

The Mail and Advocate

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The Present Situation

THE public are greatly alarmed over rumors current around town in reference to the intention of the Government to place a tax of 2c. per lb. on sugar, 5c. per lb. on Tea, and 25c. per bbl. on flour when the House opens next Wednesday. Needless to say sugar at 10c. per lb. which it will become immediately two cents duty is added to the present price will give but little revenue to the Colony for the use of it will be reduced some 70 per cent. It is quite possible that the price in the States will increase another two cents per lb. before Xmas.

The price of tea has advanced locally owing to high exchange and war freights and insurance risks and to place a duty of five cents per lb. will be to make the cost of tea almost prohibitive to the poor.

Flour won't be sold at less than \$7 to \$7.25 if a duty is placed on it, so all around nothing but misery and unrest will attend any advance in the prices of those articles caused by taxes placed by a Government representing a minority of the electorate.

One way to raise some of the money required to meet the Treasury demands is to make the well to do find it through an income tax, a tax on rents paid absentee landlords, a tax on estates when probated and a thorough pruning into public expenditure, cutting out every useless cent voted, dismissing useless officials, reducing the salaries of all in the civil service receiving large amounts.

Public affairs were never worse conducted than at present, and no Government since Responsible Government was granted lacked ability, strength, integrity and true patriotism in such a degree as that which now rules.

At such a time as this the best men available in the country should be responsible for public affairs and no one considers that the members of the present Government are any better than ordinary school boys in the management of public affairs.

Yesterday France taught the world a lesson respecting united action and harmony in a National Crisis and although the Government was as strong and powerful as any Government France has had for ten years, yet they decided that their first duty was to the Republic and the Government resigned in a body and the resigning Premier was invited to form a new government and within an hour France possessed the strongest government it has had since the Republic was established.

It contains no less than four members who once held the Premiership—even the much despised Socialist Leader became a member.

All parties are united in France as in England and presenting a united front to the enemy—while in Newfoundland every action of the Government since war was declared has been taken without consulting the other Party Leaders, and no effort has been made by the Premier or the Governor to secure political harmony.

The Opposition Party represent a majority of the electorate and possess the confidence of the people, while the Government Party is unpopular and mistrusted by three-fourths of the people. They have availed of every pretence and trick in order to hold on to office.

Sir Edward Morris should have followed the example of Mr. Asquith and Sir Robert Borden, and if such examples did not sufficiently appeal to him then the example shown by France yesterday should suffice.

It is useless now to expect the Union Party at any rate to endorse the blunders and folly shouldered by the Government since the war opened. The Union Party absolutely decline to be catspaws in the hands of the men who compose the present Government.

A situation has arisen that calls for united action and complete harmony and if this is to be accomplished the Government must resign and a new Government embracing all the best men of all parties must take charge of public affairs while the war endures.

No other course will be acceptable to the people or be equal to the demands that will surely have to be met by the rulers of Terra Nova during the ensuing year.

We call upon the Premier to-day to take action on the lines adopted by the French Government yesterday and place the resignation of the whole administration in the hands of the Governor and arrange at once for the formation of a new administration composed of the best available in all parties and let the new government meet the House on Wednesday and take united action in reference to matters confronting the Colony that must be dealt with in a united and harmonious manner or failure and untold misery and consequences hard to foretell must result.

We state on behalf of the Union Party and its Leader that no other course will be approved of by it or him, and further, that Mr. Coaker is ready to shoulder his portion of responsibility for public affairs, and take his place side by side with other leaders in the formation of a new government under the leadership of Sir E. P. Morris or Sir R. Bond, or Mr. Morine, or Mr. Kent.

There is no time to be lost and the whole responsibility now must rest with Sir Edward Morris, for he has the power to carry out our proposal. We can see no other way out of the crisis confronting the Colony.

If Sir Edward is sincerely desirous of doing his best for the Colony and Empire at this time, he has an opportunity now to prove it by deeds as well as by words.

One thing he must feel convinced of and that is that the public will no longer tolerate a continuance of the political condition in this country that have prevailed since the war opened. No matter who must make the sacrifice or who will be sacrificed the only remedy is as pointed out above.

Just Read Over This Programme at the Nickel for the Week-End

A PATHE PLAY IN TWO PARTS

THE DEATH SONG.

With the celebrated Actress ASTA NIELSEN in the leading role. She was just his wife until she found she had a voice—but then she became an artist with a career, it brought her money and fame and the love of a celebrated composer. The husband was left behind—until he realized it. What he did and how it affected the other two—that's the crux of this big, effective picture.

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A beautiful Irish drama produced in two parts

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"DYED, BUT NOT DEAD," a Biograph Comedy

"CANALS OF VENICE—ITALY," Interesting travalogue

And by special request we will repeat

OUR OWN BIG LOCAL FEATURE—H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF BOWRING PARK AS USUAL THE CHILDREN'S BUMPER MATINEE SATURDAY EXTRA PICTURE.

BRITAIN'S CAUSE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—At a time like this, we, of the clergy, should speak with no uncertain sound.

Canon Smith, in his able letter published a few days ago, has struck a chord which, I think, should find a response in the breast of every true Newfoundlander.

He has pointed out what it would mean to ourselves, should Great Britain and France, at the end of this terrible struggle—which the whole world is watching with such intense anxiety—have been found to have been vanquished.

Impossible Possibilities.

It is easier imagined than described, what our own condition would be, when dragged into serfdom to a power, which "has placed itself outside the pale of civilization," and shamelessly perpetrates such crime and cruelty as could scarcely be surpassed, in the dark age of medieval barbarism.

Great Britain used every effort to preserve peace. But when the saw treaty rights trampled under foot—small countries bullied and forced into war against their will British ships fired on before war was declared, and, further, when a courteous message of enquiry from the British Government was met with an insulting reply—the ut-

PRICE OF FISH

ANY fisherman unable to dispose of dry codfish at \$6.00 per quintal here in town should apply to President Coaker at his office when arrangements will be made to dispose of dry fish at six dollars per quintal.

We make this announcement because some firms are taking fish at \$5.00 and \$5.25, while others are paying the price we have asked the fishermen to demand.

The price of cod oil is \$75.00. The Union Trading Co. is buying oil at that figure. We quote this figure because some firms are not offering \$75.00 per ton.

The fishermen all over the country will be glad to learn that the price for fish demanded by the F. P. U. two weeks ago have been secured.

Fish is likely to advance steadily from time to time as the high price of other foods must eventually cause the price of codfish to advance.

Fishermen residing at the near-by outports who bring fish to the city should refuse to sell unless paid \$6.00 per qtl.

Don't trouble to sell for the rise in price unless you have a written guarantee for nothing else can be depended upon.

Let the Premier act to-day and take Messrs. Kent and Coaker into his confidence and within five hours a new government embracing our best public men of all political parties can be ready to shoulder the responsibility of doing all possible to assist the Colony, the People and the Empire at this life and death epoch in our country's affairs.

We make this proposal in all true sincerity and after serious consideration and solely in view of doing all possible for Country and Empire, and we ask Sir Edward Morris to accept it in good faith and in the sense it is intended.

No one man or one party can carry the country through the present crisis. It is a crisis that calls for the best in all our public men, and in all our political divisions, and if our proposal is not acceptable to Sir E. P. Morris he must shoulder all responsibility for the future as well as the past.

It is for him to decide.

By making this proposal we have done what we believe is our duty to the People, our Country and our Empire.

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LOOK OUT NOW!

Everybody's doing it now? Doing what? Why, reading The Mail and Advocate of course. It's surely the house paper now! Without doubt the most widely circulated in the country.

most limit of endurance was reached.

A Just War.

War was declared with Germany, and justly. As a British statesman has said, "No nation ever went to war with a better heart and a clearer conscience than Britain has!"

She is fighting for her altars, her hearths and her homes! She is fighting for the cause of our common humanity, and "to save civilization from the greatest peril that has ever threatened it." Verily, our cause is a just one. But we must not forget that war is also a chastisement of God! It is one of those scourges which is permitted by God on account of a Nation's sins.

Great Britain, notwithstanding that she is a Christian Nation and honorable, has her sins. We, in this our "Island Home," have our sins, which merit, etc., chastening rod of the All-just and Holy One, Who cannot look on iniquity.

No Time for Frivolity.

In this season of our great peril and deep distress it is no time for frivolity, for pleasure, or for self-indulgence. Our noble officers, our brave soldiers are drenching the soil of Europe with their blood, their mangled and mutilated bodies are bestrewn the grim battlefield, while we here in Newfoundland are enjoying, undisturbed, all the comforts of home and dear ones.

There is surely a call for deep humiliation and earnest prayer. No doubt in every place of worship in Newfoundland prayers are offered up to the throne of grace, that the Almighty and Most Merciful God would take our cause into His hands, and give us the victory over our enemies.

Expect Divine Favor.

But as Canon Smith says, "we might expect a blessing from God,

in this most perilous and awful crisis in our country's history, if we were all to unite in observing a day of public humiliation, with fasting and prayer, imploring His Divine Majesty's mercy and assistance, in this time of our dire necessity.

Our plea:

"With pitying eye behold our need, As thus we lift our prayer: Correct us with Thy judgments, Lord Then let Thy mercy spare."

We shall thus be using a weapon far mightier than any earthly weapons of warfare. In one great united voice of fervent prayer, we shall be imploring a holy violence at the Gates of Heaven. Crying "mightily unto God," we may well hope for a shortening of these days of tribulation and the bringing nearer the time, when the strife and tumult of contending hosts at Christ's command shall sink down into the great calm of a sweet and lasting peace.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor,

Yours truly,

T. G. NETTEN.

Topsail, Aug. 27, 1914.

GERMANS BROKE THRU THE LINES

But the French Hurried Up and Soon Mastered the Situation

London, Aug. 28.—A despatch to The Times from Boulogne says the German troops presumably cavalry broke through the French lines near Arras in the Province of Pas de Calais.

The French moved up with rapidity and, it is declared, have the situation well in hand. The despatch says the allied troops are being swiftly arranged to deal with any further attempt to break through the lines between Dunkirk and Lille.

Note of Thanks

Capt. John F. Lewis, Holyrood, sincerely thanks the Dalton Council, Knights of Columbus, Harbor Grace, the Star of the Sea Association of Holyrood, Rev. W. P. Finn, P.P., Wm. Penney and other friends for notes of sympathy and other acts of kindness tendered on the death of his father, the late William Lewis.

The express is due at 8 this evening.

Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.35 a.m.

Lintrose left Basques at 9.20 a.m.

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN

Every successful business man can give reasons for his prosperity. Most essential to any success is a careful and ceaseless attention to details. Every well conducted office or store in the world finds that simple and effective filing systems are an absolute necessity. No employer will waste his own time or allow waste with his staff by using old fashioned methods. The benefits derived from the time and money-saving system which "Globe-Wernicke" devices encourage are self-evident. Not a paper can go astray when the "Safeguard" method of this Company is used. And no matter how complicated your filing problem, no matter how peculiar, no matter how small or how large, the "Globe-Wernicke" can provide you with the equipment that will place every record at your finger tips. Why not investigate? Mr. Percie Johnson represents the "Globe" in Newfoundland.

BRITISH FORCE HOLDING OSTEND

Soldiers and Sailors Sent To Reinforce the Belgians Holding the Port—Churchill Says Force is a Very Strong One

New York, Aug. 28.—A cable from London published in the Sun says England has stripped her reserve ships of the North fleet of marines to aid in fighting in Belgium, because of the alarm of airship raids to which England would be exposed should the Germans establish a permanent base in Ostend.

British sailors and soldiers have been sent to reinforce the Belgians now there.

In the House of Commons Winston Churchill announced that marines were now at Ostend. He said that the Expeditionary force was a large one but did not give the figures.

British Marines in Control.

London, Aug. 28.—British Marines in force are now in control of Ostend, says a despatch from there to The Times.

They continued landing all day yesterday and several quick firers were brought ashore early today.

The men present a splendid appearance, all eager for an engagement with the enemy. Meanwhile, the approach to the station is thronged with sightseers and citizens who express regret that the Marines were not landed sooner.

The British officers declare the reason they did not land sooner was because of the objections of the local authorities, who objected to the British landing.

The fighting at Snaeskerke on Tuesday changed the minds of these objectors and the city fathers forthwith asked the British Government to send the marines.

NATHAN RICE VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Nathan Rice, formerly employed with the Gas Co., and a prominent non-com. of the C.L.B., who left for Canada two years ago, has volunteered with the 79th Fusiliers at New Westminster, B.C., for active service. A young man named Wells, of Fover's Cove, has volunteered with the same regiment.

'Home Boats'

The Pomeranian leaves Liverpool to-morrow for here. The next boat coming across will probably be the Sardinian, replacing the Mongolian which is now at Philadelphia and is being scheduled owing to recent delay at home. The Carthaginian now bound to England will follow the Sardinian out.

TWO CARLOADS OF UNION FLOUR

Two carloads of Union flour consigned to Bonavista Union store, are now en route to Bonavista from Port aux Basques.

Some six thousand barrels is now on route to Sydney for shipment by the Reid system.

The Cacouna, due next Tuesday, is bringing 1,000 barrels for the Union Trading Co.

Patriotic Fund

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts:

Bowring Brothers	\$2,500
Rothwell & Bowring	1,000
E. R. Bowring	1,000
J. S. Munn	250
E. A. Bowring	250
	\$5,000

J. S. MUNN,

Hon. Treas.

Newfoundlander Offers Services

A gentleman hands The Mail a copy of the "Sunset," published at Vancouver, containing a picture of another Newfoundland who has volunteered for the front, Serat. J. C. Goodridge, who has volunteered with the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles of Vancouver.

"Charlie," as he was known in St. John's, was a member of the C.L.B. and went through the South African war with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards.

He was wounded at the battle of Baddelphsberg, and wears a South African medal. He resided in St. John's for a short time after the war, and then moved to Vancouver, where he has since lived.

A Volunteer

Mr. Ernest Tessier, of "Germondale" St. John's, and ex-member of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff, who has been in Canada for several years, has volunteered for service and joined the 102nd Regiment of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, British Columbia.

MARRIAGES

TAPPER-CAKE—At Bonne Bay on Aug. 22nd, by the Rev. G. H. Maitment, Nina A. Tapper to Stanley W. Cake.

The S. A. College Re-Opens

TUESDAY, September 1st.

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