

Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, Jan. 7th, 1918.

The Tonnage Committee.

Again we are compelled by unusual pressure on our space to be brief. We had intended to set before the public a broad and general statement of the facts in the extraordinary situation which the elevation of Sir Edward Morris to the peerage may be said to be the climax. The purely domestic part of that situation is generally being revealed from day to day in its true colours, but we doubt if more than a very few men in the country are in its full extent and realise how completely our affairs here and the spirit and attitude of the people have been misunderstood, because entirely misrepresented outside the Colony, in America, in Canada and most of all in Great Britain. But the revelation will keep. When it is made, and when it is seen and understood, let us hope that it will need no further lesson for the people of this country to beware to whom the entrust its representation and the control of its destinies, and, having entrusted them, to watch with a little less indifference and a little more vigilance the manner in which the trust is performed.

To-day we draw our readers' attention to the correspondence, sent the News by Mr. Hickman and reprinted in our columns, on the subject of the Tonnage Committee. Mr. Coaker, in the Advocate, has blundered, and a little more vigilance, in the manner in which the whole world to bring forward a title of proof of the accusations of irregularity made against the Committee. He has done so, of course, in the mistaken belief that no one was able to take the challenge. We have made the challenge to do so if he was. This transparent bluff is now called, in part at least, by the last hand, Mr. Hickman, the "minority member" of the Committee itself. We congratulate Mr. Hickman on his stand. We could have congratulated him more warmly if, instead of making his acceptance of the seat in the Council conditional upon the removal of the irregularities of which he complains, he had refused altogether to be further associated with those who had been responsible for the irregularities. We have made specific charges against this Committee. We have merely stated the plain and obvious fact that its functions have been formed in a manner which on the surface of it is most unsatisfactory, and have insisted on an explanation. Mr. Hickman, by denying that certain very necessary things should be done, and Dr. Lloyd, by granting the demand, prove beyond question that those things have not been done. Most of them are of a more or less minor character, but even so are worth noting. Mr. Hickman asks that the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee be kept. Dr. Lloyd replies that "minutes are at present kept and submitted to the Governor almost daily." Will he oblige us by answering the most important question, whether any minutes at all, and if so what, were kept of the meetings prior to the protest of the merchants, meetings at which Mr. Hickman does not seem to have been present, and over which he says he had no control? Mr. Hickman asks that future meetings be held at a Government, not a mercantile, office. Will the Premier inform us at whose offices past meetings have been held? The matter of the insurance of cargoes is a most important one, with which we shall deal at a future date.

Will the Premier, or Mr. Crosbie also explain how the vessels "Herbert Warren" and "Maid of Harlick" were registered in the name of John C. Crosbie? The excuse that he "holds them in trust subject to certain claims" advances he has on them "only" makes the case very much worse. What advances has Mr. Crosbie made in the Government account, and what was the necessity of them? Doubtless all sorts of specious and evasive answers will be given to these questions but what possible explanation can justify the scandalous impropriety, to say no more, of vessels obtained, apparently, for the Government through the Tonnage Committee, being registered in the name of a member of that Committee and subject to a lien claim by him?

We shall for the present await the explanation which the Premier appears to promise of the matters of the sale of fish to the Italian Government and of the charter of the "Rutland." What we have noticed above, however, is sufficient to supply our readers with another flagrant instance of the violation of the principle on which we have constantly insisted, the principle which absolutely forbids Government officials, and most particularly ministers of the Crown, to act in a dual capacity, official and private, in any matter which comes within the scope of their duties. It may be added to the instance which we noted on Saturday of the ships chartered to the Government for the patrol service. How, in the light of these things, can Mr. Crosbie continue to be a minister of the Crown? We respectfully draw the matter to the attention of His Excellency the Governor.

The Coaker Menagerie

"Never will those curs be able to catch Mr. Coaker in their webs of graft, bribery and intrigue." The Advocate on Saturday. Step up, ladies and gentlemen, and watch the curs spinning their webs, while the spiders look on and smirk!

Next we have the "Frey Octopus," a sides and gentlemen. It is so "fry" that it makes the sea boil for miles round. Being amphibious, it also extends its tentacles over the land. Its chief amusement is pulling wires with them. Don't come too near the "Frey Octopus." If it attacks you, hrow coconuts at it.

HARRIS' LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER

Churches Unite in Prayers for Empire.

The United National Intercession Service held in Gower Street Methodist Church last night was largely attended. The Pastor, Rev. D. B. Home, presided and seated in the pulpit were Rev. W. H. Thomas of the Congregational Church, Rev. Dr. Thompson, representing Rev. Gordon Dickie of the Kirk, who was unavoidably absent, and Rev. Dr. Fenwick, following the opening hymn and prayer the New Year greetings of Rev. Dr. Chown, the General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada and Newfoundland, were read by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Fenwick then gave an eloquent and impressive address on the value of prayer. A number of special hymns and prayers completed the service.

Governor Harris Attends Prayers

For Lasting Peace at R. C. Cathedral.

In accordance with the proclamation of His Majesty the King, yesterday, in all the R. C. Churches throughout the Island, was observed as a special day of intercession for an enduring peace. At all the services special prayers were read by order of His Grace Archbishop Roche, while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed during the day for the devotion of the faithful. Pontifical Vespers were sung at the Cathedral at night. His Grace the Archbishop occupied the Throne, attended by Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, and Rev. Frs. Pipy and Sheehan; the chanters were Rev. Dr. Greene and Rev. Fr. Conway. His Grace also officiated at Pontifical Benediction. Rev. Dr. Harewood occupied the pulpit and read the proclamation of the King and the special prayer, ordered to be recited by the Archbishop. Present at the service was His Excellency the Governor, Sir C. Alexander Harris, and Suite, who were received by Lieut.-Col. Conroy and Major F. J. Kent (G.C.C.) as A.D.C.'s to His Grace the Archbishop. At the close of the service the large congregation remained standing while the National Anthem was rendered on the grand organ by Prof. Hutton.

Nominations for Board of Trade.

The following were nominated as Councillors of the Board of Trade, five of whom will be elected on the 28th inst.—Messrs. R. F. Goodridge, P. Knowling, G. G. Glennie, Joseph Sellars, Harold Macpherson and C. W. Tessier. Vice-President R. Gordon Winter automatically becomes President, and Mr. H. R. Brock is the President, Vice-President. We congratulate the new officers.

Obituary.

The death occurred recently at her home in Swansea, U.S.A., of Mrs. Susannah R. Pinsent, widow of Capt. Wm. M. Pinsent, who sailed for the well-known firm of Goodfellow & Co. in the 70's, and lost at sea in 1881. Deceased was born in St. John's 74 years ago. She left here in 1886. She is survived by 4 sisters, two daughters and one son, who is at present carrying on a hardware business in Lynn, Mass.

Here and There.

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WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light S.E. wind and raining; temperature 5 to 35 above.

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TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express left Galt Topside at 8.30 a.m. to-day. The incoming express is due early to-morrow morning.

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REID'S BOATS.—The Argyle, Clyde, Dundee, Glenamer, and Glenora have been reported since the 4th inst. The Ethie reached Port aux Basques en route to St. John's.

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STRAITS SERVICE CLOSED.—The Straits of Belle Isle mail service is now closed and the a.s. Ethie, which conveyed passengers, freight and mail over that route during the past season is now on her way to St. John's.

PUBLIC SPIRITED.—The young outpost woman whose case elicited much public attention and sympathy last week is being provided for by Mr. F. B. Wood, who has offered to pay two months' upkeep for her if a home can be found.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. F. H. Steer acknowledges with thanks the receipt, from Westleyville W.P.A., of the sum of twenty dollars, to be forwarded for the benefit of a young man of that place, Bertrand G. Hanna, who is a prisoner of war in Germany.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers are on the incoming express: Mrs. Glouannetti, W. E. Bell, H. W. Ferry, Rev. J. St. John, S. C. Harris, Capt. W. Parsons, R. T. Ippen, Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mrs. Archibald and daughter, W. J. and Mrs. Keating.

"ADDRESSES WESLEY A.B.C.—Hon. R. A. Squires delivered an eloquent address on Patriotism before Wesley Adult Bible Class yesterday afternoon. The speaker, who had had struck a broad note of patriotism and the great cause of democracy was found arrayed against military ascendancy and aristocracy. The Rev. H. Royle presided and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer. Mr. Wm. Ash, who has devoted most of his time in the interest of the Bible Class, was presented with a gift from the members.

The Menace to the Country.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—In my communication which you published yesterday I said the Editor of the Daily News is, in a double sense, responsible for what he properly terms "a Menace to the Country," and I hope I proved to the satisfaction of the public the correctness of my premise. The force of my assertion is in no degree reduced by the editor's apology that he "supported and advocated the union with one object in mind, and only one, to save the country from the disturbing influence of an election at a time when our boys are fighting," because, the excuse is silly when regard is had to the published fact that part of the Coalition pact was that a General Election should be held a few months from the date of that agreement. I quite believe that the Editor of the Daily News and his political associates did not contemplate that Sir Edward Morris's scheme would land them in the clutch of two corporations. What they no doubt had in view was a union of political parties that would practically bar any chance of successful opposition; that would appeal to the Electorate as a matter of form when it suited their convenience, and that would return from an uncontested Election to carry on as the Coalition has been doing during the past six months. But if that was their view it was no less "a menace to the Country," for it amounted to a disfranchisement of the Constituencies and the reduction of Responsible Government to a farce. If there be one duty more than another incumbent upon public men, be they editors of newspapers or members of the Legislature, it is to establish and maintain the dignity, integrity, independence and freedom of parliament. Sir Edward Morris's cowardice—I use the word advisedly, for the obvious test of courage in politics is readiness to face an Election—has saved the country from disfranchisement, but it leaves "the menace" to which the Daily News has now drawn attention. And this menace is a very serious one. Sir Robert Bond, as the Daily News avers, warned the public of its approach four years ago, and in order to give all possible emphasis to his warning he resigned his seat in the House of Assembly, and terminated a political career that had extended over an uninterrupted period of nearly thirty-five years. This menace was known, therefore it did not come suddenly upon the people. They were warned of it in no ambiguous manner, and to Sir Edward Morris and his supporters must be charged the political crime that now threatens to involve the finances of the Colony and its commerce in grave difficulties, if not disaster.

An indication of what "the menace" means is contained in the avowal of the Daily News on Thursday, that the President of the Union Trading Company had been a member of the Coalition government only a few days when he successfully exerted his influence to improve the Union's private property at a cost to the general taxpayers of this country of Fifty Thousand Dollars. If that avowal is true, then, as the Daily News adds, "a more flagrant misuse of public funds has never been known." If it is true, no member of the Executive Council who was a party to it should be retained as the Executive Council Board a day longer, and the public will now look to His Excellency the Governor to remove the menace to the country, and to see that the Fifty thousand dollars is made good to the public treasury by the Union Trading Company.

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January 5th, 1918. VIGILANCE.

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Thoughts Upon the Times.

(By PATRIOT.)

The events of the past few days compel the writer to refer again to an individual, who, until recently, held a high and honored public position in this country, the highest in the gift of his country—that of Prime Minister. In electing Sir Edward Morris to power nine years ago, the people of Newfoundland placed in his keeping their public honor and respect. By his recent actions, in shirking his public duties, his treachery to his party followers and his deserting his country in a time of great stress and need, he had forfeited all right to respect or honor from either his King or Country. The startling announcement in Saturday's public news that he had been elevated to the Peerage comes, not as an honor to Newfoundland, but as an insult. The writer had determined to banish from his memory all thoughts of one who could so basely and deliberately betray and desert his country in a time of great national peril, but this is a very different matter. The patriotic and intelligent people of this country should immediately, by resolution, request Sir Edward Morris, not to further insult his countrymen, by naming his title after any place in the Colony. "Breathes there the man with soul so dead,

Who never to himself hath said—
"This is my own, my native land!"
Whose heart's "hath never within him burned,

As home his footsteps he hath turned
From wandering on a foreign strand?
If such there be, go, mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his title, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
Despite those titles, power and pelf,
The wretch, concentered all in self,

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Living shall forfeit fair renown,
And doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung."

Until recently, we have been given to call the young men who have hesitated to come forward to enroll themselves in the armed forces, such as "slackers" and "shirkers." Their environment, lack of education, and general lack of knowledge as to the Empire's needs, may be pleaded in excuse for them. But what shall we say of the conduct of men in the position of Sir Edward Morris, who from the beginning of the war evaded his public duties, then passed them on to irresponsible parties, and finally fled from them altogether. There is a name for such miscreants, and when a true, British subject is called by it, he offers to show fight. It is the contemptible name of Coward! Yes, Sir Edward Morris, I, your own countryman, brand you with the name of coward. At what price have you gained your title? Let the blood of the twelve hundred heroes who were slain at Gallipoli, Beaumont Hamel, Monchy and other places answer. Let the broken hearted mothers, who like Rachel of old, refuse to be comforted, answer.

You cannot claim to have sorrowed like other men, Sir Edward Morris, for you have not sacrificed the life blood of either him or kin in defence of your King and country.

I make no apologies, Mr. Editor, in thus expressing my feelings, for I feel that I am only voicing the sentiments of a large number of people in Newfoundland to-day.

In former "Thoughts upon the Times" I have referred to the lack of interest taken in recruiting for volunteers for the Regiment, by people in certain sections of the country. They have used such homely arguments as these—"If Ned Morris started the war let him and it," and again, "Why should I send my boy to be shot down by the Germans, just to get Ned Morris a job?" How true they are, I leave your readers to judge.

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Prohibition Cases in Court.

DOUBTFUL METHODS OF POLICE

If present circumstances are allowed to continue, some members of our police force will shortly be able to rest on "easy street" ere long, judging by the amount of "take-offs" they make. They have been working overtime lately, but the unprincipled methods they employ for the purpose of getting convictions did not commend themselves to the Court when several prohibition cases came up for hearing. It must be admitted that the enforcement of Prohibition has wrought a tremendous amount of good in the country and it is right and proper that the law should be respected and obeyed, but it would be more desirable in the public welfare if the Control Board or Prohibition interests took that portion of fines, which are now given to police officers, for patriotic or charitable purposes. Detective Sergt. Byrne and O'Neill boarded a Spanish vessel on Friday night, after her arrival, and bought a couple of bottles of wine which were used this morning as evidence against the stranger who was known to Byrne and O'Neill as fined \$100 or 30 days. The plea of course, get half the fine. Wine is a necessity on board a Spanish ship, and it is in households in St. John's. Detective Noseworthy had a citizen summoned for a breach of the Prohibition Act. The evidence disclosed was that the defendant was responsible for the conviction of the Spanish captain and cook who sold the liquor to him a fortnight ago and he was given an assurance by Noseworthy that he would not be prosecuted if he gave a certain statement. Mr. Hunt, the prosecuting lawyer, vindicated himself in the case by stating that he had no notice of such promise from the police officers and had been wrongly instructed. Mr. Higgins, who represented the defendant, showed that his client had been the victim of misplaced confidence. Considerable interest in the case, which was postponed till to-morrow.

McMurdo's Store News

MONDAY, Jan. 7th, 1917.

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Casualty List.

RECEIVED JAN. 5th, 1918.

At Wandsworth.
2785—Private Bernard Shaw, Little's Base, T.I. pneumonia.
W. F. RENDELL.
For Minister of Militia.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind E.N.E. light with dense fog; no vessels sighted. Bar. 29.20; ther. 42.

Here and There.

KYLE NOT COMING.—The report that the a.s. Kyle was due here this morning is incorrect, as the ship has not been ordered off her regular route.

NAVAL RESERVISTS RETURNING

The following R.N.R. men who are returning on tomorrow's steamer are in the incoming express: W. Tomlinson, J. W. Parsons, W. S. Oughden, J. B. Walker, G. Ely, L. M. J. W. Townsend, L. Vail, G. Noel.

Returned Soldiers and Sailors

are invited to the Daughters of Empire Entertainment on Wednesday, Jan. 9th, at 7 p.m., in the Presbyterian Hall—Jan. 7/9.

INCORRIGIBLE YOUTH AGAIN!

The incorrigible lad Avery, who again threatened to do serious injury to his parents, was found in a bad state yesterday morning by Sergt. Furlong. He was sent to jail to-day for 30 days; meanwhile arrangements are to be made to put him on board a vessel.

Secure your tickets for T. A. Band Dance at the British Hall

to-night at 9 p.m. Gent's \$1.00, double or single; Lady's 50c, including teas. Programme of music to suit all. A number of reserve seats for sale at door.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. H. MacDonald

family wish to express their sincere thanks to His Excellency the Governor and Hon. R. A. Squires for letters of sympathy in the loss of their only son, Pte. Walter S. MacDonald; also Mrs. Paterson for special acts of kindness, and to all kind friends who visited them in their hour of bereavement—adv't.

MILITARY FUNERAL.—The remains

of Sergt. John J. Sheehan, of the First Newfoundland Contingent, arrived here last night from Halifax where deceased died recently of pneumonia. The burial will take place to-morrow from the residence of the parents of the deceased in Holytown. The volunteers, including the Blue Puttees now