

The F.P.U. Political Platform for 1917 will Revolutionize Our Present Political and Industrial Life

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir—The eight annual Convention of the F.P.U. which opened here on Monday, is proving to be the greatest and most important in the history of the organization. The most momentous question of the day is being discussed and debated by the most representative body of men that has ever drawn together in the history of Newfoundland. Hardly a section of the country, from Burin to Griquet, but is represented on the floors of the Convention by an intelligent delegate, and the subject matter of their deliberations forms the base upon which revolves the political, social, commercial and industrial fabric of the Colony. The eyes of the masses are turned towards Catalina to-day. Their thoughts are centred upon that earnest, honest, experienced representation which the exigencies of circumstances have created and brought together. What a splendid example of organized effort for the uplifting of the masses. When one listens for hours to the lucid eloquent, and logical manner in which the bigger questions, which affect the interest of our Island home are debated by the men who go down to the sea, worthy sons of the vikings of the past, men whom a common cause have cemented unified and brought together to solve great problems, then one realizes as never before what a great educating factor the F. P. U. has proven itself to be on the public affairs of the Colony.

If our friends outside the Union could only get a true conception of the

inner workings of the organization and the great work it is accomplishing for their advancement, how eager would they be to join in the glorious march of progress to the realization of the truest ideals of man.

The Delegates have had an opportunity to visit the great plant which the Union companies are constructing here. It is well worth a visit to Catalina to have the privilege of inspecting the gigantic undertaking a description of which, from a delegate's viewpoint, will have to be reserved for a future better.

Pte. Jensen, the popular soldier lecturer, spoke to the delegates at a public meeting last night and delivered one of those eloquent and impressive appeals he is so noted for. He created a splendid impression, and at the close of his address the President handed him the sum of \$50.00 as a donation from the Convention, in aid of the Red Cross Society.

The F. P. U. political platform for 1917, embracing planks, which when put into operation, will surely revolutionize the political and industrial life of the Colony are under discussion and will probably occupy another day.

Dr. Lloyd arrived to-day and will address Convention to-night.

The greatest confidence and enthusiasm prevails among the delegates, and the determination to stand by their leader and benefactor in his fight for right is their strongest and most dominant sentiment.

Yours in haste,
CORRESPONDENT.
Nov. 26th., 1916.

AT THE CRESCENT

This week-end programme at the Crescent Picture Palace is one of the finest. The Knickerbocker star features present Paul Gilmore and Peggy Hamilton in "Houses of Mystery," a gripping smuggling story in 3 reels. The Kalem Company presents "The Irish Rebel," a picturization of an old Irish story. The Vitagraph presents William Dangman in "The Lucky Tumble," a farce comedy; besides a scenic topical "Scents in Iceland." See this big show to-day. On Monday "The Inner Glow," a Broadway star 3 reel feature.

ANOTHER GOOD RECRUITING MEETING

Another excellent recruiting meeting was held at the Goulds last night. Mr. Alan Williams occupied the chair and a large number were present and the speakers were Lieut. H. Ross, Sgt. Jno. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Morris. Being introduced by the chairman each in turn addressed the audience in a very spirited and patriotic manner and most interesting war experiences were given by the officers and all made eloquent appeals for more recruits to keep the old flag flying. Twelve men were enrolled as recruits, their names being as follows:—Jas. Hollett, Hy. Fizelle, Thos. Clarke, P. Ronayne, J. Wilson, W. Ryan, P. Finn, W. Williams, L. Hefferman, G. Rideout, W. Walters and West Williams.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Shipwrecked Crew Back

By the express Thursday there arrived here Capt. Snelgrove and seamen Miller, Hearn, Harding, Chadwick and another of the crew of the ill-fated schr. "Viola Courtney," which was landed here and went to Gibraltar in 18 days, but which was lost in the Gulf of Lyons. After leaving "the Rock" she was overtaken by a succession of gales, the last being of the intensity of a cyclone. The vessel, which was put under short canvas, made bad weather, and for several days the vessel was at the mercy of the waves with sea after sea breaking over her. Her jibboom was carried out of her, then the foremast went overboard breaking off near the deck, and the vessel, which was leaking before, became water-logged. For several days the men were kept at the pumps, some of the cargo had to be jettisoned, and eventually it was determined to leave her, but only one dory was left, the jolly boat having been smashed to pieces in the sea. Before the men left the vessel the cabin and forecastle was flooded, there being 3 feet of water on the floor of each, and to stay by the vessel meant to court death. The crew had to row 18 miles in terrible weather and landed on the Island of Frontenera in an exhausted condition. When they approached the land a terrible sea ran, their dory was overturned and all were left struggling in the water, but swam ashore, and bruised and battered reached terra firma. Chadwick, an Englishman, aged 75 years, cook in the vessel, would have been drowned but for the bravery of Seaman Hearn of St. John's. Hearn is a splendid swimmer, and when the stoker Babstock jumped over from the Florizel off this port last spring, Hearn made a brave, but ineffectual effort to save the man. Seeing that Chadwick would drown he remained by the old man and swam with him to the shore, both safely landing. Hearn is a survivor of the Newfoundland disaster also, and though only a boy at the time pulled through the horror without injury. His bravery in this instance should be recognized for the old man would have drowned but for him. The captain and crew lost all their clothes and effects, but were glad that their lives were spared.

SERGEANT CAREW BETTER.

Mr. David Carew, of 32 Patrick St., had a letter from Secretary Reeve of the Nfld. War Contingent Association, saying that his son Sgt. Carew, who was wounded in the forearm is doing very well at the Steven's Hospital in Dublin. He is now able to get out a while and is visited regularly by members of the Association.

WILL BE WELCOMED

The Kyle's express this afternoon will bring along seven of our brave boys who have been fighting for home and Empire. They will be received at the Railway Station by the Ladies' Committee and citizens and will proceed to Government House in motors, where they will be formally welcomed home by His Excellency.

BOYS ARREST MAN.

At 12:30 p.m. today an unfortunate drunk fell repeatedly on Water St., and rolled in the mud. Two boys saw him and taking him between them brought him to the police station. They should be commended for this, for if the man was not cared for he might have been killed by some passing vehicle.

THE OPORTO MARKET

Yesterday the Board of Trade received the following message dated Nov. 16th, from Lind and Couton Oporto—"Since the date of our last Market Report, the demand has improved and at the same time the prices are better. The rate of exchange is 32 1/4."

A FINE VESSEL.

The Belgian oil tanker "Emmanuel Nobel," which arrived here yesterday from Rouen, on her way to Newport News, Va., is a fine vessel and burns oil in the furnaces. She is a twin screw ship of 4665 tons gross; 3663 net; 375 feet long, 51 feet wide, 29 feet deep, and was built in Amsterdam in 1912.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., J.P., presided today. A drunk was fined \$2 or 7 days. An assault case was withdrawn. Men summoned for dog and truck licenses paid up. An assault case in which two women were engaged was postponed, and a man summoned by Inspector O'Brien for having an indecent slaughter house, was let go on paying costs.

A SEAMAN DROWNED.

Messages were received yesterday evening by Mr. H. W. Lemessurier, C. M. G., from Mr. G. B. Foote of Grand Bank stating that the schr. "Edith Parry" had arrived at Grand Bank yesterday, from Oporto, having left there on the 2nd of November, reporting that one of the crew named Charles Walsh, single, had been washed overboard and drowned. No further particulars were given.

HIS PROPERTY STOLEN.

Mr. Peter O'Neill, of Topsail Road, complains of late that he has been the victim of several petty larcenies recently. Poultry has been repeatedly taken, and a few days ago some hens and a new axe were lifted. Since his wife died a few months ago, while he is at work in the city, his place is left unguarded, and this is taken advantage of.

DETECTIVES ARE BUSY.

Today Detectives Byrne and Tobin are busy on a matter of some importance, some details of which we possess, but which we refrain from publishing while the matter is being investigated by the police.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Portia left St. Joseph's at 6.40 a.m. today.

The Prospero sails at 6 p.m. for the North with a full freight and some passengers.

The schr. Lief arrived at Change Islands yesterday, salt laden, from Cadiz.

The S.S. Florizel may not leave New York before Wednesday next and will bring a full freight.

The schr. Little Secret recently arrived at Marystown, salt laden, from Cadiz after a good run.

A case of typhoid fever was sent to hospital from Charlton Street ill of typhoid fever.

A case of diphtheria was reported from Patrick Street last evening. The patient, a girl aged 11, was sent to hospital.

The T. A. & B. Society will hold its annual meeting to-morrow afternoon when the election of officers for the year will be held.

Capt. Rielly who has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor is due to arrive here by the Kyle's express this afternoon.

His Excellency the Governor inspected the volunteers yesterday afternoon. In the afternoon the men had rifle practice in the Nfld. Highlander's Armoury.

Capt. Horwood Makes Good Trip

Mrs. Howard, of Colonial Street, received a cable message from Captain P. J. Howard, of the American schr. Arkana, announcing that the ship had arrived at Pyreus, in Greece, all well. Captain Howard left Dark Tickle, Labrador, about the 16th October with a cargo of fish consigned to the above Grecian port, and has undoubtedly done good work. Captain Howard is one of our most experienced and successful master mariners, and was for some time master of the brig "Willians" and other ships out of this port, as well as having great experience in the East India trade, and other great commercial centres. For about ten years he was one of our pilots in St. John's, but a few months ago returned to his former avocation in plowing the briny. For about two years he was employed in the trade of Greece conveying cargoes of currants between Patras and other Grecian ports, and Marseilles in the south of France, and thus it is he is entirely at home in those waters, which witnessed such scenes between the Greeks under Themistocles, and the Persian fleets at Marathon. We congratulate the genial captain in having escaped the submarines and mines of the butcher Kaiser and his myrmidons, and wish him a safe return. It takes a Newfoundland sailor to come out on top every time.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met on Thursday, the 7th inst., in the Girls' Department of King George V. Institute, the usual number being present. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. Vey, Evangelistic Superintendent Mrs. Martin conducted the devotional part, assisted by Mesdames Hunter and Pippy. Business along various lines was transacted, the reports of the Visiting Committees eliciting much interest. Divine Service had been held in the Penitentiary on a recent date, under the auspices of the Union, and ably presided over by Mr. Ross. Miss Martin was present, and rendered a solo with much acceptance.

REC. SECRETARY.

GOULDS ON RECORD.

The Goulds is after proving that a record has been made by the people of that place in the matter of affording recruits to the regiment. In the whole place there are not more than 75 or 80 voters, but despite such a small male population 24 men have already come forward, 12 last night, and a similar number which enlisted some time before. This is a record in which the people deserve to be congratulated, and puts to shame many far more populous places.

SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS.

In the case of James Bellman, charged with rape, who was tried yesterday in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice the Jury retired at 9.40 last night and returned later with a verdict of guilty. To-day His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to two years with hard labor.

HAD A FURLOUGH

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., recently had a letter from his son (Capt. Hugh LeMessurier, so well and favourably known here. He is acting on the staff of the Fifty-Third Brigade, under General P. Wood and recently had a furlough of nine days in London, but is now again on active service.

Settled on Nov. 7th

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—In sharp contrast to a report of Secretary of War Baker, Major General Hugh L. Scott, in his annual report as Chief of Staff, pronounced the U. S. military system a failure and declared that for universal military training. This report is declared to have the approval of the whole staff, including the war college, and to represent the views of 90 per cent. of the Army.

Greek King Suffers From Old Wound

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The health of King Constantine is again causing anxiety, according to news from German sources. The old wound in the King's side continues to suppurate and has kept constantly open. The King's condition is said to be very weak.

Teutonic Success

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The war office announced to-night that the fighting southwest of Bucharest was developing favorable to the Teutonic armies.

Convention Closes Midst Greatest Enthusiasm; Patriotic Speeches are Delivered by Lieut. Hicks, Messrs Coaker, Lloyd and Grimes.

(Special to The Mail and Advocate)

CATALINA, December 9.—Convention closed at noon yesterday. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

President Coaker was for the ninth year unanimously elected as President. Vice-President Broaders and Secretary Halfyard were re-elected.

The Publishing Company's shareholders decided to issue a morning paper. It will appear before Christmas.

The Convention decided to re-name South West Arm, where the new premises is being erected, and selected the name of Port Union. The old harbor will be Catalina, the new town at the south end will be Port Union.

A Special train took the Bonavista Bay delegates to Bonavista to connect with the Dundee. They were given a first class send-off, cheer after cheer being given as the train drew out.

At 3 p.m. Lieut. Hicks and party, consisting of Segts. Edwards and Moore and Pte. Whiteway, arrived at the hall and Lieut. Hicks addressed the delegates and those who could gain entrance. His lecture lasted ninety minutes and was well received and appreciated. He spoke well and his description of the experience of the regiment was closely followed. Sergt. Edwards' song carried the audience.

Rev. G. S. Chamberlain moved a vote of thanks in a dashing speech of ten minutes and Dr. Lloyd ably seconded the motion in an eloquent speech of ten minutes. Mr. Grimes ably supported the motion.

President Coaker who presided brought this splendid patriotic meeting to a close by another eloquent speech, paying tribute to the heroes and wishing them God speed on their mission. The audience arose and the Chairman called for cheers for Lieut. Hicks and party, the Regiment, the King, and the Allies, which were given with a vim. The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem.

The President and about 100 delegates left for their homes last night and the most enthusiastic, important, harmonious and best attended Convention of the Union ended. The delegates will for years remember this Convention with pleasure. The President is to be congratulated upon the success of the Eighth Grand Convention of the F.P.U.

REPORTER.

A HAZARDOUS VOYAGE

The S.S. Fogota sailed to-day for Rigolette, Labrador, and takes along some 8 men, surveyors and others, of the Nfld. Products Company, with freight and their personal effects. These people will remain down there all winter working for the Company. It is the first time in years, if it was ever done before, that a steamer was sent down on the rugged Labrador coast at such a late season of the year, but the Fogota is a fine boat for such a cruise.

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DEATHS.

TAYLOR—Killed in action, July 1st, "somewhere in France," Charles T. Taylor, No. 233, 1st. Nfld. Regiment, son of L. J. and Mrs. Taylor, manager of Job. Bros. & Co., South Side, aged 23 years.

LOUGHNAN—At Bournef-mouth, England, on Thursday, 7th, inst., fortified by the rites of the Catholic church. Bessie, widow of the late Michael Loughnan, and sister of the late John Henderson.

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