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## Evening Telegram

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H. A. WINTER, B.A., - - - Editor

THURSDAY, January 10, 1918.

### An F. P. U., Not a National, Government.

Yesterday we endeavoured to show the course and true meaning of the events which have led to the political crisis—it can be called nothing else—and it is by no means over—which has supervened in this country. We must now turn our eyes to the present and towards the future. It should be unnecessary, though it cannot be superfluous, to point out to the public of Newfoundland the very grave peril that encompasses it—the chronic of past events should be sufficient to do that; but it is most necessary to consider the means by which it can be avoided and the country saved. We may note in passing, that Mr. Coaker announces the issue of a libel suit against the News and Outlook of yesterday after our own statement of the day. We merely mention this for the public's benefit. When Mr. Coaker threatens libel actions, the statements which he complains of are invariably both true and unanswerable. It is his way of admitting it. For Mr. Coaker's own benefit we may say that we have irrefragable proof of every statement we make. We say it out of pure kindness, in order that he may save himself the expense and annoyance of embarking on actions which he is foredoomed to lose, and which will have consequences reaching far beyond the mere finding of a jury.

We stated yesterday that the Government of the country is at present completely in the control of the F. P. U. It is the easiest matter in the world to prove, and it is a most necessary one. The extraordinary procedure, by which the present administration has been permitted to succeed in the last, which technically resigned with the late Premier, has been possible only on the quite false assumption that it succeeded in its mission, and without a break of continuity, and that it is in the real sense of the word a "national" ministry. We have not hitherto dealt with this most important question, for the reason, chief among several, that we did not wish to embarrass His Excellency in a very difficult position in which he has found himself. But the situation is too critical and too dangerous to permit the true answer to it being longer concealed and cloaked, as the Government papers have so far done.

The Coalition Government, which has disappeared, had at least some cause for its pretence to be called a national one. It included every member of the House and was, in actual fact, a union of both parties, as they had theretofore existed. Everyone knows, and we have sufficiently shown, that it was really a stepping stone, a halfway house, between the Morris Government and an F. P. U. Government, created by the treachery and duplicity of the two leaders. The mere fact of the withdrawal of Messrs. Squires, Gibbs and Bennett is sufficient proof of this. They did not refuse to take seats in a national ministry; they did refuse to accept them in a ministry created and controlled by Mr. Coaker, President of the F. P. U. If it is argued, per contra, that Messrs. Cashin and Crosbie acted differently, we have only to point to the past record and present standing of those gentlemen to supply a sufficient answer.

We will now examine in detail the personnel of the present ministry. At its head stands Dr. Lloyd, Premier and Minister of Justice. Until a few days ago he was the solicitor of the F. P. U. Can it be supposed that his formal resignation of that position in any way alters his real relations with and feelings towards that body? At the next general election he will offer himself as an F. P. U. candidate. We quote again the report of the Catalina Convention held last November, where it was proposed that Bonavista District should "call to ALLOW Dr. Lloyd to be in nomination for Bonavista."

Plainly, then, the first legislator in the country cannot choose what district he will represent, but must be allowed to represent one suitable to this organization. Comment is quite superfluous. The amazing thing about all this is the ignorance it exposes of the leaders of this local Soviet of the most elementary proprieties, not to say legalities, of representative government. We make these remarks in no disparagement of Dr. Lloyd, of whose abilities we have the greatest admiration. Our objection is that he is not allowed to use them independently and with his own judgment.

Mr. Halford is the Colonial Secretary. He is a Union candidate and representative, and one of its most active members. He will do nothing whatever antagonistic to the aspirations of the Union. Mr. Stone, a most capable and conscientious minister personally, is Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and also a Union representative. He shares, perhaps, with Mr. Coaker the greatest measure of influence among its members. Mr. Cliff is Minister of Agriculture and Mines, and of his ability and long experience we make no question. But he stands for a "Union" district, and without the support of the F. P. U. could not possibly be re-elected there. It is unnecessary to show that all traces of the old Liberal party and Liberal tendencies have long since disappeared from the Government. Mr. Cashin is Minister of Finance. With Mr. Crosbie, he supplies the only approach to a mixture of the old "People's party" elements in the new regime. His turbulent influence in the old Cabinet and his new relations with the Coaker party are sufficient evidence that his sympathies are entirely with that party, as much as if he had been elected a member of it. The same thing can be said, but more strongly, of Crosbie, member without portfolio of the Executive. The country will know what check he is likely to impose upon the aspirations of the F. P. U. and its leader, with whom he was until lately at daggers drawn and whose close bosom friend he now is. Mr. Woodford, Minister of Public Works, is the only remaining Minister. No one takes Mr. Woodford seriously; he does not do so himself. All we know of him is that when another ministry replaces the present one the odds are ten to one that he will be found in it. Without portfolio there remains Mr. Coaker and Hickman to conclude the list. We will not waste time by considering Mr. Coaker's case. Mr. Hickman is another Union candidate. He has, however, given welcome and refreshing proof of an independence of spirit which has raised him greatly in the estimation of the public.

Of these men whom we have enumerated we will say again that our objection to them is not on personal grounds. But it is not in any way a personal question. The plain, unvarnished and ugly fact stands out that they make up what is an almost undiluted F. P. U. ministry. There is not a single one of them who could be counted upon to oppose any measure submitted to the Legislature which should be in the interests of that body. Four out of the nine represent the Union directly. Three more are bound hand and foot to it. They either owe their present position, or would certainly owe their re-election, to its influence. Possibly the same cannot be said of the remaining two, but these have clearly signified their sympathy with the Union by joining the administration and can be looked upon as its adherents.

The position would be bad enough if the present Government, which has come thus into office without having to seek re-election, as in the ordinary course, were a party one. But it is more than a party government; it is a government representing a large corporation which is practically identical with another, and trading, corporation, a corporation proved to have the closest relations with the Reid Nfld. Co., which is under contract with the Government. As if that were not enough, its nature and constitution absolutely forbid its being permitted, not to control the Government of the Colony, but even to be represented in it. The rules which it has published, Lloyd, Premier and Minister of Justice, provide that candidates selected by its District Council shall TAKE AN OATH of allegiance to the Council, and also a FURTHER OATH that they will sign their seats if called upon to do so by a majority. Could ignorance, could impudence, could illegality, go further? Talk of the freedom and independence of the House of Commons!

We have said enough to show the true nature of the Government that professes to call itself a National Government. Everything connected with it is antagonistic to British principles of

Government, if not directly contrary to established laws and precedents. We most respectfully draw the Government's attention to the matter. We have complete confidence in him that, as soon as he is convinced of what we have said and realizes the true position that has resulted from years of designing and scheming, he will immediately insist on the resignation of the whole ministry, whose tenure of office even for this length of time has been an outrage and a scandal.

## LATEST

**SNOW HALTS ENEMY IN ITALY.**  
Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy.—The enemy's winter campaign appears to have been interrupted seriously if not halted definitely, by heavy snow falls during the last twenty-four hours. The snow covers the mountain front to a depth of from three to five feet. The snow barrier is operating strongly against the enemy, as they are on the higher summits between the Piave and the Brenta Rivers.

**GERMAN PEACE TERMS.**  
PARIS, To-day.—The German Chancellor, von Hertling, has announced the following German peace terms, according to a Zurich despatch printed in the Matin to-day, quoting the Berlin Zeitung as its authority. One, the establishment of an international tribunal for future arbitration between nations and to provide for disarmament. Two, the return of Germany's colonies.

### Had Many Trying Experiences.

Mr. James Connors, a well known seaman sailing out of this port, who was mate on the Barq. E. S. Hocken, which met her fate recently, has had many close calls during his career. On eight different occasions the ships that he was on were destroyed either through storm and shipwreck or through the action of the enemy.

### Supreme Court.

Downing Cook Co., Ltd., vs. H. J. B. Woods, and others.  
On motion of Mr. Hunt for plaintiff, and by consent of Mr. L. E. Emerson for defendants, the hearing of the appeal herein is set for Monday, the 4th day of March.

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### Personal.

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Col. O'way, S.A., went out by to-day's train to Grand Falls.

Mr. Reg. Harvey left for New York by to-day's express.

### Seasonable Soliloquies.

I feel like one who treads alone  
The banquet hall deserted.  
The goblets drained,—the silver pawned.  
My SECRET yet un-earthed.  
'Tis time to quit before it dawns  
On the fools who served my turn;  
They may go to h— for another "scorch."  
The fire still TOO GREEN TO BURN!  
—P.C.

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir.—The ignominious exit of Sir Edward Morris from the public life of Newfoundland has removed one menace to the country's welfare, and accentuated another. No public man was regarded with more suspicion and mistrust than the departed Prime Minister. He first became prominent in the public eye in connection with the "notorious" Reid Deal of 1898. It was an unsavoury notoriety that he obtained on that occasion, but it ingratiated him with that wealthy corporation, the Reid-Newfoundland Company, and they stuck by him to the end. The phrase "stuck by him" is a vulgar phrase no doubt, but it will convey to the general public a reality that they will the more readily perceive. The Reid wealth and labor influence, plus other special influences, placed him in possession of the Government in 1909, and the same influences kept him in possession of the Government until the bargain was made with the Coakerites which enabled him to retire to the other side of the Atlantic, there to enjoy the fruits of his political career. He is gone. He has left behind him a thoroughly demoralized public life, a sadly impoverished and mortgaged country, and a befooled and impotent people. To-day, he is probably gloating over what he deems the some of success, but as the Latin proverb says, "dammum appellandum est cum mala fene lucrum," and in the last of his birth, where he is known best, a contemptuous people will inscribe to his memory the words of Tacitus respecting Galba,—he might have been regarded by his countrymen as a great man if he had never been given the chance to be one. The departed Prime Minister proved himself a cunning man, a politically unscrupulous and deceitful man, with the brain of the conspirator, and the cold, callous heart insensible to the finer feelings of humanity. He had no honourable concern for the good opinion of his fellow-countrymen. His farewell letter to his constituents, and his conduct towards those who stood closest to him for years, indicates that he lacks the finely constituted mind which instinctively shrinks from the brutal. What could be more brutal than his treatment of his political colleagues, and the cynical drive that he addressed to those whose loyalty and devotion enabled him to acquire whatever he possessed?

After ten years of close association with him in the Government of the country the editors of the Daily News and Daily Star can pay no higher tribute than this,—the Daily News, "We had known him as a cute politician. . . . The country has little to regret because of his departure"; and the Daily Star,—a deceiver and betrayer who "behind the backs of his Executive colleagues, and entirely contrary to his definite, deliberate and oft-repeated statements entered into a private agreement" that sold them out to their opponents, and menaces the future of the country. I have read of a great man who, on his departure, turned to those near him and murmured, "I have held a great post, and I have not been equal to it." The departed Prime Minister was not great enough to make a similar confession. At least it has not reached the public ear or eye. His valdacity has been a characteristic, all too mendacious and vulgar statement calculated to deceive the public and hide his own shame. The garb of the Baron,—which, according to the statements recently made in the House of Lords by such authorities as Lord Loreburn, Lord Selbourne and other noble lords, is, in many instances, a very seedy and disreputable garment—will fall to hide those traits that will be remembered by his countrymen when the latest addition to the House of Lords has passed to a higher tribunal. The title that has been given to Sir Edward Morris we have to presume was given in recognition of the magnificent contributions that the Colony has made to the war strength of the Empire, for there are no other conceivable grounds upon which it could have been conferred. He of all men should have done more, as Prime Minister, to obtain and augment those contributions. He of all men did least. He shirked his responsibility in the matter, and cast the whole of such responsibility on the shoulders of private citizens. He has received the reward of others' patriotic efforts, and his barony has cost this little Colony a tremendous price in blood and treasure. If a political career such as that which I have briefly outlined is such as commends itself for recognition at the hands of the Colonial Office, for it has to be remembered that is where the recognition has come from, then, I say, it is not calculated to stimulate the youths of this Colony to offer their lives on the high altar of patriotism, and neither is it calculated to move men of honour, self-respect and independence to give their time and talents to the service of the State. But it is not with Sir Edward Morris the individual we are primarily concerned, but with his last official act, which betrayed this country into the hands of two private business corporations and menaces the future well-being of the country. If it is to be saved from disintegration and ruin, then the Press the

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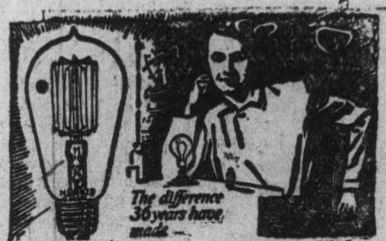
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