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Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, August 28th, 1917.

Our Politics.

The Advocate continues to be exercised over our criticism—under an uncomfortable sense of being obliged to clear itself of certain imputations without knowing exactly how to go about it. It avoids the difficulty by the usual device of attacking the other side and quotes us at great length to convict us of the old charge of insincerity and inconsistency. We thank it, however, for emphasizing in black type the very sentences we would have chosen to acquit ourselves completely of the charge. It is not in order to dig up again the bones of an old controversy, but to bring out a few useful morals that can be applied to every political controversy in the country, that we take the trouble to answer the Advocate.

Strong as the temptation is to retort the charge upon the maker and to expose the duplicity that has characterized Mr. Coaker's conduct throughout the course of events in the past few months, we will resist it. We will go further. We will give the Advocate credit for being sincere in its criticisms of the Telegram. We will even plead guilty to the charge of inconsistency, so far as a change of opinion can be called inconsistent. We have been guilty of the inconsistency of an employer who engages a servant, thinking him honest, and finding him a thief reprimands and dismisses him; or, to take an illustration more germane to the matter, of a voter who supports a party and finding it, confirmed in office, utterly negligent of its duties and forgetful of its promises, refuses it a second vote. The Advocate quotes much of our article of May 30th last. There is not a word of the quotation that we would retract to-day. The Advocate correctly emphasised those in it that were most important. That was the position then? At a critical period in our national life we had a do-nothing Government enjoying a small majority in Parliament but not even a majority of votes in the country. It made an offer of coalition to the Opposition. The latter, which is to say Mr. Coaker, spurned it contemptuously. It was too late, for one thing; for another, an election alone would serve the

country's needs. Here then were the alternatives: a coalition government on the one hand, or, on the other, the status quo, leading either to the disturbance and distraction of a general election or to complete paralysis of government produced by the "talking till September" of Mr. Coaker and his proselytes. What individual with a spark of patriotism or public spirit would have hesitated to advocate the former of these alternatives? That was what we did and that was the only thing we could do. We regarded it, if the Advocate wishes to know, as the lesser of two evils, though we paid the Opposition the compliment of regarding it as very much the lesser. We genuinely and sincerely believed that the gentlemen composing it could bring to the imperative task of government much helpful assistance, helpful suggestion and helpful criticism. How completely we were deceived, how completely astray in that opinion, the subsequent events bear ample testimony.

That was the first stage: comes now the second. The coalition was, after all, mysteriously and secretly consummated. If we had been so content in our advocacy of it as we have been represented as being, we should have transferred some of our enthusiastic arm to print. Instead, we said nothing, content to wait until the new Government should take earnestly in hand the urgent duties that confronted it. We did, in fact, praise its first action in conceding the just demands of the teachers in the Island. The Advocate says, "But no sooner was the National Government formed when our friend terms it unwholly and iniquitous and denounced the movement in all the moods and tenors. The Advocate knows it is not speaking in a court of law, where the utter falsity of this statement would be exposed. We have never, to this day, denounced that "movement," we have never objected to the principle of coalition, we have never objected to the Coalition Government itself as such. What we have objected to and mostly strongly is the scandalous use, or abuse, to which the power derived from the coalition has been put.

We have, however, our own back files to refer to, and they are open to the inspection of anyone who wishes to use them against us. The coalition became an accomplished fact on July 18th. We uttered no word of criticism until July 19th, when the true purpose of it all was revealed, to our own and the country's frank amazement, disappointment and disillusionment. We invite Mr. Coaker and the rest to study carefully what we said then and thereafter. They will find it perfectly consistent and perfectly logical. The News had announced that the "remaining legislation" (remaining, when nothing whatever had been done!) would be put

through by August 1st, and we indignantly protested. The Advocate yesterday called the present "the most awful period" in the history of the Colony. But the grave problems of this "most awful period" could be deferred through six or seven weeks of idle talk in Parliament and wrangling behind the scenes outside it. The "most awful period" could be safely weathered in a single week or ten days! The "most awful period" of our history could be handled without the tackling of the first problem concerned with the events that made it so awful, our effort in the war. And what did that week or ten days reveal? Can the Advocate deny that the total criticism evoked in the House by the whole programme since the formation of the new Government would not occupy the space of ten minutes' recital? That but for public opinion, nay, but for the Evening Telegram, the Design of the Government would have been accomplished and the House dissolved by August 1st? How can that possibly consist with the professions of concern over the "most awful period" in our history? Would such a programme have been carried out in such time and manner if Mr. Coaker's Opposition had not joined forces with the enemy? The bare facts of the case, the unquestioning acquiescence of the Opposition, like so many sheep, in their leaders' instructions, are the clearest possible proof of the truth that the coalition was engineered out of no regard whatever for the country and its needs, but purely and solely to further the political aims of those who engineered it.

And now we come to the moral of it all, which may be worth so lengthy introduction. The trouble with the Advocate is that it is ruled from start to finish by the hoary, absurd and mostly local tendency to look for an ulterior motive, preferably a personal one, in every trifling act, word or thought which an opponent displays. It is a trouble that is natural to a man who cannot shake hands or bid "Good morning" without having some dark purpose behind the civility, and who judges others by himself. If A stated that two and two make five and B denies it, the Advocate would puzzle its wits until it found some deep and sinister design behind the denial. Its merits and those of A's statement are of no account. And so it is that we have been accused of a number of nefarious and culpable purposes in taking the course we have taken (which has been that of criticising where criticism was demanded), without any regard for the fact that the purposes alleged conflict with one another. By a number of persons accused of being bribed by certain merchants, and have disappointed our accusers in not giving more extensive advertisement through a libel action. The fact that we were at loggerheads with the same parties over the same question quite recently weighs not at all with these critics. It may interest them, though we do not expect them to believe it, to know that we have not had five minutes conversation with a single merchant during the past three months. The absurdities and injustices of the legislation aimed at them are sufficiently patent not to need their pointing out to us by anybody. But the strangest manifestation of this distorted judgment is seen in the Advocate's ascription to us of political motives. What our "politics" are, exactly, we would like the Advocate to inform us. If we had had any, we should have paid some attention at least to the rule of thumb of politicians, to carry favour with the majority, a rule on which the Government have rung the changes so continuously, that we will, of course, that moved us to object to the Prohibition Act, which has resulted in the refusal of the Customs to admit even favourite extracts, since they are plainly forbidden from importation and sale; or to the Pensions Act, which, admirable as it is, contains inequalities that could easily have been removed; or to the Profits Tax, which allows a business not even the right of making, untaxed, an ordinary commercial interest on its capital. No doubt this was all politics, but what was the political purpose of it? Being frankly ignorant, we would like to be enlightened. Knowing that the Advocate does not wish to know, we offer it two bits of advice, following which it may in future be able to understand a little of our incomprehensible tactics. The first is, occasionally to give an adversary credit for meaning a little of what he says. The second is, before it jumps at ridiculous conclusions about fanciful motives behind judgments of any sort, to examine a little the merits of its judgments themselves, and not to imagine that because we say that black is not white we are aiming at the Advocate's or anyone else's political head. Even if the Advocate is unable to adopt a point of view and practice so foreign to its own, the effort of trying to do so should prove decidedly beneficial.

To-Morrow's Cricket.

In aid of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Convalescent Home, a return cricket match will be played to-morrow afternoon between the City and Shamrocks. The players will be:

City. Shamrocks.
R. F. Goodridge P. J. Berrigan
W. H. Peters P. Wallace
R. B. Job J. Savage
J. S. Keating J. S. Keating
E. Taylor C. Ellis
Capt. Riley, M.C. E. Berrigan
Lieut. Shannon K. Trenchard
E. R. Watson C. Ryan
L. Jones E. Furlong
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Misses' Summer Vests

5c. each.

Misses' Trimmed Hats

39c. each.

Misses' Sun Bonnets

25c. each.

Misses' Summer Dresses

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Misses' Black Hose

20c. pair.

Misses' Black Gloves

30c. pair.

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TUESDAY, Aug. 28, 1917.

We have just got in a new lot of our Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil which is useful for coughs, colds, anemia, rickets and children's complaints. It forms a convenient means of giving Cod Liver Oil in a palatable and easily assimilated form, and almost any child will take it without difficulty, and it invariably gives more or less good results. Price 50c. a bottle.

If your feet trouble you, get a box of Walk Easy Tablets, and use them according to directions. The result, we are certain, will greatly please you. Price 25c. a box.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia last night on the western route.

The Clyde left Twillingate at 6.10 p.m. yesterday.

The Dundee not reported since leaving Port Blandford.

The Ethel north of Flower's Cove.

The Glencoe left St. John's this morning for Placentia.

The Hor'e left Pilley's Island at 1.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Wren not reported since leaving Clarendville yesterday.

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and fine; temperature 23 to 60 above.

Galvanized and Black Sheet Iron to be had at **BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.** may25,eod,tf

WOUNDED WITH CANADIANS.—J. C. De Witt, Wilkes Bay, Nfld., a Signaller with the C.E.F. Artillery, was wounded recently.

FIRE ENQUIRY.—The enquiry into the fire which destroyed the Kelly Bungalow at Freshwater, was continued to-day.

AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING.—The police authorities are collecting evidence in connection with Sunday's awful motor tragedy.

Through the courtesy of Lt.-Colonel Rendell the N.S. B. Band will play at the Brookfield Garden Party to-morrow afternoon.—aug28,li

BACK FROM LABRADOR.—The schooner Stanley G. Barbour reached Trinity this morning from the Labrador, hailing for 950 qts. of fish.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Sunday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 7.55 p.m. yesterday. To-day's mail and freight left Port aux Basques at 9.40 a.m. to-day.

WANTED.—Immediately, a Good, Willing and Tidy Girl must be found and gentle to little children; not much work; must be willing to help at extra work with the right girl; apply to 214½ Theatre Hill. aug28,li

FITTED WITH WIRELESS.—The Glencoe, which left for Placentia this morning, has been fitted with the very latest type of wireless apparatus. Mr. King, of the regular Marconi staff, will take charge for the first trip when a regular operator will be appointed. The Diana is also having her instruments put in shape and when they are completed will be in charge of purser C. Tavernor.

Stafford's Prescription "A" is the best preparation you can take for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia. Price 25 and 50c. bot. Postage 5 and 10c. extra. aug16,tf

REPRESENTATIVE LEAVE.—Mr. W. H. Atkinson, representing the Winkley Artificial Limb Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., who was here interviewing the Government on business in connection with his firm, left by to-day's express for Halifax, N.S. Mr. Atkinson is a commercial traveller of long standing and has visited practically all the large centres of Canada and the United States.

NO EXCESSIVE WAR PROFITS.—When you order your suit from us you are assured of a square deal and full value for your money. A fine, serviceable suit in Serge or Tweed from \$28 to \$32, and an extra value Serge at \$35. **SPURRELL BROS.,** 365 Water St.—june1,eod,tf

DIED.

Passed peacefully away at 11.45 p.m. yesterday, in her 85th year, Annie Thistle, relict of the late Geo. Kirkland, of Ayrshire, Scotland, leaving to mourn one son, Geo. Kirkland, and two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Oke and Mrs. H. Butt, all of this city. Funeral will take place at 2.15 p.m. Wednesday, from her late residence, 114 Quidi Vidi Road; friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this, the only, intimation.

Last night after a long illness, Ellen Gladney, aged 75 years; leaving to mourn her 1 daughter and 2 sons. (1 son resides in Newark, N.J.) Funeral at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday), from Portugal Cove Road; friends and acquaintances will please attend without further notice.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Funeral of the late Mrs. John Murphy takes place on to-morrow (Wednesday) at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 20 William Street; friends of the family please attend without further notice.

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