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The Annexation of St. Pierre.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—For some time past, there has been an unorganized effort made to start an agitation for the annexation of St. Pierre.

The most recent development is a telegraphic order to our Premier in London to DEMAND the transfer of that island to Newfoundland.

Now who are those who covet the possessions of our French neighbours? Roughly speaking there are three classes.

1st. The professional political demagogue.
2nd. The patriotic profiteer, who sees new fields wherein to fleece the natives; and
3rd. A class of well-meaning, but unthinking people who allow themselves to be stampeded into repeating a parrot-cry, without a thought of what it means.

In the first class there may be paid agents of the vile and unspeakable German propaganda, but it is more probable they are only blind tools.

The politician sees a new plank for his platform, and starts a battle-cry that he thinks will "gull the crowd." The unprincipled business shark sees a fresh field for the reaping of more blood.

WHAT DO THE FRENCH PEOPLE THINK?

Mr. Hamilton, in his book "Getting Together," apologizes to the Americans for a certain class of Britishers, who are so thick-skinned and disrespectful of other people's sensitiveness, that they do not know when they are wounding and insulting them.

This appears to be the class who are HUNTING the annexation of St. Pierre.

What do you imagine the people of St. Pierre think of it?

If one considers for a moment the anger and resentment displayed by our people, when Confederation with Canada—that is our annexation by a sister British Colony—was mooted, you may get a faint idea of the feelings of disgust that animate the people of St. Pierre.

The advocates of annexation appear a farge already the cause of the war ended. Do you think that the people who made such a super-heroic stand with their invincible "ring of steel" around Verdun, and who enshrined in history their immortal battle-cry that will echo down through the ages—"They Shall NOT Pass!"—it is conceivable that the nation who religiously placed wreaths on the statues of the "Lost Provinces"—Alsace and Lorraine, and for nearly fifty years renewed the oath annually, that they would redeem them or die, and then fulfilled the promise in such a magnificent manner, as not only to mark it as the greatest of all the great victories of that gallant people both on and outside the lost provinces, but in such a manner as won the most enthusiastic congratulations of the whole civilized world,—is it conceivable, I ask, that such a nation would leave their last colony in North America—the nursery of their navy—to oppose the clamour of a few Newfoundlanders?

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH THEM?

Assume the impossible, and we got St. Pierre,—what would we do with them? Would we deport the men, women and children like the Huns did in Belgium and Northern France?

Of all the brutalities in the war, this driving people from their homes and families; the land of their birth which they loved with an undying devotion,—the holy places that were the sepulchres of their blessed dead,—these, I say, were the most potent

causes of planting a feeling of hatred in the heart of French chivalry, that the beastial Hun will feel for generations yet unborn.

Are WE going to imitate the Hun in this respect? Suppose we do not deport or transport or compel them to emigrate, but take them as subjects, or fellow-subjects, what then? Has the experiment in Canada, where the French and British run in double harness been such a marvellous success, that the French of St. Pierre are going to crave a similar union with us, or their victorious brethren in France tolerate it? The French Provinces in Canada, are and have been the favourite stamping ground for every political demagogue in the Dominion,—and the result to-day is that racial antipathy and sectarian animosity are more rampant than in any period since the ill-assorted partnership was consummated.

Has the management of our own affairs, been such a political and commercial success, that the people of St. Pierre are ready and willing to fall into our arms, and give us the control of their future destinies? One can almost visualize the contemptuous shrug and hear the derisive laughter of this industrious and intelligent people, when it is suggested that they become vassals of this Colony. One can realize the anger of their brethren in France,—the defenders of civilization, the knights-errant of high ideals, the champions of small peoples, and the avengers of territorial rapacity, when it is suggested to them that this little community of their compatriots be betrayed by them into foreign hands.

WHY SHOULD ST. PIERRE BE MADE A SCAPE-GOAT?

We must remember that this is not a HUN victory,—nor a British victory over the French, but the very opposite, and that at the Peace Table, this time, there will be no demanding of French Territory, even by the most thick-skinned diplomat. Newfoundland did a noble part in the war, but we must remember, there were others, we were not the whole show. In proportion to its population, gallant little St. Pierre, sent more soldiers, sailors and Red Cross Nurses than we did. There was hardly a young man or woman left in the colony, a week after war was declared, and those that were left, young and old were drilled daily, and were always ready to fly to arms and repel any Hun or other foreigner who dared try to set foot in conquest on their sacred soil.

THE "GROG-SHOP OF THE ATLANTIC."

To some people drinking or handling spirituous liquors is the greatest crime in all the calendar of Sin. Hence when the demagogues wish to lash this class to fury, they uncork their poison gas, and in the foul atmosphere thus generated, they hurl their vilest insult to the people of St. Pierre, and proclaim to the world that their island is the "grog-shop of the Atlantic." This is the last word word of foolish offensiveness that we can throw to the most temperate people in the world.

Suppose they use wines and spirits in moderation, as their forefathers have done for ages, have we a heaven-sent mission to deprive them of that use? Did the French legions in France or Flanders show that they were any way inferior to the tea, coffee, and beer-swilling nations? In considering this aspect of the question, we let our smug self-complacency blind us.

Who buys the liquor? Newfoundlanders. Who smuggles it? Newfoundlanders. Who profits by the smuggling? Newfoundlanders. Who get it for \$50.00 per gallon and sell it for \$50.00, and finally, who drinks it? Is it necessary to answer this question?

A moment's consideration will show that it is not Frenchmen, who drink and smuggle it, but our own people. Liquor was banished by law from Newfoundland. Now Newfoundlanders, despite the law, seek it in St. Pierre. Banish it from St. Pierre, and they will seek it in Canadian, American, West Indian, British and Mediterranean ports, whence most of the smuggled liquor has always come to this port, and not in French bottoms either. For heaven's sake let us drop that hypocritical pose, that makes us throw up our hands in pious and holy horror, and try to fasten the blame on the French for our own liquor-consuming propensities.

CONDONED CRIMES WORSE THAN LIQUOR SELLING.

And finally the St. Pierre people say, with a shrug containing a WORLD OF MEANING: "There are more deadly things on the North Atlantic than grog-shops; there are agencies that bring swift and sudden death to trusting sailors; that leave larger numbers of widows and orphans and begot greater profits in a few short days than selling grog would for a generation." The French are quick-witted, intelligent people, and are not prone to idle talk, and perhaps there is more in this saying, than catches the eye of the unobservant.

When discussing the question of the

annexation of St. Pierre, it would be wise before committing themselves, if our public men would just give a few moments' consideration to the feelings and sentiments of the residents of that island, and of their kindred overseas. When we seek admittance to the Dominion of Canada, no doubt we will be readily accepted, and the mother-country will not object, but if we sought or were forced into union with the United States, what would then be our attitude and that of the Imperial Government and people of the United Kingdom?

If the people of St. Pierre sought union with us, we would be glad to have them—that is, if they first can square Generalissimo Foch, Premier Clemenceau, the victory-fused conquerors of Alsace-Lorraine, and the millions of other patriotic Frenchmen, who hold a foot of French territory when threatened by any rapacious land-grabber, dearer than life itself.

In the meantime it would be well, if we restrained these outbursts of insular ignorance and presumption that are calculated to insult our French neighbours in St. Pierre, offend our allies that went into the war, not to seize territory for themselves, nor permit others to do so, and make ourselves so ridiculous that we would become the laughing stock of the world.

Yours truly,
A HATER OF GERMAN
AND ALL KINDRED "KULTUR."
Dec. 17, 1918.

Published by Authority.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. A. Pittman, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Topsail, in place of Rev. Canon Netten, left the District; Rev. Hugh Facey, B.A., to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Kelligrews, in place of Rev. Canon Colley, deceased; Rev. Hugh Facey, B.A., to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Foxtrap—Long Pond, in place of Rev. Canon Colley, deceased.

Department of the Colonial Secretary, 17th December, 1918.

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Under the provisions of Chapter 153 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, "Of the Solemnization of Marriage," His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Licenses to Solemnize Marriage to Messrs. Leslie W. Blundon, and Arthur E. Blundon, representing the Methodist Church at Red Bay, (Labrador), and Garnish, respectively.

MILITIA ORDERS—No. 28
By J. R. Bennett, Esq., Minister of Militia.

1.—Promotion—
To be Honorary Second Lieutenants, with effect from 1st September, 1918—
No. 60, Acting Staff Sergt. Major C. C. Oke.
No. 1151, Acting Staff Sergt. Major G. R. Seivour.

To be Second Lieutenants with effect from 27th November, 1918—
No. 2403, Sergt. J. Dee.
No. 1843, Sergt. W. Hawker.
No. 870, Corp. J. Lang.

To be Lieutenants with effect from 29th November, 1918—
Second Lieutenant J. R. Steele.
Second Lieutenant J. McLea (attached R.A.F.).

To be Regimental Sergeant Major with effect from 1st December, 1918—
No. 1385, Coy. Sergt. Major E. Gullicksen, D.C.M.

11.—Transfer—
Lieutenant W. J. Clare, Reserve of Officers is transferred to the Active List with effect from 9th December, 1918.

W. F. RENDELL, Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Dec. 17th, 1918.

Shipping News.

The schr. Moravia, 10 days from Halifax with general cargo, reached port last evening. She was delayed on the way down by heavy weather, but sustained no damage.

The schr. Imperator is loading herring at Wood's Island for F. L. Davis, of Gloucester.

The schr. Nellie Dixon, of Beaver H., entered Wood's Island yesterday, to load herring.

The Annie M. Parker left Wood's Island yesterday with a load of herring, etc., from Bay of Islands Fishing Co., for Gloucester.

The schrs. Elizabeth N. and T. M. Nicholson, of Bucksport, are loading herring at Wood's Island.

The Marjorie Backman is loading at A. Goodridge & Sons' premises for Barbados.

The schr. Gordon M. Hollett sailed from Burin yesterday with a cargo of fish from W. and T. Hollett for Oporto.

The Acadia left Wood's Island yesterday with a cargo of herring for T. Basha & Sons.

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Regular \$37.50 eachSale Price, \$30.50
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Size for	5 to 6 years.	Reg.	\$10.00	\$ 8.00
Size for	5 to 6 years.	Reg.	\$11.25	\$ 9.25
Size for	5 to 6 years.	Reg.	\$12.00	\$ 9.75
Size for	7 to 8 years.	Reg.	\$10.50	\$ 8.50
Size for	7 to 8 years.	Reg.	\$11.75	\$ 9.75
Size for	7 to 8 years.	Reg.	\$12.50	\$10.50
Size for	7 to 8 years.	Reg.	\$13.50	\$11.50

Size for	9 to 10 years.	Reg.	\$11.00	.....Sale Price.	\$ 9.00
Size for	9 to 10 years.	Reg.	\$12.25	.....	\$10.25
Size for	9 to 10 years.	Reg.	\$13.25	.....	\$11.25
Size for	9 to 10 years.	Reg.	\$13.75	.....	\$11.75
Size for	9 to 10 years.	Reg.	\$15.50	.....	\$13.50
Size for	11 to 12 years.	Reg.	\$11.50	\$ 9.50
Size for	11 to 12 years.	Reg.	\$12.75	\$10.75
Size for	11 to 12 years.	Reg.	\$14.00	\$12.00
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Regular	\$13.25 each	\$11.00
Regular	\$15.25 each	\$12.70
Regular	\$16.00 each	\$13.00
Regular	\$18.00 each	\$15.00
Regular	\$19.50 each	.....	\$16.00
Regular	\$21.00 each	.....	\$17.30
Regular	\$22.50 each	.....	\$18.80

Children's Sealette Coats

Size for	5 years.	Reg.	\$21.75	\$18.00
Size for	6 years.	Reg.	\$19.50	\$16.00
Size for	6 years.	Reg.	\$21.75	\$18.00
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