

## Are Law Makers To Be Law Breakers?

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I crave permission through your valued paper to congratulate the Opposition in the House of Assembly for the great benefit they have conferred upon the public of this country by the recent exposure of the conduct of John R. Goodison Esq., in the expenditure of public moneys in the district of Carbonear; also the men at Carbonear and Victoria Village who had the courage of their convictions and did not hesitate to give sworn evidence to the manner in which they had received money. These men also deserve great credit for the assistance they gave to expose a system which has resulted in the misuse and waste of moneys that were meant for the improvement of roads and bridges.

George Peckham in his affidavit says "He did not perform any work on a well or any road on the Neck for the \$10.00 he is alleged to have received as per Return Sheet dated May 13th, 1913 for an allocation of \$150.00. That he was not asked by any person to do any work whatsoever for the said sum." In his evidence he also says "He did no work for the \$10.00, and admits he signed a receipt for this money."

It is noteworthy that some of these moneys for which no work was performed was given by order of Mr. Goodison preceding the 1913 election. How far these givings out influenced the electorate of Carbonear in Mr. Goodison's favour the public can only surmise. But it is an eye opener to a great many when men like Mr. Goodison plead that he knew he had no legal right to authorize such public expenditure but had followed the custom of the country in this respect.

If some illiterate person would put up such a plea for breaking any statute law it would be ignored, but in Mr. Goodison's case his action will condoned by his associates and treated as if he had performed some heroic feat.

Mr. Editor the public is behind you in your great work in exposing wrongs against the public weal, and when the opportunity offers, Mr. Goodison and those who support his conduct will have meted out to them their just deserts by a long-suffering and outraged people.

Yours truly,  
"CITIZEN."  
St. John's, April 29, 1916.

## OBITUARY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please grant me space in your valuable paper to record the death of a brother, in the person of Wm. Greene, Jr., who passed peacefully away on the 15th inst at the age of 27 years and 7 months, after a long illness, due to consumption.

The heartfelt sympathy of this settlement goes out to the bereaved family in the sorrow they are called upon to bear. The stroke is a severe one, especially to the father in losing his only help. The funeral of our departed brother took place on the 17th inst at the Anglican Church and was largely attended, the deceased being a member two societies, the S. U. F. and the L. O. A., who attended in joint procession with a joint band, rendering appropriate hymns suitable for the occasion. The service was a very impressive one, conducted by Rev. Canon Smart. The two named societies wish to extend its sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

E. PARROTT,  
Winterton, April 22, 1916.

**So Near.**  
Tough luck! Fellow gave me three winners at yesterday's races.  
"What's tough about that?"  
"I didn't play them."

**No Use Then.**  
Mamma—"Poor boy, how did you hurt your finger?"  
Little Son—"With a hammer."  
"When?"  
"A good while ago."  
"I didn't hear you cry?"  
"I thought you were out."

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## Contractor Kelly Must Face Trial

COLUMBUS, N.M., April 26.—A motor train carrying General Pershing, commander of the expeditionary forces together with his escort, was fired upon during a drive made at night from Satevo to the wireless station at Namiquipa, according to reports received here.

According to the reports, General Pershing was on his way to Namiquipa to attend to the sending of detailed despatches concerning the engagement at Parral, when Mexicans in ambush near Providencia, fired on the cars. There were only about ten snipers, all of whom fled when the Americans returned their fire.

Reports that the Carranza garrison at Parral attempted to ambush the command of Major Tompkins, and other reports of strained relations between the American forces in Mexico and soldiers of the de facto government were responsible for some trepidation expressed here to-day.

In some quarters here the opinion is expressed that the pursuit of Villa's band has become a secondary matter, and that the prime problem the expedition troops are now facing is that of their own protection.

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## Tells Richard, the Expert He Needn't Come Again

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Would you allow me the space in your valuable paper to give the public an idea of how those members of the present government are treating some of the people in Placentia Bay.

For instance, take Swift Current, why, their member, Mr. Devereaux, took away the post office from the West side and gave it to people who were not getting half so much mail, because he thought he would get a few more votes. I guess the name "Morris Grabbers" may be safely applied in this case, and as I have recently seen in your paper, they want to be driven out of existence.

Just imagine a member placing two post offices near each other, and let the people who should have one, walk four miles to get their mail, simply because he can get a few more votes. I wonder if he is sure of getting those votes. Of course he may get them; but there are others he got the last he, will never get again.

You may go ahead Mr. Coaker, they will accept you down there this time. I know you will do better for them. You may be able to give them a mail carrier, who will bring their mail and distribute it. I can assure you it is not the money they are after. Those people want to get their mail, so that they can hear from their sons and relatives who are fighting for our freedom. And don't you think they should have their mail?

And now before I conclude, I guess I shall also give you a little idea of the Patriotism existing in that same place. The side that has been favored by this government have their young men home, when they should be to the front, or in the second battalion, which is now being formed; and the young men of the other side are out on the grey North Sea somewhere, protecting those slackers.

Fancy the Government paying to keep a post office in such a place. It looks as if the Government is paying to keep those young men home when they should have khaki, or title serge on.

## C. of E. Schools Help Cot Fund

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly publish at your convenience the enclosed list of additional contributions towards Hospital Cots for our soldiers and sailors.

Yours faithfully,  
W. W. BLACKALL,  
Supt. Education (C. of E.)

## The W.P.A. at Winterton

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words concerning the W. P. A. of this place. During the winter we have been working steadily trying to do our "bit" for the brave boys who are fighting for us. In order to get money to buy wool and other materials for our work of the W. P. A. we made a general canvass of the town and collected forty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$45.38). Two of our members went to Turk's Cove and collected three dollars and twelve cents (\$3.12). The S. U. F. Society here gave us a donation of \$50.00, which has been previously acknowledged through this paper. Since Christmas our income from all sources amounted to \$98.50.

The ladies of Winterton branch of the W. P. A. wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped in any way, especially the people of Turk's Cove; and for the kind way in which the collectors were received by the people.

Thanking you for space, M. Editor,  
Yours truly,  
MEMBER OF W.P.A.  
Winterton, March 31, 1916.

**GLENCOE'S PASSENGERS**

S.S. Glencoe arrived at Placentia 3.40 p.m. yesterday, with the following passengers:—Rev. S. J. Ryan, Dr. A. J. Mosley, Mrs. Mosley, Miss Mosley, Rev. H. Hughes, T. Power, A. Woolridge, G. F. Williams, F. Dunford, H. E. Greenland, Magistrate Way, J. Pretzman, W. Garland, Mrs. W. Garland, Miss S. Garland and 6 second class.

## VON PAPEN WAS AT THE HEAD OF THE GERMAN PLOTS IN THE UNITED STATES AGAINST CANADA

NEW YORK, April 26.—Captain Horst Von Der Goltz alias Frank Franz von Papen, recalled military at Wachendorf, alias Bridgeman Taylor; tache to the German Embassy at Wash. Fritzen, Gorani, Carl Tushendler and tagton, was indicted by the federal Joachim Bussse, Von Der Goltz, who grand jury here as the organizer and was later arrested in England, returned to the United States, accompanied by a detective from Sootland Yard and ada. With him also were indicted gave important testimony to the gov. Captain Hans Tauscher, alleged agent ernment here.

John T. Ryan, an attorney, and pro and husband of Mme. Johana Gadski, mined in politics in Buffalo, N. Y., the prima donna; Constant Gorani, was named in the indictment as the Alfred J. Fritzen, and another whose man who acted as intermediary in the name has not been revealed. It was payment of money by Von Papen to learned from a reliable source that Von Der Goltz. On two occasions in the latter is a prominent German, September, 1914, it is alleged, Von whose name has been mentioned fre-Papen paid \$200 to Von Der Goltz, quently with the German propaganda, through a Buffalo bank and Ryan. A His arrest is expected to-morrow.

His indictment, it is understood, will to have been made to Von Der Goltz, be returned with the sanction of the Checks and checkbook stubs of these Department of Justice, and is be- transactions are in the possession of lieved to be a precedent. The indict- ment will be held in abeyance in case Captain Tauscher, head of the Taus- he should return to the United States, cher Arms Company here, supplied the The indictment charges, in addition explosives to Von Der Goltz, the in- to the Welland plot, that it was "the dictment charges, while Von Papen purpose and intent of the defendants furnished "electric generators, fuses to blow up and destroy other property and wires."

In August, 1914, according to the Von Papen was designated by fed- indictment, five sailors from the in- eral officials as the "brains" of the tered German U-boat, at Bal- alleged conspiracy. It is alleged in timore, were brought to New York by the indictment, that he, with others, the alleged conspirators to aid in the "began, set on foot, provided and pre- plot but they were subsequently re- pared means for a certain military re- turned to their ship. Arrangements enterprise to be carried on from with- were then made, it is charged, for the in the territory and jurisdiction of the five men named in the indictment to United States against the territory undertake the expedition.

Some Talker.  
Doctor—"There is one thing more. Your wife must not speak another word today. Tell her that."  
Patient Husband—"Would you mind telling her yourself?"

Economy.  
"What extravagance to buy your wife such an expensive ring."  
"On the contrary, since she got it plesives in suit cases to Niagara Falls, she has bought only half as many where the plot was abandoned, were pairs of gloves."

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Reaching the Limit.  
The penurious woman was talking to her maid who had been with her three weeks.  
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"Indeed, an' you have ma'am, and I've made up my mind not to stand it any longer."

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