

The Coal Problem.

The accompanying letter has been sent to Messrs. A. J. Harvey & Co., H. J. Stabb & Co., The United Coal Co., The Nfld. Produce Co., Morey & Co., Mr. T. A. Bown, and Mr. W. H. Hyman.

St. John's, January 8, 1916.

Dear Sir,—
At a meeting of the Committee of the Executive Council, held this Saturday afternoon, at which the Leaders of the Opposition in the Legislature were also present, it was resolved—

(a) That, in view of the serious position of the trade in relation to the importation of coal, the Government should immediately consider the importation of coal on the best terms available, and afterwards arrange as to the disposition of the same through the city coal dealers or otherwise;

(b) That the Prime Minister, Hon. M. P. Cashin and W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.P.A., be a Committee to enquire into and close on the best charter offered and available for the carriage of coal to this country;

(c) That, as to the present stocks of coal in St. John's, imported prior to the 1st instant, and not already disposed of for delivery under contract, coal dealers to be notified that they are to sell the same at \$3 per ton, to be delivered, on the certificate of a committee of citizens, to such persons and in such quantities as may be considered in the interests of the public;

(d) That if coal dealers do not agree to sell the coal now in stock at the rate named, then the stocks to be taken over by the Government and sold to the public;

(e) That the coal dealers be notified of this decision.

In accordance with the terms of the above resolution, I beg to give you notification of the same.

Yours truly,
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

St. John's, Jan. 7, 1916.

Amusements.

SIXTH EPISODE OF "THE GODDESS" AT THE CRESCENT.

"The Goddess"—the serial beautiful—and the wonderful "Who Pays" series are the principal attractions at the Nickel Theatre today, but of course there are other high class films. The sixth episode of "The Goddess" is an excellent one and is even better than the previous chapters. This delightful story is the most charming ever given in this city and thousands of our people are interested in it. The third episode of the "Who Pays" is entitled: "When Justice Sleeps" and is a picture that will make all think "The Floating Death" is a powerful two-part social drama in which Enid Markey and Richard C. Stanton play the leading parts. The comedy is one of the funniest of the Keystone Co. It is called "Mabel's Wilful Way" and Mabel Normand, the dainty comedienne, hands out the fun in a liberal manner. Everyone should attend today's programme and enjoy the beautiful pictures.

MR. DAVE PARKS, BARITONE SOLOIST, AT THE CRESCENT.

Mr. Dave Parks, baritone soloist, sings at the Crescent Picture Palace today. Mr. Parks brings with him a large repertoire of the latest patriotic and classic ballads and no doubt will have a successful season at the popular Crescent. The picture programme shows a three reel feature: "A Romance of the Navy," a great Lubin production with Ormi Hawley and Earl Metcalfe in the leading roles. "His Wife's Secret" is a fine society drama by the Essanay Company presenting G. M. Anderson. "A Clean Sweep" is a laughable Edison comedy. "Waddy and Arty" make lots of fun in "A clean sweep." "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," a great historical feature will be shown on Wednesday.

THE NEW PANTOMIME—JACK AND JILL.

The pantomime to-night will be one that every one will delight in, all the songs and dances are new and delightful. The beautiful dances arranged by Miss Madge Locke will be something to marvel at. Mr. Ballard Brown in new songs; Miss Madge Locke in all new songs and dances; while the costumes are superb. "The Terra Nova Girls," The Sunshine Girls and even the babies all in new songs, dances and costumes; Jack and Marie Rossley in several funny stunts; Bonnie Rossley; even the smallest girl has a new turn. The prices to meet the times have been reduced.

BRITISH THEATRE.

The feature of the pictorial section of to-night's entertainment at the British is a ripping drama of the Civil War in three parts, Bob Leonard and Ella Hall play the leading roles. The Animated Weekly News contains many interesting events which have happened recently, some of which relate to the great world conflict now raging. Madame Olive Timmons will be heard in one of Madame Melba's favourite songs entitled "Down in the Forest" by Ronald, and as a second number "Comin' through the Rye" an old favorite. Patrons are assured of a most pleasant entertainment to-night at this popular house. On Wednesday the "Black Box" and a selected duet by Madame Timmons and Prof. McCarthy will be the features of the entertainment.

GREAT Remnant Sale!

For One Week Only.

STOCK TAKING has brought to light a tremendous quantity of Remnants and Odd Lots in the various departments.

These have been gathered together and Re-priced. This week we offer them at a fraction of their original cost.

Tea Cloths,

Tea Cosies,

Cushions,

Cushion Covers.

Mexican Lace Cloths,

Ladies' Hose,

Gloves—odd pairs,

Ladies' Boots and Shoes,

Curtain Materials,

Ends of Fleite,

Oilcloths.

Dress Goods,

Ginghams,

Ribbons,

Men's Boots,

Boys' Suits,

Fancy Vests,

Wool Curtains,

Table Covers,

Underwear,

Overlases,

Floor Canvasses.

The quantities at one price are limited. We advise early selections as the best value/salwags go first.

The Royal Stores, Ltd.

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

SAFE CONDUCTS ISSUED.

PARIS, Jan. 8. It is announced that safe conducts have been issued to 30,000 persons to leave the city of Nancy. A special train with some of the Bez residents aboard, arrived in Paris on Friday. Others from Nancy have gone to Dijon. Statements regarding conditions in Nancy are a result of the fact that German shells had begun to hit the town and are contained in a proclamation issued to discredit stories of destruction and panic in Nancy which has been circulating in the press.

RE-OPENING WORKS.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, To-day. Believing the situation well understood, following two days of tranquillity after the rioting of Friday night, preparations are being made to re-open the plants of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., east Youngstown and Struthers.

WITHDRAWAL FROM HIRZSTEIN.

PARIS, To-day. The French troops have withdrawn from the summit of Hirzstein, south of Hartmannswillerkopf. This admission is made by a communication issued by the War Office last night. The withdrawal was due to the capture by Germans of the Hill, north of Hirzstein.

THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. The remaining positions, held by the Allies on the Gallipoli Peninsula, have now been abandoned. This news had been expected for several days by keen observers of the near eastern campaign for the removal of troops from Anzac and Suvla Bay three

weeks ago, left no strategic advantage in the retention of the tip of the Peninsula. Nevertheless the news was received with a pang of regret by the people of the British Isles as well as the Colonies. The renewed activity of various kinds, noted by Turkish official communications the past few days, presumably have been of the nature of a preparation for the final act of the Dardanelles tragedy. Last night's Turkish official statement, covering the period from Thursday to Saturday, records the increasing effectiveness of reinforced Turkish batteries, which have been drawing in and concentrating on the Allies' remaining positions. Another pang to the British public will be caused by the announcement last night of the loss of the battleship King Edward the Seventh, which was blown up by a mine. The British official on this subject does not reveal the scene of the disaster and merely says it occurred in a heavy sea, despite which the entire crew were saved before the ship went down. The King Edward Seventh represented an investment nearly \$1,600,000 and was one of the finest of the last class of pre-Dreadnoughts. She was only slightly older than the Natal, which was sunk by an internal explosion about a week ago. On the west and east fronts, there have been no developments of large importance over the week end. The German communication announces that Germans have completed the capture of positions on Hartmannswillerkopf taken by the French a few days before Xmas. Greek correspondents continue to assert that Bulgarians and Germans are hastening plans for an attack on Salonika, but the Austrians are fighting hard again in a resolute attempt to reach the Adriatic from which they are only 40 miles distant at Elbasan. England's internal affairs are quiet, pending the reassembling of Parliament. There will be a full debate on the Compulsion Bill on Tuesday, with David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, and Arthur Henderson, Labor member, who has just resigned from the Cabinet, as probable star speakers. Sir Henry Dalziel, who has been one of the most consistent critics of the Government, will also give his reasons why he supports the Government

matter. The Labor Party will meet early in the week to consider its position, unless, however, the Opposition Bill develops strongly, in which case there is no indication now. There seems to be small likelihood that the Government will feel the need of an appeal to the country.

11 30 A.M.

ANOTHER GREEK PROTEST.

LONDON, To-day. The Greek Government, says Reuter's Athens correspondent, has made an energetic protest against the arrest at Mytilene of the German, Austrian and Turkish Consuls by the military authorities of the Entente Allies. These arrests have also brought a new protest from the Central Powers. The newspaper "Caita" publishes an authorized denial of the reports in the press that negotiations are in progress between Greece and Bulgaria with a view to a general understanding.

NOON.

SIZE OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, To-day. The question of the eventual size of the British Army which the Times says has not yet been settled to the satisfaction of Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, will be further discussed at a Cabinet Council to be convened on Tuesday. Until this matter is settled, according to the Times, a Cabinet crisis cannot be said to have been averted or the country to be safe even from a general election. The Daily Mail in an editorial argues that unless the country is able to pay for all the soldiers required to smash Germany, the war is at best lost, and the national and individual waste is prevented. According to good authority

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTER IN COWS.

quite a million pounds per day of the five million the war is now costing England represents sheer waste.

"GOT WIND OF IT?"

PETROGRAD, To-day. The Times Petrograd correspondent, who is visiting Russian headquarters says he learns that the Russian blow in Galicia and Bessarabia was planned with great secrecy, as a strategic means, for helping the Entente Allies in the Balkans but that in the previous movements of the same kind the Germans got wind of it, and begun immediately to withdraw troops from the Danube.

The recent conference in which Field Marshal Von Mackensen urged the Bulgarians to continue their attacks on Salonika, says the correspondent, should be interpreted in the light of this withdrawal. The Germans were doubtful whether the Bulgarians would pursue the adventure, once Mackensen's troops were gone, but they were obliged to withdraw them as the Russian offensive could not be gainsaid. The correspondent pays tribute to the remarkable power of the Russians have displayed in the formation of the magnificent forces now assembled along the Austro-German front. They are, he says, well supplied with ammunition in contrast to the position a year ago, when we were reduced to one shell per day per gun. It would be premature, the correspondent adds, to draw hard and fast conclusions on the result of the present moment, and many a feat and parry is likely to be witnessed before Generals Ivanoff and Von Mackensen and Archduke Joseph Ferdinand come to decisive blows. A light frost, the correspondent continues, has improved the roads without stopping trenching operations and the Russians are clearing mine after line of the Teutonic trenches.

DENY GERMANS WERE MASSACRED.

LONDON, To-day. The Daily News to-day prints stories of two American members of the crew on the steamer Nicolsian at the time when a German submarine was shelling the Nicolsian and the British patrol boat Baralong came up and sank the submarine. These men who since the incident have joined the British army, are S. T. Carson and Dempsey. Both deny absolutely that the Germans of the submarine when they boarded the Nicolsian said nothing about not taking prisoners or about shooting the crew. He supposed the report of such shooting arose from the fact that shots were merely heard which were by the mutineers on board the Nicolsian to put wounded, mules out of their misery. Dempsey is quoted as saying that two of the Americans on board the Nicolsian, who testified that they had witnessed the killing of eleven helpless Germans by British marines, Chas. D. Hixson and E. H. Crosby, both of Crystal City, Texas, had a grudge against the English members of the Nicolsian's crew.

CONGRESS OF GREEK COLONISTS.

PARIS, To-day. The Congress of Greek Colonists abroad, attended by delegates from the United States, Canada, England, France, Russia, Switzerland and Roumania, met here to-day with Gregory Triantaphyllides presiding. After several discussions of the war situation, the Congress resolved first that the urgent question was that of securing respect for the constitutional liberties of Greece; second, that it was to the interest of Greece to abandon neutrality and join the Allies; third, that the Congress should not break up until this task was completed, and that meanwhile power would be delegated to an executive committee charged.

Popular Citizen Celebrates Anniversary

Yesterday Mr. John L. Slattery, J.P., Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal Council and one of our most popular and esteemed fellow citizens, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his membership in the R. C. Cathedral Choir. The occasion was marked by Mr. Slattery, with typical generosity, entertaining all the male members of the choir at his home on Prescott St. A bounteous spread was provided and several toasts honoured, including that of the host, and a very enjoyable hour was spent. To Mr. Slattery we extend congratulations and wish him many more years of usefulness.

Here and There.

SUSU.—The Susu left Fogo at 10 a.m. to-day, coming south.

EXPRESS ARRIVES.—The Kyle's express arrived in the city at 2.15 p.m. to-day.

AT GRENFELL HALL.—Mr. W. H. Jones lectured at the Grenfell Hall last night on "Tunis." Miss Jones sang a solo.

PERSONAL.—Mr. R. C. Bonnell, Agent for the Eastern Hat and Cap Company, N.S., arrived by the Staphano, last night, on business.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED.—A girl, who was on remand for the larceny of a gold ring, was tried to-day. She was convicted and sentence suspended.

STAR TOURNEY.—To-night the Star R. & B. Committee will commence their annual series of card tournaments. Besides the regular prizes a special prize will be given for the most games won during the entire series.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

ROSSLEY'S EAST END THEATRE!

St. John's Leading Vaudeville, Dramatic and Picture Theatre.

GRAND NEW PANTOMIME,

"JACK and JILL."

Bright, Sparkling and up to the minute. Beautiful Costumes, all new; Dainty Dances, Catchy Songs, Many New Novelties, the Best Yet.

A GRAND DANCING REVUE, with

Mr. Ballard Brown, The Terra Nova Girls,
Miss Madge Locke, The Sunshine Girls,
Bonnie Rossley, The Baby Girls,
Jack and Marie Rossley.

GENERAL ADMISSION, 10 CTS. RESERVED SEATS, 20 CTS.

MUSIC.

PHOTO PLAYS.

BRITISH THEATRE!

Programme for Monday and Tuesday:

Drama, "THE LITTLE SENORITA." NEWS, UNIVERSAL ANIMATED WEEKLY.

Feature, "SHATTERED MEMORIES."

Civil War Drama in three acts, with Bob Leonard and Ella Hall.

Comedy, "TOO MANY BACHELORS."

Solos—(a) "Down in the Forest," (b) "Comin' Through the Rye."

On Wednesday—THE BLACK BOX and Selected Duet.

Pianist—PROF. P. J. MCCARTHY. Soloist—MME. OLIVE TIMMONS. Asst. Pianist—MISS ELSIE TAPPER.

5c. The Crescent Picture Palace. 5c.

"A Romance of the Navy,"

A great Lubin offering produced in 3 reels, featuring Ormi Hawley and Earl Metcalfe.

"HIS WIFE'S SECRET"—An Essanay society drama, presenting G. M. Anderson.

"A CLEAN SWEEP"—An Edison Waddy and Arty comedy; one continuous laugh.

MR. DAVE PARKS, Baritone Soloist, singing Classy and Popular Ballads.

GOOD MUSIC AND EFFECTS—A COMFORTABLE AND WELL VENTILATED THEATRE.

On Wednesday, a great Historical Feature, "THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

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YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS

The ideal diet for a child eighteen months to two years old is about as follows: For breakfast the juice of an orange, then a cereal, a glass of milk and bread and butter. For luncheon a milk with a few crackers of biscuit.

For dinner give soup or broth thickened with peas, sago or rice or vegetable soup with the yolk of an egg, or a soft boiled egg with bread crumbs and a glass of milk. Beef Juice with bread crumbs of milk the child should have in twenty-four hours is a quart and a half.

MORE DIPHTHERIA.—Two new cases of diphtheria were reported to the health authorities since Saturday evening. Both patients were removed to Hospital from Brien Street.