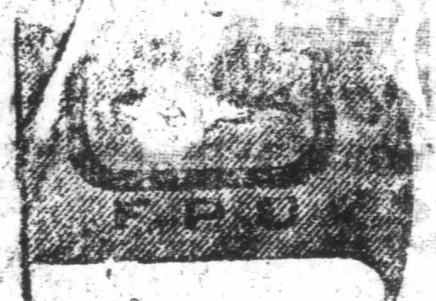


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ANOTHER CASE OF CLAIM JUMPING

WE hear that recently action has been taken by two citizens who in January 1915 took out a claim for a property in White Bay. One of the parties interested visited this part of the country towards the close of 1915 and staked off the property. Their license did not expire until January 5th this year and when they went to the Crown Lands Department to seek a renewal they found their claim had been jumped by a Water Street jeweller, his wife and a gentleman in England. The original holders of the property have taken legal proceedings against the latter parties and the case is now before the Supreme Court.

There seems to be too much of this claim jumping going on nowadays. For many no doubt it may prove a quick way to get rich; but we fail to see why parties who subscribe to the laws of the land in such cases should be compelled to resort to legal means to protect their legitimate rights.

We understand some interesting developments will come out of the case in question, and we intend to closely watch the proceedings now before the Supreme Court; and we will then have something further to say in connection with the Department under which these claims are issued.

THOSE ATTACKS

BEING unable to refute our charges, the two "confidence" men of Adelaide Street now resort to another one of their personal onslaughts against President Coaker. It is indeed strange why these two spoiled children of chance circumstance waited till Mr. Coaker's back was turned to indulge in their campaign of abuse. Not that it really matters much, for they cannot say anything of Mr. Coaker that has not already been said of him.

No man to our mind has been subjected to the same campaign of vilification and abuse as Mr. Coaker has been subjected to the past five years. The whole of that gentleman's private life has been painted red by political opponents. Yet he is still the Leader of the Fishermen Trollers of Terra Nova; and we make bold to say he will be the Leader of the Trollers of this Colony as long as he wishes to re-

MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS!

NO one would think of accusing him (COAKER) of being a spell-bound demagogue. In his (COAKER'S) manner, he (COAKER) is, if anything inclined to be somewhat quiet and retiring. BUT BEHIND EVERYTHING HE SAYS THERE IS A CHARACTER THAT IMPRESSES THE LISTENER WITH THE FACT THAT COAKER HAS A WHOLE-SOULLED INTEREST IN HIS GREAT WORK AND THAT HE HAS ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN ITS ULTIMATE SUCCESS. — MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

HE has the knack of infecting all who come in contact with him with his own enthusiasm for and faith in the great cause. And because his (COAKER'S) people have FOUND COAKER FAITHFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS TO THE TRUST THEY REPOSED IN HIM (Coaker) he (Coaker) IS BOUND TO RISE IN THE ESTEEM OF THE FISHERMEN AND TO BIND THEM TO HIM (Coaker) WITH THE BONDS OF AFFECTION. For in this respect it always happens that to him that hath much more is given. — MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

main so. Mosdell claims "Coaker is a successful advertiser of himself." Well isn't it kind of the "learned" one to even admit this. But here let us ask Mosdell if he ever advertised Coaker. Did Mosdell not say in speaking of Coaker and the F.P.U. that "The F.P.U. has come triumphantly through the fire of affliction and grievous persecution and COAKER THE MAN WHO HAS LED IT ALONG THE DIFFICULT WAY has proven his (COAKER'S) RIGHT to the TRUST and RESPECT and CONFIDENCE of the TOILERS."

President Coaker, no matter how hard he might have tried, could not say the many nice things of himself that this same Mosdell said of him.

It must be apparent to the most casual observer that there must be a reason for these persistent attacks on Coaker and his work by the "hired" press. It would be well to pause here for a moment and look over the past few years and see if we can find the reason for these attacks.

Prior to 1908 the Fishermen of Newfoundland had no acknowledged leader. They had no unity among themselves. They were simply, as Mosdell said they were, "hewers of wood and drawers of water." They had no way to keep in touch with St. John's. They were never consulted as to the price of fish. They had in all such matters as related to their immediate welfare had to be content with what the merchants of Water Street and the outports thought fit to give them for their labours.

True they were eagerly sought after every four years by politicians who, as soon as the ballots were counted, forgot their very existence until the time for canvassing again came round. They were virtually slaves in their own land—denied the right to even voice their own opinions, refused a place in the commercial life of the Colony and solely depended on the merchants who waxed fat at their expense.

Coaker has changed all this. And as Mosdell said: "Coaker came forward from the back woods of Green Bay and having faith in himself and having faith in the ultimate success of his undertaking, he boldly launched his humane enterprise."

Such a change is not received with open arms by Water Street, the hired press will howl its loudest to down the man who had the courage to say to those who would keep the fishermen and toilers under "thou shalt not."

This is the real underlying purpose for these attacks on Coaker. But then they only succeed in strengthening him with the masses.

Moving picture men have followed Stanley's footsteps thru Africa.

New York Sun.—Congress is displaying complete preparedness for much talk.

PROHIBITION IN THE UNITED STATES

AS was reported in The Pathfinder some time ago, seven states, with a total population of nearly 3,254,000, handed John Barleycorn his passports and became "dry" at the beginning of the new year. The complete list of states now "dry" under state-wide prohibition law or constitution includes Maine, Kansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia, Colorado, Arizona, Washington, Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Idaho, South Carolina and Oregon.

The liquor laws of the country are far from uniform and there is some ground for disagreement in classifying the states with reference to their position on the liquor question. Practically all of the states of the Union have laws which in some way restrict the sale and use of alcoholic liquors; those which have not adopted state-wide prohibition have some form of local option. In many cases, however, the anti-liquor laws are but laxly or indifferently enforced.

Virginia several months ago adopted state-wide prohibition and will become "dry" Nov. 1, next. The prohibition question will be voted on in California, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Nebraska and the territory of Alaska this year. The proposition is being widely discussed in a number of other states but there is no definite indication when it will be brought to a vote in them.

It is interesting to note the advance that has been made by prohibition in the past few years; even where the liquor traffic has not been abolished by state-wide prohibition laws the area of dry territory is steadily increasing and the sentiment in favor of prohibition is constantly growing stronger. In Illinois, for example, over 1,200 townships and 55 entire counties are "dry" under an optional prohibition referendum bill. Similar legislation will be taken up in New York this year.

From the American News Co. we have received a notice to this effect: "We beg to advise you that the states of Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Oregon and Washington have passed legislation prohibiting the display or sale of periodicals containing advertisements of alcoholic beverages, and many other dry states; it is expected, will take the same course."

We are glad that the liquor-advertising evil is being crushed out; there is not a word to be said in its defense. You can't force or hurry reforms very much, but when public sentiment begins to crystallize, something is going to "go." It is like a barrel of water that freezes, and the bursting force is irresistible.

We have to learn to be patient, and not to count on perfection at once. Man's evolution up-

WORLD'S PRESS

Universal Service At Once
Chicago Tribune.—Not only should we realize that our powers of assimilation ought not to be further tested by the unchecked influx of aliens, but we should also stimulate those powers by some more effective means of social discipline. There are many signs among all classes of want of disciplined and responsible citizenship, and the younger generation shows the lack especially. The nation needs a moral tonic and the wide support given the proposal for military training in the public schools shows that thinking Americans realize this public need. Universal military training may be advocated fully as soundly from the standpoint of its social benefits as from that of military defense.

When War Is Over
London Daily News.—At the close of the war, therefore, the re-absorption or redistribution of six million workers must be affected. In point of fact that estimate is an understatement, for it takes no account of the readjustments of industry that the inevitable flow of international trade into new channels will entail. The menace of the situation need not be laborious. At least there will be no disposition to question the assertion of Lord Parker that if we had some excuse for being unprepared for war we have none for being unprepared for peace; or the suggestive declaration of Lord Haldane that it was our business to mobilize a general staff for peace that should embody in a "Peace Book" the experience and foresight concentrated on the War Book by the committee of Imperial Defense.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

New York Telegraph.—According to the finding of a New Jersey jury, a doctor who, after having performed an operation, sewed up a pair of forceps in a patient's body, was not guilty of negligence, is charged. Apparently he left them there on purpose, so that they would be handy in case of further need of them.

The Pathfinder.—An altar and bronze tablet costing \$5,000 has just been placed at Sentinel Point, Ariz., by the federal government, to commemorate the work of Maj. John W. Powell, the scientist who first explored the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

The Pathfinder.—President Wilson has recommended to congress that, as an act of courtesy to Cuba, the appointment of two Cubans, who have asked permission to the naval and military academies, shall be authorized. The privilege of sending two or three students to the U.S. academies free is sometimes granted to friendly nations.

The Pathfinder.—According to a report of the federal reserve board the gold imported into the United States for the year 1915 amounted to about \$450,000,000. The exports of the same metal during that period were \$27,000,000. This means that at the present time this nation is in possession of about \$423,000,000 worth of gold more than a year ago.

wards has been slow and painful. We should be optimistic, but not visionary. It is better to work in a practical way for the betterment of mankind than to waste time making our ascension robes. The craving for liquor and other stimulants is strong in the human make-up, but it is something which can be conquered, and the race will be vastly stronger and better when it is conquered. It is a practical question, and hard facts as well as sentiment mark the sure doom of the liquor traffic. — The Pathfinder.

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GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS FEBRUARY 3.

The Marquis of Salisbury born, 1830.

In Assembly this day the Sergeant-at-Arms reported that Mrs. Mary Travers refused to give up the furniture of the Assembly which she had attached until her rent for Assembly rooms was paid. She was ordered to the bar of the House and threatened with dire penalties, but she still refused. A resolution was then passed, asking the Governor to get the furniture. It appears that the Government, by some oversight, neglected to pass rent in supply—hence the trouble. It was left for later times and different men to spend money on what is now known as Executive responsibility, 1834.

House of Assembly opened by Governor Hill; he spoke in favor of Confederation, against the wishes of his ministry, 1870. Weekly Herald registered; R. J. Parsons, proprietor, 1863. First skating carnival in Avalon Rink, 1873. Mrs. Lee died, 1870.

Mrs. George Stevens died, aged 100, 1876. Patrick Summers, Rawlins' Cross, died, 1879. Marshal McMahon resigned French presidency, 1879. William Coughlan, Jr., died, 1890. Sir Morell McKenzie died, 1892. Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company held their first parade; band of Royal Newfoundland regiment accompanied them. New engine, presented by Phoenix Insurance Co. was drawn by firemen, 1847. Prescott Emerson, Q.C., registrar Supreme Court, died, 1889.

PRESS COMMENTS

Chicago Herald.—It looks as if the really lucky members of the Ford peace expedition were those who never joined it.

New York Sun.—Presidential bombs are cut extremely low this season, with much padding at the shoulders, and fashioned to get it in the neck at any moment.

Chicago News.—Even when Caranza has his whole country pacified he will remember occasional-

ly the fate of Madero. Chicago News.—Considering all these years in which they have not done it, perhaps it is too much to expect the lawyers to simplify the laws, or even to make the laws intelligible.

Philadelphia North American.—Some of these German-Americans who proclaim they will return to Germany after the war will lose their longing for the Fatherland when the war-taxes are announced.

Washington Star.—The question of how many terms a president should have is one which the people can be depended on to answer for themselves regardless of platform planks.

Toledo Blade.—There are many conditions of happiness, but nothing that beats that of not wanting a political office.

Chicago Herald.—China is perhaps the one country in the world which can shift from a republic to a kingdom and vice versa, without the population being aware of the fact.

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