

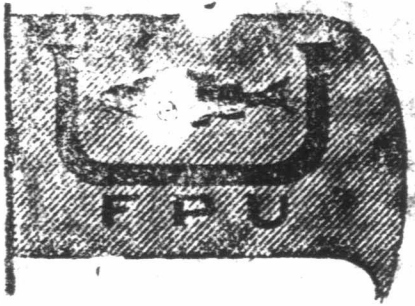
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

F.P.U. Convention

THE Seventh Annual Convention of the F.P.U. closed at 11.30 Saturday night.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Export Company was held on Saturday.

Resolutions were adopted on Saturday protesting against the cutting of green pit props on the 3 mile limit.

Another resolution was passed, severely censuring the Government for the delay and indifference manifested regarding the dispatch of steamers to search for the missing schooners driven to sea by the gale of the 16th inst.

Resolutions providing for strict inspection of herring barrels and pickled herring and turbot were also passed.

The Government will be asked to consider the establishment of Bait Depots, and to make a start the coming year.

Several matters of concern to Conception Bay were referred to the Convention of Conception Bay District Council, which is to be held at Bay Roberts in January.

The six sessions of the Seventh Convention of the F.P.U. will probably prove of more importance to the Union and Country than any of the preceding Conventions.

The publication of the Journal of Proceedings will prove extremely interesting reading, not only to Unionists but to the public in general.

We congratulate Mr. Coaker upon his election to the high position as President of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland for the seventh year, and we also congratulate Vice-

President Broaders and Sec. Treas. Halfyard, who are now serving their fourth year in those capacities. The selection of officers was unanimous, only the one nomination being made in each case.

The attendance of delegates was about the same as last year's Convention at Catalina.

It was thought the next Convention should be held at an Outport, the matter being left to the discretion of the President.

Prohibition

WE endorse the demand of The News for the resignation by Mr. Furlong of the office he holds as Law Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Furlong has been retained by the liquor interests to upset if possible the recent vote on Prohibition; as he framed the Prohibition Act, it would ill become him to go before the Supreme Court entreating the Court to upset the vote.

It is just as well for Mr. Furlong and his liquor friends to bow to the wishes of the 25,000 voters who wished the Liquor Saloon should go.

A large preponderance of the electorate favoured Prohibition. No technical flaw in the Act will for a moment cause the people to tolerate the saloons.

If Mr. Furlong wants to smash the Morris Government into atoms when the House of Assembly opens, he will succeed if there is any interference tolerated in the matter of upsetting the Plebiscite on Prohibition, which resulted in a Prohibition victory.

Surely such Prohibition workers as Messrs. Currie, Goodison, Le Feuvre, Parsons and Downey will absolutely refuse to be parties to fooling the temperance people of the Colony.

Surely members representing districts that cast a large majority vote for Prohibition will not stand by and see liquor interests triumph.

Surely such men as Messrs. Crosbie, Piccott, Young, Emerson, Bennett and Kennedy will see that their constituents who have supported Prohibition will not have voted in vain.

To compel Prohibitionists to fight this matter out in the House again, will but spell smash for the Morris Government.

The House certainly will not tolerate the indignity of seeing its Solicitor—Mr. Furlong—who is responsible to the House for the wording of the Act—appear in Court as Counsel for the liquor interests, advocating the upsetting of the vote on the grounds that the measure was defective.

If Mr. Furlong dare to take such a course he must take the consequence, so far as it relates to his position as Solicitor of the House.

If the liquor interests are silly enough to think the vote can be upset by the Court, and the measure killed, they might as well realize, that there can be no killing of the measure, for if by any fluke the vote could be cancelled it would mean that the measure must become effective by a vote of the Legislature the coming winter.

Delegates Returning

SEVERAL delegates, which had been here attending the F.P.U. Convention returned home by the 6 p.m. train on Saturday.

Quite a number left town by the express last evening, and another large batch left by the Prospero to-day.

Messrs. Coaker, Halfyard, Winsor and Abbott were at the station last evening to see the delegates off.

Last evening's express cars were crowded. There should have been an extra first class car added to

the train, for there was not standing room in the first class car, and complaints of overcrowding were general.

Outlook More Hopeful

BONAR LAW in the British House of Commons a few days ago said that there were two topics which are not pleasant to think of to talk about, namely the position in Serbia and the Dardanelles.

Passing to the question of finance he said that the country had to risk bankruptcy to bring the war to a successful issue.

We should not become pessimistic but more hopeful for the final issue of this terrific struggle.

The Harvest of the Sea

THE use of fish is increasing because of a shortage in the supply of meats, and, therefore, methods of keeping fish in good condition are interesting.

The first method considered is that of freezing fish by immersion in cold brine.

Another method of freezing is to place the fish in cans similar to those commonly used in the manufacture of ice.

Whether these two processes, both of which have originated in Europe, will come into commercial use or not remains to be seen.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

The World's Press

Would Conscriptio Pay?

Boston Transcript:—Mines, fisheries, munition factories and other vital interests must be kept going. If the recruiting officer cries out to the civilian, "your country needs you," so does industry.

"Victory or Death"

London Daily Express:—Blunders at the beginning of the war were generously forgiven.

It All Depends

New York Sun:—It is reported that the crew of the German cruiser Prinz Adalbert "got nervous and excited" when attacked by a British submarine.

How To Avenge Her

London Daily Mail:—The true way to avenge Miss Cavell is for all who have not already done so to join the Army at once—to fight her murderers and not to rest content with denouncing her murder.

Immortal

Collier's Weekly—German news papers may heap contempt on "English cant" and revile Brand Whitlock, but they will be explaining Edith Cavell's death just as long as they have to uphold the present system of German Government.

TO MY MOTHER

THESE verses, written by Ludwig Franz Meyer, since killed in action near Lowicz, were printed in the Liller Kriegzeitung, a paper published by the Germans at Lille, France.

Not we who fight, who conquer and who fall.

Receive the sorest wounds the war is dealing,

For merry hours thrown in have steeled our feeling—

Our mother's is the hardest fate of all!

Out life out here, tho be it stern and cold,

We learn to bear it, smiling toward the morrow,

While she, with trembling heart and prayerful sorrow,

Is writhing under cruel fears untold.

We learn to eat and relish our dry bread

So well that now our meals seem princely pleasure,

While mother cannot eat her dainty measure:

'Would I could give it to my boy instead!"

Sweet sleep descends upon us in the field,

Altho on rotting straw our limbs be lying,

But mother's agonizing thoughts are flying

To us and her soft bed no rest will yield.

Where may this night have found my soldier son?

"Is he not cold, on earth's bare bosom sleeping?"

And shuddering she lies awake, and weeping;

With burning eyes she greets the morning sun.

To roar of shot and shell we have grown used,

No longer do we fear the whirling missiles;

But when a bullet thru her dreaming whistles

She cries: "My son! Oh, is he killed or bruised?"

When peace returns, the hardships of the war

Will be forgotten while our wounds are healing;

But of these tragic hours, her pain revealing,

Our mother bears the marks on her white hair.

I think that when the nation's work is done

We should bend pious knees before our mother,

And kiss one silv'ry hair after the other:

"O silent heroine thy crown is won!

"Let me caress thy tender, blessing hands,

"Thy mother-hands that prayed thru anxious hours!

"If splendid victory at last is ours,

"Thine be the glory, and the Fatherland's!"

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