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## Chastened, We May Learn Wisdom

There have been days when disaster has caused the people of this country to bow their heads in grief, but never before has been witnessed the tragic spectacle of our citizens standing with heads bowed to hide their shame—shame because through no fault of their own the pages of our history have been blackened, the name and reputation "of this fair land and her brave and hardy people" have been besmirched by those to whom love of country was but a figure of speech, and her agony, their opportunity. They have hovered like vultures over a stricken animal, nor have they waited for weakness to overcome it before they have begun their unnatural feast of blood and living flesh.

The lust for power has ended in a climax which has preceded in the history of England's Oldest Colony, and which is more in keeping with the political records of a Spanish-American Republic than with those of a British Dominion. Our political fabric has been shaken to its base, our departmental system has been condemned, and two of those who recently occupied the highest ministerial positions have allegations of grave misdemeanour to account for.

To-day Sir Richard Squires, in whom in 1919 and again in 1923 the country placed faith, and who was given the opportunity to climb to the greatest heights of political fame, stands charged with infamy.

To-day Dr. Alexander Campbell, a stranger to our shores and welcomed with that warmth of hospitality for which Newfoundland is proverbial, is accused of the basest ingratitude and with having turned and bitten the hand that fed him.

There are others who through weakness of character or mistaken loyalty are indicted for having aided and abetted their principals.

There are also the swarm of parasites which are ever content to batten on the scraps left over when their lords and masters are filled to repletion.

Incapacity on the part of a departmental head in a crisis must be placed in the same category of crime as that of a field officer who fails in his duty and brings disaster upon his regiment. For the latter, the punishment would be death or disgrace; for the former, it can be nothing less than dismissal.

The politician who has secured his seat in the Legislature by subordinating the will of the people by corruption, who exercised his baleful influence at a time when they were weakened by poverty, has forfeited all right to a voice in the making of our laws. He stands self-convicted, an outlaw, a renegade.

The pilferers to whom the finger of the Commissioner has pointed must take their place at the bar of justice to answer to the charges, with the prisoner who robs the store or forges his employer's signature. Thus and only thus can our political atmosphere be purified, the control of the public funds made a sacred trust, and honesty and integrity in public life restored.

To the Minister of Justice and his colleagues the country owes a debt for the courage and firmness they have shown in stirring up this political cesspool and bringing to the surface the poisons that lurked in its depths, even at the risk of contaminating themselves. The country now calls upon them to show even greater fearlessness, and to undergo a test even more severe, in order to prove themselves worthy of their high offices. They stand to-day in a position of jeopardy, and if they fail through fear, through influence exerted by class, or creed, or politics, or because of friendship with the accused, their downfall is certain, the ends of Justice will be defeated, and the political cancer will but fix its roots the more firmly in the body corporate.

The work of the Commissioner, Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C., has been that of the skilled surgeon, who must first lay bare the wound and remove the infection in order to quicken the process of healing. Beneath the corruption he finds clean blood flowing and a healthy constitution to which he trusts for the ultimate recovery of his patient. His clear, impartial mind has penetrated the deceit, evasion, and equivocation with which he was confronted, he has weighed the evidence point by point, and he has handed down a decision which for definite, logical conclusions and damning effect has seldom if ever been surpassed in an investigation of such a nature. To him we are under an obligation which we can never hope to repay for placing with in our reach the means by which we can erase the foul stain that tarnishes the otherwise bright surface of our escutcheon.

If we would free  
Our land from every ill; and break the chain  
Of avowal and pride, of lust and greed,  
That binds her fast; if we would surely gain  
Our passionate desire—our country freed  
From evil, poverty,  
And bondage finally,  
Then we must be  
Bound by one hope, one purpose, one ideal,  
And move the world through that Divine appeal—  
The sacrifice of self for commonweal.  
That all be free!

## Munn Memorial Window

AT ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.

The Memorial East Window, presented to St. Thomas's Church by Mrs. Munn, in memory of her husband, the late John Shannon Munn, and members of her family, will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock service to-morrow. The late Mr. Munn was a member of the first Select Vestry of the Church until he met his death with his little daughter, Betty, in 1915 in the wreck of the Floriel. A Director of the firm of Bowring Bros. he was one of our most prominent and the first th...

## SEALING NEWS

The sealing fleet on the Northern front are practically in the same position, all jammed. The Ranger's crew picked up a number of pans yesterday accounting for 1,700 on board and stowed down with 10 pans yet to be collected. Capt. Abraham Kean in a message to Bowring Bros. is of the opinion that the main body of seals are lying in White Bay, and should the wind change to the westward, all the ships would get clear in a few hours, and the prospects of securing good loads would be bright. A similar message was also received from the Sagons.

The following are the latest messages received:—

**BOWRING BROS.**  
Sagons—Jammed W.S.W. off Cape John. Imagine seals are in White Bay.

Ranger—Position 15 miles N. E. New Bay Head, 1,700 on board, 10 pans out.

Eagle—Position 15 miles S. W. Groats Islands, ice tight, ship jammed; Thetis alongside.

Viking—5 miles S.E. Deadman's Island, steering in a N.W. direction. Crew all well.

**JOB. BROS. & CO.**  
Neptune—Position 7 miles S. E. of Horse Islands, strong breeze from E. N.E., weather very thick, ice heavy, ship jammed. Clear water in sight about four miles south east.  
Thetis—Position 20 miles N. E. Horse Islands. Jammed all day.

## Weather and Ice Report

**MARINE AND FISHERIES.**

St. Anthony—Wind E.N.E. moderate, ice off shore here; no seals.  
Greenspond—Light N.N.E. wind, foggy.

Catalina—N.E. winds, foggy, harbour blocked with ice; none outside; heavy fog.

Bonaville—Light N.E. wind, thick fog, very mild; no ice to be seen.

**POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**

Hr. Deep—Wind N. ice loose and moving; men boating seals.

Conche—Wind N.E. by E. all water in sight, ice cut off; no seals.

St. Anthony—Wind E.N.E. ice off shore; no seals.

Grinnet—Fresh N.E. winds; no ice in sight, heavy sea; no seals.

Cook's Hr.—Wind N.E. ice coming in sight; very heavy sea. Few old seals seen in water off Cape Norman yesterday.

The eyes of the world are on the Chevrolet—watch Chevrolet lead. mar14,10,10ed

**Magistrate's Court.**

Two ordinary drunks were liberated.

The Burnstein enquiry was resumed at 11 a.m. when Mr. Jas. O'N. Conroy finished the cross-examination of George England. The remainder of the morning was occupied taking the evidence of Ralph Reid by Supt. O'Neill.

**Express Delayed.**

The incoming express with the Kyle's mail and passengers has been delayed at Kitty's Brook, owing to a strong N.E. gale, snow and drift, which has been sweeping over the Toppals since yesterday morning. The west bound express is also now bound at Mary March. The Rotary plows are operating in advance of both trains.

**Supreme Court.**

Before Mr. Justice Johnson.  
In the matter of the Petition of Bishop's Sons & Co. Ltd., alleging that L. H. Simmons, Spruce Brook, lumber merchant is insolvent and prays that he be so declared.

J. A. Winter for petition is heard and asks leave to withdraw the petition. It is ordered accordingly.

**Coastal Boats.**

Argyle left Epworth 2.35 p.m. yesterday, outward.

Glencoe left St. Jacques 2.50 p.m. yesterday, coming east.

Kyle jammed off Low Point. When arrived Hr. Breton 11.30 a.m. yesterday. Left early morning.

Walker detained in port owing to ice conditions.

**Seals at Moreton's Hr.**

A message received to-day, by the Marine and Fisheries Department states that during Thursday and Friday the men of Moreton's Harbour killed about 350 young hoods. No seals were seen further than 3 miles from land, according to the message.

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## TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

AN ANOMALY REMOVED.

LONDON, March 22.

William Graham, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying to question in the House of Commons to-day with regard to the granting of old age pensions to people who reside at certain periods in the Dominions, said Colonies said the situation could be remedied only by altering the statute.

This was one of the anomalies the Government would try to remove in any legislation it might be able to introduce.

AN INLAND "RUM ROW."

WASHINGTON, March 22.

A \$200,000 whiskey deal "the biggest yet" was uncorrupted to-day by the Daugherty investigating Committee, John Goroni, Vice-President of the Alps Drug Co. told a story how he and the late Jess Smith were bumper and friend of Attorney General Daugherty, and Howard H. Nannington, one of the occupants of "the little green house on K. Street" he said, shared in the "split" which was accompanied by the withdrawal of whiskey from federal warehouses where it was sold to bootleggers.

More \$1000 bills figured in Goroni's store of the whiskey transaction. He testified he had paid \$300,000 bills of that denomination to W. A. Orr of New York, previously connected with the Dempsey-Carpenter fight film deal, and also \$150,000 to Owen B. Murphy, another New York politician. Payments Goroni said were at the rate of \$15 a case for permits to get whiskey to bootleggers.

**PARALYSIS OF LONDON'S ARTERIES.**

LONDON, March 22.

The strike of tramway operators and bus men began at midnight involving about 40,000 employees.

**A DASTARDLY CRIME.**

QUEENSTOWN, March 21.

A big high powered motor car containing four men wearing Free State officers' uniforms drove to Pier Head 100 to-day, and without warning fired a machine gun upon a party of fifty persons the majority of whom were British soldiers just landed from a military launch from Spike Island. Con-

vic Establishment. The fire was aimed chiefly at the soldiers many of whom fell. One soldier was killed outright, four were so severely wounded that they are not expected to recover and seventeen others received serious injuries, it is not certain whether any civilians were hurt. The motor car started away at racing speed firing at the destroyer Scythe but it is believed the shots went wide. Armed parties of the Free State troops were sent out in lorries to search for the assassins who it is believed are milliners of the Free State army.

**PRESIDENT COSGRAVE EXPRESSES HIS INDIGNATION.**

DUBLIN, March 21.

President Cosgrave has telegraphed Premier MacDonnell "I am shocked that the British were fired upon in Cork Harbor this morning. I hasten to assure you that this cowardly act will cause the same horror and detestation throughout Ireland as it has caused to myself and my colleagues. No effort will be spared to bring the criminals to account."

**AN ACT OF FANATICS.**

LONDON, March 21.

Reports from Queenstown this morning give the impression that the attack on British soldiers was carried out in a fanatical way by a few irresponsible. The Free State army chiefs immediately began an investigation and a wide search is being made for the perpetrators.

**SHIPBUILDING LOCKOUT DEFERRED.**

LONDON, Mar. 22.

The threatened national lockout in the shipbuilding industry has been deferred. At a conference in Carlisle yesterday the employees agreed to defer further time to bring pressure on the Southampton workers to resume work. In the meantime the employers have offered arbitration by an industrial court failing mutual settlement.

**RAILWAY LINE IS BONE OF CONTENTION.**

MOSCOW, Mar. 22.

The Chinese Eastern Railway, the fourteen hundred mile line connecting China with Siberia and Europe, is the real bone of contention in the interrupted Russo-Chinese negotiations, according to the Russian viewpoint, and control of the road is also being sought by France, the United States and Japan. Russian engineers say that Soviets hold the strategic economic control of the line and should it become necessary they could cut off its most profitable traffic.

**REVERBERATIONS OF THE MUTINY.**

DUBLIN, Mar. 22.

Reverberations from the mutiny within the Free State army are continuing and growing louder, as witness the occurrence at Queenstown yesterday when a body of British soldiers in uniform and their families were fired upon by individuals who drove up in an auto, and opened fire on the crowd with a machine gun, and dangerously wounding

twenty others. They drove away in safety shouting "up Tobin." General Tobin was a leader of the mutiny among the Free State, and he is still at large. President Cosgrave cabled the British prime minister a denunciation of what he called a cowardly shame, and the Irish papers in their editorials deplore the incident which they say is plainly intended to further aggravate the situation between Ireland and the British Empire.

**CARMANIA RUNS AROUND.**

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 22.

The Cunard liner Carmania which has been on the Clyde-Liverpool route since December, went aground on Askew Point at the mouth of the Mersey this morning, according to the Daily Courier. The Carmania was due here to-day with passengers. Wireless messages of distress were reported by the despatch of six tugs. The Carmania was refloated and docked safely.

**Shipping.**

S.S. Digby leaves Boston on 26th inst.

S.S. Sachem is scheduled to leave Liverpool on the same date.

S.S. Silvia is due at Halifax at 5 p.m., according to a message received this forenoon by Harvey & Co. The passage from here was a good one, being made in 39 hours.

S.S. Rosalind leaves New York to-day for Halifax.

S.S. Spes is sailing to-day for Boston, ice conditions permitting.

S.S. Canadiana leaves Halifax for Montreal on April 17th for here. From this port the ship will sail for Montreal to take up the regular summer service, which opens May 1st.

**Obituary**

MAISIE B. CHAMBERS.

The sympathy of their many friends is being extended to Mr. W. McK. and Mrs. Chambers, on the passing of their daughter Maisie B. which occurred yesterday morning. Death came from an attack of meningitis, which followed a period of severe illness. Last fall she was ill with Typhoid, this was followed with Scarlet Fever, and then the fatal attack came before she had fully recovered from the fever. Only twelve years of age, she had made herself a general favorite, and the many floral tokens that now surround her casket are silent testimony of the love and regard in which she was held. The funeral took place at 2.30 this afternoon.

**At Rest.**

The funeral of the late Lady Winter which took place yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended. The hearse and casket were covered with the most beautiful flowers, and the carriage following the hearse, was also filled with magnificent wreaths; mute tokens of sympathy of many friends. Interment took place at the C. of E. Cemetery.

**"Pilate's Daughter."**

To-morrow evening at 8.30, the pupils and ex-pupils of the Mercy Convent, will present the scriptural drama "Pilate's Daughter," at the Casino Theatre. During the Lenten season last year the play was performed by practically the same caste, in a manner which won much praise. The scenery and stage effects have been specially prepared and greatly enhance the beauty of the piece, whilst the portrayal of Calvary on the first Good Friday is said to be a masterpiece of local dramatic art. Appropriate music specially prepared for the occasion, will be rendered during the evening by the boys of the Mercy Convent Orchestra.

**Relief Work to Close Down.**

It is understood that next week relief work at the Rock Sheds will close down. During the past few days gangs of the men have been sent out to shovel the roads leading to the city which have for some time past been almost impassable.

**Kyle Jammed Off Low Point.**

S.S. Kyle at 11 a.m. was still jammed in heavy ice eight miles N. E. by E. off Low Point. A heavy northerly wind is blowing in the Gulf since yesterday, while the ice is closely packed as far as the eye can see.

**Friday and Saturday.**

We have our usual weekly supply of fresh, delicious Candies: Chocolate Cherries & Pineapples, Chocolate Raisins and Small Bralls, Chocolate Almonds & Gingers, Spanish Bon Bons & Nougatines, Coccant and Cream Caramels, Red Seal Toffee and Tangerine Oranges.

**EXTRA SPECIAL:**  
Stuffed Dates . . . 40c. lb.  
Italian Mixture . . . 35c. lb.  
Chocolate Creams . . . 35c. lb.

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