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**VERY SORE!**

THE STAR last evening again proved that Brann was right when he said "it was a waste of lather to shave an ass." Having made the deliberate charge in a previous issue, that those who represented the class of people from whose ranks came the Naval Reservists, had been neglectful of their duty to our sailor lads, instead of making the necessary amends for his deliberate falsehood; The Star man, "following the custom," uses up over a column of space elaborating the "villain" Coaker.

Twisting has been a favorite past time of The Star man since he loomed into journalism, and twist he will until some day he will succeed in twisting himself out of shape. "President Coaker," says the Mutt and Jeff organ, "has found time to secure legislation for all his pet objects." Here is what Mosdell says:—

"President Coaker has found time and opportunity to secure legislation on his pet projects; has secured the passage of measure dealing with matters in which he was apparently very much interested personally, but has failed to submit to the House of Assembly a Bill to level up the pay of the Reservists to an equality with that of the Volunteers."

That Mr. Coaker has succeeded in these matters should cause no surprise to Brother Mosdell, seeing that when he wrote for The Mail and Advocate, he said that "Coaker had brains, genius and initiative and had faith in the ultimate success of his (Coaker's) great work." Was it not Mosdell who said, that the fishermen lacked a leader until Coaker came and launched his humane enterprise? It is in connection with this same humane enterprise that Coaker has secured all the legislation that Mosdell now tells the fishermen they must thank Coaker for.

But in a vain effort to belittle Coaker, the learned one, says in the next breath that "Coaker has failed to introduce a Bill to levy up the pay of the Naval Reservists." Now if "Doc" Mosdell will kindly refer to The Mail and Advocate of Wednesday he will find that the Premier, in a letter which we reproduced, written to Mr. Coaker, in reply to Coaker's appeal to Morris to have this matter of Naval pay adjusted, distinctly states that the Naval Reserve men are under the care of the Imperial Authorities. Mosdell knows this as well as we do; but, for reasons best known to himself, he would have it appear as if the fault solely rested with the Union members and particularly Mr. Coaker.

As to Mr. Coaker setting a value upon himself and his work could he, we ask, do it better than Mosdell did it for him when he wrote that letter from Bonne Bay

to The Advocate in 1913, in which he (Mosdell) said:—  
 "Fishermen of Newfoundland you must act at once—this is your golden opportunity. Yours is the guidance of the ship of administration if you will but assume it. Grasp the helm now—not wait until you are hopelessly involved amongst the breakers of bankruptcy. The country has waited long for the great Union movement, as a Newfoundlander full of faith in the ultimate greatness and prosperity of his country I CANNOT HESITATE TO SUPPORT IT. TO LINE UP WITH THE MAN WHO HAS INAUGURATED IT. It is a duty, it is a privilege to help on the GREAT and PATRIOTIC work. Surely every lover of his country will follow suit and co-operate with Coaker and the F.P.U."

One thing we do know, and it is this, that, if W. F. Coaker was Premier of this Country to-day the difference in the pay of the Naval Reservists, from that paid them and the Land forces, would be speedily adjusted, for all it means is for the Government to include such a vote in their estimates, and that closes the matter. But perhaps it is that as Mr. Cash-in said they were "illiterate cullage" the Government takes this means of punishing them for not voting for Graball candidates in 1913.

However, we would be glad to hear further from the "learned" man of Adelaide Street as to what he would suggest to the Imperial Authorities in this matter, seeing that we have the Premier's words for it that the matter is in their hands.

In conclusion we desire to inform The Star man that Mr. Coaker is now at Catalina inspecting the work done in connection with the new Union erections there, which will when finished, be one of the most important factors in what Mosdell called Coaker's humane enterprise.

**THE OIL STORE**

MR. BARTER'S letter in The News this morning is a timely one and should receive every consideration from the City Board of Commissioners. But will it? Our readers will remember that last summer The Mail and Advocate on more than one occasion drew attention to the disgraceful conditions existing in this section of the town. All last summer the residents had to suffer no small amount of inconveniences through the manner in which this oil yard was kept. Streams of oil were everywhere to be seen in the immediate vicinity, and the wonder to us is that there has not been a fire of such proportions as St. John's has never seen.

The present condition of this yard is none too good. A few days ago we happened to pass that way and we noticed the same rotten conditions now existing as did last summer. Isn't it time that this matter was given some attention. Now as regards the roads leading to this oil yard, Plymouth Road is to-day not fit to walk a horse over, much less haul a load. The present condition of things will run along until such time as he people themselves take action which will compel those in authority to do justice to them.

Our city truckmen are deserving of every consideration. They have to earn their living by the sweat of their brow. They pay their taxes as promptly, and in some cases more so, than their more fortunate brothers, and in view of the high cost of cattle feed and other increased expenses they should be given every consideration.

Last summer we repeatedly brought this very matter to the notice of the City Commissioners; but, while they could find men, money and time to repair Prescott Street half a dozen times, not one man, or one dollar, could they find to improve the streets in the section of the city referred to above. This oil store as it stands to-day is a disgrace to the city and the owner someone does something in the matter, the better it will be for all concerned.

We can readily agree with Mr. Barter when he says "unless something is soon done the city truckmen will be compelled to leave the oil on the various wharves where it is piled up." This is a serious matter and no time should be lost in dealing with it. We go as far as to say that within the past five years, to the best of our knowledge, not ten dollars has been spent on repairing the roads in this section of the town.

There is another feature which seems to have been overlooked and it is this: that patients going to the hospital have to suffer un-

**AMERICAN PRESIDENCY**

THE strong vote in the Presidential primaries of Michigan and Nebraska for Henry Ford is taken to mean that in the middle and western States Roosevelt's belligerent talk has produced a reaction, and that anybody would be favored for President who would keep the country out of war.

The Democratic portion of the German element in those States say one-third, is likely to favor Bryan, and the Republican portion, say two-thirds, to favor any pacifist who may become at all prominent. Notwithstanding this current of opinion, we adhere to the idea that if Roosevelt is eliminated as a formidable candidate for the Republican nomination—and his star is evidently declining—it will be because of his refusal to support Root, or any other man who may get the nomination, and, if he fails to get it himself, his threats to repeat the bolt of four years ago.

If the convention were held to-morrow, we are inclined to think Justice Hughes would carry all before him. His determination not to be a candidate only strengthens him with those who like to see the office seek the man and not the man the office. It is noted that he has not positively declared that he would refuse the nomination if it came to him. The opinion seems to prevail that no citizen of the United States, even though a Supreme Court Justice, has a right to reject the position of chief executive of the nation if his fellow-citizens desire to place him there.

It is argued that Mr. Hughes could quite consistently maintain his present aloofness, and take no part in the campaign, only resigning his present post if elected to the higher. The bosses of the Republican party do not want him as a candidate; but it is significant of the growth of an independent spirit among the rank and file of the party that the reason why they want him is precisely because the bosses do not want him. His sturdy resistance to machine dictation when Governor of New York State is remembered to his credit.

The man the bosses want is Elihu Root. Between him and William Barnes there seems to be a thorough understanding, dating from the days when Root was a United States Senator and heir to the Conkling influence. The extent to which he is under machine thralldom was seen in the incident at the New York State Republican convention, when, at the dictation of Barnes, he struck out the cordial eulogy of Roosevelt that was in the first draft of his speech. Possibly if elected President, he would rise above such subservience, as Chester Arthur did when, after long service as a lieutenant of Conkling, the assassination of Garfield lifted him into the White House. Root's endorsement by the State bosses may in some directions be a source of strength; in others, it is a source of weakness.

The conventions are now little more than a month away. By the Democratic convention President Wilson is sure to be renominated. On the question of the Republican nomination, there could scarcely be greater uncertainty.

**SHOULD NOT COME**

On several occasions we have referred to the practice of people coming from remote outposts unannounced to go to hospital whose cases are not urgent. These people make a great mistake, for on arrival they must, at their own expense, wait weeks, often, in city boarding houses before they can enter hospital, where if they waited in their own homes they would be saved this expense. Mr. Whiteway is always glad to answer any enquiries made as to the possibility of getting treatment, but when people come unannounced, it causes needless trouble and unnecessary expense.

**POLICE COURT NEWS**

Judge Morris presided in the Police Court to-day and dismissed a drunk. The case referred by the S. P. C. A. against a man for alleged cruelty to a horse was dismissed.

The S.S. Stephano which left Halifax at 7 a.m. yesterday is due here to-morrow morning.

told torture will be going over this road. We strongly cling to the opinion that this matter will remain unattended to until such time as the people themselves take the remedy of the matter into their own hands.

**War Messages.**

**BILINGUAL SCHOOL DISPUTE**

OTTAWA, May 12.—Parliament, by a vote of 107 to 60, this morning rejected the motion moved by Lapointe and supported by Laurier for mediation by the Dominion, in Parliament, in the bilingual school dispute. In Ontario Party the lines were broken, both in the debate and in the vote that followed, but the defections from the Opposition proved to be more serious than in the case of the Government.

**GERMANS AGAIN REPULSED BY FRENCH AT DEADMAN'S HILL**

PARIS, May 12.—Two attempts by the Germans last night to recapture a position on the western slope of Deadman's Hill, taken by the French on May 10, were frustrated by the French artillery fire. Artillery is active about the Avocourt Wood and the bombardment in the Douaumont-Vaux section continues, according to an official report from the War Office to-day.

**PLOT UNCOVERED TO KILNAP SIR ED. CARSON**

LONDON, May 12.—A plot to kidnap Sir Edward Carson from Cusheuddall, Co. Antrim, where he was expected to spend the Easter Holiday, has been uncovered by investigation. The plan miscarried, the correspondent adds, because Sir Edward, owing to pressure of business, cancelled his holiday.

**WILL CREATE A MINISTRY OF AVIATION**

LONDON, May 12.—Daily Telegraph says it learns the Government will announce on Tuesday its decision to create a Ministry of Aviation, headed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston.

**A Doubtful Scheme**

LONDON, May 11.—The Daily Mail suggests that an Irish Brigade, in which some rebels might be included, be formed to co-operate with the French Army. The suggestion is enthusiastically supported by the Nationalists, but some of the leaders fear that an appeal for recruits would not bring great response. Another suggestion is that an Irish Brigade be formed to serve in South East Africa.

**26 Burned in Movie Picture Show**

NORFOLK, Va., May 11.—Twenty-six negroes, all women and children except one, perished at a fire which destroyed a motion picture theatre after a gasoline explosion at Wallace-ton near here. Twenty were injured.

**More Letters "Love-burns" for Ireland**

BERLIN, May 11.—A despatch from Copenhagen to the Overseas News Agency says that all first class mail from the United States on the Norwegian steamer Kristianiafjord and the Danish steamer Iteggolar was taken off by the British authorities recently at Kirkwall.

**22 Neutrals Sunk In Twelve Months**

LONDON, May 11.—Thirty-seven unarmed British merchantmen, and 22 neutral vessels were torpedoed without warning between May 7, 1915 and May 7, 1916. Thos. J. McNamara, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty said in the Commons to-day. He added that he understood these figures were known to the American government.

**GERMAN BLAST**

Cologne Gazette.—The Englishman simply cannot understand any war except as a system of tricks and intrigues and bluff, intended to deceive public opinion. The two central powers are fighting for their life against a limited liability company of robbers, assembled on a scale never previously known. They know that all that is dearest to them, the soil and the future of their fatherland is at stake, and so they will go on fighting until a result in accordance with their ideas has been reached. Meanwhile people on the Thames and the Seine may go on issuing prophecies about the length of the war which have a strong taste of war weariness.

To Prove She Could. Astounded Mother—Why, Tottie, you never told me you had invited so many children to this party. Small Hostess—That's 'cause you said I could never keep a secret.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

At Witless Bay, on the Southern Shore, all the traps have been put out the past few days, but there is yet no sign of cod.

The Bell Island Companies are now looking for 500 men. There will be a boom there this summer and the first ore steamer is expected to arrive Monday.

The people of Freshwater complain that packs of dogs roam about there nightly. They came from the city and the residents fear that they will destroy poultry as they did last year. The brutes should be shot.

A man named Cull of Caplin Cove, C.B., arrived here by last night's train suffering from a very sore leg, the result of an accident. He had to be lifted from the train and was looked after by E. Whiteway.

In the Canadian casualty lists issued last Monday there appears the name of Thomas Putt. He is a son of Mr. Geo. Putt of the Goulds, Bay Bulls Road and joined the C. E. F. at Sydney.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

MAY 12

FIRST trial of Harbor Grace prisoners in connection with Orange riots commenced, 1884. John Coyle drowned off Pitts' wharf, 1863.

Sir John Herchell died, 1871. Polaris crew (19 men) arrived here in steamer Tigress; 197 days on the ice, 1873. Michael Feehan, Riverhead, died, 1896.

First fire company, under rules and regulations, formed this day. It was named the "Phoenix," and had four officers, viz: Captain and three lieutenants—N. W. Hoyle, captain; Robert Brine, 1st lieutenant; Thomas Houlton, 2nd lieutenant; James Todridge, 3rd lieutenant; wardens, N. W. Hoyle, John Dunscombe and Nicholas Gill, 1822. John Gallishaw, pilot, died, 1897. Admiral Sampson bombarded San Juan, Porto Rico, 1898. Francis Canning shot and killed Mary Nugent, 1899. Work on the foundation of Harvey's pulp factory began, 1897.

The express with the Kyle's mail and passengers is due here this evening at 8.



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