of Methodist Schools obtained 834 passes out of 1,978, or 42.2 per cent. of the whole.

The results of Grand Bank Academy are we think worthy of special mention, which from the standpoint of the C.H.E. examinations had a record year and again led the Methodist Schools (outside the College) with a total of 43 passes, and 66 distinctions, whilst one of the Intermediate girls captured a Macpherson Scholarship of \$50 for first place amongst Methodist pupils in the Colony, and an Outport Scholarship of \$100.

We have often noticed that the majority of our schools in this country are minus a flagstaff and the Union Jack. Speaking of Empire Day and the attempt being made in the schools to develop

**OUT OF THE OLD HOUSE, NANCY**

—By Will M. CARLETON—

OUT of the old house, Nancy—moved up into the new; All the hurry and worry are just as good as through; Only a bounden duty remains for you and I. And that's to stand on the doorstep here and bid the old house good-by.

Yes, a deal has happened to make this old house dear; Christenins, funerals, wedding—what haven't we had here? Not a log in this old buildin' but its memories has got—And not a nail in this old floor but touches a tender spot.

Out of the old house, Nancy—moved up into the new; All the hurry and worry is just as good as through; But I tell you a thing right here, that I ain't ashamed to say; There's precious things in this old house we never can take away.

Here the old house will stand, but not as it stood before; Winds will whistle through it, and rains will flood the floor; And over the hearth once blazing the snowdrifts oft will pile. And the old thing will seem to be a mournin' all the while.

Fare you well, old house! you're naught that can feel or see. But you seem like a human being—a dear old friend to me; And we never will have a better home, if my opinion stands. Until we commence a keepin' house in the house not made with hands.

**COUNTESS' HUSBAND FIGHTING FOR RUSSIA**

Was Neither Surprised Nor Regretful Over Wife's Sentence

London, May 13.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Daily News telegraphs: "The representative of a Moscow newspaper interviewed Count Markievicz, who is serving as a trooper with a Russian hussar regiment, and who has not at present the appearance of a count. Markievicz, the interviewer, asserts, was neither surprised nor regretful over the conduct of his wife, who was sentenced to death a few days ago by a British court-martial as a punishment for the part she took in the Dublin revolt. The couple separated here a few years ago as a consequence of her increasing absorption in the Irish independence movement."

**CANADIAN PRESS WAS BADLY TREATED**

London, May 13.—The desire of the Government to silence the Canadian press is again evident in the treatment of Canadian newspaper men who went to Ireland. Sir George Perley obtained the consent of the War Office to allow two Canadians to go to Dublin, but not until three days after a party of English and American journalists had left. Then, owing to difficulties raised by political officials, the two Canadians selected were delayed for two days longer, and only reached Dublin on the Sunday following the first outbreak, which occurred on Easter Monday. The journalists who arrived earlier, however, were confined to their hotel for two days.

**ISSUE OF MILK TICKETS ADVOCATED IN BRITAIN**

London, May 13.—The issuance of milk tickets by the British Government, as in Germany, is advocated by The Daily Mail, in order to control the supply, assure proper distribution and prevent a further rise in the price. Milk has risen from fourpence to sixpence a quart since the beginning of the war.

patriotism amongst the pupils. Dr. Curtis says:—"The task of inculcating patriotism would be made vastly easier if every school were provided with the Union Jack. It is of such value in existing circumstances as to justify the Legislature in making provisions for the purchase of flags for the public schools of the country."

We think this is a matter which will commend itself to our readers, and at the next session of the Legislature we hope to see provision made for the supplying of all our public schools with the flag.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

**Mr. A. J. House Replies to Hon. M. P. Cashin's Letter Relative to Schr. "Lornina"**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

DEAR SIR,—I have read with care M. P. Cashin's reply in your issue of last Monday, to my letter of the 4th (published in your paper) dealing with the Lornina bounty business.

His statements regarding H. R. Silver, Ltd., engaging him as agent in closing up their business at St. John's and Greenspond is incorrect, at least as far as Greenspond is concerned. M. P. Cashin had nothing to do with closing the business there.—Mr. Hogt was down from Halifax as

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

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ARCH and statue of St. John the Baptist erected in front of the Catholic Cathedral grounds, 1857. Alexander M. McKay first arrived in St. John's, 1863. Alexander J. W. McNeily admitted to Bar, 1870. Thomas Farrell, Market House, died, 1857. Steamer Plover arrived for first time, 1877. Bishop Kelly left Newfoundland, 1877. Michael Esmond, pilot, died, 1879. Alfonso, King of Spain, born, 1886. Rev. W. Graham, Presbyterian minister, ordained, 1887. Steamer Calitro lost at Grates Cove, 1894. William Pitts presented Athenaeum with a set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1882.

**SOUTHERN REPUBLIC ORGANIZED IN CHINA**

Peking, May 13.—The revolutionists have organized a southern republic in Canton, embracing the Provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Kwangtung and Kwangsi, with Chen Chun-Hsuan as president, Tang Chi-Yao, vice-president and Liang Chi-Chao premier. Chen Chun-Hsuan was formerly Governor of Kwangtung, and led the American boycott in 1905 and 1906. Feng Kuo-Chang and other generals in the Yang-Tse Provinces have offered to mediate.

Yours very truly,  
 A. J. HOUSE.  
 Glovertown, May 12, 1916.

**ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE**

**To Try Liebknecht On Treason Charge**

Committee Decided Socialist Has Forfeited Parliamentary Immunity

Berlin, May 13.—The Business Committee of the Reichstag, to which the matter had been referred, declined unanimously, with the exception of two Socialists, to consider an urgent motion by the Socialists to postpone the trial of Dr. Liebknecht and to suspend his arrest until after the adjournment of the Reichstag.

The Socialists claimed Parliamentary immunity for Dr. Liebknecht, while admitting the justification of his arrest. Her von Payer, the Reporter of the Committee, read official documents in which Dr. Liebknecht admitted participation in a peace demonstration, but denied that he was guilty of treason.

A majority of the committee supported Herr von Payer in the opinion that Dr. Liebknecht had forfeited Parliamentary immunity.

Her von Payer read the following account of the arrest of Dr. Liebknecht:

"On May 1, Dr. Liebknecht participated in a peace demonstration at the Potsdamer Platz. The population became excited and shouted: 'Down with the war!' 'Down with the Kaiser!' Dr. Liebknecht had arranged the entire demonstration through his pamphlets. When arrested, he resisted violently, but at last he was knocked down and overpowered

**WATER-SOAKED BIBLE SAVED FROM THE DEEP**

Chicago, May 13.—"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." Matt. 24, 35.

In the relic room of a Chicago mail order house there was placed on exhibition to-day a water-soaked family Bible that had defied a swirling torpedo from a submarine, and the rushing billows of the Atlantic Ocean. It was opened and the text quoted.

Ordered by a customer, J. Terry Morgan, in Sierra Leone, West Africa, the Bible was sent parcel post to Chicago, and was a part of the mail on board the steamship Falaba when the ship was torpedoed in March last year. In some way unaccounted for, the Bible was torn loose, from the mail bag by the explosion, according to one theory, landing on the surface of the water. It was picked up by a fisherman later on the coast of Scotland, where it had been washed ashore.

How, with its compactness and weight, it could have floated that distance is a mystery. The book was sent to Liverpool, the postmarks and shipper's name deciphered, and returned to Chicago.

Owing to foggy and stormy weather the Prospero had to remain at Westville all night and is due here to-night.

by the police. The excited crowd threatened to lynch the police, but was dispersed by the military. There is no doubt that Liebknecht by his attitude assisted the enemy."

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