

# There Must Be An End To Class Rule in Nfld.

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MARCH 10, 1915-6.

## Last Night's Meeting in the T. A. Hall

Notwithstanding the storm of rain and sleet last night, a large number of sealers and citizens numbering 400 attended the Sealers' Meeting at the T. A. Hall. President Coaker presided and explained the negotiations respecting the price of fat. Resolutions in reference therewith were unanimously adopted, which were forwarded to Mr. Job today. After that matter was disposed of Mr. Coaker explained a few points in the findings of the Sealing Commission and read a letter re the Capt. Kean arrest petitions that he had sent to the Premier yesterday, which we publish in the third page.

Mr. Coaker emphasized the particular points made against Capt. Kean by the Commission and where they seriously concerned Capt. Kean as pointed out by his letter to the Premier. He stated the law held that a man by neglecting a duty incumbent upon him, which neglect of duty led to loss of life, rendered himself liable to be convicted of manslaughter. And as the Judges of the Supreme Court had decided that Capt. Kean owed a "duty" to the crew of the Newfoundland, the question to be decided one of those days was: whether Capt. Kean did neglect that duty and failed to do what a reasonable man in his position ought to have done—none but a Jury could decide that question—and to be found guilty of so doing would mean manslaughter.

Mr. Coaker showed that the more one considered the findings of the Commission the more serious the matter appeared for Capt. Kean, and if he went in command of the Florizel he would some day stand at the bar to be tried on this most serious charge. The Morris Government would not always be in power and there was no road but what had a turn, no matter how long one may travel a straight road, the turn came sooner or later. By Kean defying the peoples' will he would be aouse a very bitter feeling against him and he would be the most hated man in the Country.

Mr. Coaker showed that Judge Johnson reorganized the Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals and prepared a Bill last year which was passed, making it a serious offence to harness a dog if under thirty-five pounds or to illtreat an animal in any form, yet he calmly looked on and expressed his high regard for the conduct of a man whose conduct put 79 men out of existence and ruined 21 others.

Surely if Judge Johnson cared so much for the dog he might have some pity for the human being, and if so, how could he acclaim as a hero a man whose conduct sent 79 men to their death. The Judge must have a greater regard for the treatment of brute animals than he had for the sealers or his findings in the Sealing Disaster case belies him. Judge Johnson acclaimed Kean a hero, but God help the country that produces such heroes as this or possess judges that regard a brute animal so greatly and so lightly the lives of 100 breadwinners.

Mr. A. English followed Mr. Coaker and delivered a telling speech of half an hour's duration against Judge Johnson's findings and thrashed out the arguments regarding points disputed.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem and the F.P.U. members remained behind and discussed a matter of importance.

The third meeting will be held to-night at the same place, starting at 8 p.m., when Mr. Coaker will address the sealers relative to the proposed legislation to amend the sealing law. Only sealers will be admitted at to-night's meeting.

On Thursday night the Sealers and Citizens of St. John's who are opposed to the Government's action in refusing to arrest Kean or to recognize the findings of the Sealing Commission concerning Kean's conduct will meet at the T. A. Hall and parade through the city.

On Friday night the closing meeting will be held when Mr. Morine and Mr. J. M. Kent will address the audience.

### SHIPPING

S.S. Durango leaves Halifax to-day for here.

The Portia will hardly get away from Bay Bulls, where she is detained until ice moves off.

The steamers Clyde and Argyle are to come off dock to-day.

The sealing steamer Seal of Fairweather & Co., Halifax, leaves Channel to-day for the Gulf.

S.S. Bonaventure, Capt. Bob Bartlett, arrived at Channel yesterday, making the run from Cape Race in 24 hours.

The S.S. Coban, with a cargo of coal for the R.N. Co. is now discharging at Placentia, previous to her making that port, the vessel put into Trepassy and coaled the steamers Bruce, Home and Glenoe. The last three steamers are still held up there.

SHAUN AROON—Tickets for this production will be placed for sale at the Atlantic Bookstore at 9 a.m. to-morrow. "Positively" no tickets are reserved before that hour. Persons who wish to secure good seats should book early to-morrow morning after the tickets arrive.—mar10,21

### LOCAL ITEMS

The annual meeting of the Masonic Club takes place this evening at 8.

About 300 sealers arrived yesterday afternoon by local express, most of them from Gambo.

St. Andrew's Church Young Women's Guild hold a sociable in Presbyterian Hall to-night. There is a good programme.

The members of the Truckmen's Union are reminded of their special meeting in the Longshore's Hall to-night at 8.15, and all members are requested to be present.

The Gulf steamer Kyle, which left Louisburg at 3.30 yesterday afternoon for Port aux Basques, had to put back again. A heavy N.E. storm was raging, and Captain Tavenor saw the necessity of quickly running back to Louisburg, which he reached about 8 o'clock last evening.

The postponed three mile race between Messrs. Squires and Hackett, is expected to come off to-night, if Mr. Squires (who is an employee on the train service) can attend. A race between Messrs. Hackett and Woods, should prove interesting, as both are fast skaters.

# Great DEMONSTRATION .. and .. TORCH LIGHT Procession SEALERS and CITIZENS

In sympathy with the F.P.U. Movement re Government and Bowring attitude of Opposition to the Peoples' wish to have Kean punished for his Negligence of Ordinary Precaution whereby so many lives were sacrificed last Spring.

The demonstration will start from the T. A. Hall on FRIDAY NIGHT at 8 p.m.

This mighty indignation meeting is to be the biggest ever held in St. John's, and is intended to prove to the Country, that though Bowring and the Government may disregard the Finding of Judges Horwood and Emerson, St. John's Citizens as well as the thousands who signed the petition asking for Kean's detention are determined to give voice to their sentiment, in this most unmistakable manner.

### PERSONALS

Dr. J. A. Burke is going to the ice-fields in the Adventure.

Mr. M. Power, cooper, of Springsdale Street, is very ill at his home.

Mr. H. B. Curtis, of the R.N. Coy. Express Office is again O.K. and able to resume duty.

Dr. J. S. Tait lectures to the members of the St. Andrew's Club this evening in their rooms.

Mr. Arthur Corner, of Millertown, is at present in the city on a visit, and his many friends are glad to see him and revive old memories.

Mr. Arch. Calvert, of Bank of Nova Scotia, is to-day receiving congratulations from his friends on his promotion. He leaves by Thursday's express for Halifax, N.S., the Bank's headquarters, where he will be stationed in future.

Assorting Clerk Newman, of the Post Office, was removed to Hospital yesterday afternoon. He is suffering from an internal malady.

John Ryan, of King's Bridge, who was removed to the General Hospital suffering from appendicitis, on Sunday, was operated on yesterday afternoon, and is now doing well.

Mr. MacInnes, who has been ill for two weeks, is now recovered sufficiently to attend office duties, but it will be a few days more before he fully recovers from the effect of his illness. He hopes to be able to address the Sealers' Meeting in the T. A. Hall on Friday night. Mr. J. M. Kent will also likely address the meeting on Friday night.

The mission now being held for the women at the R.C. Cathedral will finish tomorrow morning. The services have been largely attended throughout and Fr. Cox has been forcibly impressed by the zeal and devotion shown.

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### LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. J. M. Kent, M.H.A., is to give a lecture to-morrow night in the Star rooms, taking as his subject "Daniel O'Connell." Mr. Kent has already achieved too great renown as a lecturer, and speaker, to need any boost from us, and his subject—the greatest of Irish patriots—will be ably and pleasurably dealt with. Everybody who can should try and attend the lecture.

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Armament is to be deployed, but one is asserting that one nation can disarm while the powers about it continue to build dreadnoughts and organize new army corps. Disarmament must be universal. Therefore, although the very influence of geographical location, are not so great as those of the other powerful nations, it is still essential that whatever of an army and navy we do have should be efficient.

To this end the new submarine has been designed. It is over twice as large as any now in use in the war, and it has a greater speed. In addition, it is fitted with the new American device which enables a vessel of this type to stay under water safely for a longer period than those of the other nations. The important part that the submarine has played in the present conflict shows what an importance the little vessels of destruction may have in any conflict of the future. The American navy can perfect the submarine at a cost far less than that entailed by the construction of the super-dreadnoughts, and the new type of submarine is a decidedly forward step toward the ends of both economy and efficiency.—Boston Advertiser.

The Sagona has been chartered by the Reid Nfld. Co. to replace the Bruce on the Gulf service.

### LOCAL ITEMS

Engineer Jas. Pike, formerly of the Bellaventure, arrived in the city by the Nascope on Monday last.

Several representatives of our billiard clubs held a meeting last evening in the T.A. Rooms to arrange an inter-club tourney. After much discussion it was decided not to carry out the project this season, as it was now somewhat late for a billiard series. It was settled, however, that a big "cue battle" be fought next year.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Egan, who died at her residence, Cookstown Road, yesterday forenoon. The deceased lady was 71 years of age, and was a well-known figure amongst the pioneer class of the city. She leaves a husband, a stepson, three brothers and one sister to mourn. With them the Mail and Advocate condole.

The Minister of Justice received a message from Magistrate Squerry, of Channel this morning, stating that the two men, Skeard and Gilling who had been convicted of stealing goods from the store of Clement & Co. at that place, had been sentenced to six months each in the Penitentiary here.

A man named Francis, who had received part of the stolen property, was also given six months imprisonment. The prisoners will be taken to the Penitentiary after the arrival of the train to-morrow.

### THE NICKEL

The Nickel continues to be crowded nightly, and the very favorable comment passed upon each succeeding show, is evidence of the pleasure and enjoyment derived therefrom. To-day there will be a special matinee for the children, and the bill prepared is a splendid one.

### DEATHS

HARVEY—At the South Side, this morning, Roy, infant son of Arch and Bertha Harvey.

## One Million Men for U. States Army

New York, Mar. 2.—(Special)—The Army and Navy Journal in an editorial to-day urged President Wilson to mobilize at once 1,000,000 volunteers.

The purpose, the editorial says, is not to make war, but to avoid war by preserving the neutrality and maintaining this country's honor and dignity.

"Placing 1,000,000 volunteers under training," the editorial continues, "would amount to a declaration that the United States is preparing to insist upon its rights and resist aggression."

### Called Measure of Peace.

"It would be a measure of peace, as it might possibly avert the war toward which we are now fast drifting."

"It would also go far to solve the problem of unemployed labor with which we are contending."

It is pointed out that if volunteers respond "the most vigorous policy could not prepare them for service within less than a year."

### No Hostile Demonstration.

It is argued that the mobilization could not be construed as a hostile demonstration against any nation, but would be a preparation for future developments in the world-wide war.

The article says further: "The foreign nations not only realize that we are not prepared to defend ourselves but are under the impression that we never will be. On this account neither Germany nor Great Britain is giving any serious consideration to the protests of the state department except in words, and Japan is going ahead with its plans for the domination of China and the Pacific without considering this nation."

## Defines Rights of Neutrals

Boston, March 3.—The World Peace Foundation made public to-day its definition of the rights of neutrals, which was incorporated in a resolution forwarded to the governing board of the Pan-American Union.

"Belligerents," the definition says in part, "are in an abnormal relation toward each other and are entitled only to that minimum of consideration due to those who have deliberately seceded from normal international relations. The normal and permanent relations of peace are entitled to the maximum of consideration, and it should be clearly recognized that the burden of proof lies with belligerents, if their abnormal relations prompt them to infringe upon the rights of States remaining at peace."

"Restriction of rights should be made to fall upon those who become disturbers of the peace, even if neutral States have to organize for the declaration and support of such a principle."

## End Famous Sailer "Loch Torridon"

In the abandonment of the British four-mast barque Loch Torridon of the south-west coast of Ireland recently, the career of another famous sailer ends. In her time the vessel has attracted her share of attention by reason of smart sailing feats.

In the current issue of "Fairplay," with the comment made on the loss of the ship, is the following bit of her history that is interesting: "Built in 1831, of 1,499 tons register, for Messrs. Atkinson, Gilburn & Co., the Loch Torridon was commanded by Capt. Robert Patman until she was sold to Russia in 1909. This was a wonderful record for a master to hold, Capt. Patman then took command in steam, being master of the Strathroy, and I think that three years later he was washed overboard in the channel. Both the old ship and her old master have therefore found their graves in the deep."

"The Loch Torridon was famous for the number of smart passages she made. In 1895 she took 89 days from London to Melbourne, which was only a day longer than the City of Agra, in 181, but, of course, did not equal the record set up by the Thermopylae, on her maiden voyage to Melbourne, of 59 days. In 186 the Loch Torridon took 30 days 2 hours from Newcastle, N.S. W. to Valparaiso, the record for which is only a few hours less by the Wendur in the same year. On her last voyage the Loch Torridon had a cargo loaded at Fredrickstadt, for Gelong valued at \$17,000, which was covered at Lloyd's for marine and war risks."

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