



Evening Telegram

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Pictures of Despair.

Consternation prevails in Government circles over the success of Monday night's demonstration. Despair is depicted on the countenances of the members of the House and their camp followers, and their equilibrium has been sadly disturbed. We confess to a feeling of sympathy for both "organs," which vied with each other in giving a deliberately inaccurate account of the great procession and meeting, and we would suggest that in future when manufacturing such yarns, our contemporaries on the Government side put their heads together and at least have their statements agree on some points. Take for instance the Herald's report of an incident which occurred at the meeting after the return from Government House:—

"Here a man in the audience who was very tipsy, and whose name we refrain from mentioning, for the sake of his family, started an oration which probably would have continued until now if he had not been removed. . . . Crowds swarmed around the inebriated orator, whose speech they clearly regarded as the best of the evening."

Compare this with the Advocate's report of the same and see how well they dovetail:—

"The fisherman of St. John's, who attended last night's meeting got up to praise the F. P. U., but he was not allowed to speak and was at last put out."

It is not necessary to further comment on the astounding falsehoods of the subsidized Government press. St. John's knows the truth and, to-day, apprises the men who concocted the drive of the Herald and Advocate at their proper face value. The object of the papers referred to is plain. In their desire to get an unfavourable report of the demonstration to the outports they stultified their consciences, if they have any, and sacrificed truth on the altar of lies. At the meeting and in the monster parade were many men from some of the principal outports. These gentlemen will know how much dependence may be placed on anything appearing in the columns of the evening journals of Duckworth and Prescott Streets.

Another falsehood, glaring and malicious, to which the resolutions themselves now in the hands of the Governor attest, is the statement made by the Advocate that "the Opposition wanted a day in June for the election." The resolutions ask that if it is deemed absolutely expedient to hold a Spring election, nomination day be not earlier than May 15th, which is agreed to will bring polling day to the 25th of that month. Obviously the "desperate few" are rattled. They care not what they say, so long as they think it goes in favor of the Government and belittlement of the mighty forces of opposition which are silently and fearfully arranging themselves in line of battle. The rights of the electorate have been invaded, and the outraged voters have appealed to the Crown for protection, and the Crown cannot refuse. To do so would be to bring itself on a par with party politics, lower its imperial dignity and degrade its high office. We feel confident that the representative of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V., of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, in this dominion will stand as a bulwark between the free people of Newfoundland and the group of usurping politicians, who are desirous of retaining power contrary to the expressed will of the people and regardless of the canons of constitutional procedure.

Since writing the above we learn that the Governor has decided to take the advice of his Ministers and refuse the Citizens' request for the extension of time asked. Thus another prop has been knocked down under the Constitution by a partisan action. A Murray would have unhesitatingly stood by the people: A MacCallum would have compromised but it has been left for a Harris to show that he cares nothing for the rights of the electorate of a country, whose present misfortune has been mainly due to the fact that such as he has been sent from England to govern it.

Another Letter From "Vigilance."

The Duplicity of the Government Fully Exposed.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—It has been written, that "an excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie; for an excuse is a lie guarded." The excuses put forward by the Government, in the House of Assembly, for their disgraceful abuse of power, in attempting to spring a General Election upon the people at this time of year, warrants me in emphasizing the above quotation. They are lies, guarded lies. And the pity of it is, that the Speech which they placed in the hands of His Excellency the Governor to read on the opening of the Legislature was made use of as a special guard for their infamous attempt to deceive the public. They seem to have realized that their words, and their honour are valued at a very low rate by the people whose trust and confidence they have long since betrayed; and therefore, they considered it necessary, in order to give weight and force to their excuses, to make it appear that those utterances are the deliberate, unbiased, and personal views of the representative of the Crown, hence they caused His Excellency to say that "the legislation of last Session necessitates an immediate appeal to the Electorate." I do not hesitate to declare that statement to be "a lie guarded," and I shall proceed to prove it to be so. The legislation referred to, is the Act of last Session which provides that the life of the present parliament shall end this month. That provision, which emanated from the Legislative Council, was originally in the form of an amendment to a Bill sent up from the House of Assembly by the Government, to postpone to an indefinite period a General Election that should have properly taken place last October. During the debate on the Bill, the intention of the mover and supporters of the amendment was made perfectly clear; it was to limit the life of Parliament to the present year and to the present Session, so as to afford the people at least six months in which to consider and weigh well the problems confronting them, before they would be called upon to record their Votes. The Legislative Council which, for the greater part, is composed of business men, directly interested in the fisheries, never contemplated a Spring Election. They believed, that the Legislature would be convened on or about the usual date in February; that within two months from that date all necessary legislation would have been passed, the Legislature dissolved, and that a General Election would follow on the usual date in October. They could not foresee that three or four Ministers of the Crown would absent themselves from this Colony, and thus prevent the convening of the Legislature until the month of April. They could not foresee the conspiracy that now reveals itself in part. But although the Legislative Council were deceived, and their intentions have been apparently thwarted, still it cannot be truthfully alleged that "an immediate appeal to the Electorate is rendered necessary, by the legislation of last session" for, as I pointed out in my letter of yesterday, THERE IS NO VALID REASON WHY ALL NECESSARY MONEY BILLS, OR ANY OTHER PRESSING LEGISLATION, MAY NOT BE INTRODUCED AND PASSED BEFORE THE TIME LIMIT PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATION OF LAST SESSION EXPIRES, and it is only the absence of such monetary provisions that could render a General Election necessary before October. But, again, suppose it could be reasonably contended that the time from now to the end of April will not enable the passing of all necessary legislation; still, the Legislature has the right and power to introduce at once, and pass, an Act that shall extend the time to any subsequent date that may be deemed necessary. So it will be observed, that the legislation of last Session DOES NOT NECESSITATE "AN IMMEDIATE APPEAL TO THE ELECTORATE"; that the statement to the contrary is a mere excuse, "a guarded lie," invented by the Government to try to justify an act of treachery towards the Electors of this Country; an act of treachery only equalled by the great betrayal of public trust that enabled the present Government to obtain power. The weak and indefensible character of the excuse with which I have been dealing must have been apparent to the Prime Minister, for, we find him buttressing it with the further excuse, that "many problems arising out of war call for an immediate mandate from the people." I would venture to ask him if there could possibly, have arisen a greater, more serious, or more dreadful problem than that of FORCING THE YOUTHS OF THIS COUNTRY TO STAKE THEIR LIVES IN BATTLE?

Is it possible to conceive of any legislation that required a more definite mandate from the people than the Act of Conscription? Yet, the Government deemed it quite unnecessary to obtain the approval of the people at the polls before enforcing that Act. How little weight then should be attached to the excuse now put forward by them for forcing a Spring Election,—that they require a mandate, or the sanction of the people, before dealing with "problems arising out of the War," that must necessarily be of minor importance to the Act of Conscription, for that involved the lives of thousands of our people. In the very place, the Casino Theatre, where the people have recently sat in judgment upon the Government, the Prime Minister, at a Public Meeting, declared his unwillingness to proceed to Conscription, because he "believed the people were not in sympathy with it." The people will now demand a satisfactory explanation as to why, in the face of that declaration, he later proceeded to pass and enforce the Conscription Act, without first obtaining the mandate or approval of the people at the polls, and dares to cloak his contemplated act of treachery at this time with the excuse that those minor problems arising out of the War necessitate an immediate appeal to the people so as to obtain their mandate or approval before being dealt with.

The people of this City are moving, and it is evident that they are determined that Government hereafter shall in reality be by public opinion. My object in writing to the Press has been to assist my fellow citizens in arriving at the facts in regard to the necessity for a General Election at this time. I hope I have made it clear to them that it is neither necessary nor desirable, and that their efforts should be directed towards preventing the injustice that will be done their compatriots in the outports by a Spring Election. So far as the Electors in this City are concerned no difficulty presents itself. But the far Northern Districts, and some of the Southern, cannot be canvassed as they should be without steamers, and steamers are not now available at any price. Besides that important aspect of the question is the other to which I have directed attention, namely, that thousands of the Electors will necessarily be absent from their districts during the month of May, when it is proposed by the Government that the Election shall take place.

Yours truly,
VIGILANCE.
April 8th, 1919.

Wants Sir R. Bond.

Parson's Pond, St. Barbe District, April 8.—Feeling in the election is already keen. This is largely due to the recent meeting calling attention to the neglect of the North West Coast and appealing for many urgently needed improvements. Postponement of polling day believed indicate outgoing Government's intention to contest the seat. Liberals keen on Bond's leadership. Strong feeling this district should be divided before election. This is only fair to the widely separated West and East section. Recent paragraph summaries of public news considered feeble and valueless and people consider that remote parts of the Colony should be supplied with latest imperial election information.

Viking in Harps.

Capt. Bartlett, of the Viking, wired Bowring Bros. last night that he was in a good patch of old harps; and that ice is tight as far as can be seen. This is Capt. Bartlett's first message concerning seals since leaving Channel.

Seals Pass Cape John.

Mr. Kenneth Short, of Outwell's Hr., wired Messrs. Bowring Bros. yesterday that thousands of young seals had passed Cape John, moving into Green Bay. Seals were taken at Nipper's Hr. and Little Bay Islands yesterday.

Gone to the Rescue.

A message to Bowring Bros. last night at 7 o'clock from Capt. Bishop, of the s.s. Eagle reads: "Ranger's position 66 miles E. by S. of Cape Bonavista, as her position given. Leaving killed and panned more than a full load." Possibly the Eagle may get back to where her panned seals are with the Ranger in tow, if ice conditions permit.

From the Terra Nova.

Capt. Kean, of the s.s. Terra Nova, wired Bowring Bros. last night that during the day the crew had killed 900 old seals, and that most of these had been taken on board. On Monday the Terra Nova's crew killed 1,700 bedlamers. Having until the 15th to operate, Capt. Kean will likely secure a fair trip.

Outport Health Report.

Dr. Hogan, of St. Mary's, wired yesterday that 21 cases of Spanish influenza had appeared at Salmonier. Dr. Gill, of Brigus, wired that 4 cases of smallpox had occurred at Burnt Head, Cupids, one at Turk's Gut and one at Georgetown.

Pleasing Presentation.

A very pleasing presentation occurred at the Department of Public Works yesterday when Miss J. Power, who is leaving the staff to be married, was presented with a purse of gold by her employee associates. The presentation was made by Mr. James Harris, Secretary, who also took the opportunity of wishing the recipient all future happiness. Miss Power has been stenographer in the department for about 7 years, and the gift was a slight token of the esteem in which she was held.

Obituary.

MRS. CLARA SULLIVAN.

In the person of Mrs. Clara Sullivan, one of King's Cove most prominent citizens passed away on Sunday afternoon. She had reached the good old age of 82, retaining her faculties to the end. Three sons and a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Carew, survive, to whom we extend sympathy. Mr. P. K. Devine, editor of the Trade Review, is a nephew of deceased.

Shipping Notes.

The schr. "Bluenose," after a trip of 18 days from Gibraltar reached port yesterday.
S.S. Adolph sails for New York this afternoon and returns shortly with general cargo.
The Coban sailed for Halifax this morning.
The Fogota arrived here last evening, having discharged her seals at Hr. Grace.

Personal Mention.

His Grace Archbishop Roche, accompanied by his chaplain, is on the s.s. Digby.
Mr. H. E. Cowan is a passenger by the Digby.
Hon. R. K. Bishop, who has been in England, is returning by the s.s. Digby.
Mr. Henry Brophy, of J. J. St. John's employ, has taken the position of salesman with Libby, McNeil & Libby.
Dr. Knowlton, who was out as doctor in the Thetis, returns to New York sometime this week.

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Observed at the Council.

The chief thing noticeable about the proceedings at the Legislative Council yesterday was the choleric state into which the President was thrown by the action of Hon. John Anderson in justly denouncing the lies and vile vituperations of the Herald. Poor old Patsy! how many times has his effered head burst, and it is not quite improbable if his writhings continue in the strain as now that he may follow his effigy to the stake, at some time, somewhere.

Another very significant point raised yesterday was the facts given by Mr. Gill relative to the figures published by the F. C. B. He stated that over \$11,000 had been collected on two shipments of sugar and yet the figures furnished gave only \$7,000. We could see clearly that the President slowly sank down further in his seat, and the top of his cranium could be seen as Hon. M. P. Gibbs continued his condemnatory remarks.

We noticed too that some of the noted members of the Lower House who were listening to the Upper Government debate were very free in laughing but probably it was a kind of exercise to keep up their courage, as their actions show that they are greatly alarmed over the outbursts of contempt and anger of the citizens against them. M. P.

Seaman Dies on Voyage.

The Deputy Minister of Customs received word to-day that the schooner Margaret, of Fortune, Wm. Harris, master, had arrived at that port from Oporto with a cargo of salt, and that on the passage out Richard Mabin, cook, a married man, died of pneumonia, and was buried at sea.

Published by Authority.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Messrs. H. C. Miller, M. J. Murphy, M. P. Wadden, H. Courtenay, B. Stafford, H. Peddie, D. G. Fraser, L. J. Lawton and E. D. Freeman to be members of the Newfoundland Pharmacy Board, under the provisions of Section 1 of "The Pharmacy Act, 1910." Mr. Titus Combdon (Jackson's Arm, White Bay), to be a member of the Board; Mr. Andrew Wilson, to be Inspector of Freights; Mr. J. R. Bennett, Esq., in place of Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., resigned; Messrs. R. A. Templeton and D. M. Baird, to be members of the District of St. John's, in place of Hon. D. Morison, resigned, and Mr. T. M. McNeil, resigned, to be a member of the District of Rocky Bay, in place of Mr. Wilfred Hicks, retired; Mr. John Abbott (Alder Harbor, District of Fogo), to be a member of the District of Musgrave Harbor.

Department of the Colonial Secretary, April 8th, 1919.

MILITIA ORDERS—N. 40.

By J. R. Bennett, Esq., Min. of Militia.
1.—Promotion:
The following to be Hon. Second Lieutenants, with effect from 8th April, 1919—Cadet (No. 2511, Sergt.) J. Freckelton Cadet (No. 878, Sergt.) W. Short.
2.—Retirement:
Lieutenant W. A. Grace is retired, with effect from 4th April, and is placed on the Reserve List of Officers.
The following are retired with effect from 8th April, and are placed on the Reserve List of Officers:—Hon. 2nd Lieut. C. Freckelton, Hon. 2nd Lieut. W. Short.
W. F. RENDELL, Lieut.-Col., Chief Staff Officer.

FROM THE RANGER.—Capt. Winsor of the s.s. Ranger, wired the Minister of Marine and Fisheries that his crew were all on board and well; expecting to be taken in tow by the Eagle this morning.

ENQUIRY ON.—The enquiry into the Cape Breton disaster was begun yesterday evening before Judge Morris. The captain, first and second officers were examined, after which adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

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How Do Birds Find Their Way.

We know that many birds fly away over the sea to warmer countries when our summer ends, and return when it begins again. This flight across the sea is called migration, and is indeed one of the wonders of the world. We say that instinct guides them; but this does not tell us how instinct is able to do so marvellous a thing. When we cross the seas, we are guided by those who have been there before. We have charts and pilots and compasses and even then we sometimes make terrible mistakes. But the birds have none of these things. They do not even take provisions with them; and we know that some of them become exhausted with their long flight, unsupported by food, and are drowned; whilst not a few when they reach land are nearly dead. Yet, though this is so, the wonder of their flight, and their guidance remains. In order to answer this question, we can only guess that perhaps the older birds teach the younger ones as happens with ourselves; and if anyone finds it hard to believe how they can remember, all we can say is that birds have wonderful memories for these things. I think also that birds have a wonderful

sense of direction. We know some people can never find their way. They turn to the left, when they should turn to the right, and other people scarcely ever make a mistake, even though they have to a place, but once before. The birds and many other animals are cleverer than the cleverest humans in this respect. Perhaps to bandage a bird three times—so you play games—he would remember just how far and often he has been round. But when they turn round, you don't know whether you are in the fire place or the window, brain can't remember the turn of the bird's brain does.

WHAT WE BREATHE.

The Atmospheric Pollution Search Department of the Medical Office is conducting experiments with a view to devising means purifying London air.

It has been demonstrated by experiment that the air of the metropolis contains about 6,000,000 grains of dust and floating rubbish to the cubic inch. The average number of similar particles per cubic inch in purest mountain air is about 100. A man putting in a ten hour day in the neighborhood of, say Fleet Street inhales about 37,000,000 particles of various sorts.

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EARLY CABLES

REPUBLIC NOT RECOGNIZED.

COPENHAGEN, April 8. The German national Government will not recognize the new Soviet Republic of Bavaria, a semi-official press Bureau message received today from Berlin, declares. It holds that the Soviet organization has not entered into the provisional constitution for Germany which provides that representatives of the state council shall be chosen at a general election and shall enjoy the confidence of the people. Therefore the national Government's decision is that the only legitimate government in Bavaria is the Hoffman government.

QUIET IN DELHI.

DELHI, April 7. (Reuters).—The city is quiet, no further disturbances having occurred. The total casualties are 8 killed and injured.

EMIGRATION QUESTION.

LONDON, April 8. (Reuters).—The first significant change in the attitude of the Colonial Office particularly towards immigration from the United Kingdom to the Overseas Dominions is indicated by Lord Curzon in an address delivered before the Imperial Institute under the auspices of the Colonial Emigration Society to consider the question of the migration of women of all classes to the Overseas Dominions. Lord Curzon expressed the opinion that the Government was bound to give more active help and guidance than hitherto. There was a prejudice in some quarters against government action on the matter, and it was said they had a business to stimulate emigration. That was a complete misapprehension of the position. It was not a question of stimulation at all. He was the last person in the world to try and drive men and women from the United Kingdom and he was convinced there was no need for it.

MAJORITY VOTE NECESSARY.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., April 8. Much excitement is preceding the special election to be held on Thursday, April 10th, to decide upon the continuance of the liquor licensing system or prohibition with compensation to the liquor interests. Both sides express confidence in the result. If prohibition is not carried future polls will be held for decision of the triple issue of continuance of licensing, prohibition without compensation, or state purchase and control, an absolute majority of the votes cast being necessary to carry any of the propositions.

WOOLWORTH DEAD.

NEW YORK, April 8. Frank W. Woolworth, founder and proprietor of the chain of five and ten cent stores in the United States, Canada and England, whose death occurred suddenly to-day at Glen Cove, Long Island, suffered a nervous breakdown about six years ago and has been in failing health since that time.

HISTORIC DESK.

BERLIN, April 7. The agreement reached at Spa between the German and Allied representatives regarding the use of the port of Danzig in connection with the return of Polish troops from France, was signed at the same desk at which Emperor William sat when he attached his name to the abdication agreement last fall, the Zeitung Amteiling states.

THE ALLIES SOLVING IT.

ZURICH, April 8. Many German newspapers are attacking Matthias Erzberger and the German government for the agreement reached with Marshal Foch at Spa last week concerning transportation of Polish troops from France to Poland. Some call the agreement a new and deplorable concession "by Germany to the Allies. The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says that the transport of the Poles through Germany will be difficult because of the lack of means of transportation. It adds, will Erzberger, who so easily consented to the Allied demands at Spa, really tell us how he intends to solve it?

REPRIEVED.

PARIS, April 8. President Poincare has commuted ten years' imprisonment the death sentence imposed upon Emile Cottin, who, in an attempt to assassinate Premier Clemenceau on February 19th last, shot and severely wounded him. The commutation of sentence was on the recommendation of M. Clemenceau himself.

"SEEKING THINGS"—Believe what you see, but see things as others do. You have eye troubles to-day what can you expect ten years hence if selected? What do you value if not your eye sight? H. B. THOMSON, Optometrist. Office and residence, 40, 4 Kimberley Row, opp. Star Hall, 2nd fl.

BRAND'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.