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SATURDAY, Nov. 10th, 1917.

Recruiting.

Our criticism on Thursday of the attitude of certain members of the Government towards the recruiting problem has excited a protest from the Advocate, which practically represents it as tantamount to a breach of faith upon our part. We cannot confess ourselves guilty of any such offence. We accept, of course, the Advocate's statement of the main facts of the arrangement made between the Premier and the newspapers, particularly as we believe we were largely responsible for having it given practical shape and direction after the Government had its usual unconcern, appeared to have forgotten all about it. The undertaking we then gave we think we have carried out, and we can testify with pleasure to the admirable manner in which the other papers have performed theirs, including the Advocate, whose efforts must have effect among a public where they are peculiarly valuable. But we did not give this undertaking with the understanding, tacit or express, that we should not be at liberty to publish views not inconsistent with it. And we can see nothing inconsistent in what we have written. There is nothing inconsistent in asking certain persons to do their manifest duty and demanding at the same time that they be compelled to do it if they will not. There is nothing inconsistent in the two systems themselves. In the States, for instance, where conscription obtains, white-collar men are drafted just as they did, and to a necessarily smaller extent still do, in England. One of the first advantages of conscription in this country, in our opinion, is the great stimulus it would immediately give to voluntary recruiting, perhaps to a degree making extended compulsion quite unnecessary. But the Advocate speaks as though we had bound ourselves to a definite course of action. It dwells with such emphasis on the "united front" to be displayed by the papers (of which we have no impression beyond that contained in a common effort), that there is a strong suggestion that they were supposed to repress anything in the nature of criticism, an idea which we can easily believe was not absent from the Premier's mind when he approached them. That idea we had not the slightest intention, and have not now, of encouraging. To put the whole matter in a nutshell, our agreement imposed upon us certain duties which we are willing to perform right to the end of the war, if we can help by so doing; it did not take from us the liberty of insisting that the Government perform its own duties, duties much higher and more important and derived from much greater responsibility.

We do not wish to quarrel with the Advocate over this matter, but it is so important that we wish to have it quite clear. Our contemporary, in fact, missed the point of our criticism, which we admit was strong and was purposely made so. It was not aimed at the voluntary system, nor even at the Government, but at certain members of it, whose attitude towards this grave matter has been from the first so disgraceful as to be almost incomprehensible. They admit no responsibility in it whatever. They imagine that because there was a recruiting committee before and there is a Militia department now, it is no business of theirs whether recruits come in or not. We have no hesitation in saying that they are the great stumbling

block in the way of the success of the voluntary system. Not only is it their duty, but they have the power and the opportunity, to give the country a lead. By neglecting it they encourage the impression that the matter is not serious, that there is no real need of action. If conscription becomes necessary they will be primarily responsible. The Advocate declares that they will not then shirk their duty. We wish we could think so. They give little earnest of their dutiful intentions in their present conduct. If they intend to support conscription, which is to say the Regiment, they would do all in their power now to prevent the necessity of it. They would go to their districts, where they could do more than any paper or any recruiting party, and tell their constituents plain truths. The performance of this one obvious duty would almost certainly save the whole situation. Finally, we are in complete disagreement with the Advocate on the matter of the procedure agreed upon until a certain date, the end of the year. We may be mistaken, but we do not remember any agreement of any ministerial announcement that voluntary recruiting would be continued in any case for that length of time. We understood the date to be of importance only as fixing the time when a certain number of men MUST be obtained. Plainly it would be the height of folly and might have disastrous consequences to wait until then to find that the number had not been obtained. The proper course is to deduce from the figures on hand the chances of success or failure by that date and to act accordingly. Despite the gratifying but slight improvement in late returns, those already obtained point to the almost certain failure of the effort. The Regiment imperatively needs the men by that date. What will the Government do when it finds they are not forthcoming? Make a great fuss, we suppose, and talk a lot about compulsory service. And how long will it take to prepare and enact such a law? What will happen to the Regiment in the meantime? There is no good in arguing the matter. We must not wait until everything is too late to do anything to action NOW, and from the only quarter where it can be effective. It is for the Government, if not to take practical steps towards a change of system, to make a plain, categorical statement of the steps it intends to take, exact and specific as to dates and every other detail. If it will do that, it will have no criticism but the fullest support and encouragement from the Telegram at least.

Casualty List.

(Received November 10th.)
 At Mile End Military Hospital, Chelmsford, Essex.
 1612—Private Isaac Caines, Port Saunders.
 R. A. SQUIRES,
 Colonial Secretary.

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Road Board Elections.

It appears from letters received by this paper and others that an open contravention of the Act governing this matter and the proclamation issued under it is being contemplated in certain districts of Conception Bay and countenanced by the Government. We may not be cognisant of all the facts, but we cannot see how any facts can explain and justify the holding of any of these elections on another day than the one set by the proclamation, November 15th; nor the interference of a magistrate in a district in which, for this purpose, he has no jurisdiction. If our view is correct, the Government should act at once to prevent the matter straight and enable the holding of a legal election in each district; if it is not, we should be glad to have an explanation.

Police Court.

(Before Judge Morris.)
 This was the busiest day in court for some time. The first case on the dock was between two elderly women of Lima Street, one having the other summoned for slander. After hearing the evidence for both sides His Honor waived severely on the poisonous fangs of the slanderous tongue. He fined the defendant \$5 or 14 days with costs. But for her poor circumstances she would likely have been \$50. The Judge was determined to put a stop to such conduct.

A married couple of the higher levels, both well over 60 years of age, were charged with keeping a disorderly house. The case was tried in camera. The facts are unfit for publication; suffice it to say that the two defendants were conducting a big money-making immoral business on similar lines to the white slave traffic, in which two sixteen-year-old girls were the victims, one of which was the daughter of the defendant, who were sentenced to three months imprisonment each, as they had guilty of a similar crime before. They deserve to be scourged. Judge Morris has arranged with Supt. Grimes to try and reform the girls.

A married woman of the East End was arrested under warrant last night for assaulting and deserting her husband whom she struck with everything she could lay hands on yesterday in the household. Finally she chased him with a knife and inflicted a nasty cut in his head. To-day she chattered sickness and refused to be removed from her cell at the lock-up. A physician examined her and found her to be in sound condition mentally and physically. According to the police, who have his photograph in their possession, she is deeply in love with another man, whom they say she is anxious to marry. Judge Morris ordered that the woman be temporarily released and appear in court on Monday next.

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 Hon. Treasurer Patriotic Fund.

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St. Margaret's Guild.

The young ladies of St. Margaret's Guild intend holding their annual sale of work and entertainment in Canon Wood Hall, on Wednesday, 21st, and are making great preparations. For some weeks past they have been busy, sewing, knitting and making useful articles and a large quantity of goods will be on hand for sale. At night there will be an entertainment in which several popular articles will participate. The proceeds of the bazaar will be devoted to charitable and patriotic objects and no doubt there will be a large attendance. St. Margaret's Guild is noted for its successful sales and the coming event promises to exceed all former efforts.

Stafford's Prescription "A"—Cure for diseases of the Stomach: Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia.—nov6,tf

N.L.W.A.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Industrial Workers last night the Coal Committee made their final report, showing the saving of \$112, which has been distributed to the members in cash. Besides this every purchaser received about 2,400 lbs. of the ton. At the next meeting the Association will distribute its prospectus, setting forth its aims and objects and among other things the matters it intends having introduced into the Legislature.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Marystown at 11.15 p.m. yesterday.
 The Dundee left Westleyville at 8.15 a.m. yesterday, inward.
 The Clyde left Twillingate at 8.45 p.m. yesterday.
 The Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 11 a.m. yesterday.
 The Glencoe left Burgeo at 5.45 p.m. yesterday, coming east.
 The Home left Little Bay at 1.40 p.m. yesterday, inward.
 The Wren left Clarenville yesterday morning.
 The Diana was not reported since the 5th inst.

Here and There.

ZYLEX, the great remedy for eczema and skin troubles, at McMURDO'S. Price 50c.—1i

ON LABRADOR COAST—A blinding snow storm prevailed to-day at Battle Hr.

WEATHER REPORT—The weather across country is light N.W. wind and fine, temperature 30 to 48 above.

Stafford's Liniment cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all Aches and Pains. nov4

BOWINGS' SHIPS—The Portia sails this evening for Western ports; the Prospero left Coachman's Cove to-day, going north.

Grand Sale of Work and Entertainment in Canon Wood Hall, Wednesday, 21st, by St. Margaret's Guild. Large assortment of goods, lowest prices.—1i

FISHERMAN DROWNED—A message from Mr. Garland, J.P. of Port Saunders, to-day to the Justice Department, stated that a man named Patrick Thibault, Battle Hr. was drowned last evening while mooring at Port au Choix. The body has not yet been recovered.

PRESENTATION CONVENT ASSOCIATION—Meeting to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Election of officers for 1918. All members kindly attend.—nov10,1i

UNDERGOING REPAIRS—The schooner Sconey, which was towed into port in a damaged condition some time ago and caught fire shortly after, has had the damage to her deck repaired by Mr. H. S. Butler, shipwright, who is to be in the station some time to-day and on Monday she will go on dock to have her bottom mended.

SALE OF WORK AND ENTERTAINMENT—The Cathedral Girls' Club is holding a Sale of Work and Entertainment in the Synod Hall on Wednesday, November 28th, afternoon and evening.—nov10,1i

C. M. B. C.—The regular weekly meeting of the Class will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Synod Building at 3 p.m. The main principles of Christ's Kingdom are now being studied, and great is the interest of the men in the instructions that have so far been given. To-morrow the subject will be "The Scope of Christ's Kingdom."

BORN.

On November 8th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin, Allan Square.

MARRIED.

At the R. C. Cathedral on the 8th inst., by the Rev. Monsignor McDermott, Pte. E. Mansfield, of the First Nfd. Regiment, the youngest son of James and Mary Mansfield, to Miss Lizzie Carrigan, the only daughter of James and Catherine Carrigan, of this city.

DIED.

At New York, after a short illness, John Bransfield, aged 38 years, formerly of St. John's, leaving two sisters and one brother to mourn their sad loss.

Passed peacefully away last evening after a lingering illness, James Breen, aged 79 years, leaving to mourn one sister, three daughters, 4 sons and several grandchildren; funeral takes place on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 27 York St.; friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only, intimation. "Gone but not forgotten."

This morning, after a long illness, John T. Ridout, eldest son of the late Thomas and Hannah Ridout, aged 35 years, leaving 4 sisters and two brothers, one in the First Nfd. Regiment, to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from his sister's residence, Mrs. M. Griffin, 14 Moore Street; friends and acquaintances please attend without further notice.

R.I.P.
 Passed peacefully away at Topsail on the 8th inst., after a lingering illness, Elizabeth, the wife of Asariah Squires, aged 64 years, leaving a husband, two sons and one daughter. Funeral on Sunday at 3 p.m.

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