

Civic Commission**DEPRECATES PRESS REPORT OF ROBINS INCIDENT.**

At the regular weekly meeting of the City Commission last night, the action of the Commission in connection with the removal of the building recently erected in defiance of the Municipal Regulations was discussed and the following statement was issued for publication:

"The Municipal Council seriously deprecates the comments made by some section of the Press in the matter of the illegal action of a man named Robins in building a house on the Old Railway Track at the Battery, without submitting plans or asking permission of the Council to build. The facts of the issue are as follows:

"It was reported in June last that Mr. Galeb 'Roberts' was excavating, evidently with the intention of building, and a letter was sent on June 14th informing him that no building would be permitted in that locality. Immediately he began to build he was informed by Mr. Coker, the East End Road Inspector, that he was breaking the law. His reply was to the effect that he was going to build in spite of the Council or the law or anybody. He was then summoned and fined, and the Court then authorized the removal of the house as the law provides. When an attempt was made to carry out the law, Robins or his wife, committed a breach of the peace, Robins did not apply for permission to build, which is a gross breach of the law, and so far as anyone knows, has no title to the land upon which he built.

"The Municipal Board about five years ago asked that no grants of Crown Lands should be made to anyone in that vicinity, as permits to build dwelling houses would not be granted sites in the neighborhood and if Robins had applied to the Council he could have obtained a site on the property on Quidi Vidi Road, but he evidently from the beginning intended to defy the law and deserves no sympathy whatever, and to encourage him as the Press has done, only brings him into greater trouble.

"The problem of the Battery was one of the first matters taken up by the Municipal Board. The conditions there are most unsanitary and the whole settlement illegal. So far as the Board could ascertain no permits have been granted for buildings there, and the people who have built have no title to the land or to the houses which they have built. Some few in the first instance, got leases from the Reid-Newfoundland Company but they have refused to pay rents. The land is Imperial property, possibly held by the Reid Newfoundland Company under lease for the balance of their term. The people living on it are squatters and the houses are nuisances in the eyes of the law.

"After long consideration the Board decided to ask for powers to take over the property from the Reid Co. or from the Government, with a view to trying to get the place under some kind of law and order. They proposed to allow such buildings to remain as were fit for occupation, to give the people some title to their houses, which they call theirs, to furnish a water supply and sewerage, to make the residents pay crown rents and taxes, and in short to remove them from the condition of outlawry in which they now exist. A section of the Charter asks for power to deal with the matter and if it had been passed four years ago, as it should have been, probably the present unsanitary and anomalous condition would have been remedied. For the Press to sympathize with a flagrant breach and defiance of the law is a public scandal."

Unequal Representation.

West Newfoundland has suffered much in the past through proportional representation. All that stretch of country from Mosquito Hr. on the south-west coast to the Gulf of St. Lawrence thence northward through Straits of Belle Isle and south to Cape St. John's, with only three representatives, while the rest of the country—less than half of the whole—with thirty-three. And what applies to representatives applies also more or less in other matters. This state of affairs will continue just so long as such apathy is manifested by our people. It is up to our people to show concerted action against present conditions, and until they do so they cannot escape responsibility for their position. Personally we are in favor of one man districts, except possibly in thickly populated town sections such as St. John's. Take this district for instance. It is big enough for two districts with a representative for each. The same is likewise true of St. Barbe, and the rest of the West—Western Star.

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Llewellyn Club.**REV. DR. JONES LECTURES ON ULSTER.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Llewellyn Club was held last night in the Canon Wood Hall before an extremely large and representative audience. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Dr. Jones who delivered an address on "Ulster, Its Prosperity and Its Patriotism."

The Rev. Dr. began his lecture with a short graphic description of some of the impressions received by him when he visited Belfast recently. He spoke of the magnificent City Hall, symbolic of the pride of the people in their city. He also mentioned the Orange Society, (a meeting of which he attended) which he said was representative of the loyalty of the people of Ulster. To illustrate this loyalty, the lecturer quoted figures with reference to the large number of V.C.'s received by men in Ulster regiments, and to the great response to recruiting appeals during the early part of the war. The lecturer then went on to speak of the Educational Institutions, which stood for the educational vigor of the people and of the shipbuilding yards which proved the industrious nature of the people of Belfast. To illustrate the intensity of feeling in Ulster the Rev. Dr. gave an account of his visit to Shankill and the Falls Roads. On the walls of the buildings of the former placards were displayed bearing on them the legend "No Surrender," and the windows of every house had orange curtains. The speaker, however, was pleased to see green curtains in all the windows on the Falls Road. He then gave three reasons for the prosperity of Belfast, which are racial, educational and social.

The lecturer then proceeded to present to his audience Ulster's opinion of the Nationalist movement. He said that Ulster thinks that the Nationalists have made several serious mistakes from a strategically political point of view. First, in seeking independence, which would be impossible in the interest of the Empire's integrity. He said that the Nationalists would accept Home Rule only as the first step towards complete independence. He pointed out that all the Dominions can be independent if they wish, but that they are all on good terms with England, for the reason that England recognizes their ability to assert the independence and treats them as sister nations, giving them seats beside her on the League of Nations.

The speaker went on to say that the principal of self-determination was not countenanced by the world generally as witness the objections of the Northern States of America to the secession of the Southern States and the terrible war which followed. He also quoted American opposition to self-determination for the Philippine Islands.

The second mistake was the putting of the blame of past misrule of the English on the present generation. It is scarcely reasonable to blame the sons for the sins of the fathers.

The third point was the rebellion during the war, and the refusal to submit to conscription.

The fourth and last point was the unwise policy of murder and assassination. The lecturer stated that as Ireland was not at war with England, the deaths reported daily could not be described in any other terms. He then said that any organization which was anti-British in character should be immediately disbanded. This remark was greeted with great applause. The lecturer concluded by saying that it was not right that anything should be done to cause friction in our community, and that it was wrong for any body of people to upset our peaceable existence.

The Rev. lecturer was listened to with close attention all through, and at the close Hon. John Anderson proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried unanimously by the large audience present. During the evening Rev. C. A. Moulton looked after the lantern slides in connection with the lecture, which were most interesting. Quite a number of new members joined, and it was announced that there would be a meeting of Llewellyn Club every Thursday evening throughout the winter season. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Express Passengers.

S. S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7 a.m. to-day, landing the following passengers for connection with the incoming express: W. C. McDonald, Geo. Hyde, L. McLean, A. Tuff, A. Tarraville, A. B. Wentz, H. Bird, W. Smith, J. and Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. E. Gaudet, J. W. and Mrs. Reeves, F. Guilfoyle, J. Carroll W. H. Taylor, H. B. Sheppard, W. B. Hill, J. Tuck, A. D. Mills.

Susu's Passengers.

S. S. Susu arrived in port at 7:30 this morning, bringing the following passengers: R. E. Hayward, Capt. N. Kean and two sons, Roy Kean, S. Angel, H. J. Dwyer, M. J. James, G. Burridge, G. Bennett, J. Frost, F. W. Abbott, A. Parry, D. Tulk, A. Luckman, Mrs. House and child, Mr. Moulton, Mrs. J. Foray, Miss House, Miss Hicks, Miss Walsh, Miss Tulk, Miss Webb and 4 in steerage.

To-Day's Messages.**ITALIANS PLEASED.**

ROME, Nov. 5. The Italian press as a whole rejoices over Harding's election, as it considers a change of administration at Washington may mean a change in the hostile attitude Italians consider the United States has adopted towards Italy's aspirations in the Adriatic.

POLISH AMNESTY.

PARIS, Nov. 5. The Polish Government granted an amnesty to all political prisoners on Monday last says an official Warsaw despatch.

AERIAL CROSSING OF EQUATOR.

GUAYMAQUIL, Nov. 5. Lt. an Italian navigator, piloting a biplane of the newspaper El Telgrafo, has made the first flight over the Equator. It was announced yesterday, the highest altitude reached being nineteen thousand feet.

LOOTED THE RUGS.

BERLIN, Nov. 5. Rugs, valued at two hundred thousand marks have been stolen from the Chilean Legation here.

FLAG HALF MASTED.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 5. Mayor Usher of the town of La Prida has ordered the flag on Town Hall half masted for two days, in memory of MacSwiney. Mayor Usher is of Irish descent.

A REST FOR WRANGLER.

SEBASTOPOL, Nov. 5. General Wrangel has successfully withdrawn his troops to Crimea, by the advance of Soviet armies, south of Dniester River. At Salkova he captured one thousand of General Rudenys cavalry. The spirit of his troops is good but they are worn out with a five month's struggle and are glad to be assured of a rest in the Crimea.

LACONIC MESSAGES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 5. In a characteristic, Laconic message to Baroness Wrangel, General Wrangel says, "we are fighting hard in full hope." The Baroness said, "all I want is the truth; no matter how bad it is I can stand it."

QUAKER CITY HOCKEYISTS BEATEN.

LONDON, Nov. 5. A team of women hockey players, who recently arrived from Philadelphia to play here, were beaten by Burrey at Wimbledon yesterday.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Faustina sailed from Rames for Oporto with 4,110 qtrs. codfish. Schr. Armistice sailed this morning from Westville for Spain.

Schr. Agnes D. McIlashan has entered at Carbonara to load shore codfish for Barbados.

Schr. Rosentym, 49 days from Casablanca, Morocco, arrived in ballast to A. S. Rendell & Co. this morning.

S. S. Maplelone, which left last night for Montreal via Sydney, carried a part cargo of oil and fish for Montreal and Quebec.

S. S. Rosalind is at Halifax to-day. S. S. Nevada is leaving Montreal on Sunday for here direct.

Fire on Schooner.

This morning at 9:55 the Central and East End fire companies were called to Marshall's wharf where the schr. Jean & Mary was on fire. The companies were not long in arriving and after about twenty minutes' work extinguished the blaze. It appears that the cook had put some fat on the stove to boil and went off to purchase a fish. When he returned to the schooner he found the forecastle in flames. The vessel, which has a load of coal for S. A. Darby, was not damaged, though the ceiling and some of the woodwork around the stove was destroyed, and some of the crew had their clothes burned. The vessel is owned by G. A. Buffett, Grand Bank, and is commanded by Captain Vaters. On returning from the scene, Mr. J. Bogan, who was standing on the chemical and hose truck, had his face badly bruised by coming in contact with the top of Marshall's archway.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barter, of Cape LaHune, Burgeo and LaPole, were passengers by Glencoe to Placentia, and are now in the city.

Mr. Jas. MacDonnell, Member for St. George's, Sir Michael Cashin, and Hon. W. J. Higgins were passengers by express yesterday.

Mr. R. H. Anderson, formerly Manager of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is here on a visit of inspection.

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Further Signs of the Times.

We understand that many of the mercantile firms who had placed orders for fall and winter delivery of goods, are having them cancelled. In some instances they have asked that they be held over, pending the result of the present depression.

Here and There.

Sebastopol left Humbermouth at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, going north.

Girls' Friendly Society Candidates are asked to meet in the Club Rooms to-morrow at 11:30 a.m.—nov5,21

Earl of Devon left Lewisporte at 2:05 p.m. yesterday.

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Come and have Afternoon Tea at the St. Margaret's Guild "At Home"—nov5,21,tu

Here and There.

Buy your Jam and Pickles at Canon Wood Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 10th.—nov5,21,tu

All kinds of Vegetables can be procured at the St. Margaret's Guild "At Home"—nov5,21,tu

MEIGLE SAILS TO-MORROW.—S. S. Meigle leaves port at daylight to-morrow for North Sydney, and will bring freight to St. John's. The ship has undergone a thorough overhauling and is now in A1 condition. Seven new staterooms have been added to the passenger accommodation.

Mainly About People.

The four leading golf champions of the world are Bobby Jones, known as the 'boy golf' wonder; Ted Ray, new open champion of the United States; 'Chick' Evans, now amateur champion of the United States, and Harry Vardon, considered by many the greatest golfer of all times.

Lawrence Rising, whose pen has opened to him the doors of the the-

trical world, is the son of a famous scientist, and was born in San Francisco. He was in his teens a chum of William Keith, the landscape painter. He has travelled extensively and has studied in London, Paris, Rome and Madrid. Several of his plays have been public successes.

Prince Karl Ignatieff, ex-ambassador of Russian artillery, is now raising cattle. General Nikolayev is a truck driver. General Bochevsky is conducting an automatic repair shop at Paris. Princes Lyssasnoaky and Tronkouron, formerly captains of the Czar's guards, are bank clerks.

Alexander Millerand, the new president of France, keeps his head. He is as democratic in manner as he was when a member of the deputies. He takes his exercise in walking to his appointments and has a smile and a bow for everybody who greets him. He carries his habitual umbrella, no matter how bright the day.

Guy Emerson has separated himself long enough from banking and commercial business to attempt to analyse the American spirit and liberalism. He believes the present day needs Americans of the type of man

who tamed the western wilderness. He is vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce of New York. In 1916, under Bishop Lawrence, he directed the church pension fund campaign which raised \$9,000,000.

The Right Rev. Salvator Walliser, O.M.C., vicar apostolic of the Mariana and Caroline Islands, Oceania, is a Capuchin monk. He is now on a visit to this country. The Japanese have now taken over the islands and the Christian missionaries have been removed. He expects to be able soon to return to his diocese. His people are closer to the Malay type than to the Melanesian type, and the converted are devout Christians.

It is said that Nikolai Lenine, Russian Bolshevik premier, like some ancient and modern monarchs, bows to a woman, Olga Gorokhoff, a Russian beauty, who exercises as great power over him as was exercised by Rasputin over the family of Czar Nicholas. She hates England and preaches a holy war in India, and Persia against the British. Lenine has many competitors for the smiles of Miss Gorokhoff.