

George Allan England's Latest Insult.

Days Newfoundland is Tired of England and Desires Annexation to U. S.

(By JOE TOYE in Boston Traveler.)

Newfoundland wishes to be annexed to the United States. Business men, legislators and "man on the street" in Newfoundland energetically endorse proposition, according to George Allan England, traveler, humorist, novelist and short-story writer, recently returned from a trip to Newfoundland and Labrador.

Such an action as annexation would make Newfoundland the 49th state of the Union.

WANT ANNEXATION.

Many Newfoundlanders, including members of the Dominion Council and big business men of St. John's, considered to be the wisest Newfoundlanders could be annexed to the United States. "They don't love England. They don't love us. Myself, I think it would be a magnificent event if England would cede us Newfoundland, in exchange for the war debt. Cancelling the war debt in exchange for Newfoundland is being talked to-day in Newfoundland. The Dominion of Newfoundland is not a part of Canada at all, you understand. It is immensely rich in minerals and iron. It has the biggest iron ore in the world. It has unlimited seals and immense forests of wood.

NEEDS US.

The Newfoundlanders are tireless labor and industrious beyond belief. They are bowed down with preposterous import duties on the foodstuffs and manufactured goods they have to take from us. Newfoundland would prove a source of wealth to the United States and in return she needs products, our capital, our school system, our modernity. George Allan England, bearer of the title, is a Bostonian. He is a graduate of Harvard and a traveler, humorist, novelist and short-story writer of international reputation. His works have appeared in virtually every important magazine in America. He has traveled, literally, all over the world, from India to the Arctic, to the South Pole. He is the author of more than a dozen plays, hundreds of short stories, many novels and numerous essays, poems and translations. Some of his works have been published in foreign languages. His more important works are "Darkness and Dawn," "The Alibi," "The Golden Blight," "The Air Trust," "The Gift Supreme," "The Wanderer," "The Curse," and "The Flying Legion." His annual output of fiction averages 500,000 words.

LITTLE LOVE FOR ENGLAND.

In the information about the desire for annexation of Newfoundland to the United States is brought by a man of the flesh from the country about which he speaks. He is convinced that Newfoundland has little love for England and much admiration for the United States and says that the suggestion is in no way a scheme for avoiding paying England's debt to the United States. To the contrary, he avers, the United States would get a bargain, according to Newfoundland, in lieu of the debt. In fact, the hostility to the United States in Newfoundland is said to be the English only. The natives wish to join us.

There are about 550,000 inhabitants in Newfoundland, the finest stock we could possibly assimilate," said Mr. England. They are the descendants of English, Irish and Scotch with a few French. They are stalwart and industrious. If some wise fight-manager could make a scouting trip to Newfoundland he will find plenty of men who can be trained to whip Jack Dempsey, not that they will be clever fighters, but they can suffer almost unbearable punishment. Their endurance is beyond comprehension. They never know when they are whipped. They are a hospitable people. The United States would be the winner in such a transaction.

ENGLAND DOES NOTHING.

Their particular grudge against Great Britain is that Great Britain is doing nothing for them; he went on to say that every how and then Newfoundland sends over a battleship with the visiting duke or other and they have to pay the bills entertaining him. Newfoundland, too, sends over a governor-general, but it is a joke. He has no power and is merely a figurehead. He is not even the power of veto. But live in a fine old house and Newfoundland has to pay the bill. Added to this is the fact that England, in the Dominion form of government, does nothing in the form of public improvements—no roads, no health work—nothing.

"On the other hand, Newfoundlanders feel that if the United States annexed the Dominion there would be many advantages for both. In the first place, there would be free trade with this country and that would rid them of the high import duty they have to pay on everything they buy. As it is to-day, almost every Newfoundland is in debt, the cost of living is so high comparatively.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES.

"If America owned the Dominion that would attract American capital. It is one of the most wonderful vacation lands of the world. The beauty of the scenery is beyond description. The country abounds in game. American capital would bring a road across Newfoundland, dotted here and there with American resort hotels. In return, American capital could develop the practically untouched mineral resources of the country. It can be done and I believe it should be done."

Mr. and Mrs. England, whose home is at 20 Winchester Street, Brookline, returned recently from a trip to Newfoundland and Labrador, during which Mr. England went on a sealing voyage on the Terra Nova, the staunch ship that brought Scott to the South Pole. As a result of that trip Mr. England has written a series of stories for the Saturday Evening Post, a serial for the Youth's Companion and is writing a novel called "The White Wilderness" and also a travel book.

LANGUAGE OF THEIR OWN.

An interesting result of the trip is the bringing before the public of the fact that in Newfoundland the natives speak a language unknown elsewhere in the world. With Prof. Percy Waldron Long, secretary of the American Dialect Society, Mr. England is preparing a dictionary of the language, which, he says, is to a great extent that of Chaucer and Shakespeare. In some of the words there is a decided Celtic influence; in others is a basis of French, but a great many of them are pure old English.

A "FATOUS" IS AN IDLE FELLOW.

"A 'fatous' as a sudden shower. When ice is frozen in big lumps on the shore it is called 'battycaiter,' 'battycaiter' and 'battycaiter,' no doubt originally French. 'Battycaiter' means 'to spill in a waffle crummocks,' says a Newfoundland.

THAT MEANS:

"Bring in an armful of firewood."

SOME QUEER TWISTS.

A seal is called a "bedlammer," "beddamer," and "bellemer," no doubt from the French "bete de la mer." An interesting twist is given in the name of one body of water. "Bay of Despair," originally "Baie d'Espoir," meaning "Bay of Hope." "L'Anse au Diable" is "Lancy Jawbie," "L'Anse au Loup" is "Lancy Loup." They use the words "bide" and "bary." Every body of male gender is addressed as "My son." And if one agrees with another he says, "Thee's with me thee." They use such expressions as "You'm," "We'm," and "He'm." "He'm a good fellow," they will say. The word "very" is rarely used. Everything is "wonderful."

ONE WILL SAY TO ANOTHER:

"Yas got er wile, by."

"The other" will respond:

"Ain't got harr us."

A BIBLE STUDENT.

"One has asked the other if he got a seal. The other confessed he hadn't."

About 70 per cent. of the natives are illiterate. Once in a while one can read a bit of the Bible. One man told of his uncle's ability in that direction.

"My uncle learned to read de Bible, and harr man couldn't jam him on 'em, but him wasn't much good on nar nudder book."

If one wishes to express his opinion of a person, he might do this:

"There ain't narry dah as an am quare as what you'm."

"The Newfoundland is very sensitive when asked to explain some of his words," said Mr. England. "He believes that he is talking broken English. He isn't doing that. He is talking a language of his own. If Shakespeare and Chaucer could come to Newfoundland to-day they would understand practically every word spoken."

"These people have interesting superstitions. They won't look at the setting sun. They will pound a coin into the sill of a house, for good luck. Some carry a piece of bread to keep away goblins. None will kill a seal on Sunday and they believe in fairies—some of them—and in evil spirits that wreck ships. Of course this doesn't apply to the educated inhabitants of Newfoundland, and please do not think that I intend to say anything detrimental to the character or intelligence of this hospitable people. I am pointing out the

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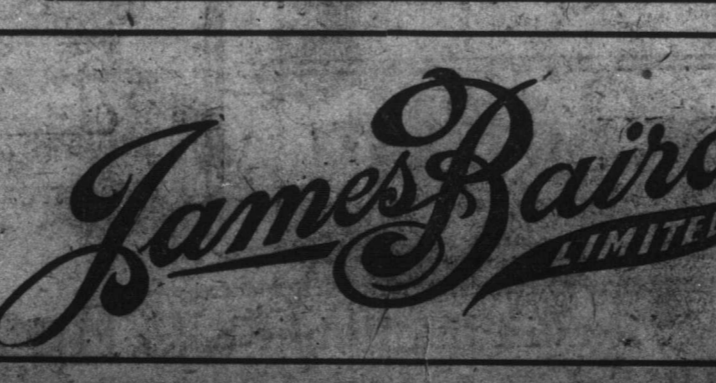
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add high-lights and not 'telling' of their great herotism and achievements. "Their principal articles of food are white flour, pork, cod and hard-tack boiled in condensed milk or water. "To them we are 'Merikins' and they, too, wish to be 'Merikins,'" said Mr. England. They have no public school system. In St. John's there is no public high school or public library. A little urging here would sweep Newfoundland in favor of annexation. "If it be done? Who knows?"

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Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

THE SOWER.
I watched him trudging through the field
Preparing for his harvest yield.
A man of strength and vigor
But untutored and unclean;
The proud would scorn the garb he wore
And turn him coldly from the door.
The dainty in his presence
Would have shuddered to be seen.
And as I watched I thought of him,
Rough-handed and of visage grim,
The sower, ankle deep in earth,
Distributing his seed;
Yet those who looked at him in scorn
And only saw his garments torn
Some day upon his snow-white wheat
In luxury would feed.

Out of the common comes the great,
Beyond the task the joys await;
Rough be the hand which sows the seed,
But white and soft the bread
From them the haughty may despise
The splendors of the world arise,
The cradle in a tenement
May be a ruler's bed.
Turn not away from any man
Who serves the Maker's mighty plan,
The sower does not walk in pride
Or costly garments wear,
And from the mire which marked the past
A genius may arise at last,
The mother in the tenement
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READY TO MEET CHALLENGE.

"This meeting of the Central Khalifat Committee accepts the challenge thrown by Mr. Lloyd George, the British Premier, in his speech at Manchester, to Asia on the one hand and Islam on the other, and assures him and other persons of his way of thinking that so far as Islam is concerned, this challenge the Moslems of the world, alive to their responsibility, are ever ready to meet in every possible manner. This meeting of the Central Khalifat Committee considers the British activities, in their attempts to internationalize the Turkish Strits, as unjust and coercive, and in the opinion of this committee such internationalization could only be justifiable in case other powers, especially Britain, internationalize the seas under their respective influences, and, further, in the opinion of this meeting, such attempts are detrimental to the freedom of the Khalifa of Islam and the seat of the Khalifat."

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