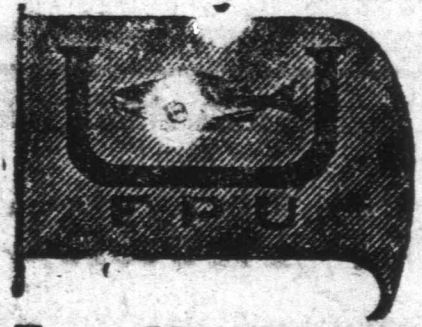


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**What About This?**

FOR some time rumors have been passing around relative to big grabs and deals under the pretext of war expenditure. One is that the Hon. M. Winter has sold the building opposite the C. of E. Orphanage—that has for years been a white elephant on his hands—to the Government for \$10,000, to be used as a Soldiers' Hospital. We ask the Patriotic Committee and the Colonial Secretary to explain how much truth is in this story.

It will be remembered that last spring the Government purchased an hotel known as "Donovan's" to be used as a Resting Home and Hospital for Soldiers. It was so used during the summer but closed absolutely in October, and remained closed. That hotel or hospital cost the Colony \$7,000. It was worth about \$2,000. In view of this fact, there was absolutely no need of purchasing Winter's white elephant, at the cost of another \$10,000.

Another story of far more interest to the public, is that the Premier's summer residence—"Baconsfield"—has been sold to the Government, to be used as a Home for Soldiers suffering from Consumption, for which \$15,000 was paid to Mr. Frank Morris—the Premier's brother. We again demand an explanation as to this story. Is it true or untrue?

Last spring the Government in conjunction with the Patriotic Committee, secured the use of two rinks and fitted them up as a "Barracks" for the Volunteers. The cost of fitting the two rinks reached the fabulous sum of \$25,000, which went chiefly to Messrs. Moore and Kennedy, Members of the House of Assembly supporting the Government. In October the rinks were abandoned and the fittings torn up and sold at auction for about the fiftieth part of the cost. The Volunteers now board where they choose and the expenditure of \$25,000 of the people's money might just as well have been thrown over Signal Hill.

Such waste and deliberate extravagance was not enough to satisfy the cravings of the boodlers in the Government who long to secure the whole hog, while the Colony is being bled dry by a few heelers under the pretext of helping the war, the Government once more came to the rescue and ordered a Hospital for Consumption to be built to carry out Dr. Rendell's scheme of curing the 800 Consumptives in the Colony, and another contract was awarded Mr. Kennedy, M.H.A., a colleague of the Premier's, to build this home for Dr. Rendell's patients, and we hear \$12,000 more is being expended on this white elephant, which will cost \$20,000 annually to operate.

In view of these facts, is there a reasonable man in the country who will deny that the men in control of the public affairs of the Colony are unfitted for the job the people gave them. Only insane men, or men intent only on

bleeding the people dry and impoverishing the country to a degree that will bring the masses to the verge of pauperism, and enrich the few boodlers who are making fortunes rapidly at the people's expense could be guilty of such conduct towards the people who once trusted them.

It is generally said that the following gentlemen have reaped profits from their connection with the givings out of this Government:—

P. F. Moore	\$100,000.00
Jesse Whiteway	30,000.00
R. K. Bishop	100,000.00
M. E. Kennedy	150,000.00
J. C. Crosbie	150,000.00
M. P. Cashin	100,000.00
The News	100,000.00
The Herald and P. T. McGrath	200,000.00

The list do not include timber grabbers who cleaned up over \$1,000,000.00, and little rakes off, discounts and saw offs, which easily total another \$500,000.00.

We would like to know to-day how many of the fishermen who voted for Morris in 1913 are glad they gave him power to finish his work? We ask is there 1000 fishermen in the whole Colony to-day who would conscientiously go to the polls now and vote for the Morris Party?

We state emphatically that in the whole history of Responsible Government there was never a party so unpopular and hated by the people as the present Government. They are more unpopular than in 1900, when the Reidites secured 4 seats out of 36.

The Government was dispised in 1913 and are ruling as a Minority Government, having received some 4000 votes less than the Opposition Party. Their conduct since the war opened lost them easily another 50 per cent. of this minority vote, and the latest act of betrayal in allowing the Reids to grab extra rates amounting in some cases to over 200 per cent., has compelled the largest portion of the remaining supporters of the Government to condemn them.

When the people know exactly how they have been betrayed and how the boodlers have grown rich on their hard earnings under the pretext of war expenditure, there will not exist in this Colony 1000 voters who will honestly be satisfied to let Morris finish his work; but the universal cry at the next election will be "Go ahead Coaker and finish Morris and the whole gang of Pirates that can be found on the Ship's Deck."

**Another Injustice  
To the Trade**

THE S.S. Nascopie left yesterday for Barry, taking 2000 qts. of fish and 50 tons of oil. How is it this steamer was permitted to go across empty, when 200,000 qts. of fish is awaiting shipment to Europe? Why did the Government not interfere and arrange to have a full load of fish taken at least to England? The Nascopie could have taken 20,000 qts. of fish.

It is another bold faced, cold blooded outrage upon the trade of the country, which is demanding tonnage to get fish to the European markets. The Nascopie has been 10 days in port and no delay would have been occasioned had she been permitted to take a full load across.

The Government is not interested in advancing trade interests, or helping the Colony to market its produce. If the Morris Government was in Hong Kong and nine boys from the colleges placed in charge of the Colony's affairs the public interests could suffer no greater than they have since war was proclaimed. The latest instance of their indifference is the leaving of 20,000 qts. of fish on the hands of exporters, that should have been en route for England.

Ain't Morris finishing his work with a vengeance!

**GLEANINGS OF  
GONE BY DAYS**

**NOVEMBER 23**  
Fireworks and torchlight procession of British Society in honor of arrival of Governor Glover and wife, 1876.

George H. Emerson appointed Judge of Supreme Court, 1896.

William O'Brien, of Montreal, found dead in his office, Water St., 1899.

Steamer Ville de Havre collided with steamer Lough Erne on British coast; former sank, 226 lives lost, 1873.

Rev. E. S. Tarrent who has been in the city some time will leave here for his mission at St. Anthony by the Prospero to-morrow.

**REVEILLE  
BY CALCAR**

IN respect to the railroad not being a paying concern there can be no question of doubt that the business incapacity of the Reid Newfoundland Company is largely to blame. We are convinced that under an efficient management it could be made to yield a paying dividend. This is not conceding that it is not a profitable business to the Company even as it is. Certainly the Reids have done remarkably well since coming to this country. We grant however that much of their well doing has been the result of transactions that have no bearing upon the management of the railroad. Nobody wants to suggest either that the Reids have not displayed considerable ability in the management line. They have managed politics pretty well, and they have managed the corrupt politicians pretty well. We have, unfortunately, in this country a class of men who are very amenable to the management of such people as the Reids. Gold is a great solvent of conscientious scruples that might exist in the minds of some men. It dissolves all scruples that might otherwise stand as a barricade between the rights and privileges of the people and the "big interests."

This is the secret of much of this poor country's tribulations, her public men are weak and too easily corrupted by the gold which the holders of patronage have at their command, and until we can get men into public office who are proof against bribery and corruption, too manly and honest to swerve from the path of duty, there can be but little hope for us. Till such time as this honest men must suffer the pangs of seeing their country in the grip of those who have no higher ambition than to serve their own ends. But it often happens that in pursuing too closely their own selfish aims people get astray and by and bye find that they had missed the finger board on the road to self aggrandizement. They find themselves in a cul de sac away off the main highway. Their views had been too short. They suffered considerable mental astigmatization, a mental blur effecting their vision which caused them to lose sight of their true interest and follow the path to tribulation, distress and disappointment. But there can be but little sympathy for people who neglecting to be guided by probity find themselves at length in the quicksands.

As managers the Reids have successfully landed themselves in the position where to-day they are what they were termed long ago by farseeing men who knew the drift of things, but were powerless to prevent disaster. They are to-day Czars in every sense of the word only that the people have not heard the open proclamation to that effect. It better serve their purpose as well as that of the Czar markers (the politicians) to let the people think that in this country vox populi vox Dei. This is so only in name; not in fact. The voice of the people is indeed the voice of God, but when people speak not intelligently, but only at the suggestion of the politician, it is a sacrilege to say the voice of the people is the voice of God. On the other hand what voice have the people in this land where rules a mighty Czar. We have no more volition in the matter of how we are being managed, as a people than has the medium in the ventriloquist show or the puppet in the pantomime.

Reids pull the strings, the puppets dance and the people are sold. Reids with their vast wealth are controlling the affairs of this country to-day, and the puppets who have prostituted themselves and disgraced the land are growing rich as Dives while the people are being ground and bled to death. This is the true state of affairs here to-day, and blind indeed is he who fails to realize this truth. We wish we could make our voice heard from one end of the country to the other, so that the people might awake and have once again from Cape Bald to Cape Ray and from Cape Ray to Cape Race and all around Vox populi as vox Dei.

Pawnbrokers may possibly see the silver lining of your cloud.

A Quaker's advice to his son on his wedding day: "When thee went a-courting I told thee to keep thy eyes wide open. Now that thee is married, I tell thee to keep them fast shut."

**Deutschland Sails  
For Home Port**

NANTUCKET, Nov. 22.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland is believed to-day to have left American waters in safety. Darkness which set in soon after she started from New London, prevented observation of the submarine's progress along the shore. There was no word from her since she passed Watchill, R.I., at sunset last night, a barely distinguishable object 10 miles off the shore. If she maintained a speed of 10 miles an hour, it is figured she should have passed Nantucket Sound Shoals Lightship by daylight this morning.

**Sends Message  
Of Condolence**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Messages of condolence on the death of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary were prepared by the State Department to-day in expectation of an immediate official announcement from the American Ambassador to Vienna or the Austrian Charge here. Pres. Wilson will send messages both to the Royal Family and the Austrian Charge here. Congratulations to the new monarch will not be sent till ascension to the throne is officially reported.

**Roosevelt To Be  
Honorary President**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—That Theodore Roosevelt has accepted the temporarily Honorary Presidency of the League of Neutral Nations, was announced here last night. The organization was formed soon after the German invasion of Belgium for the purpose of according to its members, of influencing public sentiment in favor of the rights of smaller countries against military oppression by the Great Powers.

**Opposed to Militarism**

BALTIMORE, Nov. 22.—The delegates convention of American Federation of Labor to-day engaged in a warm debate over a resolution which protested against teaching militarism in public schools. The convention adopted a resolution in the preamble set forth. The Secretary of War communicated with the Public School authorities in the various parts of this country.

**Franz Josef To Be  
Buried Thursday**

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Arrangements for the burial of the late Emperor have not yet been made, says a Vienna despatch to Reuter, but the body is to be interred in Capuchin Mausoleum next week, probably Thursday. On Monday the body will be removed from Schoenbrunn Castle to Hofberg Chapel, where it will lie in state until Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Have Left Athens**

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Ministers representing the Central Powers in Athens, together with their staffs left to-day for Kavala on the Greek steamer Mykall, according to a despatch from Athens dated to-day. The steamer left from her moorings at the national flag of the diplomats on board before her departure with the Ministers, adds the despatch.

**Roumanians  
Still Retiring**

PETROGRAD, Nov. 22.—The Roumanian forces in Jiu Valley are still retiring under hostile pressure towards Craiova, the Russian War Office announced to-day in its report of the campaign on the Roumanian front. Craiova, according to an official announcement from Berlin yesterday, was captured by the Teutonic troops.

**No American Nurses  
Or Surgeons on Board**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A statement credited to the British Consulate, was made to-day in this city, that American nurses and surgeons were on board the British hospital ship Britannic, reported sunk to-day in the Aegean Sea, but was later denied by the ranking Consul official that here was any basis for the statement.

**REPRODUCTION OF OPERETTA**

The operetta "Genevieve" which was given a splendid delineation by the girls of the Presentation Convent on Tuesday last, will be reproduced in the Episcopal Library to-night. At Tuesday's production His Grace Archbishop Roche, Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott and a number of the clergy with a large audience of the laity attended.

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**F. P. U.  
CONVENTION.**

Delegates to Catalina Convention travelling by the Railway can secure return tickets at ONE FIRST CLASS FARE, good going from November 28th and for returning December 10th.

**CONVENTION OPENS DECEMBER 4th.**

Those travelling on Sunday's Express, December 3rd, will arrive at Catalina Monday morning before breakfast.

Delegates travelling by the Prospero on her next trip South will be due about December 4th. Delegates by the Susu will come along on the trip South, due at Catalina about December 2nd.

District Council Meetings for Trinity and Bonavista will be held on December 4th, should the Prospero not have arrived at Catalina.

Delegates from Bonavista Bay should connect with the Dundee on or about December 1st and entrain at Princeton or Bonavista if weather suitable.

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