



Evening Telegram

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Government

Muddles.

Ever since the assumption of power by the Squires-Coaker administration, their chief business appears to have been hunting up departmental matters concerning expenditures, with a view to discrediting and covering with obloquy the men who held office under the late Government. Nothing apparently matters, so long as the Squires-Coaker newspapers can unearth some imaginary purchasing scandal, the padded particulars of which are spread flaringly over their first pages. The Road Board discoveries did not work so well as thought, and to divert the minds of the voters of St. John's West, the Green Peas and Plank purchases were dished up. These sensations (?) will have a like effect as the Roads and Bridges and Marine Works expenditures. The voters of St. John's West are not going to be turned aside from the purpose to which they have already made up their minds, and January 22nd will be the day of decision for them, the day when the ballots of freemen will pile up in mighty numbers against the menace of Coakerism which threatens the fair future of this city.

No thought of anything else but that of unearthing material with which to blacken the character of their adversaries, is being considered by the Government, which is the friend of monopolists and the foe of independence amongst the masses. So interested is the Government in protecting the public, and according to his manifesto, that was to be the chief aim of Mr. Squires, that it permits an outrageous increase, without the least shadow of reason, in the price of two of the principal articles of food used in Newfoundland: Flour and manufactured Butter. In other words they have allowed profiteering on a gigantic scale in these two necessary articles. As, however, Mr. Squires was to attend an Executive meeting on Friday night to discuss the flour situation with his colleagues of the Cabinet, we may expect to have it announced in the Advocate that because of pressure brought to bear by the Government, the recent advance in the price of Flour and Butter has been forbidden. We don't think. Such a Liberal (?) Administration as Newfoundland has the misfortune to be burdened with at the moment is not likely to trouble very much about the common people, or the small merchant, or to express much sympathy for them. But the people are not forgetting.

Among some of the other muddles made by the Squires-Coaker Aggregation, might be mentioned the South Coast postal steamship service. Under the late Government efforts were made to cope with an unprecedented situation, and two ships were kept on, though these were not capable of coping with the quantities of freight piling. Nevertheless the

schedules were made. To-day the South Coast has but one boat, and it can readily be imagined how utterly inadequate that single vessel is to supply the needs of a section extending from St. John's to Bonne Bay. But these inconveniences do not worry the men who are at the head of affairs, whose sole aim and object is now to secure the election of their Prime Minister by permission, and Minister of Finance and Customs, in St. John's West. Futile hope. The temper of the western portion of St. John's is aroused. The electors do not intend to allow themselves to be caught again. The menace of Coaker-cum-Squires-ism is too great, and must be put down. The shadow of Tory times is again being cast over the land, and St. John's has had too many examples of those to wish for or desire their return. Labor has associated itself with the real Liberal Party, and Martin and Linegar are the candidates of progress. Squires and Brownrigg represent Coaker and the downfall of St. John's. Their alliance with the worn-out Conservative elements which formerly controlled the trade and destiny of Newfoundland show them to be but political masqueraders. The people of St. John's West have taken their measure, and at the bye-election of January 22nd, history will be repeated and the Government nominees will go down to defeat before the wrath of an aroused and indignant electorate, as they did in the bye-elections of that historic year 1894.

Flour and Butterine Going Up!

Truly, Tory times are hard times! If the miseries and misfortunes heap falling on the country under the Squires-Tory Government at the same rate the coming four years as have marked the first three months of their control, the town will become like it was in '64-67 when half the houses were closed up, meal and molasses doled out, and hundreds flew away in vessels to the States. Truly, Tory Governments have brought hard time on Newfoundland in past years, and we seem to be on the edge of them now. To see the women around Collingwood's coal office the bitter days of last week tears streaming down their cheeks beseeching a half ton or a quarter of a ton of coal, would touch the heart of the most callous. They had money to pay for the coal, but could not get it for love or money. "It is well known that the Tory Government is in power," said one of the witnesses of this scene, and he was right. The coal should have been provided by the Minister of Shipping long ago. The next indication of Tory times happened last week when flour and butterine advanced. They are only waiting to see how the people take it here to make the big advance. They will go step by step with the low-bought flour till it is level with the Canadian advance. It seems to be a case of "everybody's business and nobody's business." This we do know that Hon. Mr. Squires, now Premier of this country, wrote a Manifesto last autumn in which—as one may say—he went out of his way to threaten the profiteers and to promise that he was going to take drastic measures to keep down the high cost of living should he be returned to power. Nearly everything that has gone higher since Mr. Squires came in. Now here is his chance to do a good thing for the people especially the poor. Let him enquire whether it is true work that has put up the price of butterine, and if so make them sell at the old price. Let him make the manufacturers declare the reasons for the advance. A bigger chance offers in regard to flour. We think that this low-bought flour should not be put up on the poor people, especially at this season of the year. We do not know whether Mr. Squires has power to keep down the price, no matter whether he may be inclined to do so. Mr. Coaker is his master now, and Mr. Coaker himself deals in flour, so between the two the people have not much to hope for, whether it be in coal or in flour, for Tory times are hard times, and the only way to begin the work of relief from the Tories is to vote against Squires and Brownrigg by voting for Martin and Linegar.

McMurdo's Store News

MONDAY, Jan. 5.
To-day we shall not be open for general business, as we are busy at stock taking and reconstruction. Somebody however, is in attendance for dispensing prescriptions only. We ask the indulgence of the public in that respect, hoping on Tuesday at farthest to be open for business in all its branches.

Liberal-Labor Meeting.

Star Hall, Thursday Night--- Challenge Issued to Government Candidates.

The initial public meeting of the Liberal-Labor Party, opening the bye-election campaign in St. John's West, will be held in the Star Hall on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock, sharp. At the meeting not only will the candidates, Messrs. Martin and Linegar address the audience, but a gallery of the most brilliant speakers will also deal with the principles involved in this election.

A challenge to attend this meeting, and engage in a joint discussion has been issued to Hon. R. A. Squires and R. J. Brownrigg, the

Government candidates in St. John's West, as the Opposition are anxious that the voters shall be fully conversant with the issues they will have to decide at the polls on January 22nd. The Liberal-Labor Party realize that it is futile to discuss, or attempt to discuss any matters of vital importance with the Government press, their stock in trade consisting merely of substituting personalities and abuse in the place of logical argument and fair comment. Thus the present opportunity is offered the Government leaders to engage in fair debate with their political opponents.

Supreme Court.

BEFORE THE FULL BENCH.

Smith and Shipman vs. H. J. Brownrigg Minister of Finance.
Preliminary objections were heard. The court reserves decision on the preliminary objection and asks counsel to proceed with main arguments. Mr. Warren and Mr. Gibbs for the Crown. Mr. Emerson and Mr. Higgins for plaintiffs. The case will be resumed this evening.

Police Court.

A man, for being drunk and disorderly, and for another offence, was fined \$5 or 10 days' imprisonment. A well-known female character, arrested at two o'clock this morning, was charged with being drunk. She was fined \$5, the amount paid the teamster who conveyed her to the station.

Yamheil in Port.

S. S. Yamheil, which wired from Cape Race for accommodation arrived in port Saturday at 6 p.m. The steamer is bound to New York from Hamburg with a general cargo. She experienced very heavy weather on the passage and has four feet of water in No. 1 hold, and her refrigerating insulation was torn apart. She will haul into the Furness Wharf pier this evening.

Street Car Line Clear.

Employees of the Electrical Dept. of the Reid & Co. were hard at work on the belt-line of the street car system to-day and it was stated at noon that this would be "all clear" before six o'clock, thereby enabling all the cars to run. This winter has had to handle for several years and the delay in getting the whole line cleared was quite unavoidable.

Coastal Boats.

REID'S BOATS.

Aryde at Placentia.
Clyde left Port Union 7 a.m. Saturday.
Glencoe not reported.
Home at Twillingate.
Kyle left Port aux Basques 7.55 a.m. for Humberston.
Meigle left St. John's 4.30 p.m. Saturday, going to North Sydney.
Petrel left Clarendville 7.30 a.m. Saturday.
Sagana at Lark Hr.

Hard Luck.

The anticipated dinner of the Football and Base Ball League had to be dropped as the League has met with hard luck. Nearly \$1,000 was spent last summer repairing the fence of St. George's Field, and during the recent storms it was practically all destroyed, and will have to be reconstructed.

Shipping Notes.

Sohr, Jean McKay, with a cargo of fish from Change Islands, arrived in port this morning.
S.S. Rosamond on her way to New York from Halifax, leaves the former place for here on Saturday next.
Sohr, Jean Campbell is on her way from Trinidad to Philadelphia.
S.S. Seal, with passengers from Belle Isle, is at Little Bay Islands. The passengers will likely come here and then go by steamer to Halifax.
S.S. Susu took a quantity of bunker coal from the S.S. Watika this morning. The latter has a cargo of 2,000 tons and is discharging at Harvey & Co's pier.
S.S. Henry Clay is coaling to-day, and when finished proceeds to Antwerp.
S.S. Sabie told, has arrived at Bonne Bay with a general cargo from Halifax and will load herring for that port.
Sohr, Cecil L. Beck, Capt. Shaw, which cleared for Halifax from Curling on December 32nd with a part cargo of herring, was caught in the ice for several days and has put back to Curling, where she will load balance of cargo.
Sohr, Earl Grey arrived at Wood's Island from Boston with a cargo of oil to the Standard Oil Co. at Curling.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind N.E., fresh, weather dull. The steamer Watika and Diana passed in and Priestman west yesterday. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar, 30.08; Ther, 30.

To-day's Messages.

OFFER REFUSED.

LONDON, Jan. 4.
The Governments offer to railwaymen, made public to-night, which conceded considerable advances in wages, was rejected later at mass meetings of the railwaymen held in the East End of London, and at Northampton. The men decided that the offer was unsatisfactory.

DEATHS FOLLOW EARTHQUAKE.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 4.
Scores of persons were killed in violent earthquake, which occurred in many parts of Mexico last night. The centre of the disturbance is believed to have been near the volcano of Orizaba. Incomplete press reports indicate that the state of Vera Cruz suffered more than any other section, although seismic disturbances were felt throughout the entire republic.

BIG FIGHT ARRANGED.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 4.
Jack Kearns, Mgr. for Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, announced here to-night that he had accepted an offer of a \$400,000 purse from James Coffroth, for a 15 round fight between Dempsey and George Carpentier at Tijuana Lower California.

KOLCHAK'S THREAT.

LONDON, Jan. 4.
Wireless despatches received here from Moscow, quote a Dorpat report as saying that Admiral Kolchak, Head of the Omsk Government, has notified the United States Government that he will cede part of Siberia to Japan, unless Allies send further assistance to White Armies to save Russia.

DENEKINE STILL IN CHARGE.

PARIS, Jan. 4.
M. Alexinsky, former member of the Russian Duma, and a delegate of the Union for the Regeneration of Russia, in a note issued yesterday, denied the report of the overthrow of General Denekine's Government in South Russia by the Union and the replacement of Denekine by General Romanovsky.

THE MAXIMUM REACHED.

PARIS, Jan. 5.
The Seine has risen more than a foot in the last day, but reports from up the river, with good weather, have caused the Government to announce that a few more inches of rise will be the maximum, which will continue for a few days, and will not subside. The Marne is also rising, but other rivers are stationary or subsiding. Only two deaths are reported.

GREY MAY RETURN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.
The possibility of his return to Washington as British Ambassador to the United States was indicated in a statement made here Saturday by Viscount Grey prior to his departure for London aboard the steamship Adriatic, on which he described as "Leave of absence."

WHICH IS RIGHT?

LONDON, Jan. 5.
The newspapers draw various morals from the Spen Valley elections. The Times thinks it registers, with clarity, that there is no stopping the flowing tide of labor in constituencies. The Daily Telegraph prefers to see that labor has slipped into a seat between two Liberal candidates, and asks whether this is the time for those to play into the hands of labor, who hold that a realization of its schemes would mean national ruin. The Chronicle makes local excuses for the coalition defeat, but admits the bye-election current is running against the Government at the moment.

FORCED UPON HIM.

PARIS, Jan. 5.
Premier Clemenceau again denied, upon his return to the city yesterday, that he was a candidate for the Presidency of the Republic, but added, "The truth is the Presidency of the Republic is being forced upon me and I am being carried to the post." Relating the incident, the Echo de Paris says, "The Tiger has said the word and there is nothing to it now."

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BODIES RECOVERED.—Up to Saturday evening last 21 bodies had been recovered from the wrecked steamer Anion Van Driel, by the men of St. Shott's. Five other bodies are unaccounted for.

KNOWLING'S

We are now showing an assortment of

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The following are a few items which would help make an economical and suitable costume.

FLANNELETTE in Yellow, Red, Royal Sky, White, Pink, Emerald, Orange, Paisley, Plaid, and Black and White Check.

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JACONET in Pink, Red, Royal and Navy 10c. per yard

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Here and There.

OBSEQUES AT NEW YORK.—We understand that the remains of the late Hon. John Harvey will be interred at New York.

PARADE RINK TO OPEN.—There is a good sheet of ice on the Parade Rink, and the management expects to open for skating during the week.

OPPORTUNITY STOCKS.—(This Week): Nfld., 53.25; (Last Week), 49.85. Consumption (Last Week), 4,000; (This Week), 6,285.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.—The following are candidates for membership in the Board of Trade: S. Lumsden, George Hunt, Reg. Dowden, J. M. Jackman.

STAFFORD'S ESSENCE OF GINGER WINE, 20c. a bottle—dec20,tf

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—A memorial service to the late Hon. John Harvey, will be held in the C. of E. Cathedral, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6th.

STAFFORD'S GINGER WINE for sale in two sizes, 20c. & 40c.—dec20,tf

BODIES BURIED.—Only part of the bow of the wrecked steamer Anion Van Driel is to be seen. All the bodies that have been recovered were buried at St. Shott's.

MAT HOOKING SCRAPS.—We can offer a small lot of Cuttings, suitable for hooking mats, put up in 5 lb. paper bags at 50c. per bag. G. KNOWLING, LTD. jan23,tf,m,m

ASSAULT CASE FOR THURSDAY.—The case against the young man charged with assault on two girls of the Grenfell Mission, Labrador, will be heard on Thursday next.

SNOW SHOES.—We offer a few pairs, small sizes, suitable for Misses and Children. G. KNOWLING, LTD.—jan23,tf,od

SMALLPOX AT MR. GRACE.—A second case of smallpox has been reported from Mr. Grace according to a message received by the Health Authorities on Saturday.

Messrs. G. Browning & Son acknowledge receipt of the sum of Ten Dollars, Conscience Money. jan5,11

CORRECTION.—Capt. Wm. Blackmore, of the schr. Daisy Kean, recently lost at Millston, T.B., asks us to say that he was the owner of the wrecked vessel and not Capt. Job Kean, as originally reported.

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Wrecked Crew

Brought In.

The Norwegian steamer Albert V. Selmer called off the Narrows at 1 o'clock this afternoon and put on board the port pilot boat seven of the crew of the schooner Frances Gardiner of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, which wrecked men were picked up by the Selmer yesterday some seventy miles south of Cape Race. The Gardiner, Capt. Shankle, caught the full force of the storm of Wednesday night last and sustained such damage as rendered it necessary for the abandonment of the foundering vessel, and the Norwegian ship came along just as they were making the attempt, taking the crew on board as before noted. The men are staying at the Seamen's Institute and are not suffering any ill effects.

Here and There.

NORWEGIAN SEAMAN DIES.—A Norwegian seaman died at the Institute this morning, from the effects of alcohol. The body was taken to the morgue by Undertaker Oke, who is attending to the funeral arrangements.

Don't forget the C. C. C. Old Comrades' Card Tournament to-night, T. A. Armoury. First prize \$20.00 gold piece, presented by Sir M. P. Cashin.—11

IN FOR REPAIRS.—S. S. Rook arrived in port yesterday evening, with her propeller blade gone. The ship is bound to Sydney from Rotterdam where she brought a cargo of coal. She is owned by F. C. Strick & Co., London, and is 3831 tons gross. Messrs. Furness Wythe are her agents.

The Cathedral Parish Social, Synod Hall, Tuesday January 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Admission 10c. Teas—Plain, 25c.; Meat, 50c. Entertainment at 8 p.m. dec31,21,w,m

THE QUEEN OF THE FLEET.—Capt. Kean's new vessel, Little Princess is pronounced to be a dandy, and is the best of all his three purchases. During New Year's night on the run from Halifax she had to leave to, but came out of the storm without accident.

C. C. C. Old Comrades' Grand Card Tournament, T. A. Armoury, to-night at 8 o'clock. First prize \$20.00 gold piece, presented by Sir Michael Cashin. jan5,11

RUSSA LEAVES AZORES TO-MORROW.—S. B. Russ which was driven away by her course and was driven some time ago, has been refitted and will leave for here to-morrow. The Russ was bought from New York to St. John's with a general cargo and met terrible weather. All her woodwork was burned to keep her engines going long enough to make shelter.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTHER IN COWS. 10c. per bottle.

Obituary.

Death has again visited Salmonier and taken from our midst a very amiable and kind woman, in the person of Mrs. Ellen Allison. Deceased was in her 66th year, and was feeling in good health until about three months ago when she was taken suddenly ill, but after a week or two recovered slightly only to be attacked again more violently than before. From the second relapse she never recovered; each day she faded away and patiently awaited the approach of her end which she knew was the only cure for her frail system and which slowly and peacefully came on December 13th. During her long illness she was never known to complain, but was quite reconciled to God. Holy will. Despite the loneliness of her constitution her relatives and friends thought she would recover as it would be a consolation to her family if she had stayed with them to spend their Xmas together, but God willed it otherwise. As she was well prepared by the Very Rev. J. J. Rawlins for her eternal journey, we feel assured that she has obtained her reward which is due to those who suffer and die in friendship with God. The funeral took place from her residence, at New Bridge, and was largely attended. Interment was at St. Joseph's. Mrs. Allison leaves to mourn her a husband, three sons, one daughter, two sisters and two grandchildren, and a large number of relatives. To these we extend our sympathy.

A loved one from that home is gone. A voice well loved is stilled. A place is vacant in that group. By no other it can be filled. R.I.P. Salmonier, North Side, Dec. 30, 1919.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Solomon LeDrew and family of Briggs, wish to thank Dr. Keegan, the sisters and nurses of Crowdy Ward, General Hospital, for their kind attendance to their son, Albert, during his short stay at the Hospital he having passed away Dec. 31st. Especially do they wish to thank nurse Lewis and Lester for many acts of kindness and courtesy shown them while visiting their dear son. 1919.

BORN.

On December 30th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Grace, 10 Knight's Street.

Jan. 1st, 1920, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitzgerald, 39 Henry St.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, of heart failure, on New Year's Day, James Long, of Open Hall, B.B.—R.I.P.
On the 3rd instant, at St. General Adolphus John Harvey, eldest son of the late Hon. A. W. and Mrs. Harvey, aged 54.
On Sunday morning last, there passed away in the person of Mrs. J. H. O'Leary, daughter of Timothy and Margaret Quigley, leaving a husband, one son and daughter, also Mrs. (Capt.) J. Turner and Mr. John Quigley, Grocer, Pleasant Street. Funeral takes place on (to-morrow) Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 128 Bond Street. Friends and acquaintances please accept this invitation without further notice. May her soul rest in peace Amen.