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German Philanthropy.

The mentality of the Hun is strikingly illustrated in the cable message yesterday which stated that the price demanded for their new remedy for sleeping sickness was the unconditional restoration of Germany's Colonies and their pre-war rights. In the same breath they are whining for relief from the payment of reparations, because the lash which they pre-ferred for others is being laid across their own shoulders.

This bargain is suggested at the moment when Labour has come into power in Great Britain. Apparently they are under the impression that the new administration is less versed in their duplicity and cunning than the more experienced statesmen, and that in the interests of humanity, for which they themselves have shown but scant consideration, their request will be acceded to.

There can be no two opinions as to what the reply of the Government will be to this specious suggestion, if the British working man can make his influence felt. There may be certain leaders of the Party who will see eye to eye with Germany in the matter, but it must not be forgotten that Britain's army was largely recruited from the labouring classes. They rolled up in their millions when they were needed to fight her battles, they knew what they were fighting for, and they cherish what they have won. The sufferings which they underwent are still fresh in their minds, nor have they ceased to recall with horror the barbarous cruelties deliberately inflicted on helpless women and children by that ruthless, blood-thirsty horde.

The part of Africa in which sleeping sickness is most prevalent comprises those lands previously known as German East Africa. British medical scientists long before the war were searching for a remedy, and many fell victims to the disease. With such men in the field as Major General Sir David Bruce, the discoverer of the cause of the disease, it is safe to conclude that before long their efforts will be successful. It is also certain that possessing the secret, Britain will not attempt to barter it for concessions from France or Belgium whose African possessions are also within the sleeping sickness area.

The Educational Factor in Our Public Life.

The people of to-day have the power to direct the government of their country, and the sooner they have the knowledge and wisdom which will enable them to direct it wisely, the better for their country. That knowledge and wisdom can come only through education; and education is acquired at school and by experience of life—by all those things which happen to a man who has been trained to see what is going on, to judge what ought to be going on, and to de-

cide what he must do to help "the things that are" to become "the things that ought to be."—The Feildian.

Supreme Court.

(Before Full Bench.)
The Chief Justice delivered judgment in the appeal in Thomas Walsh vs. The Northwestern Fire Insurance Co. and Thomas Walsh and the Canadian Fire Insurance Co. The application to vary the verdict of the jury and judgment is denied with costs.
The King vs. Clarence Elliott. Summers K.C. moves for a day of trial and Mr. Hunt asks for Tuesday 5th February and a special jury. It is ordered accordingly.

In the matter of the Newfoundland Co-operative Corporation Co., Ltd.
Mr. J. Higgins moves for remuneration of liquidator. It is ordered that the matter be transferred to the Judge to whom the matters are winding up has been assigned. It is further ordered that this course be laid down as a rule of practice in these applications.

Court adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

City Club

ANNUAL MEETING.
The annual meeting of the City Club was held last night. Dr. F. W. Burden, President, occupied the chair with a large number of members in attendance. The reports for the past year were submitted and adopted, the results from which showed that the club had had a most successful year. Complimentary speeches followed in which several of the members commented on the favourable reports received, particularly the financial statement, which was one of the best tabled in years. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President—W. Campbell.
1st Vice-Pres.—E. R. Watson.
2nd Vice-Pres.—H. C. Ayre.
Secy.—F. L. Bradshaw.
Committee—Messrs. H. W. Dickinson, W. Barker, F. W. Bradshaw, W. A. Tucker, M. S. Sullivan, M.H.A. Major Gardner.

S.S. H. A. Walker Sails

S.S. H. A. Walker, Capt. Walter Dalton, sailed from Caslin & Co's wharf at 10 o'clock this morning for points as far as Salmonier. The ship took a full freight and as passengers:—B. Keefe, J. Trainor, P. O'Brien, J. Furlong, Thos. O'Brien, L. Harvey, A. Harvey, F. Crane, Jas. Sullivan, Wm. Pennell, Robt. Hoskins, J. Walsh, M. Tobin, E. Morris, E. Martin, J. Ralnes, E. Bermingham, and M. Cahill. Most of the passengers are men belonging to Cape Breton on their way home from Harbour Deep.

Magistrate's Court.

A 27 year old woman who is well known in police circles was found yesterday sleeping under an unoccupied house on Simus Street. This morning she was charged with being a loose and disorderly person. The woman stated for the information of the court that she had been locked out of her home all night and had nowhere to go. His Honor gave her another chance.

Two drunks appeared before the bar, one was fined £1 and the other discharged.

Hit Rocks Near Petty Harbor Motion

It has been decided to effect temporary repairs in S.S. Acadia, which arrived in port on Thursday night from Halifax. Whilst coming to St. John's the ship struck the rocks near Petty Harbor Motion, causing a leak in the forepeak. Yesterday Diva Squire was down under the Acadia and ascertained that the forepeak was considerably damaged. The ship will be wedged up and the water pumped from the forepeak, after which repairs will be made with concrete.

West Coast Fishery

A report of the fishery from Channel to Port aux Basques states that prospects are very good but operations are hampered by weather conditions and lack of bait. The fishermen report fish plentiful on the grounds during the week ending Jan. 26th. There are gulls, of cod were landed. Thirteen seines are operating the section and salt squid is being used as bait.

Wreckage Sighted

The Assistant Collector of Customs received a message to-day stating that mail carrier Brant had reported seeing wreckage in Shoe Cove near Cape Ballard. The report was first conveyed to Sub-collector A. O. Leary who is leaving to investigate.

Norwegian Fishery

1923 catches: 1,000,000 lbs. 1924 catches: 1,200,000 lbs.

Enquiry Adjourned Until Monday Next.

Messrs. Gillis and Tasman Examined Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. H. B. Gillis was recalled and re-examined by Mr. Winter. The first portion of the examination, by Mr. Winter, touched on the witness's visit to St. John's in May, 1920. At that time he was present at only one of the executive meetings held to discuss the tax agreement. The witness saw Sir Richard Squires at this time but he did not know if it were before or after the officials went home. The witness thought the agreement had been completed before Mr. Wolvin came here in October of that year, but he was not told by him that it had been signed.

Questioned about the note, the witness said the matter was first brought to his attention by Mr. MacDonald. A notice from the bank stating that the note was due had been received. The envelope containing the notice was addressed to the D. I. & S. Co.; the witness saw the envelope but did not ask to see the notice. MacDonald appeared to be disturbed because the notice was addressed to the company and because of his joint liability with Mr. Miller. The witness was surprised when he was told of the transaction and asked what security they had. Either Miller or MacDonald told him they had the Daily Star as security.

Asked if either of them told him who the note was for, the witness replied that one of them said the accommodation was for Sir Richard Squires. To the Commissioner, the witness said he had heard nothing at all before August. Sir Richard was waiting accommodation. Reminding the witness that the makers of the note were both officials of the company, Mr. Winter asked if the fact did not make him associate the transaction with the company? Mr. Gillis replied it did not. The witness although told that there were other amounts outstanding besides the \$20,000 he did not try to bring the matter because he understood it was a personal matter. When Mr. Wolvin came down he told him the boys had endorsed the note, and upon Wolvin asking if the company was involved, he replied no. He did not tell Wolvin that the notice was addressed to the company. As far as the witness knew, Wolvin never mentioned the matter of the notes to either MacDonald or Miller.

In answer to Mr. Winter, the witness said he saw Mr. McIntyre before he came here in 1921 and he told him the notes had been paid. Mr. McIntyre did not tell him by whom. Mr. Gillis said that when he arrived here, Miller informed him it had been paid through the pay roll account. MR. WINTER—To sum the thing up, it means that around April 1921, \$46,000 had been paid out of the company's funds; of this \$20,000 was transferred to Sydney and charged against Miller, and \$26,000 charged against Wabana in some other way?

Before the session adjourned, Mr. Meany intimated that he wished to be recalled to refute a statement by Mr. Curtis that he desired the abandonment of the enquiry. The Commissioner pointed out that it was not necessary, as he was satisfied that Mr. Meany did not try to have it abandoned. Mr. Howley then asked for an order for the production of a letter from R. A. Squires to Miss Miller, dated Aug. 2nd or 3rd, 1920, and also one from the same party to Jas. Miller, written under date Jan. 13th, 1923. Both Mrs. Harcourt and Mr. Miller promised to produce the documents if they are in existence, after which adjournment was taken until Monday at 10.30 a.m.

MR. TASMAN IN THE BOX.
Examined by Mr. Jenks, the witness outlined his duties, after which he was asked when he first had knowledge of the \$20,000 shortage. The witness said he first learned of the matter in April, 1921, when the account was transferred to Sydney. He had some previous knowledge of the affair but nothing definite. When he had learned of the transaction, he made enquiries, as to the disposition of the amount, and he found out that the money had been paid out, but that it had been paid to Sir Richard Squires.

COMMISSIONER—Did you look in the bank books for a record of the transaction? What enquiries did you make?
A.—At that time I wrote to Mr. Merrill, asking him what disposition was made of the money; not receiving a reply I asked Mr. Gillis. COMMISSIONER—Did Mr. Gillis tell you it was a note of Miller's?
A.—I have no recollection.

MR. LEWIS—When did you see Sir Richard Squires?
A.—I saw him on the 2nd of August, 1921, and he told me that he had paid the \$20,000 to Sir Richard Squires.

BEING ENQUIRED INTO.—A material enquiry into the death of Willie Shano who lost his life in the Bryant fire on John Street about three weeks ago was commenced before Mr. McCarthy, J.P., yesterday, when one witness was examined.

THE OLD COLONY CLUB.
To-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock Mrs. Alan Fraser will address the members. Subject: "Blumine." F. McNEIL, Secy.

STORM OVER TOPSAILS.
A N.W. gale with snow and drift prevailed along the Topsails to-day. From Millerton Junction to Port aux Basques only a light snow fall is reported, although the weather indications are that it is turning much colder.

THREE DECK HANDS LOST WHEN SHIP STRANDED.
SMITHLAND, N.Y., Feb. 1. Twenty-three persons, passengers and members of the crew of the steamer Tom C. Powell, were taken off the top deck of the vessel which was

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

STEAMER LOSTS PASSENGER IN STORM.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. Steamer Cleveland, reaching here three days late, after one of the stormiest passages in her history, with the story of the loss of one passenger by being washed overboard and two others injured by the same wave. She also reported sighting a large iceberg nine hundred miles off Labrador, floating southward.

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN GREECE MAY FOLLOW VENIZELIS RESIGNATION.

ATHENS, Feb. 1. The fear that a military dictatorship, headed by General Condylis will follow the resignation of the Venizelos Government is expressed in anti-Venizelist circles. The Republican newspapers assert that the Royalist Regimes are organizing. Premier Venizelos insists upon resigning from his sick bed, but the members of his Cabinet are cancelling postponement owing to their inability to agree upon a successor who can prevent the storm clouds from breaking. Madame Venizelos left Paris for Athens to-day, accompanied by a prominent physician.

NEGOTIATIONS TO BE RESUMED AT SYDNEY.

MONTREAL, Feb. 1. President Roy Wolvin of the British Empire Steel Corporation stated to-night that no further statement could be given out beyond the official statement this evening, which set out the wages at present paid the coal miners of Cape Breton. Negotiations would be resumed between employers and officials at Sydney next week, he said, and he denied reports that the scene of the struggle would be transferred to Montreal, and that he and John Lewis would confer here. Following the meeting of the directors here, a lengthy statement was issued showing the wages paid during 1923 and comparative statements covering all periods between now and 1924. The pre-war production of coal and disposal, with prices and destination of all coal produced were listed and the situation in Nova Scotia discussed but no decisions announced.

LYDD GEORGE'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION COMES TO AN END.

LONDON, Feb. 1. One situation of the Liberal Party has caused for rejoicing over the reconciliation of Mr. Asquith and Lloyd George. The staff of the Lloyd George national Liberal headquarters at Abingdon Street members of which have received six months pay in lieu of notice to quit. The offices are being closed forthwith and county agents have likewise been paid off. In the present position of Liberalism in this country it is doubtful if many of the employees whose services have now been dispensed with can be absorbed into the remaining Liberal organization. This ends the Party which was born in 1916 when Lloyd George displaced Mr. Asquith in the Premiership. Chief among the MacDonald Government's domestic aims is the housing problem and judging by what happened at the conference of building trade operatives yesterday, it seems as if these workers are ready to expedite the Government's aspirations in the housing matter. Operatives and employers are pledged to give hearty support to the desire of the new Administration to deal with the housing problem in a satisfactory manner.

CABINET MEETING TO-DAY.

LONDON, Feb. 1. The British Cabinet at a meeting to-day it was understood would make a decision upon various situations which have been discussed during the last few days including recognition of Russia.

HANDS OFF THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

LONDON, Feb. 1. Something like a "hands off the navy" campaign is running in consequence of reports that Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, contemplates a reduction of £50,000,000 in the Budget estimate of £250,000,000 submitted for his department by Lieut. Colonel Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, under Baldwin. It has already been noted that Mr. Snowden's Budget to a great extent must be identical with that prepared by the present Government, but it is unquestionably true that efforts are being made to reduce some items thereon. Whether these attempts will go beyond the Treasury's usual custom of combining the department's estimates is still uncertain. An outcry against tampering with the navy's estimate is easily raised here, and Conservative newspapers are not missing the opportunity to make John Bull's hair stand on end by picturing the ministers economizing at the expense of his traditional bulwark. As far as can be ascertained the cut in naval estimate, if any is contemplated, is not likely to be very drastic. The Daily Herald, the Labourist newspaper, says the reduction will not be more than £2,500,000.

TRAIN NOTES.—Tuesday's express.

arrived at Port aux Basques 11 a.m. yesterday. The Kyle is expected to arrive there early this evening when she will take the mails and passengers for North Sydney. The Caribonair train arrived at 12.30 p.m.

Shipping

S.S. Yankton sailed from Boston yesterday coming direct to St. John's. S.S. Kankana is at Burgen loading a coal cargo from the premises of Henry Clement for Oporto.

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REPORT OF CHIEF AGENT FOR WEEK ENDING, JAN. 31st.
Called on Sunday to humanely put to death a valuable horse belonging to Mr. John Baker, South Side Road. This horse was suffering from some internal trouble, it has been in the possession of Mr. Baker for quite a number of years and he would sooner have it put to death humanely than to have it illused. I humanely put to death 5 cats and sent in 2 horses for temporary treatment. Warned several outport people for having their horses standing outside shops from early morning until late at night. Humanely put to death a dog for Mr. Herch, Golf Ave. Attended to all minor calls, as all complaints in the form of phone messages or letters are strictly confidential. I would like for persons sending these complaints to give their names. The annual meeting of the Society takes place next week and I ask all friends of the Society to attend.

JONAS BARTER,
Chief Agent.

William Griffiths, master of a coasting steamer, was fined £30 and £5 costs at Liverpool for failing during a voyage to supply 397 geese with enough water and food. He said he had water poured over them and understood they drank from one another's backs.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply wreaths and crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will deliver to meet the funeral party. "Say it with flowers."

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MARRIED.
On January 31st, at St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. Dr. Kitchen; Carmel Dawley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dawley, Mr. Grace, to John J. Reardon, of this city.

DIED.
Passed peacefully away this morning at the St. Anthony's Hospital, after a long and painful illness, George Hallock, aged 49 years, leaving to mourn a wife and ten children and two sisters. Mrs. John Bryant and Mrs. Thomas Lawrence and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral on Sunday, from his late residence, 20 Pleasant Street. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.
Argyle left Argentina 8.15 p.m. yesterday, on Merakshen route. Gloucester left Burin daylight yesterday, going west. Kyle has left North Sydney for Port aux Basques. Melgie, no report since leaving Port aux Basques. Prospero remained at Trinity at night, and left there 8 o'clock this morning, on her way north.

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