

[Founded in 1879 by W. J. Herder.]

THE EVENING TELEGRAM

THE EVENING TELEGRAM, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Thursday, March 22, 1923.

CONTEMPTIBLE POLITICS.

The Councils of the organization known as the Fishermen's Protective Union are directed, guided, controlled, governed, instructed by, and subordinated to, the will of the President thereof, who is no less a person than Mr. William Ford Coaker, by means of Circular Letters, the contents of which have more bearing on the administration of political affairs than they have on the administration of the internal economy of the organization named. With his daily knowledge of affairs of government, Mr. Coaker uses his position to spread broadcast throughout the inner circles of his Union all the particulars of current events and happenings in the government of which he is a member. Under certain circumstances this breach of trust and confidence, perhaps, could be forgiven, although it is an axiom of true administration that whatever transpires at the board of the Cabinet Council remains secret, excepting such matters as in their wisdom the Council deems fit to make public. But the etiquette of Council is ignored by the very man who poses as a stickler for the observance thereof. The pronouncements of his colleagues at the Executive table are seized upon as something with which to furnish his outport Councils, through the chairman of each particular centre, thus betraying executive confidence and setting at naught traditions which have been observed for centuries.

Even this betrayal of Executive transactions might be overlooked were it not for the fact that in his secret Circulars, Mr. Coaker does not always adhere to the promptings of veracity. To put it in more comprehensive language, and in a phrase used some years ago by one who knew exactly how to frame such conduct into straight-from-the-shoulder-English, Mr. Coaker "dispenses the truth with penurious frugality." He is neither punctilious nor correct in the wild statements which he makes to his Councils for the purpose of buttressing and strengthening his political fortunes. Of course it is understood that the contents of these same Circular Letters are not to be broadcasted to the profane, who are not members of the Union. But it occasionally happens that some Chairmen place country before Union, and thus, now and then one of these celebrated and notorious documents comes to light and is handed the press for publication. They make excellent reading, if only to show the manner and method of the conduct of the inside workings of an organization, which has been styled by the greatest statesman that Newfoundland ever produced, "a dangerous menace to the proper administration of the government of this Colony." Dictatorship, whether in this or any other country, cannot be tolerated, yet in the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union we have the greatest autocrat that ever attained to that position, and while he and his obedient pawns are connected with the government, his word and pronouncement will ever continue to sway the administration.

One-sided justice is ever a characteristic of the wishes of the man who recently resigned his seat in the Executive to make room for one of the mercantile class, whom his paper is forever upbraiding and condemning. The twelfth century Vehmergericht of Germany is not more dangerous to a country than is the Fishermen's Protective Union. The ideas disseminated through Council meetings and promulgated by the firebrand type of literature affected by the President in his secret instructions constitute a greater menace to the freedom and independence of Newfoundland than did the rulings and decisions of that wonderful secret society, already referred to, in Europe, for the ramifications of the Vehmergericht extended far beyond the borders of the country in which it had its origin. It took years almost uncountable to abolish the pernicious and dangerous influence and power of Vehmergericht, but eventually it was accomplished. It may take many years to do away with the abhorrent principles, politically, of the Fishermen's Protective Union, but it will be brought about. One-sided justice cannot be permitted to remain in a land, that is, by custom and law, free and independent, and there must come a day when such a quasi-political organization as the F.P.U. will pass into oblivion, either dying of attrition, or being abolished by Act of Parliament.

The Circular Letter addressed to Councils of the Union, which we published in full on Tuesday last, shows exactly the sentiments with which Mr. Coaker seeks to imbue his followers. Apart from the paucity of truth therein contained, there is an implied threat that if things do not work out as he expects and anticipates, some wigs will fall on the green. We challenge his statements regarding Government printing, particularly with reference to the Telegram, and will give figures to prove that such patronage was put in the way of this paper was only of regular sequence. We are not soliciting printing, either job or advertising, from the present Government. Such custom as comes in the regular way, we will accept as a matter of business, but when Mr. Coaker makes the charge, in an endeavour to befool his Councils, that since 1919 the Telegram has received a sum between eight and ten thousand dollars for printing from Government sources, he lies in his teeth. The range from eight to ten thousand is great, but Mr. Coaker was ever notorious for treating figures in a cavalier manner. The printing bill of the Advocate was taken from the Public Service Accounts, and if one year's patronage, amounting to fifty-two thousand dollars did not assist that paper financially, and prevent it from running at a loss on operating account, then may we suggest to Mr. Coaker that he change the whole personnel of his printing and publishing staff. Other features of the Circular under discussion will be treated in due course, and as there are some others to be given the public, doubtless great interest will be engendered, as the idea of governing an organization by letter is one which may appeal to others who possess similar thoughts of starting a counter organization—the U. F. Movement, for instance.

Oporto Market.

DEMAND HOLDING.
Messrs. Farin, Pimenta & Co., Ltd., fish dealers, Oporto, in a report to the Board of Trade under date Feb. 12th, state that consumption continues moderate and stocks have increased with latest arrivals in the market. The average price realized, the report adds, continues at 27/- for large, medium and small fish of good quality.

Plane Goes to Botwood.

TRIAL FLIGHT THIS MORNING.
The Silver Falcon plane, owned by the Aerial Survey Co., was taken for a trial spin over the city this morning by Capt. S. D. Bennett preparatory to a flight to Botwood. The machine manoeuvred gracefully, answering the "stick" with the greatest ease. At 12.30 p.m. Mr. Bennett and a mechanic took off from Quidi Vidi for Botwood.

A Straight Challenge.

FROM MR. W. J. WALSH, SENIOR, M.H.A. FOR PLACENTIA & ST. MARY'S.

Sir Richard Anderson Squires, one of the leaders of the present Coaker Government Party, is reported in the Advocate newspaper to have announced at one of his West End Pow-Wows, that he intended exchanging visiting cards with Ferryland and Placentia Districts. Just what is meant by this announcement, I am at a loss to understand; but if the general Sir Richard wishes to open the political campaign in the old historic district of Placentia and St. Mary's, I here and now challenge him to meet me on any platform or in any hall between Rushoon, on the west side of Placentia Bay, and Long Beach on the east side of Trepassey Bay. There I am prepared to exchange political cards with Sir Richard or any member of his Political Household.

Now, Sir Richard, name the time and place.

W. J. WALSH.

67 Long's Hill, March 22nd, 1923.

U. F. Delegates Return.

SUCCESSFUL TOUR IN PLACENTIA BAY.

Yesterday the two delegates of the United Fishermen's Movement, Messrs. Stanford and Sainsbury, who were visiting points in Placentia Bay, returned to the city. During their tour the delegates visited Arnold's Cove, Come-By-Chance, North Harbor, Sound Island and Woody Island, and everywhere created a most favorable impression. The report that the aims of the United Fishermen are everywhere endorsed, and supported by the people.

The delegates desire to express their appreciation of the hospitality everywhere shown them by the people. The weather was very stormy and travelling was most difficult, but thanks to the hearty assistance given the delegates were able to get thru' with a minimum of the hardships incidental to winter travel.

After two months and a half of toil in the interests of native land the delegates are returning to their homes in Wesleyville by the Senef, sailing today.

Sealing News.

STEAMERS STRIKE YOUNG HARPS

According to the message received last night from Capt. Job Kneep, of S. Sagana to Messrs. Bowring Bros., the sealing outlook on the northern front now looks very promising. Capt. Kneep stated that he struck a good patch of seals yesterday at noon, with the Seal, Ranger, Thetis and Eagle in company, and that the prospects looked very bright. A similar message was received by Messrs. Bajne Johnstone and Company from S.S. Seal, stating that a patch of young harps was struck 114 miles off Cape Bonavista, but it was snowing too hard to ascertain the extent. The Terra Nova and Neptune are not reported, but it is presumed they are further to the eastward and quite probably among the main body. News of a more definite nature will likely be received by to-night.

The following messages have been received:

BOWRING BROS.

Sagana (Wednesday).—Position 114 miles S.E. Bonavista, struck good spot young harps at noon; eagle, Ranger, Thetis and Seal now in patch. Prospects good.

Tiking (10 a.m.).—40 miles S.E. St. Paul's, heavy sheet ice, difficult to get through; making slow progress; steering S.E.; blowing a gale from W.N.W., nothing to report.

RAINE JOHNSTONE & CO.
Seal (Wednesday).—In company with Sagana, Eagle, Thetis; 114 miles off Cape Bonavista; struck spot of seals; snowing too hard to ascertain size of patch.

Magistrate's Court.

A 15 year old employee of the Royal Stores charged with (1) the larceny of letters containing enclosures to the value of \$100, taken within the past three weeks; (2) the larceny of \$5 in cash on the 19th inst., all the property of Messrs. Royal Stores Ltd. The accused was not asked to plead, and was released on bail to appear when called upon. His father went security for him in the sum of \$600.

A 26 year old laborer of Monroe Street, charged with being drunk, was liberated on paying cab hire.

A 48 year old cabman, for being drunk while in charge of a horse was fined \$1.

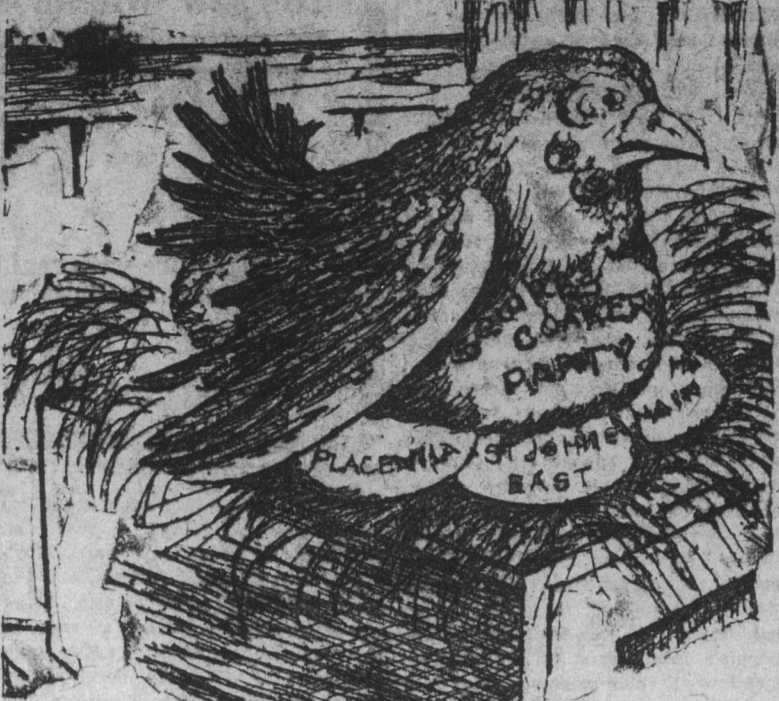
Vessel Goes Aground.

DROVE FROM ANCHORAGE.

A fine two masted schooner belonging to a resident of Bay Roberts drove from her anchorage in the harbor during yesterday's breeze and drifted on to King's Point just inside of Cahill's Rock. This morning the tug Hugh D. was engaged in an effort to pull the craft off, but up to early this afternoon had not succeeded. The hull is, as far as can be learned, not much damaged.

SENEF OUTWARD.—S.S. Senef, Capt. H. Norman, is now loading freight for points as far north as Wesleyville, and sails at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

THE SQUIRES HEN.



No Result Apparent

The Squires Hen whose brood breed
This land of progress bright, and left
Want and Stagnation in its stead;
No labour known
Save breaking stone
That children may have bread!

Who's Who in the Government.

NUMBER 3.

INTRODUCING HON. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.



Newfoundland, but himself as well. Alexander Campbell, Esq., Doctor of Medicine, gentlemen, hails from the classic shores of that well known island in the Laurentian Gulf, known as the "garden of the Atlantic." His youthful days were spent in making the acquaintance of the cultivation of vegetables, in which he excelled to such an extent, that in his more mature years he acceded to the portfolio of the Department which he at present adorns. Being Canadian gave him the cachet to this high office, which he has so well and ably filled, not only physically, but with mental capacities that give promise of greater rewards in the future, when he will have outdone Lord Morris in making the Southside Hills white with sheep, and causing the production of three blades of grass where none had hitherto grown; also the establishment of Model Farms, and "Zoons," the like of which the highest flights of our one and only peer's imagination never attained. Our again soon to be extinguished guest, gentlemen, as I have already said, comes from Prince Edward's Island, the province, as you all know, from which we get various vegetable supplies. Whether or not the genial doctor is a vegetable product or an anthropological prodigy you can best judge for yourselves. At any rate he arrived in Newfoundland some twenty years ago in order to attend to the physical ailments of the people of Bonne Bay. Some of his newspaper friends have been unkind enough to say that he came to this country at the earnest solicitations of the late lamented Dr. Roddick, of Montreal, but at the moment there is no means of securing proof of this. But come he did, and settled down to the practice of his profession at Woody Point, where for some time he administered medical comforts to the afflicted of that locality. Subsequently, tiring of such a dull existence, he removed to Curling, where in addition to his medical pursuits he entered the realm of journalism, and became interested in the Western Star. After a brief sojourn in the lordly Hamlet, he finally decided that the goal of his ambition was the capital city of Newfoundland, St. John's, and hither he came. His career since his advent, gentlemen, has been closely followed by you all. He has made good in many ways, but principally through the medium of politics, in the spending art of which he is a past master, as records of his administration of the Agriculture and Mines Department will show. But in addition to that, and we should not waive any considerations to good report, the Doctor, who is our guest, is a good sport. Witness all the largesse he has distributed amongst the crowd surrounding the barriers of his office. The Doctor, gentlemen, is a member

Just a Few of Them.

(With profuse apologies to the late T. Ingoldby.)

Ooh! the Squires contraption, Of Sir Richard's adaption, What campaign of old can with it compare.

When the great William Coaker With Warren the Joker In political circles now do appear, And you'll see "Cappy" Jones Who's shaking the bones. In Twilliford district with a chap named Brown, To suit the electors and give the selectors A chance to observe and to quieten them down.

Then Arthur Barnes, from whom no harm - John up with the duo mentioned above, But the voters will not need such skill. From doctors and captains and palpmakers love.

Next Grimes to Frogo (tho' it is no go) Steps into the breach with gallant mien, And 'tho' for Trinity, tho' that victory Wants no cast-offs from Northern demesne.

And then there is Hallyard, who measured by inches Shows eighteen to the mark of the linear line; And Randall who trades on the name of his town Will be shown that in politics, there are no chiches. And that Trinity voters will cold turn him down.

And Downey the wonderful goes to the West Where the St. George's voters will take great zest In showing just where Joe D. does get off. (For in nineteen nineteen they thought him no toff.) And buried him under a landslide of ballots (Tho' Joe knew all the science in raising of shallots.)

There is a lot more to be told of the bunch That Coaker and Squires regard as free lunch For the voters to swallow on that fatal day Which, according to rumor, will be set down for May.

Coastal Boats.

REID'S.
Kyle left Burin this morning. Gloucester bound at Argenta. **GOVERNMENT.**
S.S. Senef sails north to-morrow S.S. Portia at Hermitage, morning.

Shipping.

S. S. Vedamore will sail at daylight on Saturday for Halifax. The ship will return here from the latter port and leave for England on or about April 2nd.

S. S. Silvia left Halifax at 6 p.m. yesterday, and is due here to-morrow evening.

Here and There.

St Margaret's Guild Sale East- Tuesday, April 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Particulars later.—mar22.11

Boys Algers and Merriwells Books, 13c. each, postage 2c. extra, at G. KNOWLING, LTD.—mar22.51, eod

There will be a Special Meeting of the T.A. Ladies' Auxiliary on Friday evening, 23rd inst., at 8.30 o'clock.—mar22.21

Novels just received: Nick Carter, Bertha M. Clay, Select, Eagle and Southworth series, 15c. each. Postage 2c. extra, at G. KNOWLING, LTD.—mar22.51, eod

DIED SUDDENLY.—The Deputy Minister of Justice received a message this morning from Magistrate Vatcher, Bay de Verde, stating that Charles Moores of Northern Bay was found dead in bed this morning. No further particulars are given, but an enquiry is being made.

Members of Cochrane St. Choice are reminded that the Practice to-night will commence at a quarter to nine o'clock. Full attendance desired.—mar22.11

PORTIA REPORTS.—Capt. Connors, of the Portia wired the Shipping Department this morning that the ship was detained at Hermitage owing to ice conditions. The ice extends some ten miles off shore, and a good strong N.E. wind is necessary to clear the jam.

M.C.L.I.—Fifty-sixth Session meets to-night, Thursday, March 22nd. Debate: Resolved: That Child Welfare work in St. John's is of such importance as to warrant a special tax being levied on all citizens, to have it successfully carried out. Leaders: Messrs. B. F. Horwood and C. F. Parsons, particularly interested in this subject cordially welcomed.—mar22.11

DIED.

This morning, March 22nd, Jane, widow of the late Capt. John Lacey Wilson, aged 86 years. Funeral on Friday at 2 p.m. from the residence of E. Mercer, Portugal Cove Road. Suddenly, on March 21st, at 858 Blaine Avenue, Detroit, Michigan: Cora, beloved wife of W. E. Laidley, leaving husband, and two daughters; Alice in Detroit, and Mrs. Ernest Mauder of this city.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. John Myrick, Cape Race, wishes to thank the Doctors and Nurses of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to him while at that institution.—adv.

Railway Management.

NO COAL TO FIRE LOCOMOTIVES.

Special to Evening Telegram. **SHOAL HR., To-day.**
Railroad between Bishop Falls and Whithorne tied up owing to no efforts being made to flange track during mild weather. Engines are on the Western Section with fires out for want of coal, the result of last fall's blizzard in the matter of fuel supplies. The road sadly misses Mr. J. P. Powell. Present service is the worst in the history of the railway. The present management is hopeless.

W. L. BUTLER.

Lethbridge Tired of Coaker.

WILL STAND BY OPPOSITION.
Special to Evening Telegram. **LETHBRIDGE, B.B., To-day.**
Lethbridge has had a surfeit of Coakerish-Cum-Unionism, and will stand by the Opposition Party as solidly as it stood for Squires in 1919. The name of the present Government is an abomination and reeks in the nostrils of all true patriots, Squires and Coaker must go.

-COR.

Weather and Ice Report.

WESLEYVILLE.—Wind N.W., blowing strong breeze; no ice.
BONAVISTA.—Wind W.N.W., clear weather; black soil running out.
CATALINA.—Fine and cold, wind north; no ice to be seen.
PORT aux Basques.—Calm and cloudy; ice about a mile off land.
GREENSPOND.—Wind N.W., strong breeze; no ice in sight.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

STEAMER ABANDONED.

NEW YORK, March 22.
The Italian freighter, Giulio, reported being in distress, yesterday, six hundred miles off Boston, abandoned at sea and the crew rescued by U.S. President Wilson and Westlake.

A CLOSE CALL.

DUBLIN, March 22.
It is reported that Eamon DeValera had another narrow escape from capture on Wednesday. It is alleged that so close was he to being taken that he left behind documents alleged to be of some importance.

FIGURES SOMEWHAT MIXED.

MONTREAL, March 22.
A reduction of authorized capital from five hundred million to four hundred and fifty million was decided on at the annual meeting of the British Empire Steel Corporation, Wednesday. The President in his report gave details of what he termed an unsatisfactory year, especially as regards the manufacture of steel products and shipbuilding. However four and a quarter million gross tons of coal were produced, and iron ore produced to the extent of 791,000 tons at the Newfoundland mines of which 724,000 tons were shipped to Germany, and 27,000 tons to Sydney. Labor troubles at the plants of the Company were due to paid agitators, who had advocated the destruction of the Company property, and had used funds from the check off system to put into operation dangerous revolutionary propaganda. Danger was averted by the isolation of the Company plants from police protection.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home made Bread.—oct4.6mcs

RUBBER FOOTWEAR

AT KNOWLING'S SHOE STORES

From the Best Makers, in all the leading Styles, Shapes and Heels.

WOMEN'S RUBBERS.

Low and Storm 80c. to 1.25
Brown—Low cut 1.40 to 1.70
White—Regular 1.50. Special to clear . 55c.

MEN'S RUBBERS.

Storm—Extra Special Value 1.20
Other Prices from 1.35 to 2.00

BOYS' RUBBERS.

Sizes 9 to 13 1.00, 1.10 & 1.40
Sizes 1 to 5 1.20, 1.30 & 1.65

GIRLS' RUBBERS.

Sizes 5 to 10 85c.
Sizes 11 to 2 80c. & 1.00
Brown and White.

Sizes 5 to 10 1.00
Sizes 11 to 2 1.15

Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' Rubber Boots and Gaiters at Lowest Prices.

MEN'S RED BALL HIP BOOTS.

Sizes 8 to 11. Regular 10.50. Now 5.50
Special Price for five case lots of assorted sizes
Mail orders receive prompt attention. For postage add 11c. a pair for Rubber Shoes and 26c. a pair for Boots, extra.

G. Knowling, Ltd.

GOLDEN PHEASANT TEA!

"A Rich Man can buy no better Brand,
A Poor man can make no better Buy."

J. B. Mitchell & Sons, Ltd.

Agents.

EARLY CAB

A PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE.

LONDON, M.
Representatives of the A. C. C. are meeting here to consider the Turkish count concerning the Lausan gathering. It is not a far distance but rather to give examination to the Treaty of Great Britain, France and the nations direct.

FURTHER PRESSURE.

COBLENZ, G.
Expulsion of a hundred additional officials has been ordered by the occupational twenty-one more new papers compelled to suspend publication.

EARL OF CARNAR.

MARSEILLES, F.
Lady Carnarvon abandoned flying to Egypt by aeroplanes to be with her husband, who is stricken with pneumonia, leaves here this morning on the steamer Lotus.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

HIGHLANDS, N.Y.
The motor boat Rosie, speed tests between the shore and the shore, was caught and drifted out to sea this morning. The crew dead and four critical condition from exposure.

ROTARIAN, DR.

HALIFAX, N.S.
Dr. H. L. Spranger, of St. John Rotarian Club, unanimously elected District Rotary, at a convention of the thirty-second District, held in the South, and used by wire of his election.

Mr. J. R. Bennett Opposed F. Reg.

The Daily Mail and Express are endeavoring to express that the opposition of Assembly to the Fishermen's Protective Union is a dangerous menace to the country. The Advocate of the Fishermen's Protective Union, who also appears in no uncertain terms, and taken by Mr. John and Sir John Crosbie. "Mr. J. R. Bennett will know that he was not the Fish Export Regulation, which they have already been against. It was against the Government's wish to force the bill, and the conclusion arrived at after some amendments were made to the bill, was to accept from the Government. Mr. John Crosbie, who was not in the Regulations went to wish to go on record as to the regulation. He said, he knew that he was not the first to oppose the country as a whole, and that he was against the Regulation.

Eat Mrs. STEWART'S

Home made Bread.—oct4.6mcs

Vessels Reported.

BOHEMIA—ABANDONED.

The following message was received by the Minister of Marine from Commander Arava, of the steamship Cape Race: "Have in tow of schooner, Bob, from schooner, Bob, after making St. John's, abandoned and set on fire. Long 55 13 W. 40 N. Schooner Douglas B. Co. school, clear of ice; all crew safe. Schooner 'Bob' abandoned and set on fire. Name unknown. The safety of the B. Co. schooner, while the schooner 'Bob' was in the port, will relieve the B. Co. schooner, which was owned by the B. Co. and was abandoned and set on fire.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. **CAPE R.**
Wind N.W., fresh. Clear, ice in sight. No ice in sight. 22.

See Mrs. Fox when necessary. Office 704, P.O. Box 1014, St. John's, Nfld.