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A Comedy of Errors.

Were it not for the tragic circumstances which prompted the remarks of a former champion, now fallen from his high estate, the interview given by Sir Richard Squires in Halifax would be humorous. He has certainly succeeded in raising a laugh at the expense of the Government by the method which he has adopted to spread his propaganda, and for which the Government pays.

As to the public business which takes Sir Richard to Toronto, we presume the reporter decided to add his little joke to the burlesque. As to the rest of the message, is a single comment necessary?

Give the Fishermen a Chance.

It is questionable if any Government in Newfoundland has ever been faced with so many serious problems in its first session as await the Warren Administration. Certainly never before has there been so great a need of level headedness, sound judgment and courage. The country has received a shock; there is everywhere a feeling of uncertainty—we might even call it apprehension—and the public eagerly await the opening of the House in order to ascertain whether their representatives are worthy of their confidence or are merely men of straw.

Public confidence is the deep water upon which the ship of state floats in safety, but like the ocean, its moods are variable, and in time of storm everything depends upon the capability of the captain, and the loyalty, co-operation and efficiency of the crew. The captain assumes command with the advantage of a long and varied experience behind him, and he has taken the wise precaution to overhaul his ship, to have some of the barnacles removed and, let us hope, the leakages stopped. The coming session will be his opportunity to prove his worth and to satisfy the shareholders that they have placed their money in wise hands.

While the matter of the moment is the outcome of the Walker Report, another serious problem for which a solution must be found is the placing of the prosecution of the cod fishery on a business-like and profitable basis. In a very short time now it will, or should, be in full swing, and no time can be lost in giving the earnest attention to the matter.

Our staple industry cannot be allowed to become a pawn in the political game, or exploited for the benefit of a few. The bone and sinew of the country are engaged in it, and the bulk of the capital is invested in it. Upon its success or failure depends now and in the future whether we shall sink or swim. The outcome is not in the lap of the gods, but rests with the Government, the merchants, and the fishermen themselves.

The price of supplies to-day is prohibitive, and consequently the cost of production is so high that those engaged in the fishery are

unable to make a living wage. The only possible remedy for this is a reduction of taxes on essential commodities and on fishery requirements. The giving of a bonus does not help the fisherman in the least. It comes out of the revenue, which means that what the Government gives with the one hand it adds to the burden of the taxpayer with the other. He returns it with interest when he pays a higher price for his food and his clothing.

The Norwegian catch is so much below that of last season that it cannot seriously affect the markets which from all accounts are healthier than they have been for several years. There can therefore be no justification for pessimistic forecasts as to prices early in the season. The merchants must sink their differences and co-operate to restore confidence in the industry and to bring back prosperity. The fishermen's responsibility is to see that the cure of the product is the best that he can make it, which means the best in the world.

The Grand Falls industry is firmly established and flourishing, the operations on the Humber are progressing favourably, and if they are not interfered with by political influences, promise to become a source of revenue to the country as well as a great absorbent of labour. Already the mining activities on Bell Island are recovering as a result of improved conditions abroad, and it is safe to assume that before long the industry will be once more in full swing. The whole of our attention therefore can be given to the staple industry, and in a great measure it is up to ourselves to reap the full benefit of it.

Shot a Walrus

A resident of Shoal Brook, Mr. Joshua Burden, writing to the head of one of the government departments, asking if there is a bounty given for killing a walrus, tells that in November, 1923, at St. John's Island, Bonne Bay, he saw a huge thing by the lee shore, just clear of the water, having been caught by a falling tide, and procuring a rifle, he shot it. The writer says it took five soft point bullets to despatch the monster. It was only after killing it that he discovered by its tusks that it was a walrus. One of these was 19 inches long and the other 18 inches, and they weighed about five pounds. The carcass weighed about one ton, according to fishermen who saw it. Mr. Burden still has the hide in his possession.

Poultry Lecture at St. Bon's College

Hon. President H. W. LeMesurier, C.M.G., Geo. R. Williams, Dr. A. Tait, Secretary McCarter and W. E. Butler of the Newfoundland Poultry Association gave a very interesting lecture on poultry raising before the students of St. Bonaventure's College last night. The lecture was illustrated by slides, and over one hundred views, which included pictures of the Association's work at West Point, White Bay and Grand Falls. The balopet was operated by Messrs. Rush and Dewling. At the close of the lecture Rev. Bro. J. E. Ryan cordially thanked the lecturers for the very interesting evening.

Express Passengers.

The S. S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.45 p.m. yesterday after a 13 hour passage from Louisburg. She brings a large foreign mail and the following passengers:—W. J. Snook, E. C. Hayward, H. B. McCurdy, M. D. Ferguson, A. Cohen, J. Cairns, G. Ericson, wife and two children, L. R. Lundrigan and wife, H. McRae, E. Bouchard, Mrs. B. Martin, Miss D. Martin, Miss J. Sheaves, Miss N. Matthews, F. Murphy, M. Tompkins, S. Hayward and wife, T. J. Jackman, C. Gaulton. The express with the above passengers left Port aux Basques 10.40 last night.

Obituary.

MRS. MARY MANNING. A highly esteemed lady, in the person of Mrs. Mary Manning, passed away at her home, Bulley Street, last night. The deceased, who was a life long resident of St. John's, was a widow, and the late Patrick Manning, she leaves to mourn one son, Michael, grocer at C. P. Eagan, one daughter, Mrs. Thos. McGrath, and two grand-children to whom the Telegram extends sympathy. The funeral takes place on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES COLDS.

SEALING NEWS

S.S. SEAL FOURTH SHIP TO LO-CATE PATCH—ESTIMATED CATCH NOW 60,000.

According to messages received from the Northern fleet last night, the indications are that the fat has been struck in real earnest and that all the ships will come home loaded. The fat is to strike the whitecoats is the steamer Seal. The message received from Capt. Jacob Kean last night states that the ship struck the seals 2 p.m. Monday and had accounted for 10,000 killed and on board is probably the best news of all. Should the Seal be enabled to get around and pick up her pans it would not be surprising if she were to return home in a few days with a full load. The steamer Eagle and Neptune since striking the patch have evidently "burnt down" in a good position. Yesterday these ships accounted for 10,000 and 12,000 respectively and it is hoped in the interests of all concerned that the ice conditions will improve sufficient to allow the crews to have the pelts on board. The Terra Nova is unfortunately jammed up in heavy rafted ice. There is no news of her catch having been augmented since Saturday last, and very few of the 17,500 seals killed and panned have been placed on board. The Ranger is making slow progress in heavy sheet ice, and is working in a northerly direction towards the herd. The Theta after several days blasting and butting got clear of the jam last night and gives her position as 5 miles N. E. Cape John. The last of the ships, the Sagona is expected to get clear before night.

The messages are as follows:—

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Neptune—Wind N.N.W., fine, frosty, killed and panned 12,000. Position 9 miles North East Partridge Point.
Theta—Tuesday, got clear after last night, position 5 miles North East Cape John.

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Terra Nova—Jammed in last Friday's raft; unable reach dead seal.

Ranger—In heavy sheet ice, making slow progress, steering north.

Sagona—Expect get clear to-night. Eagle—Killed and panned to-day 10,000. Prospects good; wind north.
Seal, (Tuesday)—Struck patch 2 p.m. yesterday, my position 8 miles N. W. Partridge Point. On board and panned 10,000. Ice in large sheets, very difficult pick up pans.

ESTIMATED CATCH KILLED AND PANNED.

Terra Nova 17,500
Neptune 15,500
Eagle 14,000
Seal 10,000
Ranger 3,600

Total 60,600

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Supreme Court.

In the matter of The King vs. Joseph Burnstein, larceny and receiving stolen property, the grand jury brought in a true bill. In the indictment of Charles Taylor, administering morphine, the jury also found a true bill. There are at present no other matters to engage the jury's attention, and they were released at 4.30 p.m. from further attendance until called upon.

Requests Mr. Geddes to Sing "The Rosary"

To the Majestic Theatre Management, Gentlemen.—An admirer of Mr. Geddes, and a patron of the Majestic, on behalf of quite a number of others who likewise appreciate the singing of your esteemed vocalist, it is requested that Mr. Geddes at the first available opportunity sing "The Rosary."

Hoping the talented vocalist will see his way clear to do so and an early announcement of same will be published, I remain,
Yours in appreciation,
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April 2, 1924.

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The Child Welfare Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations and fees:—
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GOVERNMENT BOATS.—The Kyle is awaiting the arrival of Sunday's express. Clyde sailed at 8 a.m. for Argentina to relieve the Argyle. Glen coe left Port aux Basques at 4 a.m. to make the usual ports of call along the South West Coast.
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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

ROBBERY AND MURDER IN MONTREAL BY BANK BANDITS.

MONTREAL, April 1. With a loss estimated by Yvon LaMarre, Chief Inspector of the Banque D'Hochelaga, at between \$40,000 and \$75,000, mostly in small denominations, a gang of hold up men variously estimated at from four to eight succeeded in making a getaway after shooting dead the chauffeur of the Bank's collection car and wounding the Bank messenger at 1.45 this afternoon in the subway on Ontario St. East, in one of the most crowded shopping districts of the city. One bandit was shot dead in the melee. Being the first of the month, with thousands of cheques to be paid out, the Bank employees were travelling from branch office to branch office, having started from Head Office of the Banque D'Hochelaga. The car was carrying \$246,110 in currency, mostly in bills of one to twenty dollars denomination. The money was fully protected, according to Chief Inspector LaMarre, who said to-night that insurance for \$500,000 was placed with two of the largest insurance companies. The bandits sped away in a large touring automobile.

BOTH SIDES STAND FAST OVER Bessarabia Question.

VIENNA, April 1. The breakdown in Russo-Rumanian conference here over the issue of Bessarabia's sovereignty is expected to-morrow if not before, unless there is a change in the stand either of the Soviet delegates who are insisting upon a plebiscite in the province or in the Rumanians, who are equally obdurate in their resistance to such a referendum. The Soviet delegates declare they cannot understand Rumania's fear of a plebiscite if she is so sure that Bessarabia desires Rumanian sovereignty, while on the other hand the Rumanians claim if the plebiscite resulted unfavorably to the Soviets they would find some pretext on which to bring up the question again.

LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FIRE.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 1. Two women guests were probably fatally injured to-night and a fireman is reported dead as the result of a fire which destroyed Livingston Hotel here and is threatening the entire business block. The two women jumped from the sixth storey despite the pleas of firemen, who were raising ladders. Several firemen fell from the roof of the Herald building adjoining the hotel.

SUSPECTS IN MONTREAL OUTRAGE ARRESTED.

MONTREAL, April 1. Four suspects were taken to detective headquarters at ten o'clock to-night from a boarding house on St. Henri, the western suburb of the city, following information that four men answering to the description of the four bandits were to be found there. They will be examined by the three surviving occupants of the bank automobile to-morrow morning.

Come Out in The Open

The quietness of a certain section of the Press, and the twisted report of the Commissioner's findings, which were published in the Weekly Advocate of March 29th, goes to prove that these papers cannot bear to publish the true facts that were found by a man who was unbiased and unprejudiced.

Among the whisperings that are heard is that the Commissioner was bought before he ever came out to St. John's. I give this lie immediately, and I challenge the persons who profess to know this to be a fact to come out in the open. I was told these remarks about Mr. Walker, so it was stated "that you would know where you stand."

The Commissioner's Report was based on evidence obtained from witnesses who were under oath, after a most exhaustive cross-examination. Again, I challenge those who refuse to believe the whole truth to "come out in the open"—they dare not, for they know they lie!

St. John's, April 2nd.

Train Notes.

Sunday's west bound express left Crabbes 6 a.m.

Tuesday's west bound train left Benton 9.30 a.m.

The accommodation train from Port aux Basques, coming to the city, left Benton at 9.40 a.m.

The express which left Port aux Basques 10.40 last night, with the Kyle's mail and passengers, left Robinson's at 6 a.m. and is not due to reach the city before to-morrow morning.

To-morrow morning's train will connect with the Clyde at Argentina for points on the west side of Piacentia Bay.

The weather is fine and clear along the railway to-day.

Just received from Burgeo, 600 pounds FRESH HALIBUT, not cold storage.—W. E. BEARNS.
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"A Trend of the Times"

LECTURE LAST NIGHT AT R. L. S. CLUB.

The lecture in the B. I. S. club rooms last night attracted a very large audience, and seating room was at a premium long before the speaker, Mr. C. E. Hunt, M.H.A., made his appearance. His subject "A Trend of the Times," proved most interesting, and was frequently applauded. Local conditions of the past were reviewed and comparison made with prevailing times. A hopeful peep into the future was also given. At the close a vote of thanks, proposed by W. J. O'Neill, Chairman of the L. and A. Committee, was enthusiastically received. Mr. J. C. Pippy, Chairman of Debates, presided. Next week another lecture will be given. Mr. T. P. Halley being the speaker.

Arraigned for Trial

Joseph Burnstein and Chas. Taylor against whom true bills were brought in by the grand jury, were arraigned this morning. In the case of Burnstein, Deputy Minister Summers K.C., asked that trial be set for Tuesday, April 15th, and in Taylor's case he asked for trial on April 17th.

Currency Inflation in Japan

TOKIO, March 25.—(Canadian Press).—The alarming increase of imports over exports, coupled with the depreciation of the yen's exchange value, is causing a situation bordering on panic in Japanese commercial and financial circles, and the remedy suggested and already put into effect to a certain extent is inflation of currency.

The policy of currency inflation is being strongly attacked by some of the leading economists in the country, who declare that the present situation was brought about largely as a result of the failure to lower price by deflating the currency at the proper time. The continued excess of imports over exports has at last taken away all the money accumulated during the war prosperity. The country is now threatened with a growing deficit and increasing debts in the international balance of accounts.

It is being argued by financial experts that, left to a natural development, currency must decrease. Whether the government and business men wish it or not, deflation must be faced as a natural fact. On the whole, the yen has only one-third of the value it had in pre-war days. The laborer now pays from forty to fifty yen for the lunch which used to cost him ten to fifteen yen.

France Given American High Honors for Heroism

YOKOHAMA, Japan.—(A.P.).—For heroism at the time of the great earthquake of September 1, T. M. Laffin, an American long resident in Yokohama, has been decorated as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France by Paul Claudel, the French Ambassador.

When on the afternoon of September 1 burning oil on the surface of Yokohama harbor threatened to destroy the French liner Andre Lebon, with hundreds of refugees aboard, Mr. Laffin made the liner's escape possible.

Operating a small motor boat, he risked his life in attempting to fasten the ship's line to a buoy. When his motor stalled Mr. Laffin, a powerful swimmer, took the line in his teeth and managed to reach the buoy and fasten it. The Andre Lebon, by using her winches, then was able to pull herself out of danger.

Here and There.

TO-NIGHT'S BOWLING GAMES.—To-night's bowling games are:—7.30, K. of C. vs. C.E.I. and 9.00, Guards vs. Saints.

MISSION FOR WOMEN.—The annual retreat for the women of the Cathedral and St. Patrick's will begin to-night. The visiting mission fathers will conduct the service.

ENJOYABLE CARD TOURNAMENT.—The weekly card tournament held by the Masonic brethren last night was one of the most successful of the series yet held, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the ninety players who participated. Auction and Bridge were played and the prizes winners were W. H. Parsons and H. E. Cowan, respectively.

ACCIDENT TO VICTORIA.—Yesterday evening Mr. Thos. Volney left his horse and wagon standing behind a pony and long cart near Burns' store, Duckworth Street, whilst he went to make a purchase. Whilst away the horse moved ahead drawing the victoria up onto the long cart with the result that the animal and wagon capsized. A shaft of the vehicle as well as a lamp was smashed, but the horse escaped injury.

Premier MacDonald Ready to Step Down

WHEN BRITISH DESIRE.

LONDON.—(A.P.).—England probably never had a prime minister who appealed so universally to the instincts of humanity or who so nearly met the popular conception of "a man of the people" as Ramsay MacDonald. Reared in humblest circumstances, the man who now directs the destinies of a great empire, has insisted, even in his present exalted position, on following rigidly the simple life and excluding all social or official ostentation.

American correspondents who were privileged to have an hour's talk with the Premier recently, found him delightfully democratic, affable, and outspoken.

Sitting at a small flat top desk in the Foreign Office, the Premier, with his finely shaped head, strongly delineated face, kindly eyes, and great wealth of hair, presented a picture reminiscent of those of Lincoln in the Civil War days. He was attired in the conventional home-spun sack suit, the trousers of which did not match the coat, woolen sock, knitted by his daughter, and spacious well-worn brogues.

"It seems to me all wrong," the Premier drawled in his broadest Scotch, "for a man to expect a large salary and other emoluments and privileges upon entering public office."

"I would be perfectly happy to resume my former private life, on an income of 400 or 500 pounds a year. My idea of a man who served his country well, is one who leaves office poorer than when he entered it."

"It is a great mistake to make public service an avenue for an extravagant mode of life."

"Whenever the spirit of the British people indicates I am no longer wanted as Prime Minister, I am quite ready to go back to my porridge, potatoes, and plainness as simple citizen."

Winter Racing Kills 18 Horses

LONDON, Mar. 12 (A.P.).—There has been an unprecedented number of fatalities recently in horse racing over hurdles and in steeplechasing, due very largely to the slippery ground after overnight frosts.

During a recent period of 18 days, 11 horses were killed while participating in races at various meetings, one being the steeplechaser "Southampton," worth \$10,000. There were two cases in which horses slipped and broke their necks, one had a broken back and the others were so badly injured they had to be shot. Curiously the jockeys in each case were not injured at all.

Thinks Beatty Next Governor-General

Sydney, N.S.W. (Canadian Press).—That Earl David Beatty, admiral of the British fleet, will be the next governor-general of Australia, is the prediction made by the Sydney Daily Mail, based on despatches from London correspondents. His appointment is looked upon as a foreign conclusion, the newspaper states.

TRIALS ON CRIMINAL CHARGES.—Bertram Squires who escaped from the penitentiary a couple of weeks ago will be brought up for trial at the next criminal session. Patrick Healey, of Grand Falls, who was charged with bigamy, will also be brought up during this term.

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Note of Thanks

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir.—May I avail of your columns on behalf of the G.W.V.A. and the Relief Fund Committee, to publicly extend merited thanks and grateful appreciation to Lieut. Rickard for his showing of the film "On Tour With Our Smiling Prince," and to the Management of the Star Theatre for placing at our disposal its Theatre, staff, orchestra and films at a nominal cost entailing financial loss to them; also for free use of the Theatre, etc., at the Sunday Concert.

The total amount realized is \$469.43. Thanking you for the courtesy shown,

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April 1, 1924.

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DID WELL WITH SEALS.—During last week the men of Bauline did well with seals, and in all about 120 old ones were taken. The men secured from 10 to 17 pelts each.

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DIED.
On April 1st, at 8 p.m., Mary Ann, relict of the late Patrick Manning, Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 11 Bulley St.—R.I.P.

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